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Family Fare to close March 13, ending more than 50 years of grocery service at 1900 Harlan

Pictured above, Safeway days before opening September, 1972. Family Fare, February 13, 2026.

The Family Fare grocery store in Falls City will close March 13, ending more than five decades of grocery operations at 1900 Harlan Street.

"We have made the difficult decision to close the Family Fare location in Falls City, Neb., with our final day of business taking place on March 13," said Silvi Nicholas, district manager for SpartanNash. "We are grateful to our store guests for their loyal support, as well as our dedicated team members for their commitment to our shoppers."

The grocery store location goes back to 1972, when a new Safeway supermarket was constructed at 1900 Harlan according to



Journal archives.

In a June 21, 1972, *Falls City Journal* photos documented construction of the building and progress of a booming Falls City.

By September, the store was ready to open. The Journal reported the store would stock "over 8,000 different grocery items." The article stated the building covered approximately 21,000 square feet and included parking for about 120 cars. It would also increase the produce area to 68 feet which the company called the "garden room." Manager Elmer "Rod" Rogers said it would have six check-out counters, fluorescent lighting and continuous background music.

Safeway promoted the store's practices and pricing. A September 1973 ad stated the company trimmed its meat before weighing, *(Please turn to Page 3)*

Commissioners reject counteroffer from union

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners gathered on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the courthouse for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board approved Chairman Caverzagie to sign a service agreement with Speece-Lewis Engineering, LLC, for project number BRO-7076(27) for a project located on 710 Road between 651 and 650 Avenue.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. advised the Board that a gate on a rock truck had opened, causing a small trail of gravel on Harlan St. Mr. Darveau told the Board that the city helped, and the mess was cleared quickly.

Darveau also questioned whether the Board had given much thought to hauling rock.

"I know we're not there yet," said Darveau. "I'm just saying, I've looked at my budget, and we are in February, and we hauled December, January, and we don't normally do that."

Darveau proceeded, stating he would be over budget soon on rock for the year. So far, the county has spent \$864,225 out of the million-dollar rock budget. The budget cycle ends in July.

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Seeking nominees for honor wall at Falls City high school

The Falls City Public Schools Wall of Fame Steering Committee is seeking nominations for this year's selection. The Wall of Fame is not to be confused with the Sports Hall of Fame, although outstanding athletes could be included in the nominations.

The Wall of Fame's purpose is to honor and preserve the history of those associated with the local public school system, who have contributed meritorious service in their field. Photos and biographies of the 32 selected recipients appear just opposite to the main entrance to the high school. The honoree or honorees are chosen by a Selection Committee which is composed of persons representing different eras.

The person or persons selected will be inducted into the Wall of Fame during the Falls City High School's Annual Alumni Association's dinner meeting at Prichard Auditorium on June 28th. This is the twenty-fourth year for the Wall of Fame. A project started by the late Bob Ferguson and the late Rex Jones, members of the Class of 1948.

Current members of the Wall of Fame include the following individuals:

Inducted in 2003; Alice Cleaver, Gil Dodds, John Falter, Marilyn Schmechel, and Bill Schock. In 2004; Marlan Downey and Ernest White. In 2005; Robert E. Ebel and Harry Hillyard. Inducted in 2006; Lloyd Hahn, in 2007; Pee Wee Irwin, in 2008; Lanathan D. Camblin. Inducted in 2009; Larry Stednitz, in 2010; Wilfred L. "Will" Ebel, in 2011; Merle Bachman and Ernie O. Thomas.

Inducted in 2012; Allan Tubach, in 2013; Douglas and David Brennar, in 2014; Edward Lovick, in 2015; Richard Schock. Inducted in 2016; Dr. Moros L. Shubert, in 2017; Dr. Gay Gibson Cima, in 2018; Ronald David Bachman, in 2019; Kenneth Koehler. Inducted in 2020; Neal William Scheitel, in 2021; Robert L. Ferguson, in 2022; Ron Kelley and Henry W. Wulf, in 2023 Lawrence N.

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Harkendorff to recommend Gary Jorn as City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer at Tuesday night Council meeting

Falls City City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer Anthony Nussbaum had resigned, effective Feb. 20, 2026.

Last week after the paper went to print Mayor Mark Harkendorff sent a press release saying he had received the resignation from Nussbaum. Harkendorff added that city operations would continue with the Deputy City Clerk and Deputy City Treasurer performing the functions of those offices until the vacancy is filled.

At the end of last week the Falls City Council agenda stated that Mayor Harkendorff was to make a recommendation to consider the appointment of Gary Jorn as city administrator, clerk and treasurer at the Feb. 17, 2026 City Council meeting.

The agenda listed under *Discussion and Action*, confirm the appointment by Mayor Mark Harkendorff of Gary Jorn as City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer. Appointment to be effective February 24, 2026 on a part time basis at a rate of \$75.00 per hour with no benefits, to become full time effective March 1, 2026 at same salary as current City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer with full benefits. First year would include three weeks paid vacation time and will move up vacation scale from there.

Jorn was previously appointed to the position in 2007 at the recommendation of the late Rod Vandenberg, who was Mayor of Falls City at the time.

At that time Vandenberg had noted Jorn's accounting, auditing and budgeting background skills as critical to the position. Vandenberg said Jorn would be, "an excellent addition to our staff" and possesses the skill that the City "really, really needs."

When Jorn offered his resignation in June 2021, he said it was because he had been contemplating going back to school.

"It's been a multi-year decision because I really enjoy my job here at the City. But I'm at a point where if I want to go back to school, I need to make that decision today and not tomorrow and that's what I want to do is go back to school and further my education."

"It will be over 14 years of my employment with the City. Its been a pleasure to serve the many councils and the mayors that I have served." Jorn stated at the time.

The Journal will update the story once the Council makes its final decision.

Richardson County courthouse encourages residents to plan ahead following USPS postmark clarification

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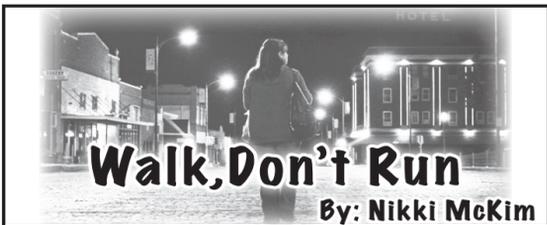
Under the updated guidance, USPS cannot guarantee that the date it takes possession of a mail piece will be the date reflected in the postmark. Residents are encouraged to take extra precautions when mailing documents that rely on a postmark to meet statutory or regulatory deadlines. This includes: property valuation protest forms, real estate tax payments, tax exempt and homestead exempt applications, early vote ballot applications and voter registration applications.

Additionally, recent USPS transportation changes may affect *(Please turn to Page 3)*



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There are celebrity deaths that you're prepared for, and then there are the ones that quietly hit you.

Last week, James Van Der Beek died at 48 after a battle with colorectal cancer. I didn't personally know him. Most of us didn't. But for a certain generation, it felt personal.

If you were a teenage girl in the late 1990s, you grew up with him.

We met him in Dawson's Creek, a show that was more than a show at the time. It was a ritual. Wednesday nights meant something. You planned around it.

Those stories imprinted on us. We were young, still figuring out who we were and those characters felt like us. They talked about feelings in a way we couldn't. They wrestled with friendships, love and heartbreak. They made mistakes and the adults in their world always listened, understood and gave them space to fall and rise again.

It was messy and dramatic and, more often than not, completely unrealistic. At the time we didn't know that, but it mattered.

It introduced many of us to classic films, to complicated relationships, to the idea that we could try to have conversations that could be deep. It gave us a place to go when our own lives felt far too heavy. For an hour, we could go to Capeside and sit with those characters and their problems instead of our own.

There are moments from that show that never really leave you.

Mitch Leery's car accident. That scene still hurts. Pacey telling Joey that he remembers everything.

And the feeling of sitting in that living room in Dawson, completely wrapped up in a story that made you yell out loud in anger, frustration or happiness. All of which I did.

That is what made this loss hit differently.

Some celebrity deaths feel like the closing of a life well lived. Robert Redford, represents that.

But this one feels like losing a piece of your own timeline.

It pulls you back to who you were when you first watched him. Fifteen years old, unsure, in a life that is uprooted scary and all the while still forming your ideas about love and friendship and who you wanted to become.

And then it reminds you how quickly time moves.

Van Der Beek spoke often about his diagnosis and his efforts to raise awareness about colorectal cancer. It's a disease that does not always come with early warning signs and one that is increasingly being diagnosed in younger adults.

The American Cancer Society now recommends regular screening beginning at age 45 for those at average risk. For many people, that age feels far away, or unnecessary, or easy to put off.

It shouldn't be.

Early detection can make a difference. Paying attention to your body matters. Talking to your doctor matters.

These are not easy conversations. But they are important. The reality is, the people we grew up with are getting older.

And so are we.

There is something about revisiting those old shows, those familiar faces, that makes time feel like it hasn't moved at all. One minute you are back in that living room, watching Jen get out of that cab and the next you are looking at your kid who has a full beard, realizing how much life has happened since then.

You cannot go back to Capeside.

But you can remember what it felt like to be there and understand that time is something we all don't have. So we need to take care of ourselves and stop putting off that self care for later.

Because later keeps coming faster than you think.

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All things Nebraska

In a rush to deport more immigrants, there have been deadly consequences

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner
 Can we all agree on one thing?

Seeing Americans shot and killed on American streets by fellow Americans is not at all good.

I've purposely waited to write about the killing of two people on the streets of Minneapolis by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Border Patrol to allow more information to come out.

There was quite a rush to judgment in both cases. Renee Good, who was shot and killed a month ago, was immediately labeled a "domestic terrorist" who "ran over" a federal agent.

Just after Alex Pretti was gunned down on Jan. 24, federal leaders said that he had approached Border Patrol agents with a 9mm semi-automatic handgun and had "violently resisted" when agents sought to disarm him.

Video of both incidents tended to dispel those accounts. (There was also video of a previous incident in which Pretti had kicked out a taillight of a federal vehicle and spit at officers. Why wasn't he arrested then?)

Were both shootings justified? Did officers act in self defense?

Guidelines for the Department of Homeland Security state that lethal force should be used only if there is a "reasonable belief" of an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers. Those guidelines also say an officer should not shoot into a moving vehicle (probably better to get a license plate number and track that person down later) and that standing in front of a vehicle is a bad idea.

We all have our opinions (and this column isn't going to change any). But these are questions best decided by a jury. Sadly, federal officers are protected against lawsuits in most instances and these questions likely won't get to court.

A buddy, who was equally horrified by the killings, said that Good would likely still be alive if she had gotten out of her car. Pretti, he speculated, would not have been slain if he hadn't intervened when an agent pushed a fellow anti-ICE protester to the ground.

Ok, sure. But does blocking a street with your car, or trying to help up a woman from a snowy sidewalk justify the death penalty?

Let's hope not.

We've heard now that ICE will withdraw most of its forces in Minneapolis, and will take a less aggressive and less confrontational approach in the future, sending out pairs of officers to apprehend specifically identified targets. If true, that's a much better approach than swarming dozens of agents down public streets - not the best way to promote peace and safety in neighborhoods.

I've covered law enforcement agencies over the years, and the officers and troopers I knew were professionals who wanted things done right, and were in the profession for the right reasons. They were also trained to avoid using deadly force, and deploy de-escalation techniques first.

When there was a fatal shooting by an officer, an outside agency, with a per-

ception of independence, would review the incident and issue a report.

Any legitimate agency that had two officer-involved fatal shootings in the space of a few days as in Minneapolis, would take a pause, review its procedures and ask "can't we do our job without killing people?"

Federal immigration officials eventually did that, but it took way too long for common sense to prevail.

Now there's calls for ICE agents to stop wearing bandanas over their faces (like some terrorist group), to wear body cameras, and clearly identify themselves with a name tag. All good ideas in a country where there are constitutional rights against unreasonable search and seizure.

When the Minneapolis occurred, I wondered "are agents properly trained in crowd control?" How about de-escalation?

Right now, ICE is rushing to hire 10,000 new agents, doubling its ranks -- a rush that has led to lowering fitness, education and age requirements, and cutting training time in half. Not wise.

Like a lot of people, I'm OK with deporting the "worst of the worst" - serious criminals.

But what federal authorities have been doing, in too many instances, has gone way beyond that. And the consequences have been deadly.

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ACROSS

1. Biology lab supply
5. Aldous Huxley's drug of choice
8. *Certain Courtney
12. Tear violently
13. Color of a bruise
14. Al Roker's show
15. Pupil control
16. Any minute, to Shakespeare
17. Sheep-like
18. *H. P. of science fiction fame
20. Hibernation stations
21. Boat station
22. Tennis shot
23. Packed in container
26. User-friendly interface, acr.
30. Genetic info carrier, acr.
31. *Love unquestioningly
34. Equal to 1.3 ounces in Asia
35. Not a minor
37. Poem addressed to certain subject
38. Hundred, in Italian
39. Nothing
40. Relating to clone
42. Division, abbr.
43. Sloughed off skin
45. Fluffy dessert
47. All good things come to this?
48. Between Oets and Novs
50. ____ Verde National Park
52. *B-52s' "little old place" (2 words)
56. Singing femme fatale
57. Deed hearing
58. Reverberated sound
59. Blue-Green scum, pl.
60. Misery cause
61. Actress Perlman
62. Scheme
63. Right coast time
64. Made by tailor

DOWN

1. Seed cover
2. Biking helmet manufacturer
3. Tel ____, Israel
4. #64 Across, redone
5. Like 1969 landing
6. Laugh with contempt
7. Fender-bender damage
8. *a.k.a. hickey (2 words)
9. Norse deity
10. "Off The Wall" shoe
11. Needle hole
13. Macy's Thanksgiving offering
14. Commotions
19. Silica variety
22. NaOH
23. Solder together
24. Dewey Decimal Classification, a.k.a. Relative ____
25. Pleasant Island
26. Small songbird
27. Harry's and Hermione's magic tools
28. Bigfoot's cousins
29. *Hand cover, with love
32. *Lemming relative, or anagram of love
33. Tokyo, formerly
36. *Couch for two
38. Lumps in liquid
40. Knave
41. Unit of electric current flow
44. Absurd
46. Theater guides
48. Nutritious beans
49. Black tie one
50. Grain grinder
51. "Cogito, ____ sum"
52. Stud site
53. Occasional heart condition
54. Prepare to swallow
55. Riddle without solution
56. Tree juice

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75 Years Ago, February 18, 1951 to February 24, 1951

With reports yet to be finalized, the March of Dimes campaign in the county had reached \$5,012, according to County Drive chairman Don Thomas.

