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28 Morrill Fire Dept.
Pancake Feed 5-7PM,
Morrill Community Center

Cory Snethen Auction, 1st
location 65225 702 Trail
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2nd Location 512 West
14th Falls City - Noon
Start

March

1 Morrill Fire Dept.
Pancake Feed 8AM-1PM,
Morrill Community Center

FC FFA Alumni Scholarship
Fundraiser Annual Farm
Toy Show at Prichard
Auditorium, 9-3PM

7 Shubert Christian Church
Soup Supper, 5-7PM

15 Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church-Men's
Pork Club Pork Club
BBQ 4:30-7PM at
Prichard Auditorium

20 Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry at Prichard
Auditorium, 5-8PM

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City Council unanimously approves Jorn to serve as City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer

The meeting began with Mayor Mark Harkendorff officially accepting the resignation of City Administrator Anthony Nussbaum.

Nussbaum, who previously announced his departure said he had drafted a letter that went out in the agenda and had been working with teams, firms, consultants on the transition and that Friday (February 20) was his last day.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Mark Harkendorff recommended Gary Jorn to serve as City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Council unanimously approved the appointment of Jorn to begin on a part-time basis at a rate of \$75 per hour with no benefits effective Feb. 24, 2026. The position would become full time effective March 1, 2026, at the same salary as the current City Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer, with full benefits, including three weeks of paid vacation and will move up vacation scale from there.

The Council addressed a wide range of items including an electrical substation project, municipal trash services, park policies, an auditing contract and redevelopment designations.

Mayor Harkendorff opened the floor for public comment on the proposed electrical substation project.

Scott Hollens, who said he lives on West 14th Street, spoke on behalf of residents near the proposed location.

"I'm Scott Hollens. I live on West 14th Street," Hollens said. "I'm on here on behalf of the people that live out there close to where they want to put that substation."

Hollens raised concerns about the history of the Pioneer Cemetery, noting the possibility of unmarked graves.

"In 1889 due to smallpox epidemic there were people buried in a shallow mass grave at Pioneer Cemetery," Hollens said. "There's no record of names and locations are not available."

He asked the council to reconsider the site.

"All I ask is that you please reconsider the location of the substation," Hollens said. "We got another place to put it."

City staff said the project area has been studied and further testing is planned.

"We do have original plats. We have confirmation of no graves in the farmland which is where the substations plan to go," said Nussbaum. "We're reviewing a proposal to complete GPR on the entire site."

Staff said ground penetrating radar work could

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Primary Election information

Preparation is underway at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk for the Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Primary Election.

Approaching deadlines for candidates and voters to remember are detailed below.

Monday, 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2026, is the non-incumbent filing deadline.

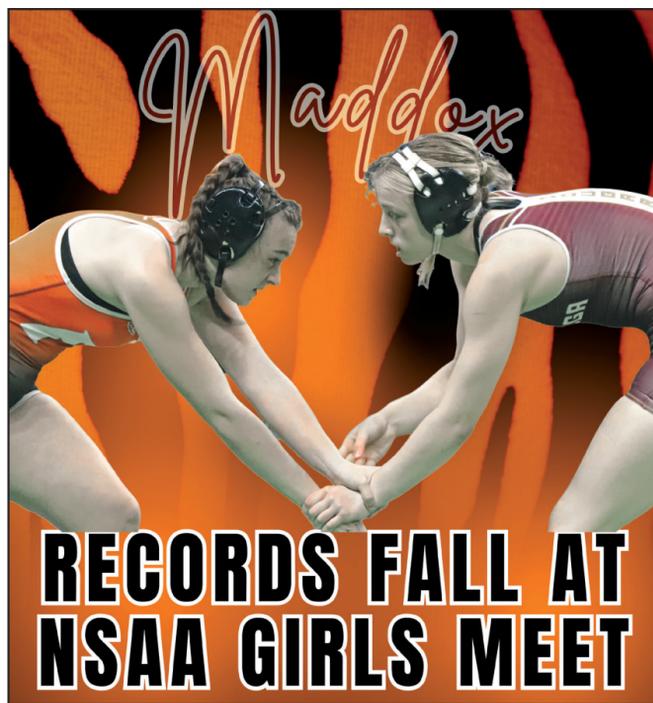
A complete list of candidate filings on record at the Richardson County Clerk's Office who will be considered for nomination at the Primary Election are listed below with the incumbents denoted with an * and if a partisan office will be denoted with a Republican, Democrat, Libertarian and LMN for Legal Marijuana Now.

County Commissioner District 1 seat is up for a four-year term—Shawn Fouraker Republican. District 1 serves that portion of Falls City Ward 2 lying south of 22nd Street and all of Falls City Wards 3 and 4.

County Assessor—Kimberly L. Riggs* R; County Attorney—Samantha Scheitel* R; County Clerk-Register of Deeds—Mary L. Eickhoff* R; County Clerk of District Court—Kerry K. Fritz R; County Sheriff—Rick Hardesty* R and Nicholas C. Aitken R; County Surveyor—Robert Tichy* R; County Treasurer—Amanda Bartek-Ramsey* R.

School Districts 56 and 70 all have three positions up for election this year with up to six

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RECORDS FALL AT NSAA GIRLS MEET

In the second year of the standalone girls' state championships, Falls City shattered a few records. The girls' tourney began in 2022, but last year was the first time the Tigers qualified for any competitions. Gabi Young and Taytum Maddox made history last February, becoming the first two Lady Tiger wrestlers to compete on the big stage. Maddox won one match last year at CHI Health Center in Omaha, while Young finished 0-2. This year, FC sent a record three wrestlers to Omaha. Young, a junior, and Maddox, a sophomore, both returned to Omaha, while sophomore Gabbi Griffin made her first trip.

The Tigers scored 15 team points, the most for the young program. The point total was good enough for 49th place. Adams Central won the team title with 89.5 points; Lakeview was second at 82, and Yutan placed third with 81.5. The Auburn Bulldogs placed fifth with 58 points, while Johnson County Central was seventh at 49.5 points.

For the first time in school history, a Lady Tiger wrestler earned a spot on the medal stand.

Taytum Maddox, wrestling at 155 in Class B, finished her championships at 2-3, scored nine points and placed sixth. In the first

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Commissioners approve environmental services agreement for Falls City Northwest project

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, with Rick Karas, Bobby Campbell and John Caverzagie present.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. reported on routine road and bridge maintenance.

Commissioners approved Resolution 2025-2026-29, authorizing the chairman to sign a professional environmental services agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for Project No. BRO-7076(27), known as the Falls City Northwest project, located on 710 Road between 651 and 650 avenues. Campbell made the motion, which carried.

Sheriff Hardesty reported on operations at the Law Enforcement Center. He said there were 662 calls in January, including 219 traffic stops and 25 arrests. Of those arrests, five were for other agencies, one was an out-of-county hold and 19 were made by the county department. The jail population was 17 inmates at the time of the meeting.

Hardesty also reported Pawnee County has contacted the department about the possibility of Richardson County providing dispatch services.

Dr. George Griffiths, president of Humboldt Shares Inc., presented a quarterly report. He said the organization has provided a no-interest loan to a local business and continues to look for opportunities to attract businesses to Humboldt.

The board entered closed session at 9:38 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Those attending were County Attorney Samantha Scheitel, Darveau and

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One dead in Dawson fire

On February 21, 2026 at approximately 12:31 a.m., the Richardson County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a structure fire in Dawson. Deputies observed a house fire at 526 9th St. Once the fire was extinguished, one deceased individual was found in the bedroom in the northwest corner of the house. The deceased was later identified as 70 year old Michael Leroy Ruch. Next of kin has been notified.

Fire Marshal was notified and did arrive on scene. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office wishes to extend Condolences to the family of the deceased.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office would also like to thank Dawson Fire, Humboldt Fire, Humboldt Rescue, and Verdun fire for their prompt response and coordinated efforts.

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Keeping us in balance: the work of the kidneys

By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

Picture a man crawling through the desert in tattered clothing, whispering “water” as he nears an oasis. He isn’t thinking about his kidneys, yet they may be the main organ still keeping him alive.

The human body does an amazing job at maintaining the balance of our internal environment, known as homeostasis. The kidneys, those two bean-shaped organs at our sides, are vital for maintaining that balance. Through filtration, reabsorption, and the secretion of hormones, the kidneys are one (or two) of our most important organs.

Each day, the kidneys filter roughly 50 gallons of blood, enough to fill a bathtub. In doing so, they remove waste products and toxins that would otherwise build up and cause harm. They also regulate electrolytes such as sodium, potassium, calcium, and phosphate, which are essential for proper muscle, nerve, and heart function.

The kidneys regulate our fluid balance. If we are dehydrated, they will reabsorb more fluid back into the bloodstream. Meanwhile, if there is excess, they will increase urine production. On a normal day, a healthy person usually only needs to drink when feeling thirsty. Anti-diuretic hormone is secreted by the brain when you start to get dehydrated, telling the kidneys to retain more fluid, and giving yourself the sensation of thirst.

The kidneys help regulate blood pressure through their control of salt and water retention or excretion. They maintain acid-base balance, keeping the body’s pH within a narrow, safe range. In addition, the kidneys secrete hormones involved in bone health and stimulate the bone marrow to produce red blood cells.

With all these responsibilities, preserving kidney health is essential. You can support your kidneys by preventing imbalance where possible. Eat a healthy diet low in salt and added sugar. See your healthcare provider regularly to screen for diabetes and monitor blood pressure, the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease. Avoid taking excessive amounts of medications such as ibuprofen or naproxen. Other prescription and over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and herbal preparations can strain the kidneys as well—so use them carefully and follow directions.

With the kidneys, balance is key. Avoid excess, protect your health, and your kidneys will likely manage the rest. Whether you are sleeping soundly at home or desperately seeking water under a desert sun, your kidneys continue their quiet work—filtering, regulating, protecting, and keeping your body in balance.

Dr. Andrew Ellsworth is a Family Medicine Physician at Avera Medical Group Brookings in Brookings, SD. He serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc@ at www.prairiedoc.org.

All things Nebraska Mentoring programs are great, but more focused effort needed to improve reading skills

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Mentoring programs are a great thing.

They help kids – mostly kids in single-parent families – gain confidence, and learn leadership and life skills from adults.

I’ve seen first-hand how beneficial they are, first as a “big brother” in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program, and then as a participant in the TeamMates Mentoring program.

My “little brother” was the first in his family to graduate from high school (imagine that!) and my Team-Mate graduated from high school despite problems with attendance and discipline.

But I gotta say, when I read a recent story from the Flatwater Free Press about how much money the TeamMates program was getting via a state literacy program, I was more than a bit surprised.

The nonprofit news site and its reporter, Sara Gentzler, reported that during the first three years of Gov. Pillen’s administration, TeamMates received \$11.6 million in state taxpayer funds. That amounted to about 80% of the money granted out via the “READ Nebraska” program, which seeks to “expand mentorships throughout the state of Nebraska to improve the reading levels of elementary students.”

Since I no longer chase state senators through the halls of the Legislature, I’ve got the time to volunteer at a Lincoln elementary school. Many kids need help with reading, there’s no doubt about that.

And, as stated above, mentoring programs like TeamMates and Big Brothers-Big Sisters are great programs that accomplish great things. (Anyone with the time, who wants to help kids, should sign up.)

But I never imagined that my work as a TeamMate was designed to help my kid’s reading proficiency.

We played games in the school library, or shot baskets or played catch with a football in the school gym. And we talked about what was happening in his life, and what his goals might be in the future.

I don’t recall any specific work on my TeamMate’s reading skills, or a directive to do that.

As most of us know, TeamMates was founded by former Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne and his wife, Nancy. And we all know that Gov. Jim Pillen was a player for Osborne at NU. Pillen also served on the Board of Directors of TeamMates before becoming governor, and is a huge advocate for mentoring.

So there’s an appearance that this cash outlay from the state shows favoritism by the governor to a mentor of his. A representative of Common Cause Nebraska, a state government watchdog, said as much.

A spokeswoman for Pillen, as well as Coach Osborne, disputed that in the Flatwater story, pointing out that the READ grants are handed out on a per-capita (per-mentor match basis), and TeamMates has the largest number in the state.

To be sure, TeamMates was able to recruit about 2,400 new mentors to match with students over the past three years.

Much of the state funds received by TeamMates was spent on recruiting new mentors, and the costs of recruitment events. So the money is expanding mentoring. That’s a good thing.

But it’s worth noting that the second-largest recipient of the money, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, used its state money, \$851,000 over three years, on specific “literacy support programming.” That sounds like an effort to improve reading skills.

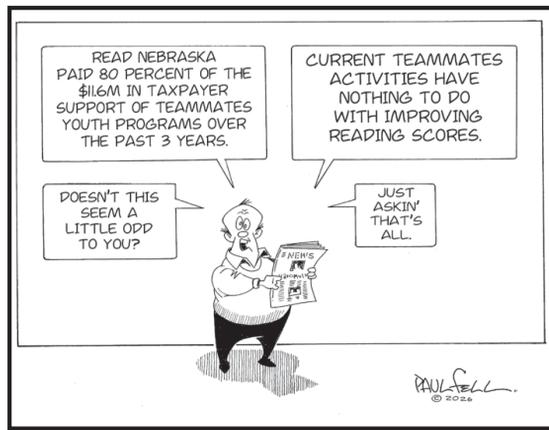
I want to be clear – mentoring programs are a great thing. They instill confidence in these kids, provide them with a friend and life guidance coach, and – it’s been shown – help increase graduation rates.

It’s also clear that reading proficiency is dropping, and something needs to be done. “Reading mentoring,” where someone works with a student three to four times a week, has been proven to work.

If Nebraska wants to increase mentoring, then this READ Nebraska program is doing that.

But if the goal is improving reading proficiency, there has to be a better, more focused way to do that, other than playing “Scattergories” or “War” in the school library or shooting hoops in the gym.

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



STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: THE 1990S

ACROSS

- 1. *First cloned mammal
- 6. Fuel economy acronym
- 9. Land measure
- 13. Pascal of “The Mandalorian” fame
- 14. Second O in EVOO
- 15. a.k.a. sergeant fish or robalo
- 16. Plant fungus
- 17. *”Titanic” star
- 18. *”The _____ Whisperer” (1998)
- 19. *PepsiCo offering
- 21. *One of the Walsh twins, 90210
- 23. Long reef dweller
- 24. Reach a high
- 25. Color of passion
- 28. Agitate
- 30. Like Matryoshka inside Matryoshka
- 35. Gave the boot
- 37. Arab League member
- 39. One of Florida Keys
- 40. Summer month
- 41. Polished diamond surface
- 43. Safecracker
- 44. Lazybones
- 46. Before “saw” and “conquered”
- 47. Glitch
- 48. Watercraft
- 50. Remains repository
- 52. Like some martinis
- 53. Comfort
- 55. One in a pod
- 57. * _____ bubble
- 60. *The 1990s, a.k.a. post-_____ decade
- 64. Biblical patriarch
- 65. Sensitive subject?
- 67. “Bad news travels fast,” e.g.
- 68. _____ shopping cart
- 69. Father’s progeny
- 70. Trojan War epic
- 71. Difficult situation
- 72. Like jalapeño
- 73. So out it’s in

DOWN

- 1. Design detail
- 2. M_ nchen mister
- 3. Jittery
- 4. Irregularly notched
- 5. *Harry of Privet Drive
- 6. Gangster’s gal
- 7. *”American _____” (1999)
- 8. Geography class prop
- 9. Any minute, arch.
- 10. Cut at birth
- 11. Parks on a bus
- 12. _____ out a living
- 15. Israeli monetary unit
- 20. Remote in manner
- 22. Did a marathon, e.g.
- 24. Mollify
- 25. *Assassinated Gandhi
- 26. Radiate
- 27. Small wooded hollows
- 29. *Apple offering
- 31. Simon does what?
- 32. Influencer’s creation
- 33. Daytime moth
- 34. *Snoop _____ Dogg
- 36. Coloring substances
- 38. Nautilus’ captain
- 42. Allegro or lento
- 45. Repeat an echo
- 49. Pathet _____
- 51. *Fresh Prince’s town
- 54. * _____ Mouth of “All Star” fame
- 56. Discombobulate
- 57. *Jeff Bridges in “The Big Lebowski,” with The
- 58. Made in Vegas
- 59. Makes lace
- 60. One-tenth of a dime
- 61. *” _____ Wait... Don’t Tell Me!” on NPR
- 62. Petri dish gel
- 63. Do over
- 64. Fruit spread
- 66. * _____ Goo Dolls of “Name” fame

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County Clerk Mary L. Eickhoff. Campbell made the motion to enter closed session. The board returned to open session at 10:04 a.m. on a motion seconded by Campbell. Ben Steffen and Mark Jones, representing the Richardson County Planning Commission, requested the board provide a list of county goals and objectives for inclusion in an update to the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026, at Southeast Community College, 3200 Bill Schock Blvd., Falls City, to organize and discuss the planning process.

