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## Falls City announces new July 4th celebration honoring America's 250th anniversary

The Falls City Chamber & Main Street announces that a hot air balloon festival will not be held this year as the organization shifts focus toward an exciting new summer celebration. Since last fall, the Chamber & Main Street has been actively searching for new attractions to increase attendance and elevate the overall event experience for the community and visitors for the Hot Air Balloon Festival. Plans were underway to add an acrobatic plane performance and air show; however, logistical challenges ultimately prevented that attraction from being finalized in time for a festival this year.

Rather than scale back, The Falls City Chamber & Main Street chose to shift focus and resources towards a new community celebration. Organizers are excited to announce a brand-new 4th of July Celebration in partnership with the Falls City Area Jaycees and American Legion Post 102, commemorating America's 250th Anniversary in 2026. This once-in-a-generation milestone provides the perfect opportunity for Falls City to come together in a meaningful and memorable way.

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## Commissioners review contract with Marvin Planning Consultants

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, for a regularly scheduled meeting. All Board members answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board and discussed road and bridge maintenance throughout the county. Darveau presented the Commissioners with a list of surplus or obsolete items that will be sold through Big Iron Auctions. The list included several vehicles, a loader, used shop doors, trailers, and more. He also informed the Board that the county did not get approved for the bridge-match program. The program funds counties to repair deficient bridges across the state by supplying 55% of the construction costs, up to \$500,000. The last time Richardson County received funding through the match program was 2022. Before that, Richardson County received funding in 2018 and 2021.

"When this came out, it was intended to help counties take care of smaller projects," said Darveau. "Well, everything we have now is now big."

Darveau also told the Commissioners that the cost to do a mastic overlay of all 10.5 miles of the "Dustless Highway" would be around \$275,000. The project would take between two and three days.

He also presented the Board with the costs of hauling rock, broken down by whether county employees or a contractor hauled it. The Board will review the numbers.

Sheriff Hardesty met with the Board and advised them that the

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Jenny Dixon, owner of Close to Home Kennels and Husband, Joe winners of the Small Business of the Year Award.

## Falls City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum to step down Feb. 20

Falls City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum has submitted his resignation, effective Feb. 20, citing personal and professional priorities.

In a letter dated Feb. 3 and addressed to Mayor Mark Harkendorff and members of the City Council, Nussbaum wrote, "After thoughtful reflection, I've made the difficult decision to step away from my

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## Council approves Kirkendall to Airport Authority

The Falls City Council convened on Monday, February 2, 2026, at City Hall. Council members Leyden and Buckminster were absent from the roll call.

The Southeast Nebraska Land Bank submitted the 2025 update. The Land Bank was formed on August 7, 2023, between the Falls City and Verdon, and has since acquired, cleaned up, and sold properties that had been abandoned by the private market.

The update showed the Land Bank currently owns seven properties, all within Falls City.

The Board voted to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-100, amending the terms of office for the Council President and Acting President. The ordinance states that, in even-numbered years, the council will elect one of its own to serve as President of the Council for two years. The council will also choose one of its members to serve as Acting President for two years, coinciding with the term of the Council's President.

The Board also voted to extend the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Agreement from May 14, 2026, through May 14, 2027. At this time, four businesses have been awarded Community Development Block Grant funds. Of those, two have completed renovations, one has scheduled repairs, and the final is working to complete pre-construction requirements. The sidewalk improvement portion of the project was also noted in the packet, stating the design should be ready for the bidding process by Spring. Initially, engineering costs exceeded estimates, forcing the city to suspend the program. It was announced in late November that Falls City had received approval to amend the budget and scope of the project to permit the remaining Downtown Revitalization Funds to be moved toward sidewalk construction.

The Council voted in favor of approving Jonathan Kirkendall to the Airport Authority with the term ending in 2029.

Councilperson Kenny Killingsworth asked the Board to consider soliciting bids for trash service for city-owned property. After discussion, the Council agreed to bid out the trash service.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.



Joan E. Stice of Brown's Shoe Fit Co., 2025 Customer Service Award Winner.

## Chamber Banquet a time to celebrate Falls City

The Birdie Box on the upper floor of the clubhouse at the Falls City Golf Course hosted the annual Falls City Chamber of Commerce and Main Street banquet on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The event brings the community together to celebrate the local businesses that work hard to make Falls City what it is. Each year, the event recognizes a small business that has gone above and beyond in the community and a frontline employee who exemplifies Falls City's work ethic. Many outstanding accomplishments were recognized on Wednesday, underscoring that Falls City is moving

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in the right direction.

Executive Director Amber Holle thanked everyone in attendance, saying, "It's truly special to see this room filled with people who care deeply about Falls City—our businesses, our community, and our future."

Holle glowed when she mentioned the "growth." The Executive Director was happy to announce that 10 ribbon cuttings were held throughout 2025, noting that each came with a story of someone taking a chance and investing their time and money in the Falls City



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# Falls City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum to step down Feb. 20

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current role and bring this chapter of my professional career to a close.”

Nussbaum wrote that serving in public leadership had been “an honor,” but said the demands of the position were no longer compatible with his family and long term goals. He wrote that the decision was made with family wellbeing and long term sustainability in mind.

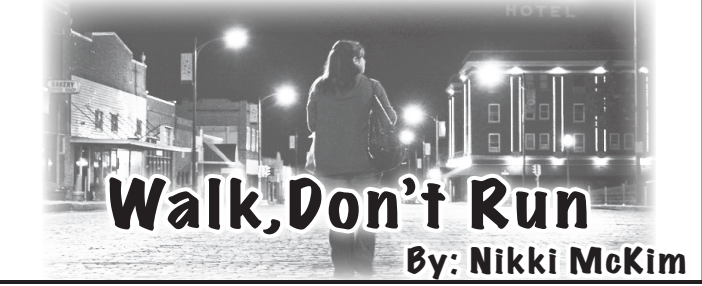
The resignation follows months of City Council discussion regarding proposed wage increases for non union city employees, including the city administrator position. In November, the council considered multiple wage proposals after confusion arose over which plan had been approved at a Nov. 19 special meeting. That issue was formally revisited Dec. 1, when the council voted to rescind the Nov. 19 action and adopt the Nov. 17 wage plan.

Under the Nov. 17 plan, the city administrator’s wage schedule reflected lower increases than the proposal discussed earlier in November. The Dec. 1 vote finalized wages for non union employees for fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

In his resignation letter, Nussbaum wrote that he is open to “discussing interim contracted support, if helpful,” if the position cannot be filled by his departure date.

Nussbaum was hired in 2022. During his tenure, he oversaw several infrastructure projects, including the wastewater force main replacement and the Downtown Electric Project.

His final day with the city will be Tuesday, Feb. 20.



I have been sick and out of the office for a week, stuck at home for almost 10 days. People online jokingly ask, “how much would it take for you to sit in the house for a week without leaving?” Apparently it would only take me about \$30 worth of NyQuill, Kleenex and Orange Juice.

Those ten days were the kind of stretch where the hours lose their shape and the days blend together. I talked to the dogs more than anyone else and watched far more Orange County Housewives than I care to admit. Shannon Beador haunted my very vivid daily naps.

When I walked into the house it was a cold January afternoon. When I came back out it was a warm February morning.

That sounds small, but it was jarring. I had been sealed off from everything. From meetings, deadlines, ringing phones and the steady routine of the office. Somewhere between my bed and the next episode, this mild winter quietly let go, for now. I realized how much I measure time by work; deadlines and print schedules and what day the paper goes out. When all of that is not my first thought, the world kept moving.

Being forced to slow down was.....uncomfortable.

But, I noticed how quiet a weekday can be. How things keep going. That the balls we juggle don’t all come crashing down when we have to lie down for a bit.

Sometimes the biggest shift happens while you are standing still.

Enjoy the weather this week and I will get back to posting old photos on Facebook. Sorry for the hiatus!

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## All things Nebraska What’s with our obsession with license plates?

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

What is it about Nebraskans and the slab of aluminum we bolt onto the back of our cars, the license plate?

For some reason, we Cornhuskers get emotional over the design of the state’s plates. There are gripes aplenty.

“It’s too boring.” “You can’t see the graphic.” “It doesn’t represent our state.” “It doesn’t inspire people to visit or live there.”

Nebraskans’ opinions about license plates are almost as strong as those about the second-string quarterback for the Huskers. Why isn’t that guy starting?

A couple years back, a columnist with a website called “beautifulpublicdate.com” counted 8,331 different styles of license plates across the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Some commemorate military service, others sports teams or universities, still others special causes, like cancer prevention or wildlife conservation, or occupations, like farmer, nurse and railroader.

Dolly Parton is on a plate in Tennessee, and rocker Alice Cooper appears on an Arizona plate. There are plates that celebrate barbershop quartets and the National Speleological Society, those who study and protect caves. I looked it up.

In Nebraska, I counted 40 different styles of “specialty” or “organizational” plates, which, according to that 2023 column, puts our vertically challenged state among the five states with the fewest license plate styles.

The top place for plates back then was Maryland, with 989 different kinds. The biggest loser in the plates race was Hawaii, with only 14 styles of license plates. They must be too busy surfing out there to get worked up over this issue.

In the past, then State Sen. Ernie Chambers – the self-proclaimed “Defender of the Downtrodden” – would trod all over efforts to add new styles of license plates.

“Why waste our time with this,” the well-muscled legislator would roar. “The purpose of these plates is for identification, not for advertising or marketing or awareness.” (Some do confuse those video plate readers used on toll roads and by law enforcement.)

But, after a fellow senator, partly in jest, got a bill passed to establish a “mountain lion conservation” plate, Chambers ended up getting one himself. He was a defender of mountain lions, too, and the plates, back in 2019, generated more than \$200,000 for studies of the big cats.

Fast forward to today, and our State Legislature is on the job and seeking to address our poor plate performance.

One recently introduced bill would create a “Space Force” plate, commemorating our newest branch of the military, another would honor female military veterans. One proposal would establish license plates for each of the state’s three state museums, while another would create a “Back the Blue” plate to support

law enforcement.

Nebraska already has a “Husker” license plate, but Blair Sen. Ben Hansen’s bill would produce a “Big Red” plate, with a scarlet background and cream-colored numbers.

My favorite proposal is from Lincoln Sen. Eliot Bostar which would allow two, new “Iconic Design” plates: one black with white numbers, the other white with black numerals.

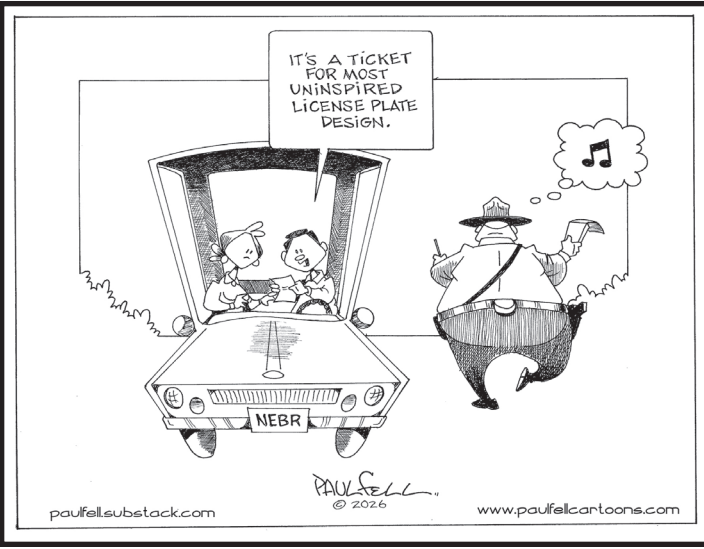
Full disclosure – I’m a purchaser of the mountain lion plate, mainly because it’s more attractive than our white-and-blue standard issue plate, where you need a high-powered telescope and bright lights to make out the artistic, State Capitol-inspired background design.

But my favorite among a small license plate collection I have is a black Nebraska plate from 1956 that simply says, “The Beef State.”

Black seems to still be beautiful. When Iowa created a plain-Jane “blackout” plate in 2019, it exploded in popularity. Now, more than 700,000 Iowans have the black plates, according to the Des Moines Register, which is more than 10 times any other specialty plate.

I don’t know about you, but Iowa seems to have our number when it comes to football these days. Maybe that’s true with license plates, too.

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



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**ACROSS**

1. Bungle  
5. Cause of a trip?  
8. Dao, alt. sp.  
11. Between marquess and viscount  
12. Super garb?  
13. Inlet in Norway  
15. Cogito \_\_\_\_ sum  
16. Long story  
17. Deprived of a limb  
18. \*Half-time headliner  
20. Ice, dark or middle \_\_\_\_  
21. \*Cindy Crawford wore “\_\_\_\_ Dukes” in a Super Bowl ad  
22. Flightless bird  
23. \*Last year’s Super Bowl winners  
26. A cheap, run-down motel  
30. “\_\_\_\_ the fields we go”  
31. Merry  
34. Actor’s part  
35. Expensive  
37. Not him  
38. Cell phone bill item  
39. Civil Rights icon  
40. \*David Tyree’s \_\_\_\_ Catch  
42. Letters of distress  
43. What rule follower does  
45. Get cozy  
47. Greed, biblically-speaking  
48. Grieve for the dead  
50. Time period  
52. \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances  
55. 3600 seconds, pl.  
56. Casino chip  
57. Salmon’s output  
59. En \_\_\_\_, all together  
60. Like Piper of Hamelin  
61. Uber alternative  
62. \_\_\_\_ Robinson  
63. Acronym, abbr.  
64. “Come Sail Away” band

**DOWN**

1. Service charge  
2. Songbird  
3. Craving  
4. Marilyn Monroe, e.g.  
5. \_\_\_\_ lazuli  
6. Hot  
7. 52 cards  
8. Hefty volume  
9. Greek god of war  
10. 1, e.g.  
12. Cherry red  
13. Post vitriol  
14. \*Team with no Super Bowl appearances  
19. Looney Tunes duck  
22. Architectural add-on  
23. Meat of coconut  
24. Roman king of Judea  
25. Like certain whiskey  
26. Grow crop  
27. Brag  
28. Algorithmic language  
29. Ganders’ companions  
32. Tom Jones’s “\_\_\_\_ a Lady”  
33. Rolodex abbr.  
36. \*\_\_\_\_ Superdome  
38. Wombs  
40. Lady lobster  
41. Hardened  
44. Follows wash  
46. Pig sounds  
48. Bouncing off the walls  
49. Weasel’s aquatic cousin  
50. Fly like an eagle  
51. Boot-wearing kitty  
52. Mama Bear’s husband  
53. To perfection (3 words)  
54. \*Justin Timberlake’s “\_\_\_\_Back,” sung in Super Bowl show  
55. Expression of doubt  
58. \*Steelers’ number of Super Bowl trophies

**CROSSWORD**

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75 Years Ago, February 11, 1951 to February 17, 1951

Ivan Bieck was added to the Falls City Police Force. Included in his duties were checking the parking meters, which had recently been installed in the business district.

