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Wendlandt earns Silver Award while simultaneously brightening people's days

Self-expression through art is essential to Sophia Wendlandt, a member of Falls City Girl Scout Troop No. 20450 and current freshman at Falls City High School.

The youngster saw a need for art to be available to everyone and spent two months researching, interviewing, planning, fundraising, and painting to complete her Girl Scout Silver Award, the second-highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The requirements for a Silver Award project include dedicating 50 hours to the project and leaving a lasting impact on the community. Sophia's project, titled "Art in Dementia," included painting a mural in the memory care unit of Falls City Care Center, located at 2800 Towle Street. Modified and adaptive art equipment was also donated for residents to use for their own art endeavors. Sophia found that both things, combined, can stimulate regions of the brain involved in memory, emotion, and motor skills.

If anyone from the public would like to view the mural, it can be observed at Falls City Care Center, where it has already been providing comfort and plenty of conversation.



Ribbon Cutting, L-R: Landon Scholl, Owen Dean, Gavin Dean, Brooke Frank, Nash Frank, Mae-lynn Frank, Tyler Frank and Chamber Director Amber Holle

TDF Automotive now open on Harlan Street

By: Amber Holle

TDF Automotive is officially open at 1015 Harlan Street and already building a name rooted in family, integrity, and a passion for quality workmanship. For owner Tyler Frank, opening the shop is far more than starting a business. It's creating a legacy. He hopes that through dedication, hard work, and pride in his craft, his children will see that even dreams that seem out of reach can become possible. One day, he hopes one of them may discover the same love for the trade and carry the business into the next generation.

Tyler's journey into automotive work began early. Growing up in the country meant learning to be resourceful, and with limited access to repair shops, his father spent countless hours teaching him and his brother how to maintain their own vehicles. That hands-on experience sparked a curiosity about how things work. As he learned to understand the way engines and mechanical systems fit together, his interest grew stronger. He later pursued a specialization in diesel mechanics, eventually gaining an appreciation and respect for the complex engines he once found challenging.

Today, he brings that depth of experience to TDF Automotive. Tyler holds an associate's degree in general automotive from Southeast Community College at Milford, graduating with distinction, and is ASE Certified A1-9. At the shop, he offers a wide range of services from routine maintenance and general repairs to advanced electrical diagnostics. While diesel mechanics remains his specialty, he welcomes a challenge and takes pride in problem-solving.

When asked what sets TDF Automotive apart, Tyler is quick to credit the strong automotive professionals already serving the Falls City community. Rather than comparing himself, he focuses on the values he wants his business to reflect honesty, fairness, and work he is proud to put his name on. He applies the "golden rule" he teaches his children, treat others how you want to be treated, directly into his business. For him, it's not about making a quick dollar, but about providing dependable service and building trust. "I refuse to send something out my door if I wouldn't trust it with my own family in it," he shared. "I want my clients to have peace of mind when they're on the road."

One of the most rewarding parts of opening the shop has been the customer connections. After

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Commissioners approve transfer from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners convened for an abbreviated meeting on Christmas Eve. Roll call was answered by Commissioners Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The meeting opened with an addition to the agenda to consider the resolution for the transfer of funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. updated the Board on work being carried out by the Roads Department across the county. He also inquired about observing the day after Christmas as a holiday. Others in attendance requesting the closure were Assessor Kim Riggs, Deputy Treasurer Rachel Jean, and Clerk of District Court Pam Scott. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve December 26, 2025, as a holiday for county employees, effectively closing the courthouse offices and the Sheriff's general office, while giving the Road Department the day off. The motion

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The Leo Cider and Vinegar Company

A photo appeared in the October 8, 2025, edition of The Falls City Journal. The picture depicted the Leo Cider and Vinegar Company, and we asked whether anyone had any information on the subject. A few days later, reader Dave Lewis stopped by the office to inform us that not only did he know what the photo entailed, but the buildings once stood on property he now owns. The vast structure sat between the current power plant and the grain bins, south of City Park.

The company filed its articles of incorporation on August 31, 1906. The venture was made up of W. Leo, Sr., John A. Leo, and James Coppinger of St. Louis, MO, along with J.B. Varner, E.H. Towle, T.J. Gist, C.H. Heineman, V.G. Lyford and W.A. Greenwald of Falls City. The company boasted a capital stock of \$10,000.

According to a story that appeared in the June 2, 1910, edition of The Falls City Journal, Mr. W. Leo, an experienced vinegar manufacturer, came to the area in 1906 searching for a new location for a cider and vinegar factory. Once he settled on Falls City, Mr. Leo purchased The Old Creamery Co. The business contained an apple press and the power to run it. Leo bought property along the railroad tracks and erected a large plant, covering nearly 38,000 square feet. The article stated that

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A Healthier You in the New Year: Start with the Switch”

By Kory Zimney, PT, DPT, PhD

As the holiday season winds down and the New Year approaches, many of us begin reflecting on the past year and thinking ahead. It’s a natural time to set resolutions—those hopeful promises to ourselves to eat better, move more, stress less or simply live healthier. Yet, despite our best intentions, many resolutions fade by February. Why is lasting change so hard? As a physical therapist helping patients make healthy changes for over 30 years, I have found the answer may lie in how we approach change, by using the science of behavior change to our advantage.

Drawing from the work of Chip and Dan Heath in their book Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard, we can rethink our strategy. Their model uses a simple metaphor that I have found helpful: to make meaningful change, we must direct the rider (our rational mind), motivate the elephant (our emotional side), and shape the path (our environment and habits).

1. Direct the Rider: Set Clear, Meaningful Goals

Our rational mind thrives on clarity. Vague resolutions like “get in shape” or “eat healthier” don’t provide enough direction. Instead, set specific, achievable goals that matter to you. Maybe it’s walking 20 minutes at least five times a week, cooking a healthy dinner at home three nights a week, or scheduling that long-overdue check-up before spring comes. The key is to make goals concrete and personally relevant. When your rider knows where to go, it’s easier to stay on course.

2. Motivate the Elephant: Tap Into Emotion

Logic alone won’t drive change—your emotional side needs to be on board. If your heart is not in, it doesn’t matter what your mind thinks. Ask yourself: Why does this goal matter to me? Maybe you want more energy to play with your kids, to feel confident hiking with friends or to reduce stress to find more joy in life. Connecting your goals to deeper values and emotions gives them staying power. When the elephant is motivated, change becomes less of a chore and more of a meaningful pursuit.

3. Shape the Path: Make Change Easier

Even the best intentions can be derailed by a cluttered environment or lack of support. Set yourself up for success by shaping your surroundings. Lay out your walking shoes the night before. Keep healthy snacks visible. Invite a friend to join you on your health change. Small nudges to your environment can make a big difference. When the path is clear, both rider and elephant can move forward with less resistance.

And remember: progress beats perfection. Life is unpredictable, and goals may need adjusting. That’s okay. What matters is staying engaged in the process and being kind to yourself along the way. A missed workout or a skipped healthy meal doesn’t mean failure—it’s just part of the journey.

This New Year, instead of making a resolution you hope to keep, make a switch—one that aligns your mind, heart and habits. You might be surprised at how far a small, well-directed change can take you.

So, as you gather with loved ones this season and look ahead to the coming year, consider making a healthy switch.

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All things Nebraska

Christmas creatures, from sasquatch to Santa-saurus, invade our front yards

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

When did dinosaurs and aliens become Christmas decorations?

I ask because I’m kind of stunned (my natural condition) at some of the strange, weird and downright odd things you see in people’s yards this time of year.

A lime-green Santa-saurus in our neighborhood caught my eye, and somewhere, I’ve seen a Santa alien wishing “humans” a Merry Christmas.

Just today, I drove by a place that featured an inflatable Santa riding a motorboat in the front yard. (Maybe I missed a line in “ ‘Twas a Night Before Christmas” where Santa has to replace the oil in the lower unit on his boat engine to enable his delivery of gifts?)

It’s all part of the evolution of a holiday which used to revolve around gathering with relatives, munching on too many cookies and eating strange foods like oyster stew and lutfisk. Now, it’s almost a front-yard decorating contest for some people, and an endless string of meaningless NBA games on TV.

Remember Christmas cards?

I used to send out a pile, but that pile’s shrunk in recent years, as have the number of Christmas cards arriving in my mail box.

A poll last year by One-Poll found that six out of 10 adults said they’d received fewer Christmas cards than in the year previous. Three in 10 respondents said they weren’t sending any cards.

So I guess I’m not alone. As for front-yard decorations, my stunning display features a “Merry Christmas” neon sign above a 4-foot-high Nativity set that has a dramatic star hovering above the baby Jesus, Mary and a wise man.

When I first got the Nativity set, I’m sure I was the envy of the neighborhood. But as the years have passed, some of the electric lights that illuminated the set have burned out. I’ve been passed by a herd of guitar-playing Santas and dinosaurs.

I’ve tried my best to replace the lights in my aging Nativity set, stuffing a string of white lights between the plastic cardboard back and the kind-of woven front of the figures. After all, isn’t there some prohibition against throwing away a Nativity set? Or some special ceremony required to dispose of it?

So my Nativity set limps forward, still stunning during the day but more blob-like at night due to my makeshift lighting alterations.

I went to the local hardware super store to seek out a new Nativity set, but got lost in a forest of Santas, penguins and leaping reindeer.



