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- 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
- 28** 22nd RC Cancer Fund Biennial Dinner, Dance & Auction Gala. 5:30PM meal, 7PM Auction at Prichard

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Best of Show, L-R: Kenley Alexander, Payten Georges, Kemper Sipple, Hallie Jones, Renee Drummond, Ayva Jean, Miyuna Kong and Madyson Eberle.

The 75th Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council Art Show

The 2026 student art contest, sponsored by Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council, opened at the Falls City Library and Arts Center. A total of 465 entries were received.

Schools represented were, Falls City High School (FCHS;), Falls City Middle School (FCMS;), Falls City North School (FC North), Falls City South School (FC South) and SH.

The 75th K-12, Student Art Contest results are as follows.

Placing Student, Grade and School.

Drawing Color: Best of Category- first, Kemper Sipple, 9, SH; second, Isabelle Nussbaum, 11, SH; third, Mya Dougherty, 10 SH. Honorable Mention, Bailey Lemerond, 9, SH; Honorable Mention; Carlee Bailey, 9, SH; Honorable Mention, Kinley Lechtenberg, 9, SH; Honorable Mention, Mason Goltz, 12, SH; Honorable Mention, Reid Kirkendall, 9, SH; Honorable Mention, Reid Wustrack, 10, SH; Honorable Mention, Willa Fritz,

11, SH.

Drawing Tonal: Best of Show/Best of Category - first, Kenley Alexander, 10, FCHS; second, Ayva Jean, 9, FCHS; third, Abigail Spinner, 9, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall, 9, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall, 9, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Bailey Lemerond, 9, SH; Honorable Mention, Braxton Harmon, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Dorothy Crouse, 11, SH; Honorable Mention, Far-

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Mayor Harkendorff withdraws from upcoming primary election

Falls City Mayor Mark Harkendorff has withdrawn his candidacy for reelection, according to a Withdrawal of Candidate Filing Form filed with Richardson County officials.

The document shows Harkendorff withdrew his name as a candidate for Falls City mayor for the May 12, 2026 primary election. The form is dated Feb. 26, 2026.

The withdrawal removes Harkendorff from consideration for the upcoming primary election ballot.

Rulo Bottom Road is showing signs of deterioration with increased heavy truck traffic

The Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, with Commissioners Karas, Caverzagie and Campbell all present.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. gave the Board a report on work underway throughout the county.

Darveau also briefed the Board members on a 2016 Ford F-350 currently listed for sale. The vehicle, listed on a government surplus site, has 70,000 miles on it and is priced at \$31,000. Darveau said he would have to buy a bed for the vehicle. He advised the

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Ribbon cutting held for Be a Big Deal Dance Studio

By Amber Holle

A ribbon cutting was held for Be A Big Deal Dance Studio on Tuesday, February 3. The studio is located at 1715 Stone Street, in the basement of Smiley Bee Coffee & Sweets Shop, and is already bringing energy and performance opportunities to young dancers in the community.

Owner and instructor Danitra Dill said the inspiration to open the studio grew from both a lifelong love of dance and the experience of raising daughters who struggled to find local opportunities. Having performed on dance teams for many years, she missed performing and the excitement it brought. Nearly two decades ago, she began driving her daughter to St. Joseph and later Sabetha for lessons when local options were limited.

"Once, someone told me the only girls who made certain high school dance teams were the ones who attended a specific studio," she said. "That made me sad to think so many girls might miss out

on the thrill of performing."

After becoming certified in physical education, she began rebuilding that opportunity by starting a dance team at the elementary school where she taught. The experience of coaching and watching students perform rekindled her passion. A few years later, with encouragement from her daughter Milayna, who competes in Hiawatha, and supportive parents willing to try something new, the idea for a studio became a reality.

Her own dance background began in Falls City, where she trained for years with Brenda Meyer and performed her first solo in third grade at a Nebraska youth pageant. Later, while attending school in Olathe, Kansas, she made competitive school dance teams each year, performing at halftime shows, competitions, parades, and even a Kansas City Chiefs halftime performance. She also spent years attending competitions and performances with her daughters and

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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 Environmental Trust funds sought to help solve governor’s budget woes

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

There are ways to change state policies, and there are other ways to change state policies.

Which brings us to the “death by a thousand cuts” of the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

The Trust was created back in 1992, when Nebraska voters decided to join a growing number of states launched state lotteries to generate extra revenue.

(That seems like centuries ago, before casinos were in every big city, and before you could lose a paycheck in an afternoon at a “skill game” in your local tavern. It was also long before we could bet on random stuff like whether President Trump mentions “the Supreme Court” in a speech or if the government will admit that aliens exist.)

Anyway, the goal was to split the Nebraska Lottery proceeds between education and the environment, providing extra funds for projects and programs that state agencies could not normally afford.

The Environment Trust handed out funds for environmental and conservation projects, things like dredging out a silted-in lake, reducing nitrates in groundwater, improving wildlife habitat, and helping local recycling projects.

Over the years, the Trust has awarded more than \$425 million in grants, grants that have gone to every county in the state via a competitive process.

But things started coming off the rails in 2020, after the Environmental Trust board of directors, in a controversial move, decided to take away grants to some habitat projects, and instead award that money to install ethanol blender pumps and storage tanks at gas stations across the state.

The swap sparked a successful lawsuit, which claimed, among other things, that the ethanol grant violated the Trust’s rules about providing private financial gain.

But the kerfuffle also inspired some big changes at the Trust. For one, the then-governor, Pete Ricketts, who couldn’t directly order which grants should be approved, began appointing new members to the Trust board aligned with his desires.

The Trust’s director, deemed too friendly with wildlife conservation groups, was forced out, and a new director, handpicked by the new board members, led efforts to radically change how grant applications were screened and approved.

In 2022, that resulted in nearly one-third of the grant applications being deemed “ineligible” for funds, including several groups that had regularly been awarded Trust grants. The next year, nearly half were deemed ineligible.

Some state senators and former Trust board members criticized the much, much higher number of grants being ruled out. One woman cried at a board meeting when describing the financial disaster the decision meant for her city’s recycling program.

A former state senator described the changes this way to the Trust board – “If your intent is to confuse, frustrate and prohibit small grants, ... you’re going to have a huge success.”

The mass declarations of ineligibility and a pile of new rules led many groups to quit applying for grants, figuring it was a waste of time and

their applications weren’t welcome.

Conveniently, it also resulted in the Trust awarding much less (up to nearly half less) than the \$20 million-a-year it gets from the lottery for environmental and conservation grants.

That, again conveniently, led to the amassing of a huge surplus of funds at the Trust, of which Gov. Pillen wants to plunder this year to resolve his budget problems.

Pillen wanted \$33 million in Trust funds to build a marina and boat docks, which some state senators rightly saw as probably unconstitutional because Trust funds aren’t intended for recreation. So the Legislature’s budget committee trimmed back that take to about \$5 million, which will be spent on improving fish habitat and dredging out the lake -- things the Trust can finance.

We all want government agencies to function and achieve their goals. For years, the Environmental Trust did that, handing out its yearly allotment of Nebraska Lottery funds for worthy environmental and conservation projects.

Now, the Trust is subject to almost yearly raids of its funds to solve state budget problems.

It has left environmental, wildlife and recycling groups -- who used to apply and get grants regularly -- wondering if there will be any grant money left for them.

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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75 Years Ago, March 4, 1951 to March 10, 1951

Pfc. Jeff Ivey of Verdon, who was taken prisoner by the Reds in Korea, held for two months and then liberated by the United Nations forces, arrived in San Francisco, according to word received from his wife in Verdon.

About 200 people turned out for the annual Richardson County 4-H Fun Feed at the Stella High School gym. The County Farm Bureau provided donuts, coffee, orange juice and chocolate milk.

More gas was used in Falls City between January 15 and February 15 than in any other one-month period since natural gas was brought to town twenty years prior. The local consumption was 61,326,000 cubic feet. There were 1,855 gas meters in Falls City.

George Froehlich was unanimously chosen by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to head Horseplay Days. Mr. Froehlich had chaired the event since its first year in 1949.

Sgt. Robert Harmon of Dawson was missing in action in Korea, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Harmon. Sgt. Harmon enlisted in the army in August 1949 when he was about 19 years old.