Lost & Found

Lost-Basketball near Sacred Heart playground. Johnnie Majerus. Reward. Phone 857. George Walter Hunker, Jr., Troop 392, Falls City, was awarded the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony held at the First Christian Church.

Ray Novak, a veteran Falls City automobile dealer, was named to the “Better Dealer Hall of Fame” for outstanding dealer accomplishments by the Pontiac Division of General Motors. Ray had been selling Pontiac vehicles since 1929.

Glenn “Doc” Martin of Salem was in the hospital after suffering injuries he received when his truck skidded from icy pavement near the Howe corner. Martin suffered four broken ribs along with lesser injuries.

Chester Jones and Frank Morrill announced the sale of their controlling interest in the Morrill and James Bank at Hiawatha to O.E. Brown, Ralph Sears and Everett Stokes, all of Commerce, Oklahoma. Frank Morrill remained as chairman of the board of directors, and Jones stayed on as president.

The sale of the Glover Motors Automobile Firm to Tom Stuart Motors, Inc., was announced. Stuart had previously been the manager and chief technician for the Richardson County Dairy Breeders Association until 1949, when he joined Mr. Glover as the firm’s sales manager.

Ed Hahn of Tecumseh was named the head of the Eastern Nebraska Public Power District. Eastern Nebraska supplied power to 6,947 farms and other rural establishments in Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Cass and Saunders counties.

Slightly under a million dollars’ worth of oil had been produced in 10 years from a single farm in Barada. The wells, owned by the Rhinehart Herbster family, were reported to have produced over 786,000 barrels of oil during the past decade.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole of Salem received word that their son, Cpl. Kenneth B. Cole was wounded in action in Korea. Cpl. Cole had been in frontline duty with the 8th Army.

The government in Washington, D.C., banned the manufacturing of whitewall tires to save rubber for defense.

For sale—Lespedeza seed. George Winslow, Rt. 1, Hiawatha, KS.

Honey Creek defeated Shubert 61-15 on the hardwood. Kenny Harmon led the Creek-ers with 14 points, while teammate Paul Bernhardt added 11.

50 Years Ago, February 11, 1976 to February 17, 1976

Paul Ivey was named the Falls City Wrestler of the Week. Ivey won his match at the Auburn Dual and also picked up a win over the top-rated Class C heavyweight at the Omaha Cathedral Invite.

Bill Bruhn of Dawson-Verdon High School was included in the 1975-76 edition of the Prep All-American Football Program Yearbook. Criteria for selection included athletic ability, stats, sportsmanship, and personal leadership.

It was being discussed that Kansas City could lose the Republican Convention, slated for later in the year, to Miami Beach, apparently due to a dispute over hotel space.

County residents earning a spot on the Peru State College Dean’s Honor Roll included Denise Coupe, Michael Hall, Douglas Kirkendall, Trena O’Banion, Janis Fischer and Ed Harris, all of Falls City. Judy Standerford, Angela Stalder and Marlynn Connell from Humboldt and Gail Harmon, Ann Boring and Richard Vonderschmidt, all from Dawson, made the list.

Seven Falls City High School students were chosen for the Wesleyan Honor Choir and Band. The list included Debbie Werner, Scott Bahr, Patty Zinn, Steve Dunn, Tedd Gentry, Tom Miller and Doug Appleoff.

Marine PFC. William M. Keeling, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keeling, was promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

A letter was received by Don Vanderheiden, superintendent of schools in Falls City. The letter stated that “Because of the willful disobedience to the orders issued on the Falls City Junior High building by George Chaney, dated 9-24-75 in accordance with State Statute 81-513, you are hereby notified that you have until 3-10-76 to reply or begin to comply with the above-referenced orders or on 3-10-76 this building shall no longer be occupied.” Deputy Fire Marshal Dennis C. Hohbein signed it.

Valentine Royalty was crowned at the Eaglet’s Nest Day Care Center. Debra Helmick and Roger Helmick were named Queen and King, while Davis Watson was named Prince, and Tiffany Anderson was named Princess.

Bill Bruhn wiped out the Richardson County single-game point record in a 109-49 win for the Jets over Barneston. Bruhn recorded 27 made field goals and scored 61 points, bettering the 52-point effort from Don Sailors, Sr., set while playing for Shubert in 1956-57.

Photographer Charles Smith announced he was opening his “Total Concept Studio” on the second floor of the former Richardson County Bank Building.

Five Tiger wrestlers earned a trip to the state meet. The list included Ed Kirkendall, Tom Burton, Carl Messner, Dwight Thompson, and Paul Ivey.

Lorenzo’s Sporting Goods won the championship of the Falls City Women’s Bowling Tournament at Center Lanes. Team members included Faye DiLorenzo, Peggy Dopp, Mary Schulenberg, Mary Coonce and Rita Bahr.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted to increase football ticket prices from \$7.25 to \$8.25.

25 Years Ago, February 11, 2001 to February 17, 2001

Falls City High School sent a school-record nine wrestlers to the NSAA State Meet. The list included John Watlington, Ryan Williams, Ryan Eickhoff, Billy Pierce, Andy Dunn, Chris Vollmer, Shane Vollmer, Dana Dill and Jake Hardendorff.

Despite attempts to inform the public, the Falls City Police Department issued what must have been a record number of parking citations. Fifty tickets were issued to owners of parked cars during the recent snowstorms.

Falls City High School senior Lisa Palmer was selected as one of the state’s 48 “Believers and Achievers” for 2000-2001.

Lindsey Borg of Falls City had one of the leading roles in Nebraska Wesleyan University’s production of “Orpheus Descending.”

A&G Restaurant advertised a Valentine’s Special for two: 1-6oz and 1-12 oz top sirloin, potato, salad bar, and ice cream for \$16.45.

Journal Athletes of the Week included Erin Fritz and Matt Rumbaugh. Fritz scored a combined 35 points in two contests against Table Rock and Hamburg, while Rumbaugh exploded for 18 of his 20 points in the second half of a come-from-behind win over Nebraska City.

Humboldt-Table Rock junior heavyweight wrestler Justin Shupp placed second at the D-1 District and punched his ticket to the state meet. Shupp took his 24-4 record to Lincoln as the only qualifier for H-TR.

Mitch Sailors scored 17 points, going 3-for-3 from deep in the Tigers’ win over Omaha Central Christian, 81-23. The win marked the first time FC had scored over 80 points since a double overtime game against Nebraska City in 1997.

The Southeast Consolidated School Board opted not to vote on the special levy limit override action when they met last. After some discussion, the members decided they didn’t have enough information to decide the amount of the levy, the length of time it would be in effect or when to hold the election.

Valentine King and Queen of Hearts for 2001 at Falls City Care Center were Will and Helen Ruth Stockdale. The Runners-up were Matt Sikora and Ruth Lee.

Commissioners review contract with Marvin Planning Consultants

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Law Enforcement Center had 19 inmates on the books, with 17 of them housed in Falls City.

Hardesty asked the Board about adding the 2013 Dodge Caravan, which isn’t used often, to the Big Iron sale. The Board approved the addition.

Hardesty also advised the Board that he had recently interviewed a deputy candidate from Bern, Kansas. If hired, the Board approved the individual to drive the patrol vehicle home. The candidate has recently bought a house in Bern and expressed a wish to remain there.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Karas made a motion to enter into a closed meeting with special legal counsel Jerry Pigsley, County Attorney Samantha Scheitel, and County Clerk Mary Eickhoff to discuss pending litigation and protect the public interest. At 10:43, Karas made a motion to end the closed meeting and return to the regular agenda.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, the Board discussed the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants, regarding a comprehensive plan and zoning. Commissioner Karas advised the room that he had spoken to Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning. The firm will continue updating the county’s comprehensive plan. At completion of the comprehensive plan, if the county chooses not to pursue zoning regulations, the contract will be terminated. County Attorney Scheitel advised the Board that her recommendation would be to amend the contract to state that the county may terminate the contract upon completion of the comprehensive plan.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Several Richardson County residents have filed for local offices in advance of the 2026 primary election, according to records from the Richardson County Clerk’s office.

Neal A. Kanel, of Dawson, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for the HTRS School Board in District 70. His filing indicates he is seeking a four-year term. The filing was received by the Richardson County Clerk’s office on Jan. 29, 2026.

Robert M. Tichy, of Humboldt, filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County surveyor. His filing shows he is seeking a four-year term. The filing was received by the Richardson County Clerk’s office on Jan. 30, 2026.

Heath R. Finke, of Table Rock, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for the HTRS School Board in District 70. His filing indicates he is seeking a four-year term. The filing was received Jan. 30, 2026.

Cassandra A. Goff, of Salem, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for school board in District 56. Her filing shows she is seeking a four-year term and indicates incumbent status.

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A list of items from the courthouse deemed surplus or obsolete was also discussed. The Board approved the selling, donating or discarding of the items.

The Commissioners also reviewed correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services regarding the office space they occupy in the Courthouse basement. The county will no longer be responsible for maintaining offices and service facilities for the NE Department of Health and Human Services, effective June 30, 2028. A letter will be sent to the State, advising them that office space will remain available to rent or lease beginning July 1, 2028. Currently, the county does not require payment for the offices.

Claims were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Falls City announces new July 4th celebration honoring America’s 250th anniversary

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The main event will take place at the Jaycees Community Field south of Falls City and will feature Extreme Bull Riding presented by Double S Bull Company, followed by live music and a community fireworks display presented by the American Legion. Up to 36 bull riders are expected to compete for prize money, bringing high-energy action to the celebration. Family-friendly activities will also be part of the event, including mutton bustin’ and other interactive opportunities designed to engage spectators of all ages.

Organizers are committed to making the celebration a true community-wide event and are encouraging local organizations, businesses, and groups to join in by hosting activities, promotions, or special events of their own throughout the day. New ideas and partnerships are welcome, and those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Amber at the Falls City Chamber & Main Street office at 402-245-4228 to discuss opportunities.

Sponsorship opportunities will be available for the event, and the Chamber & Main Street is also accepting private donations to help support the community fireworks display. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the Falls City Chamber & Main Street, 1705 Stone Street, Falls City, NE, with checks payable to the Falls City Chamber.

Additional details about the 4th of July Celebration will be announced in the coming weeks as planning continues for what promises to be an unforgettable way to honor America’s 250th birthday in Falls City.

### Richardson County Courthouse

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Sixty Million secured by Fischer to improve infrastructure

U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced she secured over \$60 million in funding to support critical infrastructure projects and firefighting capabilities across Nebraska.

The funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Act – passed by Congress – which now heads to the President’s desk to be signed into law.

“Making investments in our communities to upgrade our infrastructure is one of my core missions as the U.S. Senator for Nebraska,” Fischer said. “And as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I’ve worked closely with our communities to make sure they get the resources they need. I’m proud to have secured \$60 million in this package – on its way to the President’s desk – that will strengthen emergency services, enhance our airports, and improve infrastructure across Nebraska.”

Local provisions secured by Fischer: Enhancing Nebraska’s Airports: \$3.4 million to complete the parallel taxiway and improve the lighting system at the Nebraska City Airport and \$600,000 to relocate the Midfield Connector Taxiway at Brenner Field Airport in Falls City.

Samaritan’s Purse celebrates 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

Samaritan’s Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 storm that recently struck Jamaica.

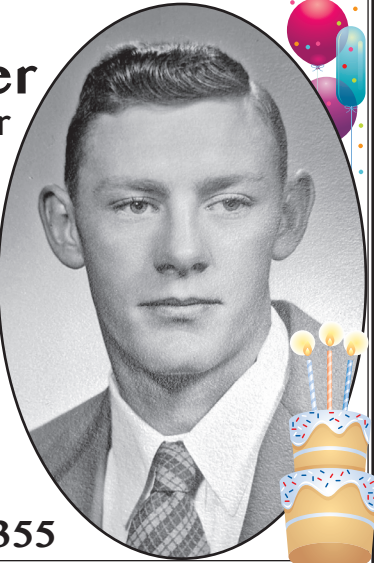
“Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan’s Purse. “We are so thankful for the generosity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need.”

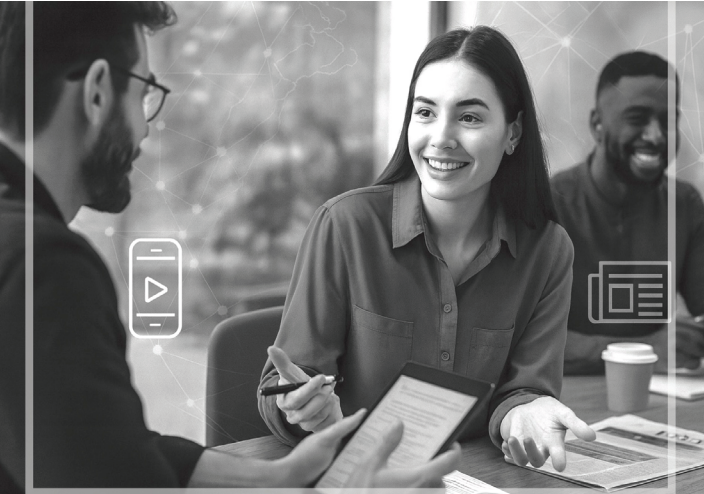
For many children, a shoebox gift is the first gift they have ever received. Each one is a tangible expression of God’s love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease and disaster. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

While local drop-off locations are closed until National Collection Week, Nov. 16 – 23, 2026, anyone can participate year-round by packing a shoebox gift online at [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline). These shoebox gifts built online go to the hardest-to-reach areas in the world – whether deep jungles, city slums, or steep mountainsides.

Information about ways to get involved year-round can also be found at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

A Card Shower is being held for Bill Knobbe who is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 19. Well wishes may be sent to: 301 W. 31st St. Falls City, NE 68355





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DISTRICT 1 SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM’S NEWSLETTER

With just over one-third of the 2026 Legislative Session having been completed, the Appropriations Committee has issued its preliminary budget recommendations. Governor Pillen had previously issued his budget package including spending cuts and many cash fund transfers to balance the budget in light of the projected 471-million-dollar budget shortfall. The Appropriations Committee has “tabled” many of these proposals in its preliminary recommendations drawing down the budget deficit to approximately 344 million dollars. As a result, much work remains to be done during the remainder of the Legislative Session. I am receiving multiple phone calls and emails with concerns regarding various aspects of the Governor’s budget proposal and welcome your continued input.

A major focus of my time in the Legislature has been to address the housing shortage which exists throughout the state, particularly in the rural areas of our state. During the past week, two of the bills which I introduced to enhance rural workforce housing and middle-income workforce housing were the subject of public hearings before the Revenue Committee and the Business and Labor Committee. LB1067 would increase the existing documentary stamp tax by \$1.50 to provide approximately 12 million dollars each year in funding for both rural workforce housing and middle-income workforce housing. Existing law requires a local matching contribution and these programs have provided a great return on investment for the state. With our current budget woes, LB1067 is designed to provide a reliable and continuing source of funding for our vital housing needs in the state. The Rural Workforce Housing and Middle-Income Housing programs are scheduled to expire in 2027 and 2029 respectively. LB819 would extend the effectiveness of both programs until 2039.