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 - 1.W.E.B Du Bois’ org.
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 9. Ho-hum
 13. “Pomp and Circumstance” composer
 14. Tropical constrictor
 15. Forgo
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 17. + or - atom
 18. Reason by deduction
 19. *Trade war “weapon,” pl.
 21. *2025 MLB World Series winners
 23. ____-tzu
 24. C&H crop
 25. Dunce
 28. Western necktie
 30. Catch in a snare
 35. Ginger cookie
 37. Master of his castle
 39. Use a razor
 40. British slang for donkey
 41. Arch and ball locations
 43. Winglike
 44. March celebrants
 46. *Arthur Sze, 2025 ____ Laureate
 47. Dam-like structure
 48. *Beyoncé’s “Cowboy ____,” 2025 Grammy winner
 50. King Kong and Curious George, e.g.
 52. Like a fox
 53. What Pinocchio did
 55. *Florida Panthers won this org.’s ‘25 championship
 57. *Wicked: ____
 61. *Late environmentalist and chimpanzee expert
 65. German submarine destroyer
 66. *2025 Ryder Cup loser
 68. Manuscript sheet
 69. Brazilian coins
 70. Roll-your-own one, for short
 71. To the left, on a boat
 72. Orpheus’ instrument
 73. Geological time period
 74. They are cut by Federal Reserve
- DOWN**

 - 1.At room temperature, bar order
 2. Algae, sing.
 3. Petri dish filler
 4. Raise trivial objections
 5. Ready to be assembled
 6. Avian wader
 7. Farm sound
 8. China’s goodwill “____ diplomacy”
 9. Collision, onomatopoeically speaking
 10. *Taylor Swift’s “The ____ of a Showgirl”
 11. Affirm solemnly
 12. Third-person possessive pronoun
 15. Makes broader
 20. Why do they fall in love?
 22. *Aryna Sabalenka’s seed
 24. Auto contents
 25. Pertaining to osmium
 26. *2025 Academy Awards Best Picture winner
 27. Faquir, alt.spelling
 29. Pilot’s stunt
 31. Spring event
 32. Pneumonia symptom, pl.
 33. Be of use
 34. *Blue Origin’s 2025 singing passenger
 36. Boll weevil, e.g.
 38. *Seek
 42. Shorthand typist, for short
 45. Serfs
 49. 2016 Olympics host, for short
 51. Ram’s horn at a synagogue
 54. Draw a conclusion
 56. Parkinson’s disease drug
 57. Roll up
 58. Heed
 59. Lion sound
 60. Dorothy’s last name
 61. *Lady of “The Mayhem Ball”
 62. Tons (2 words)
 63. Lira, pl.
 64. Land parcels
 67. *Gary Oldman received this honorific in 2025

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75 Years Ago, December 31, 1950 to January 6, 1951

50 Years Ago, December 31, 1975 to January 6, 1976

25 Years Ago, December 31, 2000 to January 6, 2001

The Falls City Wrestling Club participated in the Rock Port Tournament. Jacob Babb and Jeremy Buttrick earned the quickest pin trophies.



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The business took off. In 1906, approximately six thousand barrels of cider were produced. By 1908, that number had grown to eight thousand, and by 1910, the business was prepared to handle 1,000,000 barrels of cider.

Thank you, Dave, for reaching out and identifying the picture.

Commissioners approve transfer from Inheritance Tax Fund to the General Fund

Claims were paid, and with no further action remaining on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 9:45 a.m.

Her professional background also includes leadership roles with the Southeast District Health Department, where she managed multi-channel public communications during the COVID-19 pandemic, and as Executive Director of the Butler County Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure there, Keeling increased membership by 40 percent and led high-profile community initiatives, including Christmas Comes Early to David City with the Hallmark Channel, as featured on People.com. She has also held positions in publishing, sales, and stakeholder engagement with organizations such as Nebraska Wedding Day Magazine.

As Executive Director, Keeling will oversee shelter operations, donor and volunteer engagement, and strategic initiatives that advance HUA's life-saving mission across Nebraska and beyond.

We know the holiday season isn't a happy time for everyone. If you or someone you care about are struggling this holiday season, there are people who care and who are ready to help!

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Eickhoff 2024 County Official of the Year

Richardson County Clerk of County Court Mary Eickhoff was named the 2024 County Official of the Year at the NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) meeting. Eickhoff becomes the 46th recipient of the award, dating back to 1979.

Each year, the Nebraska Association of County Officials bestows awards to individuals who have distinguished themselves as public officials. The County Official of the Year Award is the highest honor an elected or appointed county official can receive.

Eickhoff currently serves as President of the Nebraska Association of County Clerks-Register of Deeds-Election Commissioners and previously served on the Board of Directors of the NACREC, representing the Southeast District from 2004 to 2007. She has testified at Nebraska Legislature Committee hearings on many bills that affect county government. Eickhoff has served on the Nebraska State Historical Records Advisory Board and was selected by the Nebraska Secretary of State to serve as a pilot county for the transition to electronic voting equipment in all counties across the state in 2004.

Mary is a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 269 in Humboldt and a member of the Good News Assembly of God Church.

One letter of recommendation read, “Mary has served as Richardson County Clerk since 1987. She worked for Richardson County in a different office for six years before being elected County Clerk, so it has been a total of 43 years she has given her county!” The letter went on to say that she is involved with various meetings for county officials and participates in NACO meetings, rarely missing a Clerk’s workshop. “She knows her job and is outspoken, but always in a polite and amusing way. Mary is very deserving of the award. She has always been the person who is willing to go the extra mile, willing to share her many talents and is one of the officials of Nebraska that epitomizes what an elected official should be.”

Eickhoff received a plaque commemorating her achievement from NACO President Marvin Kohout. The County Official of The Year Award for 2025 went to Frontier County Clerk, Darla Walther.

DISTRICT 1 SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM’S NEWSLETTER

As the year draws to a close, we are busy with holiday preparations. Our children are returning home for Christmas, and LuRae and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

The 2026 session of the Legislature will commence on January 7, with the 60-day session scheduled to adjourn in mid-April. Balancing the State’s budget will be a major focus of the 2026 Legislative Session. The Economic Forecasting Advisory Board has projected a \$471 million budget shortfall. It is my belief that the vast majority of this deficit will be addressed by cuts in state spending.

Finding ways to provide meaningful and sustainable property tax relief will be a top priority in the upcoming session. I have introduced LB 575 which will, in part, require local political subdivisions to reduce their tax levy commensurate with any increase in property valuations and only increase the levy with a super majority vote of the governing board.

The State continues to fall short in its supply of housing needed to attract workers to our State. I will be introducing legislation to provide a reliable and consistent source of funding for much-needed rural and middle-income workforce housing.

I welcome 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. Please feel free to contact me directly 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.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J Brown Secretary
The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met December 9, 2025 at the home of Vicki Beilke. Co-president Vicki Beilke 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 Patriotic Christmas Song “Merry Christmas from the Red, White, and Blue” was sung and the ALA Preamble was recited.

At this time Chaplain Lacey Noa draped the charter for our deceased member Teresa Olberding.

Roll call was answered by 8 members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting.

In the absence of treasurer Judy Schlosser copies of the treasurer’s report was passed around.

After group discussion a memorial for Teresa Olberding will be given to the VA Center in Lincoln to be used for the Veterans as needed. Teresa made the

busy bags for the children that our Unit delivers there. Christmas gifts and treat bags will be taken to the Veterans in the nursing homes and Assisted Living in Falls City.

The tour of homes was well attended. The homes were beautiful. \$540 was raised for Richardson County Veterans. These funds will be taken to the Richardson County VA office to be used as needed.

Quilt ticket sales are still going well. The drawing will be in January.

The Veteran’s Day program at HTRS on November 11 was well attended. Speaker Lucas Geyer did a great job. The music by HTRS was outstanding this year. Michael Coffey again gave Tana Brown pictures and thank yous the children had made. She handed out some to Veterans and gave the rest to Dona Hall to hand out with Veteran Christmas gifts.

County Government Day went well with Monty Lovelace again being the main speaker about sextortion. He brought some of his team this year and they shared very informative information from their experiences.

Tana assembled and delivered the trays of goodies for Education week. A thank you from the teachers and staff was passed around. More food items were brought during the tour of homes and to the December meeting to be given to SENCA.

Christmas cards were signed for members in the nursing homes.

The ‘Wreaths Across America’ ceremony will be this Saturday December 13, at Steel Cemetery.

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2026 at 6:30 at the home of Elizabeth Ketner.

Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer.

Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

Schmit named to President’s List at Chadron State

Stephanie Schmit of Humboldt, has been named to the Chadron State College President’s List for the Fall 2025 semester. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 credit hours, be pursuing their first bachelor’s degree, earn a cumulative grade-point average of 4.0, and have no incomplete grades.

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Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) Sunday: Divine Service, 9 AM Sunday School and Bible study, 10:15 AM (September-May). Communion every Sunday. fallsctylcms.blogspot.com
Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor- 402-245-3324

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St.) Worship, 11:00am (Also Broadcast KTNC 1230am / 107.1fm) First Sun. fellowship 10:30; Adult Bible Study: 9:45AM. fumc@sentco.net
Pastor Larry Heintz – 402-245-3281

First Christian Church Disciples Of Christ (1322 Stone St.) Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship, 10:45am Facebook.com/fallsctycooperativeministry
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>

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

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

Zion United Church of Christ (65763 709 Rd, FC) Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; Communion, first Sun. of each month. www.facebook.com/fallsctycooperativeministry. *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*

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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*

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

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

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

Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfcchurch.com.
Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110

HUMBOLDT

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

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PARISH CIRCLE

Parish Circle met on Monday evening, December 15, 2025 at the home of Deb Harris.

Eight members were present.

Ronda Yoesel opened the evening with prayer. Ronda lead the devotions in the absence of Julie Hader. She was assisted by Jan Deckinger. They shared scripture and insights from two books: *Fill My Cup Lord*, and *Trust and Fall*. The devotions emphasized that giving to others helps relieve stress and fills our lives with purpose. Also, a reminder that we were all created to display God's glory!

Members revealed their prayer pals for 2025. New pals were chosen for 2026. Deb Rieger created the meetings and information calendar for the new year. These were handed out to all members.

Discussion was held and time was spent dispersing the offerings for the 2025 year.

Fourteen organizations were chosen to receive end of year funds.

Members offered up prayer concerns and joys. A group prayer was lead by Ronda Yoesel.