A letter proposing a change to the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants regarding development of the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations will be considered at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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75 Years Ago, February 25, 1951 to March 3, 1951

Two Texans settled a long-standing feud by killing each other in an old western-style duel with pistols at 10 feet. The two fought in a deserted café in a small hotel in Mineola, TX.

Approximately 800 people gathered at Prichard Auditorium for the first annual Falls City Band Festival, presented by the high school bands from Falls City, Auburn, Humboldt and Pawnee City.

Mayor R.T. Nichols announced that parking meters would be installed in downtown Hiawatha within 60 days. One hundred and fifty meters would be installed initially.

The congregation of the Nazarene church voted to begin construction immediately on the second unit of the new church. The first unit, the basement, was already completed and closed in.

Cpl. Kenneth B. Cole of Salem, who was wounded on February 3 in Korea, was awarded the Purple Heart.

Minnesota became the 37th state in the union to ratify a constitutional amendment limiting a president to two terms.

Andrews Monument Works announced the formal opening of the new building located at 20th and Harlan Street.

Stanley Sailors, 30, a World War II veteran, was elected as the post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Sailors, who was a salesman for the Sidles company, served 3 1/2 years in the army during the war and was a sergeant in the infantry.

Fourteen eighth-grade students at the Junior High had an average of 90 or above to make the Honor Roll. The list included Gary Adams, Ann Bedwell, Thelma Eickhoff, Barbara Gil-liland, Nels Kjeldsen, Alice Manoli, Anna Marie Meyer, Susan Mitchell, Dan Sargent, Joy Smith, Sandra Stednitz, Beverly Stumbo, Harold Suedmeier and Norma Vaughn.

According to Miss Kate Kloeppel, weather observer for The Journal, the month of February featured a low of 13 below zero and a record high of 74 on February 11, for an 87-degree variance.

"Harvey," starring James Stewart, was showing at the Rivoli Theater.

The Falls City Elks and Does sent a \$500 contribution to the county March of Dimes fund as announced by drive chairman Don W. Thomas.

In Salem news, Billie Brown gave a coronet solo and Charles Herold a saxophone solo at the Honey Creek Community meeting. In Barada, Mr. and Mrs. Don Catlett and sons moved to the Alvin Catlett farm 1 1/2 miles north of Barada, and in Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gribble of Omaha were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bippes.

50 Years Ago, February 25, 1976 to March 3, 1976

Three "Bicentennial Ladies" helped serve at the Bicentennial party hosted by the second-grade class of Mrs. Harry Albert at South School. The three pictured were Karen Mackey, Lisa Dodds and Linda Little.

The Falls City Tigers defeated Auburn 71-59 in the final game of the regular season. Bill Jahn scored 18, Al Koenig had 14, and Skip Lewis added 10 for the Tigers. Doug Jones led the Bulldogs with 21.

YN3 Bonnie Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Brewer of Nemaha, was named the Sailor of the Quarter. Brewer was attached to the Atlantic Command Operations Support Facility.

One Stop Café at 21st and Stone St. advertised a Friday evening special: a Carp Sandwich with cole slaw, pickle, bread and butter, and a drink for \$1.00.

The first shovelful of dirt in the construction of the new \$722,584 improvement program at Community Hospital was turned by Charlie Smith, president of the hospital board of trustees.

The Sterling Jets ended Sacred Heart's season with a 68-62 win. Bob Aitken scored 22 points, and Steve Pokorny added 20 for the Irish. Kim VanGronigen led Sterling with 21. Dan Hill led the Irish with 16 rebounds.

Dairy Dip advertised a Leap Year Special of five beefburgers for \$1.00, while supplies lasted.

After commenting how nice it was to attend a basketball game without bands, sportswriter Del Sutherland received a horn from the Falls City High Pep Band. The note read, "Del: Enclosed is your horn and music. Practice up!! We'll see you Tuesday at the District Tournament." The letter was signed by the Pep Band, which boasted 125 youths.

State Patrol Trooper Ed Pokorny wrote his last ticket. The 26 1/2-year veteran of the Nebraska Law Enforcement group officially retired after nearly 22 years in Falls City.

Southeast Consolidated defeated Humboldt, 60-57, to win the Class C District Tournament. Garth Shafer led the Mustangs with 28 points, while Keith McKim had 20 for the Cards. The Mustangs faced the C-2 district winner, with the winner heading to state.

Patrick Bahr, a freshman at the University of Nebraska, won first place in the University art contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bachman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at the National Guard Armory. The pair was married on March 5, 1926, in Lawrence, KS.

According to the state Health Department, there were 3,406 abortions performed in Nebraska during 1975, up 10% from the year before.

The championship trophy of the first Homesteader Conference Speech Contest, held at Dawson-Verdon, went to Murdock.

Wymore Southern ended Falls City's season, 81-70, in action on the hardwood. Falls City, playing without Al Koenig and Max Milam, who were out with the flu, was led by Jim Murphy with 23 points.

25 Years Ago, February 25, 2001, to March 3, 2001

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners sent letters to 26 residents notifying them of their appointment to a committee to develop a plan for hard surfacing certain county roads. Costs estimated to hard surface a road were believed to be between \$70,000 and \$80,000 per mile.

The Veterans Park at 7th and Harlan Streets got a long-awaited addition when a 28-ton, eight-inch, self-propelled howitzer arrived.

Sarah and Jesse Nedderniep, of rural Nemaha, were the parents of a son, Nathan Thomas, born at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

The Lady Irish completed a come-from-behind win over Daniel Freeman, 48-45, in front of 1,200 fans at Pawnee City High School. SH trailed by five with 30 seconds remaining, but two free throws by Ashley Howard, a three by Katie O'Grady and a game-winning three by Sally Witt sent the Irish to the state tourney. Witt led SH with 14 points, while O'Grady added 12. Dani Busboom had 14 points for Freeman.

The Falls City High School cheerleaders took first place in the Small Varsity Division at the Husker State Cheerleading competition. Winners included Melissa Buckminster, Ashley Cudney, Stefanie Castle, Sharona Ernst, Jacque Hernandez, Kellie Hinrichs, Dearra Johnson, Emily Jordening, Sarah Langan, Kathy Lock, Heather Simon, Crystal Wissmann and Laura Young.

Laura Schawang received a perfect 4.0 report card for her first semester in the radiography program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Thompson were the proud parents of a son born at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln. Sheldon Ramsey weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Chasity Koch received a \$16,000 Trustees Scholarship, and Kristal Howe received an \$8,000 Recognition Scholarship from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The Falls City General Woman's Club Richardson County K-12 School Art Contest received 439 entries. Serving as judges were Kathleen Duey, Polly Duryea, and Richard Moses.

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(Continued from Page 1) begin in March, with an estimated cost of about \$8,000 for the full site.

The council held a public hearing on declaring areas north and south of the city as extremely blighted under Nebraska law.

Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning Consultants said the study was commissioned by the city and economic development partners.

"We were hired by the city and EDGE probably a year ago or a little more than that to look at doing a blighted and substandard study," Marvin said.

Curt Elder explained the criteria used to determine extreme blight.

"In order for an area to be extremely blighted it's a very simple math problem," Elder said. "Does the area have an average unemployment above 200% of the state average, and does the area have a poverty level greater than 20%."

Documents in the agenda packet state that the north study area meets those criteria. The study found that unemployment in the area is at least 200 percent of the state average and poverty exceeds 20 percent.

Elder said the designation provides flexibility for future development.

"If the city goes in and declares an area is extremely blighted, it no longer counts towards your 50% threshold," Elder said.

He also said the designation allows for additional incentives, including potential tax increment financing and a state income tax credit for home-buyers.

Marvin said the designation could support future projects.

"If Lucas and everybody's successful with this project, we've got room now within the umbrella to work with them on some different funding mechanisms down the road," Marvin said.

Maps included in the agenda packet show the areas under consideration, including previously designated blighted areas and proposed extremely blighted zones.

The council reviewed a draft solicitation for municipal trash services.

Mayor Mark Harkendorff said the proposal would separate services

into different components.

"I think the way I read it, they're all four separate bids. You can get one but not all four," Harkendorff said.

Council members discussed whether bids should be opened and awarded at the same meeting or reviewed first.

"I was hoping they need to go have the vote on the next meeting," Frank Killingsworth said.

Staff said a timeline would likely include a bid opening in April with notices sent in March.

The council reviewed proposals from auditing firms after multiple attempts to secure services.

"We've put that out the third time," staff said. "The first time we had one entity come in, second time we just made phone calls because most people said they just couldn't take up the workload."

Staff said two firms submitted proposals by the deadline and the council could review them before awarding a contract.

Council members noted deadlines for completing the audit.

"We have to have this done by March 31st," one council member said.

The council discussed a new process for leasing concession stands at Dallas Jones Memorial Park and regulating food vendors.

Briar Burr said the changes are intended to create consistency.

"The goal here is simple, structure and consistency is what we wanted to bring to this," Burr said.

The proposal includes a sealed bid process for concession operations and an application system for vendors.

Documents in the agenda packet state that the city is seeking sealed bids to lease the north and south concession stands, with a lease term from March 1 through Sept. 30 and minimum bids of \$300 per stand or \$500 combined.

Bids will be evaluated based on criteria including bid amount, experience, food safety compliance, staffing and menu pricing.

Operators would be responsible for equipment and staffing, while the city would provide access to facilities, water, sewer and maintenance.

The proposal also re-

quires vendors to meet insurance and health regulations.

"All approved concession operators and vendors shall comply with City lease terms, insurance requirements, health regulations, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws."

Council members raised questions about competition with existing operators.

Burr said the system is intended to remain open and fair.

"Anybody can bid on it," Burr said.

The council also considered updates to park and recreation fees.

Burr said the review compared Falls City rates to similar communities.

"Overall, Falls City is kind of right at or below many comparable facilities in most categories," Burr said.

He said proposed adjustments would keep rates competitive while supporting operations.

Documents in the agenda packet show the proposed 2026 fee schedule, which includes rates for facilities, programs and amenities.

A rate study included in the packet noted increases in utility and maintenance costs and the need for flexible rental options.

The council reviewed a proposed financial assistance program for a workforce housing project.

An unidentified staff member said the program would help sell a property while protecting the city's investment.

"Programs asking to do up to \$50,000 of a zero interest financial assistance component," Nussbaum said.

Documents show the program would offer a zero percent loan with no monthly payments, secured by a subordinate lien and repayable upon sale, refinance or after 10 years.

Funds could be used for down payment, closing costs or financing gaps.

The meeting included discussion of ordinance 2026-100, which would amend council president duties and procedures in the absence of the mayor.

The council also approved claims and discussed timelines for upcoming projects and bids.

Sabetha Community Hospital Outpatient Calendar---March 2026

Botox

Levi Grimm, APRN: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Cardiology

Tonya Stallbaumer, APRN: March 6
Kevin Bernd, DO: March 27
Swapna Mamidipally, MD: March 9, 26

Dermatology

Tiffany Engelken, APRN: March 4, 11, 25, 30

Diabetes Support Group

March 17th @3pm

Dizziness & Balance

Gary McKnight, AuD: March 19

Ear, Nose, & Throat

Jason Lapse, MD: March 13

Endocrinology

Kelli Bradbury, APRN: March 24

Neurology

Abra Woolard, APRN: March 5, 17

Nephrology

Haley Wingerson, APRN: March 9

Lakshmi Duvvur, MD: March 20

Keelyn Ericson, MD: March 23

Nuclear Stress Tests

March 5, 12, 26

OB/GYN

Jamesina Dickson, MD: March 3

Oncology

Robin McKay, APRN: March 20

Manidhar Lekkala, MD: March 23

Orthopedics

Adam Streit, DO: March 20, 26

Maria VanDyke, PA-C: March 3, 12, 26, 31

Michael McCoy, MD: March 5, 26

Pain Management

Karl Haake, MD: March 3, 17

Podiatry

Robert Shermwell, DPM: March 11, 24

Surgery

Samuel Bruna, MD: March 9, 11, 23, 25, 31

Denis Jimenez, MD: March 2, 4, 16, 18

Wound Clinic

Susie Lueger, APRN: March 2, 12, 23, 30



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Nemaha Natural Resources District (NRD) signs a Memorandum of Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) during a signing ceremony Jan. 27, 2026. From left: back row — Director Orval Gigstad, Director Dan Hodges, Director Doug Iske, Director Tracy Ensor, and Director Dick James; front row (seated) — Director Bob Lassen, General Manager Kyle Hauschild, NRCS Acting State Conservationist James Huntwork, and Director Duane Sugden.

NRDs renew agreement with NRCS to strengthen long-standing conservation partnership

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) collectively renewed their Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) during a signing ceremony Jan. 27, 2026. The updated agreement reaffirms a partnership that traces its roots back more than 90 years to the Dust Bowl era.

"For decades, Nebraska's NRDs and the NRCS have worked side-by-side to support Nebraska producers and promote conservation across the state," said Martin Graff, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts president. "Districts are committed to continuing this cooperative approach to protect lives, property, and future."

The partnership between NRDs and NRCS draws its foundation from the Soil Conservation Act of 1935, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The law was enacted in response to the historic drought and devastating soil erosion of the Dust Bowl, and it established the Soil Conservation Service—known today as the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Recognizing that conservation succeeds best when driven locally, the USDA encouraged states to form conservation districts. Nebraska's first, the Papio Soil Conservation District, was created in 1938. By 1972, the Nebraska Legislature consolidated 154 local districts into today's 23 Natural Resources Districts, organized along watershed boundaries.

NRCS maintains 77 county field offices across Nebraska, with service areas that closely align with NRD boundaries. This structure allows NRCS and NRDs to collaborate daily on locally identified natural resource priorities including soil health, water quality, groundwater management, forestry, wildlife habitat, and flood control.

"The renewal of this agreement demonstrates the importance of our long-standing conservation partnership here in Nebraska," said NRCS Acting State Conservationist James Huntwork. "Just as during the Dust Bowl, the natural resource challenges we face today, whether drought, flooding, or soil health, require us to work together. By partnering with NRDs, we can deliver more effective solutions for farmers, ranchers, and communi-

ties." Local leaders also emphasize the importance of cooperation.

"This agreement signifies the continued importance of conservation at the federal, local government, and landowner level. With this agreement, many new conservation practices will be implemented across the landscape of not only the Nemaha NRD, but across the state," said Kyle Hauschild, Nemaha NRD general manager.

Each of the 23 NRDs are working toward signing the official renewed agreement with NRCS. The document formalizes coordination between the agencies and will remain in effect until mutually modified or terminated.

For more information about Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, visit nrdnet.org. To learn more about NRCS programs and services, visit ne.nrcs.usda.gov.

Nemaha NRD serves all of Johnson, Nemaha, and Richardson counties, most of Otoe, Pawnee counties, and parts of Cass, Gage, Lancaster counties in Southeast Nebraska.