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee also conducted a public hearing on another one of the bills of which I have introduced, LB1138, which would create the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act. The legislation would allow insurance companies to place a temporary hold on distributions in cases in which fraud is suspected. While losses related to fraudsters and scammers remains a significant problem, similar state laws relating to banking and securities transactions have served as a significant deterrent to losses which may have otherwise been sustained by senior and vulnerable adults.

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](mailto:bhallstrom@leg.ne.gov).

Nebraska Cattlemen foundation accepting scholarship applications Applications Due March 1, 2026

The Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation (NCF) announced they are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year from qualified youth in Nebraska with an interest in the beef industry.

The prestigious Nebraska Cattlemen Beef State Scholarship awards a \$10,000 scholarship to an outstanding college junior, senior or graduate-level student. Eligible students must be residents of Nebraska and be enrolled in a Nebraska college or university pursuing a beef industry-related degree. The scholarship will be awarded based on student need, Nebraska beef industry involvement including past achievements and future plans, and academics. Completed applications are due by Sunday, March 1, 2026. Incomplete applications and applications received after the due date will be disqualified. Finalists will be invited to a personal interview with the selection committee.

NCF offers numerous other \$1,000 minimum scholarships, awarded on the basis of academic achievement, beef industry involvement, and goals/quality of application. Completed applications are due by Sunday, March 1, 2026. Incomplete applications and applications received after the due date will be disqualified. Scholarship recipients must be a high school senior or college student, have a “C” or higher grade point average,

and be enrolled or intending to enroll full time in a college or university that offers a bachelor’s degree, an approved vocation or trade school, or a state accredited junior college.

Applications are available on the Nebraska Cattlemen website. Questions can be referred to Ashley McClinton at [necattlemen.org](mailto:necattlemen.org) or by calling the NCF office at (402) 475-2333.

All scholarship winners will be announced during the Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Midyear Meeting in June 2026.

Hearts United for Animals supports groundbreaking research to protect shelter dogs

Hearts United for Animals (HUA) welcomed Peru State College (PSC) research student Sierrah Vermeer on Saturday, January 17, to conduct blood testing on shelter dogs as part of a regional canine health research initiative. Supported by Dr. Richard Clopton and Deb Clopton of PSC, along with Dr. Jon Kolman of Tecumseh Animal Clinic and Adams Animal Care, Vermeer collected samples from 35 HUA dogs to test for Trypanosoma cruzi, the parasite responsible for Chagas disease.

The samples will contribute to Vermeer’s larger study examining approximately 100 dogs across multiple shelters in Southeast Nebraska. Results are expected to be presented and published beginning later this year and continuing through 2027, helping advance veterinary research and improve disease prevention efforts.

“This partnership allows us to support impactful research while prioritizing the health and well-being of the animals in our care,” said Katie Shuster, Operations Manager at HUA. “We are grateful to Sierrah and the entire research team for including HUA in this important study.”

“As a former science major, it was incredibly rewarding to contribute to work that connects my education with my current role,” said Alissa Reeves, Animal Enrichment Specialist at HUA. “Our animals are our top priority, and this research helps strengthen disease detection and prevention.”

HUA thanks Sierrah Vermeer, Dr. Richard Clopton, Deb Clopton, and Dr. Jon Kolman for their collaboration and commitment to advancing animal health through research and education.

For more information about Hearts United for Animals, visit [www.hua.org](http://www.hua.org) or follow HUA on social media.

Clock ticking on sending in nominations for 2026 D.J.’s Hero Awards Scholarships

Nebraska High School Seniors Have Opportunity to Win \$12,000 College Scholarships.

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2026 D.J.’s Hero Awards Scholarships, but time is of the essence. Select Nebraska high school seniors who have overcome adversity will be chosen to receive the scholarships-named in honor of the late D.J. Sokol-for commitment to others and to their communities. Honorees will be selected by a panel of metro-area civic leaders.

This year, a minimum of 16 scholarships will be awarded. Each Hero Awards Scholarship winner will receive a \$12,000 scholarship toward their selected college or university. Honorees will be recognized at the D.J.’s Hero Awards Luncheon in Omaha on April 28.

Among the criteria for selecting honorees are the following: Nebraska residency, High school senior, Having overcome challenges/adversity, Commitment to others and to the community.

Nominators and their nominees must submit scholarship applications (nominations) online at [www.djshero.org](http://www.djshero.org).

Applications must be submitted by February 25. Please call 402.898.7691 with any questions.

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Falls City Sacred Heart School  
first semester honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart has announced their second quarter Green and White honor roll. Below are the students who have earned a spot on the list. Green (94-100%)

**Seventh grade:** Ashlyn Ahern, Kyla Bletscher, Marion Bristol, John Casey, Jack Delaney, Ben Geisendorf, Hadlee Georges, Mia Lemerond, Don Martineau, Reid Reschke, Olivia Santo, Gavin Shubert, Bryn Taft, McKenzie Tedman.

**Eighth grade:** Creighton Crofford, Chase Dishong, Halleigh Fritz, Raelynn Gruber, Peyton Hoffman, Kinlee Jackson, Kendall Johansen, Bernice Kari-re, Aven Kearney, Ali-za Keller, Rhett Kimmi, Addy Kopf, Kaylie Lewis, Treyden Marx, Wyatt Nussbaum, JT Stice, Natalie Witt.

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

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

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

**Twelfth grade:** Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Alex Madsen, Mari Marchica, Avery Santo, Tyler Sipple, Cole Taft, Daycee Witt.

**White (91-93%)**  
**Seventh grade:** Fischer Courtney, Anthony Martineau, Cassidy Tisdell.

**Eighth grade:** Michael Coetzee, Owen Howard, Keira Lendermon, Reese Miller.

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

**Tenth grade:** Reid Wus-track.

**Eleventh grade:** Toby Baxter, Hallie Jones, Alex Nelson, Justice Smith, Emily Tubbs.

**Twelfth grade:** Elijah Canonico, Copper Knob-be, Brenden Lemerond.

NDOT Aeronautics Division  
strengthens drone security  
through approved drone list

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Aeronautics Division has published a list of approved drones in compliance with the Secure Drone Purchasing Act (LB660). Under this law, NDOT Aeronautics Division must create and maintain the list in order to meet state and federal cybersecurity standards. The list is published and maintained at dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics/drones.

Starting Jan. 1, 2027, Nebraska State Agencies are prohibited from purchasing drones that have not been evaluated by the Division and included on the list of approved platforms. Political subdivisions are to comply to the extent practicable. The initial list of approved platforms includes 50 different models from 38 manufacturers. The list will be continuously updated as additional platforms are evaluated at the request of state agencies or political subdivisions. Drones included on the list must meet strict cybersecurity standards, such as data encryption and network security. The Secure Drone Purchasing Act is part of a broader legislative effort to enhance government procurement processes and ensure the security of the state, its businesses, and its residents.

An unmanned aircraft system (UAS), commonly referred to as a drone, includes the aircraft and all supporting equipment needed for operation. The Nebraska Department of Transportation utilizes drones to improve safety, efficiency and decision-making across the state's transportation system by enabling safer data collection, reducing

traffic disruptions and limiting staff exposure to hazardous conditions.

Washburn  
University  
Dean's List  
for Fall 2025

Washburn University has announced its fall 2025 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Local students named to the list include:

Preston Michael of Sabetha.

Katelynn Titus of Hiawatha, KS.

Audrey Tramp of Sabetha.

More than 1,050 students qualified for the Dean's List. Congratulations to all these students.

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Hiawatha  
Community  
Theatre holding  
auditions for  
original radio play

Hiawatha Community Theatre announces auditions for Postcards from Home, an original one-hour radio play celebrating small-town life through heartfelt, humorous, and reflective storytelling.

Postcards from Home is designed for radio broadcast and digital platforms and will be produced as an audio-only theatrical experience. The production focuses on voice performance, storytelling, and sound design rather than traditional staging.

Auditions are open to all community members, and no prior acting experience is required. The production is seeking a variety of voices, ages, and backgrounds. All roles are open.

Audition Dates: February 12-13, 500 Miami Street, Hiawatha, Kansas.

For more information or to sign up for auditions, please contact: Hiawatha Community Theatre at 785-288-6464

SCC announces  
Dean's List

The 2025 Fall Dean's List has been announced at Southeast Community College.

Those included on the list are:

Abby Lynn Dietrich, Dual Credit. Luke P Hunzeker, Welding Technology, of Du Bois.

Evan Dale Bailey, Diesel Ag Equipment Service Tech. Jacoby John K Bangert, Dual Credit. Gavin Mitchell Bauer, Dual Credit. Peyton Thomas Brown, Dual Credit. Chase K Brown, Welding Technology. Brock Patrick Caudle, Dual Credit. Emmett Nolan Daake, Business-General. Haiden Aaron Dorste, Dual Credit. Carlea Kathryn Dunkhas, Dual Credit. Matthew Zack Eaton, Dual Credit. Molly Jo Lynn Ebel, Dual Credit. Adisen Rose Fischer, Ag-

ricultural Teacher Education. Kemper Joshua Foster, John Deere Tech. Ella Ann Glathar, Dual Credit. Caden Rowe Handley, Diesel Ag Equipment Service Tech. Clayton L Keithley, Electrical Technician. Malori Lea Kuker, Dual Credit. Vaden D Leyden, Welding Technology. Ashton John Martin, Welding Technology. Addison May Miller, Dual Credit. Ethan Henry Morris, Dual Credit. Brock Joseph Niedfeldt, Dual Credit. Lathan Reese Richey, Dual Credit. Evie B Rue, Dual Credit. Addyson Dena'e Sayer, Dual Credit. Dayton J Snethen, Dual Credit. Jazlyn Alexia Strecker, Dual Credit. Kadynd Andrew Strecker, Electrical Technician. Cole David Taft, Dual Credit. Elizabeth Renee Vice, Dual Credit. Jessica Rose Wertenberger, Respiratory Care. Daycee Witt, Dual Credit. Gabi Renee Young, Dual Credit, all of Falls City.

Laramie R Glathar, Business. Calvin W Jetton, Energy Generation Operations. Lennox Alexander Matthias Pechmann Sadlo, Business. Veronica Anne Schiffbauer, Associate of Arts. Lily Grace Wamsley, Livestock Management and Production, all of Humboldt.

Mason T Goltz, Dual Credit. Aubrey Paige Kapustka, Dual Credit. Grant Michael Kobza, Dual Credit of Rulo.

Colin Jay Menold, Agriculture Management & Production, of Sabetha, KS.

Derek J Helmick, Diesel Ag Equipment Service Tech. Bowdy Lee Jones, Dual Credit, of Salem.

Addison Faye Hestermann, Practical Nursing. Joseph M Tyler, Computer Information Technology-Cybersecurity of Table Rock.

Abby Lynn Fee, Practical Nursing of White Cloud, KS.

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## FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

**January 16, 2026 through January 17, 2026 calls:** one assault call, two animal calls, one nuisance call, one gun permit call, two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, four miscellaneous calls, one warrant arrest, and two ambulance/EMS calls. Four 911 calls total. One warning for unlawful display of plates and one warning for invalid registration. One citation for invalid registration and one citation for fugitive from justice.

**January 17, 2026 through January 18, 2026 calls:** four ambulance/EMS calls, two referred other agency calls, two miscellaneous calls, one alarm call, one traffic/driving complaint, one information-only call, and one animal call, with three 911 calls total. One citation for traffic control violation, one warning for invalid registration, and one warning for violating driver's license regulations.

**January 18, 2026 through January 19, 2026 calls:** one miscellaneous call, five ambulance/EMS calls, and one referred other agency call, with five 911 calls total. Two warnings were issued for invalid registration.

**January 19, 2026 through January 20, 2026 calls:** one alarm call, one animal call, one burn permit, one miscellaneous call, two ambulance/EMS calls, one HHS intake/referral, one noise disturbance, and one investigation, for a total of nine calls. There were two 911 calls.

**January 20, 2026 through January 21, 2026 calls:** one ambulance/EMS call, one fraud call, one burn permit, two animal calls, two HHS intake/referrals, one traffic/driving complaint, three miscellaneous calls, and one alarm call, for a total of twelve calls. There were two 911 calls.

**January 23, 2026 through January 24, 2026 calls:** two alarm calls, one information-only call, three animal calls, two records checks, two ambulance/EMS calls, one fire call, one miscellaneous call, and one 911 hang-up/misdial, for a total of thirteen calls. There were four 911 calls. One fire call occurred in Dawson, and one warning was issued for a stop sign violation.

**January 24, 2026 through January 25, 2026 calls:** four alarm calls, three burn permits, one miscellaneous call, one nuisance complaint, one accident, one animal call, one information-only call, one ambulance/EMS call, one motorist assist, and one disturbance, for a total of fifteen calls. There were five 911 calls.

**January 25, 2026 through January 26, 2026 calls:** one check welfare call, three alarm calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, three burn permit calls, one motorist assist, and two miscellaneous calls, for a total of twelve calls. Two 911 calls were received. One warning was issued for improper or defective vehicle lighting.

**January 26, 2026 through January 27, 2026 calls:** one alarm call, one nuisance call, three ambulance/EMS calls, one motorist assist, two burn permit calls, three records checks, two 911 hang up/misdial calls, two gun permit calls, three miscellaneous calls, and three referred other agency calls, for a total of twenty-one calls. Seven 911 calls were received. No citations or warnings were reported.

**January 27, 2026 through January 28, 2026 calls:** three ambulance/EMS calls, one alarm call, one theft call, two accident calls, two miscellaneous calls, ten burn permit calls, two check welfare calls, six information-only calls, three animal calls, six nuisance calls, three HHS intake/referral calls, one referred other agency call, and one gas leak call, for a total of forty-one calls. One 911 call was received. Citations issued included nine for theft (unlawful taking \$0–\$500) and one for an unlicensed animal.

**January 28, 2026 through January 29, 2026 calls:** twelve burn permits, three ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, one information-only call, two welfare checks, one theft, two referred-other-agency calls, one HHS intake/referral, and one accident. Four 911 calls, one citation for leaving an accident/failure to furnish information, two speeding warnings, and two warnings for improper or defective vehicle lighting.

### CITATIONS

Katrina Gavala of Sharpsville, PA, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Sean Rangel of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Aitken)

Christopher Boggan of York NW Salem, PA, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Alyssa Askren of Humboldt, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs. (Geyer)

Scott Bachman, Jr., count one, bald or improper use of tires, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Charnell Long of Houston, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Oluwole Olufawo of Bear, DE, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Aitken)

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

Mercy Medicine Crow of New Town, ND, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Salomon Gomez-Acosta of Omaha, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Micah Larsen of Menomonee Falls, WI, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Geyer)

Santiago Galvan of Grafton, ND, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

James Rowe of Sidney, IA, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Adams)

Brittney Palmero of Broken Arrow, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Franks)

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

Tana Chandler of Verdon, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Timothy Barber of Stella, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Zane Elms of Falls City, count one, violate no passing zone, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Tate McClelland-Oliver of York, NE, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Ginger Feek of Falls City, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Blake Westcott of Falls City, count one, traffic control violation, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Robert Cage of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Jasmyne Strauss of Stella, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100 and court costs.