Following the meeting
desert was served by host-
esses Deb Harris and Sky-

Lady Titans take down Bobcats

The HTRS Lady Titans defeated Exeter-Miligan/Friend 41-33 on Thursday, December 18, and then fell in a shootout at Wymore, 48-44.

On Thursday, HTRS trailed 11-9 after the first, and cut into the lead by one, 22-21 at the half. A huge third quarter put the Titans on the way to the win as they outscored EMF 13-0 to take a 34-22 lead with eight minutes to play. The Bobcats battled, outscoring HTRS 11-7 in the fourth, but HTRS did just enough to hang on for the eight-point win.

HTRS went 14/48 from the floor, including just 3/21 from beyond the arc. Elie Bstandig finished with a double/double with 13 points and 15 rebounds. Lillian Bowen led the team with 18 points and four steals.

HTRS Scoring: Bstandig 13, Bredemeier 4, McClarnen 3, Frey 1, Bowen 18, Howe 2.

EMF Scoring: Filipi
12, Bresson 7, Tuttle 1,
R. Tuttle 4, Meints 9.

On Friday, HTRS fell to 3-2 for the year with the four-point loss to Southern. The Lady Titans trailed 7-3 after the first and 19-16 at half-time.

Trailing 22-20 with under five minutes to play in the third, Bowen sank a three from the wing to put HTRS in front 23-22. Moments later, Bowen banked in another triple to make it 26-23.

Southern battled back, taking a late lead, but a bucket in the paint by Bstandig cut the Raider advantage to one at 32-31 heading into the fourth.

The Raiders maintained their lead, but a free throw by Kenadi

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Fourth quarter dooms Titans at Wymore

lar Baker.

A time of fellowship followed.

The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2026. Ronda Yoesel will lead the lesson from the book Ten Women of the Bible. Deb Stevens will serve as hostess at her home.

The HTRS Titans led throughout the contest, holding a 46-35 lead with only eight minutes remaining in the contest. However, the Southern Raiders caught fire, exploding for 23 points, while holding HTRS to six, in the fourth to complete the comeback win, 58-52.

HTRS ended the game outshooting Southern 35 percent to 33 percent. HTRS went 20-of-57, while the Raiders made 22-of-67 attempts.

The Titans finished with 39 rebounds, 12 assists and four steals.

Senior Emmett Glathar led the team with 24 points and nine rebounds. Darius Bohling added 11 points, five boards and four assists, while Cole Hunzeker finished with 10 points, 14 rebounds and three assists.

Paxx Adams led Southern with 28 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and six steals.

Titan Scoring: Hilgenfeld 3, Bohling 11, Dettmann 4, Glathar 24, Hunzeker 10.

Raider Scoring : Whitwer 4, Decker 11, Frerichs 2, Pollman 8, Adams 28, Meece 2, Heard 3.

In the final action before Christmas break, HTRS fell to Sacred Heart 67-41 on Monday night at Humboldt. The loss dropped the Titans to 1-5, while Sacred Heart improved to 3-1.

Old Man Basketball set for Wednesday nights at HTRS gym

A weekly recreational basketball opportunity will begin Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, at the HTRS gym.

Old Man Basketball will be held each Wednesday night from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and will be played on a half court. Organizers said the goal is to provide a chance for adults to stay active through good clean recreation.

Participants may attend as often or as infrequently as they choose. All skill levels are welcome.

Organizers are considering using one half court for older participants and another half court for younger players, depending on attendance.

Those with questions may contact Dwight Elliot of Dawson, Charlie Crook of Humboldt or Sam and Pete Binder of Table Rock.



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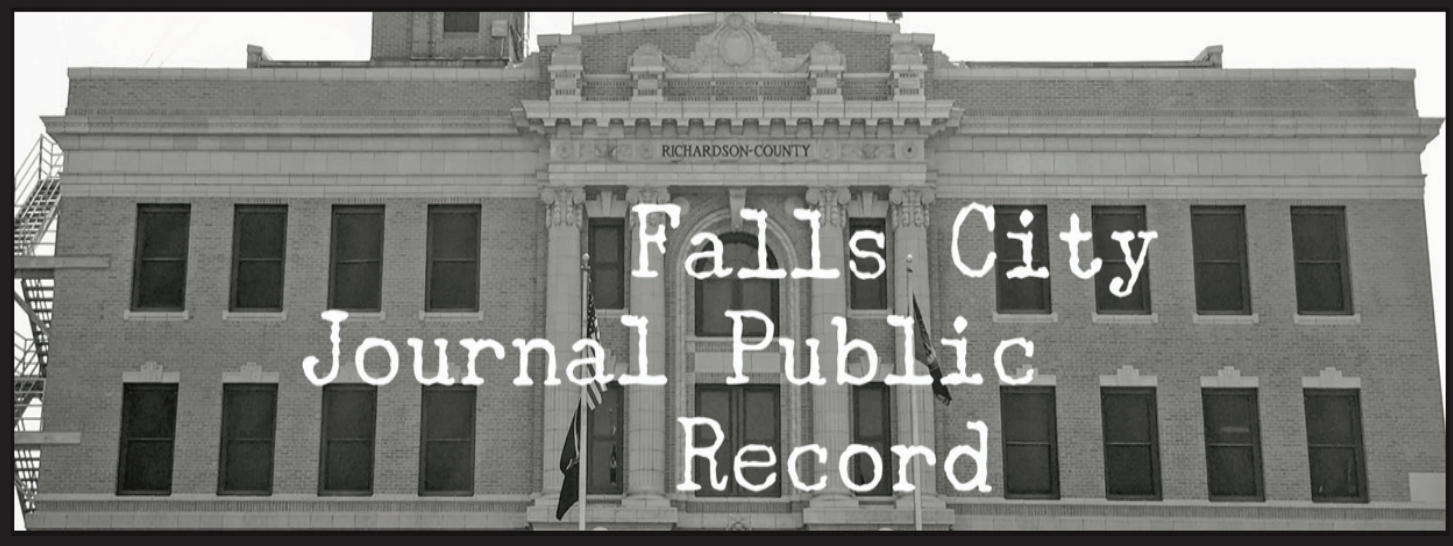
December 15 through December 16, 2025 calls: one investigation, one found or lost property call, two miscellaneous calls, one nuisance complaint, two burn permits, one fraud report, one animal call, one HHS intake/referral, three information-only calls, three referred other agency calls, one vehicle repossession, and three ambulance/EMS calls, for a total of twenty calls. There were two 911 calls. One warning was issued for ATV/UTV requirements.

December 16 through December 17, 2025 calls: five miscellaneous calls, one ambulance/EMS call, two information-only calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one records check, one investigation, one HHS intake/referral, one animal call, two referred other agency calls, and one fire call, for a total of sixteen calls. There were three 911 calls. One fire call was handled by Falls City Rural Fire.

December 17 through December 18, 2025 calls: one miscellaneous call, two ambulance/EMS calls, one warrant arrest, two information-only calls, two traffic/driving complaint calls, one burn permit call, one check welfare call, and one referred to another agency call. Two 911 calls total. One citation for invalid registration and two citations for fugitive from justice. One warning for driving left of center, one warning for an animal running at large, one warning for invalid registration, one warning for improper turn, and one warning for misuse of school permit.

December 19 through December 20, 2025 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, three miscellaneous calls, one referred other agency call, one 911 hang up/misdial, two nuisance calls, two animal calls, one suspicious person/vehicle call, one gun permit, one burn permit, one house watch, one records check, one information-only call, one vandalism, and one HHS intake/referral, for a total of twenty calls. There were seven 911 calls. One warning was issued for improper or defective vehicle lighting. Three citations were issued: one for litter, one for appliances in yard, and one for maintaining a nuisance.

December 20 through December 21, 2025 calls: one animal call, two ambulance/EMS calls, one information-only call, one 911 hang up/misdial, one HHS intake/referral, one referred other agency call, and one miscellaneous call, for a total of eight calls. There were four 911 calls. One warning was issued for a muffler violation.



CITATIONS

Wyel Halimeh of Wichita, KS, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

Kathryn Dodson-Lee of Beckville, TX, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

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

John Sutton of Topeka, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Agena)

Lloyd Miller of Auburn, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Agena)

Makenzie Dunkel of Scottsbluff, NE, count one registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Melvin Bartolome of Storm Lake, IA, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Shiley)

Lane Moya of De Queen, AR, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Cary Gniffke of Millsap, TX, count one, speeding

6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Cody Nightingale of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Glanton Jerral of Clovis, NM, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Shelby Kuker of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Adam Haeder of Bellevue, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Terressia Houck of Wichita Falls, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Agena)

Derek Dubach of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Ryan Larsen of Falls City, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Franks)

Boladji Djidjoho of La Vista, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Russell McCartney of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and

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fined \$125; count two, fail to use child passenger restraint, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Franks)

Davis Hanzek of Plattsmouth, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Randy Marquez of Shubert, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)

Jose Lopez of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

LC Doss of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Julio Gonzalez Bautusta of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)

Sasikaran Selvarathnam of Fort Worth, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Agena)

Vehicle backs into parked car on McLean Street

A Falls City man backed into a parked vehicle on McLean Street, causing an estimated \$2,000 in damage, according to a Falls City police report.

The report states that a vehicle owned by Nathan O'Grady was parked along the street near a private driveway when a second vehicle driven by Wade Tackett backed into it. The crash occurred near the intersection of McLean Street and East 16th Street.

Damage to O'Grady's vehicle was listed at \$2,000, and damage to Tackett's vehicle was listed at \$500. No injuries were reported.

Two vehicles collide during lane change on Harlan Street

Two vehicles collided on Harlan Street after one driver attempted to change lanes and struck another vehicle in the outside lane, according to a Falls City police report.