Bob Rowan, finance chairman for the local Boy Scouts, reported to the Cornhusker Council that the recent fund drive in Falls City netted \$1,137.50.

A bill to allow Douglas and Lancaster counties to use voting machines on a two-year trial in a few precincts was advanced to the general file in the legislature.

Lincoln Northeast's Paul Fredstrom hit a sudden-death bucket in the second overtime to defeat Falls City, 43-41, in the semifinals of the Fairbury Class A Regional basketball tournament. Center Frank Falloon ended the year with 277 points, setting an all-time local high school scoring record for a season. Doug Gibson led the Orange and Black with 15 points.

Thieves attempted to enter the Caverzagie drug store by cutting the plate glass in the front door a few inches from the spring lock. Percy Caverzagie, owner of the store, said that even if the burglars had succeeded in breaking the glass and releasing the latch, they would have been disappointed. The door had a double lock.

Herbert Steinke of Stella sold 10 heifers and steers, averaging 810 pounds, in St. Joseph for \$23.50 per hundredweight.

In Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krammerer received word that their son, Harold, had completed his electronic course of study at Memphis and was sent to the West Coast for further schooling.

50 Years Ago, March 4, 1976 to March 10, 1976

The Southeast Consolidated basketball fans poured onto the court after the Mustangs defeated Louisville 70-63 to earn a trip to the NSAA State Basketball Tournament. It proved to be the only appearance at the state tourney for the Mustangs. Garland Shafer went 7-of-10 from the free-throw line and led the Mustangs with 17 points. Jerry Anderson added 12 points, and Garth Shafer had 13. Southeast entered the tournament with a perfect 22-0 mark. The school was created 10 years prior by consolidating Stella, Shubert, Nemaha, Bratton Union and Higgins.

After 3 1/2 hours of deliberation, the Falls City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 916, providing for an increase in the utility rates. The rate increase amounted to roughly 33 percent for residential electric rates, 20 percent for water rates, and 27 percent for sewer rates.

Bud Marrs, owner of Bud's Package Liquor Store, filed for the council position in the Fourth Ward.

The team of Doug Huppert, Dale Leafy, Bob Carpenter and Gary Richey placed fourth in the Market Hog Show Junior Judging contest.

Louis Fritz won a pair of races in the 30-39 age division at the Crete Indoor Invitational. Fritz won the mile in 4:35 and the two-mile in 10:02.

Jo Ellen Groothuis placed first in the Original Public Address category at the Twin Rivers speech contest held at Nebraska City.

The Falls City Girl Scouts held a flag raising to mark the 64th annual observance of Girl Scout Week. Pictured at the courthouse ceremony were Donna Dodds, Lori Strecker, Lisa Harmon, Lisa Dodds, Shelley West, Kristen Peniska, Jennifer Joy and Malissa Crofford.

An agreement was reached at a meeting on what the school district needed to do to keep the Junior High School open. The group agreed to add fire escapes, which would commence immediately. The school would also construct partitions within the building and add fire-rated doors.

Approximately 180 Chamber of Commerce members attended the annual membership dinner. Honored with life memberships were Dan Chaney, Tom Atiken and Ernie Comfort. Other award winners included Jo Bohrer, manager of the Chamber and Richard Halbert, the 1975 president of the organization.

For a few high-spirited moments, Wall Street celebrated the Dow Jones reaching 1,000. The mark reached its highest level in more than three years.

The Irish finished the basketball season at 18-6. Steve Pokorny scored 504 points for the season, trailing only Tom Hill's 566 points in 1969. Bob Aitken wasn't far behind with 417.

The Tigers' season ended at 7-11. Dave Groothuis led FC with 221 points, while Al Koenig was second with 188.

25 Years Ago, March 4, 2001 to March 10, 2001

The Falls City High School cheerleaders were honored at the City Council meeting by Mayor Marshall Maddox. The group had won the Small Varsity Division at the Husker State Cheerleading Competition and planned to compete in Florida later in the month.

John Nixon was sworn in as Third Ward Councilperson by City Administrator Dick Gist.

Three-time defending state champs Falls City Sacred Heart lost to Humphrey St. Francis 63-54 in the semifinals in the Class D1 state tourney.

The 2001 Falls City Jaycees girls' basketball champions were the Buckeyes. The team featured Elizabeth Bieker, Erynn Campbell, Kayla Fritz, Jacqueline Hinz, Alicia Jorn, Veronica Keithley, Mari Ramsey, Raeann Popejoy and Paige Williams.

Lou Glathar of rural Dawson was named chairman of the Richardson County committee that was developing a plan for hard-surfacing roads. Elected as vice chairman was Jerry Duerfeldt, and Marty Eickhoff served as the secretary. The commissioners believed a plan could be developed to hard-surface some heavy-traffic roads of particular significance. Examples included the Salem-Verdon road, Kirkman's Cove area or the Airport Road in Falls City.

Humboldt, Dawson-Verdon and Sacred Heart all won the District title in speech competitions. It was the 21st straight title for Humboldt and Sacred Heart's first.

Jennifer Sikora was named to the Dean's List at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Irish boys moved on to the semifinals with a 52-38 win over Omaha Nation. The win improved SH to 22-5, while Omaha Nation fell to 21-4. Tony Santo had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead the charge.

Jiles Cramer was presented a handmade meter clock by Merle Veigel, chairman of the Board of Public Works, in recognition of his six years of service on the board.

Vehicle for Sale-'92 Grand Am, PS, PB, AC, cruise, 5 spd., 90,000 miles, exc. Cond., \$3,200.

Monday morning updated list of candidate filing, end of day list updated in next week's paper

The Richardson County Clerk's Office issued an updated list of candidate filings as of 8:30 a.m. March 2, 2026, after this edition went to press.

New filings include Kevin Malone and Dennis Miller for Falls City Mayor; Robert D. Olberding for Falls City Ward II; John Nixon for Falls City Ward III; Rick Lemerond for Falls City Ward IV; and Ted B. Schuler and James Chery for Humboldt Mayor.

Mark Harkendorff withdrew his name from the Falls City mayoral race Feb. 26.

Candidates had until Monday, March 2 at 5:00 p.m. to file for candidacy.

A final updated list of candidate filings will be available on our website and will be published in next week's paper.

Ribbon cutting held for Be a Big Deal Dance Studio

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started the first elementary school dance team in the St. Joseph School District, growing a program that performed in parades, assemblies, and sporting events.

Currently, Be A Big Deal Dance Studio offers classes for preschool through fifth grade, with plans to expand age groups in the future. The focus is on both fun and performance. Since opening in late October, dancers have already performed at three nursing homes, a family recital, and a high school basketball game, with a larger recital planned for May. Additional performances at local events and games are also being explored.

The studio has already begun partnering with the community. Falls City Public Schools Activities Director allowed the dancers to perform at a high school basketball halftime, and additional opportunities at local events are being scheduled as awareness grows.

As an instructor, her goals center on helping students enjoy dance, build confidence, develop teamwork and camaraderie, and experience the excitement of performing, while also building community pride among families and audiences.

Looking ahead, she hopes her current students continue dancing and enjoying the program, and that enrollment will grow in the coming year. She also expressed gratitude to Ryan Schutte of Smiley Bee Coffee & Sweets Shop for providing a welcoming space for the studio to call home.

Families interested in enrolling or learning more about Be A Big Deal Dance Studio can reach out via Facebook Messenger or by calling 402-801-1046.

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Rules: One entry each day of March 13th & 14th, per person. You must be present on the casino floor to qualify, and you can only win one of the CASH drawings. Registration will start at 4:30pm for the CASH drawings. You can win a Hot Seat and qualify for a big CASH drawing. Registering more than once each day of March 13th & 14th is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings. The Big Barrel will be dumped each night of March 13th & 14th.

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Rules: One entry per person, you must be present on the casino floor to qualify, and you can only win one of the CASH drawings. Registration will start at 4:30pm for the CASH drawings. You can win a Hot Seat and qualify for a CASH drawing. Registering more than once on March 17th is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings.