### Smith joins NE Chamber legislative team

Luisa Smith has joined the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry this week as its Director of Government Affairs.

Smith has been working on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. since 2021, most recently as a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator James E. Risch. Her policy expertise includes areas such as energy, transportation, science, and infrastructure. Smith grew up on her family's cherry orchard operation in The Dalles, Oregon. She earned her bachelor's degree in International Studies from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in Strategic and Defense Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

"Luisa's vast experience in federal legal and policy issues and her analysis and advisory skills will advance the Nebraska Chamber's efforts to inform and advocate for members in the Unicameral and in Washington," said Todd Bingham, President and CEO of the NE Chamber. "She has a keen mind for sophisticated policy areas, understands what it takes to run and grow a business and is an effective communicator and skilled in legislative strategy. We welcome her to Lincoln and look forward to her work for a stronger Nebraska."

Smith will work with Executive Vice President of Legislation and Policy Hunter Traynor, Executive Director of Tech Nebraska Emily Allen, Vice President and General Counsel Ron Sedlacek, and President/CEO Bingham on legislative and policy issues. Luisa will serve as the dedicated government affairs and policy lead for Tech Nebraska, managing Tech Nebraska and the NE Chamber's shared technology & innovation portfolio and assisting as well with the NE Chamber's broader agenda and presence before the Legislature.

(Adams)

Arturo Najera Hernandez of De Soto, TX, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Anderson)

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

Tyler Binder of Table Rock, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs. (Geyer)

Alpha Sow of Vestavia, AL, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$10 and court costs. (Holliday)

### COUNTY COURT

Cole T. Davis, count one, assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 25, 2026.

Juan E. Lopez, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order MSD 2, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for February 25, 2026.

Kyle A. Hauge, count one, criminal trespass-2nd degree/defy orders, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2026, possible disposition without trial.

Kyle A. Hauge, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2026, possible disposition without trial.

James W. McFadden, count one, false reporting-misdemeanor, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for March 11, 2026.

James W. McFadden, count one, drive without ignition interlock, pled not guilty; count two, no brake lights/turn signals, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 11, 2026.

Kyle A. Hague, count one, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, pled not guilty. Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2026, possible disposition without trial.

Jessica E. Collins, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, pled not guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 11, 2026.

Alfredo G. Sanchez, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 11, 2026.

Brenda F. Scholl, count one, no proof of insurance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$75.

Scott R. Hough, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$1,000; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Guadalupe A. Lujano Tafoya, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 2, 2026.

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

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

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# Top-seeded Lady Irish place second at Pioneer Conference Tourney

The Lady Irish cruised in the opening round of the Pioneer Conference Tournament, easily getting past eighth-seeded Diller-Odell, 49-23, on Tuesday at Lourdes Central High School.

The Irish raced to an 11-0 lead on Tuesday before the Griffins broke through with a pair of free throws with 1:16 remaining in the first. A three by Ryann Westengaard closed the scoring and put SH in front 14-2 at the end of the first.

With 6:30 remaining in the half, Westengaard sank her second triple, putting the Irish ahead 17-7. A pair of threes from Bailey Lemerond and one from Daycee Witt sent the Irish into the locker room with a 28-7 lead.

Sacred Heart continued to pull away in the third, going up 39-7 with 3:19 to play in the period. The Irish led 41-14 with eight minutes to go.

SH got 37% from the floor, including a 10-for-32 effort from deep.

Avery Santo led SH with 13 points and two steals, while Lemerond added nine



points and four assists. Hal-lie Jones led the Irish with eight rebounds.

SH Scoring: Georges 6, Santo 13, Westengaard 8, Witt 8, Lemerond 9, Jones 5.

D-O Scoring: Miller 3, Dendinger 6, McKinney 7, Meyerle 4, Novotny 3.

The win set up a contest against the 9-10 EMF Bobcats. The Irish trailed 8-13 after the first quarter, but back-to-back threes by Lemerond and Santo gave the Irish a 17-16 lead early in the second quarter. The Bobcats responded with two consecutive triples of their own to take a 22-17 lead over the Irish with 5:30 to play in the half. Treys by Witt and Lemerond helped the Irish vault to a 31-26 halftime lead.

EMF scored the first five points of the second half to tie the game at 31. Santo and Witt each drained long-range shots, putting the Irish in front 39-36. However, the Bobcats scored the final five points of the period to

lead 41-39 heading into the fourth.

The Irish got threes from Santo and Lemerond in the fourth and hit 3-of-4 free throws in the final 15 seconds to secure a 54-50 win, sending the Irish to the championship.

EMF outshot SH 39% to 35%, but the Irish forced 12 turnovers while committing only six. Santo again led the way with 20 points, going 6-of-14 from deep. Witt added 10 points and eight assists, while Alise Reschke had seven rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

SH Scoring: Santo 20, Westengaard 6, Witt 10, Lemerond 11, Jones 7.

EMF Scoring: Filipi 4, Bresson 15, Tuttle 16, Johnson 8, R. Tuttle 5, Meints 2.

The Irish faced Johnson-Brock for the second time in a week for the championship on Saturday at Johnson. The Lady Eagles got four threes in the first quarter and needed all of them as they led the Irish 18-13 after one.

Free throws by Jones and an offensive rebound and score by Kemper Sipple cut the Eagle advantage to 17-20. The Irish trailed by six, but a runner by Santo with three seconds remaining made it 21-25 at the half.

The Irish trailed by six with 5:22 left in the third, but a three from the wing by Lemerond made it 28-31. Twice, the Irish got within one point, but each time J-B answered. The Eagles closed out the third quarter with two threes, the last banked in from 25 feet as the clock expired, giving J-B a 41-35 lead.

The Eagles set the tone to open the fourth, hitting their seventh three-pointer to go up 44-35. The Irish closed the gap to four with forty seconds to play after

a steal and layup by Santo. Unfortunately, the Eagles outscored SH 5-1 from that point on, upsetting the Irish 53-45.

The Irish shot 27% from the floor, making 13-of-48. J-B wasn't much better, going 17-of-53 for 32%. The Eagles outrebounded SH 43-27, including a 14-6 edge on the offensive glass. The Irish committed just five turnovers while forcing 10. Thirty-four total fouls were called in the contest, resulting in 42 combined free throws.

Santo, Witt, Lemerond and Jones all scored 10 points. Santo had a team-best six rebounds and four steals.

SH Scoring: Santo 10, Lemerond 10, Witt 10, Jones 10, Westengaard 1, Reschke 2, Sipple 2.

J-B Scoring: Knippelmeyer 11, Stutheit 2, Pelican 4, Gravatt 5, Behrends 14, Vice 17.

The loss dropped Sacred Heart to 14-7, while Johnson-Brock improved to 16-6.

# Tigers drop both contests in ECNC Tourney

Our friends to the north, up Highway 75, were un-kind to their guests on Monday night, at least on the basketball court. The sixth-ranked Auburn Bulldogs (15-1) asserted themselves early in the opening round of the ECNC Tourney at Auburn High School.

Falls City, playing without senior Ethan Morris, was outscored 27-3 in the first quarter and never regained traction, falling to the Bulldogs, 71-19.

It was 13-0 before Jacoby Bangert sank a pair of free throws to put FC on the board with 3:57 to go in the first. Paxton Armbruster ended a 10-0 Bulldog run by making 1-of-2 at the foul line, making it 23-3 with 1:24 to play in the first.

The first made bucket of the game came on a drive by Armbruster with 2:55 to play in the half as Falls City trailed 43-7. One minute later, Armbruster worked his magic in the paint, making it 43-9. Another acrobatic shot off the glass with 1:20 to play made it six straight for the guard and put the score at 46-11. Auburn scored the final four points of the half and made it 50-11 at the break.

With the Orange and Black trailing by 39 entering the third quarter, the second half was played

with a running clock.

The swarming Bulldog defense made it tough for FC to find buckets all night. The first made bucket of the second half for FC came on an offensive rebound and putback by Brock Caudle, making it 58-13 with 2:30 to play in the third. A hoop by Bowdy Jones with two seconds remaining cut the Auburn lead to 62-15 heading into the fourth.

Bangert hit a runner with just under six minutes remaining, and a turnaround jumper by Caudle from the foul line at the 4:30 mark accounted for all the scoring for FC.

The Tigers shot 26% from the field, making 7-27 attempts, while Auburn made 28/53 tries for 53%. As has been the case against the Bulldogs in recent years, FC turned the ball over too many times (26), while forcing just four. The FC turnovers led to 32 points for Auburn.

The high scorer for FC was Armbruster, who finished 3-of-10 for seven points. Bangert finished with five points and four rebounds, while Caudle added five points and two boards. Brayan Palmer finished 7-of-10 from the field for 14 points. The 6'6 sophomore added six rebounds, five steals and three blocked shots. Ryan Guenther added 14 points and four steals.

FC Scoring: Armbruster 7, Bangert 5, Caudle 5, Jones 2.

Bulldog Scoring: Guenther 14, Lavigne 11, Wenzl 10, Rash 8, Halama 4, Palmer 14, Keeling 3, Swanson 6, Hanley 1.

The loss sent FC to Murdock to face Palmyra (5-12) on Thursday. The Panthers fell to Mead, 49-53, in first-round action on Monday at Mead High School.

On Thursday, FC made a late push to end the first quarter to cut the lead Panther lead to 8-5. However, Palmyra scored the final three points of the period to put FC behind 11-5 at the end of one.

The Panthers put a little cushion between themselves and FC in the second, outscoring Falls City 13-10 to make it 24-15 at the half.

Palmyra scored the first eight points of the second half, before Morris drove to the rim for a bucket to make it 32-17 with five minutes to go in the third. Two possessions later, Armbruster dilled a three from the corner, but Palmyra closed the quarter on a 10-0 run and led 46-20 with one period remaining.

The fourth quarter was the most productive for FC offensively, but they couldn't make up enough ground, falling 65-42.

FC shot well, hitting 44% of their shots, but turned the ball over 24 times, leading to 20 points for Palmyra.

Armbruster shot 7-of-12 from the field for a team-best 19 points. Morris went 3-of-7 for six points and added four rebounds and two assists. Leyden led the team with six rebounds, and Jones and Caudle each had two steals.

FC Scoring: Armbruster 19, Leyden 4, Morris 6, Bangert 2, Simpson 2, Caudle 2, Davis 7.

Panther Scoring: Martin 4, Vasa 2, Boyte 3, Kassebaum 12, Hippen 20, Mayo 9, Hubbard 12, Dvorak 3.

FC (3-15) played at Diller-Odell (8-9) on Tuesday and will host HTRS (9-10) on Thursday.



The Tiger's Brock Caudle ties up Auburn's Brayan Palmer in the first half of action on Monday in Auburn.

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# Goltz hits 1,000th career game coached as Irish place third at Pioneer Conference

The first round of the Pioneer Conference Basketball Tourney looked more like Pinnacle Bank Arena than Lourdes Central High School. The third-seeded Irish easily defeated the sixth-seeded Lewiston Tigers, 70-28, on Tuesday afternoon. The Irish offense clicked early, drawing comparisons to the Big Red given the number of three-pointers attempted and made. The Irish shot 15 from beyond the arc in the opening eight minutes, sinking six.

Bo Fletcher opened the scoring with a corner triple to put SH in front for good, 3-0. Thirty seconds later, Fletcher sank a three from the opposite corner, and the Irish led 6-2 with just one minute elapsed. Cole Taft had a pair from deep and Brenden Lemerond and JJ Lancaster each sank one as the Irish raced to a 23-13 lead after one quarter.

Sacred Heart, the seventh-ranked team in Class D-2, delivered the knockout blow in the second quarter, outscoring Lewiston 17-0 to make it 40-13 at intermission.

The Irish continued to dominate as the game progressed, outscoring the Tigers 30-15 in the second half, rolling to the 42-point win.

The Irish offense shot 44% from the field, including 13-for-31 from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, the Tigers went just 10-of-39 from the field (26%), including 3-of-14 from beyond the arc.

The Irish held a 35-24 rebounding edge and forced 19 turnovers while committing only six. Taft and Lemerond each hit four threes and scored 16 points, while Fletcher added 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting. Noah Howard had a team-best nine rebounds, followed by Taft with seven.



Fletcher added two blocked shots and five assists, while Lem contributed four steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 16, Fletcher 17, Sipple 4, Lemerond 16, Lancaster 3, Baxter 4, T. Witt 2, Howard 6, Knobbe 2.

Lewiston Scoring: Weyers 4, Rule 1, Heideman 4, Jonssen 16, Wagner 3.

The win set up a rematch against the Johnson-Brock Eagles. One week earlier, the Irish upset the Eagles 54-50 in Falls City. Thursday’s contest in Johnson didn’t go as well. The Eagles opened with an 18-0 run, effectively sealing the win. Sacred Heart’s first and only points of the first quarter came on a deep three from Lemerond with 26 seconds to play. The Irish struggled again in the second quarter to get good looks against the swarming Eagle defense, as they were outscored 19-5 and trailed 37-8 at the

half. Lemerond had three first-half points, and Taft added five to account for all the Irish scoring. The Irish offense found life in the second half, outscoring J-B 25-24, but the damage had already been done as SH fell 61-33.

The win improved Johnson-Brock to 17-3, while SH fell to 9-8.

Saturday marked a milestone for Coach Doug Goltz as the Irish played Lourdes Central for third place in the Pioneer Conference. The contest was Goltz’s 1,000th career basketball game, and it was only fitting to earn the win against an old foe. The Knights battled, but Sacred Heart proved too much, and the Irish moved to 10-8 with a 59-49 win.

The Irish led 32-30 at the half, but Lourdes scored nine straight to open the third quarter. After an Irish timeout, SH scored 11 straight to end the quarter, taking a 43-39 lead.

SH took its biggest lead of the half when Lemerond sank a pull-up jumper with 6:30 to play, giving SH a 45-39 lead. Later in the period, freshman Noah Howard hit a big jumper, followed by six straight from Fletcher to seal the Irish win. The Irish outscored Lourdes 27-10 in the final 12:22 of action.

Taft led the Irish with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Lemerond added 14 points, ten steals, and two assists. SH forced 23 turnovers while committing only seven.

SH Scoring: Taft 16, Fletcher 10, Sipple 4, Lemerond 14, Lancaster 3, Clow 4, Howard 6.

Lourdes Scoring: Poppleton 1, Ebmeier 13, V. Poppleton 7, Bennett 5, Krog 16, Kreifels 7.