Police reported that a vehicle driven by Gabriella Furrow of Falls City was traveling north in the outside lane on Harlan Street near East 15th Street when a second vehicle, also traveling north in the inside lane, attempted to change lanes. The second vehicle struck Furrow's vehicle as it moved into the outside lane. The driver of the second vehicle is identified in the report as a Missouri-licensed driver, but the report does not list the person's name.

Damage to Furrow's vehicle was estimated at \$2,000. Damage to the second vehicle was estimated at \$1,500. Three juvenile passengers were listed in Furrow's vehicle, and no injuries were reported.

Tractor rolls into parked vehicle at Dollar Fresh

On November 23, 2025, a tractor driven by Timothy Koelzer of Rulo rolled into a parked Dodge Caravan in the Dollar Fresh parking lot after the tractor's brakes released, according to a Falls City police report.

According to accident reports stated they exited the tractor to move a shopping cart when the brakes on the tractor released, causing the tractor to roll backwards downhill to the west, striking a black Ford F-150 owned by Mari Tuhey, parked in the northwest corner of the Dollar Fresh parking lot. This collision pushed the parked Ford F-150 Into An adjacent parked red Dodge Caravan (V3), both owned by the same individual. No damage was observed on the tractor. front end damage was observed on the F-150, including damage to the wheel and a broken control arm on the front driver's side. Cosmetic damage was observed on the front driver's side of the Dodge Caravan.

Damage to the tractor was listed as more than \$1,000. Damage to the Caravan was listed as less than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

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Caleb is the son of Dr. Andrew and Beth Offner.

Offner signs to play for University of South Dakota Coyotes football program

Falls City Public Schools is proud to announce that Caleb Offner, senior offensive lineman for the Falls City Tigers, has officially signed his National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and athletic career with the University of South Dakota Coyotes Football Program.

Caleb becomes one of the few student-athletes in school history and the first in more than 30 years to sign at the NCAA Division I level. Standing 6’6” and 300 pounds, Caleb’s combination of power, grit, and leadership has made him a standout both on and off the field.

Caleb was joined by family and staff during his signing ceremony at Falls City High School, marking a major milestone in his athletic journey.

USD Head Football Coach Travis Johansen praised Offner’s potential, noting, “Caleb has the physical tools and the work ethic we look for in a Coyote. He has the frame and mobility to develop into a foundational piece of our offensive line group. We’re excited to welcome him to campus.”

“We are incredibly proud of Caleb,” said Falls City Activities Director Gale Dunkhas. “We appreciate Caleb’s hard work and leadership this season and wish him the best of luck as he continues his career at the next level at South Dakota.”

Caleb will join the Coyotes in Vermillion next fall as part of USD’s 2026 recruiting class.

Tiger wrestlers busy before Christmas break

The Lady Tiger grapplers competed at the JCC Invite on Friday and piled up the points. FC scored 202 points to place first. Fillmore Central was second with 130.5, and Logan View was third with 87.5. Six Tigers earned gold medals and another five placed second.

Keylee Olberding went 2-0 and placed first at 100, while Hallie Young received two byes and placed first at 115. At 125, Ashlyn Alexander went 2-0 for first, while Leah Goff went 5-0 for first at 140. Gabi Young ended her day at 2-0 at 145 and won the gold. The final gold medal was earned by Taytum Maddox, who improved to 10-1 with a pair of wins at 155.

Placing second were Peyton Weddle (130), Shia Wisneski (145), Emma Gilkerson (170), Jailin Deprey (190), and Gabbi Griffin (235). Abigail Spinner (120) placed third, while Audrey Scrivens (105) and India Holman (120) were fourth.

The Tigers boys were in action at Platteview High School on Friday. FC scored 51.5 points and placed 12th. Beatrice won the meet with 180.5 points; Waverly was second with 129.5, and Omaha Bryan was third with 127.

Jayden Mirelez had the best finish of the day for FC, finishing 3-1 and placing second. At 113, Dayton Snethen went 2-2 and placed fourth, while Chase Simpson went 3-2 at 285 and also placed fourth.

In JV action Friday, Tanner Jackson was first at 132, ending his day a perfect 5-0. Nolan Nicholson placed second at

215, finishing 3-1. Ryder Hullman (120) and Zane Elms (150) each placed third, while Brandon Collier was fourth at 157. At 165 pounds, Wesley Vitale was fifth, and Brandon Feighner placed sixth at 215.

On Saturday at Platteview, the Lady Tigers scored 104.5 points and placed fifth. Bellevue East won the meet with 178 points; Ralston was second with 114, and Omaha North placed third with 110.

At 155, Taytum Maddox stayed hot, going 2-0 with a bye to earn the gold medal. Maddox needed 2:51 in the finals to pin Nevail Toft of Millard North for the win.

Gabi Young ended her day at 3-1, falling in the championship match to Thiemann of Bellevue East by pin at 1:13.

At 130, Weddle went 2-1 with a bye to place second. Weddle lost by fall to Grace Lindley of Omaha North by fall at 1:17.

Hallie Young finished 3-1 and placed third. In the third-place match, Young pinned Payton Stanley of Millard North at 2:03.

The final medal of the day went to Gabbi Griffin at 235. Griffin went 2-2 for the day, falling by pin in the third-place match to Kendall Holtmeyer of Omaha Bryan.

The boys were back in action on Saturday, competing in the Auburn Invite. FC scored 146.5 points and placed third. Lincoln North Star won the team championship with 218 points, while Millard South JV was second with 168.5.

Tiger wrestlers earned a pair of gold medals on

Saturday. Mirelez stayed hot, going 5-0 and winning the gold medal. In the finals, Mirelez pinned Liam Gallagher of North Star at 1:58 for the win. The other gold medal went to Tristan Randall at 132 pounds. Randall moved to 8-1 on the year by finishing his day 3-0. In the finals, Randall earned a 14-9 decision over Spencer Hospodka of Millard South JV.

At 150, Orion Cattrell went 2-1 with two byes and placed second. Cattrell lost an 18-12 decision in the finals to Ashton Weesner of Lincoln Northwest.

Brantly Sells also placed second, finishing 2-1 at 190. Sells lost by tech fall (17-2) to Marcus Wynne of Lincoln North Star in the championship.

Lady Tigers battle Palmyra

The Falls City Lady Tigers dropped to 0-6 for the season after a 42-26 loss to the Palmyra Panthers on Friday night in Falls City. The visitors led early, taking a 6-3 lead into the second quarter.

FC got on the board in the second as Bella Johansen hit a hoop in the paint to cut the lead to 10-5 with 5:45 to play in the half.

Two minutes later, Brynna Glathar sank a triple from the right wing to cut the Panther lead to 13-8. Two free throws by Johansen made it a three-point contest, 13-10, with three minutes to go in the first half.

With just under a minute to go, Carlea Dunkhas scored on an inbounds play to stop a Palmyra 4-0 run and make it 17-12. Bristol Titus closed out the FC scoring by sinking 1-of-2 free throw attempts to make it 19-13 at the half.

The Panthers’ full-court press out of the break caused trouble for FC. Palmyra scored the first nine points of the second half and led 28-13 before Kaytlin Rhodd hit a baseline jumper to put FC on the

board at 28-15. However, the visitors outscored FC down the stretch and took an 18-point lead, 36-18, into the final eight minutes.

FC continued to battle into the fourth before eventually falling 42-26.

Falls City shot 35 percent (7/20) from the field, while Palmyra was 14/34. The Lady Tigers turned the ball over 22 times, while forcing the Panthers into 18 miscues. FC ended the contest with eight points in the paint, three assists and 14 rebounds.

Dunkhas led FC with seven points, four rebounds, and two assists. Glathar added seven points, and Johansen and Titus each had two steals.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 7, Johansen 6, Glathar 7, Titus 1, Rhodd 2.

Palmyra Scoring: Green 4, Simmons 3, Badertscher 9, Peterson 4, X. Badertscher 10.

The Lady Tigers faced 3-3 Southern in the first round of the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament on Tuesday, December 30.

FC can’t keep pace with Panthers

The Falls City boys’ basketball squad dropped its 31st consecutive contest when they fell to Palmyra 65-27 on Friday night at Falls City High School.

Falls City was up to the challenge in the opening eight minutes as they trailed just 11-9 after the first period.

FC welcomed back Paxton Armbruster, who had been sidelined since an injury that occurred in the season-opener at Syracuse. It didn’t take long for FC to appreciate his return. With 5:15 on the clock in the first, Jacoby Bangert dished to an open Armbruster, who calmly sank a three to get FC on the scoreboard at 5-3. A minute later, senior Brock Caudle worked in the paint for a bucket and made it 8-5. A driving bucket by Armbruster with just under three minutes to go made it a one-point game, 8-7. A jumper in the paint by Bangert helped FC keep pace, making it 10-9 with 1:15 to go. A late free throw by the Panthers pushed their lead to 11-9 at the end of the first.

A steal and layup by Armbruster tied the contest at 11, just thirty seconds into the second quarter. The Tiger offense then went cold for over four minutes, getting outscored 11-0 and trailed 22-11 until Bangert canned a trey from the top of the key to make it 22-14 with 3:12 to play in the half. Palmyra ended the half on a 10-4 run to make it 32-17 at the

break.

The second half was all Panthers as they outscored FC 33-10 to pull away for the 38-point win.

FC shot 30 percent (10/33) from the field, while Palmyra shot 38 percent. The Panthers also owned a large advantage from the foul line. Palmyra went 17/20, while FC was 3/7. Turnovers again proved costly as FC finished with 30 miscues, leading to 29 points at the opposite end of the floor.

Armbruster led FC with 11 points and three steals.

Elijah Leyden led the squad with five rebounds, while Bangert finished with eight points and two boards.

FC Scoring: Jones 5, Armbruster 11, Morris 1, Bangert 8, Caudle 2.

Palmyra Scoring: Martin 9, Vasa 2, Petersen 7, Boyte 11, Kassebaum 10, Davis 2, Hippen 7, Mayo 8, Hubbard 8, Ernest 1.