SOCIETY

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 Tana J Brown Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met February 10, 2026 at the home of Jana Wheeler. Co-President Vicki Beilke called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. Chaplain Lacey Noa offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The 2nd verse of 'My Country Tis of Thee' was sung and the ALA Preamble was recited.

Roll call was answered by 12 members. Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting. They were approved as read.

Judy Schlosser gave the treasurers report. Communication: Vicki Beilke shared the Department Newsletter.

Cards were signed. Committee Reports: Membership stands at 97. Our unit goal is 101.

Elizabeth Ketner delivered the Veteran treats for January, and also took treats to the Law Enforcement Center.

A form was given to members to fill in their hours and dollars spent for the EOY report. That needs to be returned, if possible, by the March meeting.

The Unit is planning a 250th Celebration for all of Richardson County Veterans on March 22 at the Wayside Event Center in Rural Stella starting at 4 PM, including food and a speaker.

The District 13 meeting will be held at the Legion Post in Falls City on March 7, with registration beginning at 9 AM and the meeting starting at 9:30 AM.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2026 at 6:30 at the home of Vicki Beilke.

Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer. Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

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.

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. Nan-

cy 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 9. Hostesses are Linda Santo and Gina Scheitel. Members are reminded to send their annuals to treasurer Linda Frost.

MoWest names 343 students to President's List

Missouri Western State University named 343 students to the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester of 2025.

Local students named are: Ethan Grissom of Hiawatha; Katherine Pankau of Mound City; Eliza Kuker of Falls City; Maddie Jones of Auburn.

Students who carried 12 or more hours of graded credit and earned a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the honor.

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\$5K SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOREHEAD

The family of the late John H. Morehead, Richardson County Bank & Trust Co. President for nearly 40 years, in 2016 established a \$5,000 scholarship in his name. The award goes to any currently enrolled college student who previously graduated from any of the three Richardson County High Schools (Falls City High, FC Sacred Heart, and Humboldt-TR-S). Current high school students are not eligible; however, applications are available at the respective guidance counselors' office or may be obtained by emailing Kristine Hansen Cain at khansencain@mac.com. The award may be applied to any four-year college or university in the country. Mr. Morehead passed away on April 12, 2015, at the age of 87. He first became associated with RCB&T in Falls City in 1958 and within just four years he was elected President of the bank. Up until his retirement in 2011, he served in various other capacities, including CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Deadline to apply is June 1, 2026. The winner will be notified by July 1, 2026.

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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.

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Scoby of Sabetha named to University of Arkansas Chancellor's List

The University of Arkansas is recognizing students for earning a place on the Fall 2025 Chancellor's List, the university's highest semester academic honor for undergraduates.

Halle Scoby of Sabetha joins a select group of students who have achieved a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours of coursework required for graduation.

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High Heel concert to benefit Humboldt Auditorium

The band High Heel will take the Humboldt Auditorium stage Saturday March 14th for a benefit concert supporting the renovation of the historic Humboldt Auditorium, 618 3rd Street, Humboldt, NE.

The evening event features a social hour at 6:00pm, including heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a cash bar. Live music begins at 7:00pm.

Lisa Larsen is a native to the Richardson Co. area, growing up in her hometown, Dawson, NE. Her band High Heel is currently celebrating 20 years together and was recently inducted into the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame - 2025.

High Heel has a loyal following with several past appearances in-

cluding the Richardson County Fair, the Auburn Summer Sounds Concert Series and the annual Auburn Honey-Bee Festival. The family-friendly playlist features classic rock from the 70s, 80s, & 90s and includes pop, country, disco, and a few sweet ballads. Lisa creates an interactive show with her audience and has a couple of surprises up her sleeve for this performance, so stay tuned.

The Humboldt Auditorium, built in 1941 as a Works Progress Administration project, is undergoing a major, long range renovation effort. Their goal is to become the finest event venue in Southeast Nebraska.

All proceeds of the High

Heel concert will benefit the auditorium's renovation fund. Tickets will be sold at the door. Admission is \$10.00, cash preferred. Children 12 and under; Free.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium, Stateline Ag, Bruna Implement, Lewis Implement, North Fork One Stop, and Phillips Plumbing & HVAC.

For more information about this event, or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Linda: 402-862-5605.

BUILDING PERMITS

Jerry Roland, mechanical permit, 3324 Bill Schock Blvd.; shop tube heater, \$6,000.00.

Hannah Milam, mechanical permit, 228 W 8th St.; water heater, \$1,000.00

Lillian Cromer light remodeling permit, 2121 Wilson St.; roof, \$16,000.00.

Dalton Kennel, mechanical permit, 2013 Chase St.; wood furnace installed in garage, \$1,200.00.

Affordable Home Maintenance, sign permit, 1208 Stone St.; sign installed, \$100.00.

Fairview Mills LLC, building permit, 314 Hwy 73; commercial addition, \$900,000.00.

Fairview Mills LLC, demolition permit, 314 Hwy 73; demolition, \$200,000.00.

Jerry Wilhelm, Mechanical Permit, 424 W 28th St.; furnace, \$5,000.00.

Aaron Wing, light remodeling permit, 2113 Morton St.; roof, \$13,000.00.

Ram Cita Inc, light remodeling permit, 2824 Old Hwy 73; roof, \$38,000.00.

Jerry Wilhelm, light remodeling permit, 424 W. 28th St.; new shed, \$7,000.00.

Charles Clary, residential building permit, 1407 Fulton St.; home - new build, \$61,000.00.

Cheyenne Heard, light remodeling permit, 2702 Towle St.; roof, \$13,000.00.

Brayla Group LLC, residential building permit, 813 Harlan St.; home - improvement and repair, \$23,000.00.

Brayla Group LLC, residential building permit, 1515 Lane St.; home - improvement and repair, \$23,000.00.

City of Falls City, residential building permit, 606 Morehead S.; home - new build, \$310,000.00.

Tim Chesnut, light remodeling permit, 2013

Schoenheit St.; roof, \$10,700.00.

Brandon and Morgan Gibson, light remodeling permit, 1610 Valley Ave.; replace siding, soffits, and window wraps, \$12,920.00.

Edwin and Sherry Huddleston, light remodeling permit, 1221 Fulton St.; new lofted garden shed, \$4,929.00.

Misti Phillis, Mechanical Permit, 908 Harlan St.; water heater, \$1,100.00.

Deb Raney, light remodeling permit, 2502 Towle St.; replace south foundation wall, \$17,000.00.

Skylar Koehn, light remodeling permit, 1816 McLean St.; roof, \$19,797.75.

Thomas Strasil, light remodeling permit, 516 W 20th St.; roof, \$17,500.00.

Robert Stratton, light remodeling permit, 1802 Wilson St.; siding, \$10,000.00.

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

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February 9, 2026 through February 10, 2026 calls: one noise disturbance, seven miscellaneous calls, two burn permits, one found or lost property call, one animal call, one welfare check, one 911 hang-up/misdial, and one nuisance. Fifteen total calls. No 911 calls, and one citation for disturbing the peace.

February 10, 2026 through February 11, 2026 calls: one ambulance/EMS call, five referred other agency calls, one nuisance, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one gun permit, one fire call, one juvenile issue, and one miscellaneous call. Twelve total calls. Eight 911 calls, and one fire call handled by Falls City Rural Fire.

February 11, 2026 through February 12, 2026 calls: two miscellaneous calls, one ambulance/EMS call, seven burn permits, three information only calls, two nuisance calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one noise disturbance call, and one referred other agency call. Eighteen total calls. One 911 call. Two citations for nuisance/litter and appliances in yard, one warning for failure to display proper number of plates, two warnings for plates not clear and visible, one warning for disobeying stop light, one warning for improper turn, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for no registration in vehicle, and one warning for invalid registration.

February 12, 2026 through February 13, 2026 calls: four fire calls, six burn permits, four ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, two welfare checks, three HHS intake/referral calls, one vandalism call, two referred other agency calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one disturbance, three traffic/driving complaints, two miscellaneous calls, and one accident. Thirty-one total calls. Five 911 calls. Two citations for speeding, one citation for unsafe backing, and one citation for misuse of school permit. One warning for speeding, two warnings for invalid registration, and one warning for muffler violation.

February 13, 2026 through February 14, 2026 calls: one records check, four miscellaneous calls, one animal call, one referred other agency call, one HHS intake/referral call, one burn permit, two ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, and one accident. Fourteen total calls. Six 911 calls. One citation for dogs and cats – nuisance and three citations for unlicensed animal.

February 14, 2026 through February 15, 2026 calls: one parking complaint, two referred other agency calls, five ambulance/EMS calls, one burn permit, one fire call, one traffic/driving complaint, one open door call, two miscellaneous calls, one welfare check, and one alarm. Sixteen total calls. Three 911 calls. No citations or warnings reported.

February 15, 2026 through February 16, 2026 calls:

one ambulance/EMS call, one nuisance, one welfare check, one referred other agency call, and one miscellaneous call. Five total calls. One 911 call. No citations or warnings reported.

February 16, 2026 through February 17, 2026 calls: three miscellaneous calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, two burn permits, two animal calls, one suspicious person/vehicle call, and one HHS intake/referral. Twelve total calls. One 911 call, three warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for muffler required, and one warning for plates not clear and visible.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office reported 171 calls for service and eight book ins during the period of Feb. 8 through Feb. 15, 2026.

According to the report, deputies conducted 92 traffic stops and completed 11 vehicle identification inspections. Other activity included nine paper services, nine Humboldt patrols and six Humboldt city ordinance calls.

Deputies responded to a variety of incidents, including one assault, one theft, one threat and three suspicious person calls. Additional calls included five traffic complaints, three motorist assists, three welfare checks and three investigations. Deputies also handled two fire calls, one hazardous materials call, one juvenile call and one human services intake.

Other reported activity included one 911 hang up call, three animal calls, one burn permit, two complaints, one Cooper Nuclear test, one information only call, one miscellaneous call, one railroad call, one traffic hazard, three transports and one utilities call.

The sheriff's office reported the following arrests:

On Feb. 8, Brian J. Wilson of Omaha was arrested on a Douglas County warrant. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 9, Aaron D. Gibson of Falls City was arrested on two Richardson County warrants for probation violation. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 10, James Lee Allan of Salem was arrested for driving under suspension. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 10, James Franklin Mackey of Falls City was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and habitual criminal. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 11, Moises Santos-Ramos of Omaha was arrested by Douglas County authorities on a Richardson County warrant and transported to the Richardson County Jail. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 13, Dennis L. Whalen of Weston, Missouri, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, THC, driving under the influence of liquor and fictitious plates. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

On Feb. 15, Jeffery D. Oehm of Humboldt was arrested for cruelty toward a child and assault by strangulation or suffocation. Suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Primary Election information

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candidates being considered for nomination at the May 12 Primary Election to be voted upon at the November General Election. Persons who have filed for the positions are: School District 56 4-year term—Cassandra A. Goff*; Teresa Olberding*, Anthony S. Johnansen*. School District 70 4-year term—Neal A. Kanel*, Heath Finke, David A. Mezger* and Ashley Shupp.

The City of Falls City and the City of Humboldt have Council Member seats up for election for a four-year term. Those persons filing for these positions are as follows: City of Falls City: Mayor—Mark Harkendorff* and Kenny Killingsworth; Ward I—Don Ferguson* and Mark Lowe; Ward II—Sean Nolte and Terry Kermoade; Ward III—no filings; Ward IV—no filings. City of Humboldt: Mayor—Jan Wilhelm*; Ward I—Jaymie Nolte*; Ward II—Richard Davis*.

The City of Falls City Airport Authority has no members up for election for a six-year term. Those filings are: Dave Mullins* and Brandon J. Keithley*.

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statutes 32-707 political parties may conduct county conventions at an hour and place to be designated by a political party. The political party shall cause to be published, at least seven days prior to the date of the county convention, an official notice of the date, time, and place of the convention. If there is not a full quota of delegates for the county convention as established by the political party, the delegates at the county convention may select delegates to fill the quota from the registered voters affiliated with the political party in the county.

Other offices to be nominated at the Primary Election are: United States Senator, Representative in Congress-District.3, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, Member of the State Board of Education District 5, Board of Governors Southeast Community College District 2; Nemaha Natural Resource District 8 for a four-year term and two-year term, District 9, District 10, At Large and Nebraska Public Power District Subdivision 1. Filing

forms for these offices can be obtained at the Office of the County Clerk, but the candidate filing must be made with the Secretary of State. Local candidates who have filed for the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board are: District 8—four-year term: Dick James* and two year term Klark Knipe*; District 9—four-year term: Alan Romine; District 10—four-year term: Timothy Schardt*; At Large—Tracy Ensor*.

The candidate filing deadline for Village Board of Trustees and Educational Service Unit #4 is July 15 for incumbents and August 3 for non-incumbents.

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Chase Simpson sizes up Connor Sullivan in the first round on Thursday. Photo by Randy Sadd of the Doniphan Herald.



Coach Quentin Coatney gets animated on Wednesday afternoon at the CHI Health Center.



Tatum Maddox looks to have her opponent in trouble Wednesday in Omaha.



Gabbi Griffin pins Brett Buss of Burwell in the consolation round.

Records fall at NSAA girls meet

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round, Maddox earned a 5-0 decision over Jaclynn Prigge (45-21) of Centennial. In her second match on Tuesday, Maddox pinned Grace Longsdorf of Neligh-Oakdale (32-10) in 3:37.

The two opening-day wins secured a spot in the semifinals on Wednesday. In the first match, Maddox faced top-seeded Maggie Fiene (58-1) of Conestoga. Fiene was the 155-pound champ in 2025; she placed second at 145 in 2024 and was third in 2023. Fiene, the eventual 2026 champion, pinned Maddox at 1:38, sending the Tiger to the consolation side of the bracket.

In the consolation semis, Maddox lost a 4-0 decision to Shelby Johnson (38-12) of Norfolk Catholic. Maddox then fell to Zeniah Baca of Adams Central (38-5) in the fifth-place match by a 7-0 decision. Maddox ended her season at 36-7, after going 32-17 her freshman year.

Fellow returning state qualifier Gabi Young wrestled third-ranked Alyssa Thomas (31-7) in the first round on Tuesday afternoon. Thomas earned the win by fall over Young at the 52 second mark.

On Wednesday morning, Young responded with her first win in Omaha, pinning Marlie Petersen (24-16) of Minden at 1:16. In the consolation round two, Young was pinned by Emerson Penne (36-11) of Elkhorn Valley at 1:40.

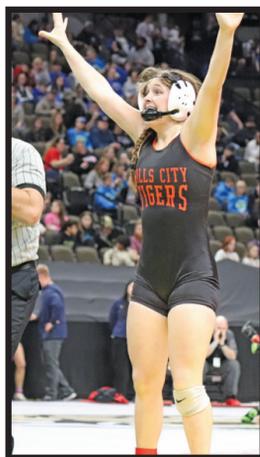
Young ended the season with a 28-15 record. Gabbi Griffin faced ninth-ranked Carleigh Jackson (40-10) of West Holt in her first match on Tuesday afternoon. Jackson earned the win by pinfall at the 53 second mark. The loss dropped Griffin to the consolation bracket on Wednesday. In her first match on Wednesday morning, Griffin pinned Brett Burwell (16-10) in the first period, advancing her to round two of the consolation bracket. Griffins ran out of steam, falling to Quinlyn Statz (31-12) of Adams Central by fall at 2:37. Griffin ended her season with a 21-20 record.