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DISTRICT TEAM CHAMPIONS, (Left photo above) L-R: Elijah Leyden - Arc; Wyatt Coonce - OA, Individual District Champ; Bowdy Jones - GMAW (mig) Individual District Champ; Dayton Snethen - GTAW (tig). (Right photo above) L-R: Malori Kuker, Breean Eickhoff, Addison Daniels, Bristol Titus



Rulo Bottom Road is showing signs of deterioration with increased heavy truck traffic

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Board that a snowplow and sander can be purchased for the truck, allowing a bigger unit to be utilized elsewhere. Darveau said using trucks to remove snow makes more sense, "They just get around so much quicker." He continued, "To me, it's just more economical and user-friendly for us." He said the trucks work great at clearing roads that aren't in bad shape, allowing the rest of the roads department to concentrate on roads that are drifting. The Superintendent said that since using more trucks in the snow removal process, what used to take 2-3 days to clear now takes a day and a half.

He also reported that the bid letting process for the tube project northwest of Dawson (C74-2023-05) should begin on Monday. He also stated that bidding for the black-top (Dustless) will begin shortly.

The hard-surfaced bottom road south of Rulo was also discussed. It has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the road is being used for commercial traffic, with a specific increase in heavy truck traffic, and that it is showing signs of rapid deterioration in certain areas. Currently, trucks are hauling dirt from east of the mouth of the Nemaha River to Forest City, Missouri, for levee repair.

"There are seven or eight trucks hauling, non-stop, every day," said Commissioner Campbell.

He said the asphalt exiting the bridge is in poor condition and will soon disintegrate due to heavy traffic.

Bringing in the DOT (Department of Transportation) to weigh the trucks hauling the dirt was discussed as an option.

Darveau also informed the Board that the rock quarry in Maitland, Missouri, had been sold to Martin Marietta.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty addressed the Board, updating the members on routine business at the Law Enforcement Center. Hardesty reported that 14 inmates were currently being held at the Jail.

He also presented a purchase order for two refrigerators from Mary's Appliance for \$2,148.00. The purchase was necessary after a commercial-sized unit quit operating.

A discussion was also held regarding improvements to an outdoor storage shed to convert it into usable space for the Sheriff's Department.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall met with the Board and discussed an antenna attached to the courthouse tower. Kirkendall advised the Commissioners that the wind has bent the antenna and should be removed to avoid damage to the courthouse roof in case it were to break away and fall.

"I believe we need to have it taken down before it falls and goes through our roof," said Kirkendall. "While the person is climbing it, we might as well have them fix the light that's up there, too."

The Commissioners asked Mr. Kirkendall to reach out to contractors to obtain estimates.

Commissioner Karas motioned to enter a closed meeting at 9:54 a.m. to discuss a general assistance application and for the protection of the reputation of an individual. The closed meeting ended at 10:01 a.m., and the regular meeting resumed.

The Board approved Resolution 2025-2026-30 to cancel a check issued in error. A purchase order was also approved for a computer system for the Cooperative Extension Service. Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Falls City FFA Welding and Poultry contests

By Reporter Bowdy Jones Monday, February 16 the Falls City FFA Chapter attended the district welding and poultry

contests. Members Austin Bangert and Bowdy Jones competed in MIG welding, Blakely Sells and Wyatt Coonce in

Oxy Acetylene, Ethan Morris and Elijah Leyden Arc welding, and Brock Neidfeldt and Dayton Snethen in TIG welding. Members Malori Kuker, Breean Eickhoff, Addison Daniels, and Bristol Titus competed in the poultry competition. Members arrived at the Southeast Community College Career Academy in the morning and competed in their respective competitions.

After the competition, the group went and ate at Slim Chicken's for a team meal. The results in welding were as follows, Bowdy Jones got first place gold in the MIG division receiving a purple ribbon, and Austin Bangert placed fourth also receiving a purple ribbon. In the Arc Welding division, Elijah Leyden placed sixth earning a purple ribbon, and Ethan Morris received a red ribbon. In the Oxy Acetylene category, Wyatt Coonce placed first gold receiving a purple ribbon, and Blakely Sells placed second silver also earning a purple ribbon.

In TIG, Dayton Snethen got second place earning a purple ribbon, and

Brock Neidfeldt placed fifth also receiving a purple ribbon. The welding team consisting of Bowdy, Elijah, Wyatt, and Dayton were District Champions, qualifying for state and by winning the district competition.

The poultry team got 12th place as a team, with Malori Kuker and Breean Eickhoff earning red ribbons, and Addison Daniels and Bristol Titus receiving white ribbons. Both teams competed well.

Accident at 19th and Chase

A two-vehicle accident was reported on February 18, at the intersection of West 19th Street and Chase Street in Falls City.

According to a Falls City Police Department accident report, a vehicle driven by Viola Gendalag of Lincoln, was traveling east on West 19th Street and entered the intersection, where it collided with a 2024 Caterpillar vehicle owned by the City of Falls City driven by Gary Richey, that was traveling north on Chase Street.

According to the report, Gendalag stated she was looking for a hotel at the time of the accident. The Buick struck the rear tire on the driver's side of the Caterpillar vehicle

Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$3,000, while damage to the Caterpillar vehicle was estimated at \$1,700.

BUILDING PERMITS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, sign permit, 320 W 20th St.; sign installation, \$3,710.00.

Gary Bahr, Demolition Permit, 1520 Schoenheit St.; House Demolition, \$10,300.00,

Keith Adams, Demolition Permit, 904 Wilson St.; House Demolition, \$5,000.00.

Sean Frederick, Light Remodeling and Accessory

Permit, 2020 Lane St.; New Roof, \$20,000.00.

Patrick Nathan Kraft, Residential Building Permit Application, 1021 Lane St.; Building New Shop - 50' x 30', \$136,131.00.

Laney Craine, Light Remodeling and Accessory Permit, 1923 McLean Street; Installing backyard fence, \$2,500.00.

Gene Campbell, Generator Mechanical Permit, 2601 Abbott; Installing gas line for generator, \$800.00.

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SOCIETY

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER 234 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star members met for a stated meeting on February 5, 2026 at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. Twelve members were present as Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer opened the meeting in short form. The Opening Ode. "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" was sung followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the minutes of the December meeting which were approved. The treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund. The auditing report was given by Carolyn Bredemeier and she asked that the committee be released from their duty. Annual reports were given by the Secretary Donna Monnette and Treasurer Joan Wheeler.

Communications were read from the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth reporting the Chiller Unit has been installed, independent living apartments are now available and a need to enlarge the Activities room at the Home. The brochure from the Children's Home in Fremont pictured their children in various activities ad goals. A thank you was received for the Chapter's monetary contribution to the OES Dogs of Nebraska Inc. The January and February OES News reported Grand Secretary Jan Thoman to retire after the Grand Session and Grand Chapter Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels are needed for the "150 Years of Loving One Another" Session. This Session will be held at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska on May 12-14. Registration deadline is April 8. Scholarship information was received and a \$600 scholarship can be awarded to a graduating high school senior. Information is sent to the Counselors at Falls City and HTRS schools. Debbi Dunn, Nancy Nemechek, and George Ketter are on the Scholarship Committee.

Susanne Krishna of Bellevue, Nebraska has been named the District Grand Supervisor of our district. Worthy Matron Kreutzer will obtain the date and place of our District Meeting.

Carolyn Bredemeier was the Installing Past Matron and Installing Marshal was Trudy Fankhauser.

Others serving were Organist Debbi Dunn, Chaplain Joan Wheeler and Warder Debbi Dunn. Officers installed.

Worthy Matron-Phyllis Kreutzer, Associate Matron-Trudy Fankhauser; Conductress-Nancy Nemechek; Associate Conductress-Elizabeth Ketner, Secretary-Donna Monnette; Treasurer-Joan Wheeler; Chaplain-Joan Wheeler; Marshal-Alma Mach; Organist-Debbi Dunn; Adah-Mary Ellen

Gaither; Esther-Carolyn Bredemeier; Martha-Christina Joy; Warder-Debbi Dunn and Sentinel-Don Monnette. Worthy Patron and Ruth will be installed at a later date. The Installing Marshal then proclaimed the officers duly installed for 2026. Congratulations were given to all.