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis starred in "At War with the Army," showing at the Rivoli Theater. Accompanying the movie was a Little Rascals short and a Tom and Jerry cartoon.

Members of the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet for their wives at the Hi-Way Café. The committee in charge of the event was: Mr. and Mrs. Lanthan Camblin, Mr. and Mrs. John Casey and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bahr.

The music of Lawrence Welk and his 17-piece orchestra was highly pleasing to approximately 600 dancers who attended the Elks charity event at Prichard Auditorium.

Barbara Stanwyck ended her 11-year marriage to Robert Taylor by filing for divorce in front of a Hollywood judge. Stanwyck said, "He said he had enjoyed his freedom during the months he was in Italy. He wanted to be able to continue his life without restrictions."

Chuck Jensen scored his 1,000th career point as Pawnee City defeated Auburn 66-35. Jensen led Pawnee City with a 27-point effort in the win.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Frank M. Boss of Humboldt as a justice of the peace. Boss had posted bond and was qualified for the position.

Nearly all the "hard-to-get" items on the list of materials needed for the new municipal swimming pool had arrived, according to Mayor Paul Zimmer. Swanson Construction of Hastings was expected to resume work on the project as soon as the weather permitted.

The Shubert town team defeated Watson 41-40 in a thrilling cage match. Laverne Meyerkorth led Shubert with 19 points, while Robert Kane had 13 for Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowan were the parents of a six-pound son, born at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. The baby was named William Cain.

Lester Leafy, torpedoman's mate, third class USN, was serving aboard the destroyer USS Gurke, operating with the naval forces in the Far East. Leafy had been in the naval service since 1945.

Humboldt closed the basketball season with a 58-23 win over Auburn. Dick Lafferty scored 28 points for the Cardinals, while Lee Norris topped Auburn with six.

A surprise party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scholl at their home in Rulo to celebrate the couple's 40th anniversary.

50 Years Ago, February 18, 1976 to February 24, 1976

Jo Ellen Groothuis and Tod Gentry, seniors at Falls City High School, were named the winners of the Elks' Most Valuable Student Contest and received a \$200 first-place award.

Dave Groothuis scored 11, and Skip Lewis had 10 as the Tigers fell to Mound City, 54-53. John Zeliff led the Panthers with 14 points.

"Rooster Cogburn," starring John Wayne and Katherine Hepburn, was showing for one week at the Rivoli Theater.

Goodyear Farm Tire Center advertised a free pancake-and-sausage feed at its store at 1701 Chase Street.

Mrs. Charles Smith was awarded the North School PTA honorary life membership at their Founder's Day meeting. The award was given each year to an individual who gave special service to their community.

Dr. L.V. Brennan, Falls City Public School's doctor for years, was awarded honorary life membership by the South School PTA.

According to Supt. Paul Wentworth, the new parking lot at the Dawson-Verdon High School, was ready for use.

Mrs. Dan Froeschl was named the 1976 Cancer Crusade director for Richardson County, as announced by Dan Wherry, 1976 State Crusade chairman of the American Cancer Society of Nebraska.

The Veterans Administration disbursed approximately \$684,551 in Richardson County in 1975. The largest portion of the checks, \$379,632, was disability compensation and pension checks to veterans, their dependents and survivors.

Sgt. 1st Class Jim L. Noll extended his enlistment in Company B, 134th Infantry for a 29th year. The company comprised three officers and 60 enlisted men.

Late free throws by Janice Kottich lifted the Lady Tigers past Auburn, 29-27. Kottich sank both free throw attempts with three seconds remaining to give FC the win. CC Burton led FC with a game-high 10 points.

Traffic in the area was halted as high winds and drifting snow blocked traffic north and south of Falls City.

Sacred Heart set a school record by defeating Rock Port 113-64. Dan Hill led all scorers with 26 points and a whopping 31 rebounds. Bob Aitken added 21 points and 12 boards.

Humboldt's Dave Masonbrink and Jeff Fankhauser placed fourth in Class D at the State Wrestling Tournament.

Larry Munn and Ross Smith captured the doubles championship of the Nebraska Elks Bowling Tournament held at York. Smith fired a scratch 612, and Munn had a 587 for a 1,199 scratch and a winning handicap total of 1,330.

Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor remarried in 1975 after a divorce, and reportedly agreed to separate again.

Community Hospital authorities were asking the public to limit their visits to the facility. The hospital was overflowing with patients, several of whom had the flu. Visitors at Sunny Court nursing home were also being turned away until the flu subsided.

25 Years Ago, February 18, 2001 to February 24, 2001

Residents of Shubert were asked to boil their drinking and cooking water after service was interrupted when the only operational pump in the village system stopped working.

Brian and Roberta Kirkendall were the parents of a daughter born at Saint Elizabeth's Regional Center in Lincoln. Hannah Dorothea weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was welcomed home by big brother Lucas.

Falls City's Shane Vollmer placed third, and Jake Harkendorff was fifth at the NSAA State Wrestling competition. Humboldt-Table Rock's Justin Shupp placed fifth in the heavyweight division in Class D.

Sacred Heart defeated Southeast Consolidated 51-43 in subdistrict action at Auburn High School. Tony Santo led SH with 14 points, while Brent Shubert and Kurty Lockard each had 14 for the Mustangs.

Ashley Eickhoff, an FFA student at Falls City High School, earned a second-place purple ribbon in district competition and qualified for the state contest.

The new library fund topped \$700,000, according to Gail Froeschl, a member of the Library Building Committee and chairman of the fundraising effort.

The grand opening of a \$24 million ethanol plant in Craig, Missouri, drew hundreds of interested people.

The D-V boys basketball season came to an end with a 78-35 loss to Sterling at the Class D2 sub-district in Lincoln. Kris Glathar scored 10 points and Dan Fritz and Ryan Bennett each had three rebounds to lead the Jets.

The Falls City Legion Baseball Committee announced Craig Martinosky as the new Legion Juniors Baseball Coach.

Mary Whitehouse and Bev Seid were honored for all their contributions to the Richardson County 4-H Hotshots.

Hullman's Ford advertised a 2000 Lincoln LS for \$30,950, a \$6,870 discount off MSRP. The Humboldt High School speech team scored 258 points to win the Pioneer Conference Speech Meet held at Dawson-Verdon High School. Second place went to the Jets with 88 points, and Pawnee City was third with 82.

Seeking nominees for honor wall at FCHS

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Ketter and Rex Jones. In 2024, Bob Burton. Inducted in 2025 was Paul Weinert and Dr. Patricia Cain Smith.

Directors, Roger Lampe, Class of 1976, and Susan Findlay, Class of 1988, head the steering committee. Anyone interested in making a nomination for the Wall of Fame is encouraged to obtain the forms from Roger, phone 402-245-8207, or Susan phone 402-883-7667. Forms may also be obtained by emailing fchs76wof@yahoo.com. The individuals previously nominated remain on the active list of the Selection Committee.

The deadline form submitting nominations this year is March 18th, 2026.

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- Consider optional mailing services such as Certified Mail, Registered Mail, or a Certificate of Mailing for added documentation and assurance.

Residents with questions about filing deadlines, payment options, or available electronic services are encouraged to contact the respective offices within the Richardson County Courthouse for further information.

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telling customers, "We'll give you two T-Bone steaks if ever you get a Safeway T-Bone not trimmed this money-saving way."

The store later operated as Superfoods before transitioning to Hinky Dinky in 1990, according to Falls City Journal archives.

When owner/operator Randy Gottula came in in 1990 he said the store would have an increased variety of products available. He also planned to expand the greeting card and gift section as well as a larger non-foods and general merchandise department. Next-day film processing service was added as well as a private label line of items, "Pantry Pride."

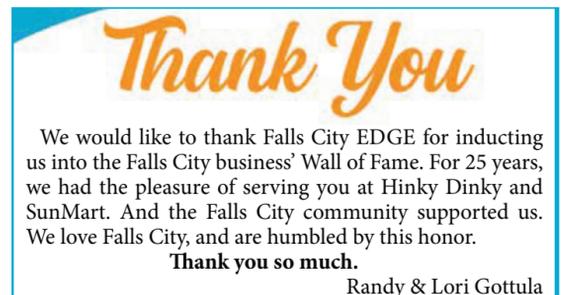
During the Hinky Dinky era, the store continued to advertise weekly specials and services in the newspaper. In March 1996, more than 600 people attended a ribbon cutting for completion of a remodeling and expansion project at the store, according to Journal archives.

Throughout Gottula's time at Hinky Dinky/Sunmart there were many additional services and promotions. Such as promotions for a "Taste of Summer Sale" included a children's coloring contest, face painting, videos for children, 10 cent ice cream cones, bicycle licensing by the Falls City Police Department and free Kansas City Royals baseball cards. Lori and Randy Gottula also had many programs that gave back to the community like Husker athletic meet and greets and a Support Our Schools program, donating funds each year to area schools.

The Gottula family owned and operated the Hinky Dinky and later Sunmart store in Falls City for 23 years. Upon his retirement from Sunmart in 2013, Gottula said seeing young employees move on to be successful was among the things he was most proud of during his time at the store.

The store transitioned to the Sunmart name in 2000. In 2023, it made the transition from Sunmart to Family Fare, with a grand re opening event held at the store.

Falls City EDGE, whos mission is to encourage economic development and growth in the area stated "While this closure is not ideal, please know we're already working on next steps. We will be requesting permission to help recruit a buyer and bring a new business to this location that our community will value."



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Falls City Elks Lodge supports food pantry youth programs with grants donations

Members of Falls City Elks Lodge No. 963 carried out several community service and youth support efforts in late 2025 and early 2026, according to lodge reports.

In December, the lodge used a \$2,000 Elks Spotlight Grant to purchase meat and food supplies for the local food pantry. The food was purchased with assistance from Dollar Fresh management and delivered by lodge officers. A representative from SENCA acknowledged the delivery and support in connection with the pantry stocking effort.

The lodge also hosted a Breakfast with Santa event in December in support of the Sixpence program, an initiative that benefits local children. Lodge vol-

unteers assisted with food preparation and event operations.

Youth programs were a major focus in January. On Jan. 11, the lodge held its annual Hoop Shoot competition at the Sacred Heart Roh Activity Center. Twenty eight local children participated in the free throw contest. Winners advanced to district competition later in January with the opportunity to qualify for the state contest in York in February.

The lodge also selected local winners for the Elks Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades five through eight. Essays were forwarded to the state level of competition. In addition, applications for the Elks Most Valuable

Student Scholarship were reviewed with local winners advancing to the next round of consideration.

In February, the lodge donated \$488 to the Falls City Public Schools E-Sports program. The funds were designated for the purchase of a mini PC and monitor to support student participation in competitive gaming activities.

Lodge members also participated in memorial services honoring deceased members during the winter months. A memorial service was held Dec. 7, 2025, recognizing past members who died during the previous year.

According to membership reports included in the newsletters, the Falls City lodge maintained a membership total of more than 550 members entering 2026, allowing continued eligibility for Elks charitable grants that support local programs and services.

Growing is the purpose: keeping education first in high school sports

By Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer of the NFHS, and Jennifer Schwartz, Executive Director of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)

High school sports is experiencing record participation. It is also experiencing unprecedented pressure.

Across the country, young athletes are training earlier, competing year-round and navigating expectations shaped by a rapidly expanding youth sports economy. For many families, athletics now feel like increasingly high stakes.

High school sports operate differently—by design. They exist within schools, alongside classrooms, guided by the same educational mission. Participation is structured to support academic success and to teach intangibles like discipline, teamwork, resilience and responsibility. Rules around eligibility, seasons and competition are not barriers to ambition; they are safeguards for students.

As expectations around winning and advancement continue to rise, we at the NSAA believe it is worth reaffirming the role that high school athletics play in education—and why that purpose matters.

Every high school athlete is a student first, and we see high school sports as a vital extension of the classroom. In “the last class of the day,” student-athletes develop character and integrity and learn life lessons they will carry with them long after their playing days are over.

Today’s high school student-athletes will be tomorrow’s leaders. So, while the goal of playing high school sports is to win, the true purpose is much greater—for students to learn and grow as people.

How? By keeping high school sports educational, competitively balanced and accessible for all students. Why? To ensure high school sports develop the whole person, not just the athlete.

Last summer, the New York Times published an article stating youth sports is now a \$40 billion industry. Private lessons, club sports, travel teams and elite competitions are costly and wildly popular.

For many student-athletes, their sports experience is focused on becoming an elite athlete and landing a college scholarship.

But according to the NCAA, of the 8.2 million high school student-athletes in the U.S. (an all-time record), only 7% go on to play in college, and only 2% earn any type of scholarship.

Further, data from College Board’s “Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2025” report shows that the total published cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board) at four-year colleges now averages roughly \$31,000 per year in-state and more than \$50,000 per year out-of-state—underscoring why families feel intense pressure to secure athletic scholarships.

That’s why the purpose of high school sports must be so much more than winning, earning trophies or advancing to the next level.

Only a select few go on to play in college and even fewer get scholarships. But nearly all student-athletes benefit from participating in high school sports. They experience personal growth. They learn leadership skills. They build community and more. When athletics are education-based, students’ long-term development and well-being remain the top priority above all else.

With the guiding principle of students first, the NFHS and state high school associations like the NSAA are committed to preserving the integrity, opportunity and educational alignment of high school sports for all student-athletes.

The purpose of high school sports—helping students learn and grow as people—is what we are here to protect and preserve for generations to come. And it is our honor to do so.

Dr. Karissa Niehoff is the Chief Executive Officer of the NFHS. Jennifer Schwartz is the Executive Director of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). Visit ProtectThePurpose.com to learn more.

SOCIETY

FALLS CITY DOES DROVE #56
Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met at the Elks Lodge Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

The round table meeting was called to order by President Dessie Scholl.

Secretary treasurer Linda Frost called the Roll and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Committee reports were made. Various ideas for Benevolence projects were discussed. Nancy McKim purchased materials for tie blankets. This is a Grand Lodge project. Two will be made and taken to Grand Lodge held in Sparks, NV to be given to the homeless and one will be available for purchase at our Sandwich-Salad Luncheon on April 27th.

The Does will assist the Elks with homemade cookies and the canteen at the Blood Mobile held on March 25.