With the win, Goltz now has an impressive 773 wins against just 227 losses. The 10-8 Irish played 3-13 Pawnee City on Monday, will be at Weeping Water (1-18) on Thursday, and will host Lewiston (8-10) on Friday.

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*Pastor Grant Speece – 402-980-5960*

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

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### SHUBERT

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## Tigers pin down fifth conference title

The Falls City boys’ wrestlers won an unprecedented fifth consecutive ECNC wrestling title on Friday at Palmyra High School. The Orange and Black went 6-0 in duals to wrap up the title. Along the way, senior 150-pound grappler Orion Cattrell went 6-0 and secured his 100th career win.

The Tigers received a first-round bye, then defeated JCC 49-22, Cedar Bluffs 66-6, Palmyra 65-12, Auburn 42-30, Weeping Water 42-38, and Freeman 59-12.

Against JCC, Cade Caudle won by fall over Kaster at 1:35. At 150, Cattrell pinned Burki late (5:53) for the win. Zane Elms won an MD (16-4) over Toohey, and Ashton Martin pinned Pardo at 1:19 at 165. At 190, Brantly Sells earned a 9-6 decision over Nichols, and Jayden Mirelez pinned Klein at :55.

In round three against Cedar Bluffs, Caudle pinned Popken at 1:46 to win the 138 division. Cattrell wasted no time in his match, pinning Sawyer Marshall in 44 seconds for win number 100 of his career. Chase Simpson won by fall over Johnstone at 3:13 at 285.

In the fourth round against Palmyra, Caden Collier pinned Johnson for the win in just 42 seconds. Martin earned a quick win, pinning Lefgren in 20 seconds. Sells won a TF (19-4) over Smith, and Mirelez pinned Dowding in 28 seconds. Simpson pinned Johnson to earn the win in 3:31.

Against the Bulldogs, all of FC’s wins came by forfeit. In round six against Weeping Water, Cattrell won by fall over McGill at 3:28. At 175, Martin pinned Flanagan at 1:23, and Sells earned a quick win, pinning Willis at :37. At 215, Mirelez pinned Gerloff at 1:04, and Simpson made quick work of Bergmann, getting the fall at :35. At 106, Dayton Snethen pinned Bradbury in just forty seconds for the win, and Tristan Randall had a quick match at 132, pinning Roy in 21 seconds.

In the final round against Freeman, Martin earned a win by fall over Behrens at 3:56. Sells pinned Garton at :33, and Simpson earned a 44-second win over Fricke. At 132, Randall scored a TF (15-0) over Lempka.

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# Lady Tigers sending three to state meet

The Falls City Lady Tiger wrestling team competed at the Class B-2 District Meet at Columbus Lakeview on Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, 2026.

The Lady Tigers had a successful two-day event, scoring 94 points and finishing fourth among 37 teams. Battle Creek won the district title with 163 points, Lakeview was second with 142, and Ord placed third with 114.

Two Tigers will make a return trip to the show in Omaha, along with one first-time qualifier.

Taytum Maddox will make a return trip to Omaha at 155. Maddox ended her two days with a 4-0 record and a district title. Also qualifying was Gabi Young at 140. Young finished her tourney at 3-2 and placed fourth. The final qualifier was Gabbi Griffin, who ended her two days at 3-1 and placed third at 235.

In the first round at 155, Maddox dominated Reiman of Auburn, earning the pin just forty-five seconds into the match. Maddox continued her dominance in round two, earning the win by fall at 1:28 over Godoy of Overton. In the semifinals, Maddox earned a 12-5 decision over Koehler of Battle Creek, advancing to the championship. Maddox earned her gold medal with a pin of Ellie Scoville of Sumner-Eddyville-Miller at 4:22.

At 235, Griffin defeated Bartling of Summerland by fall at :58. In the next round, Griffin lost to Boettcher of Ord by fall at 1:04. Griffin then battled back to defeat Meckel of Central City by fall at :48. In the third-place match, Griffin defeated Bartling for a second time, this time by fall at :47, to win the bronze.

Gabi Young defeated Arroyo of Summerland in the first round by fall at 1:19. Young moved to 2-0 on Friday with a 10-4 decision over Tayla Jones of Auburn. In the semifinals, Young dropped her match to Hin of Superior by fall at 3:55. With the loss, Young had to battle back in the consolation semifinals. Young scored three points for a takedown in the first period and three more for a takedown in the second period, then held on for the 6-4 decision over Carstensen of Aurora. Gabi ran into a tough opponent in the third-place match, falling to Recino of Lakeview by fall at :29.

At 100 pounds, Keylee Olberding ended her season 2-2. Audrey Scrivens went 1-2 at 105, Hallie Young finished 2-2 at 115, and Indea Holman was 0-2 at 120. Ashlyn Alexander finished 3-2 at 125 over two days, while Peyton Weddle also went 3-2 at 130. At 135, Leah Goff finished 2-2, and Emma Gilkerson finished 2-2 at 190 pounds.

The 2026 NSAA State Wrestling Championships will be held Tuesday, February 17, and Wednesday, February 18, at CHI Health Center Arena in Omaha.

# Lady Tigers struggle to find points during ECNC

First-quarter woes continued for the Lady Tigers on Tuesday night in the opening round of the ECNC Basketball Tournament against the Class C-2 seventh-ranked Elmwood-Murdock Lady Knights. The 53-22 win improved Elmwood-Murdock to 16-2, while the Tigers fell to 5-14.

The Tigers have struggled out of the gate often this season, and on Tuesday, the eighth-seeded Tigers were outscored by the top-seeded Knights, 23-0 in the first quarter.

Trailing 28-0 with five and a half minutes left in the second quarter, Falls City’s Tessa Gossman drilled a three from the wing to get the Tigers on the scoreboard. With forty seconds remaining, Carlea Dunkhas found Kaytlin Rhodd on the block for a bucket, making it 35-5. As time expired in the half, Rhodd found an open Bristol Titus, making the score 37-7 at intermission.

The Lady Knights outscored FC 13-4 in the third, making it 50-11 heading into the final period. FC didn’t cash it in; they battled, outscoring E-M 11-3 in the final eight minutes to make the final score 53-22.

FC ended the game shooting 8/31, while Elmwood-Murdock hit 23/57. The Tigers turned the ball over 20 times, leading to 25 points for the Knights. FC was also outscored 34-6 in the paint.

Brynna Glathar led FC with seven points on 2-of-7 shooting. Gossman went 2-of-4 from the field for six points, and Titus scored four points and grabbed five rebounds.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 1, Pierce 2, Gossman 6, Glathar 7, Titus 4, Rhodd 2.

Knights Scoring: Zierott 3, Backenmeyer17, Mans 5, Bornemeier 3, Haertel 10, Goudie 10, Fleischman 5.

On Friday at Palmyra in the ECNC consolation round, FC fell on hard times, narrowly avoiding a shutout in a 58-3 loss to the Panthers.

FC struggled early, getting outscored 11-0 in the first quarter. With 2:13 remaining in the half and trailing 24-0, Brynna Glathar drove to the hoop and hit the bucket, giving the Tigers their only points of the half. Palmyra went scoreless the rest of the way but led 24-2 at the break.

Palmyra scored the first 14 points of the second half, but Kaytlin Rhodd ended the run with a free throw at the 4:20 mark, making it 38-3. The free throw proved to be the final points of the game for FC, as they were outscored 20-0 in the final quarter and half.

The loss dropped FC to 5-15, while Palmyra improved to 9-9.

FC shot just 7% from the field, making 1 of 15 shot attempts. The Tigers turned the ball over 41 times, leading to 48 Panther points.

Glathar went 1-of-6 from the floor for two points, while Rhodd was 1-of-2 at the foul line for one point. Johansen, Rhodd and Glathar each had four rebounds, and Dunkhas

# Three ways to take charge of your health this Heart Month

*American Heart Association’s Nation of Lifesavers initiative calls on individuals: “You are the first responder until help arrives”*

More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year<sup>1</sup>. This February, during American Heart Month, the American Heart Association is calling on everyday citizens to be agents of change by stepping in as the first responder until professional help arrives.

Nine out of every 10 people who experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital die, in part because they do not receive immediate CPR more than half of the time<sup>2</sup>. In rural areas, where EMS response times can be longer, having individuals respond quickly with CPR and using an AED if one is available is key to improving outcomes from cardiac arrest. The American Heart Association, devoted to changing the future to a world of healthier lives for all, envisions communities where people don’t wait for help — they become it.

The Association’s Nation of Lifesavers initiative offers suggestions on how to take charge of your personal health and inspire a Nation of Lifesavers this American Heart Month:

1. Learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers™ . In Nebraska, individuals and families can take an online or in-person CPR course, watch a 90-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR for adults or watch this video to learn how to save an infant or child using CPR with breaths. To learn more about CPR, including new CPR guidelines published in Circulation this fall, visit [heart.org/nation](http://heart.org/nation).
2. Make a plan. During a cardiac emergency, a well-de-

# Carolyn Druba

Carolyn Druba, 73, of Falls City, NE, passed away February 8, 2026 at her home. Her services are pending at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Go to [www.dorr-and-clark.com](http://www.dorr-and-clark.com) for current obituary and service information.

veloped plan could make all the difference. Don’t wait for help, become it. Remember, you are the first responder until professional help arrives. A cardiac emergency response plan or (CERP) establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in any setting – be it a school, community organization, workplace or sports facility. Learn more about CERP’s and find free resources at [heart.org/cerp](http://heart.org/cerp).

3. Get Local. Join a local Heart Walk. Strong communities are built by preparedness. So check in. Lace up. Whether it’s joining a Heart Walk team, taking a CPR class or making sure your office, school or church has a plan, now is the time to take charge of your own health and the health of your community.

Cardiac arrest can affect anyone, anywhere - at the gym, in the grocery store, or during a child’s soccer game. However, bystanders only intervene less than half of the time, often due to uncertainty or lack of training. Yet CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person’s chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest.<sup>3</sup>


“In an emergency, bystanders don’t need medical training to save a life. All you need is knowledge, courage, and the willingness to act,” said Chris Shives, Executive Director, American Heart Association – Nebraska. “I’ve learned through the American Heart Association that cardiac arrest can happen to anyone. But it’s also true that anyone can step up and save a life, whether it’s a stranger or someone they love, by learning CPR and taking action in an emergency.”

The goal of the Association’s Nation of Lifesavers initiative is to turn bystanders into lifesavers, so that in the face of a cardiac emergency anyone, anywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR.

“I see it all the time. In a real emergency, the actual first responder often isn’t someone in uniform, it’s often a coworker or a family member,” said Shives. “Learning CPR is really a civic duty. Ordinary people have the extraordinary power to make a difference in someone’s life. Being prepared can turn the chaos into calm and give that person the best chance of survival.”

The Association leads global efforts in public awareness, education and policy change, while also serving as the scientific authority that develops the official CPR and emergency cardiovascular care guidelines used by other CPR and first aid training providers in the U.S. and in over 90 countries worldwide.


To join the Nation of Lifesavers and continue to raise awareness during American Heart Month, visit [heart.org/nation](http://heart.org/nation). Nation of Lifesavers is nationally sponsored by Walgreens.



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#### HOW DO I LEARN?

**Go to [heart.org/handsonlycpr](http://heart.org/handsonlycpr)** to learn the steps of Hands-Only CPR.

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added three steals.

FC Scoring: Glathar 2, Rhodd 1.

Palmyra Scoring: Dorn 2, Green 13, Badertscher 5, Peterson 10, Green 3, Hillman 2, X. Badertscher 13, Schroeder 2, Johnson 8.

The Tigers played at 8-10 Diller-Odell on Tuesday, will host HTRS on Thursday, and will play at JCC for the regular-season finale on Friday, February 13, 2026.




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# Plains to Mountains: Ex-Husker, 2-time Olympic medalist pushing for USA bobsledding glory in Italy

By Greg Echlin  
Flatwater Free Press

Shelby native Curt Tomasevich fulfilled his dream of playing football for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, where he was a scrappy special teamer. But since then, his life and career have taken a circuitous route — a twisting, turning path kind of like a bobsled course.

Tomasevich, who grew up in a 700-person town hundreds of miles from the nearest mountain, is now on the USA Bobsledding leadership team as director of sport performance. And he’s currently at the Winter Olympics in Italy.

The 45-year-old has the credentials of an Olympics legend. Tomasevich is a two-time Olympic medalist in bobsledding, including a gold medal he won in 2010 — the first gold for the USA in the sport since 1948 — and a nine-time medalist on the USA bobsledding team in world championship competition. Last year, he was inducted into the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame.

When he’s home in Lincoln, Tomasevich is a performance research analyst for the Husker athletic department and an assistant engineering professor. There, through his second job with USA Bobsledding, he’s constantly on the lookout for the next athlete who may be suited to adapt to bobsledding.

Tomasevich said he gets the question all the time: How did a former Husker football player become a three-time Olympian in bobsledding?

“It’s kind of funny. People say, ‘I remember when you played at Nebraska.’ I’m like, ‘I don’t think you do,’” Tomasevich says, laughing.

Tomasevich played his first two seasons as a running back, then moved to linebacker. Most of his time was spent on special teams play.

During his career, he carried the ball once for two yards and registered five tackles.

“The NFL wasn’t exactly knocking on my door,” Tomasevich said.

He didn’t know it then, but those years building his body and staying in football shape actually functioned as bobsledding training, too.

“I was able to apply my athleticism better to being a bobsled athlete than I guess I was as a football athlete,” he said.

Power to the people

Tomasevich stands 6-foot-1 and competed as a bobsledder at around 230 pounds. Size does matter for bobsledding. And he fit the mold.

“If you get a 6-5, 280 (pound) guy, he doesn’t fit in the sled,” he said. “Most of the time, we’re all about 6-foot, 6-1, 220 pounds. A stereotypical bobsledder in that way.”

Most important, though, is the power factor. Beyond an athlete’s size, Toma-

sevich looks for someone with enough power to push a bobsled for the all-important start.

“They’re all fast and strong, but we want to try to classify them. ‘Are you more of a power athlete? Or are you a speed athlete?’”

Take Herschel Walker, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner and a legendary NFL running back who became the most high-profile football player to make the switch to bobsledding when he competed in the 1992 Winter Olympics.

“It’s the 220 or 230 pounds,” Tomasevich said of Walker’s frame. “Power, speed. That’s exactly what we’re looking for.”

Tomasevich made the smooth transition from football to bobsledding when he started competing for the national team just one year removed from his Husker football career.

The reason, according to Boyd Epley, the former director of athletic performance at Nebraska, was the power Tomasevich displayed — even in college.

“Curt had natural power, explosive power that not everyone has,” Epley said. “In fact, he set the record for fullbacks in the vertical jump.”

Tomasevich actually was briefly a two-sport athlete after graduation, because he dabbled in another sport that relies on power: NASCAR racing, as a pit crew member.

But the overlapping schedules proved to be too much. Tomasevich ultimately committed to bobsledding, making the Olympics in 2006, 2010 and 2014..