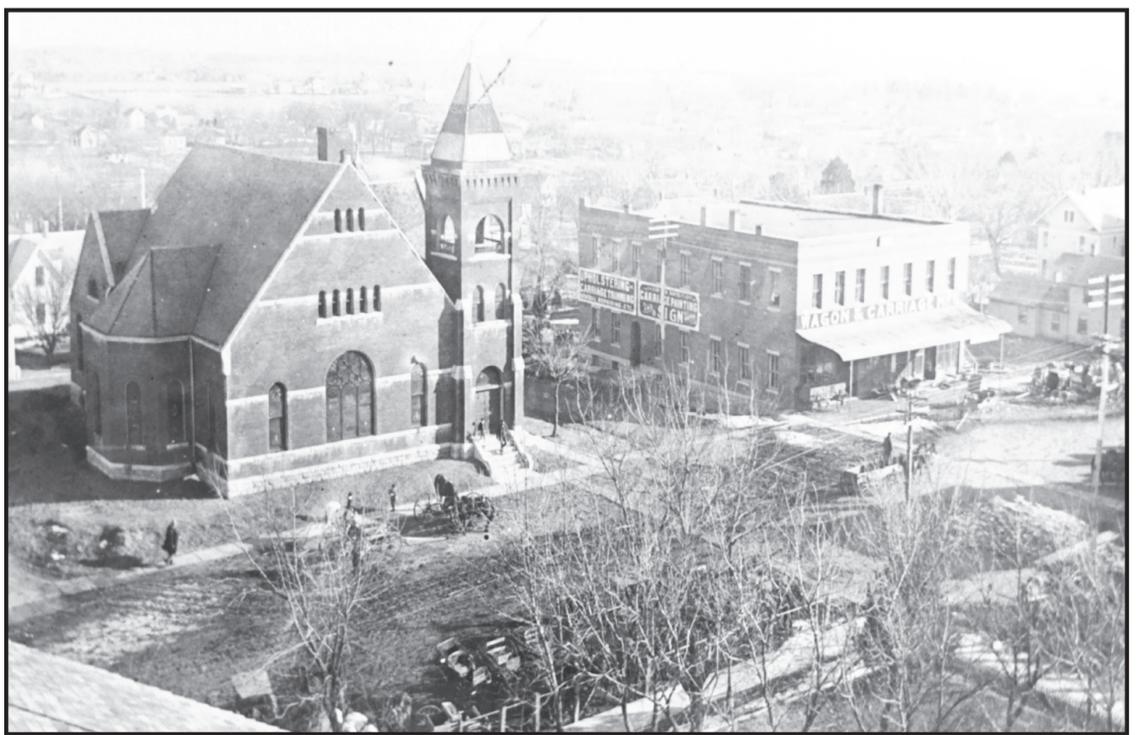
Trudy Fankhauser reported that she has been having correspondence with her Counterpart in Oklahoma.

Grand Chapter. Trudy is the Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Nebraska.

There being no further business Chapter closed in prayer and singing of "God Is So Good."

Refreshments were served by Nancy Nemechek.

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The 75th Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council Art Show

(Continued from Page 1) **Oil/Acrylic/Best of Category** - first, Renee Drummond, 11, SH; second, Emma Dean, 12, FCHS; third, Braxton Harmon, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Allarie Wilson, 12, SH; Honorable Mention, Emma Dean, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Kenley Alexander, 10, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Willa Fritz, 11, SH.

Drawing Pen and Ink/ Best of Category first, Ayva Jean, 9, FCHS; second, Miyuna Kong, 11, FCHS; third, Abigail Spinner, 9, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Breean Eickhoff, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Miyuna Kong, 11, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Molly Ebel, 12, FCHS.

2D/Mixed Media/Best of Category - first Hallie Jones, 11, SH; second, Miyuna Kong, 11, FCHS; third, Rilye Luallin, 10,

FCHS; Honorable Mention, Emma Dean, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Emma Dean, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall, 9, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Andrew Gresham, 9, FCHS.

3D/Mixed Media/Best of Category - first, Madysen Eberle, 10, FCHS; second, Emma Dean, 12, FCHS; second, Annalisha Tilton, 10, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Caroline Macardican, 10, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Vice, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Hallie Jones, 11, SH; Honorable Mention, Keira Wilcox, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Rylee Littrel, 10, FCHS.

Printmaking/Best of Category - first, Payton Georges, 9, SH; second, Ava Bletscher, 9, SH; third, Owen Santo, 9, SH; Honorable Mention, Rachel Bauman, 9, SH.

Watercolor/ Tempera/ Best of Category, first, Miyuna Kong, 11, FCHS; second, Isabelle Nussbaum, 11, SH; third, Hallie Jones, 11, SH; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Vice, 12, FCHS; Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall, 9, FCHS.

Best of Show

K-8th Eighth Grade

First, Alaina Jackson, FCMS; second, Treyden Marx, SH; third, William Moore, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Hayden Simmonds, FCMS; Honorable Mention, J.T. Stice, SH; Honorable Mention, Keira Lenderman, SH.

Seventh Grade

First, Asher McCullick, FCMS; second, Barrett Johansen, FCMS; third, Evander Graves, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Asher McCullick, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Barrett Johansen, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Cassidy Tisdell, SH; Honorable Mention, Elise Miller, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Ember Deprey, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Evander Graves, FCMS; Honorable Mention, Rylee Kreifels, FCMS.

Sixth Grade

First, Garrett Rhodd,

SH; second, Garrett Jackson, FCMS; third, Hattie Johansen, SH; Honorable Mention, Adelina Martin, SH; Honorable Mention, Julia Keithley, SH.

Fifth Grade

First, Lyndon Kirkendall, SH, second, Sutton Schawang, SH; three, Sutton Schawang, SH; Honorable Mention, Holden Westengaard, SH.

Fourth Grade

First, Harper Cromer, SH; Second, Harper Rhodd, SH; third, Harper Cromer, SH; Honorable Mention, Leah Ahern, SH.

Third Grade

First, Daniel Vollmer, SH; second, Maelynn Frank, SH; third, Cora Zimmerman, SH; Honorable Mention, Vivian Wustrack, SH.

Second Grade

First, Mary Tedman, SH; second, Bowen Gerdes, SH; third, Kane Huppert, SH; Honorable Mention, Charlie Merz,

SH; Honorable Mention, Myra Gruber, SH.

First Grade

First, Haleigh Jarred, SH; second, Everly Scheitel, SH; third, Garrett Bachman, SH; Honorable Mention, Kaylie Ahern, SH.

Kindergarten

First, Luke Geisendorf, SH; second, Matthais Tedman, SH; third, Eulalia Kamikazi, SH; Honorable Mention, Grace Cromer, SH; Honorable Mention, Rose John-Chelanbathu, SH.

Sponsors of the show included: The John Philip Falter Museum, Wolfe's Printing, Sonic Drive-In, Heartland Fine Arts Gallery Arts, Brillows Nutrition, Runza, Frosty Queen, Equity Bank, Smiley Bee, Penny & Plaid, the Richardson County Arts & Humanities Council. Without them the students wouldn't be receiving such great awards.

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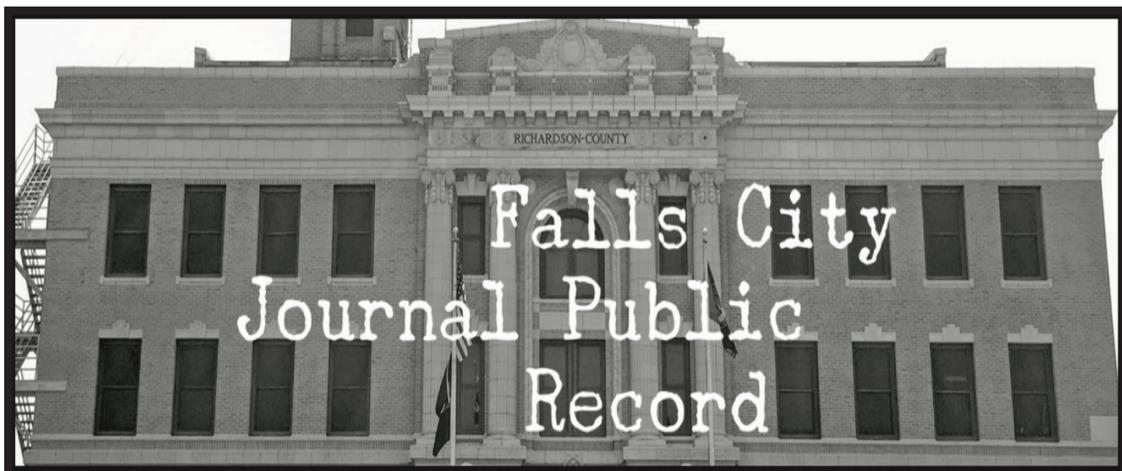
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DISTRICT COURT

Tyler C. Frost Jr., count one, CR impersonation/court or LEO, amended to false reporting-misdemeanor, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 300 days, credit for 159 days served; count two, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 300 days, credit for 159 days served; counts 2-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Blake Rolfe, count one, sexual assault-1st degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 10, 2026.