Falls City was back on the hardwood for the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament on December 29 and 30.

Area athletes earn post season accolades

Several county athletes have recently been rewarded for their hard work by earning post season recognition by their conferences or districts.

For Falls City High School, three athletes received nods regarding the 2025 ECNC All-Conference Volleyball team. Junior Gabi Young was named to the second team, while freshmen Liv Buckminster and Tessa Gossman were each awarded honorable mention.

The ECNC Softball All-Conference team was dominated by Auburn and Freeman. Bree Wehenkel, Addison Darnell, Gretchen Paschal and Morgan Stanley made the first team for Auburn. Earning Honorable Mention were

Taytum Maddox, Malori Kuker and Jazzy Strecker of Falls City.

The 2025 All-District D2-1 offensive first team for football included Cole Taft (SH), Alexander Dewberry (HTRS) and Kameon Dettmann (HTRS). The first team defense included Jacob Davis (HTRS), Toby Baxter (SH), Elijah Canonico (SH) and Kayden Groth (SH).

The second team offense included Brenden Lemerond (SH), Noah Howard (SH) and Jacob Davis (HTRS). The second team defense was comprised of Toby Baxter (SH), Charlie Rottinghaus (SH), Alex Dewberry (HTRS) and Bradyn Bowen (HTRS).

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Sabetha Community Hospital Outpatient Calendar---January 2026

Botox

Levi Grimm, APRN: January 8, 15, 22, 29

Cardiology

Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: January 2

Bailey Delong, APRN: January 12

Swapna Mamidipally, MD: January 19

Dermatology

Tiffany Engelken, APRN: January 5, 7, 14, 21, 28

Diabetes Support Group

January 20th @3pm

Dizziness & Balance

Gary McKnight, AuD: January 15

Ear, Nose, & Throat

Jason Lepse, MD: January 9

Endocrinology

Kelli Bradbury, APRN: January 27

Nephrology

Haley Wingerson, APRN: January 19

Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: January 30

Keelyn Ericson, MD: January 12

Neurology

Abra Woolard, APRN: January 15

Nuclear Stress Tests

January 8, 22

OB/GYN

Jamesina Dickson, MD: January 16

Oncology

Robin McKay, APRN: January 16

Manidhar Lekkala, MD: January 26

Orthopedics

Adam Streit, DO: January 9, 15, 29

Maria VanDyke, PA-C: January 20

Michael McCoy, MD: January 8, 22

Pain Management

Karl Haake, MD: January 13, 20

Podiatry

Robert Shemwell, DPM: January 14, 27

Surgery

Aaron Brown, MD: January 5, 7, 19, 21

Samuel Bruna, MD: January 12, 14, 26, 28

Urology

Kris Carlson, MD: January 13, 20, 27

Wound Clinic

Susie Lueger, APRN: January 5, 12, 19, 26



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Daniel C. Wamsley



Daniel C. Wamsley, 84, of Holt, MO, passed away December 20, 2025 at Sabetha, KS. He was born July 4, 1941 at Barada, NE to Daniel and Eunice (Quigley) Wamsley

He married Geraldine Higby in January of 1961 at Whiting, KS. They later divorced in 1970.

Daniel was raised mainly in the Barada and Shubert, NE areas and graduating Whiting High School in 1960. He worked at the Topeka grain elevator and various other places until enrolling in diesel mechanics school in Kansas City. He worked for Midway Ford for many years and then became a self-employed dump truck operator and managed a fleet of dump trucks working for, among other, Fordyce. He retired in 2003 and enjoyed tinkering around the home on various projects.

He was a member of the teamsters in Kansas City.

Daniel is survived by his sons, David and his wife Christina of White Cloud, KS, Daryl and his wife Ruth of Powhattan, KS, Daniel Thomas Hefty of Kansas City, MO, daughter-in-law, Tammy Wamsley of Wetmore, KS, brothers, Doug and his wife Carol of Gardner, KS, Dennis of Falls City, NE, Donnie and his wife Pat of Nemaha, NE, sister, Diann Stepongzi of Auburn, NE, sister-in-law Charlene Wamsley, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Dearle and a son, Gary.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Harris Cemetery with Pastor Donald Wamsley officiating.

No viewing or visitation. Friends may sign the guest registry at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home during regular business hours.

Memorials can be made to the Barada Global Methodist Church.

Shirley Mae (Cummings) Rattazzi



Shirley Mae (Cummings) Rattazzi, 75, of Falls City, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at her home in Falls City. She was born on April 28, 1950, in Pico Rivera, California to Garland and Ruby Cummings.

Shirley is survived by her loving children: Warren Sudweeks and wife Corrin of Falls City, Russell Sudweeks and wife Julia of California, Jessica Rattazzi of Nevada, and Michelle Rattazzi of Nevada, a sister Kathryn Gill and husband Michael of Texas, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Christina Grooms, brother Ralph Cummings.

Shirley's wishes were to be cremated with no services planned at this time. Inurnment

will be at the Steele Cemetery in Falls City, Nebraska at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan St-Falls City, Nebraska 68355. (402) 245-3131

Arleta (Durfee) Keeling Falloon

Arleta (Durfee) Keeling Falloon, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was called home to her Heavenly Father December 22, 2025, at the age of 92. Arleta was born northeast of Falls City, NE on her grandparents' farm (Paul and Lydia Grosseohmig), to her parents, Clarence E. Durfee and Lydia H. (Grosseohmig) Durfee on December 20, 1933. Her family moved to town in 1943. Clarence died October 10, 1948 of a heart-attack at age 46. Lydia remarried LaVerne Schmutzer in 1951.

Arleta worked at the Rivoli Theatre during her high school years, and graduated from Falls City High School in 1952. After graduating, she worked at the County Treasurer's office in Falls City. She was later hired by Ozark Air Lines as a stewardess, but after a few flights decided that flying was not for her.

Arleta moved to California and worked for Land Title Company in Los Angeles. While home visiting family in Falls City, she met Robert Clayton Keeling (Falls City), who was also home visiting family, but lived in Southern California as well. The two were married November 27, 1955 at Christ Lutheran Church in Falls City, and then returned to Palmdale, CA and later moved to Sylmar, CA. After several moves back and forth from CA to NE, the couple settled in Falls City in 1961. They had four children together. Robert (Bob) died of a heart-attack on September 18, 1977 at age 45. Arleta worked for Dorr Funeral Home and continued to raise her children in Falls City.

Arleta married Dr. Frank Falloon on September 3, 1982, and moved to Grand Island, Nebraska, and eventually they moved to Fairbury, NE, where she discovered a love for playing golf. Dr. Falloon died October 8th, 2005. Arleta then moved to Lincoln to be with family. She moved to Omaha in July, 2007, again to be near family. Arleta was a member of Beautiful Savior Church, and enjoyed Bible studies, the New Horizons group, and developed close friendships within the church. Her faith and family were always a vital part of her life.

Preceded in death by her parents, brother, Wilber Durfee (Darlene), sister, Twila Fee, (Ronald), husbands, Robert C. Keeling and Dr. Frank Falloon, and step-son Michael Falloon.

She is survived by her step-brother Duane Schmutzer (Marcia), Lombard, IL, four children, William M. Keeling (Sonia), Grand Island, NE, Anne L. Fischer (Craig), Papillion, NE, John E. Keeling (Liz), Lincoln, NE, Michael R. Keeling (Ann), Lincoln, step-daughter Teri Falloon - Boeckner (Judd), Fairbury, five grandchildren, Robert C. (Bobby) Fischer (Vicki), (Omaha) Matthew C. Fischer, (Papillion), William C. Keeling (Skylar), Omaha, Kaitlyn M. Keeling-Kittsmiller (Izac), Grand Island, Daniel M. Keeling (Breana), (Omaha), great grandchildren, Jocelyn and Sophia Fischer, and Ellis Kittsmiller, step-grandchildren, Derek Boeckner, (Kearney), Ross Boeckner (Paige), (Fairbury), step-great-grandchildren, Wynn, Dorothy, June, and Kix Boeckner, (Fairbury).

Her funeral was held on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Interment was in Steele Cemetery.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Judith Ann Lanphier

Judith Ann Lanphier (nee Heineman), died Friday December 19, 2025 in Columbia, Missouri. She was born on February 10, 1942 to Kenneth and Dora (Becker) Heineman at their family home near Verdon, Nebraska. She was "Judi with an 'i'" among the various folks named "Judy," "Judi," or "Judie" in her lifelong friend group. As a night owl, she earned the nickname "sleepytime gal". She was a brilliant writer, winning the "Daughters of the American Revolution" writing contest in her early years.

Judi graduated from Falls City High School in 1960. She moved to Omaha, Nebraska, and worked as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell, and moved to Denver, Colorado, continuing as an operator for the Long-Lines Department for AT&T. While living in Denver she met Robert "Bob" Lanphier, marrying in Lingle, Wyoming.

After that, many who knew Judi did not always know where she lived or what she was doing. In the course of their 49 years together, she and Bob moved 19 times. She helped Bob sustain several businesses, including two motels, a real-estate subdivision, two auto salvage yards, several farms, a trucking business, an equipment trading business, a tire recycling operation, and several investments in distressed properties. Their children (Dawn, Rob, and Dan) were in tow for various portions of their parents' journeys, and family and friends appreciated the variety of vacation destinations when visiting. Shortly after Bob passed away in 2014, Judi entered memory care for the remainder of her life.

Judi had a lifelong passion for books, studying publishing arts at Lewis and Clark State College in Idaho designing and typesetting Wallace Stegner: A Descriptive Bibliography, published in 1991. She also wrote poetry and lighthearted recollections about the people and places she loved. We will miss her intelligence and wise takes on many matters, and most of all, her sense of humor and her laugh.

Judi is survived by her children, Dawn Lanphier Simon, Robert Lanphier II and Daniel Lanphier, their spouses, two grandchildren, and her brother Allen Heineman. In addition to her husband and parents.