For Ways and Means it was decided to continue with our nut sales. Nancy reported for Courtesy. She had sent birthday cards and get well cards.

Hostesses were Beverly Bernhardt and Kenna Nixon. Door prize winners were Dessie, Nancy and Glenda Bippes. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9th. Hostesses are Linda Santo and Gina Scheitel.

Members are reminded to send their annuals to treasurer Linda Frost.

Wilcox named to Wayne State 2025 fall Dean’s List

Wayne State College included 1,300 students on the dean’s list for exemplary academic achievement during the Fall 2025 semester.

Mataya Wilcox of Rulo was included on the list.

Students listed on the dean’s list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

EQUITY BANK OFFERING TWO \$1,750 SCHOLARSHIPS; TWO \$750 SCHOLARSHIPS

Equity Bank is pleased to announce that the applications for the Centennial Scholarships have been mailed to each of the county high schools. The applications are being sent to the attention of the guidance counselors at Falls City High School, Sacred Heart and Humboldt-Table-Rock-Steinauer.

The scholarship was established as a means to say ‘Thank-You’ to all of you who help make Richardson County a great place to live and work. The scholarship program is a way to encourage and assist area youth to further their education.

Two scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship is in the amount of \$1750.00. The scholarships will be awarded this spring to graduating seniors from any of the three county high schools who plan to continue their education at an accredited four-year college or university beginning the fall term of 2026. One \$1,750 and two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to students furthering their education in the business field, and one \$1,750 scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in the field of agriculture. The scholarship selection committee consists of a panel of five community leaders. Applicants are selected based on their personal achievements, academic success, recommendations and without regard to economic need.

Seniors are encouraged to submit an application for the Centennial Scholarships. Applications may be delivered or mailed to Equity Bank at 1616 Harlan St. April 1st is the deadline for submitting the applications.



BUILDING PERMITS

Larry Strecker, mechanical permit, 1603 Fair Ave.; water heater, \$750.00.

Harold Nussbaum, light remodeling permit, 2024 Abbott St.; roof, \$15,000.00.

Jill Meyers, light remodeling permit, 2203 Stone St.; roof, \$27,000.00.

Janis Fischer, mechanical permit, 2404 Morton St.; fireplace insert, \$5,300.00.

Ginger Feek, light remodeling permit, 1023 Chase St.; roof \$8,000.00.

Harmon’s OK Tire, light remodeling permit, 1903 Harlan St.; roof, \$14,728.25.

Armbruster Motor Co., mechanical permit, 1617 Harlan St.; mini split HVAC installed in Office, \$8,000.00.

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Huskers named to Deans' List for fall 2025

More than 7,000 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 3.75; Interim Dean Thomas Burkey.

College of Architecture, 3.75; Dean Kevin G. Van Den Wymelenberg.

College of Arts and Sciences, 3.7; Interim Dean Patrick Dussault.

College of Business, 3.6; Dean Kathy Farrell.

College of Education and Human Sciences, 3.75; Dean Jeff Reese.

College of Engineering, 3.7; Dean Lance C. Perez.

College of Journalism and Mass Communications, 3.7; Interim Dean Adam Wagler.

Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, 3.7; Dean Andy Belser.

Explore Center for undeclared, pre-engineering, pre-health and pre-law students, 3.6; Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Undergraduate Education Amy Goodburn.

Following is a list of area honorees:

Falls City: Grace Malcolm, junior, Dean's List, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, advertising and public relations, and broadcasting.

Falls City: Jocelyn Adelle O'Grady, senior, Dean's List, College of Business, management.

Falls City: Henry James Rottinghaus, freshman, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, geology.

Falls City: Cole Schawang, freshman, Dean's List, College of Engineering, electrical engineering.

Falls City: Derek Schawang, senior, Dean's List, College of Engineering, electrical engineering.

Falls City: Laura Waggoner, junior, Dean's List, College of Business, marketing.

Humboldt: Andrew Stalder, senior, Dean's List, College of Engineering, electrical engineering.

Humboldt: Joe Stalder, senior, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, geology.

Rulo: Riley Kobza, senior, Dean's List, College of Business, accounting.

For the full Deans' List, visit <https://go.unl.edu/deanslist-fall25>.

Jasper Enneking has role in ESU production of 'Major Barbara'

Jasper Enneking of Sabetha, Kansas, has a role in "Major Barbara" by George Bernard Shaw. Performances are scheduled for March 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Karl C. Bruder Theatre in Emporia State's King Hall. Tickets went on sale Feb. 6.

Andrew Undershaft, a millionaire armaments dealer, loves money and despises poverty. His estranged daughter Barbara, on the other hand, shows her love for the poor by throwing her energies into her work as a major in the Salvation Army and sees her father as another soul to be saved. But when the Army needs funds to keep going, it is Undershaft who saves the day with a large check - forcing Barbara to examine her moral assumptions.

Are they right to accept money that has been obtained by "Death and Destruction"? Full of lively comedy and sparkling debate, "Major Barbara" brilliantly tests the tensions between religion, wealth and power, benevolence and equality and metaphors and realities of war.

Enneking plays Morrison / Bilton.

Visit emporia.edu/tickets for reservations or additional information or call the box office at (620) 341-5256 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays with any questions. The show runs approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes

with two 10-minute intermissions. Tickets will also be available at the Karl C. Bruder Theatre Box Office one hour before the show.

Emporia State University offers a range of academic programs through its seven schools: Applied Health Sciences, Business and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Library and Information Management and Library and Archives, Science and Mathematics and Visual and Performing Arts, along with The Teachers College.

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SCC announces 2025 fall graduates

The 2025 Fall graduates have been announced at Southeast Community College.

Falls City graduates include: Chase K Brown, Certificate in Welding Technology.

Brylee Ranae Gilkerson, Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant.

Eric Andrew Heinzelman, Certificate in Welding Technology.

Delainey Jo Kaster, Diploma in Practical Nursing.

Kadyn Andrew Strecker, Certificate in Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, Electrical Technician.

Delanie Sarah Mae Witt, Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education.

Sabetha, KS graduates include: Jacob Allen Garber, Certificate in Fundamentals of Agriculture.

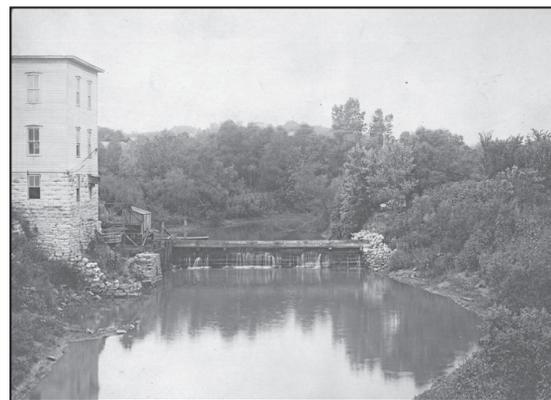
Colin Jay Menold, Certificate in Fundamentals of Agriculture.

Table Rock graduates included: Joseph M Tyler, Certificate in Computer Information Technology-General.

White Cloud, KS graduates included: Abby Lynn Fee, Diploma in Practical Nursing.

IDENTIFIED! We received a few messages about the February 4, 2026 photo above. It was identified as the old Shrimpton mill at Salem. Becky Hoover stated "This was taken before the river channel was changed."

The first gristmill burned in 1885. In 1888 the Shrimpton Mill was built. In the early '90s, during the depression, the waterpower failed and a new steam engine was installed. In 1906 the mill was sold to A. S. Daggett and about that period the mill furnished power for the first electric lights in Salem. At



one time there were 54 businesses in Salem. The people in the surrounding area would drive their horse and wagon or buggy in to Salem, to do their trading for supplies.

Bergman elected into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi

Gavan Bergman of Sabetha, Kansas, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Washburn University.

Bergman is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

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DISTRICT COURT

Rocky R. Paxson, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled guilty, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Aimee L. Vermeer, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for February 17, 2026.

Jamone D. Taylor, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; counts 2-9 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Thomas J. Galvin III, count one, terroristic threats, pled not guilty; count two, intimidation-phone call/electronic comm, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 10, 2026.

Markietha M. Lowery, count one, possess controlled sub, pled not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance,

pled not guilty; count three, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for February 17, 2026.

COUNTY COURT

Matthew J. Lyons, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty; count two, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 4, 2026.

CITATIONS

James Loucks of Maitland, MO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Seth Pearson of Urbandale, IA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Fuad Bade of Shakopee, MN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Coleson Nondorf of Yorkville, IL, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

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

Ashley Rodriguez of Omaha, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Dutcher)

Ty Karpinski of Stella, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Shiley)

Tyler Hicks of Chickasha, OK, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Shelby Hild of Lawrence, KS, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Jayton Wilkerson of Bennington, NE, count one, speeding 16-20 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$200 and court costs. (Shiley)

Thomas Lunsford of Falls City, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Adams)

Rhiannon Kohler of Salem, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Bredemeier)

Kylie Holman of Hiawatha, KS, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Adams)

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

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

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

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

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A two vehicle accident reported

A two vehicle accident was reported Jan. 27 at the intersection of East 20th Street and Lane Street in Falls City.

According to the Falls City Police Department report, on January 27, Megan Stamper of Falls City was traveling east on East 20th Street and was nearly through the intersection when Jason Martineau of Verdon collided with the passenger side rear bumper area. Police reported minor damage to the vehicle.

No injuries were reported.

Police are investigating hit and run accident involving a parked vehicle on Charles Street in Falls City

According to the Falls City Police Department on January 22, a vehicle owned by Ashley Picou of Falls City was parked on the south side of Charles Street when it was struck on the driver's door by another vehicle. The second vehicle left the scene without reporting the accident.

The crash is believed to have occurred between 3:10 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 22. An estimated \$1,500 in damage was done to the vehicle.

A single vehicle accident reported in the parking area of Casey's in Falls City

According to police, Tyler Eaton of Falls City's vehicle didn't stop when the brake was applied. The vehicle hopped the curb and collided with stacked firewood located in front of the store. The impact pushed the firewood into the building. Police noted it was unknown whether the building sustained damage.

No injuries were reported.

A single vehicle accident involving damage to a fiber optic enclosure reported

According to the Falls City Police Department, a Devon Smith of Falls City was backing up in the alleyway when it struck a fiber optic telecommunications enclosure owned by Southeast Nebraska Communications at 110 West 17th Street. Estimated damage was listed at \$1,500.

No injuries were reported.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Additional candidates have filed paperwork to appear on the May 12, 2026 primary election ballot, according to candidate filing forms received by the Richardson County Clerk.

On February 12, Donald H. Ferguson, incumbent, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for Falls City Council for a four year term. His filing form indicates the office as 1st Ward City Council.

On February 11, Teresa L. Olberding, incumbent, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for Falls City School Board, District 56, for a four year term

On February 9, Mary L. Eickhoff, incumbent, filed as a Republican candidate for Richardson County Clerk-Register of Deeds for a four year term.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

January 31, 2026 through January 1, 2026 calls: one referred other agency call, two ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, four burn permit calls, one check welfare call, one miscellaneous call, one information-only call, and one alarm call, for a total of thirteen calls. Four 911 calls were received. No citations or warnings were reported.

February 1, 2026 through February 2, 2026 calls: one HHS intake/referral call, one runaway call, seven ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one animal call, one disturbance call, three miscellaneous calls, and one information-only call. Five 911 calls total. One citation for criminal mischief under \$500.

February 2, 2026 through February 3, 2026 calls: four burn permit calls, one house watch call, one records check, one animal call, three miscellaneous calls, one motorist assist, three ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang up/misdial, one investigation, two disturbance calls, and one noise disturbance call. Eight 911 calls total. One citation for committing child abuse negligently with no injury, one citation for assault 2nd degree, one citation for disturbing the peace, and one citation for littering. One warning for invalid registration and one warning for failure to display the proper number of plates.

February 3, 2026 through February 4, 2026 calls: two miscellaneous calls, two investigations, one suspicious person/vehicle call, two burn permit calls, two 911 hang up/misdial calls, one nuisance call, one warrant arrest, one gun permit call, one ambulance/EMS call, and one motorist assist. Two 911 calls total. One citation for plates not clear and visible, one citation for drive under suspension, one citation for fugitive from justice, one citation for possess methamphetamine (10-27 grams), one citation for distribute controlled substance near school (1st offense), one citation for no drug tax stamp, one citation for habitual criminal, one citation for possess or use drug paraphernalia, one citation for nonresident violate 30-day immunity, and one citation for possess money while violate 28-416(1). Two warnings for speeding and one warning for failure to renew registration.

February 4, 2026 through February 5, 2026 calls: two 911 hang up/misdial calls, two animal calls, one information only call, two records check calls, two check welfare calls, one burn permit call, and three ambulance/EMS calls. Three 911 calls total. One citation for animals running at large - 2nd offense.

February 5, 2026 through February 6, 2026 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, two miscellaneous calls, two nuisance calls, two animal calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, one motorist assist, one found or lost property, one theft, one investigation, one traffic/driving complaint, and one disturbance. Five 911 calls.

February 6, 2026 through February 7, 2026 calls: two animal calls, two check welfare calls, two HHS intake/referral calls, one records check, two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, one suspicious person/vehicle call, three referred other agency calls, one miscellaneous call, one investigation, and one burn permit. Fifteen 911 calls. One citation for assault/threatening menacing manner, and three warnings (improper/defective vehicle lighting, no splash aprons, and unlawful display).

February 7, 2026 through February 8, 2026 calls: one information-only call, three referred-other-agency calls, one ambulance/EMS call, one alarm, one investigation, two animal calls, two motorist assists, two noise disturbances, and one gun permit. Two 911 calls. Three citations for disobeying a traffic control device, misuse of a school permit, and disturbing the peace, and two warnings for speeding and improper/defective vehicle lighting.



Falls City's Carlea Dunkhas and the Titan's Maddie Bredemeier battle for a rebound in action on Thursday night.

Lady Tigers need to find offense as postseason begins

The Lady Tigers traveled to Diller-Odell High School on Tuesday for a contest against the 8-10 Griffins. The hosts opened the game with a pair of three-pointers and led 6-0 until Bella Johansen broke into the scoring column with a free throw with 3:55 to play in the quarter. Kaylin Rhodd earned a trip to the line with :25 remaining, hitting one of two to make it 13-2 at the end of the first period.

The Griffins continued to pull away in the second quarter, outscoring FC 16-4 to make it 29-6 at the half. Down 21-2, Tessa Gossman found Carlea Dunkhas for the bucket with 4:50 to play in the half. With just over a minute left in the half, Dunkhas found a wide-open Destiny Pierce in the lane for a hoop to make it 27-6.