Markietha M. Lowery, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for April 14, 2026.

Otis C. Mann, counts 1-3, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, burglary, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of three years, drug testing fee of \$180, probation fee-regular of \$900, jail for term of 90 days, credit for 95 days served; count five, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of three years, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30; count six, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of three years; count seven amended to dropped/dismissed.

Christopher Dodson, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$800; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

COUNTY COURT

Kyle A. Hague, count one, terroristic threats, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 6, 2026.

Marcus K. Weyh, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-first, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300.

Max W. Shafer IV, count one, violate domestic abuse protection order, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Andrew S. Reed, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, fail to display proper number of plates, pled

guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

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

Juan E. Lopez, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Robert W. Davis, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150 and license revoked for one year.

Aaliyah M. Parker, count one, drive during revocation/impound-1st, pled not guilty; count two, no proof of insurance, pled not guilty; count three, speeding 11-15 mph, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Forrest D. Rosenberger, counts 1-2 amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, reckless driving, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count four, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$150 and license revoked for one year; count five amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, refuse to submit to pretest, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count seven amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jordan E. Kahbeah, count one, refuse to submit to test, pled not guilty; count two, refuse to submit to pretest, pled not guilty; count three, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest, pled not guilty; count four, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled not guilty; count five, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled not guilty; count six, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled not guilty; count seven, speeding 1-5 mph, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Juan A. Alvira Jimenez, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Abigail K. Smith, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100

James L. Allan, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Julian M. Cooper, count one, DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury/sub; Class 3A felony, amended to DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injury; Class 1 misdemeanor, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 300 days, credit for 11 days served; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Julian M. Cooper, count one, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, amended to commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$1,000; counts 2-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

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

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

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

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

February 17, 2026 through February 18, 2026 calls: five ambulance/EMS calls, one suspicious person/vehicle call, one HHS intake/referral, one information-only call, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one accident, one missing person/juvenile report, one traffic/driving complaint, one gun permit, one miscellaneous call, and one referred other agency call, for a total of fifteen calls. There were seven 911 calls. Two warnings were issued for speeding, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and one warning for a stop sign violation.

February 19, 2026 through February 19, 2026 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, four information-only calls, one accident, two animal calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one assault, one nuisance complaint, one disturbance, two gun permits, one gas leak, one parking complaint, one miscellaneous call, and one referred other agency call, for a total of nineteen calls. There were three 911 calls. One warning was issued for unlawful display of plates, one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for expired in-transit decals, one warning for animal at large, and one warning for an unlicensed animal. One citation was issued for assault causing bodily injury and one citation for a juvenile being uncontrollable.

February 19, 2026 through February 20, 2026 calls: two animal calls, one accident, one referred other agency call, two check welfare calls, one noise disturbance, two information-only calls, two fire calls, one assault, one ambulance/EMS call, and one 911 hang-up/misdial, for a total of fourteen calls. There were three 911 calls.

The fire calls included one response to Humboldt Fire and one to Falls City Rural Fire.

February 20, 2026 through February 21, 2026 calls: two referred other agency calls, three ambulance/EMS calls, two miscellaneous calls, one animal call, one accident, one parking complaint, four records checks, and one motorist assist. Fifteen total calls. Two 911 calls, one citation for offenses—litter, one citation for appliances in yard, one citation for maintaining a nuisance, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for speeding, and one warning for no license on person.

February 21, 2026 through February 22, 2026 calls: one fire call, three burn permits, one nuisance, six records checks, one information-only call, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one missing person or juvenile call, and three ambulance/EMS calls. Seventeen total calls. Five 911 calls, one fire call for Dawson Fire, one warning for fail display proper number plates, two warnings for stop sign violation, five warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, five warnings for speeding, and one warning for plates not clear and visible.

February 22, 2026 through February 23, 2026 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, one welfare check, one animal call, one traffic/driving complaint, two 911 hang-ups/misdials, and one miscellaneous call. Nine total calls. Five 911 calls, one warning for speeding, one warning for curfew violation, and one warning for drive on shoulder.

February 23, 2026 through February 24, 2026 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, one gun permit, one investigation, one burn permit, five miscellaneous calls, one records check, two information-only calls, and one motorist assist. Fifteen total calls. Two 911 calls, and one citation for speeding.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Submitted by the Richardson County Sheriff's Office

February 20, 2026, Alicia D. Adrian 25, of Omaha, Ne was arrested on a Douglas County warrant. Adrian is innocent until proven guilty in the Court of Law.

February 20, 2026 Michael J. McCart Sr 45, of Omaha, NE was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and a Sarpy County warrant. McCart is innocent until proven guilty in the Court of Law.

February 20, 2026, Travis Winters 47, of Leona, KS was arrested on a Richardson County Warrant for Intimidation. Winters is innocent until proven guilty in the Court of Law.

February 21, 2026, Jonathan E. Thomas JR 43, of Auburn, NE was booked into the Richardson County Jail on a Courtesy Hold for Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, NE. Thomas is innocent until proven guilty in the Court of Law.

February 23, 2026, Lauren M. Tesson 20, of Rosebud, MO was arrested for Driving Under Suspension. Tesson is innocent until proven guilty in the Court of Law.

Five total book-in's; Accident Without Injury-three; Ambulance/EMS-one; Animal Call-three; Assist Public-one; Cooper Nuclear Test-two; Escort-one; Fire Call-three; Fraud-one; HHS Intake-three; Humboldt Patrol-six; Information Only-two; Jail Assist-one; Miscellaneous-one; Motorist Assist-one; Paper Service-thirty-eight; Request For A Call-three; Sex Offender Registry-one; Suspicious Person/Vehicle-three; Theft-one; Traffic Complaint-one; Traffic Stop-83; Transport-three; Vin Inspection-three; Welfare Check-two. Total Calls: 167.

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Bailey Lemerond drives past the St. Mary's defenders for a bucket in the second half on Friday night.



Bo Fletcher lets a three fly against Diller-Odell on Thursday at the RAC.

Furious comeback sends Lady Irish to state

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish trailed for most of Friday night's sub-state final at the Roh Activity Center. However, a 16-10 fourth quarter sealed the win and sends the Irish to the NSAA State Championships in Lincoln this week.

The Irish trailed St. Mary's 7-8 after the first period and 17-22 at the half. Sacred Heart cut the lead to three, 27-30, heading into the fourth, before pulling off the comeback-from-behind 43-40 win.

Daycee Witt's assist to Hallie Jones put the Irish on the board just thirty seconds into the game. A minute later, Witt again found Jones for an easy bucket, and the Irish led 4-0 with 6:10 on the clock. Trailing 4-5, Alise Reschke hit an open Witt for three from the wing,

putting SH in front 7-5 with 2:00 to go in the first. A late three from Adyson Peterson put the Cardinals in front 8-7 after one.

Witt and Bailey Lemerond accounted for all the scoring in the second period, each hitting a triple and a two-point attempt to keep the Irish close. St. Mary's scored the final five points of the half to take a 22-17 lead at the break.

St. Mary's scored first in the second half, building a seven-point lead. However, a bucket by Witt cut the Cardinal advantage back to five. Another jumper by Witt got SH within three, but St. Mary's responded with four straight to make it 21-28. With 3:10 to play in the fourth, Avery Santo hit her first bucket, keeping the Irish within strik-

ing distance.

The Irish came alive from beyond the arc in the fourth. A drive by Lemerond made it a one-point game at 29-30. An offensive rebound and a kickout to a wide-open Lemerond set the freshman up for her second triple of the game, cutting the Cardinal's lead to 32-33 with 5:20 to play. One minute later, Lemerond sank another trey, tying the game at 35-35.