Tigers battle but come up just short in Omaha

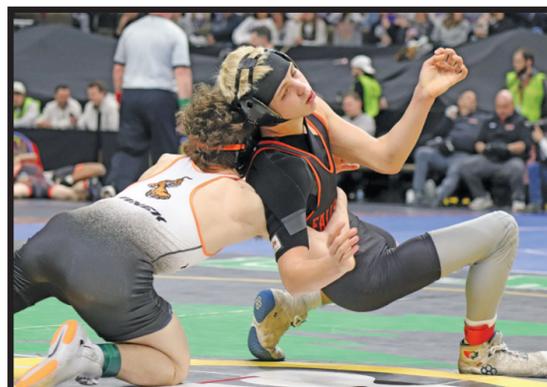
The Tiger wrestling team hit the mats Thursday morning in the opening round of the NSAA State Wrestling Tournament at CHI Health Center in Omaha. Falls City, competing in Class C, faced the best the state had to offer over the course of the three-day tourney.

The first session began Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Tristan Randall opened the day for the Tigers. Randall, 37-11, faced the eighth-ranked competitor at 132, Cash Stanek, 40-9, of North Bend Central. Stanek got off to a quick start, leading 7-0 with a takedown and a nearfall. At the 1:19 mark, Stanek caught Randall and secured the pin, sending the Tiger into the consolation round. The freshman faced Keaton Kuchar, 39-12, of Battle Creek on Friday morning. Kuchar scored three points with a takedown in the first period and made it 10-0 with a takedown and a nearfall in the second. In the third period, the Battle Creek wrestler made it 13-0 before earning the win by fall at 3:22. The losses sent the Tiger freshman home at 0-2, but with valuable mat experience in Omaha.

Next on the mats was senior Orion Cattrell, 37-11, who faced the second-ranked wrestler at 150, Chaz Erickson, 49-3, of Kearney Catholic. Erickson scored early, earning eight points in the first period on two takedowns and one nearfall. Cattrell earned a point in the opening period with an escape, making it 8-1. In the second period, Erickson added seven more points to go up 15-1 before earning the win by fall at 3:33. The loss sent Cattrell to the



(Above) Gabi Young celebrates a win over Marlie Petersen of Minden in the consolation round on Wed. (Top right) Tristan Randall works to escape the hold of eventual state champion Cash Stanek in the first round on Thurs. (Right) Team members Chase Simpson, Tristan Randall, Orion Cattrell, Wesley Vitale and Mason Collier get ready for competition at the NSAA State Meet. (Bottom) Orion Cattrell works to get the upper hand against Chaz Erickson on Thurs. Erickson went on to place third at 150.



consolation bracket on Friday morning, where he faced Alex Rampioni, 31-22, of Crofton/Bloomfield. Cattrell worked quickly, earning a takedown in the first period to lead 8-0. In the second period, Cattrell took a 6-0 lead with his second takedown. In the final two minutes, Cattrell scored a nearfall for

two points and secured the 8-0 decision. In the second round of the consolation, Cattrell got his second win, a 12-4 decision over Colton Juzenas of Boone Central. Juzenas entered the tournament with a 39-14 record. Again, Cattrell got out to a quick lead, earning a takedown to go in front 3-0 after the first period. Another takedown

gave him a 6-1 lead heading into the final period. Juzenas scored a takedown to cut the lead to 6-4, but an escape, a takedown, and a nearfall gave Cattrell the 12-4 win.

Cattrell's magic ran out in the next round, as he dropped a 9-2 decision to Hunker Brunkhorst of Scotus Central Catholic.

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Brunkhorst entered the state championships with a 38-9 record. He earned a takedown in the first period and another in the second, leading 6-0. Cattrell scored two escapes in the third, but it wasn't enough. His tournament ended with a 2-2 record and a 39-13 overall mark.

At 285, senior Chase Simpson faced the seventh-ranked Class C wrestler, Connor Sullivan (29-8) of Bergan Catholic. Sullivan earned a takedown in the first period and led 3-0, but an escape and a takedown by Simpson put him in front 4-3. A late escape by Sullivan tied the match at 4-4 after one period. Sullivan earned a reversal and a takedown in the second before getting the pin at 3:59 in the second period. In the consolation round on Friday, Simpson faced Jaydon Trejo of Ord. Trejo led 11-0 after the first period and 14-1 after two, but Simpson earned a takedown in the third and followed it with a pin at 4:08 to advance to the second round of consolations. In the next match, Simpson faced Evan Lutkemeier of Minden. Lutkemeier led 7-0 in the second before sealing the win with a pin at 2:34. Simpson finished the tournament at 1-2 and the season at 39-18.

On Friday, before the semifinals, Falls City's Wesley Vitale and Mason Collier took the mat for the Unified Beyond the Mat match. Collier defeated Vitale by fall at 4:23. Collier led 3-0, but an escape and a takedown put Vitale ahead 4-3. A reversal put Collier back in front, but a reversal and a takedown gave Vitale a 9-6 advantage. Collier scored four points to end the period and led 10-9.

Collier scored six straight in the second period, but Vitale countered with an escape and a takedown, cutting Collier's lead to 16-14. Collier then led 20-14 before earning the win by fall.

HTRS fall at subdistricts

The HTRS Lady Titans season came to an end in the first round of the Class D1-1 subdistrict at Weeping Water on Tuesday. The second-seeded Titans faced the third-seeded Lourdes Central Catholic Lady Knights (13-9) in first-round action.

The Titans looked strong early, leading 12-7 after one quarter and 23-12 at the half. A strong second half by the Lady Knights erased the Titans' lead and then some. Lourdes outscored HTRS 23-9 in the third quarter and 21-11 in the fourth as they pulled off the come-from-behind 56-43 win. Lourdes' win avenged a 48-39 loss to HTRS back on December 12, 2025.

The Titans went 17-of-51 from the field (33%), went 7/9 from the foul line, hauled in 22 rebounds, dished out 15 assists and finished with nine steals. The Titans took care of the ball, finishing with just 11 turnovers.

Four seniors wrapped up their careers on Tuesday. Elie Bstandig finished with 8 points and four rebounds. Maddie Bredemeier scored 3 points and dished out five assists. Kenadi McClarnen scored a team-high 15 points and grabbed seven boards, while Lillian Bowen added six points, three rebounds, and four steals.

HTRS Scoring: Bstandig 8, Bredemeier 3, McClarnen 15, Frey 4, Bowen 6, Howe 5, Duryea 2.

Titans looking to extend season at subdistricts

The HTRS Titan boys' basketball team fell to the Palmyra Panthers in the final game of the regular season on Friday night in Palmyra. Palmyra got off to a strong start, leading 15-6 after the first quarter, and extended its advantage to 26-13 at intermission. The home team continued to pull away as the game progressed, leading 38-21 with one period remaining in the season. The Titan offense picked up the pace in the fourth, but the deficit was too large, and they fell 51-33. The loss dropped HTRS to 10-14, while Palmyra improved to 8-14.

HTRS went 3-7 in the final ten contests of the season. The Titans earned two wins against Pawnee City and one against Falls City.

HTRS enters the postseason as the No. 2 seed in the Class D1-1 subdistrict at Southern High School. HTRS (10-14) plays No. 3 BDS (7-14) on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. On the opposite side of the bracket, No. 1 Southern (8-15) plays No. 4 Meridian (4-18) on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The winners will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for the subdistrict final.

Sacred Heart heads into postseason on winning note

The Sacred Heart boys' basketball team ended the 2025-26 regular season with a 16-point win, 54-38, over the Lourdes Central Catholic Knights on Friday, February 20, 2026. The contest was tight throughout, but the Irish pulled away with an 18-8 third quarter to earn the 54-38 win in Nebraska City.

In the final game of the regular season, SH led 10-9 after the first period, 24-21 at halftime, and 42-29 with eight minutes remaining.

The Irish struggled from beyond the arc on Friday night, making just 4-of-25 attempts. Sacred Heart made up for it from two-point range, making 19-of-32 attempts. Overall, the Irish shot 40% from the field, while holding Lourdes Central to 33%.

The Irish defense forced 23 turnovers while committing only nine of their own. The Knights held a 37-24 rebounding edge while SH and finished with a 13-9 assist advantage.

The three-headed monster of Brenden Lemerond, Cole Taft and Bo Fletcher led the Irish once again. Lemerond was the top scorer with 18 points, going 7/16 from the field. Taft was next with 15 points, while Fletcher added 11. Big man Cooper Knobbe led the Irish with seven rebounds, while Taft finished with four. Lemerond added five steals and three assists, while Taft dished out six assists and took a pair of charges on the defensive end of the court.

SH Scoring: Taft 15, Fletcher 11, Lemerond 18, Clow 4, Howard 2, Knobbe 4.

Lourdes Central Scoring: Ebmeier 9, Rutt 6, Poppleton 2, Bennett 3, Krog 6, Kreifels 12.

The Class D2, seventh-ranked Irish, improved to 14-8, while Lourdes Central fell to 7-15.

The Irish won the four-quarter JV contest, 39-11. Cash Witt and Owen Santo each scored eight points, and Treydon Witt added seven. Luke Lien led Lourdes Central with five points.

The Irish will host the Class D2-1 subdistrict in Falls City. The top-seeded Irish (14-8) will face the fourth-seeded Pawnee City Indians (4-16) on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the RAC. On the opposite side of the bracket, No. 3 Lewiston will play No. 2 Diller-Odell at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The winners will meet for the subdistrict title on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart is currently eighth in Class D2 wild card points with 43.9091. Elgin Public/Pope John sits atop the standings with 47.1304.



Hallie Jones battles Tiffany Vinsonhaler for a rebound on Tuesday at Sacred Heart High School.

Lady Irish march towards Lincoln continues

The second-ranked Sacred Heart Lady Irish advanced to the district final by winning last week's Class D2-1 subdistrict in Falls City. The top-seeded Irish squared off against Meridian in the opening contest on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Roh Activity Center. The Lady Mustangs were outmatched and had the misfortune of suiting up just six girls for the contest. The Irish led 25-6 after the first eight minutes. Bailey Lemerond sank three triples and scored 10 points to pace the Irish. The Irish extended their advantage in the second, outscoring Meridian 11-4 and leading 36-10 at the half. Lemerond and Company kept their foot on the gas after the break, sealing the win with a 25-6 third quarter and finishing with a 66-18 victory. Lemerond was lights out on Tuesday, going 8-of-12 from beyond the arc for a game-high 27 points. Kemper Sipple had a team-best nine rebounds and one block, and Daycee Witt dished out nine assists.

The Irish defense forced 15 turnovers while committing only two and won the assist battle, 17-4. SH Scoring: Georges 4, Santo 8, Westengaard 8, Witt 3, Reschke 4, Lemerond 27, Taft 3, Bauman 2, Lechtenberg 5, Jones 2. Meridian Scoring: Stewart 2, Vinsonhaler 3, Shafer 3, Weise 10.

The Mustangs finished the season with a 1-22 record.

The Irish hosted the 10th-ranked Dorchester Lady Longhorns on Thursday. The Irish defeated the Longhorns 52-25 last March for the Class D2 championship at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The two teams had a few new faces, but the result was the same.

Dorchester opened the scoring with a three, but Sacred Heart answered with two of its own from Avery Santo and one from Lemerond. The Longhorns hit a buzzer-beater to keep the game close, but the Irish led 13-8 after one period. SH pulled away in the second, outscoring Dorchester 21-11 to make it 34-19 at the break. Coach Santo and crew came out swinging in the third, hitting three more triples and extending their lead to 51-30 with eight minutes to play. The Irish sealed the win with a 14-3 fourth quarter, sending Dorchester home with a 15-9 record. The 65-33 win improved Sacred Heart to 17-8.

The Irish ended the game with 12 threes, a 32-17 rebound edge, and an 18-5 assist advantage. The

Longhorns stayed in the game as long as they did thanks to strong foul-line shooting. Dorchester sank 15 of 19 attempts, while SH shot well, making 7 of 12.

Dorchester had no answer for Santo and Lemerond, who each scored 17 points. Each also made five treys. Santo added nine rebounds, and Lemerond finished with six assists. Daycee Witt finished with 10 points and seven assists, and Hallie Jones had 11 points and eight rebounds.

SH Scoring: Santo 17, Westengaard 1, Witt 10, Reschke 5, Lemerond 17,

Sipple 2, Delaney 2, Jones 11.

Longhorn Scoring: Elkins 5, Schweitzer 5, Lehr 5, Botton 2, Kasl 1, Yager 8, Theis 7.

The Lady Irish will host the D2-3 District final on Friday, February 27, 2026. The third-seeded Irish will face No. 14 St. Mary's (13-13) at the Roh Activity Center, with the winner advancing to the NSAA State Tournament.

St. Mary's, from O'Neill, enters the game having won eight of its last ten games, while the Irish are 6-4 in the same stretch.

Tigers fall to Jeffs in regular season finale

Falls City hosted Fairbury (15-6) on Friday night in the final contest of the 2025-26 basketball season.

The Jeffs came out swinging and landed the knockout blow early. They scored the first 13 points and raced to a 21-4 lead after the first quarter. The Tigers fought in the second period but trailed 40-10 at intermission.

Fairbury didn't take it easy on the Orange and Black after the half, outscoring Falls City 31-17 as they picked up their 16th win, 71-27. The loss dropped Falls City to 4-18.

Fairbury shot lights out on Friday night, converting 25/52 shot attempts, including an amazing 13/27 from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, Falls City went 11/40 from the field (28%).

FC took care of the ball against the Jeffs, turning it over only 14 times. However, Fairbury was even more careful with the ball, finishing with just five miscues. The Tigers were outrebounded 34-21 and scored only two points off turnovers, while Fairbury had 20.

Jacoby Bangert led Falls City with eight points on 3-of-8 shooting. Bangert added four rebounds and two assists. Ethan Morris added seven points and four rebounds.

Jonah Parrack had a career night for Fairbury. The 6'4 senior went 10-of-19 from beyond the arc, scoring a game-high 32 points. Senior guard Brodie Prellwitz added a double-double with 14 points and 10 assists.

FC Scoring: Armbruster 4, Morris 7, Bangert 8, Simpson 2, Caudle 4, Davis 2.

Fairbury Scoring: Prellwitz 14, Judd 2, Martin 7, Parrack 32, Nippert 7, Mans 4, Timmons 5.

Falls City, the No. 5 seed, faced Omaha Brownell Talbot, the fourth seed (11-12), in the Class C1-2 subdistrict in Auburn on Monday at 6:30 p.m. The winner will face the top-seeded (21-1) Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Auburn High School. Lincoln Lutheran (11-12) and Omaha Concordia (16-5) will square off on the opposite side of the bracket.

Falls City entered Monday's game having won three of its final ten contests, while the Raiders have gone 6-4 down the stretch.

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While grocery store shelves may be empty, firewood piles filled and cell phones charged, there may be a few more items to check off on your prep list for the upcoming winter storms. Along with the many other hazards of cold weather: it can pose some unique concerns when it comes to heart health. The American Heart Association, a global force changing the future of health for all, offers some important information for staying heart-safe when temperatures drop:

Know the cold weather health dangers

The cold causes blood vessels to contract and coronary arteries to constrict, which can raise blood pressure, increasing the risk of heart attack, stroke or even cardiac arrest.

Strenuous activities can add stressors to the heart that people aren't normally used to. Our hearts also have to work extra hard in cold weather to keep a healthy body temperature.

Hypothermia occurs when your body can't produce enough energy to keep the internal body temperature warm enough. It can kill you. Symptoms include lack of coordination, mental confusion, slowed reactions, shivering and sleepiness.

People with heart disease often suffer angina pectoris (chest pain or discomfort) when they're in cold weather.

Cold weather is also associated with cold and flu season, but be careful about the cold medicines you take, especially if you have high blood pressure. It's best to check with your health care professional or pharmacist before taking any over-the-counter medications, supplements or substances.

Take precautions to stay heart-healthy

Your mom was right – bundle up! If you must go out, wear layers to avoid hypothermia and frostbite. Layering clothing traps air between the layers, forming protective insulation. Also, wear a hat or head scarf. Heat can be lost through your head. And ears are especially prone to frostbite. Keep your hands and feet warm, too, as they tend to lose heat rapidly.