The Lady Tigers fought back in the second half, outscoring Diller-Odell 16-11, but it wasn't enough, as FC fell to 5-16 with a 40-22 loss.

The Tigers shot 25% from the field, hitting 8-of-32 attempts. FC was also efficient at the foul line, converting 4/6 opportunities. Turnovers loomed large in the game as FC finished with 27, while the Griffins ended the contest with 15.

Johansen led the Tigers with eight points, six coming after the break. The guard added six rebounds and two steals. Dunkhas added five points on 2-of-6 shooting, seven boards and four steals.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 5, Pierce 4, Gossman 4, Johansen 8, Rhodd 1.

D-O Scoring: Miller 5,

Beekman 15, Rosebaugh 7, Schwab 2, Dendinger 7, McKinney 4.

The Tigers hosted the HTRS Titans on Thursday evening. HTRS, playing without Elie Bstandig, bolted out to a 10-2 lead after the first and increased their advantage to 20-3 at the break. The Tigers' offense began to come alive in the second half, but they still found themselves down 31-8 entering the fourth quarter. The final eight minutes were played evenly, but the damage was done as the Titans moved to 12-9 with a 44-20 win. Bstandig, the Titan's leading scorer, has averaged 12.6 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

HTRS outshot FC 34% to 21% and outrebounded Falls City 34-28.

On Thursday, it was senior Lillian Bowen who led the Titan attack with 19 points, five rebounds and two steals. Kenadi McClarnen added eight points, seven rebounds and two assists.

For FC, Brynna Glathar scored six points, and Dunkhas added five points, six boards and two steals.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 5, Gossman 2, Johansen 3, Glathar 6, Titus 4.

HTRS Scoring: Bredemeier 4, Steward 3, McClarnen 8, Frey 2, Bowen 19, Howe 4, Duryea 4.

The Tigers ended the regular season on Friday at JCC. The Lady Thunderbirds dominated the first period, leading 18-1 after the initial eight minutes. The Tigers were just outmatched on Friday as JCC continued to pull away, leading 31-7 at in-

termission and 46-10 after three. The Tigers faltered in the final regular-season contest, falling 56-15 in Tecumseh, and will head to subdistricts with a 5-18 record.

The Lady Tigers shot 21% on Friday, hitting 6 of 28 shots. FC was outrebounded 32-24 and turned the ball over 26 times compared to eight by the T-Birds.

Dunkhas led FC with six points and five rebounds, while Rhodd added three points and seven boards.

FC Scoring: Dunkhas 6, Johansen 2, Glathar 2, Titus 2, Rhodd 3.

JCC Scoring: Frederick 3, Wellensiek 3, Schmid 15, Bobadilla 6, Rother 5, Reyes 9, Beethe 2, Lubben 13.

The Tigers played Syracuse (8-13) in the opening round of the Class C1-3 subdistrict at Louisville High School on Monday. The winner will take on the top-seeded Louisville Lions (16-6) on Tuesday at 5:45.

Three Tigers earn spot on state's biggest stage

The Falls City wrestling team will send three competitors to the NSAA state meet in Omaha this week. Earning a spot on the mats at CHI Health Center are Tristan Randall, Orion Cattrell and Chase Simpson.

Randall placed fourth at the C-2 District at Centennial on Saturday. Randall,

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Darius Bohling fires a jumper over the outstretched arms of Elijah Leyden.

Tigers earn road win at Diller-Odell

Late free throws made and missed gave Falls City a thrilling win at Diller-Odell High School on Tuesday. The back-and-forth contest wasn't decided until the final second ticked off the clock, but FC held on for its fourth win of the season, 37-36.

The Orange and Black needed some late-game heroics from Jacoby Bangert, and a little luck, to hold off the Griffins.

Trailing by one point, Falls City stole the Griffin's inbounds pass and called a timeout. Diller-Odell had fouls to burn and was strategically using them. After

a pair of fouls, FC inbounded the ball to Bangert, who threw up a half-court attempt as he was fouled, earning him three free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining. The guard nailed the first attempt to tie the game, missed the second and sank the third to give the Tigers the lead. On the ensuing inbounds attempt, Elijah Leyden seemingly stepped in front of the pass at half court. However, a foul was called on Leyden, sending the Griffin's player to the line for two shots with one second remaining. As was the case for much of the night,

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Tigers earn road win at Diller-Odell

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Diller-Odell struggled from the charity stripe, missing both attempts, sending FC home with the win.

Wins have not come easily this season for FC, but Tuesday night, the Tigers prevailed even with the deck stacked against them.

The contest never moved too far in one direction throughout. It was tied at 9-9 after one, and Diller-Odell grew a four-point lead at the half, 23-19. The Tigers battled back in the third. Nothing had yet been settled as the teams were tied at 29-29 with eight minutes to play.

The Tigers scored the first four points of the fourth to take a four-point advantage. Buckets from Karson Simpson and Leyden made it 33-29 with five minutes to go. Diller-Odell chipped away, eventually taking the lead, 36-35, with 1:05 to play.

The Tigers shot 35% from the field and made 8/12 from the foul line. Diller-Odell hit 33% of their shots but only made 7/21 from the charity stripe. FC turned the ball over 15 times, while the Griffins committed just six miscues.

Kacen Davis led FC, going 6-of-6 from the field for a game-high 16 points. Bangert added nine points; none bigger than his free throws at the end of the game. Ethan Morris finished with six rebounds, while Bowdy Jones added four assists.

FC Scoring: Leyden 2, Morris 3, Bangert 9, Simpson 5, Caudle 2, Davis 16.

D-O Scoring: Humphreys 11, Zaboktrsky 5, Phillips 5, Clifford 5, Heidemann 8, Novotny 2.

The Tigers hosted HTRS on Thursday with hopes of securing their second win in a row. The game was tight throughout as the Titans led 9-7 after one quarter and 15-13 at the half. The offense for both teams came to life in the third with each squad netting 14 points to make it 29-27 in HTRS's favor heading into the

fourth. The Titans were able to pull away late, outscoring Falls City 13-8 to win 42-35. The win improved HTRS to 10-12, while FC fell to 4-16.

Every category was close on Thursday. Each team shot 33% from the field, while HTRS had a slim 26-24 rebound edge. The Tigers finished with 19 turnovers, while HTRS committed 13. Each team struggled from the foul line: FC went 8/17, and the Titans finished 12/23.

Armbruster supplied the bulk of the offense for FC, going 7/15 from the field for 18 points. Bangert hauled in eight rebounds and recorded three steals while scoring five points.

For HTRS, it comes as no surprise that Emmett Glathar led the attack. Glathar scored a game-high 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

FC Scoring: Jones 2, Armbruster 18, Morris 2, Bangert 5, Simpson 2, Davis 6.

HTRS Scoring: Bohling 6, Dettmann 8, Duryea 1, Glathar 26, Hunzeker 1.

FC turned right around and played at JCC on Friday night. The T-Birds moved to 14-8 with a 69-27 win at Tecumseh. FC trailed 12-2 after one quarter and 31-9 at the break. The Tigers continued to fight but were down 48-19 with one quarter remaining.

FC was outshot 54% to 34% and outrebounded 31-22. FC turned the ball over 23 times, leading to 34 points for JCC, while the T-Birds turned it over just 5 times, leading to 2 FC points.

Kam Huppert led the Tigers' scoring with seven points, while Brock Caudle added six.

FC Scoring : Jones 4, Furnas 3, Bangert 3, Huppert 7, Caudle 6, Davis 4.

JCC Scoring : Cannon 2, Swanson 34, Kongmanyvong 6, Case 10, Thies 10, Beethe 3, Bernadt 2, Jones 2.

Falls City wraps up the regular season on Friday when they host the 15-6 Fairbury Jeffs.

Lady Irish head into postseason with loss

The second-ranked Lady Irish traveled to Weeping Water on Thursday for the regular season finale against the Weeping Water Indians. The Irish matched the Indians early as the first quarter ended in a 6-6 tie. Weeping Water gave itself a cushion heading into the half, outscoring Sacred Heart 15-8, and that proved to be enough as the Indians upset the Irish 47-42.

The Irish struggled to put the ball through the net on Thursday, making only 12-of-60 shot attempts, including just 9/39 from beyond the arc. The hosts didn't shoot lights out, making 33% of their opportunities, but it was enough to get the win. The Irish won the rebound battle, 37-34, but turned the ball over 15 times.

Weeping Water did a great defensive job containing Sacred Heart's Avery Santo and Daycee Witt. Santo, who averages 12.4 points per game, was held to six and Witt, who averages 9.7, scored just five. Freshman Bailey Lemerond stepped to the plate and went 6-of-15 from the three-point line for a game-high 18 points. Hallie Jones went 8-of-11 from the charity stripe for 10 points and seven rebounds, while Alise Reschke added seven boards, three blocks and two assists.

SH Scoring : Georges 2, Santo 6, Westengaard 1, Witt 5, Lemerond 18, Jones 10.

WW Scoring: Brack 11, Ridge 4, Meyer 3, Huskey 13, K. Meyers 2, Cave 4, M. Meyer 3, Rineer 7.

The loss dropped SH to 15-8, while WW improved to 14-9.

Earlier in the week, the Irish defeated Pawnee City in a make-up contest rescheduled from January 23.

Sacred Heart got six points in the first period from Lemerond as they built a 12-5 lead. Lemerond stayed hot in the second quarter, hitting a pair of threes as the Irish held a 30-18 halftime lead. Sacred Heart dominated Pawnee City in the third, outscoring the Indians 21-2 to make it 51-20 with eight minutes remaining. Avery Santo went 3-3 from deep in the period, and Lemerond added five more. The teams played to a 12-12 tie in the fourth as SH picked up the win, 63-32. The loss dropped Pawnee City to 9-11.

Lemerond again was the high scorer, tossing in 23 points, thanks in part to a 6/9 effort from beyond the arc. Jones added six points, nine rebounds, two blocked shots and four steals. Witt scored seven points and dished out five assists.

SH Scoring: Santo 9, Westengaard 8, Witt 7, Reschke 3, Lemerond 23, Taft 2, Sipple 5, Jones 6.

Pawnee City Scoring: Gyhra 4, Gottula 2, Bensen 7, Koster 5, Osborne 2, Jensen 2, B. Gyhra 5, Blecha 2, Sisco 3.

In three quarters of JV action, SH defeated Pawnee City 40-16. Payten Georges scored 16, and Ryann Westengaard added nine for the Irish.

SH now sets its attention on the postseason. The Irish host the Class D2-1 subdistrict on Tuesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 19. The Irish play 1-21 Meridian in the opening round at 5:30 on Tuesday at the Roh Activity Center. The winner will play the winner of Diller-Odell (9-11) and Dorchester (14-8) on Thursday at 6:30 at Sacred Heart High School.

Titans struggle against some of the best Class C2 has to offer

The Titans from Humboldt hosted the Tri County Trojans on Tuesday. Tri County (18-5) and ranked No. 3 in Class C2, sprinted out to a 21-6 lead over the 9-12 Titans. HTRS played the middle quarters evenly, trailing 36-19 at the half and 48-31 entering the third period. The Trojans continued to pull away in the fourth, outscoring HTRS 19-11 as they cruised to the 25-point win, 67-42.

HTRS shot well, hitting 18-of-44 attempts (41%), but struggled at the foul line (3/10).

The Titans finished the contest with 17 rebounds, 11 assists, three steals and a pair of blocked shots.

Emmett Glathar supplied the majority of the offensive output yet again, scoring 26 points and adding seven rebounds. Garrett Duryea added eight points and two steals, while Darius Bohling had four rebounds and three assists.

HTRS Scoring: Koch 2, C. Duryea 3, G. Duryea 8, Glathar 26, Shupp 3.

HTRS defeated Falls City, 42-35, in action on Thursday night at Falls City High School. See the Tiger story for game details.

On Friday, HTRS played the C2, eighth-ranked Johnson-Brock Eagles. The Eagles, 20-3, had little trouble with the Titans, earning the 79-33 win. Johnson-Brock's three losses came to Sacred Heart and twice to Tri County.

The Titans end the year at 7-14 Palmyra on Friday, February 20.

Three Tigers earn spot on state's biggest stage

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37-11, pinned Quentin Jano of Raymond Central at 1:58 in the first round. In the quarterfinals, Randall won by fall over Wyatt Hatterman of Fillmore Central at 5:14. Luke Farnen (43-2) of Lincoln Christian got the better of Randall in the semifinals, winning by fall in 14 seconds. Randall rebounded in the consolation semis, earning a win by fall over Drake Lempka of Freeman at 1:48. Randall ran out of steam in the third-place match, losing by tech fall (19-3) to Haydan Smith (31-3) of Doniphan-Trumbull.

At 150 pounds, Orion Cattrell (37-11) won third place and advanced to Omaha. Cattrell got an opening round bye, then won a major decision over Merreck France of Louisville, 14-3. In the semis, Cattrell lost a 9-5 decision to Landon Sund of Bishop Neumann. Cattrell battled back, defeating Briggs Doane of Wood River by fall at 4:12 and earned a 10-4 decision over France of Louisville in the third-place match.

The final wrestler to punch his ticket to Omaha was 285-pound Chase Simpson. Simpson (38-16) pinned Koltin Crandall of Louisville in 50 seconds to open the day. In the quarterfinals, Simpson made quick work of Luis Alarcon of Tri County, working the pin at 1:12. The semifinals were the tough round all day for FC, and this match was no different. Simpson lost by fall to Brody Jakubowski of O'Neill (46-2) by fall at 2:46. In the consolation semis, Simpson pinned Landon Jaupman of Wood River in 1:32. Simpson wasn't done yet; in the third-place match, the 285-pounder defeated Alarcon again by fall, this time at 1:50 for the win.

As a team, Falls City scored 82 points and placed eighth out of 16 teams. Central City won the district title with 194 points, Doniphan-Trumbull was second with 158.5, and Raymond Central was third with 127.5.

In other matches, Dayton Snethen ended his season at 22-19, going 2-2 with a pair of byes.