With the Irish fanbase energized, Santo banked in a three from the top of the key, giving the Irish the lead for the first time since the first half, 38-35.

With the score tied at 40, Witt got open on a drive to put SH in the lead by two with forty seconds remaining. Witt then converted 1-of-2 free throws with 12.1 seconds remaining to give the Irish a three-point cushion.

As the clock ticked down to zero, Tatum Ickes got a wide-open look from the top of the key, but the shot fell short, and the Irish fans could finally exhale.

The Irish outshot St. Mary's 38%-35%, including 6/20 from beyond the arc. SH attempted only three free throws, making one, while the Cardinals went 8/12. The Lady Irish controlled the glass with a 26-18 advantage and held a 10-7 assist edge. The game was extremely clean, with the Irish finishing with eight turnovers and St. Mary's with six.

Witt led the Irish with 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Lemerond added 15 points, shooting 6-of-12 from beyond the arc. Jones added eight points and eight rebounds.

SH Scoring: Santo 5, Witt 15, Lemerond 15, Jones 8.

St. Mary's Scoring: Peterson 5, Ickes 12, Minarik 7, Williamson 1, G. Williamson 15.

The loss ended St. Mary's season at 13-14, while the Lady Irish improved to 18-8.

The Irish are headed to the NSAA State Tournament for the 15th straight year. Since the 2000 season, the Lady Irish have stayed home only twice: in 2004 and 2011. During that stretch, SH has won seven titles (2000, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024). (Continued on Page 8)

Irish rain three's as they advance to District final

The Class D2 seventh-ranked Sacred Heart Irish (14-8) hosted Pawnee City (4-16) on Tuesday in the opening round of the D2-1 subdistrict at the Roh Activity Center. The Indians entered the contest having lost 11 of their last 12 contests, while the Irish have trended in the opposite direction. Since falling to Auburn on January 20, the Irish have gone 9-1, including a 55-50 win over Class C2 Johnson-Brock.

Of the eight Irish losses, two have come to Class C1 teams and six to C2 schools. The Irish have yet to lose to a D1 or D2 squad.

Sacred Heart's Bo Fletcher opened the scoring with a trey from the corner with 6:45 to play in the first, putting SH in front for good. After the Indians drew within one, Fletcher hit his second triple, putting the Irish in the lead 6-2 with 6:28 on the clock. It was a sign of things to come. It kept raining threes for Sacred Heart as Fletcher found Brenden Lemerond in the corner to make it 9-2 with only two minutes elapsed from the clock. A steal by Hayden Clow and a layup by Fletcher forced Pawnee City to burn a timeout, trailing 11-2 with 5:45 to play in the opening quarter. SH proceeded to lead 19-7 after the first period. The Irish offense stayed hot, leading 40-26 at the half. After three periods of play, SH led 65-42 and cruised to an 83-44 win.

By the time the dust had settled, Fletcher and Co. had rewritten the record books at the storied Sacred Heart program. Fletcher ended the game with nine triples, tying the school record set by Evan Keithley in a subdistrict game against Lewiston in 2023. The team also set a new mark with 19 threes, passing the previous record of 16.

Fletcher had a career night, going 9-of-16 from beyond the arc for a game-high 36 points. Teammate Cole Taft went 4-of-7 from deep for 15 points, while Lemerond finished with seven assists and three steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 15, Fletcher 36, Lemerond 9, Lancaster 5, C. Witt 5, Clow 4, Baxter 4, T. Witt 2, Howard 3.

The win improved SH to 15-8 and sent them to the subdistrict final against Diller-Odell on Thursday. The Griffins defeated

Lewiston, 60-39, on Tuesday night.

The Irish had their hands full against the Griffins on Thursday night. Each team shot the ball well, with Diller-Odell hitting 47% of their shots, while SH made 26-of-63 (41%) of their tries. Each team sank eight triples in the contest. The Irish defense forced 20 turnovers by the Griffins, while the SH offense committed just seven. The largest discrepancy came at the charity stripe. The Irish struggled to a 4-of-15 effort, while Diller-Odell was a solid 12-of-13.

However, SH managed to do just enough to hold on for the two-point win, 64-62. The loss dropped the Griffins to 11-12, while SH improved to 16-8.

Triples by Hayden Clow and Fletcher gave the Irish an early 6-0 lead. The Griffins wouldn't go

away quietly, but a deep three by Taft as time expired gave the Irish a five-point advantage, 20-15, at the end of the first.

The contest was back-and-forth from there on. Diller-Odell fought all the way back to tie the game at the half, 36-36.

Neither team could separate itself from the other in the third, as the largest lead of the period was three by the Irish. The quarter ended with the Irish leading 48-47.

Senior Cole Taft took over in the fourth, sinking three triples over a two-minute span to put the Irish in front 59-56 with 4:30 to go in the game. An offensive rebound and bucket by Cooper Knobe put the Irish in front by five, 61-56, with four minutes remaining. A driving bucket by Fletcher seemingly put the game (Continued on Page 8)

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Hallie Jones and Alise Reschke battle for a rebound Friday night.

Furious comeback sends Lady Irish to state

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2017, 2018, 2022, 2023, and 2025). The Irish have also been runners-up five times (2002, 2003, 2007, 2019, and 2021).

Sacred Heart will begin its Class D2 title defense as the No. 3 seed against sixth-seeded Wynot, a familiar foe, on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:45 p.m. at the Devaney Center. The winner will face the winner of Red Cloud/S-E-M at 10:45 a.m. on Friday at the Devaney Center. The Class D2 title game will be held on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena.



Toby Baxter gets free for an easy bucket in the first half against the Griffins.

Irish rain three's as they advance to District final

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out of reach, 63-56, with 2:28 to go. But, yet again, Diller-Odell fought, scoring five straight to make it 63-61 with 1:48 left. A free throw with 1:08 to go cut the Irish lead to one, but an Irish freebie by Lemerond pushed the lead back to two at 64-62, with sixteen seconds to go.

Fletcher again led the Irish, scoring 17 points. Taft was right behind with 16, and Clow added 10. Lemerond was held in check with three points, but added seven rebounds, six assists and four steals.

SH Scoring: Taft 16, Fletcher 17, Lemerond 3, Clow 10, Baxter 8, How-

ard 3, Knobbe 7.

D-O Scoring: Behrends 4, Humphreys 6, Zaboktrsky 11, Phillips 18, Heidemann 19, Novotny 4.

The Irish, 16-8, hosted Leyton on Monday evening for the district title. SH, the No. 8 seed, played Leyton, the No. 9 seed, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday at the RAC. Leyton, 17-5, enters the game on a nine-game winning streak and has won 13 of its last 14 contests. Meanwhile, the Irish have won 7 consecutive games and 11 of their past 12. The winner on Monday will advance to the NSAA state tournament in Lincoln on March 11, 13 and 14.

Titans can't keep pace with Eagles as season comes to a close

The HTRS Titan boys' basketball season ended on Tuesday at the hands of the Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Eagles, 64-54, at the Class D1-1 sub-district at Southern High School in Wymore. The Titans limped into the postseason, having lost five of the final six contests of the regular season. Meanwhile, the Eagles were trending in the opposite direction, having won three of the final six games as the season wound down.

BDS led early, 20-13 after the first period and never trailed after that. The Eagles went in front by nine, 38-29, heading into intermission. The Titans battled after the half, outscoring BDS 12-10 in the fourth to cut the lead to seven at 48-41, but the Eagles outscored HTRS down the stretch to earn the 10-point win.

On Tuesday, BDS opened the game with a three. A three in the corner by Garrett Duryea tied the game at 6:40, and a bucket in the paint by Emmett Glathar gave HTRS a 5-3 advantage at the 6:00 mark. A 9-0 Eagle run was ended with a pair of free throws by Darius Bohling to make it 12-7. The Eagles went on an 8-0 run to make it 20-7, but HTRS closed the quarter with six straight. A hoop and a foul shot by Glathar made it 20-10, and a three with seconds remaining by Kameon Dettmann made it 20-13 at the end of the first.

HTRS's Cole Hunzeker got loose under the hoop for a bucket to open the second period, cutting the lead to five.