Judi is preceded in death by brothers Marvin, Kenneth ("Kenny"), and Lowell ("Spike") Heineman.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Cemetery.

Tamara "Tammy" Ernst



Tamara "Tammy" L. Ernst, 61, of rural Rulo, Nebraska, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2025, at her home near Rulo. She was born on December 17, 1964, in Omaha, Nebraska to Lloyd D. and Marva L. (Lenz) Lewis. Tammy was raised in Omaha where she attended Mount View Elementary School and Monroe Junior High School. Tammy attended Benson High School in Omaha and graduated with the class of 1982. After graduating, she continued her education by attending Metro Community College for two years. While in high school, Tammy worked at AKSARBEN in Omaha.

Tammy had a passion and love for animals, especially dogs. She raised and trained many dogs over the

years, and it was while she was herding trials for livestock where she met the love of her life, Eric. On May 2, 2009, Tammy was united in marriage to Eric Ernst at Zion United Church of Christ in rural Falls City. The couple made their home on a farm near Rulo. Tammy worked for many years as a purchasing agent for Community Medical Center in Falls City.

Tammy is survived by her loving husband Eric Ernst of Rulo, brothers: Daniel Lewis and his wife Carol of Omaha, Tim Lewis and his wife Susanne of Omaha, nephews Ryan and Zachary Lewis both of Omaha, brothers-in-law: Craig Ernst and his wife Cheri of Rulo, Bruce Ernst and his wife Jo of Rulo, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Kerri Lynn Lewis, and brother-in-law Paul Ernst.

Tammy's wishes were to be cremated with no services are planned at this time.

Visitation for Tammy will be held from noon-8 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at the Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Richardson County Cancer Fund or to the Richardson County Humane Society.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan St-Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

Area athletes earn post season accolades

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Earning Honorable Mention were Kameon Dettmann (HTRS) and Jack Hilgenfeld (HTRS).

The 2025 Pioneer All-Conference team included Elijah Canonico (SH) as a first-team selection for defense. Making the second team offense were Toby Baxter (SH), Jacob Davis (HTRS) and Cole Taft (SH). Second team defense selections included Baxter (SH), Davis (HTRS), Dewberry (HTRS), and Groth (SH). Honorable mention went to Lemerond (SH), Dettmann (HTRS) and Axton Wamsley (HTRS).

The 2025 Pioneer All-Conference Volleyball team first team included Daycee Witt of Sacred Heart. Earning second-team accolades were Elie Bstandig (HTRS), Lillian Bowen (HTRS) and Dorothy Crouse (SH). Honorable mention went to Ryann Westengaard (SH) and Maddie Brede-meier (HTRS).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners will hold an open and public hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of the Courthouse in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public in support of or opposition to the changes to the Resolution of Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance 60.3(d) adopted by the Richardson County Board of Commissioners on September 14, 2021 with an effective date of October 7, 2021.

The proposed changes are indicated by strike out (-----) for language that will be removed and underlined (_____) for language that will be added.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2025.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Richardson County Board
of Commissioners

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION NO.
Zoning Overlay District Floodplain
Management
Ordinance 60.3(d)

AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNING BODY CREATING FLOODWAY AND FLOOD FRINGE DISTRICTS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF.

SECTION 1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND PURPOSES

1.1 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

The Legislature of the State of Nebraska has delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt zoning regulations designed to protect the public health, safety, general welfare, and property of the people of the state. The Legislature, in Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 31-1001 to 31-1023 (as amended), has further assigned the responsibility to adopt, administer, and enforce floodplain management regulations to the county, city, or village with zoning jurisdiction over the flood-prone area. Therefore the Richardson County Board of Commissioners of Richardson County, Nebraska ordains as follows:

1.2 FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Flood Losses Resulting from Periodic Inundation

The flood hazard areas of Richardson County, Nebraska are subject to inundation that results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

B. General Causes of the Flood Losses

These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities as well as the occupancy of flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to others that are inadequately elevated or otherwise unprotected from flood damages.

1.3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize those losses described in Section 1.2 by applying the provisions of this ordinance to:

- A. Restrict or prohibit uses that are dangerous to health, safety, or property in times of flooding or cause undue increases in flood heights or velocities.
- B. Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including public facilities that service such uses, be provided with flood protection at the time of initial construction.
- C. Reduce financial burdens from flood damage borne by the community, its governmental units, is residents, and its businesses by preventing excessive and unsafe development in areas subject to flooding.
- D. Assure that eligibility is maintained for property owners in the community to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program.

1.4 ADHERENCE TO REGULATIONS

The regulations of this ordinance are in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations as published in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Nebraska Minimum Standards for Floodplain Management Programs as published in the Nebraska Administrative Code Title 455, Chapter 1.

SECTION 2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 LANDS TO WHICH ORDINANCE APPLIES

This ordinance shall apply to all lands within the jurisdictions of Richardson County identified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels shown on the Index 31147C0025C 31147C0050C, 31147C0075C, 31147C0100C, 31147C0125C, 31147C0150C, 31147C0175C, 31147C0200C, 31147C0225C, 31147C0250C, 31147C0275C, 31147C0300C, 31147C0325C, 31147C0350C, 31147C0375C, 31147C0380C, 31147C0390C, 31147C0400C, 31147C0425C, and 31147C0450C 31147C0475C, 31147C0490C, 31147C0510C, 31147C0530C, 31147C0550C, 31147C0570C, 31147C0590C, 31147C0610C, 31147C0630C, 31147C0650C, 31147C0670C, 31147C0690C, 31147C0710C, 31147C0730C, 31147C0750C, 31147C0770C, 31147C0790C, 31147C0810C, 31147C0830C, 31147C0850C, 31147C0870C, 31147C0890C, 31147C0910C, 31147C0930C, 31147C0950C, 31147C0970C, 31147C0990C, 31147C1010C, 31147C1030C, 31147C1050C, 31147C1070C, 31147C1090C, 31147C1110C, 31147C1130C, 31147C1150C, 31147C1170C, 31147C1190C, 31147C1210C, 31147C1230C, 31147C1250C, 31147C1270C, 31147C1290C, 31147C1310C, 31147C1330C, 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E. Appurtenant Structures

1. Structures accessory to a principal building may have the lowest floor below one foot above base flood elevation provided that the structure complies with the following requirements:
 - a. The structure shall not be used for human habitation.
 - b. The use of the structure must be limited to parking of vehicles or storage of items readily removable in the event of a flood warning.
 - c. The floor area shall not exceed 750 square feet.
 - d. The structure shall have a low damage potential.
 - e. The structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or other lateral movement.
 - f. The structure shall be designed to automatically provide for the entry and exit of floodwaters for the purpose of equalizing hydrostatic forces. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 1. A minimum of two openings having a net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every one (1) square foot of enclosed space.
 2. The bottom of all openings shall not be higher than one (1) foot above grade, and
 3. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they allow the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
 - g. No utilities shall be installed in the structure, except electrical fixtures which must be elevated or flood-proofed to one (1) foot above base flood elevation.
 - h. The structure shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters.
 - i. If the structure is converted to another use, it must be brought into full compliance with the minimum standards governing such use.

i. Appurtenant Structures

1. Structures accessory to a principal building may have the lowest floor below two (2) feet above base flood elevation provided that the structure complies with the following requirements:
 - The structure shall not be used for human habitation.
 - The use of the structure must be limited to parking of vehicles or storage of items readily removable in the event of a flood warning.
 - The floor area shall not exceed 750 square feet.
 - The structure shall have a low damage potential.
 - The structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or other lateral movement.
 - The structure shall be designed to automatically provide for the entry and exit of floodwaters for the purpose of equalizing hydrostatic forces. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 - A minimum of two openings having a net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every one (1) square foot of enclosed space.
 - The bottom of all openings shall not be higher than one (1) foot above grade, and
 - Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they allow the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
 - No utilities shall be installed in the structure, except electrical fixtures which must be elevated or flood-proofed to two (2) feet above base flood elevation.
 - The structure shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters.
 - If the structure is converted to another use, it must be brought into full compliance with the minimum standards governing such use.

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F. Manufactured Homes

- a) New or substantially improved manufactured or mobile homes shall be prohibited within any floodplain.
- b) The repair or replacement of substantially damaged manufactured or mobile homes shall be prohibited within any floodplain.

Within any floodplain, manufactured homes shall be prohibited.

1. Require that all manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within floodplains on sites:
 - a. Outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision;
 - b. In a new manufactured home park or subdivision;
 - c. In an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision; or
 - d. In an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home as incurred substantial damage as the result of a flood;

—Be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above two (2) feet above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

- 41. —Require that manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved on sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within special flood hazard areas that are not subject to the provisions of Section 5-2 (D) (b) be elevated so that either:

- a. The lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above two (2) feet above the base flood elevation; or
- b. The manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than 36 inches in height above grade; and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-2 (F) (iv).

- m. New manufactured home parks of five (5) acres or fifty (50) lots, whichever is less, shall follow the standards of Section 5-3 (H) "Subdivisions".
- 1v. All manufactured homes shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Manufactured homes must be anchored in accordance with local building codes or FEMA guidelines. In the event that over the top ties to ground anchors are used, the following specific requirements (or their equivalent) shall be met:

- a. Over the top ties be provided at each of the four corners of the manufactured home, with two additional ties per side at intermediate locations and manufactured homes less than 50 feet long requiring one additional tie per side;
- b. Frame ties be provided at each corner of the manufactured home with five additional ties per side at intermediate points and manufactured homes less than 50 feet long requiring four additional ties per side;
- c. Any additions to the manufactured home be similarly anchored.