Gridiron on ice

Now, as director of performance for Team USA, Tomasevich is the one who must tell a player, as he did last month in Germany, that he or she didn’t make the team.

“When it’s good news, I love seeing their reaction. Even when they more or less expected it, it’s still pretty fun,” he said. “On the opposite side, I’m very cognizant of how tough that news can be to an athlete when they don’t hear their name called.”

Tomasevich returned to Lincoln from Germany after the selection process, only to have some who didn’t make the USA team on his same flight. “That’s a long plane ride,” he said.

After the Olympics conclude Feb. 22, there’s no offseason for Tomasevich. Like football, it’s time to go recruiting, and Tomasevich knows the criteria he’s looking for.

“If I look at a football roster, and I see a vertical jump and a 40-yard dash time, can I get that data and say ‘Yes, they have the potential to be a bobsledder?’”

Why a vertical jump?

“That’s actually related to my Ph.D. dissertation. ... In a vertical jump ... we can measure your power, and

that’s the kind of metric we can follow,” Tomasevich said.

Tomasevich exceeded the Husker standard in his day for running backs and linebackers with his 39.5-inch vertical jump.

“In 2001, that (vertical jump) was the Nebraska school record that during my career stood the test of time,” said Epley, who retired from a 50-year strength and conditioning career in 2019.

But there’s something else that successful bobsledders rely on that’s similar to football: Blending together like an offensive line, where you want five guys, healthy and consistent, who work well together.

On a four-man bobsled team, you often want a powerful guy in the back and speedier guys on the side, Tomasevich said. But it also matters “how we fit in the sled.”

“My big goal is to see if we can try to use that to make the best team possible and then help us recruit a little more efficiently.”

Sports in the classroom

Since he’s absent for a sizable chunk of the winter and spring, Tomasevich relies more on online teaching for around 180 students who take his courses during the spring semester.

In the fall, he loads up his in-classroom academic schedule since he doesn’t travel as much.

Last fall, he taught an honors seminar class for freshmen. But it wasn’t about engineering. The topic: sports and the ethics surrounding them. “That was pretty fun. It’s basically getting a discussion in, ‘Is it ethical to frame a pitch in baseball?’” because you’re lying to the umpire.”

Gamesmanship is a much-discussed term. So is the subject of performance-enhancing drugs.

The professor knows something about this: In the 2014 Olympics in Russia, he was awarded a bronze medal. Five years later, it got upgraded to a silver because the International Olympic Committee stripped the Russians of the gold due to a doping scheme.

The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee held a ceremony a couple months after he received his silver medal.

Between understanding his role on the Husker football team and lending the football team engineering knowledge as a result of his studies, Tomasevich got a firsthand taste of the importance of team chemistry.

It was also evident last year, when not just the Husker-turned-bobsledder but the entire 2010 four-man bobsled team was honored for its 2010 gold medal accomplishment at the Winter Olympics.

“That was an incredible honor (being) inducted into the ... Olympic Hall of Fame,” Tomasevich said. “As a team, too, that was pretty special.”

Now, as part of the USA Bobsledding leadership, he would like nothing more than to see another group of USA athletes enjoy the same experience.

“I loved the equipment and engineering side of athletics and pulled them together to be competitive,” he said. “That’s ultimately what led me to having this role now.”

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# Grimes denied return trip to state

Titan wrestler Ava Grimes competed at the NSAA Girls Class B-3 District at Weeping Water on Friday and Saturday. Grimes, a 2025 state meet qualifier at 235, won her first-round match over Raina Zurcher by fall at 1:19. In the second round, Grimes was upset by Carleigh Jackson of West Holt. Jackson scored a takedown and followed it with a pin, sending Grimes to the consolation bracket. Grimes wasted no time in the

next round, earning the win by fall over Tripe of Sandy Creek in just 37 seconds. Unfortunately, Grimes ran out of steam, dropping a 7-1 decision to Navaeh Bryant of Wood River.

At 140, Shawanna Richey ended her meet 0-2. Richey fell to Alyssa Thomas in the first round by pin at :27 and then lost to Emily Wiehn of Shelton by fall at 1:41.

# Titans lacking consistency as season winds down

The HTRS Titans entered the Pioneer Conference Tourney as the No. 8 seed and faced the 9th-seeded Pawnee City Indians on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Sterling High School. It was the third meeting between the schools, with HTRS winning the previous two.

HTRS led 13-11 after the first quarter, but the Indians stormed back in the second to take a 28-21 lead into halftime. The Titans chipped away in the third, cutting the Indian lead to 31-29, and outscored Pawnee City 12-7 in the fourth to earn a 41-38 win. The win improved HTRS to 9-9 for the year, while Pawnee City fell to 3-12.

HTRS shot 36% from the field, making 16-of-45 attempts. Meanwhile, Pawnee City hit 15-of-45 shots for 33%. HTRS held a slim 30-25 rebounding advantage and forced 16 turnovers while committing 10.

Emmett Glathar finished with a double-double, scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Kameon Dettmann added 10 points and five assists.

HTRS Scoring: Hilgenfeld 2, Dettmann 10, Duryea 3, Glathar 24, Hunzeker 2.

Pawnee City Scoring: Rose 5, Wernimont 16, Plager 3, Tegtmeier 4, Kling 10.

The HTRS win set up a second-round showdown against top-seeded Exeter-Milligan/Friend on Tuesday at Johnson-Brock High School. The Bobcats controlled the action from the start, leading 21-10 after one quarter and 44-19 at the half, cruising to a 77-34 win. The Bobcats, 15-4, advanced to play Lourdes Central on Thursday.

On Friday, HTRS fell to Southern in the consolation round, 53-43, at Lourdes Central. The Raiders (8-12) led 11-9 after the first quarter, but HTRS bounced back to lead 20-15 at halftime. Southern dominated the second half, outscoring the Titans 38-23 and pulling away for the 10-point win.

The 9-11 Titans hosted Tri County (16-5) on Tuesday, then played at Falls City (3-15) on Thursday and at Johnson-Brock (17-3) on Friday.

# Lady Titans end Pioneer Conference Tourney with win

The Lady Titans fell in opening-round action of the Pioneer Conference Tournament on Tuesday to the No. 5-seeded Exeter-Milligan/Friend Bobcats, 41-26. The 9-10 Bobcats trailed the 10-8 Titans 11-6 after the first period. However, EMF powered back to take an 18-13 lead into the break and extended that lead to 33-17 after three periods.

Each team shot only 28% from the floor. However, EMF hit six threes, while HTRS connected on only two. HTRS held a 25-24 rebound edge but turned the ball over 23 times, forcing the Bobcats into just seven miscues.

Lillian Bowen led the offense with nine points. The senior added five rebounds and three steals. Elie Bstandig contributed eight points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots.

HTRS Scoring: Bstandig 8, Bredemeier 2, Stewart 3, Bowen 9, Howe 4.

EMF Scoring: Filipi 6, Bresson 23, Tuttle 4, Johnson 2, Meints 6.

The loss set up a contest against 8-11 Southern on Friday at Lourdes Central. The Lady Titans fell to the Raiders, 44-48, on December 18.

On Friday at Lourdes Central High School, the Lady Titans bounced back to defeat the 8-12 Southern Raiders, 47-38, in consolation play. The win avenged a 44-48 loss to the Raiders on December 19, 2025.

The 11-8 Titans hosted 13-7 Tri County on Tuesday, then played at 5-15 Falls City on Thursday and at 16-6 Johnson-Brock on Friday.



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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Heartlands Trimlight LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is: 2616 Chase Street, Falls City, NE 68355

The name and street and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process is: Jonathan Kirkendall, at 2616 Chase Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under Nebraska law.

The company commenced business on January 22, 2026.

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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 ELIZABETH ANN FINCK, Deceased Estate No. PR26-3

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Janet M. Malone, whose address is 2605 Hiland Avenue, Falls City, Nebraska 68355, has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 13, 2026, or be forever barred.

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County Court of Richardson County  
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NOTICE OF LEASE SOLICITATION PARKS & RECREATION CONCESSION STANDS

The City of Falls City, NE is accepting sealed bids for the lease and operations of the North and/or South Concession Stands located at Fiedler Family Ball Complex at Dallas Jones Memorial Park for the 2026 baseball and softball season.

The lease term will run from March 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, with possibility of renewal options as outlined in the lease documents.

All bids must be submitted on the official bid application form. Bid forms and lease documents are available at the City Clerk's Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, and online at [www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings](http://www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings).

Sealed bids must be received by 4:00 PM on February 27, 2026. Bids will be evaluated based on bid amount, experience, food safety compliance, staffing and hours of operation, and proposed menu and pricing. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the lease in the best interest of the City

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

The following is a list of all lands and lots in Richardson County, Nebraska on which taxes are due and unpaid for the tax year 2024 and prior years. This list is published in accordance with State Statute #77-1804. Therefore, notice is given that all delinquent taxes on these following lands and lots will be offered for public sale on Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at the Richardson County Treasurer's Office from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will continue from day to day until all taxes have been offered for sale according to State Statute #77-1806. PLEASE BE ADVISED OF ALL STIPULATIONS TO PROVIDE NOTICE according to State Statute #77-1818. The following amounts listed for each property represent the delinquent tax, but does not include interest and advertising. We now offer online tax services by going to [www.nto.us](http://www.nto.us) and clicking on Richardson County. You can look up taxes by owner name, parcel number, or legal. Once you select a parcel you will have access to the payment and tax history, and can also pay the tax online in most cases. PLEASE NOTE - according to Statute 77-1802 the names listed here are the names of the 2025 owner. These are the 2024 taxes we are advertising. TO ATTEND THIS SALE YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED BY 2-23-26 and have paid the registration fee. \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NEW FOR 2026 TAX SALE\*\*\*\* According to Statute 77-1818 there will be a \$150 fee added to each parcel sold along with the \$25 certificate fee noted in 77-1823. If paid before tax sale you will avoid those fees.