With the Titans down 24-15, Bohling hit his second triple to make it 24-18

with just over six minutes to play in the half. BDS went on yet another run, outscoring HTRS 12-2 to take a 36-20 lead with under three minutes remaining in the half. The Titans ended the half on a 7-0 run to make it 38-29 at the break. The Titans sank five triples in the first half to keep themselves in the contest.

Glathar opened the third with an offensive board and putback, cutting the Eagle lead to 38-31. HTRS kept chipping away. Glathar scored on an inbounds play, making it 40-35 with six minutes to go in the third. Another three by Duryea brought the Titan fans to their feet and kept things tight at 42-38 at the five-minute mark. Trailing by 10 with seconds remaining, Dettmann sank his third three to make it 48-41 with only eight minutes of action remaining.

The fourth opened with a pair of Glathar buckets, as HTRS trimmed the lead to five at 50-45. BDS pulled away, sealing the win with a 7-1 run to make it 57-46 with under three minutes remaining. HTRS made it interesting as Glathar sank back-to-back treys, cutting the lead to 59-54 with 1:15 to go. However, BDS scored the final five points of the game to earn the win.

Glathar scored 26 points to lead the Titans, including 17 in the second half. Dettmann scored nine points, all from deep, and Bohling added nine.

HTRS Scoring: Bohling 9, Dettmann 9, Duryea 6, Glathar 26, Hunzeker 4.

The Titans ended the season with ten wins and 15 losses. HTRS enjoyed a 7-2 run from late December to late January.



Falls City Rec hosted the First Annual 3rd-6th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22. Games were played at Falls City High School, FC Middle School, Prichard Auditorium and Sacred Heart High School. Teams from Falls City, Sacred Heart, Hiawatha, Auburn, Everest, Sabetha, HTRS, Holton, and Syracuse competed.

Tiger Middle School hosts tourney

Falls City Middle School hosted a 12-team wrestling tournament at Falls City High School on Thursday, February 26, 2026. The young Tigers earned eight medals. Sammy Howard and Leo Rue placed second. Barrett Johansen, Gavin Dean and Turner Dunn placed third, while Blake Sailors, Dierks Foster and Camdyn Vice placed fourth.

In the 82-90 division, Howard went 3-1 and placed second, earning three wins by fall.

At 120-131, Rue scored 17.5 points for silver. Rue went 2-1, falling in the first-place match by fall at 2:37 to Dominic Hanika of Nebraska City.

At 94-102, Johansen went 3-1 to finish third. In the third-place match, Johansen won a 6-5 decision over Gabe Johansen of Syracuse.

At 139-146, Dean scored 15 points and finished third. In the third-place match, Dean defeated Cade Johnson of Pawnee City by fall at 3:47.

Dunn placed third at 165-178, going 2-2 and scoring seven points.

At 115-121, Sailors finished 2-2. In the third-place match, Sailors fell to

Humbero Balderas of Nebraska City by fall at 1:11.

Foster placed fourth at 120-131, earning 9.5 points. In the third-place match, Foster lost by fall to Dalton Gartner of Syracuse at 1:46.

The final medalist was Camdyn Vice at 153-162.

Vice went 2-2 and scored 11 points. In the third-place match, Vice fell to Archer Meyerkorth of Rock Port by a 14-0 major decision.

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SENATOR BOB HALLSTROM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We are more than 35 days into this 60-day “short session,” and significant work remains. With committee public hearings now complete, all-day floor debate will begin on March 3.

The budget bills are required to be advanced to the floor by Day 40 of the current session and if approved, sent to the Governor by Day 50.

Senators and committees have designated their priority bills. In some cases, related bills may be attached to these priority measures to be considered by the full Legislature as a single package. As these bills come up for debate, we anticipate extended floor hours due to potential opposition. Late night floor debate is scheduled to begin on March 17. Several bills currently under discussion are already receiving significant attention.

FLOOR ACTION

LB1237 was introduced by the Executive Board. LB1237 would prohibit knowingly entering or attempting to enter the State Capitol while in possession of a weapon or prohibited substance. Exceptions to this would be persons with prior approval from the Nebraska State Patrol; law enforcement officers acting in the course of official duties; and qualified active or retired law enforcement officers carrying concealed handguns under federal law. An amendment was successfully added that includes the carrying of a concealed handgun by an individual holding a current and valid permit to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to the Concealed Handgun Permit Act. The bill advanced from General File to Select File with a 37-4 vote.

LB795 was introduced by Senator Barry DeKay, and makes technical changes to the state’s Uniform Controlled Substances Act. The bill designates bromazepam as a Schedule I controlled substance. Senator Tanya Storer offered an amendment to add fentanyl to the list of controlled substances. After four hours of debate, a motion to invoke cloture succeeded, the fentanyl amendment was approved, and the bill advanced to final reading on a 35-14 vote.

LB455, which I have designated as my priority bill, was also heard during floor debate last week. It would make first injury reports relating to workplace injuries confidential to prevent injured employees from receiving immediate solicitations from attorneys. The full Legislature has yet to take action on this bill.

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.

Daniel L. Gruber

Daniel Lewis Gruber, 72, of Morrill, KS, was called home to the Lord on February 26, 2026. His life was defined by his love of his faith, family, service to others, and agriculture.

Dan was born on February 24, 1954, to Carl and Ruth (Schawang) Gruber. He married Helen Sextro on April 12, 1980, in Hiawatha, KS. They made their home north of Morrill, KS, where they fully integrated into the farming life. There they also instilled a love of Christ and servitude in their six children, Elizabeth, Amanda, Adam, Raymond, Jacob, and Theresa. With great joy, he spent hours supporting their children and their families by attending ball games, listening to band/choir events, teaching them to fish, and honing their gardening skills.

Dan embodied being a servant of the Lord. He was a volunteer in many areas of life: Morrill Fire Department, Sacred Heart School Council, Sts. Peter and Paul Church Parish Council, Berwick Board, Sacred Heart School Bus Driver, Sacred Heart Handy Man and Snow Removal, Knights of Columbus, and Morrill Days Entertainment.

Dan is survived by his wife, Helen, his children, Elizabeth (Ryan) Johnson Berryton, KS, Amanda (Steve) Robinette Fort Knox, KY, Adam (Jessica) Gruber Hiawatha, KS, Raymond (Tiffany) Gruber Morrill, KS, Jacob (Shelby) Gruber Sabetha, KS, and Theresa Gruber Falls City, NE. He has 21 grandchildren: Janelle, Isaac, Tessa, Trent, Reece, Jordy, Aidan, Connor, Nora, Levi, Raelynn, Aryss, Paityn, Myra, Chloe, Ava, Keith, Jonah, Amelia, James, and John. Dan is also survived by six siblings – Charles (Jane) Gruber, Ramona (Jerry) Schuster, Delmer (Debbie) Gruber, Roberta (Mike) Meier, Ruby Gruber, and Merlin (Lori) Gruber. He also has many cherished in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ruth Gruber, in-laws Kenneth and Rogatia Sextro, Rick Bassett (brother-in-law), as well as many aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg as the presiding priest. Interment followed at Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary was recited on Monday at 7:30 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. The family received friends following the rosary.

Viewing began Monday afternoon.

The family prefers memorials be made to; Sacred Heart School, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Morrill Fire Department, or Lewy Body Dementia Association.

University of Nebraska recognizes Auburn students as Presidential Scholars

Two Auburn High School seniors who earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT were recognized Tuesday as Presidential Scholars by the University of Nebraska, receiving the university’s most prestigious undergraduate scholarship.

The Presidential Scholars program provides a full-ride scholarship covering tuition, fees, room and board, along with a \$5,000 annual stipend at any University of Nebraska campus. The award is offered to perfect ACT scorers who apply to the university.

Auburn seniors Jack Hayes and Grace Zhang were honored during a schoolwide assembly and presented with commemorative plaques by NU President Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.

Auburn Public Schools Superintendent David Patton noted the rarity of the achievement.

“This accomplishment places them among a very small percentage of students who take the assessment nationwide,” Patton said. “It reflects not only their intelligence, but perseverance and sustained commitment to excellence.”

The Auburn High School principal, Dr. Scott Siegal, emphasized how uncommon it is for a school Auburn’s size to produce two perfect scores in the same year.