Don't overdo it. Walking through heavy snow – or climbing up the sledding hill – isn't a walk in the park. Your body is already using extra energy to stay warm, so go slow, take breaks and don't exert yourself.

Shovel safely. If you have to clear off the sidewalks and driveway, start gradually and pace yourself. Ideally, push or sweep the snow rather than lifting and throwing it, that action involves a little less exertion. Pay attention to your body and if something doesn't feel right, stop.

Stay hydrated. Just because it's cold and you may not feel thirsty, but thirst isn't the best indicator that you need to drink, even if you aren't sweating as much you still need to hydrate.

Watch out for the added calories in cold weather drinks. Comforting drinks like pumpkin spiced lattes and hot chocolate can be loaded with unwanted sugar and fat.

Limit the alcohol. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

Check on your loved ones: Elderly people may also have lower subcutaneous fat and a diminished ability to sense temperature so they can suffer hypothermia without knowing they're in danger

Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body. Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives – maybe your own. Don't wait to call 911.

Learn CPR: EMS response times can be slower in bad weather. More than 350,000 cardiac arrests happen outside the hospital each year. Hands-Only CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival. Save a life in two steps: Call 9-1-1; Push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

Learn more about cold weather and cardiovascular disease at heart.org.

Additional Resources: AHA health information: Cold Weather and Cardiovascular Disease

AHA health information: How to Stay Active in Cold Weather

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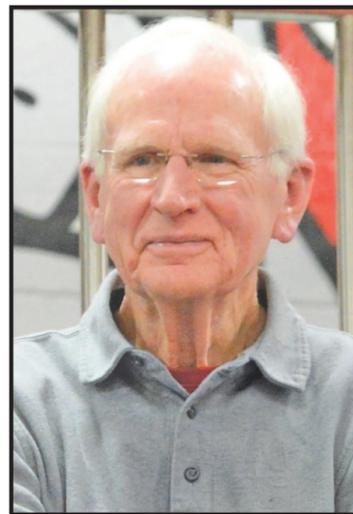
SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We have reached the midpoint of the Legislative session and the time for Senators, Committees and the Speaker to designate their priority bills has expired. In the next week, we will wind up public hearings and move to all day floor debate. The prioritized bills, along with balancing the state's budget, will dominate floor debate for the balance of the session.

Each Senator gets to prioritize one bill, and with a Priority Bill designation, that bill will usually get moved towards the front of the floor debate schedule. A Speaker Priority bill is a bill that is generally noncontroversial and should move through floor debate quickly. The Speaker gets to designate 25 bills with priority status. Each Standing Committee gets to designate two Priority Bills from among those that were heard by the committee. Committee priorities will typically contain up to five other measures which have been approved by the Committee for inclusion.

I have designated LB 455, which would make first injury reports relating to workplace injuries confidential, as my individual priority bill. LB 455 is designed to delay the avalanche of solicitations which injured employees receive from attorneys once a "report of first injury" is filed with the Workers' Compensation Court. LB 455 should come up for floor debate this week.

I was fortunate to have two of my other bills prioritized. Senator Jared Storm prioritized LB 938, which adopts the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act. It creates tax-advantaged savings accounts allowing first-time homebuyers to deduct contributions (up to \$5,000 annually for individuals or \$10,000 for couples) from their state income taxes, with earnings also exempt from state tax when used for qualified expenses like down payments and closing costs on a primary residence, aiming to help Nebraskans overcome barriers to homeownership through incentivized long-term saving. I have worked closely with State Treasurer Joey Spellerberg on this bill, and it has been co-sponsored by



Gary Waring

Gary E. Waring was born on October 5, 1944, in Fairbury, NE, to Keith and Juanita (Rice) Waring. The Warings resided in Fairbury where Gary enjoyed spending time with his Rice cousins on the family dairy farm. He also enjoyed spending time with his Waring cousins in north central Nebraska. Keith passed away in December 1953. Shortly thereafter, Juanita accepted a promotion with Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph and Juanita, Gary and Steve moved to Tecumseh, NE, where they were quickly welcomed into the community. Gary was a student athlete, participating and excelling in football, basketball, track and baseball.

Gary graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1963. He attended Hastings College and earned his bachelors degree in biology in 1967. While at Hastings College, he participated in football and baseball for two years.

On June 5, 1965, Gary was united in marriage to Sandy Hunt at St. John's Lutheran Church in Tecumseh. Gary and Sandy were blessed with two daughters, Heather and Holly.

Gary was accepted to Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy in Rochester, MN and began his post-graduate education in 1967. Gary began his long and successful career in physical therapy in 1969 at Kearney Clinic in Kearney, NE. From 1970 to 1972, he worked at Colorado P.T. Services in Longmont, CO. In 1972, Gary and Sandy moved their family to Cozad, NE, which was the Warings' home until 1996. During his time in Cozad, Gary worked at both Cozad Community Hospital and Gothenburg Memorial Hospital. In 1996, Gary and Sandy moved to Tecumseh, where Gary was employed with Johnson County Hospital until his retirement in January 2015.

Gary had a passion for his career as a physical therapist. He genuinely cared for every individual that he treated. He was also the volunteer athletic trainer at the Cozad and Gothenburg High Schools. During his career, Gary inspired and mentored countless young people to become physical therapists or athletic trainers.

During their time in Cozad, Gary spent his spare time playing golf and tennis and, in his younger years, played city league basketball and was on a bowling league. He also spent countless hours helping Heather and Holly with homework and spending quality time with them. During their junior high and high school years, he never missed a game or activity of theirs.

Gary was active in the American Lutheran Church in Cozad, serving on several church boards, serving as a sponsor for the senior high youth league, teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir. Gary was most recently a member of Martin Luther Church in Johnson, NE.

He also served the community of Cozad as a member the Cozad Public Library Board, the Cozad Community Schools Association and a member of the school board.

Gary never met a stranger, was always available for a good (and sometimes lengthy) conversation and was always there with a helping hand or kind word.

He passed away February 15, 2026 in Falls City, NE at the age of 81 years.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandy Waring of Tecumseh; daughter Heather Waring of Omaha; Holly Rieschick and husband, Ryan, of Auburn, granddaughters Maggy (Caleb) Nelson and their children, Fletcher, Jordy and Callahan of Falls City, Meg (Griffen) Vater and their daughter, Millie, of Beatrice, and Macy (Jaxson) Balm of Falls City; sister-in-law Carol Waring of Tecumseh, brother-in-law Jon Bornemeier; and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Charles Ettlemanm, brother Steve, brother-in-law Michael Hunt and sister-in-law Susie Bornemeier.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the Martin Luther Church, Johnson, NE with Rev. Ken Tubbesing officiating. Organist, C.J. Lamb-Evans accompanied congregational hymns "This Is My Father's World" and "Abide With Me." Special music included "The Irish Blessing". Inurnment was in the church cemetery. Memorials may go to the family's choice. Services were entrusted to Wherry Mortuary, Tecumseh, NE.

thirteen other senators.

Senator Ashlei Spivey prioritized LB 1067 which would increase the documentary stamp tax rate on real estate transfers, redirecting the additional revenue equally to the Rural Workforce Housing Program and the Middle-Income Workforce Housing Program to support workforce housing development. It also protects the Affordable Housing Trust Fund by removing legislative authority to transfer funds out of it and ensures dedicated workforce housing funds are used only for their intended purposes in the future.

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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All the medical professionals including, The Mayo Clinic, CHI, NHI, FC Community Medical Center, CMC specialty clinics, Family Medicine,

FC Nursing & Rehab, FC Volunteer Ambulance Squad, and others I'm sure we've overlooked. In particular, the care and comfort given by Julie Collier and Aseracare Hospice staff in the last month was exceptional and comforted her greatly. Thank you to family, friends, and others for all the prayers, memorials, cards, food, flowers, plants, etc. Thank you to Pastor Ken Humphrey, St. Paul's LWML, Trustees, and those who donated funeral desserts. Special thank you to Rita Seid for the use of the Seid Event Center, it was a perfect venue to gather with family and friends. To Dorr & Clark funeral home; Daakes and staff for your excellent service.

On Behalf of the entire Godemann Family, Thank you.

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Popular THC drinks that are sold in Nebraska face an uncertain future

By Emma Croteau

Flatwater Free Press

Samantha Nieman began visiting the cannabis store Plant'd Farma and its next-door cocktail lounge, The Garden, after gravitating away from alcohol. She still wanted to enjoy the social scene and events she often found centered on drinking.

Here, at a sleek bar counter in Omaha's Old Market, she can pick from a rotating menu of handcrafted, photo-worthy drinks that echo classic bar staples, like margaritas or old fashioned, but ones made with non-alcoholic, THC-infused spirits instead of alcohol.

These THC-infused cocktails are one of many options Nieman can get at Plant'd Farma, which also offers other hemp-derived cannabis products like vapes, gummies and colorful prepackaged drinks.

"I don't want to miss out on experiences, but the bars and stuff that do offer an alternative, like Plant'd Farma, that keeps me on those goals," Nieman said.

Nebraska doesn't allow sales of marijuana for recreational use and has no state-licensed dispensaries, although its voters overwhelmingly approved legalizing medical cannabis in 2024. The state's slow rollout of a medical cannabis program has faced criticism for its restrictive nature and frequent delays.

At the same time, more and more Nebraska businesses are selling hemp-derived cannabis products — often with THC levels that can produce the same psychoactive, intoxicating effects as marijuana.

THC-infused beverages in particular have become mainstream in Nebraska restaurants, bars and stores — including in major retail chains like Total Wine & More — where seltzers, lemonades, sodas and flavored waters come with a THC option.

A pivotal piece of the 2018 Farm Bill reclassified hemp and legalized it on a federal level — making the THC drinks now served across Nebraska permissible if derived from hemp even though marijuana is illegal. But that may change later this year with a federal ban of intoxicating hemp products set to take effect in November.

The Platypus and Tiny House Bars, sister spots in Omaha's Little Bohemia neighborhood, began selling THC drinks around six months ago in response to the high demand, managing partner Megan Malone said.

With eclectic wallpaper and cozy lighting, both bars offer an extensive selection of THC-infused products such as craft cocktails, canned beverages and gummies.

"Nebraska's youth really is looking for alternatives to alcohol and just wants to feel some sort of progress," Malone said.

This trend is not unique to Nebraska. Sales of THC beverages topped \$1 billion nationwide in 2024, with that market expected to balloon to more than \$5 billion by 2035, according to estimates by Whitney Economics, a cannabis and hemp business consulting and research firm.

It comes at a time when cannabis use in the U.S. is growing rapidly, outpacing daily or near daily alcohol-consumption,

while the number of people in the U.S. who reported drinking alcohol hit a record low last year.

Jeff Dingman, the technical sales manager at SC Labs, a cannabis- and hemp-testing company, has heard firsthand how brewers have been saved by incorporating hemp beverages into their businesses.

In the past year, he said, the number of brewers he works with has grown from a dozen to around 100.

"The largest portion of our hemp business is beverages at this point," Dingman said.

Christopher Lackner, who founded the Hemp Beverage Alliance around three years ago, said his group has since expanded from eight to 375 members.

Hemp comes from the same cannabis plant species as marijuana. The 2018 Farm Bill defined hemp as separate from marijuana if it contains no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC on a dry weight basis. Anything above that is considered marijuana.

Delta-9 THC is one of the most abundant and well known of the hundreds of compounds that naturally exist in cannabis.

THC works by binding to receptors throughout a person's brain and central nervous system, so the "high" feeling impacts everyone differently — the euphoric effects some people experience could easily cause an anxious or negative response in someone else.

Nieman said the THC drinks tend to make her feel light and relaxed.

Malone said customers who drink THC beverages tend to become mellow, while higher use

may make people tired. In her experience using the beverages, she has found them to be easier than other THC products in terms of controlling the dosage.

Andrea Holmes, a professor at Doane University who holds a doctorate in organic chemistry, said any beverage product tends to be more efficiently absorbed into the body than edibles. (Holmes is also a partner at Kind Life Dispensary in Lincoln.)

This means THC beverages are processed more quickly and often affect a person faster than edibles, but their effects likely won't last as long as edibles' effects. Smokable THC products tend to have a quicker onset and duration than both.

Even though the 2018 Farm Bill legalized the hemp plant — which is regulated by the Department of Agriculture during production — there is no federal framework for end products like THC drinks, Lackner said.

"If you could, imagine that flour is completely legal but the (Food and Drug Administration) hasn't ruled on what to do with bread," he said. "You know, that's the challenge."

These regulatory gaps have drawn national scrutiny in recent years over consumer safety concerns. A little-noticed provision included in the bill passed last year to end the longest federal government shutdown in history would essentially re-define hemp and ban all intoxicating hemp products currently on the market.

This would mean the THC products lining the aisles at places like Total Wine & More and drinks served at Nebraska bars

and restaurants would suddenly become illegal come November.

But it's possible the landscape will change before then. An amendment introduced to Congress in January would delay the ban by two years — giving the industry time to push federal regulations for these products rather than a full stop.

Some states have already adopted their own regulations around hemp products, including bans, age restrictions and labeling and testing requirements.

In Nebraska, state lawmakers have introduced bills to either ban or regulate intoxicating hemp products. None have passed, meaning there are few requirements to ensure product safety or age-based restrictions beyond what the businesses themselves establish.

Hemp beverages are generally made in large-scale batches without sampling or testing protocols, which creates huge potential for variations across products, said Dingman from the cannabis- and hemp-testing lab service.

BOX: People concerned about what's in hemp products should check for Certificates of Analysis that show the product has been tested for things like heavy metals, pesticides or other contaminants — and to verify the certificates through the products' QR codes.

Jeff Dingman, the technical sales manager at SC Labs, a cannabis- and hemp-testing company, said customers should look for businesses that are transparent about showcasing product test results with legitimate QR codes. The codes, he said, should scan back to the website of the lab that issued them. Any missing or nonactive QR codes should be a red flag for users.

For THC-infused cocktails, customers can ask what THC spirits are being used. Popular

THC beverage brands like Nowadays have their Certificates of Analysis listed on their website.

Last year, Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers sent cease-and-desist letters to companies and stores across Nebraska in an effort to combat the sale of THC products.

Suzanne Gage, the director of communications for the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, said in a statement that Hilgers "is concerned about any consumable products that contain THC" as these products have not been approved by the FDA, and that anyone selling these products "operates at their own risk."

The legal backing of these cease-and-desist letters remains unclear without state-specific legislation governing hemp products.

In late January, Gov. Jim Pillen issued an executive order targeting the sale of THC products, calling on state agencies to review any regulatory authority to restrict them.

Laura Strimble, Pillen's spokesperson, said in an email, "this Executive Order accounts for all THC products being sold for human consumption."

However, Nate Decker, the co-owner and co-founder of Plant'd Farma, said in an email that he doesn't think Pillen's order will directly affect his business because the order specifically references synthetic THC products, which Plant'd Farma doesn't sell. But if the November ban goes into place, or if future state or federal regulations were enacted, it "would require us to either shut down or pivot entirely into a different business model."