REAL PROPERTY

Amanda Bartek-Ramsey

Richardson County Treasurer

County Name	County #	Item #	District2	Parcel	Multitye Name	Property Address	Legal	Total Due
Richardson	74	1	147	740041231	HEINEN, RODNEY R	71285 639 DR DAWSON NE 68337	10-2-14 215.33A PARCEL 1 F/K/ APTNW1/4 & PWSW1/4 EXC 5.64A	8069.9
Richardson	74	2	80	740000950	DEJONGE, LYNN A	RURAL 33-3-13 160A	33-3-13 160A NE1/4	2759.26
Richardson	74	3	80	740170635	DEJONGE, LYNN A	RURAL 28-3-13 115A	28-3-13 115A SE1/4 SW1/4 & W1/2 SE1/4 EXC 5A TRSW/ C/SE1/4	2382.96
Richardson	74	4	5	741000114	KEARNEY WELDING LLC	14-1-16 INDUSTRIAL PARK	14-1-16 SW1/4 LOT1 OF REPLAT OF TRACT SEVEN FALLS CITY IND PARK	1871.31
Richardson	74	5	100	740121219	SELLS, THOMAS R	RURAL 7-1-18 43.56A	7-1-18 43.56A TRACT 1 A/K/ ASW1/4 SW1/4 & W 8ASE1/4 SW1/4 LESS HWY	1722.54
Richardson	74	6	147	740170961	HEINEN, RODNEY R	RURAL 10-2-14 69.4A	10-2-14 69.4A PARCEL 2	1594.62
Richardson	74	7	5	740076701	MAKINGS, SHAWN G & DEBORAH L	2306 STONE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 22 PLOTS 14 ALL 15 & 16 (2.31L)	1580.42
Richardson	74	8	5	740075489	VOLLAN, KIRA BROOKE	602 E 21ST ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 1 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	1512.86
Richardson	74	9	10	740083139	THOMPSON, TRICIA G	715 5TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 9 W 69.5' LOT2 (.50L)	1102.92
Richardson	74	10	5	740069314 ***	MEYER, PAUL D	2212 HILAND AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY GILLIGANS BLK 1 LOTS 16-19 (4L)	1069.78
Richardson	74	11	5	740062417 ***	STALVEY, RYAN M	920 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 192 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	978.72
Richardson	74	12	10	740087177	COOPER, KENT L & RHONDAL	726 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT RISTS PLANNVIEW BLK 56 LOTS 45-46-47 (3L)	962.64
Richardson	74	13	10	740087673	NIMS LIFE EST, MARTHA M	995 EDWARD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT HOLMAN PARK BLK 2 LOT 1 & N45'2 (1.3/4L)	962.12
Richardson	74	14	5	740062115	SCHOLL, LANDAN	301 E 10TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 189 N 10' LOT 22 ALL 23 & 24 (2.4L)	950.78
Richardson	74	15	10	740081950 ***	SKYLINE CONSTRUCTION INC	828 3RD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 3 E 50' LOT 13 ALL 14 (1.53L)	912.78
Richardson	74	16	80	740170466	DEJONGE, LYNN A	RURAL 28-3-13 40A	28-3-13 40A NE1/4 SW1/4	854.78
Richardson	74	17	10	740082612 ***	BITTNER, JEREMY & GINA	701 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 7 W 1/2 LOT 1 (.5L)	815.2
Richardson	74	18	5	740053728	PHROPER, CLIFFORD L & JULIE	2008 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 7 N 1/2 LOT 16 ALL 17-21 (5.5L)	752.34
Richardson	74	19	10	740084372 ***	WITTROCK, LISA	848 LONGBRANCH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KING'S 1ST BLK 22 S1/2 2N1/2 LOTS 5 (25L)	723.66
Richardson	74	20	5	740068253	HUTFLES, SCOTT C & REBECCA A	1609 FAIR AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY EVERGREEN HTS BLK 5 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	716.54
Richardson	74	21	5	740068202	WERNER, DANIEL	1702 VALLEY AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY EVERGREEN HTS BLK 4 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	704.82
Richardson	74	22	55	740104659 ***	HITCHCOCK, PHILIP A	107 ASH ST VERDON NE 68457	VERDON FIRST BLK 4 LOTS 1-4 (4L)	671.58
Richardson	74	23	5	740070746	WILCOX, MATT & MICHELLE	16 SUNSET DR FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HILLSIDE ACRES LOT 17 (1L)	666.44
Richardson	74	24	5	740078607	HOLLOWAY, STEVEN C & DEBORAH	821 E 12TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY WEAVER BLK 11 LOTS 10-11 & 12 (3L)	646.92
Richardson	74	25	5	740062395	POKORNY, CHRISTYNE A	912 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 192 LOTS 17 & 18 (2L)	646.73
Richardson	74	26	10	740086723	STUART, SABRINA J	910 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT GRAND AVE EXT BLK 51 LOTS 6 & 7 (2L)	638.98
Richardson	74	27	10	740087622	NIMS, MARTHA MILLER	926 EDWARD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT HOLMAN PARK BLK 1 87' X 132' LOT 12 (1L)	612.24
Richardson	74	28	50	740103342 ***	CHASE, RICHARD K	207 CLARK ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA SOUTH BLK 2 LOTS 11-23 (13L) 6.11	608.44
Richardson	74	29	10	740084186	NABER, GENEL & BACHMAN, CLARE	833 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KINGS 1ST BLK 19 E 173' S1/2 LOTS	593.78
Richardson	74	30	25	740089889 ***	HADDAD, WAEL	220 RIDGE ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OTBLK 11 N 70' LOTS 1 & 2 (1L)	587.44
Richardson	74	31	35	740092898	KELLER, JORDAN C	306 W STUTSMAN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 29 LOTS 7-10 & PIVAC ST & ALLEY	578.02
Richardson	74	32	10	740088599	MCCLUNG, TYLER & ASHLYNN	858 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS S 2-13 .27A PT SW 1/4 NE 1/4	567.01
Richardson	74	33	5	740061232	NOURIE, KYLEE	1011 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 166 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	557.18
Richardson	74	34	45	740153250	RANEY, RANDY S	201 ASH ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT SECOND BLK 22 LOTS 7-12 (6L)	552.29
Richardson	74	35	5	740062654 ***	FISCHER, EDWARD & LISA	818 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 194 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	546.16
Richardson	74	36	10	740083859 ***	BRATSOVSKY, MARK	614 CENTRAL AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TINKER & KING BLK 12 45' X 115' PT LOT 1 (1/8L)	532.44
Richardson	74	37	5	740059572	SHAFFER, LYNN M	420 E 12TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 131 S 12' LOT 10 ALL 11 & 12 (2.45L)	479.06
Richardson	74	38	5	740059025	NEKSEN	1302 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 125 LOTS 13-14-15 (3L)	477.12
Richardson	74	39	100	740029096	PECK, DEEANNA E	66025 705 TRL RULO NE 68431	18-1-18 1A PT N1/2 SW 1/4	471.48
Richardson	74	40	10	740081616	LAMBERT, JEFFREY S	105 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 1 S1/2 LOT 6 (.5L)	470.2
Richardson	74	41	25	740090399 ***	EVENER, MIRANDA A	703 RIDGE ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HAGADORN BLK 27 LOTS 6-9 (4L)	457.7
Richardson	74	42	110	740036165	PHILLIPS, CHARLENE D	70237 641 AVE SALEM NE 68433	35-1-14 7APT SE 1/4 N OF HWY	446.18
Richardson	74	43	10	740085123	NORRUP, CHRISTOPHER L & TELESHAD	540 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS BLK 30 N1/2 LOT 4 ALL 5 (1.5L)	435.42
Richardson	74	44	5	740053396	CARPENTER, TRACI	2024 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 3 LOTS 23 & 24 (2L)	432.29
Richardson	74	45	5	740054392	SELLS, THOMAS R & DINAM	1915 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 31 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	431.12
Richardson	74	46	5	740070312	RANEY, DEBORAH A & RANDY S	2502 TOWLE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HILLCREST BLK 7 LOTS 13-14 & 15 (3L)	430.87
Richardson	74	47	45	740098833	ALEXANDER, AUSTIN R	402 4TH ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 5 LOTS 13 & 14 (2L)	395.28
Richardson	74	48	5	740060414	GRABER, JOHN & LEEAN	1115 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 155 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	389.26
Richardson	74	49	10	740088386	URSA MAJOR, LLC	718 1ST ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS S 2-13 .37A PT LOT 9 SW 1/4	386.68
Richardson	74	50	5	740066617	BLEDSOE, DANIEL P & CANDIE L	2411 CROOK ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY CROOK & TOWLE BLK 3 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	385.66
Richardson	74	51	10	740082116	COOPER, KENT L	630 3RD ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 4 E1/2 LOT 8 (.5L)	385.42
Richardson	74	52	5	740069470	HOOKER, MARCIA K	2108 CLIFTON AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY GILLIGANS BLK 5 LOTS 15-18 (4L)	381.42
Richardson	74	53	10	740088378	COOPER, KENT L	512 1ST ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS S 2-13 .70A PT LOT 9 SW 1/4	381.12
Richardson	74	54	5	740053159	STRASIL LIFE EST, IMOGENE P	2019 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 2 LOTS 3 & 4 (2L)	375.26
Richardson	74	55	25	740089919	NINCHELSERII, JAMES R	415 3RD ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OTBLK 11 LOTS 4 & 5 (2L)	372.4
Richardson	74	56	5	740072013	KENTOPP, NANCY	1618 CROOK ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAUST BLK 74 N 15' LOT 20 ALL 21 & 22 (2.3/5L)	370.3
Richardson	74	57	100	740018205	HALL, CHERYL L	70270 650 AVE FALLS CITY NE 68355	33-1-16 2APT W 1/2 NW 1/4	368.86
Richardson	74	58	5	740076213	ORTON, DIANA J	2224 BARADA ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 9 W 1/2 LOT 1 (.50L)	363.32
Richardson	74	59	10	740085956	JASINSKI, DAVID	718 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT NIMS 2ND BLK 38 PT LOT 9 (.34A)	360.97
Richardson	74	60	5	740062204	REED, KALA	914 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 190 LOTS 19 & 20 (2L)	359.38
Richardson	74	61	5	740072536	ROBIDOUX, KIRBY C & SONDRAM	1517 TOWLE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY HUTCHINGS & MAUST BLK 87 LOTS 4-5 & N1/2 6 (2.5L)	357.65
Richardson	74	62	10	740081578	WREDT, TONY & PAM	804 2ND ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 1 LOT 4 (1L)	354.92
Richardson	74	63	5	740064274	STEVENS, JASON	608 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 227 LOTS 16-17 & 18 (3L)	340.62
Richardson	74	64	5	740067648	PHROPER, CLIFF & JULIE	2119 BARADA ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY CROOK & TOWLE BLK 16 LOTS 3 & 4 (2L)	330.44
Richardson	74	65	5	740053957	HK HOLDINGS, LLC	1910 BARADA ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 25 E 92' LOTS 17 & 18 (2L)	325.02
Richardson	74	66	5	740062840	BUTRICK, CLAYTON & APRIL	814 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 196 LOTS 17 & 18 (2L)	323.07
Richardson	74	67	10	740084798	RICHEY, TIMOTHY SHANE	923 2ND ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS BLK 27 LOT 14 (1L)	322.7
Richardson	74	68	10	740085239	LINDSEY, LONNIE LEE	624 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS BLK 31 LOT 4 (1L)	322.5
Richardson	74	69	5	740170571	HEISER, CHARLES	720 WILSON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 223 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	321.34
Richardson	74	70	5	740055380	STEVENS, JASON	120 W 18TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 39 25' X 100' LOTS 13-16 (.83L)	312.36
Richardson	74	71	10	740088343	JACOBSEN, SHAD	624 1ST ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS S 2-13 .32A 70' X 208.98' E PT LOT 12	309.6
Richardson	74	72	5	740062743	BLACK, TAMARA SUE RITTER	810 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 195 LOTS 17-20 (4L)	290.96
Richardson	74	73	35	740094408	POPEJOY, JACK	109 E 1ST ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 3 LOTS 12-14 (3L)	289.44
Richardson	74	74	50	740102826	DAVIS, EVAN G & NICOLE L	604 VINE ST STELLA NE 68442	STELLA CLARKS NORTH BLK 5 LOTS 5-6-7 (3L)	288.86
Richardson	74	75	10	740087096	MAYO, JANICE A	713 PLAINVIEW AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT RISTS PLAINVIEW BLK 56 LOTS 6-11 (6L)	285.8
Richardson	74	76	5	740170852	BRENNAN, ALEXIN J	923 E 11TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY BRENNAN REPLAT LOTS 7 (.306A) F/K/ A LOTS A, B, C AND LOT 3, L.V. BRENNAN AD	278.86
Richardson	74	77	10	740084364	GUY, JEFFERY M	855 LINCOLN ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KINGS 1ST BLK 22 E PT N1/2 N1/2 LOTS 5 (.30A)	272.88
Richardson	74	78	147	740008277	LIERZ, MASON	63585 704 RD DU BOIS NE 68345	25-1-13 2.06A TRACT NE 1/4 NE 1/4	272.02
Richardson	74	79	5	740075888	EMORY, AMY	2118 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 5 LOTS 20-21 & 22 (3L)	268.12
Richardson	74	80	45	740100653	REIMERS, SHIRLEY	103 ELM ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 14 140' X 50' E FRONT (1L)	266.28
Richardson	74	81	10	740082965	RICHEY, TIMOTHY & ELECIA	527 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 8 W 1/2 LOT 6 (.50L)	261.58
Richardson	74	82	5	740061763	GILKERSON, REBECCA M	916 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 186 LOTS 21-24 (4L)	254.22
Richardson	74	83	35	740095358	COLLINS, LEONARD W & KAREN L	413 S 2ND ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 36 LOTS 3 & 4 (.34A)	249.31
Richardson	74	84	5	740055291	DREAM WEAVER HOTEL INC	18TH STONE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 38 W 12' LOTS 5 & 6 ALL 19 & 20 (2.2L)	230.92
Richardson	74	85	10	740084674	NORRUP, CHRISTOPHER	206 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68355	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS BLK 27 LOT 1 & S1/2 2 (1.5L)	230.84
Richardson	74	86	5	740073532	GIBSON, CORD	718 FULTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY MC MANUS BLK 3 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	230.46
Richardson	74	87	5	740062212	REED, KALA BROWN	916 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OTBLK 190 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	229.16
Richardson	74	88	10	740082574	HOAGLAND, KIMBERLY	528 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 6 E 667 LOT 9 (1L)	213.54
Richardson	74	89	5	740057561 ***	SALAZAR, LUIS	1516 STONE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 91 LOT 20 (1L)	186.84
Richardson	74	90	45	740100289	MARQUEZ, RANDY E	401 W 4TH ST SHUBERT NE ERT		



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Richardson	74	113	35	740095145	PASCIUTI REALTY TRUST	317 S MAIN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 31 LOTS 1-2 & W 120' LOTS 3-4 & 40X140 CLOSING BEDARD ST (.77A)	79.72
Richardson	74	114	25	740090828	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	2ND ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM ALL BLK 39 (4L)	77.62
Richardson	74	115	5	740077554	TIMOTHY, MELANIE	403 PACIFIC ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY TOWLE BLK 4 LOTS 5-8 (4L)	75.42
Richardson	74	116	40	740095854	ZEIGLER, RUSSELL J & TANYA J	1ST CROMWELL ST SALEM NE 68433	SALEM OTBLK 1 LOTS 2-3 4 N1/2 5 ALL 6-7 (5.5L)	74.39
Richardson	74	117	35	740094475	POPEJOY, MISTY	222 S 1ST ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 4 LOTS 7-10 (4L)	70.86
Richardson	74	118	35	740095730	PECK, DEANNAE	BROADWAY ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 61 LOTS 1-3 (3L)	69.74
Richardson	74	119	10	740087118	MAYO, JANICE A	7TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TRISTS PLAINVIEW BLK 56 LOTS 12-16 (5L)	69.04
Richardson	74	120	40	740097172	MOYER, JANEEN	24 N 2ND ST SALEM NE 68433	SALEM OTBLK 66 N1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 (1L)	66.08
Richardson	74	121	5	740060104	FRENZEL, ANGELAM & JEFFREY M	1215 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY OTBLK 136 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	64.16
Richardson	74	122	35	740095196	PASCIUTI REALTY TRUST	COMMERCIAL ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 31 LOTS 14-16 & 40X140 CLOSING BEDARD ST (.61A)	62.54
Richardson	74	123	45	740099906	FOSTER, KALLY K	402 OAK ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 6 S1/2 LOT 3 ALL 4 (1.5L)	59.3
Richardson	74	124	35	740093665	SELLS, THOMAS R	7TH BAYLISS ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OT ALL BLK 49 EXC PTL LOTS 7 & 8 FOR HWY (2.31A)	56.46
Richardson	74	125	5	740062735	BLACK, TAMARAS	8TH MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY OTBLK 195 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	53.68
Richardson	74	126	5	740055402	STEVENS, JASON	1806 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY - OTBLK 39 W 32' LOTS 13 -16 (1.07L)	52.5
Richardson	74	127	35	740093703	SELLS, THOMAS R	8TH BAYLISS ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 50 PTL LOTS 3-12 & ALL 13-16 EXC HWY (.61A)	47.6
Richardson	74	128	100	740091611 ***	OGDEN, DWAYNE R & ESPERANZAE	2ND ST	PRESTON OTBLK 4 W 66' LOTS 98-99 (1L)	47.36
Richardson	74	129	147	741000182	NIM CITY FARMS LLC	RURAL 19-1-14 9.35A	19-1-14 9.35A TRN 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4	47.05
Richardson	74	130	35	740094327	PASCIUTI REALTY TRUST	BEDARD MAIN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 2 W 110' LOT 12 & 40X110 CLOSED BEDARD ST (.22A)	43.34
Richardson	74	131	25	740090747	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	4TH ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 36 S 71' LOTS 1 & 2 (1.06L)	43.32
Richardson	74	132	5	740053140	PIERCE, BRANDON & NICOLE	2021 MCLEAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY OTBLK 7 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	42.96
Richardson	74	133	40	740098632	GIFFORD, ESSETTE	MAIN ST SALEM NE 68433	SALEM OTBLK 120 W 51' LOT 46 (.85L)	42.84
Richardson	74	134	40	740095862	ZEIGLER, RUSSELL JAMES & TANYA	1ST CROMWELL ST SALEM NE 68433	SALEM OTBLK 1 S1/2 LOTS (.5L)	41.04
Richardson	74	135	10	741000184	CARPENTER, TINAK	PARK AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13 PARCEL 1.14A PTL LOTS 5 & 6 SW 1/4	38.8
Richardson	74	136	10	740082973	RICHEY, TIMOTHY S & ELECIAM	523 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OTBLK 8 E1/2 LOT 7 (.50L)	36.26
Richardson	74	137	25	740090801	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	3RD ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON HEIM BLK 38 S 50' LOTS 3 & 4 (3/4L)	35.12
Richardson	74	138	10	740084534	STEPHENSON, LARRY JAMES & AMANDA J	914 MECHANIC ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 25 N 88' LOT 6 (2/3L)	34.84
Richardson	74	139	100	740018620	HART-BARILETT-STURTEVANT CO	RURAL 17-1-18 1A	17-1-18 1A PTL SW 1/4 SW 1/4	32.39
Richardson	74	140	40	740095889	ZEIGLER, RUSSELL J & TANYA J	1ST CROMWELL ST SALEM NE 68433	SALEM OTBLK 2 LOTS 1-2 & N 1/2 7 & 8 (3L)	30.58
Richardson	74	141	10	740084682	NORRUP, CHRISTOPHER	216 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHERNIMS BLK 27 N1/2 LOT 2 & S 41.45' 3 (1.25L)	28.64
Richardson	74	142	5	740055496	BLUNT, ZAC	1815 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY - OTBLK 40 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	27.62
Richardson	74	143	45	740100092	MARQUEZ, RANDY E	401 W 4TH ST SHUBERT NE 68437	SHUBERT OTBLK 8 LOT 1 (1L)	27.46
Richardson	74	144	35	740095331	COLLINS, LEONARD W & KAREN L	2ND KENCELEUR ST RULO NE 68431	RULO BEDARD BLK 36 LOTS 1 & 2 (.34A)	26.43
Richardson	74	145	35	740093673	SELLS, THOMAS R	9TH MARTIN ST RULO NE 68431	RULO OTBLK 50 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	25.9
Richardson	74	146	5	740055526	BLUNT, ZACHERY	1807 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITY - OTBLK 40 LOT 9 (1L)	13.82
Richardson	74	147	147	740170960	HEINEN, RODNEY R	RURAL 10-2-14 .6A	10-2-14.6A PARCEL 3	7.68
TOTAL								\$64,675.00
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CEMETERY #14 HIAWATHA CEMETERY DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONTRACTS

ALL CONTRACT BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

ALL CONTRACT BIDS CAN INCLUDE ONE OR BOTH THE HIAWATHA CEMETERY AND/OR THE MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

The cemeteries are: The Mount Hope Cemetery, 603 E Iowa St, Hiawatha, Ks., and The Hiawatha Cemetery, 801 N 1st St, Hiawatha, Ks.