Ryan Hall finished 10-16 for the year, going 1-2 with a bye. At 120, Ryder Hullman's season ended at 8-28. Hullman went 1-2 with a bye. Cade Caudle's season ended at 26-23. Caudle went 2-2 at the meet on Saturday. Caden Collier wrapped up the year at 12-22, going 1-2 on Saturday. At 157, Zane Elms went 1-2 and finished the year at 11-13. Ashton Martin finished his season at 36-10, going 3-2 at the district meet. Wesley Vitale ended his year at 7-19, going 1-2 with a bye and at 190, Brantly Sells finished 29-16, finishing 2-2 with a bye. Finally, at 215, Jayden Mirezle went 2-2 and ended the season at 39-15.

Action in Omaha will get underway on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Randall will face Cash Stanek of North Bend Central in the first round. Stanek won the C-4 district and enters state at 40-9. At 150, Cattrell will face Chaz Erickson of Kearney Catholic in the first round. Erickson placed second at the C-4 district and is 49-3 for the year.

At 285, Simpson drew Connor Sullivan of Bergen Catholic in the first round. Sullivan placed second at the C-1 district and is 29-8 for the year.

Also wrestling in Omaha this week will be Wesley Vitale. Vitale was selected to compete on Friday night before the semifinals start at 6:00 p.m. Vitale will wrestle teammate Mason Collier. "Beyond the Mat" brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to participate together on the same team. The Program is focused on developing the whole student-athlete, not just the competitor. According to Coach Kraft, the goal is to promote inclusion, teamwork, and mutual respect through wrestling and competition, while providing meaningful athletic opportunities for all students. "This helps break down barriers, build friendships and create a school culture where everyone belongs," said Kraft.

Kraft said Omaha South will participate in Class A and Wauneta/Palisade in Class D.



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Bonnie Mehlin



Bonnie Maxine (Lewis) Mehlin, 93, formerly of Stella, Nebraska was born on April 15, 1932, in Falls City, Nebraska to Guy and Ethel (Howard) Lewis. She was child number 5 of 9 brothers/sisters, and her childhood home was in what is now Indian Cave State Park. Bonnie attended high school at Bratton Union Consolidated School where she graduated with the class of 1950. While at Bratton Union Bonnie met her lifelong love, Jerry Mehlin. The couple were united in marriage on December 23, 1951, in Coryell Park near Auburn, Nebraska and continued for 64 years until Jerry's death in 2016. Their union brought four children, Keith, Mike, Kerry, and Lisa.

Bonnie took up a career and a lifetime of being a teacher, receiving her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Peru State College.

She made an impact on her students and community in a one room schoolhouse near Humboldt, and later at Southeast Consolidated in Stella. Her teaching had an impact on several generations of students who remember her fondly.

Bonnie was a creator at heart, with a passion for sewing. She made clothes, quilts, and could repair any clothing. She was still mending clothes after moving to the nursing home, at the request of residents and staff. She was also a collector, collecting Hummels, Beanie Babies, cloth for sewing, and many other things. More importantly, Bonnie collected memories, always giving to the people around her and the people important to her.

The definition of the word matriarch, Bonnie's legacy is present in her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Dunklau Gardens in Fremont, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of 93 years, 9 months, and 28 days. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jerry, brothers: Paul, Donald, Harlan, Gary, and Tom Lewis, and sisters Rose Marie Rears, Betty Whitfield, and Martha Lewis.

Bonnie is survived by her children: Keith Mehlin and wife Cathy of Logan, IA; Jerry "Mike" Mehlin of Omaha, NE; Kerry Mehlin and wife Michele of Grand Island, NE; Lisa Mehlin of Omaha, NE; also surviving are seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and a lifetime of students, friends, and extended family.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Stella Community Church in Stella, Nebraska with Pastor John States officiating. A livestream broadcast of Bonnie's service can be viewed on the Stella Community Church Facebook page for those not able to attend.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2026, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt, Nebraska. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Interment will follow services at the Pleasant View Cemetery in rural Humboldt, Nebraska.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stella Arboretum, 408 N. Elm Street, P.O. Box 74, Stella, Nebraska 68442.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com

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Carolyn Druba



Carolyn Sue Druba (Jensby), age 73, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 8, 2026. A faithful Christian, Carolyn lived a life defined by love, service, and unwavering devotion to her family, her church, and her faith.

She was born in Hardy, Nebraska, on November 10, 1952 to Robert and Dorothy (Beck) Jensby. She graduated from Hardy High School in 1971 and later graduated from Kansas State University. On June 27, 1980, she married the love of her life, Roger Druba, in Superior, Nebraska. Together, they built a life in Geneva, centered on faith and family. In 1992, they moved their family to Falls City, the community they embraced as home.

Carolyn was a devoted wife, a loving and selfless mother to Craig Barrett (Pauqi), Jeff Druba (Lindsay), and Brett Druba (Elizabeth), and a cherished grandmother to 11 grandchildren and proud great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren.

Her family was her greatest joy, and she supported each of them with constant love, prayer, and encouragement.

A talented and caring beautician, Carolyn worked from her home, building lasting relationships with clients and becoming friends with all those she met. She retired in 2020 due to declining health. In addition to her work, she was a dedicated homemaker who created a home filled with warmth, hospitality, and faith.

Carolyn was a faithful member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, where she generously volunteered her time and talents. She especially enjoyed landscaping and caring for the church grounds, finding peace in nurturing beauty and giving back to her faith community.

Carolyn's absolute greatest joy in life was time spent with her grandchildren. She faithfully attended their school field trips, inviting them to Falls City for weeks at a time during the summer, with trips to the zoo, the swimming pool, and many ice cream trips to Sonic, creating memories filled with laughter, love, and simple happiness that will be treasured forever.

Carolyn's faith was lived quietly but powerfully. She was strong without seeking recognition, loving without conditions, and generous with her time, her prayers, and her heart. Though she was taken from us too soon, her legacy lives on through the family she raised, the faith she modeled, and the many lives she touched.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved until we meet again.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Roger of Falls City, sons, Craig Barrett of San Antonio, TX, Jeff and his wife Lindsay and Brett and his wife Elizabeth both of Roca, NE, brothers, Morris Jensby and his wife Mary Jane of Arizona, Kent Jensby and his wife Crystal of Superior, sister, Lori Linder and her husband Mitch of Lincoln, NE, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Robert and Dorothy (Beck) Jensby, and her sister Beth Greenstreet, whom she now joyfully joins in eternal peace.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM with Father Jim Meysenburg officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Superior, NE on Friday at 2:00 PM.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family received friends following the rosary.

Nebraska Sorghum seeks applicants for leadership positions

The Nebraska sorghum organizations are seeking qualified producers to serve in leadership roles on the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board (NGSB) and Nebraska Sorghum Producers (NeSP). These positions provide an opportunity for growers to help guide research, market development and promotion efforts that support Nebraska's sorghum industry.

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board administers the state's grain sorghum checkoff program and currently has the following open seats:

- District 4 representative
- One at-large representative

Nebraska Sorghum Producers, the state's membership-based sorghum association, also seeks applicants for the following positions:

- District 2 representative
- One at-large representative

"Serving on one of Nebraska's sorghum boards gives growers a direct voice in shaping the future of our industry and the decisions that affect it," said NeSP and NGSB Executive Director Kristine Dvo-

racek Jameson. "Board members help guide priorities, support research and market development and ensure sorghum remains a strong option for Nebraska producers. We encourage growers who are passionate about the crop and interested in leadership to consider applying."

Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board applicants must be Nebraska citizens, at least 21 years of age, and derive a portion of their income from the production of grain sorghum. Appointments to the NGSB are made by the Governor of Nebraska.

Nebraska Sorghum Producers applicants must be current NeSP members and active sorghum producers within the applicable district or eligible for at-large consideration.

Additional details regarding qualifications, terms of service, and application materials are available by contacting: Kristine Dvoracek Jameson Executive Director, 402-471-4276 or sorghum.board@nebraska.gov.

Producers interested in leadership and committed to advancing Nebraska sorghum are encouraged to apply.

To learn more, visit www.nebraskasorghum.org.

Evalyn Clancy

Evalyn Fay Clancy, 93, of formerly of Dawson, Nebraska was born on December 8, 1932, in Hayes County, Nebraska to Virgil and Charlotte (Bailey) Conboy. She attended school in Palisade until the age of eleven when her family moved to Curtis, Nebraska. Evalyn graduated from Curtis High School and then continued her education by attending classes at the University of Nebraska Lincoln Ag campus located at the time in Curtis, Nebraska.

On June 6, 1957, Evalyn was united in marriage to Cyril Cecil Clancy in Curtis, Nebraska. To this union eight children, Charlotte "Josie", Julie, Gregory "Greg", Stephen "Steve", Robert "Bob", Mary, Patricia "Trish", and Amy were born. The couple raised their family in Dawson, Nebraska where Evalyn owned and operated the "Dawson Café" for many years. After the café closed, Evalyn worked as a cook at Dawson-Verdon public schools in Dawson and Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt. She also worked as a staff member for S.E.N.D.S. in Auburn. Evalyn was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson and helped with many funeral luncheons and church activities over the years.

Evalyn went to be with her Lord and Savior surrounded by her family on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of ninety-three years and two months.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Cyril Clancy, daughters Julie Pitchford and Charlotte "Josie" Taylor, grandson Lyle Halverson, great-grandson Ezekiel Metschke, and brothers: Virgil, Donald, and Edgar Conboy.

Evalyn is survived by her children: Greg Clancy and wife Pam of Belleville, KS; Steve Clancy and wife Cindy of Dawson, NE; Bob Clancy and wife Kim of Brookville, KS; Mary Clancy of Dawson, NE; Trish Eastman of Lincoln, NE; Amy Sanford and husband Darrell of Lincoln, NE; son-in-law Joe Taylor of Dawson, NE; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Rose Parli of Raleigh, NC; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 13, 2026, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson, Nebraska with Reverend Anthony Bedient officiating. Interment immediately followed mass at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Dawson.

Visitation was held from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 N. Nemaha Street in Humboldt. A Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dawson. The family greeted friends after the rosary at the Parrish Hall.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com

Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-207 Nemaha Humboldt, NE (402) 862-2915

**Morrill Fire Dept.
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Lady Titans are playing with confidence heading into the postseason

The HTRS Lady Titans nearly pulled off an incredible comeback, but they fell to the Tri County Trojans, 53-51, in overtime. The Titans entered the final period trailing by five, 32-37. An offensive rebound and score by PJ Howe made it 34-37 with 7:42 to play. One minute later, Kenadi McClarnen cut the lead to 36-37 with a hoop in the paint. With 1:40 remaining in regulation, HTRS went to work. McClarnen hit a baseline jumper with 1:15 to go to make it 38-40. An offensive rebound and score by Howe tied the contest at 40 with fifteen seconds remaining. The Titan defense clamped down and didn't allow Tri County to get a shot off, sending the game to an extra period.

In the additional four minutes, Elie Bstandig put HTRS in front with a bucket in the paint just fifteen seconds into overtime. The lead was short-lived as Tri County responded with a triple on the next possession to retake the lead, 43-42. The back-and-forth continued as Bstandig sank two free throws at the 3:10 mark to put HTRS back on top, 44-43. The two teams traded points as the period progressed. Lillian Bowen's bucket with 1:10 to play cut the Trojan lead to one, 48-47.

Trailing by three, Bstandig brought the Titan crowd to its feet, sinking a three from the top of the key to tie the game at 51-51 with twelve seconds remaining. Unfortunately, Tri County drew a foul with 4.6 seconds left, sending the shooter to the line with a chance to win the game. Rylan Beerenstrauch sank both, giving Tri County the two-point advantage and the win.

HTRS defeated Falls City 44-20 on Thursday in Falls City. See the Tiger story for details.

The Lady Titans ended the regular season on Friday night in Johnson. The Eagles outlasted HTRS 44-31 and ended the season at 17-7, while the Titans head into subdistricts with a 12-10 mark.

HTRS plays in the D1-1 subdistrict at Weeping Water High School on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The No. 2-seeded Titans play No. 3 Lourdes Central Catholic (12-9) at 7:30 p.m. The winner will likely play top-seeded Weeping Water on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Weeping Water.

Irish dominate foes as regular season winds down

The Irish basketball team was back at the friendly confines of the Roh Activity Center on Monday, February 9, 2026, to take on the 3-13 Pawnee City Indians. The game was originally scheduled for Friday, January 23, but was rescheduled due to weather concerns.

Monday's action was all Irish from the tip. Sacred Heart, as they often do, came out firing from beyond the arc. The Irish hit four treys in the opening eight minutes and led 16-3 after one quarter. The Irish offense continued to fire on all cylinders, adding 16 more points to their total to lead 32-16 at the half. Bo Fletcher had three from beyond the arc in the first half, and Cole Taft added two. The Irish, led by Brenden Lemerond's two triples, pushed their advantage to 45-29 after three quarters as they went on to secure a 56-35 win. The win pushed SH to 11-8 for the year.

SH converted 11-of-37 three-point attempts, while hitting 10-of-27 from two-point range. Pawnee City outdueled the Irish under the basket, earning a 34-30 rebound edge, but SH forced the Indians into 27 turnovers, while committing only 15.

Lemerond has been heating up as the season has progressed, and Monday was no different. The senior leader scored 16 points, while grabbing five rebounds and dishing out four assists. Fletcher added a team-best 19 points and four steals, while Taft finished with 11 points, three boards and two steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 11, Fletcher 19, Lemerond 16, Baxter 2. Howard 3, Knobbe 5.

Pawnee City Scoring: Rose 10, Wernimont 7,

Fender 2, Frakes 3, Plager 2, Tegmeier 2, Kling 9.

In three periods of JV action, SH held on for a 30-21 win. Owen Santon led the Irish with nine points, while JJ Lancaster added six.

The Irish traveled to Weeping Water (1-18) on Thursday to compete against the Indians. SH overwhelmed Weeping Water from the tip, bolting to a 21-3 first-quarter lead. SH kept its foot on the gas as it roared to a 44-11 advantage at the half. The Irish defense kept the pressure on in the third, outscoring Weeping Water 15-4 to make it 59-15 heading into the fourth as they secured the 66-30 road win.

SH shot 37% from the field, making 26-of-70 attempts. The Irish outrebounded Weeping Water 40-24 and forced 28 turnovers while committing only five.

Fletcher had the hot hand, leading SH with 19 points and seven steals. Lemerond was next with 13 points and four assists, while Taft scored 12 points, grabbed five boards and dished out four assists. Hayden Clow led the team with seven rebounds and added five steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 12, Fletcher 19, Lemerond 13, Lancaster 7, Santo 3, T. Witt 2, Howard 6, Knobbe 4.

WW Scoring: Nutter 23, Baier 2, Mogensen 3, Seger 2.