G. Existing Structures

1. The provisions of this ordinance do not require any changes or improvements to be made to lawfully existing structures. However, when an improvement is made to a structure in the floodplain, a floodplain development permit is required and the provisions of 5.2 (G) (ii-iv) shall apply.
 11. Any addition, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement of any kind to an existing structure where the costs of which would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the pre-improvement market value shall constitute a substantial improvement and shall fully comply with the provisions of this ordinance.
 111. Any addition, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement of any kind to an existing structure in the floodway shall comply with the provisions of 5.1 (C).
 - 1v. Any addition, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement of any kind to an existing structure that will change the compliance requirements of the building shall require applicable documentation including an elevation certificate, floodproofing certificate, or no rise certification.

5.3 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

A. Anchoring

1. All buildings or structures shall be finny anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

B. Building Materials and Utilities

1. All buildings or structures shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage. All buildings or structures shall also be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood and flood-related damages.

11. All buildings or structures shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

C. Drainage

1. Within Zones AO and AH, adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes shall be required in order to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

- D. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems
 1. All new or replacement water supply and sanitary sewer systems shall be located, designed, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damages to such systems and the infiltration of floodwaters into the systems.

11. All new or replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate discharge from the system into floodwaters.

111. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and designed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

E. Other Utilities

1. All other utilities such as gas lines, electrical, telephone, and other utilities shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage to such utilities and facilities.

F. Storage of Materials

1. The storage or processing of materials that are in time of flooding buoyant, flammable, explosive, or could be injurious to human, animal, or plant life is prohibited.

11. The storage of other material or equipment may be allowed if not subject to major damage by flood and firmly anchored to prevent flotation or if readily removable from the area within the time available after flood warning.

G. Recreational Vehicles

Within any floodway, recreational vehicles and recreational vehicle parks shall be prohibited.

1. Recreational vehicles to be placed on sites within the floodplain shall:
 - a. Be on site for fewer than 90 consecutive days; and
 - b. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, which shall mean it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site by only quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and no permanently attached additions; or
 - c. Meet the permit requirements and the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes of this ordinance.

H. Subdivisions

1. Subdivision proposals and other proposed new development, including manufactured home parks or subdivisions, shall require assurance that:
 - a. All such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
 - b. All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate

flood damage;

- c. Adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards; and

- d. Proposals for development (including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions) of five (5) acres or fifty (50) lots, whichever is less, where base flood elevation data are not available, shall be supported by hydrologic and hydraulic analyses that determine base flood elevations and floodway information. The analyses shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer in a format required by FEMA for Conditional Letters of Map Revision and a Letters of Map Revision.

SECTION 6.0 NONCONFORMING USE

- A. A structure or use of a structure or premises that was lawful before the passage or amendment of this ordinance, but that is not in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance may be continued subject to the following conditions:

1. If such use is discontinued for 6 consecutive months, any future use of the building premises shall conform to this ordinance. The Utility Department shall notify the floodplain administrator in writing of instances of nonconforming uses where utility services have been discontinued for a period of 6 months.

11. Uses or adjuncts thereof that are or become nuisances shall not be entitled to continue as nonconforming uses.

- B. If any nonconforming use or structure is destroyed by any means, including flood, it shall not be reconstructed if the cost is more than 50% of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred except that if it is reconstructed in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance. This limitation does not include the cost of any alteration to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code or regulations or the cost of any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provided that the alteration shall not preclude its continued designation.

SECTION 7.0 AMENDMENTS

- A. The regulations, restrictions, and boundaries set forth in this ordinance may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed, or appealed to reflect any and all changes in federal, state, or local regulations provided, however, that no such action may be take until after a public hearing in relation thereto, at which citizens and parties in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Richardson County. At least 14 days shall elapse between the date of this publication and the public hearing.

- B. A copy of such amendments will be provided to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval before being adopted.

SECTION 8.0 DEFINITIONS

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance it's most reasonable application:

0.2% Annual Chance Floodplain means the floodplain that would be inundated by the 0.2% annual chance flood and delineated on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.]

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Elevation means the elevation to which floodwaters are expected to rise during a 0.2% annual chance flood.]

Appurtenant Structure shall mean a structure on the same parcel of property as the principal structure, the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Also shall be known as "accessory structure."

Area of Shallow Flooding means a designated AO or AH zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a one percent or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel is unpredictable and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Base Flood means the flood having one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Base Flood Elevation means the elevation to which floodwaters are expected to rise during the base flood.

Basement means any area of the building having its floor sub grade (below ground level) on all sides.

Building means "structure." See definition for "structure."

Critical Facility means any property that, if flooded, would result in severe consequences to public health and safety. Critical facilities include, but are not limited to: facilities that produces, use, or store hazardous materials; hospitals, nursing homes, and housing likely to contain vulnerable populations; emergency support function facilities like police stations, fire stations, vehicle and equipment storage facilities, and emergency operations centers; public and private utility facilities vital to maintaining or restoring normal services to flooded areas before, during, and after a flood.

Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to the construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, expansion or alteration of buildings or other structures; the placement of manufactured homes; streets and other paving; utilities; filling, grading, and excavation; mining; dredging;

drilling operations; storage of equipment or materials; or obstructions.

Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is complete before the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

Expansion to an Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

Flood or Flooding means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas.

Flood Fringe is that area of the floodplain, outside of the floodway, that has a one percent chance of flood occurrence in any one year.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) means an official map of a community, on which the Flood Insurance Study has delineated the special flood hazard area boundaries and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

Flood insurance Study (FIS) is the official report provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The report contains flood profiles, as well as the Flood Insurance Rate Map and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of "flooding"). Floodplain includes flood fringe and floodway. Floodplain and special flood hazard area are the same for use by this ordinance.

Flood-proofing means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures that reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, and structures and their contents.

Floodway or Regulatory Floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

Freeboard means a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. "Freeboard" tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, clogged bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed.

Highest Adjacent Grade means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

Historic Structure means any structure that is: (a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register; (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either: (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

Lowest Floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, in an area other than a basement area, is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such enclosure is not built or modified so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.

Manufactured Home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle".

Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) off land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

New Construction for floodplain management purposes, "new construction" means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of the floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured

homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

Obstruction means any wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation (including the alteration or relocation of a watercourse or drainway), channel rectification, bridge, conduit, culvert, building, stored equipment or material, wire, fence, rock, gravel, refuse, fill, or other analogous structure or matter which may impede, retard, or change the direction of the flow of water, either in itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water, or that is placed where the natural flow of the water would carry such structure or matter downstream to the damage or detriment of either life or property. Dams designed to store or divert water are not obstructions if permission for the construction thereof is obtained from the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to the Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes 46-1601 to 46-1670 as amended).

Overlay District is a district in which additional requirements act in conjunction with the underlying zoning district(s). The original zoning district designation does not change.

Post-FIRM Structure means a building that was constructed or substantially improved after December 31, 1974 or on or after the community's initial Flood Insurance Rate Map dated October 7, 2021, whichever is later.

Pre-FIRM Structure means a building that was constructed or substantially improved on or before December 31, 1974 or before the community's initial Flood Insurance Rate Map dated October 7, 2021, whichever is later.

Principally Above Ground means that at least 51 percent of the actual cash value of the structure is above ground.

Recreational Vehicle means a vehicle which is (i) built on a single chassis; (ii) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; (iii) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (iv) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Regulatory Flood Elevation means the base flood elevation (BFE) plus a free-board factor as specified in this ordinance.

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.

Start of Construction means the date the floodplain development permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. "Start of construction" also includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not the alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home and a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.

Subdivision means the division or re-division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels, or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of-lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership, or building or lot development.

Substantial Damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damage condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before "start of construction" of the improvement. This includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either (1) any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions, or (2) any alteration of a "historic structure,"

provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

Variance is a grant of relief to an applicant from the requirements of this ordinance that allows construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

Violation means a failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the Elevation Certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

Watercourse means any depression two feet or more below the surrounding land that serves to give direction to a current of water at least nine months of the year and that has a bed and well defined banks.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of Richardson County This 17th day of December, 2025
 John Caverzage Richardson County Board of Commissioners Chairperson

Mary Eichhoff, Richardson County Clerk

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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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 1719 Stone Street
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 Falls City, Nebraska 68355
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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
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 1700 Stone Street, Room 205
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Tracy A. Burns, #25398
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 Phone: (402) 245-4486

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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 musts file their claims with this Court on or before February 17, 2026, or be forever barred.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

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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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Richardson County Planning Commission shall hold a meeting on January 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the District Courtroom in the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska.

The purpose of the meeting will be to kick-off the new Comprehensive Plan Project.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of an amendment to the redevelopment plan of the City of Falls City, which amendment shall include a specific redevelopment project.

The property which is the subject of this Notice and of the public hearing is identified as PIDs 740081233, 740123149, 740014323, and 740123068 and legally described as follows:

Part of the W1/2E1/2SE1/4 of 15-1-16, Falls City Metes and Bounds, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska (3.46 Acres) (PID 740081233)

Part of the SE1/4SE1/4 of 15-1-16 (Annexed 8/18/09), Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska (3.56 Acres) (PID 740123149)

Part of the W1/2SE1/4SE1/4 of 15-1-16 (Annexed 8/18/09) Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska (4.53 Acres) (PID 740014323)

Part of the NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4 S of MOPAC RR 15-1-16, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska (Annexed 8/18/09) Metes and Bounds (3.04 Acres) (PID 740123068)

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the amendments to the redevelopment plan. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the cost-benefit analysis for the proposed redevelopment projects shall be maintained at the Office of the City Clerk.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2026, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of an amendment to the redevelopment plan of the City of Falls City, which amendment shall include a specific redevelopment project.

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Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk
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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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NOTICE County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska Estate of Richard L. Corman, No. PR25-64

Notice is hereby given that on December 22, 2025, in the Richardson County Court, the Registrar appointed Douglas Corman whose address is 4006 Regal Drive, Grand Island, NE 68803 as Personal Representative in intestacy of the estate of said Deceased. Creditors of this estate must file their claim with this Court on or before March 3, 2026 or be forever barred.