CEMETERY #14 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Included in the contract will be the following:

\*\*Duration of the contract will be from April 1 to March 30 of the following year.

\*\*Mowing must begin by April 1. Mow and trim as needed until April 15 and then mow and trim weekly until July 1. After July 1 mow and trim by-weekly or sooner if needed. Penonies may be trimmed after August 1 or earlier if requested.

\*\*Remove grass clippings, broom or blow clippings from all surfaces.

\*\*Dump trash barrels each time mowing in done.

\*\*All work must be inspected by the contractor to be sure work was completed properly.

\*\*Damage to any property, permanent or temporary, must be reported to the Board when discovered.

\*\*Contractors must take care to avoid equipment contact with permanent or temporary markers.

\*\*Contractor payments will be made at the end of each month.

\*\*The contractor is responsible for any damage incurred.

\*\*The contractor must have Commercial General Liability insurance policy for bodily injury,

Property damage, and premises medical with minimum limits of insurance not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, \$2,000,000 aggregate, \$5,000 medical.

Contractors are reminded that the bids for the April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, season must be received by FEBRUARY 28, 2026.

Contract bids will be opened at the Board meeting on MARCH 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Please email all contract bids to Larry West at west31@gmail.com or mail contract bids to Cemetery #14 Hiawatha Cemetery District, PO Box 86, Hiawatha, Ks 66434.

NOTICE OF LEASE SOLICITATION FALLS CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

The Falls City Airport Authority is accepting sealed bids for the lease of approximately 92 acres of agricultural ground located at the Falls City Municipal Airport.

The lease term will run from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, subject to airport operational restrictions and renewal options as outlined in the lease documents.

All bids must be submitted on the official bid form provided by the Airport Authority. Bid forms and lease documents are available at the City Clerk's Office, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, and online at www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings

Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 PM on March 2, 2026. Bids will be reviewed and considered for award at the regular meeting of the Falls City Airport Authority on March 4, 2026. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Clerk.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk  
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of: JACQUELINE E. FINDLEY, Deceased. Case No. PR 25-16 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a final account and report of administration and a Petition for Complete Settlement and proposed Schedule of Distribution have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, located in Falls City, Nebraska on the 23rd day of March, 2026 at or after 9:00 a.m.

Catherine Dehart  
308 Center St.  
Berwyn, NE 68814  
28-4-11  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BANK BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that Nebraska Bank, Dodge, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 8-157 of the Nebraska Banking Act, filed an application with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance for approval to establish a full-service branch facility to be located at the corner of Highway 73 and 33rd Street, Falls City, Nebraska, and to temporarily establish and operate a full-service branch facility at 3003 Bill Schock Boulevard, Falls City, Nebraska until the permanent facility is established at the corner of Highway 73 and 33rd Street.

Objections to the application must be filed with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, 1526 K Street, Suite 300, PO Box 95006, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509, within fifteen days after the date of publication scheduled for February 11, 2026. If substantive objections to the application are filed, the application will be scheduled for hearing.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 28, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 15 inmates currently being held in the Jail. The department has applied for grant funds to obtain body cameras. A listing of vehicles that have been declared to be surplus will be included with the items from the Road Department and will be submitted to the Board for consideration to be offered for sale and included on an auction with Big Iron in the near future.

SENCA Sherry Huddleston from the Falls City Outreach Office of SENCA offered to the Board an update on the activity and services being offered through this office.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT. Steve Darveau, Jr., Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Caverzagie presented the proof of publication and declared that a public hearing be opened at 10:00 a.m. to present to the public the One & Six Year Highway Improvement Program for Richardson County.

No one appeared at the hearing to speak.

Chairman Caverzagie declared the public hearing closed at 10:12 a.m.

Resolution Adopt 1 & 6 Year Road Plan

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented by Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and Julie Vollmer, Road Dept. Foreman and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-25. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 93)

CONSIDER Contract with Marvin Planning Consultants

A discussion was held regarding the contract the County has with Marvin Planning Consultants to compile information and prepare a Comprehensive Plan document for Richardson County. County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel was in attendance for this discussion.

The Board is considering moving forward with the contract to complete a comprehensive plan for Richardson County which will replace the current document that was completed 25 years

ago. Commissioner Karas will be contacting the consultant to relay that the County at this time wants to complete the comprehensive plan, but the development of zoning regulations may be considered at a later time. This matter will be reviewed further at next week's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:52 a.m. with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss pending litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:40 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to authorize the special legal counsel to send out a settlement proposal to the Road Department union attorney and that a letter to be signed by the County Board of Commissioners will also be submitted to each of the Road Department Employees along with the settlement proposal regarding the CIR Case No. 1569. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY JAIL INSPECTION The Board traveled to the Law Enforcement Center at approximately 11:45 a.m. and conducted the quarterly jail inspection where they found the facility to be in good order.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER City of Falls City Public Hearings Extremely Blighted Areas

The Board received notices from the City of Falls City regarding public hearings to be held on February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to declare 2 different areas within the City of Falls City that are currently declared as blighted and substandard, as "extremely blighted areas".

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND	
Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv .....	10847.00
Amazon, supp.....	79.96
Apco International, dues.....	391.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv..	12801.25
DAS State Accounting, serv ....	1316.49
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.....	3646.17
Detectachem, supp.....	150.07
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv.....	220.80
Falls City Journal, adv .....	292.51
Falls City Mercantile, supp .....	110.27
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv .....	3000.00
JV25-31, JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47, JV25-38, JV25-37, JV23-20, JV21-20, .....	
JV21-19, JV25-42, CR25-333 I. Rowland	
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	164.03
Handley Law Office, fees.....	3305.00
CR25-48 W. Beddow; CR25-54 W. Beddow; JV23-20	
Hy-Vee, supp.....	152.55
Kawre's, supp .....	116.50
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb.....	117.45
Koch's Auto Service, serv.....	4723.57
KS Haug Communications, serv	115.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins .....	1451.26
Lynn Peavey, supp .....	19.88
Midwest Auto Fire Sprinkler, serv.....	495.00

Miller-Monroe, fee.....	80.00
NE Assoc. of County Clerks, dues .....	50.00
NE Health & Human Services, serv.....	383.34
ODP Business Solutions, supp.	171.42
OPPD, serv.....	33.08
Pitney Bowes, serv .....	1017.00
Postmaster, supp.....	183.00
Quill, supp.....	378.46
Radar Shop, serv.....	768.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb.....	48.17
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	406.47
Riggs, Kim, reimb .....	89.97
Sapp Bros., fuel .....	155.97
SummerOne, serv .....	61.16
Verizon, serv.....	239.92
911 Custom, supp.....	5338.91
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ..	\$52,920.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv .....	254.41
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc, serv.	434.50
Diversified Safety & Compliance, serv .....	642.50
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....	57592.59
Nebraska Public Power District, serv.....	134.07
Norris Quarries, LLC, rock.....	16995.92
Operation & Expense, reimb .....	157.98
Rulo, Village of, serv.....	30.00
Sapp Bros., fuel .....	12112.85
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$88,354.82

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv .....	2345.97
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$2,345.97

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman  
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk  
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION LLTT & J LLC 1515 E 14th Street Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that LLTT & J LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of this limited liability company is LLTT & J LLC.

2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 1515 E 14th Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Marc A. Merz, 1515 E 14th Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on January 21, 2026. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

Handley Law Office  
Dylan L. Handley (24152)  
217 E. 18th Street  
Falls City, Nebraska 68355  
Telephone: (402) 245-3088  
Fax: (402) 245-2664  
Email: dylanlhandley@hotmail.com

28-4-11  
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VILLAGE OF STELLA

Village of Stella Board of Trustees regular meeting, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the

Stella Community Building

Present: Rick Ramer, Ira Hall, Kyle Gossman, Jim Donahoe

Absent: Heath Stanley

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The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska requests proposals for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for a Remodeling project to be located at 1305 340th Street = at the SE corner of Mallard Rd & 340th Street, Lots 1 and Lot 2., Hiawatha, KS (Carpentry, Demolition, Insulation, Dry-wall, Flooring, Doors, Paint, Windows, Porch w/ Steps & Ramp & Deck, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, spotting & skirting a 8' 3" X 48' mobile home to be used as an adjacent office, etc.) Proposals shall be addressed "Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska - CMAR Services for Remodeling project" and received by Executive Director, Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434, no later than 2 PM Thursday 3-5-2026 . The proposals submitted will be given first review at the Tribal Council meeting of 3-10-2026. The Request for Proposal packet for CMAR services for this Remodeling project is available at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Admin Office, 305 North Main, Reserve, KS 66434. Or can be requested by calling (785) 742-7471 or by emailing [kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com](mailto:kevin.burnison@sacandfoxks.com) or call Cell 785-288-0191.

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# Chamber Banquet a time to celebrate Falls City

(Continued from Page 1) community. She continued, saying, “What’s especially exciting is that many of these new businesses are being led by young entrepreneurs, people who chose Falls City as the place to take a leap of faith into business ownership.”

Holle continued, saying 2025 was especially special for her because the Chamber welcomed at least one new member every month, a first since she took over as Executive Director.

Not all was sunshine and lollipops. The downtown area said goodbye to a few longtime businesses, some of which had graced the downtown façade for decades.

Holle reported a 5% increase in sales tax collections compared with the prior year, indicating that citizens are shopping and investing locally.

The Executive Director highlighted events such as the Glow-in-the-Dark Golf Tournament and the Lighted Christmas Parade, which helped Falls City shine. She also mentioned installing the Stone Street banners, featuring artwork by local artist Patricia Steinman. Holle said, “These banners honor legendary Falls City businesses and landmarks and remind us daily of the strong foundation that supports our future.”

Holle was also part of Leadership Nebraska, a nine-month program through the Nebraska Chamber that introduced her to 35 other selected individuals from business and communities across the state. Holle said the experience has given her renewed energy and perspective on the work to be done in Falls City. She also served as the 2025 President of the Nebraska Chamber Association, a group of chamber directors from across the state.

Holle outlined goals for 2026, including continued sidewalk improvements

in the downtown district and the development of a downtown amphitheater.

“This space, we believe, will encourage visitors to stay longer, the community to gather together and further energize our downtown,” said Holle.

Before announcing this year’s award winners, Holle emphasized the importance of “celebrating and supporting the small-business owners of Falls City, ensuring they have the resources, visibility, and encouragement to succeed for many years to come.”

She also tipped her hat to the Chamber Board members, saying, “Their continued commitment speaks volumes about their dedication to Falls City, and we are incredibly grateful for their service.”

The banquet proceeded with the presentation of awards. Joan E. Stice was named the 2025 Frontline Employee of the Year, recognized for her 34 years of serving customers at Brown’s Shoe Fit Company.

“For years, this individual went out of her way to make sure every customer was truly served,” said Holle. “Not just helped but cared for. She ordered shoes that weren’t in stock. She tracked down the right fit, and sometimes, she even recommended the perfect shoe, knowing it meant the customer might have to purchase it somewhere else. That is the very definition of putting people before profit. That is true community service.”

Holle continued, “Her dedication to service built something rare. Customers traveled from miles away, not just to shop at Brown’s, but to see her. They trusted her knowledge, her honesty and her commitment to finding the perfect shoe for every need.”

Next, the Small Business of the Year Award winner was announced. Holle said the honored

business “quietly and consistently goes above and beyond, often without recognition, and makes an everyday difference in people’s lives.”

The award went to Jenny Dixon, owner of Close to Home Kennels.

Close to Home Kennels opened in 2022, filling a need in the Falls City community. Jenny provides dog daycare for area employees who are away all day and unable to care for their furry friends. “That peace of mind is priceless,” said Holle.

Dixon begins her day long before the sun rises and often continues after it has set. However, every customer knows their “best friends” are well cared for.

“To her, your pup is her pup,” said Holle.

“The ripple effect of her kindness reaches far beyond her facility,” said Holle. “She gives people peace of mind when they need it most. She allows families to focus on work, healing or grieving, knowing their beloved pets are safe and loved.”

Holle concluded the evening by thanking everyone for taking the time to celebrate Falls City, its businesses, and the people who make the community so special.

“Your support, involvement and pride in our town are what keep this momentum going,” shared Holle.

## CANDIDATE FILINGS

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The filing was received Feb. 6, 2026.

David A. Mezger, of Table Rock, filed as a non-partisan candidate for the HTRS School Board in District 70. His filing shows he is seeking a four-year term. The filing was received Feb. 3, 2026.

Samantha K. Scheitel, of Falls City, filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County attorney. Her filing indicates she is seeking a four-year term and lists incumbent status. The filing was received Feb. 6, 2026.

Kenneth E. Killingsworth, of Falls City, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for mayor of Falls City. His filing indicates he is seeking a four-year term. The filing was received Feb. 6, 2026.

Nicholas C. Aitken, of Falls City, filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County sheriff. His filing indicates he is seeking a four-year term and lists incumbent status. The filing was received Feb. 6, 2026.



**PRESS RELEASE:** On February 3, 2026, Falls City Police Officers executed a search warrant at apartment #29 at Eastview Apartments, 800 East 21st Street in Falls City, Nebraska. During the search, Falls City Police Officers seized over 17 grams of methamphetamine, a large sum of money, a scale typically used in drug sales, and numerous other items of drug paraphernalia. Falls City Police Officers arrested Edward James Perman at the scene. He was booked into the Richardson County Jail on the following: Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute; Possession of Methamphetamine, 10-27 grams; No Drug Tax Stamp; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and numerous other charges. Mr. Perman is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The investigation remains ongoing.

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