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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*

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

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RULO

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SHUBERT

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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*

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CLAIMS REPORT - 2.18.2026 City of Falls City, NE By Fund Payment Dates 2/4/2026 - 2/18/2026 Vendor Name Description (Item) Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

American Natl Bank HSA ... \$1,495.07 Falls City Journal Reader November 19 - December 2 ... \$237.87 Falls City Journal Legal 2x December 31 & January 7 ... \$91.86 FC Journal Reader Dec 10 ... \$117.99 FC Journal Legal 1x Dec 24 ... \$15.69 FC Journal Reader Dec 24 ... \$96.66 Falls City Journal 1.14.26 Reader -Council Mtg Minutes Dec. 15 ... \$98.55 Falls City Journal Reader - Council Claims 12-3 to 12-16 ... \$321.03 FC Journal 1.21.26 P&Z Blighted Area #1, Feb. 11 Mtg ... \$145.31 Falls City Journal 1.14.26 City Renewal of Liquor Licenses ... \$16.97 Falls City Journal 1.21.26 P&Z Blighted Area #2, Feb. 11 Mtg ... \$145.31 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 P&Z Blighted Area #1, Feb. 17 Mtg ... \$145.31 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 Reader - Claims 12-16 to 1-6 ... \$252.72 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 P&Z Blighted Area #2, Feb. 17 Mtg ... \$145.31 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 Reader - Claims 1-7 to 1-21 ... \$204.66 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 Council Mtg Minutes Jan 5 ... \$79.38 Falls City Journal 1/17/26 Jan. Council Meeting for Chicken Permits ... \$17.82 Falls City Journal 2.4.26 P&Z Blighted Area #2, Feb. 17 Mtg ... \$140.63 Falls City Journal 2.4.26 P&Z Blighted Area #1, Feb. 17 Mtg ... \$140.63 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 P&Z Blighted Area #2, Feb. 11 Mtg ... \$140.63 Falls City Journal 1.28.26 P&Z Blighted Area #1, Feb. 11 Mtg ... \$140.63 TASCFHRA Advisor/Trustee Fee- 4Q 2025 Matrix Fee ... \$62.50 Amazon Capital Services Blue Summit W2 Forms 2025 ... \$96.76 League Association of Risk Management 8810-Clerical-Office Employees NOC ... \$375.71 Amazon Capital Services Monitor Stand w/sliding keyboard drawer ... \$46.99 Amazon Capital Services Enday 3in binder 12pk ... \$39.59 Quill Corporation Gw file pkt 5.25in ltr asst 5 ... \$15.99 Quill Corporation Tr ac prfpad jr pstl nr 6pk ... \$7.29 Quill Corporation Post-it 4x6 ind marseille 5pk ... \$7.49 Quill Corporation Dab n seal 50ml 4pk ... \$7.89 Quill Corporation 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$12.49 Quill Corporation Qb hanging folder 1/5 letter ... \$18.49 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$100.31 Pro ServSAV/P 311 MICR - Lease Charge ... \$55.00 Brad Griffin Consulting Samsung 4k 32" Monitor ... \$699.98 Amazon Capital Services Sunee 3" Binders 4pk ... \$12.82 Amazon Capital Services 36pk Plastic File Folders ... \$19.99 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service ... \$50.00 Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax % ... \$71.45 Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage ... \$206.06 Aflac AFLAC ... \$269.69 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues ... \$111.47 Medica Insurance Group Health ... \$16,418.69 IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues ... \$121.47 International Union of Operating Engineers IUOE Union Dues ... \$269.13 Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance ... \$257.33 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Garnishment ... \$250.00 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax ... \$493.00 Ameritas Retirement 501a ... \$11,941.46 Nebraska Dept of Revenue State W/H Tax ... \$3,162.99 Dept of the Treasury Federal W/H ... \$8,176.94 Dept of the Treasury Medicare Tax ... \$2,744.86 Dept of the Treasury Social Security Tax ... \$11,736.66 General Petty Cash 1.22.26 Certified Letters ... \$125.76 General Petty Cash 2.2.26 Certified Letters ... \$125.76 Fund 100 - General Total ... \$62,300.04

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Battery ... \$219.95 Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Labor ... \$56.00 League Assoc of Risk Management 7720-Police Officers & Drivers ... \$9,881.22 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$118.17 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense Jan 2026-GEN ... \$1,332.20 Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 1/17/26 ... \$15.00 Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 1/11/26 ... \$12.00 Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 1/6/26 ... \$3.00 Police Dept Petty Cash Car Wash 1/22/26 ... \$10.00 Police Dept Petty Cash Postage 1/20/26 ... \$10.48 Handley Law Office Attorney Fees ... \$55.00 Fund 110 - Police Total ... \$11,713.02

Fund: 115 - Animal Control

League Assoc of Risk Management 8831-Veterinary Hospital & Drivers ... \$613.10 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$13.13 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense Jan 2026-GEN ... \$58.02 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total ... \$641.95

FUND: 120 - FIRE

League Assoc of Risk Management 7711- Fire Fighters & Volunteers ... \$9,953.83 League Assoc of Risk Management 7710-Fire Fighters & Drivers ... \$806.35 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$13.13 FC Auto Supply Battery ... \$959.94 Fund 120 - Fire Total ... \$9,787.11

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

League Association of Risk Management 9410-Municipal, Township, County or State Employee ... \$2,971.34

US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$13.13 Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total ... \$2,984.47

FUND: 150 - PARKS

League Assoc of Risk Management 9102-Park NOC-All Empl & Drivers ... \$72.59 League Assoc of Risk Management 9015-Buildings- Operations by Owner (LifeGuard) ... \$2,674.10 Farm & City Supply Keykraftr #228 Brass ... \$17.97 Farm & City Supply Lysol AVD Lemon 32oz ... \$15.98 Farm & City Supply Clorox Splashless 77oz ... \$8.59 Farm & City Supply Trowl 1/8" V-Notch Red ... \$2.79 Farm & City Supply Glue Contact Cmrt QT DAP ... \$26.99 Farm & City Supply Caulk Backer Rod 5/8" x 20' ... \$6.99 Farm & City Supply DW Wire Cup Coarse 3" ... \$6.59 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$39.39 Falls City Sanitation Service January 2026 Service ... \$130.00 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-GEN ... \$388.10 Farm & City Supply Glue Contact Cement QT Dap ... \$26.99 Farm & City Supply Linzer chip brush 2.5" ... \$2.39 Farm & City Supply Ace Btr Rlir 3x3/8 2pk ... \$4.59 Farm & City Supply Roller Frame 3" 4 Wire Lnzr ... \$3.59 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service ... \$50.00 Fund 150 - Parks Total ... \$3,332.46

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM

Amazon Capital Services 2pc Yoga Blocks, 9"x6"x3" ... \$97.93 Unifirst Corporation Service Jan 2026 ... \$96.00 Falls City Mercantile Hawthorn Foaming Soap ... \$239.19 Falls City Mercantile Cherry Deodorized Urinal Mat ... \$1.26 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$39.39 Falls City Sanitation Service January 2026 Service ... \$130.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/13/26 am ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/13/26 pm ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/15/26 pm ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/22/26 am ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/27/26 am ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/29/26 am ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/29/26 pm ... \$15.00 Darcy Kiekhaefer Instructor Fees: Spin Class 1/8/26 pm ... \$15.00 Racy Hullman Instructor Fees: Spin Class Week of 1/26/26 ... \$45.00 Racy Hullman Instructor Fees: Spin Class Week of 1/19/26 ... \$30.00 Racy Hullman Instructor Fees: Spin Class Week of 1/12/26 ... \$45.00 Racy Hullman Instructor Fees: Spin Class Week of 1/5/26 ... \$60.00 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service ... \$50.00 Justin Hubly Rental Add On Payment for Auditorium Rental Deposit ... \$250.00 Rachel Jean Rental Add On Payment for Auditorium Rental Deposit ... \$250.00 Whitetails Unlimited Rental AddOn Payment for Auditorium Rental Deposit ... \$250.00 Fund 151 - Auditorium Total ... \$1,778.77

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Amazon Capital Services Matex 14mm Black Standard Dbl. Cap. DVD Cases 25pk ... \$24.70 Amazon Capital Services Brightrow 100pk Std. Black 14mm Single DVD Cases ... \$69.99 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$39.39 Falls City Sanitation Service January 2026 Service ... \$65.00 Fund 170 - Library Total ... \$199.08

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

League Assoc of Risk Management 9220-Cemetery Operations & Drivers ... \$166.76 Farm & City Supply Softlens 125W Cir heat 2pk ... \$9.99 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$13.13 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-GEN ... \$35.96 Fund 180 - Cemetery Total ... \$225.84

FUND: 190 - STREETS

Desert Diamond Industries LLC Champion Concrete Asphalt Combo Blade ... \$205.00 League Assoc of Risk Management 9402-Street Cleaning ... \$11,501.79 League Assoc of Risk Management 5506-Street or Road Construction -All Operations ... \$14,840.00 Farm & City Supply Screws ... \$21.25 Farm & City Supply Hook Peg Strt Hd 1.5" CD6 ... \$17.97 Farm & City Supply Spry Pnt/Prmr 2x Mat Blk ... \$8.59 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$26.26 Falls City Sanitation Service January 2026 Service ... \$65.00 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense Jan 2026-GEN ... \$1,427.49 Fund 190 - Streets Total ... \$1,566.65

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Berwick CO-OP Oil Company Super-lube 15W40 ... \$698.50 Berwick CO-OP Oil Company fuel surcharge ... \$11.40 Berwick CO-OP Oil Company Quiklift green tractor hydraulic ... \$485.20 John Deere Financial Filter Element ... \$52.08 League Assoc of Risk Management 8380-Automobile Service or Repair Center ... \$454.19 O'Reilly Automotive Inc Pedal Sen ... \$91.67 Falls City Auto Supply Filter ... \$22.95 FC Auto Supply C/Lighter ... \$10.89 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-GEN ... \$72.00 Farm & City Supply Valve Assy \$37.00 Farm & City Supply Sealing Ring ... \$1.00 Falls City Auto Supply Wiper ... \$9.58 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total ...

.....\$1,946.46

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Northland Business Systems Red Box/16 Channel Analog Interface Card/Recorder ... \$1,230.44 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total ... \$1,230.44

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT /DEMOLITION PROGRAM

General Petty Cash 1.23.26 RC Treasurer's -Back Taxes -1205 Harlan St ... \$631.77 Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total ... \$631.77

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 92445 Electric Light or Power Companies ... \$698.00 FC Journal Legal 2x Dec 3 & 10 ... \$11.89 FC Journal Reader Dec 17 ... \$64.16 FC Journal Reader Dec 24 ... \$26.08 MPUA Resource Services Corporation MPUA 2026 Municipal Dues ... \$785.00 MPUA Resource Services Corporation MPUA 2026 Apprentice Program- Year 3 ... \$3,000.00 MPUA Resource Services Corporation MPUA 2026 Apprentice Program Fee- Year 2 ... \$3,000.00 Falls City Journal 1.14.26 Reader -BOPW Dec. 18 Mtg Minutes ... \$25.60 Wolfes Printing TN760 Toner ... \$19.35 Wolfes Printing Avery Business Card Holders ... \$7.49 TASCFHRA Advisor/Trustee Fee -4Q 2025 Matrix Fee ... \$37.50 Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.5" x 5" ... \$16.32 Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.5" x 6" ... \$17.18 Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1.5" x 4" ... \$14.17 Farm & City Supply Cap Hex 1/8" Black ... \$5.14 Farm & City Supply Plug SQ Head 1/8" Black ... \$4.28 Farm & City Supply Cap Mall Black 1/2" ... \$3.21 Farm & City Supply Cap Hex 3/8" Black ... \$2.57 Farm & City Supply Cap Hex 1/4" Black ... \$2.57 Farm & City Supply Flare Fitting Cap 1/4" ... \$10.73 Farm & City Supply Pipe Cap 1/4" FPT ... \$12.88 Farm & City Supply CR - Flare Fitting Cap 1/4" ... \$10.73 Farm & City Supply Howes Lub 64oz ... \$23.64 Farm & City Supply Red grnt hmr bit 5/32 x 6" ... \$8.59 Farm & City Supply Work Cover 1 SQ Exposed ... \$7.08 League Assoc of Risk Management 7539-Electrical Power of Light Co. NOC & Drivers ... \$922.10 Farm & City Supply Comprsn Conn 1/4" x 1/4" ... \$8.59 Farm & City Supply Bushing Hex 3/8x1/4 Blk ... \$3.00 Farm & City Supply Thread Seal Tape 3/4 x 1368 ... \$14.17 Mid-America Testing & Supply, LLC-Glove Testing, Class 00-2, All Sizes/ styles ... \$122.79 Farm & City Supply Clamp 4-1/2" TO 6-1/2" SS ... \$11.13 Farm & City Supply Clamp Hose 4-1/16"-5"SS ... \$11.14 McMaster-CarrTight-Seal Bolt Clamp for Firm Hose & Tube ... \$42.05 McMaster-CarrHT Coolant Hose w/ Steel Wire ... \$135.13 McMaster-CarrTight-Seal Bolt Clamp for Firm Hose & Tube ... \$113.57 FARABEE MECHANICAL rebuild #2 water pump ... \$7,139.90 Amazon Capital Services Enday 3" Binders, 12pk ... \$23.77 Quill Corporation Gw File pkt 5.25in ltr asst 5 ... \$8.40 Quill Corporation Postit 4x6 Ind marseille 5pk ... \$4.50 Quill Corporation 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$3.75 Quill Corporation TR ac prfpad jr pstl nr 6pk ... \$4.39 Quill Corporation Qb Hanging folder 1/5 letter \$11.10 Quill Corp Dab n seal 50MI 4-pk ... \$4.74 Quill Corporation 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$3.75 Husker Electric Supply 12" adjustable wrench Klein D507-12 (E1664) ... \$105.12 Husker Electric Supply 7" screwdriver Klein 603-7 (E1659.5) ... \$17.65 Wesco Distribution Elec Tape 3M 35-greco (E235.5) ... \$61.28 N & N25yrd Roll-Off, delivered 10/27/25 ... \$325.00 N & N16yrd Roll-Off, delivered 10/29/25, 11/19/25 ... \$295.00 Farm & City Supply Platinum Oil 1gal 1pk ... \$28.49 Cintas Corporation No 2Supplies/Uniforms ... \$359.36 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$127.37 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max(Ryzen 7) ... \$515.40 Brad Griffin Consulting 27" 4K Monitor ... \$599.97 Brad Griffin Consulting Wireless Keyboard ... \$29.99 FC Sanitation Serv Jan Service ... \$195.00 H-O-H Water Technology, Inc.CS-39P ... \$3,208.39 Wesco Distribution leather glove protectors CL 2 size 9.5 (E1510) ... \$62.35 Wesco Distribution leather glove protectors CL 2 size 10-10.5 (E1505) ... \$62.35 Martin Marietta 1 1/2" crush run \$600.77 One Call Concepts, Inc.Locate Fees ... \$22.45 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense Jan 2026-UTIL ... \$1,042.03 Farm & City Supply VLV Gate Brss 1/4" IPS LF ... \$154.04 Farm & City Supply Nipple Black 1/4"x4" ... \$3.86 Farm & City Supply RDC Coupl 1/2x1/4" BLK ... \$5.36 Farm & City Supply VLV Gate BRSS 1/2" IPS LF ... \$15.04 Amazon Capital Services Nokingo Spiral Password Book w/ Tabs 5x7" ... \$23.26 Amazon Capital Services Amazon Basics College Ruled Notebook ... \$5.11 Amazon Capital Services Sunee 3" binders 3 Ring 4pk ... \$7.69 Amazon Capital Services Plastic File Folders, 36ct ... \$6.99 Farm & City Supply Screws ... \$39.22 Midwest Laboratories, Inc ICP screen non-water ... \$534.00 Midwest Laboratories, Inc ICP screen water ... \$217.00 Bletscher Trucking Inchal rock ... \$1,894.62 MPUA Resource Services Corporation Lineworker Training -Electric Meter School ... \$350.00 Core & Main LPFm2S-House Meter Stratus LBL-REM Remote Disconnect ... \$27.70