The Irish JV defeated Weeping Water 19-12 in two quarters. Howard led SH with 9 points, while Baxter added seven.

Sacred Heart hosted Lewiston (9-10) on Friday at the RAC. Again, it was all SH early as they led 13-4 after one period and 39-15 at the break. Sacred

Heart outscored the Tigers 30-18 in the second half as they improved to 13-8 with the 69-33 win.

The Irish fired 78 shots on Friday, making 27, including going 9-for-43 from beyond the arc. SH outrebounded Lewiston 39-27 and forced 28 turnovers while committing just six.

With Fletcher out sick, Lemerond picked up the slack, scoring a game-high 22 points. Lem also added nine steals and three rebounds. Taft struggled from deep (1/13) but added 15 points and seven boards. Knobbe finished with seven rebounds, while Baxter added three steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 15, Sipple 3, Lemerond 22, Lancaster 6, Clow 8, Baxter 4, Howard 7, Knobbe 4.

Tiger Scoring: McEvers 13, Heideman 10, Steinacher 8, Janssen 2.

In JV action, SH outscored Lewiston 37-12 in two quarters. Baxter (10) and Howard (16) led the Irish.

The Irish will wrap up the regular season on Friday, February 20, when they play at (7-14) Lourdes Central Catholic. SH has caught fire since losing to Auburn on January 20th, having won eight of the last nine contests.

Reasons to shop American-made products

These days, shoppers may be paying more attention to where and how their products were made.

While a significant portion of factory jobs have moved offshore over the last few decades, some companies maintain manufacturing facilities stateside, touting benefits to workers, communities and end-consumers.

In the case of Renewal by Andersen, the full-service window and door replacement division of Andersen Corporation, its state-of-the-art Cottage Grove flagship campus in Minnesota, just 10 miles south of Saint Paul, employs approximately 1,424 manufacturing professionals. And approximately 900 additional jobs are planned as they prepare to open a new facility in Locust Grove, Georgia in 2026. Renewal by Andersen windows are custom built in the United States with U.S. and imported parts, and the company's designing, engineering, manufacturing and testing of energy-efficient composite windows, conducted locally, is the essential middle component of an end-to-end customer experience that begins with an in-home consultation and results in professional installation and continued customer support.

This is part of a larger cycle: local workers assemble exceptional products; satisfied customers share their stories; demand grows and local economies thrive.

The impact of domestic manufacturing can sometimes even go beyond job creation and a seamless customer experience. Companies that choose to keep manufacturing stateside often have robust philanthropic programs that support the communities where their employees live and work. Through its Renewal Cares program, Renewal by Andersen and its retail network support over 100 local charities across the United States. These efforts are as wide-ranging as helping a veteran with a new patio door, replacing all the windows of a youth camp, raising more than \$5 million for the American Cancer Society (ACS), and replacing windows in multiple ACS Hope Lodges, which provide free lodging for patients undergoing treatment.

While consumers have endless choices today, selecting products manufactured domestically often means supporting the economy and the resilience of local communities. (StatePoint)

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Reading the seed packet

By Nicole Stoner

The weather this winter has been like a roller coaster for me. One week it is cold, the next week it is much warmer. It is through those warm spells that I really get excited for spring garden season. As we move closer to starting seeds indoors, make sure you know what all the information on the seed packet means.

The seed packet contains all the details about how to grow your plants, how to get them started, the size and growth habit, and the lifecycle which would be either annual, perennial, or biennial.

Annual plants are those that live for one growing season and then die. Annual plants don't regrow from year to year but may return if they reseed themselves, which doesn't happen with all plants. Biennials grow for two seasons then die. The first year they grow vegetative growth and the second year they flower and set seed then die with a frost. Perennials continue to come back for 3 or more years. They will flower and set seed in the growing season then overwinter and come back the following spring.

The packet contains the common name: Tomato and scientific name: Solanum lycopersicum of the plant as well as a variety: Celebrity. Within tomatoes, there are many different varieties for size, shape, color, growth habit, when they mature, and other characteristics.

Planting Information-The

seed packet describes how deep to plant the seed in the soil and how it should be planted. It lists spacing for the plants. This is difficult to follow when we first plant our tiny plants, but plants should be spaced correctly according to the label instructions. If seeds are planted too close, they can be thinned to help growth and reduce disease issues that develop from crowded plants.

The seed packet also states days to germination and days to harvest. This will tell you when to expect to begin harvesting from it in the summer, it isn't exact and depends on weather. If you want an early season tomato, choose a variety with a shorter growing season.

The packet also states how deep and when to plant the seed. Seeds are either started inside for transplanting later or by direct sowing outside, the packet will give directions on what is the best way to plant depending on your location. Count backwards from the transplanting date to know when to start seeds indoors. Use the date you plan to start spring crops outdoors for when to start spring crops or your last spring frost date as your starting point for summer crops. Early Girl is as early as 59 days to maturity.

Disease Resistance: The seed packet also lists disease resistance as well as other environmental characteristics that they are less prone to. For example, some tomato varieties crack or split very easily, if this is a common irritation in your garden, look for a variety

that lists crack resistance as a characteristic. They will still crack some, but it will be less than other varieties. Also, look for resistance to the common diseases such as Verticillium wilt=V, Fusarium wilt=F, and Tomato spotted wilt virus=TSWV. The more resistance in your tomatoes, the less problems you will have with diseases or less need for pesticides to control them.

Advanced Characteristics-Tomatoes are available as Determinate or Indeterminate growth habit. Determinate tomatoes will grow to a specific size and produce only a certain amount of tomatoes through the season. While indeterminate tomatoes will continue to grow and produce until the frost kills them in the fall. Determinate tomatoes will be a better choice for container gardens and small spaces but can also be useful for those with less use of the tomatoes to not be overloaded with excess produce.

If you have any further questions please contact Nicole Stoner at (402) 223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu or like my Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture

County Commissioners reject counteroffer from union

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"I always try to plan for the worst-case scenario," said Darveau. "So, I know I'm going to have plenty of money left. It's just that one line item that I'm telling you that we're going to blow it out of the water."

He advised the Board that the Big Iron Auction would be held on Wednesday, March 18.

The Board reviewed a letter regarding a change to the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants, but tabled action until the Commissioners could meet with other board members "to clarify what is going on."

Commissioner Karas made a motion to accept a subdivision located in SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 2, Range 16 for C. Vonderschmidt, S. Taft, J. Taft, K. Taft, M. Lyons and G. Taft and adopt Resolution 2025-2026-26. The motion was seconded by Campbell and passed 3-0.

The Board also passed Resolution 2025-2026-27 to close a checking account at F&M Bank, which is no longer required.

A notice was received from the City of Falls City regarding a public hearing to accept comments on the plan to declare areas extremely blighted.

Commissioner Caverzagie made a motion to pay all claims.

The Board recessed until 3:00 p.m. to meet with NAPE/AFSCME Local 61, representing the Richardson County Department of Roads, to review a proposal submitted to the Board. Representatives from NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 were not present for the discussion.

An offer was made and delivered to each Road Department employee on January 28, 2026. Since that time, Commissioner Campbell has been in talks with a union steward regarding a draft proposal that road department

employees would submit to their legal counsel for formalization and presentation to the County's counsel as a counteroffer.

On February 10, 2026, a counteroffer was received by the County's counsel, Jerry Pigsley, from the union's legal counsel, Abby Osborn, Associate Attorney with Shiffermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.C.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to reject the offer that had been presented. Commissioner Caverzagie seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Karas absent.

The County's offer from January 28, 2026, and the counteroffer received from the Union's legal counsel on February 10, 2026, can be viewed on the Richardson County website at www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City on US 73) Sunday School

and Bible study, 9:30 AM (September-May). Divine Service, 10:30 AM. Communion on 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. fallscitylcms.blogspot.com Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-4643

Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM; Sun., 7AM & 10AM Daily Mass: Mon. thru Fri., 6:45AM Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc Inquiry classes by appt. Sacrament of Penance: Sat., 3:45-4:45PM, or by appt. Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002.

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

RULO

Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sun. Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Mon.-Fri., 6:30AM. Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor

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

BARADA

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

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

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Williamsville, 12 miles NE of Falls City) Worship 9:15AM (1st, 3rd); Worship at Barada Global Methodist (2nd & 4th Sundays); Check our Facebook page for worship schedule. Fellowship & Sunday School following worship. Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584

SHUBERT

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

Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM; Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. Pulpit Supply **Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert)** Sun: Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School

9:30AM. Communion is served the first Sun. of every month. Bob Heusman, Pastor

VERDON

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

DAWSON

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

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

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

HUMBOLDT

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

FOREST CITY, MO

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

DISTRICT 1 SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM'S NEWSLETTER

As we near the mid-point of the 60-day Legislative session, the deadline for Senators, Committees, and the Speaker to designate their priority bills is rapidly approaching.

Each Senator may prioritize one bill, which typically moves it toward the front of the floor debate schedule. Standing Committees may each designate two priority bills from those heard by the Committee. Additionally, the Speaker may designate 25 priority bills, which are generally noncontroversial and intended to move through floor debate quickly.

An assortment of bills, some of which were carried over from last year, have already reached the floor for debate. Some of the more publicized bills include LB669, introduced by Senator Tanya Storer, which would require health care professionals to screen abortion patients for coercion, abuse or trafficking. The bill failed, falling two votes short of ending a filibuster. Senator Storer also introduced LB663, which contains provisions relating to conditional use or special exception zoning determinations and appeals. The bill advanced from General File. LB258, introduced by Senator Jane Raybould, caps future increases of the minimum wage at 1.75 percent and lowers the minimum wage for 13- and 14-year-old workers to \$13.50 per hour. This bill survived a filibuster and was signed by Governor Pillen last week.

The Legislature continues to hold public hearings on many bills. Last week, public hearings were conducted on six of the bills I introduced. Among these were LB873, which would impose a 10 percent excise tax on Kratom products; LB 874, which aims to enhance penalties for motor vehicle homicide when it is accompanied by the use of a wireless communication device; LB784, which changes residency requirements for sheriffs and continuing education requirements for law enforcement officials; and LB938, which establishes the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act and provides for income tax deductions for contributions to savings accounts which are subsequently used for expenses associated with a house purchase.

This week, three public hearings will be held on bills I have introduced, including LB969, which establishes a database of financial information for counties and municipalities; LB1058, which provides for a grant under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act for organizations providing tourism and visitor promotional services through exhibits and trails; and LB1139, which changes provisions relating to liens, arising from child and spousal support orders.

I welcome your input on issues of interest and importance to you. I encourage you to follow along on my Facebook page designated as Senator Bob Hallstrom, for updates on legislation and District 1 activities. Please feel free to contact me directly at Senator Bob Hallstrom, District 1, State Capitol, PO Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509; Telephone (402) 471-2733; or email me at bhallstrom@leg.ne.gov.

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CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of January 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Acting President Buckminster called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. Absent: Leyden. Mayor Harkendorff was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Buckminster publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 20, 2026

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 5, 2026

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

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 21, 2026

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

TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

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

REQUEST FOR RESTRICTED PARKING ON THE 900 BLOCK OF MORTON STREET | BING BINDRUM

Bing Bindrum presented a request to the City Council to restrict parking on the 900 block of Morton Street. Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to restrict parking for 25 feet on the 900 block of Morton Street. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Ruiz, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR 1616 VALLEY AVENUE, 2212 STONE STREET, 2008 MORTON STREET, AND 710 EAST 11TH STREET

Acting President Buckminster declared a public hearing open at 6:13 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of Chicken Permit Applications for 523 Wilson Street, 901 E 21st Street, 804 E 17th Street, 1802 Huber Road, 1402 Morton Street, 2414 Fulton Street, and 701 E 14th Street. Buckminster asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Following discussion, Buckminster declared the public hearing closed at 6:15 P.M.

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 523 WILSON STREET | CHEVY IMEL & LASHAWNA FENNEL (IMEL)

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 901 E 21ST STREET | CHAD BERRY

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 804 E 17TH STREET | KATHERINE JORDAN

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 1802 HUBER ROAD | ALYSON & BRENDAN STEELE

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 1402 MORTON STREET | BRAD GRESHAM

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 2414 FULTON STREET | BRIAN & JESSIE LEMEROND

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

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 701 E 14TH STREET | DERRICK LEYDEN

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

CONSIDER APPROVING LIVESTOCK PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2414 FULTON STREET

Acting President Buckminster declared a public hearing open at 6:21 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of Livestock Permit Application for 2414 Fulton Street. Buckminster asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Following discussion, Buckminster declared the public hearing closed at 6:23 P.M.

CONSIDER APPROVING A LIVESTOCK PERMIT APPLICATION AT 2414 FULTON STREET | BRIAN & JESSIE LEMEROND

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

CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY WHICH AMENDMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FAIRVIEW MILLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS PART OF THE W1/2E1/2SE1/4 OF 15-1-16, FALLS CITY METES AND BOUNDS, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (3.46 ACRES) (PID 740081233); PART OF THE SE1/4SE1/4 OF 15-1-16 (ANNEXED 8/18/09), FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (3.56 ACRES) (PID 740123149); PART OF THE W1/2SE1/4SE1/4 OF 15-1-16 (ANNEXED 8/18/09) FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (4.53 ACRES) (PID 740014323); PART OF THE NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4 S OF MOPAC RR 15-1-16, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA (ANNEXED 8/18/09) METES AND BOUNDS (3.04 ACRES) (PID 740123068)

Acting President Buckminster declared a public hearing open at 6:24 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan of the City of Falls City. Buckminster asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Following discussion, Buckminster declared the public hearing closed at 6:25 P.M.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY TO INCLUDE THE FAIRVIEW MILLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE FAIRVIEW MILLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Council person Kaster and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the resolution as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster.

"NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried. COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND ACTING PRESIDENT TERM LENGTH DISCUSSION | COUNCILMEMBER DERRICK LEYDEN

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Buckminster to draft an ordinance revision to change the President and Acting President term length. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2026

Acting President Buckminster asked if there were any nominations for the position of President of the City Council. Council person Ferguson nominated Council person Leyden. Council person Leyden had submitted a letter stating interest in holding the position. Acting President Buckminster asked if there were any more nominations.

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

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve Leyden as President of the City Council effective January 20, 2026. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2026

Acting President Buckminster asked if there were any nominations for the position of Acting President of the City Council. Council person Ferguson nominated Council person Buckminster. Council person Buckminster accepted the nomination. Acting President Buckminster asked if there were any more nominations.