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

Wolff, McDermott, Depue, Sabott,
Butz, Porto & Fowles, LLC Attorneys
for Applicant

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VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD DECEMBER 18TH, 2025 7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL.

A Special Meeting was held Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Dawson Village Hall.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Larry Koch, and Chairperson Bill Koch. Clerk was present to record minutes.

Absent: Stephanie Ingraham
Guests: Chad Buhl along with two others with Georgia Poultry Equipment Co

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

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

Agenda: Georgia Poultry Equipment Co, chicken barns west of Dawson

Chad presented several documents to the Board to review for the proposed site of the chicken barns. The barns would reside on the former Quinlan property west of Dawson. The proposed site would consist of sixteen (16) barns. Approximately 5 flocks per year; estimating 2 million gallons of water usage a year.

The route of the trucks would run from the site on 638 road north to 712 road and out east to Highway 75. The trucks would not run through the Village.

The Board's main concern of the barns is water consumption and if there would be any impact to the Village water, particularly the levels of the Village's wells. Nemaha Natural Resources District would have to confirm if there would be an impact and if the proposed site would be outside of the Village's well head protection area. Chad and his team are aware they will need to also drill test holes for water activity.

Another concern: odor – Chad stated chicken barns are at least 1/3 less smell than cattle and hogs. The primary time of odor would be when they are removing manure in between flocks and spreading out on the fields, it would produce more of an odor depending on wind direction and moisture. The manure could be sourced by local farmers.

The proposed site appears to be outside of the Village's extraterritorial jurisdiction from the map that was provided.

Projected operational date is August/September 2026. Dirt work would start now if all loose ends were tied up. There would be three employees residing at the barn's location to care for the flock.

The December special meeting was adjourned at 7:54 with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns.

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Email your cover letter, resume, copy of your transcripts (certified transcripts needed upon employment) and three letters of reference to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org or mail to: HTRS Public School District, ATTN : Dr. George Griffith 810 Central Ave. Humboldt, NE 68376. If you have any questions please call Dr. Griffith at 402-862-2151.

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HTRS Public School has an opening for ELEMENTARY TEACHER OPENINGS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

The Candidates should have or be eligible for a NE Teacher Certification with the appropriate endorsement. The district is willing to work with an individual student teaching or someone who qualifies for transition to teaching. Email your cover letter, resume, copy of your transcripts (certified transcripts needed upon employment) and three letters of reference to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org or mail to: HTRS Public School District, ATTN: Dr. George Griffith 810 Central Ave. Humboldt, NE 68376. If you have any questions please call Dr. Griffith at 402-862-2151.

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HTRS Public School has an immediate opening for a HEAD COOK / FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

DUTIES: Include, but are not limited to, planning, organizing, supervising and participating in the preparation, cooking, baking, and serving of a variety of foods in quantity. Responsible for ordering food and supplies; operate commercial kitchen equipment and appliances. Responsible for following the nutrition guidelines associated with the Nebraska Nutrition Services lunch program and training requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS: Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas with 1 year of relevant food service experience or High school diploma (or GED) and

at least 3 years of institutional food service experience.

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NOTICE TO ALL

RICHARDSON COUNTY RESIDENTS

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

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

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

Lady Irish looking for consistency

The Lady Irish traveled to St. Joe last Saturday to take on the Bishop LeBlond Lady Eagles. SH came out flat on Saturday, falling behind 12-3 at the end of the first quarter. The Irish scraped and fought to get within three points, 19-16, at the half. Avery Santo led the charge back in the second with five points.

The scoring for both teams picked up the pace in the third. Freshman Bailey Lemerond went crazy in the period, sinking three from deep to keep the Irish close. However, SH still trailed heading into the final period, 38-31. The Irish offense in the fourth kept pace, while the defense flexed its muscles, outscoring LeBlond 14-4. The threes kept falling for Sacred Heart as Daycee Witt sank two and Santo added one more. By the time the final buzzer had sounded, Sacred Heart had pulled off another come-from-behind win, 45-42, and improved to 4-1.

Sacred Heart finished the game shooting 35 percent (14/40) from the floor, including 7-of-21 from deep. Meanwhile, LeBlond hit 34 percent (13-of-38) from the field. The Irish also had success at the foul line, making 10-of-15 attempts. Three Irish players reached double figures with Lemerond leading the way with 12 points, five rebounds and three assists. Santo added 10 points and four boards, while Witt added 10 points and seven rebounds.

SH Scoring: Georges 2, Santo 10, Crouse 3, Witt 10, Lemerond 12, Jones 8.

LeBlond Scoring: Wolf 4, Giles 2, Sego 5, Cohard 7, Frazee 16, Cathcart 8.

In two periods of JV action, SH held on for a 14-13 win. Georges, Lemerond and Jones all had four points.

The Irish got off to a much better start on Monday night when they traveled to Humboldt to take on the HTRS Lady Titans. The Irish were hitting on all cylinders Monday, outscoring HTRS 21-6 in the first quarter, effectively putting the game out of reach. The Irish continued to pressure the Titans and led 38-17 as the teams exited the court for halftime. The second half was played evenly as the Irish rolled to the 29-point win, 62-33.

Avery Santo was on fire in the first period on Monday, sinking four triples as SH raced to a quick 15-point lead. PJ Howe had the only field goal of the first quarter for HTRS, while Elie Bstandig and Maddie Bredemeier added free throws.

The Irish didn't let up in the second. Lemerond had 10 points in the quarter, including two from beyond the arc.

After halftime, SH continued to pull away for the win. Santo, Witt (2), and Alise Reschke all hit threes in the second half as the Irish earned the win.

Santo led Sacred Heart with 17 points, finished 5-of-8 from deep. Witt added a double/double, finishing with 11 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Also hitting for double digits were Reschke and Lemerond.

The Irish shot 40 percent (21/52) from the floor, while HTRS hit 25 percent (12/49) of their attempts. SH held a slight 39-31 rebounding edge, and SH finished with ten turnovers, while HTRS had 13.

The Lady Titans had two players reach double figures. Bstandig and Bredemeier each finished with 11 points.

SH Scoring : Georges 3, Santo 17, Crouse 3, Witt 11, Reschke 10, Lemerond 10, Bauman 1, Jones 1, H. Jones 6.

HTRS Scoring: Bstandig 11, Bredemeier 11, Stewart 3, McClarnen 2, Howe 6.

In three periods of JV action, SH defeated HTRS 29-17. Rachel Bauman had 11 points, and Kinley Lechtenberg added six.

The Lady Irish played in the Freeman Holiday Tourney on Tuesday, December 30 and will play Wednesday, December 31. SH will played Syracuse at 3:30 on Tuesday.



Reed Shupp (32) and Emmett Glathar battle for the rebound in the Titan's loss to Sacred Heart on Monday evening in Humboldt.

Irish survive slow start, race past Titans

The Sacred Heart Irish boys' basketball team made the short drive to Humboldt on Monday, December 22, 2025, to play the HTRS Titans. The Irish struggled to make shots out of the gate, but the Titans were unable to capitalize, and the two teams were tied 8-8 at the end of the first period.

Sacred Heart caught fire and effectively put the game on ice in the second period, outscoring the Titans 25-4 to take a 33-12 halftime lead.

Sacred Heart didn't slow down after the half, outscoring HTRS 18-10 in the third to make it 51-22 with eight minutes remaining.

The Titans outpaced the Irish in the final stanza, 19-16, but the Irish earned the win, 67-41.

The Irish shot 45 percent from the floor, including an 11-for-26 effort from beyond the arc. SH also had a 32-24 rebound and had a 19-to-8 assist advantage.

HTRS made 15-of-46 field goal attempts (33%) and

went 7-of-12 from the foul line. The Titans finished with 24 rebounds, 10 assists and five steals.

Senior Emmett Glathar had a game on Monday, leading HTRS with 26 points (17 in the fourth quarter), six rebounds and two blocked shots. Kameon Dettmann also reached double figures with 10 points, while securing five rebounds and five assists.

Cole Taft had the hot hand for Sacred Heart, shooting 7-of-14 from the field for 20 points. Bo Fletcher finished 7-of-13 for 17 points. Brenden Lemerond led SH with six rebounds and six assists. Taft, Hayden Clow and Toby Baxter all added three assists.

SH Scoring: Taft 20, Fletcher 17, Sipple 4, Lemerond 8, Lancaster 5, Clow 7, Howard 4, Knobbe 2.

HTRS Scoring: Dettmann 10, Glathar 26, Hunzeker 5. The Irish played Syracuse in the opening round of the 2025 Freeman Holiday Tourney on Tuesday at 2:00.

TDF Automotive now open on Harlan Street

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years working on the dealership side, Tyler didn't always have the chance to interact with vehicle owners. Now, he takes time to explain what's happening under the hood, how repairs will be made, and how to keep vehicles running safely. Seeing customers leave with gratitude and confidence has been a highlight of this new chapter.

As he looks toward the first year of business, Tyler's goals remain grounded and sincere. He wants to stand by his morals, deliver a standard of service he can be proud of, and continue learning every day. Success, he believes, comes from putting your heart into the work and not being afraid to take big steps into the unknown. He hopes to inspire the next generation, his own children and others, to follow their interests and chase their dreams.

Above all, Tyler hopes TDF Automotive becomes known for two things: the quality of work put into every vehicle and the welcoming atmosphere that greets every customer. His goal is to create a space where people feel comfortable asking questions, where they are treated like family, and where they can trust that their safety is always the top priority.

TDF Automotive is now open and welcoming new customers. To schedule an appointment or learn more about services offered, call (402) 335-7573 or stop by the shop at 1015 Harlan Street.



The Titans' PJ Howe and Elie Bstandig tie up Sacred Heart's Alise Reschke on Monday night.

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