Wilson Bohannon Co 1 1/4" padlock 73170-1-MAS#2126 (E1690) ... \$2,374.86 Wilson Bohannon Co 2" padlock 76170-1-MAS#2126 (E1690.2) ... \$578.50 Wilson Bohannon Co 7/8" padlock 71170-1-MAS#2126 (E1690.1) ... \$523.27 Border States Connector-Single Conduct, 2-Hole Mount ADR60-12 (E1690.2) ... \$359.21 Border States Hub-Blank #A7551 (E47) ... \$14.84 Farm & City Supply CR-Screws ... \$39.22 Farm & City Supply Bolts,Nuts, Washers Gr 8 ... \$12.35 Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts,Nuts, Washers ... \$13.43 Border States Pull Tape-Duraline #20000077 (3000-2500#) (E790) ... \$252.95 AMERITAS BILLING457 Pre Tax Percentage ... \$91.86 Aflac AFLAC ... \$75.86 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues \$300.90 Medica Insurance Group Health ... \$17,457.27 American Natl Bank HSA ... \$3,398.57 IBEW Local Union #1536IBEW Union Dues ... \$395.83 Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance ... \$243.87 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax ... \$2,068.26 Ameritas Retirement 501a ... \$12,069.54 Dept of the Treasury Medicare Tax ... \$2,762.92 Dept of the Treasury Social Security Tax ... \$11,813.86 Nebraska Dept of Revenue State W/H Tax ... \$3,350.50 Dept of the Treasury Federal W/H ... \$8,620.14 Wolfes Printing Name Plates ... \$26.10 Omaha Public Power District (NCC) Service January 2026 ... \$107,987.87 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.22.26 RC Deeds - Easement ... \$40.00 Utility Dept Petty Cash 2.5.26 Postage- Stamps ... \$280.80 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.30.26 Postage - Credit Management ... \$7.76 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales/Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$31,335.57 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$5.63 Fund 600 - Electric Total ... \$247,190.37

FUND: 610 - WATER

Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 99943 - Water Companies ... \$308.00 FC Journal Reader Dec 24 ... \$3.48 FC Journal Reader Dec 17 ... \$8.55 FC Journal Legal 2x Dec 3 & 10 ... \$1.58 Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 99943 - Water Companies ... \$231.00 Falls City Journal 1.14.26 Reader -BOPW Dec. 18 Mtg Minutes ... \$3.41 TASCFHRA Advisor/Trustee Fee -4Q 2025 Matrix Fee ... \$5.00 Home Lumber Company #15 x 3" 2-Star Driver Bit ... \$3.00 Home Lumber Company 1x6x8" #2 WP ... \$10.20 Home Lumber Company #8 x 1-1/2" Reisser Trim Screw ... \$1.94 Home Lumber Company Labor for cutting/repair ... \$2.50 Linde Gas & Equipment INCCO2 Tank Safety and Environmental Fee ... \$34.76 Linde Gas & Equipment INCCO2 Tank Rent ... \$1,477.00 Linde Gas & Equipment INCCO2 Tank Telemetry ... \$105.50 Farm & City Supply Fly Catcher Window/Screen ... \$7.51 Farm & City Supply Tarp Poly Blue/Brn 6x8 ... \$13.97 Farm & City Supply Milkhouse Heater 1500W ... \$32.24 Farm & City Supply Sqr head plug brs 3/4" ... \$9.66 Farm & City Supply Hex Bushing 1x3/4" brs ... \$10.74 Farm & City Supply Cpling LD-FR BRS FPT 1" ... \$20.42 El Camino Electric 1 1/4" unistrut clamp ... \$14.00 El Camino Electric Deep Unistrut ... \$55.00 El Camino Electric Shallow unistrut ... \$49.50 El Camino Electric 2" strap w/bolt ... \$24.30 El Camino Electric 1 1/2" unistrut clamp ... \$15.60 El Camino Electric 1/2" strap w/bolt ... \$2.90 Farm & City Supply Tarp Poly Blue/Brn 12x16 ... \$38.69 Farm & City Supply Fly Catcher window/screen ... \$7.51 League Assoc of Risk Management 7520-Waterworks Operations & Drivers ... \$2,183.62 Farm & City Supply Coat Hat Hook White CD/2 ... \$5.36 Farm & City Supply Corner Brace 2x5/8" ZN 4pk ... \$5.36 Amazon Capital Services Henoyso 12pc Extendable Poster Tubes w/ Strap ... \$97.81 Core & Main LP1 xs lead fig swl cplg 1 xs fem leadfig thd x 1 Lead ... \$135.68 Farm & City Supply Ace Rstp Spry Safety Blu ... \$32.20 Farm & City Supply Ace RSTP CNTL Blue 15oz ... \$6.44 Farm & City Supply Flange Floor Black 1.5" ... \$17.19 Farm & City Supply Pipe Galv Tbe 1-1/2" x 10' ... \$51.56 Farm & City Supply Coupl 2x1-1/2" Black ... \$18.26 Farm & City Supply MI FLR Fng 2" FX ... \$20.42 Farm & City Supply Bushing Hex 2x1-1/2 Black ... \$9.66 Farm & City Supply CR - Flange Floor Black 1.5" ... \$17.19 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop 3/8"x1-1/4" Flat Stock Hot Rolled Steel 20' ... \$8.30 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop 1/2"x1" Flat Stock Hot Rolled Steel 20' ... \$5.05 Amazon Capital Services Enday 3" Binders, 12pk ... \$3.16 Quill Corporation Qb Hanging folder 1/5 letter ... \$1.48 Quill Corp 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$1.00 Quill Corporation TR ac prfpad jr pstl nr 6pk ... \$0.58 Quill Corporation Gw File pkt 5.25in ltr asst 5 ... \$1.12 Quill Corporation Post-it 4x6 Ind marseille 5pk ... \$0.60 Quill Corporation Dab n seal 50MI 4-pk ... \$0.63 Core & Main LP3/4" brass cap (W850) ... \$17.63 Core & Main LP1" brass cap (W853) ... \$34.40 Core & Main LP3/4" brass plug (W865) ... \$23.86 Core & Main LP1" brass plug (W867) ... \$31.28 Farm & City Supply Sprynt 2X Gls Deep Blue ... \$8.59 Farm & City Supply Spry Pnt FSN GLS Ptr Blu ... \$27.70

Farm & City Supply Ace Rstp Cntl Blue 15oz ... \$12.88 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$13.13 Farm & City Supply Lime-Rust Remover 28oz CLR ... \$7.09 Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers ... \$3.19 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha1 MIPT x CTS quick adapter C84-44Q (W934.5) ... \$163.44 Lincoln Linwater Works Co2" HYMAX 8605-54-0054-16 (W1573) ... \$370.88 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max(Ryzen 7) ... \$68.72 Brad Griffin Consulting Wireless Keyboard ... \$4.00 Brad Griffin Consulting 27" 4K Monitor ... \$80.00 Core & Main LP3/4" brass cap (W850) ... \$8.82 Core & Main LP2" x 15" full circle clamp (2.35-2.63) #226-023815 ... \$131.96 Core & Main LP1" brass cap (W853) ... \$6.87 One Call Concepts, Inc Locate Fees ... \$25.45 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-UTIL ... \$187.16 Amazon Capital Serv Amazon Basics College Ruled Notebook ... \$0.34 Amazon Capital ServicesSunee 3" binders 3 Ring 4pk ... \$1.02 Amazon Capital Services Plastic File Folders, 36ct ... \$0.80 Amazon Capital Serv Nokingo Spiral Password Book w/ Tabs 5x7" ... \$3.10 Amazon Capital Services Plastic File Folders, 36ct ... \$0.80 Amazon Capital Services Queenlink Large Dry-Erase Calendar Board, 36"x24" ... \$44.64 Amazon Capital Services Expo Wet Erase Markers ... \$11.54 Amazon Capital Serv Amazon Basics College Ruled Notebook ... \$0.34 Farm & City Supply Tool Multi Crmp Cut strp ... \$18.26 Farm & City Supply Phone Trimline Corded BK ... \$27.94 American Backflow Prevention Assoc Training -Aitken ... \$100.00 American Backflow Prevention Assoc Training - D. Waggoner ... \$100.00 Wolfes Printing Name Plates ... \$1.74 Wolfes Printing Name Plates ... \$1.74 Utility Dept Petty Cash 2.5.26 Postage- Stamps ... \$37.44 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.20.26 Postage - Water Sample ... \$33.65 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.30.26 Postage - Credit Management ... \$1.04 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.27.26 Postage - Water Sample ... \$33.65 NE Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales/Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$1,559.81 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$0.74 General Fund PILOT: EXCISE TAX January 2026 ... \$4,044.00 Home Lumber Company 6"x2"x3'9" Kraft Ins 75.07 ... \$63.41 Fund 610 - Water Total ... \$12,399.30

FUND: 620 - GAS

Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 95306 Gas Companies - Natural Gas ... \$651.00 FC Journal Reader Dec 24 ... \$10.43 FC Journal Legal 2x Dec 3 & 10 ... \$4.75 FC Journal Reader Dec 17 ... \$13.74 FC Journal Reader Dec 17 ... \$11.92 Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 95306 - Gas Co's - Natural Gas ... \$336.00 FC Journal 1.14.26 Reader -BOPW Dec. 18 Mtg Minutes ... \$10.24 TASCFHRA Advisor/Trustee Fee -4Q 2025 Matrix Fee ... \$15.00 Border States swivel 1" 20LT non-insul Blk (G4291) ... \$288.10 Border States swivel 1" 20LT Blk (G4301) ... \$225.74 Border States Tee 1" x 1/4" X 1" Blk (G4021) ... \$92.88 Border States Nipple 1" x 8 1/2" Blk (G4039.1) ... \$23.54 Border States Plug 1/4" Blk (G4259) ... \$2.37 Farm & City Supply 340-408MFD 110-125V RND ... \$24.99 League Assoc of Risk Management 7502-Gas Co. (Nat. Gas)-Local Distribution ... \$861.29 Industrial Sales Co Incpipe 1" CTS Drisco 8300 .101 (G4788) ... \$4,131.51 Farm & City Supply Scour Pad Hvy Dty 4x6, 3pk ... \$3.21 Amazon Capital Services Enday 3" Binders, 12pk ... \$9.50 Quill Corp Dab n seal 50MI 4-pk ... \$1.90 Quill Corp Qb Hanging folder 1/5 letter ... \$4.44 Quill Corp 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$3.00 Quill Corporation Gw File pkt 5.25in ltr asst 5 ... \$3.36 Quill Corporation TR ac prfpad jr pstl nr 6pk ... \$1.75 Quill Corp Postit 4x6 Ind marseille 5pk ... \$1.80 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$65.65 Brad Griffin Consulting 27" 4K Monitor ... \$239.99 Brad Griffin Consulting Wireless Keyboard ... \$12.00 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max(Ryzen 7) ... \$206.16 FC Sanitation Serv Jan Service ... \$65.00 One Call Concepts, Inc Locate Fees ... \$18.82 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-UTIL ... \$276.02 Amazon Capital Services Plastic File Folders, 36ct ... \$4.80 Amazon Capital Serv Amazon Basics Wide Ruled Notebook ... \$6.41 Amazon Capital Services Sunee 3" binders 3 Ring 4pk ... \$3.08 Amazon Capital Serv Nokingo Spiral Password Book w/ Tabs 5x7" ... \$9.30 Amazon Capital Serv Amazon Basics College Ruled Notebook ... \$2.04 Clayton Energy Corp January 2026 Commodity ... \$60,719.86 Marc Ramsey Meals 2/2/26 ... \$51.00 Marc Ramsey Meals 2/3/26 ... \$68.00 Marc Ramsey Mileage ... \$350.18 Marc Ramsey Meals 2/4/26 ... \$51.00 Jonathan McAndrew Meals 2/3/26 ... \$68.00 Jonathan McAndrew Meals 2/4/26 ... \$51.00 Jonathan McAndrew Meals 2/2/26 ... \$51.00 Wolfes Printing Name Plates ... \$10.44 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.30.26 Postage - Credit Management ... \$3.11 Utility Dept Petty Cash 2.5.26 Postage- Stamps ... \$112.32 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales/Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$22,939.24 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$2.26 General Fund PILOT: Gas January 2026 ... \$27,639.23 Fund 620 - Gas Total ... \$119,758.37

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER

SEDD#24-PWI-006 GA11-12 ... ZNEZ

Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 98810 - Sewage Disposal - Plant Operations ... \$193.00 FC Journal Reader Dec ... \$17.85 FC Journal Reader Dec ... \$23.48 FC Journal Legal 2x Dec 3 & 10 ... \$1.58 Miller Farrell Insurance Agency 98810 - Sewage Disposal - Plant Operations ... \$94.00 SENDD#24-PWI-006 GA11-12 ... \$494.67 FC Journal 1.14.26 Reader -BOPW Dec. 18 Mtg Minutes ... \$3.41 TASCFHRA Advisor/Trustee Fee -4Q 2025 Matrix Fee ... \$5.00 Brown Co Transfer Sludge Ticket ... \$225.00 Amazon Capital Services 18g Nitrogen Cartridge - 5/8" Thread ... \$70.42 Farm & City Supply Fliding Step Stool Stl 40" ... \$44.99 Farm & City Supply Spry Pnt Fsn Fit Black ... \$25.77 Farm & City Supply Tie Wire Solid 16ga 335' ... \$15.99 Farm & City Supply Spry Pnt Fsn Fit Black ... \$17.18 League Assoc of Risk Management 7580-Sewage Disp. Plant Operation & Drivers ... \$199.14 Farm & City Supply Scry Insr BT ST 9pc ... \$11.99 Farm & City Supply Bit Tip Holder 2.36" SW ... \$7.99 Farm & City Supply Screws ... \$8.76 Smith Auto Inc 2020 Ford F150 Pickup Front Seat ... \$65.00 Amazon Capital Services Enday 3" Binders, 12pk ... \$3.17 Quill Corporation Qb Hanging folder 1/5 letter ... \$1.48 Quill Corporation TR ac prfpad jr pstl nr 6pk ... \$0.58 Quill Corporation 1/3-Cut letter size folders ... \$1.00 Quill Corporation Gw File pkt 5.25in ltr asst 5 ... \$1.12 Quill Corporation Dab n seal 50MI 4-pk ... \$0.63 Quill Corporation Postit 4x6 Ind marseille 5pk ... \$0.60 Husker Electric Supply G.E. 2-Pole 20A Bolt-On Circuit Breaker ... \$48.38 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing ... \$52.52 Brad Griffin Consulting 27" 4K Monitor ... \$80.00 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max(Ryzen 7) ... \$68.72 Brad Griffin Consulting Wireless Keyboard ... \$4.00 FC Sanitation Serv Jan Service ... \$90.00 One Call Concepts, Inc Locate Fees ... \$1.21 Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Fuel Expense January 2026-UTIL ... \$181.51 Amazon Capital Services Sunee 3" binders 3 Ring 4pk ... \$1.03 Amazon Capital Serv Amazon Basics College Ruled Notebook ... \$0.68 Amazon Capital Serv Nokingo Spiral Password Book w/ Tabs 5x7" ... \$3.10 Amazon Capital Services Plastic File Folders, 36ct ... \$1.60 Farm & City Supply Drain Stop multi-fit ... \$3.59 Farm & City Supply Towels Shop Blue 2pk ... \$6.99 Wolfes Printing Name Plates ... \$3.47 Utility Dept Petty Cash 1.30.26 Postage - Credit Management ... \$1.04 Utility Dept Petty Cash 2.5.26 Postage- Stamps ... \$37.44 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales/Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$6,531.89 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Use Tax Return Jan. 2026 ... \$0.74 Fund 630 - Wastewater Total ... \$19,135.74

FUND: 810 - COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Richardson County Treasurer Return of TIF Fund 8611 pymnt ... \$309.93 Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfate Professional Services Rendered Through: 1.31.2026 ... \$7,955.50 Fund 810 - Com Redevelopment Authority Total ... \$8,265.43

FUND: 820 - MUTUAL FINANCE ORGANIZATION

Robert W. Aitken, CPA, PC, Aitken, CPA, PC - Professional Services Rendered ... \$1,230.00 Falls City Rural Fire Dept, Jan 2026 ... \$366.00 Dawson Rural Fire District, Jan. 2026 ... \$304.00 Verdon Rural Fire District, Jan. 2026 ... \$742.00

Village of Rulo, JAN. 2026 ... \$730.00 Humboldt Rural Fire, JAN. 2026 ... \$1,944.00 Stella Rural Fire District, JAN. 2026 ... \$1,675.00 General Fund, JAN. 2026 ... \$17,885.00 City of Humboldt, JAN. 2026 ... \$9,866.00 Village of Dawson, JAN. 2026 ... \$9,912.00 Village of Shubert, JAN. 2026 ... \$952.00 Village of Salem, JAN. 2026 ... \$1,009.00 Falls City Rural Fire Dept, LB 664 MFO Distribution ... \$10,000.00 Humboldt Rural Fire, LB 664 MFO Distribution ... \$10,000.00 Dawson Rural Fire District, LB 664 MFO Distribution ... \$10,000.0

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.