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

A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve Buckminster as Acting President of the City Council effective January 20, 2026. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE FALLS CITY EDGE QUARTERLY & ANNUAL REPORTS | FALLS CITY EDGE - LUCAS FROESCHL

Lucas Froeschl, EDGE Director, presented the EDGE Quarterly & Annual Reports for the 4th Quarter of 2025 and calendar year 2025.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM FALLS CITY EDGE TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A SECOND CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FALLS CITY EDGE BOARD | FALLS CITY EDGE - LUCAS FROESCHL

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth to table this topic. Motion died for lack of a second. The motion was rescinded by Council person F. Killingsworth. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the addition of a second City Council representative to the Falls City EDGE Board. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TO THE FALLS CITY EDGE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2023-R108 AND/OR AS AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL ACTION

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

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NC2 SEPARATE ELECTRIC SYSTEM REFUNDING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

REVIEW AND SELECT PRIMARY LOCATION OF THE NEW ELECTRIC SUBSTATION FOR THE ENERGY FORWARD TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Upon review, a motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the cemetery site as the primary location of the new electric substation, as recommended by the Board of Public Works. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson,

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FEBRUARY 4, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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.

NURSING HOME TAX EXEMPTION
Motion was made by Karas to approve the exemption applications as presented by Assessor Riggs that includes the percentage amount of exemption, Form 451NF, for the following qualifying for-profit nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, or assisted-living facility: Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 52.7%; Jonesbrook Estates, LLC at 0.51%; Falls City Care Center at 52.96%. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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ESU #4

The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the Carson Board Room of Educational Service Unit 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The following claims were paid for the month of February:

General Fund --	\$56,778.42
Payroll --	\$487,538.62
NCECBVI --	\$15,229.22
Federal Programs --	\$14,081.14
The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI), 824 10th Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska. The Region 4 Preschool Planning Team will hold their meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the ESU 4 Conference Center, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The agendas for both meetings are kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.	
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Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING REQUEST TO UPDATE THE HISTORICAL MARKER PLAQUE AT THE AQUATIC PARK | LUCAS FROESCHL

A request to update to the information on the historical marker plaque at the Aquatic Park was presented by Lucas Froeschl. Upon review, a motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, F. Killingsworth, Ruiz, Buckminster. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Council on January 20, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

CITY CLERK, Anthony Nussbaum
MAYOR, Mark Harkendorff
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HTRS DISTRICT #70

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 9, 2026 7:00 PM
Humboldt Board Conference Room
Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Quentin Bowen: Present, Kyle Hilgenfeld: Present, Mike Kanel: Present, Neal Kanel: Present, Dave Mezger: Present, Scott Ogle: Present.

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER- ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*
 2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUEST: PATRON COMMENT
 3. CORRESPONDENCE
 4. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Mike Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 4.1. Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2. Bills for Payment
 - 4.3. Review Treasurer's Report
 5. REPORTS
 - 5.1. Principal Caniglia gave an update on activities, counselors report and upcoming assemblies.
 - 5.2. Principal Standerford discussed upcoming school celebration days, training being completed and an update on CIP.
 - 5.3. SPED Director Kroll
 - 5.4. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
 6. AGENDA
 - 6.1. Board Member's Leave of Absence if Needed
 - 6.2. 2026-2027 School Calendar
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Neal Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 6.3. Cross Country 2026-2027
Motion to table Cross Country. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Dave Mezger, passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 2
 - 6.4. Lebra Teacher Evaluation Tool
Motion to table until we have more info/demo. This motion, made by Mike Kanel and seconded by Neal Kanel, passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 1
 7. Superintendent Griffith's Report
 8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
 9. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn, 7:41. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Neal Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

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Amazon Capital Services, Amazon Account.....	882.78
Apptegy, Inc, Media Subscription	6,670.13
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Chadwell, Mindy , Lmhp Jt.....	291.00
Cleaning Cousins, Llc, Niders.....	55.73
Das State Accounting - Central Finance,Tech / Ocio.....	317.87
Diezle Music House,Music	128.60
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Service Call, Parts.....	1,924.96
Eakes Office Solutions, Maintenance Supplies.....	38.99
Eggers Bros Inc, Bus Parts	84.92
Essential Screens, Emplmt Background Screenings	40.45
Falls City Journal, Advertising .	224.39
Falls City Sanitation, Dec/Jan Trash-Utilities.....	1,540.00
Fiber Platform, LLC, Distance Learning.....	429.21
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease.....	1,377.80
HTRS Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses	606,586.83
Humboldt Chamber Of Commerce, Annual Dues.....	110.00
Humboldt Standard,Advertising	160.29
Ksb School Law,Legal Services	385.00
Kurita America Inc,Water Soft Contract	484.00
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services.....	1,920.00
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Cte Cylinder Rental.....	400.56
Nasb Ailcap, 2024-2025 Policy.....	384.00
Nasb Nebraska Assn Of School Boards, Boe Dues	5,023.00
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc, Physical Therapy - Sped Services.....	1,140.50
NCS Pearson, Inc, Jan-26.....	57.62
NPPD, Elec-Utilities.....	5,533.77
Pawnee Republican, Ads.....	125.88
Sapp Bros., Fuel	257.13
Schendel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying.....	75.00
Schmitt Music, Music Dept	90.00
SJS Embroidery, Steam	528.00
Stalder, Jenna , JS Reimb	94.21
Standerford, Kim, Flight Reimbursement For Conf.	447.36
Surnali, LLC, EE Drug Testing.	352.80
Time Management Systems, Red Rover Downpayment.....	2,000.00
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance.....	595.72
Truck Center Companies,Parts	491.08
University Of Nebraska - Kearney, Kt Course.....	325.00
University Of Nebraska - Lincoln, 4-H Extension.....	74.07
Verizon Business, Long Distance	73.58
Wilcock, Joy, Occ Therapy - Sped Services.....	3,226.20

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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VERDON MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2026 – 7:05 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Denise Koso. She called attention to the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.

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

Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present. GUESTS: Raven Weimann, Michael Schultes, Lucas Froeschl, Terry Cummins

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

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

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

FEBRUARY 2026 CLAIMS: Motion by Fritz, second by Koso to approve, all Trustees present voting YEA.

All claims were verified and checked over by Chairperson Koso.

COMMUNICATIONS:
1. February 2026 Shut off notices were reviewed. All have been paid.

2. A letter was received from a resident concerning a neighbor's dogs who had chased her in and was aggressive towards her in her own yard. A letter will be sent to the neighbor with notice telling him about the Village ordinances concerning loose dogs.

3. An Annual Update was available and presented to the Board members from the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. COMMITTEE REPORTS: General: Koso had concerns about rodent control at the Community Center and an estimate was presented. A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Fritz to accept the estimate from Schendel Control for rodent control at the Community Center. All Trustees present voting YEA. STREETS: N/A Water: N/A Sewer: N/A Cemetery: N/A Parks: N/A

2. WATER HOOK UP AT COCHRAN PROPERTY: No update available.

3. JEO – MICHAEL SCHULTES: A presentation was made by Michael Schultes with JEO with the 95% complete Wastewater Report. Following his presentation, a motion was made by Koso and seconded by Fritz to authorize JEO Consulting Group to submit the report to funding agencies for funding offers for the Project. All Trustees present voting YEA.

4. NUISANCE/UNSAFE PROPERTIES: Pictures have been taken of nuisance and unsafe properties. The Board members reviewed the photos and Nuisance Violation Forms were filled out. A motion was made by Fritz and seconded by Miller to start the Nuisance Abatement Process on four residences. All Trustees present voting YEA.

5. SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA LAND BANK – LUCAS FROESCHL: Discussion was held on the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank and the possibilities of using the Land Bank on properties in the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. TOWN MOWING FOR 2026: A motion was made by Fritz and second by Strecker to hire Tom Borrego to do the town mowing for the 2026 season. All Trustees present voting YEA.

2. CHANGING BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM FIVE TO THREE MEMBERS: Board members were updated on the choice of changing the number of trustees for the Village Board from five to three members at the next General Election. It was decided to leave the number of members the same as it is now at five members and not changing it.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:
1. ORDINANCE 2026-100 – Third and Final Reading – "ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES" was read by Koso. A motion was made by Koso and second by Bahr to pass the third and final reading. All Trustees present voting YEA. Third and final reading of Ordinance 2026-100 passed and approved.

2. RESOLUTION 2026-01 – "ACCEPTING THE ONE (1) & SIX (6) YEAR HIGHWAY & STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2026 FOR THE VILLAGE OF VERDON, NEBRASKA." A motion was made by Koso and second by Bahr to pass Resolution 2026-01. All Trustees present voting YEA.

Motion by Bahr and second by Strecker to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and all Trustees present voting YEA.

Meeting adjourned.
Dawn Bennett, Verdon Clerk

The next regular meeting of the

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

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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.

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

Douglas Merz, # 12807
Samantha Scheitel, # 26389
Alexandra Fleming, # 26943
Weaver & Merz Law Office
1719 Stone Street, PO Box 569
Falls City, NE 68355
402-245-3015

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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.

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 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 #	District	Parcel	Multitype Name	Property Address	Legal	Total Due
Richardson	74	1	147	740041231	HEINEN, RODNEY R	71285 639 DR DAWSON NE 68337	10-2-14215.33APARCEL 1 F/K/A/PTNW1/4 & P/TSW1/4 EXC 5.64A	8069.9
Richardson	74	2	80	740000950	DEJONGE, LYNN A	RURAL 33-3-13 160A	33-3-13 160ANE1/4	2759.26
Richardson	74	3	80	740170635	DEJONGE, LYNN A	RURAL 28-3-13 115A	28-3-13 115ASE1/4SW1/4 & W1/2SE1/4 EXC 5A TRSW/CSE1/4	2382.96
Richardson	74	4	5	741000114	KEARNEY WELDING LLC	14-1-16 INDUSTRIAL PARK	14-1-16 SW1/4 LOT 1 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/ASW1/4SW1/4 & W8ASE1/4SW1/4 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, KIRABROOKE	602 E 21ST ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY STEELE BLK 1 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	1512.86
Richardson	74	9	10	740083139	WERNER, TRICIA G	715 5TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OT BLK 9 W 69.5' LOT 2 (.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 OT BLK 192 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	978.72
Richardson	74	12	10	740087177	COOPER, KENT L & RHONDAL	726 GRAND AVE HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT TRIST'S 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 OT BLK 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 OT BLK 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 40ANE1/4SW1/4	854.78
Richardson	74	17	10	740082612 ***	BITNER, JEREMY & GINA	701 4TH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OT BLK 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 OT BLK 7 N 1/2 LOT 16 ALL 17-21 (5.5L)	752.34
Richardson	74	19	10	740084372 ***	WITTRICK, LISA	848 LONGBRANCH ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KING'S 1ST BLK 22 S 1/2 2N 1/2 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 OT BLK 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 5 LOTS 6 & 7 (2L)	636.98
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 (13) 1/6, 11	608.44
Richardson	74	29	10	740084186	NABER, GENE L & BACHMAN, CLARE	833 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT KINGS 1ST BLK 19 E 173' S 1/2 LOT 5	593.78
Richardson	74	30	25	740089899 ***	HADDAD, WAEL	220 RIDGE ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OT BLK 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 OT BLK 29 LOTS 7-10 & PTVAC ST & ALLEY	578.02
Richardson	74	32	10	740088599	MCCLUNG, TYLER & ASHLYNN	858 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13 .27APT SW 1/4 NE 1/4	567.01
Richardson	74	33	5	740061232	NOURIE, KYLEE	1011 LANE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 165 LOTS 7 & 8 (2L)	557.18
Richardson	74	34	45	740152350	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 OT BLK 194 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	546.16
Richardson	74	36	10	740083589 ***	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	SHAFER, LYNN M	420 E 12TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 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 OT BLK 125 LOTS 13-14-15 (3L)	477.12
Richardson	74	39	100	740029096	PECK, DEEANNA E	66025 705 TRUL RULO NE 68431	18-1-18 1APT N 1/2 SW 1/4	471.48
Richardson	74	40	10	740081616	LAMBERT, JEFFREY S	105 N NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OT BLK 1 S 1/2 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 & TELESAD	504 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS BLK 30 N 1/2 LOT 4 ALL 5 (1.5L)	435.42
Richardson	74	44	5	740053396	CARPENTER, MARCIA	2420 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 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 OT BLK 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 OT BLK 5 LOTS 13 & 14 (2L)	395.28
Richardson	74	48	5	740060414	GRABER, JOHN & LLC	1115 HARLAN ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 155 LOTS 5 & 6 (2L)	389.26
Richardson	74	49	10	740088386	URSA MAJOR, LLC	718 1ST ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT METES & BOUNDS 3-2-13 .37APT 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 OT BLK 4 E 1/2 LOT 8 (.5L)	385.42
Richardson	74	52	5	740069470	HOCKER, 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 3-2-13 .70APT 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 OT BLK 2 LOTS 3 & 4 (2L)	375.26
Richardson	74	55	25	740089919	NINCEHELSE, JAMES R	415 3RD ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSON OT BLK 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 PLOT 19 (.34A)	360.97
Richardson	74	60	5	740062204	REED, KALA	914 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 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 & N 1/2 (2.5L)	357.65
Richardson	74	62	10	740081578	WREDT, TONY & PAM	804 2ND ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT OT BLK 1 LOT 4 (1L)	354.92
Richardson	74	63	5	740064274	STEVENS, JASON	608 MORTON ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY OT BLK 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 - OT BLK 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 OT BLK 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	LINDEY, 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 OT BLK 223 LOTS 21 & 22 (2L)	321.34
Richardson	74	70	5	740055380	STEVENS, JASON	120 W 18TH ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - OT BLK 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 3-2-13 .32A 70' X 208.96' E PTL OT 12	309.6
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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	DAWSONHEIM ALL BLK 39(4L)	77.62
Richardson	74	115	5	740077554	TIMOTHY, MELANIE	403 PACIFIC ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLSCITYTOWLEBLK4 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 & N1/2 SALL 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, JANICEA	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	FALLS CITY 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, KALLYK	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 OTALL 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	FALLS CITY OTBLK 195 LOTS 13-16 (4L)	53.68
Richardson	74	126	5	740055402	STEVENS, JASON	1806 CHASE ST FALLS CITY NE 68355	FALLS CITY - 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	RURAL 19-1-14 9.35A	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 CLOSING BEDARD ST (.22A)	43.34
Richardson	74	131	25	740090747	WENDTLANDT, STEPHEN	4TH ST DAWSON NE 68337	DAWSONHEIM 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	FALLS CITY OTBLK 2 LOTS 1 & 2 (2L)	42.96
Richardson	74	133	40	740098632	GIFFORD, KESSETTE	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 S 2-13 PARCEL 1.14A PTL LOTS 5 & 6 SW 1/4	38.8
Richardson	74	136	10	740082973	RICHEY, TIMOTHY & 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	DAWSONHEIM 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 & LUTHER NIMS BLK 25 N 88' LOT 6 (2/3L)	34.84
Richardson	74	139	100	740018620	HART-BARILLET-STURIEVANT 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 & N1/2 7 & 8 (3L)	30.58
Richardson	74	141	10	740084682	NORRUP, CHRISTOPHER	216 NEMAHA ST HUMBOLDT NE 68376	HUMBOLDT AR & LUTHER NIMS 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	FALLS CITY - 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	FALLS CITY - OTBLK 40 LOTS (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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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 4, 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, February 4, 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 28, 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.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

A listing of items that have been deemed to be surplus and/or obsolete was presented to the Board that will be offered for sale at the Big Iron auction to be held in the next few months. These items being offered for sale are: 1989 MACK dump truck, 1985 CAT loader, 1978 Linkbelt truck crane, Kewanee discplot, 2006 Ford F350 pickup, 2010 Dodge 1500 pickup, 2005 Chev Silverado 3500, pickup, 1978 Ford Tractor 5600, 2004 homemade 18' trailer, 2006 Chev K1500 pickup, 2016 Construction Trailer bottom dump

2013 Dodge 1500 pickup, 2020 Ford F150 pickup, 2020 Ford F150 pickup, 2013 Dodge Grand van SXT, 2022 Ford Explorer, 5 used overhead shop doors, 16' dump box hydraulic tank, 5' plot seeder, hand hydraulic press 9"X24"X40" H beams

Mr. Darveau is also working with the engineering firm on developing specifications for the mastic resurfacing on the 10.5 miles of the "dustless highway".

Also presented to the Board was a breakdown of the costs that would be realized with contractor rock hauling vs. county road dept. hauling to a stock-pile in the County for the Board to review.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. There are 19 inmates that are booked-in with Richardson County and 17 of those are being held in house. Maintenance items at the Jail were discussed. Commissioner Campbell will be meeting with the Sheriff to look at the items needing some attention. The Department has been sorting and cleaning out items being stored in the storage building at the Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff also asked the Board if there was a reason to continue to keep on the inventory the 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan as it hasn't been used in quite a while. The Board approved adding this vehicle to the list of items to be sold on the Big Iron Auction in the next few months.

Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that he is considering a deputy candidate is being considered for hire but they reside in Nemaha County, Kansas and would not consider relocating to reside within Richardson County.

Training for software upgrades has been scheduled for staff in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess

the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:00 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 Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:43 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CONTRACT WITH MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS
Commissioner Karas reported on information that he received from Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning Consultants regarding the current contract that Richardson County has with the firm. The firm will be doing the update and completion of the comprehensive plan for Richardson County. If the County does not want to pursue further with the zoning regulations, the contract will then be terminated after the comprehensive plan is completed.

County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel recommended that the contract be amended to define the County will cease the contract after the comprehensive plan is completed. She will be drafting a letter for the Board to consider notifying Marvin Planning Consultants of the Board's intention to terminate after the comprehensive plan is completed.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of January, 2026:
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk, \$87.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$13,824.34
Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist. Court \$580.00

Monthly Operating Statement

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for January, 2026.

Review listing of surplus equipment

A listing of items that have been deemed to be surplus and/or obsolete from the Courthouse offices was presented to the Board for approval to be sold, donated or discarded. The items will be offered once more on the social media "Swap and Talk" sites for sale and/or offered as a donation to non-profit organizations.

Correspondence from NE Dept of Health & Human Services

The Board has been reviewing correspondence from the NE Department of Health & Human Services regarding the office space they occupy in the lower level of the Courthouse. As per NE Revised State Statute 68-130, effective June 30, 2028, the county will no longer be responsible to maintain office and service facilities used for the administration of the NE Dept. of Health & Human Services.

A letter was sent by the County Board to the State of Nebraska stating that the office space would still be available for use by this department after June 30, 2028, but that the County would then require a rent or lease payment beginning July 1, 2028.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.
(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp.....	209.99
Ankrom, Jami, reimb.....	218.40
Auditor of Public Accounts, serv.....	2000.00
BuckIT, serv.....	7186.14
Culligan; supp.....	150.00
Falls City Journal, adv.....	2319.34
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	220.16
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....	7741.11
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....	726.00
CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-91 S. Mackey, CR25-93 S. Mackey Farm & City Supply, supp.....	118.98
Ligouri, Angelo, serv.....	1796.03
CR25-360 T. Clow Marvin Planning Consultants, serv.....	3430.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, serv.....	110.00

Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv..... 30.00
MIPS Inc. serv..... 4008.83
Nemaha County NE Sheriff, serv..... 6.00
Priority Dispatch, serv..... 11000.00
ProServ Business Systems, serv..... 177.00

Richardson County Court, fees 1110.12
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc..... 24785.60
Road & Bridge Fund,

transfer 365511.73
Schendel Pest Control, serv..... 91.38
Stataline Propane, supp..... 100.00
Summit Fire Protection, serv..... 535.00
SummerOne, serv..... 119.00
US Signal, serv..... 1016.40
Wolfe's Printing, supp..... 3.00
Payroll Expense..... 113630.97
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$566,351.18

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Capital City Concepts, serv... 5000.00
Culligan, supp..... 33.60
East Richardson Rural Water Dist. 2, serv..... 46.00
EMC Insurance, ins..... 2500.00
Falls City Journal, adv..... 22.03
Martin-Marietta Materials, rock 1840.78
Norris Quarries, rock..... 1203.26
Operation & Expense Account, reimb..... 241.85
OPPD, serv..... 179.88
Stataline Propane Service, serv 511.20
Unifirst, supp..... 92.26
Woods & Aitken, serv..... 6127.97
Payroll Expense..... 35865.70
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND..... \$53,664.53

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv..... 324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND..... \$324.92

VETERAN'S AID FUND

County Veteran's Aid Fund, transfer..... 540.00
TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND..... \$540.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 11, 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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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS January 15th, 2026 2307 Barada Street Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 15th day of January 2026 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. Absent: Johansen, Rieger. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the December 18th, 2025, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for January 15th, 2026, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen, Rieger. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF FALLS CITY IN THE NEBRASKA CITY STATION UNIT NO. 2 SEPARATE ELECTRIC SYSTEM REFUNDING AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the recommendation to City Council for participation of the City of Falls City in the Nebraska City Station Unit No. 2 Separate Electric System Refunding as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen, Rieger. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF OLSSON'S DRAFT COMPARISON STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF SUBSTATION SITE SELECTION

The board reviewed Olsson's Draft Comparison Study for the substation site selection. Following discussion, a motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the recommendation to City Council for approval of the substation site selection at the cemetery site as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen, Rieger. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on January 15th, 2026, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Anthony Nussbaum
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that COTEO LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The name of the company is COTEO LLC. The street and mailing address of the designated office of the company is 1702 Valley Ave, Falls City, NE 68355. The name and street and mailing address of the initial registered agent of the company is Daniel Werner, 1702 Valley Ave, Falls City, NE 68355.

The limited liability company is organized to engage in any lawful business activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The company commenced its existence on the filing of its Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Organizer: Daniel Werner, 1702 Valley Ave, Falls City, NE 68355.
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Planning Commission of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., Southeast Community College campus located at 3200 Bill Schock Blvd, Falls City, Nebraska. (The purpose of the meeting is to organize and discuss a planning process. The agenda for this meeting is kept continuously current and is 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 will be closed 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and will be posted on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, the 1st floor lobby and the lower level lobby of the Courthouse and also on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

The use of any Southeast Community College Facility or Property does not imply endorsement, sponsorship, or support by the College of the views, opinions, programs, or activities of the users, speakers, presenters, or organizers of this Event.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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VILLAGE OF VERDON

VILLAGE OF VERDON MINUTES ONE & SIX YEAR HIGHWAY AND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 4, 2026

7:00 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

Chairperson Denise Koso informed the room at large that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Denise Koso at 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Present were: Cody Bahr, Kerry Fritz, Denise Koso, Lois Miller, and Richard Strecker Jr. Absent: None. Clerk Dawn Bennett was also present.

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SURGERY DIRECTOR: Full-Time position working 36-40 hours per week plus On-Call hours. Current KS licensed nurse and experience working in a Surgery Department is required. Responsible for overall assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of patient care in the surgery department.

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RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGIST: Full-Time or Part-Time hours including an On-Call rotation. Responsible for performing radiology exams as directed by practitioners to provide data for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. Must have a Kansas LRT.

SOCIAL WORKER: Part-Time position working 2 or 3 days per week. Must be a LBSW or LMSW licensed in the State of Kansas. Responsible for providing individuals and families with psychosocial support needed to cope with a variety of health conditions. This would include discharge planning, assisting with financial assistance forms, transportation and coordination with outside entities. May be required to travel to patients homes periodically.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT- PHYSICIAN CLINIC: Full-Time position working 830-500 M-F and every 4th Saturday morning. Primary duties will be phlebotomy and various diagnostic testing. Will be cross trained, so must be flexible and willing to assist clinical staff and business office personnel as needed to ensure smooth day-to-day operations.

DIETARY/EVS DIRECTOR: Part-time position working 32 hours a week. Responsible for overseeing the Dietary, Housekeeping and Laundry daily operations. This would include supervising employees, ensuring compliance with regulations and policies, maintaining sanitary standards and quality control, along with understanding each position and the ability to assist workers when necessary.

An excellent base salary is offered for these positions, which includes PTO and pension plan. If interested in these opportunities visit the hospital's website at www.sabethahospital.com or call Julie

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Babies of 2025

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Jameson Steven



FEBRUARY 10
3 LBS. 13 OZ.
WILLIAM & DOMINIQUE LYONS
HENDERSON, CO
Grandparents: Steven & Donna Lyons
Great-Grandparents: Mrs. Marjorie Lyons

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Elodie Jo



SEPTEMBER 12 • 7 LBS. 9 OZ.
QUALLS & SUMMER MCGINNIS
FALLS CITY, NE
Grandparents: Sonny McGinnis

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Kelson Kyle



JUNE 5 • 7 LBS. 5 OZ.
JUSTIN FEIGNER & BROOKLYNN PATNODE
Grandparents: Joe Feighner, Nick & Christina Eickhoff, Randy and Brenda Gilsdorf,
Great-Grandparents: Richard and Steph McCann, Cheryl McCann, Sue Simpson.

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Briar Carson



OCTOBER 1 • 7 LBS. 1 OZ.
KADE & MADISON BREDEMEIER
Grandparents - Jason & Mandy Bredemeier; Steve & Sue Gerken
Great-Grandparents - Bill & Jodi Bredemeier; Rick & Trish Lukert; Rick & Brenda Gerken; Genevieve Haumont

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Hayes Allen



NOVEMBER 4 • 7 LBS. 2 OZ.
WYATT & TAYLOR MARTIN
OAK GROVE, MO
Grandparents: John and Mary Sue Martin (Salem), Rod and Teresa Godemann (Oak Grove, MO). Great-Grandparents: Late Joe and Kay Godemann, Karen Ramsey and Shirley Frederick

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Aspen Rose



MARCH 14 • 9 LBS. 1 OZ.
DYLAN AND LISA STOLL
Grandparents: Tom and Cindy Kopf, Fred and Vicki Stoll
Great Grandparents: Iona Hastings

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Heath Andrew



AUGUST 7 • 9 LBS. 2 OZ.
ANDREW & KELSEY JOHANSEN
Grandparents: Mark & Jean Hodge
Steve & Rita Johansen
Great Grandparent: Carlota Hodge

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Elsie Mae



JULY 20 • 7 LBS. 8 OZ.
BEN AND COURTNEY SCOTT
Grandparents: Ron and Cathy Bures
Randy and Pam Scott

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Nevin Sean Patrick



OCTOBER 24 • 7 LBS. 12 OZ.
NATHAN NOLTE AND LIZ KELLY
Grandparents: Angie & Sean Nolte, Pat & Emily Kelly
Great-Grandparents: Benny Sickel & Barbara Parrish Sickel, Rose Nolte

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Karsen Rae



JUNE 25 • 8 LBS. 15 OZ.
TODD & NICOLE PURIFOY
COLLEGE STATION, TX
Grandparents: Sean and Angie Nolte, Pat French
Great grandparents: Benny Sickel and Barb Parrish-Sickel, Rose Nolte

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Emalynn Anne Dale



AUGUST 19 • 7 LBS. 3 OZ.
JONNY AND BROOKLYNN JONES
Grandparents: Brad & Jennifer Rutland, Lindsie & Jon Jones.
Great Grandparents: David & Ellie Feltz, Gaylord Rutland, Rick & Janelle Jones, Robert & Cathy Davis.

Welcome TO THE WORLD
Lainey Elizabeth



SEPTEMBER 2
8 LBS. 3 OZ.
ANDREW AND ADRIENNE MEYER
BENNINGTON, NE
Grandparents: Mark and Beth Meyer
Tammy Nelson

The most popular baby names of 1925, 1975 and 2025

The most popular baby names in the United States show both continuity and change over the past century, with some traditional names holding steady while others reflect shifting trends.

According to recent national data for 2025, the most common girls names are Olivia, Amelia, Sophia, Emma and Isabella. For boys, the top names are Noah, Liam, Oliver, Elijah and Mateo. Olivia has remained the most popular girls name for several years, while Liam and Noah continue to alternate as the top boys name depending on the dataset. The Social Security Administration's most recent federal rankings also list Olivia and Liam at No. 1.

In 1975, popular names reflected a mix of traditional and emerging trends. The top girls names were Jennifer, Amy, Heather, Melissa and Angela. The most common boys names were Michael, Jason, Christopher, David and James. Many of these names defined a generation and remained widely used through the late 20th century.

In 1925, the most popular names were more

of old and new influences. Classic names such as Olivia, Emma, William and James continue to rank highly. Shorter, modern names including Luca, Ezra, Mila and Nova are increasing in popularity. Vintage names such as Eleanor, Hazel and Theodore are also making a comeback, while recent naming trends show a blend

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