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. 18-25-4 ZNEZ

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 11-18-25 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that REAL BM-LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, effective date 2/6/26.

The name of the company is REAL BM LLC. The street and mailing address of the designated office of the company is 1618 Nemaha, Falls City, NE 68355. The name and street and mailing address of the initial registered agent of the company is Tim Burton 1618 Nemaha, Falls City, Nebraska, 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: Tim Burton, 1618 Nemaha Falls City, NE 68355 18-25-4 ZNEZ

Notice of Certificate of Organization Name: Cander Family Farms LLC Designated Office: 63318 711 Rd Humboldt NE 68376. Registered Agent: Susanne J Cander-Stalder, 63318 711 Rd Humboldt NE 68376. Perpetual existence commenced on Feb 3, 2026 when a Certificate of Organization was filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State. 25-4-11 ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICE FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: CI-26-11 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: Blake Cordell Johnson

Notice is hereby given that on the 6 day of February 2026, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of which is to change a minor child's or children's name(s) from: Blake Cordell Johnson to the preferred new name(s) of: Blake Cordell Newman

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 301, 1700 Stone St. on the 24th day of March 2026 at 11:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child(ren)'s current name(s) will be changed to the preferred name(s) listed above.

18-25 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Board meeting of the Falls City Board of Education for District No. 74 - 0056 will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

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

Dr. Andrew Offner Superintendent, Falls City Public Schools ZNEZ

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

You are hereby notified that the following property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder without warranty, by Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee, on April 22, 2026 on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, NE 68355, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of foreclosing a Trust Deed executed by Taylor Clark, a single man, as Trustor, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, 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 January 15th, 2026, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for February 5th, 2026, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for February 5th, 2026, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Johansen, Rieger, Joy, Koopman, "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT FROM NMC CAT FOR A CAT MODEL 265 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,450.00
A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the lease agreement from NMC CAT for a CAT model 265 skid loader in the amount of \$9,450.00 as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Johansen, Rieger, Joy, Koopman, "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl. Motion carried.
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SEWER PORTION OF A BILL TO BE WAIVED PER LETTER FROM MEYER HOME CENTER | HEATHER NOA
Following discussion and review of the submitted letter of explanation, a motion was made by Joy and seconded by Johansen to waive the sewer portion of the bill for Diana Rieschick's water leak. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Johansen, Rieger, Joy, Koopman, "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl. Motion carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 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 February 5th, 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

/s/ Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee 10050 Regency Circle Suite 505 Omaha, NE 68114 Telephone: 801-355-2886 File No. NE22939

25-4-11-18-25 ZNEZ

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.

11-18-25 ZNEZ

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS February 5th, 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 5th day of February 2026 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Johansen, Rieger, Joy, Koopman and Mayor Harkendorff. Absent: Froeschl. 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 Rieger 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 January 15th, 2026, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for February 5th, 2026, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for February 5th, 2026, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Johansen, Rieger, Joy, Koopman, "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl. Motion carried.

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available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Secretary City Clerk ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Village of Shubert Regular Monthly Meeting February 2, 2026 Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on February 2, 2026 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. Two Visitors, T. Milke was present to discuss changes to sludge hauls. Brittany McCullough from SENDD was present to discuss grant opportunities. The first step will be a community survey to determine eligibility. Clerk will get her a mailing list to send out the surveys. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the January 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. CD's - Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) to renew 2 CDs and cash out the water tower cd and place in the water tower account. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Employee pay increase - Motion and Second (Hays/Ramer) to increase wages by \$50 for all three employees. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. A reminder to not flush wipes will be posted. Wood & Brush pile: Needs to be piled up. Buildings and Park: Community Building: Board discussed plans and current projects. Motion and Second (Patchen/Ramer) to add an electrical plug at the back of the library. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Park: Bathrooms have been closed for the winter. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Hays met with the street contractor to review plans for Elm street patching. Motion and Second (Patchen/Ramer) to approve the bid. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Fire: None. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Lockard/Borrego) to adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner Village Clerk

Name	Memo	Amount
Dearborn Group, Firemans Insurance		\$17.20
NPPD - Fire Barn, Fire Barn		\$32.63
NPPD - Library, Library		\$36.12
Jennifer Buchner, Payroll		\$676.71
United States Treasury, Tax Deposit		\$238.22
Aue & Co, Monthly Fee		\$225.00
NPPD - Community Building		\$39.07
Community Building		\$39.07
NPPD - Christmas Lights, Christmas Lights		\$32.63
Cody Meyerkorth, Snow Removal		\$90.00
NPPD - 8th & Elm, 8TH & ELM		\$13.90
NPPD - Streets, Streetlights		\$314.59
Aaron Davis, Payroll		\$253.96
Tracy Milke, Payroll		\$507.92
Tracy Milke, Expenses January 2026		\$90.44
Aaron Davis, Mileage January		\$50.00
State of Nebraska PHEL Water Testing		\$181.00
Midwest Labs, Testing		\$75.20
Falls City Sanitation Service, Trash service		\$1,300.00
Southeast Telephone Company, Well Phone		\$107.61
Village of Shubert - USDA Account, Transfer from W/S/G to USDA Account		\$906.00
Village of Shubert-Water Tower, Transfer to Water Tower acct.		\$1,000.00
NPPD - Sewer, Sewer		\$350.48
NPPD - Wells, Wells		\$395.21

VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026 7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on February 10th, 2026, at the Dawson Village Hall. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three (3) public places on February 4th, 2026: Dawson Village Hall, Dawson Post Office, and Dawson Fire Department. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Co-Chairperson Larry Koch called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

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

Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Guests: none

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

The February 10th, 2026, agenda was approved as presented with a

motion by Co-Chairperson Larry Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

The minutes of the January 13th 2026, regular meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Co-Chairperson Larry Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was provided.

February claims were approved as presented with a motion by Co-Chairperson Larry Koch and seconded by Brian Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Under unfinished business: Sampling Stations: The state has granted an extension until March 1, 2026, for installation. Davis PHE LLC is to install within the next week. Nuisance properties: 516 8th Street in litigation. 314 Ridge Street: tear down complete. 511 Nemaha St: property line needs to be determined.

Under new business: Kennel License Fee: Discussion was had regarding charging a kennel fee for households having 3 or more dogs. Ordinances from other villages/cities were provided to review. Table to March regular meeting. Village phone: Co-Chairperson Larry Koch motioned to approve purchasing a new phone with a new line seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Co-Chairperson Larry Koch introduced and read by title only Ordinance 2026-002: AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. 17-1002 et seq. DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTION TO DESIGNATE THE ZONING JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT. TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion was made by Co-Chairperson Larry Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to approve the first reading of title for Ordinance 2026-002. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Motion was made by Co-Chairperson Larry Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to adjourn the February regular meeting at 7:50 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - absent; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jorn, Village Clerk

Vendor Name	Memo	Amount
American National Bank, account analysis		\$56.28
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services		\$200.00
Davis PHE LLC, Post Office meter repair		\$307.46
5th & Nemaha repair		\$1,318.74
Lift Station Pump repair		\$433.75
420 4th St meter repair		\$153.75
Falls City Journal, mins publications		\$48.60
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey, Merwin LP, serv		\$53.28
IRS, payroll tax		\$137.70
Koch's Auto Service, cutter blade maint		\$178.28
Hyd fluid		\$49.94
Neb Dept of labor, unemployment tax		\$153.09
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing		\$370.00
NPPD, 116 Bluff St		\$156.63
Streetlights inside		\$525.82
120 Ridge St		\$37.42
Streetlights outside		\$15.37
Fire dept		\$48.42
Highway 75 & 710 trl		\$462.39
PeopleService Inc, Feb water/wastewater serv		\$1,830.00
OmniSite 1 year serv		\$174.80
Cost of labor		\$1,085.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software		\$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection		\$1,350.00
Tiffany Jorn, clerical payroll		\$673.61
Vicki Manning, meter read		\$100.00
Village of Dawson, equipment		\$500.00

CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 2nd day of February 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Nussbaum recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. Absent: Buckminster, Leyden. Council person F. Killingsworth was not present at roll call but was recognized in attendance by the Mayor at 6:07 P.M. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk Mark Harkendorff, Mayor ZNEZ

cil person K. Killingsworth 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, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 20, 2026

A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person Fouraker 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, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2026

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Fouraker 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, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-100 AMENDING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND ACTING PRESIDENT TERMS OF OFFICE

Clerk Nussbaum performed the first reading of the ordinance. Upon formal reading, a motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to accept the first reading. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, K. Killingsworth, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE 23DTR006 GRANT

A motion was made by Council person Kaster and seconded by Council person Fouraker to approve the amendment request for 23DTR006. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR SOLICITATION OF TRASH/REFUSE SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES | COUNCIL PERSON K. KILLINGSWORTH

After discussion, a motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to direct administration to draft a solicitation for trash/refuse services and bring back to city council for review. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Ferguson, Fouraker, F. Killingsworth, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Buckminster, Leyden. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JON KIRKENDALL TO THE FALLS CITY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR TERM ENDING 2029 AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HARKENDORFF

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:15 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 February 2, 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.

Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk Mark Harkendorff, Mayor ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF SALEM

The Village of Salem is requesting bids for the 2026 mowing season. Bidders are asked to bid per mowing and must provide their own equipment. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 2026

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 11, 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 11, 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 February 4, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie that due to an error in scheduling that the appointment with Humboldt Shares will be removed from today's agenda and to approve the remaining 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. He reported that the auction with Big Iron that the county's surplus items will be listed for sale will be held on Wednesday, March 18.

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-28 to authorize the Chairman to sign a professional services agreement with Speece-Lewis Engineers, LLC for project no. BRO-7076(27) for the Falls City NW project located on 710 Road between 651 and 650 Avenue. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 96)

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Contract with Marvin Planning Consultants

A letter prepared to be submitted for a change in the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants regarding the development of the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations was reviewed. This matter will be reviewed further at a future meeting.

Sub-division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision located in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 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. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 94)

Close Account

Motion was made by Karas to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-27 to close a checking account at F&M Bank which is no longer required. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 95)

Notices from City of Falls City

Notices were received from the City of Falls City regarding public hearings to receive comments on the plan for certain proposed areas to be declared extremely blighted areas. The public hearing with the City Council is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026.

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.	95.00
Amazon, supp.	470.30
Ameriflex, fee.	70.00
CMC, serv.	10000.00
Code 2 Canine Services, serv.	450.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv.	10473.75
Culligan, serv.	80.00
DAS State Accounting, serv.	343.50
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.	200.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb.	31.21
Falls City Mercantile, supp.	220.54
Falls City Sanitation, serv.	120.00
Farm & City Supply, supp.	4.59
Great Plains Reporting Company, serv.	161.10
Humboldt Standard, adv.	203.45
Jim Hill's, serv.	440.00
KexRx, supp.	896.97
Koch's Auto Service, serv.	482.45
Kollasch Law Office, serv.	2387.00
CR25-79 A. Settrini, CR25-21 B. Kaler	
Meyer Laboratory, serv.	606.35
N&N, serv.	395.00
Nebraska.gov, sub.	100.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv.	80.00
Physicians Laboratory, serv.	8925.00
Richardson County Sheriff, fees.	791.94
Scheitel, Samantha, reimb.	105.95
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv.	825.00
SENCA, funding.	10230.00
SNC, serv.	1994.13
Trevipay, supp.	612.15
Unifirst, serv.	96.05
Weaver & Merz, reimb.	1422.76
Wolfe's Printing, supp.	362.96
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$53,677.15

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Falls City Utility Dept., serv.	1015.68
Farm & City Supply, supp.	6.99
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, supp.	41.41
NPPD, serv.	32.63
NE State Fire Marshall, fee.	30.00
NMC, supp.	19.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.	181.24
Salem, Village of, serv.	25.95
SNC, serv.	101.53
Truck Center Companies, supp.	4227.28
Verdon, Village of, serv.	32.64
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$6,314.35

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv.	1684.52
SNC, serv.	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	1,856.52

Chairman Caverzagie declared that the Board will recess at 9:37 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. to meet with the representatives of NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing Richardson County Dept. of Roads.

The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with Commissioner Campbell and Caverzagie present. Commission Karas was unable to attend.

NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 Representing Richardson County Dept. of Roads

The representatives from the NAPE/AFSCME Local 61 representing the Richardson County Department of Roads employees were not present at this time.

Since the recent offer that was made by the County Board and presented to the Road Department Union NAPE/AFSCME and delivered to each road department employee on January 28, 2026, Commissioner Campbell has been in conversations with a union steward regarding a draft proposal that the road department employees were going to submit to their legal counsel to formalize and submit to the County's legal counsel as a counter-offer.

This counter-offer was received by the county's special legal counsel, Jerry Pigsley on February 10, 2026, from the Union's legal counsel, Abby Osborn, Associate Attorney with the firm of Shiffermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.C.

Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to reject the counter offer as presented by the Road Department's union legal counsel, Abby Osborn. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The County's offer of January 28, 2026, sent to the Road Department Union and each road department employee and the counter-offer received from the Union's legal counsel on February 10, 2026, can be reviewed on the Richardson County website, www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 18, 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.

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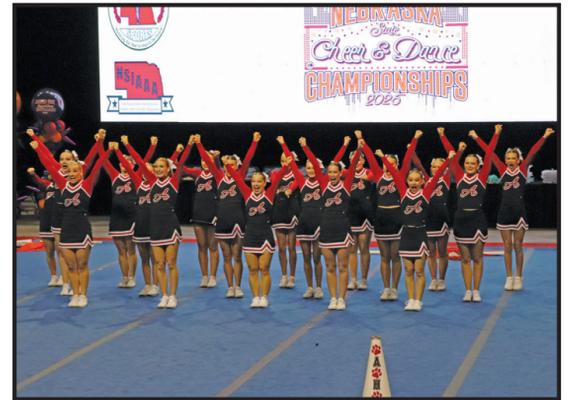
Local athletes shone brightly on stage at the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island on Friday, February 20, 2026. After braving disastrous driving conditions on Thursday evening and Friday morning, three local cheer teams, along with families and friends, converged on Grand Island for the 20th Annual Nebraska State Championships for Cheer Classes C1/C2 and D.

The HTRS Lady Titan cheer team achieved the best finish for Richardson County, placing second in the Traditional Non-Tumbling/Non-Building Class D. The Titans scored 73.80 points to earn the second-place trophy. Weeping Water won the title with 76.30 points. The Lady Titans also competed in the Game Day category, scoring 76.05 points to place seventh. Giltner won the category with 88.35 points.

The Falls City Cheer Squad competed in the Class C1 Traditional Tumbling and Stunting category. The Lady Tigers scored 66.15 points, finishing eighth. Louisville won the category with 88.60 points.

Falls City also competed in the Class C1 Game Day category. The Orange and Black scored 73.70 points, placing tenth. Wahoo won the team title with 86.85 points.

The Auburn Bulldogs won the Class C1 Non-Tumbling/Non-Building state title, scoring 88.40 points. Conestoga was close behind with 87.50 points.



Knobbe named to UNMC Dean's List

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its fall 2025 dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above. Local students named to the list include, Chloe Knobbe of Falls City.

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