“If we tested 50 students a year, year after year, it’s only a once-in-a-generation feat,” Dr. Siegal said. “So we have two

once-in-a-generation accomplishments in the same year.”

Dr. Gold praised the students’ broad involvement and leadership.

“These are extremely well-rounded students who participate in all different types of school activities, are involved in leadership programs and are competitors,” Dr. Gold said. “They represent Auburn in every possible way.”

Hayes, one of the students honored, said he looks forward to expanding his experiences at NU.

“I’m really excited to broaden my horizons,” Hayes said. “I really like that the University of Ne-

braska emphasizes being prepared for the workforce and emphasizes doing internships or research as part of the academic journey.”

Zhang, the other student honored during the event, said she is eager to pursue research opportunities.

“The thing I’m most excited for would probably be the summer research and internships,” Zhang said. “I’m really glad that the university is supporting us and willing to do a lot to help us succeed.”

More information on the Presidential Scholars program is available at: <https://nebraska.edu/presidential-scholars>

Kimberly Dunn

Kimberly Dunn, 64, of Shubert, NE, passed away February 24, 2026 at Lincoln, NE. She was born February 13, 1962 at Falls City, NE to Gene and Jeannine (Shafer) Hanika

She married Randy Dunn on September 18, 1982 at Shubert Christian Church.

Kim was raised East of Shubert and attended country school and graduated from Southeast Consolidated High School in 1980. She worked at Earl May and Midland Villa Nursing home before marriage. She continued working in the medical field at various hospitals and nursing homes in the area until becoming employed at Jonesbrook as a Med Aide in 2015. She continued working there until September of 2025 when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She will be remembered for her sassy spirit and hard work ethic. She was a member of Shubert Christian Church.

Kim is survived by her husband, Randy of Shubert, children, Shayla Hammer and her husband Bobby and Evan and his wife Hillary both of Shubert, sister, Tonda Jones and her husband Ronald of Des Moines, IA, brother-in-law, Junior Dunn of Dodge City, KS, grandchildren, Lane and Ryder Dunn, nephews and her dog, Brian..

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marla Dunn

Her funeral was held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor David Lockard officiating. Interment was in Prairie Union Cemetery.

Family received friends on Sunday from 4-6:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Viewing began on Saturday afternoon until 5:00 PM and Sunday from noon until 6:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Donald “Buck” Windle

Donald Wayne “Buck” Windle, 95, of Sabetha, KS, passed peacefully to his heavenly home on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Sabetha.

Donald was born on a farm near Salem, NE, on June 26, 1930, to William and Nancy (Meyer) Windle. Buck attended the Honey Creek School for all 12 years of schooling and graduated in 1948. On May 29, 1955, Buck married Georgia Morris in Bern, Kansas, and eight children were born to this union. The couple established their home in the rural Sabetha area before moving into Sabetha in 1966.

Donald worked on the family farm with his father until his father’s death. He then worked for various farmers in the Sabetha area until 1991, when his health began to decline. In his free time, Buck enjoyed playing cards with anyone who would sit down, especially with the guys at the Odd Fellows Club in Humboldt, NE, where he was a member for 75 years. Before moving to the Apostolic Christian Home, Buck could be found socializing in many of the communities surrounding Sabetha. He will be remembered for his quick wit and for always having candy and cookies for the great-grandchildren.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Georgia, on June 3, 2018; his infant children, Donnie and Gina; his daughter, Sandra Kistner; his son-in-law, Andy Trent; his grandson, Barry Windle; a granddaughter and great-granddaughter at birth; and his sisters, Lila and Joyce.

Donald is survived by his children, Debbie Trent, Roger (Susan) Windle, Tanya (Rusty) Zeigler, Kim (Jeff) Feighner and Scott (Rosa) Windle; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a brother, Harry “Lee” Windle; and a sister, Natalie (Don) Puett.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Popkess Mortuary in Sabetha. After the service, a graveside inurnment will be held at the Albany Cemetery, north of Sabetha. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Albany Historical Society, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Condolences can be shared online at www.popkess-mortuaries.com.

Daws announces candidacy for Nebraska State Board of Education, District 5

Lana Daws, longtime educator, former Seward elementary principal, and dedicated community volunteer, has announced her candidacy for the Nebraska State Board of Education representing District 5.

After decades of service to students, families, and educators, Daws says she is ready to bring experienced leadership and a strong, student-focused voice to the State Board of Education.

“For years, my heart has been in the classroom and in our schools. I’ve worked directly with students, supported teachers, and partnered with families to strengthen our schools,” Daws said. “I am running for the State

Board of Education because I believe Nebraska students deserve strong academics, empowered educators, and leadership that listens to local communities.”

Daws says among her priorities on the board will be strengthening student achievement across Nebraska, supporting and retaining high-quality educators, and working in partnership with parents and local school leaders to ensure decisions reflect the needs of their communities.

State Board of Education District 5 includes communities across southeast Nebraska. Daws plans to spend the coming months meeting with parents, educators, and voters throughout the district to share her vision and listen to their priorities.

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Nebraska unveiled a ‘Founders’ exhibit to start US 250 celebrations. Tribal members and historians see it as a missed opportunity.

State officials said Nebraska-specific plans to mark the nation’s semiquincentennial will highlight history and contributions from many, including Indigenous people.

By Tim Trudell, Flatwater Free Press

The Spanish soldiers did not stand a chance. As they hastily broke camp to continue their southward retreat, arrows began raining down from the sky.

When it was done, 45 Spaniards and allied Native Americans lay dead in the grass near present-day Columbus. The slaughter, carried out by Pawnee and Otoe warriors, became known as the Villasar Massacre. It effectively ended Spain’s excursion into the Great Plains in 1720.

That episode is not often included in the Nebraska history that students learn in school, nor is reflected in the Nebraska Capitol. But it should be, said Walter Echo-hawk.

The Pawnee elder and prominent Oklahoma attorney is among the Indigenous people and historians hoping Nebraska recognizes Indigenous people’s contributions as the U.S. gears up to celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding. They spoke after history-themed posters from a controversial conservative nonprofit went on display at the Capitol last month.

State leaders told the Flatwater Free Press that Indigenous people and their contributions will feature in the state’s celebration of Nebraska history. They noted the posters, designed by PragerU, were focused specifically on the country’s founding and provided at no cost to the state.

“Much is planned throughout this year to more specifically celebrate Nebraska’s history, including an exhibit connected to the 250th that will be displayed by the Nebraska State Historical Society this spring,” Gov. Jim Pillen said in a statement provided to the Flatwater Free Press. “One of the core themes of the exhibit will tie in the earliest origins of the territory, including the history, culture and contributions of Native Americans.”

The display that caused a stir last month, dubbed “The Founders Museum,” was part of the Trump administration’s efforts to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s founding. A White House task force enlisted PragerU to create history-themed content in the lead-up to the celebration, NPR reported in 2025.

PragerU, a nonprofit that creates conservative content designed for educational purposes, has faced criticism in recent

years.

One video from 2023 titled “Did Europe Destroy Native American Culture?” states, “They (Native Americans) were certainly not exterminated at the behest of any concerted ideology of hatred or grand plan. After the initial deaths from disease, and in spite of a few sensational wars and small-scale massacres, remaining Native Americans took on so many Old World technologies and customs that most of them gradually assimilated into European culture.”

The speaker later states: “It is undeniable that Native Americans suffered terribly — but this suffering was more a product of tragic inevitability than malice. ... It’s time to stop the apology parade.”

“The Founders Museum” exhibit at the Nebraska Capitol features posters with more than 80 images of figures such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, as well as historical events like the Boston Tea Party. The only person of color in the exhibit, which rings the walls of the Capitol’s lower level, is Phillis Wheatley, an enslaved woman in Massachusetts considered to be the first Black published author in American history.

Pillen unveiled the “Founders” display during a Jan. 6 press conference. Asked at the time about potential criticism of PragerU, the governor said people can celebrate however they see fit and called for unity.

The display quickly became enveloped in controversy when State Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh, a Democrat from Omaha, pulled down several of the posters. She told the Nebraska Examiner that she did so because “we are not allowed to adhere anything to walls in the hallway of the Capitol.” She later apologized on the floor of the Legislature. Last week, a legislative committee formally reprimanded her.

“I am grateful the Nebraska Semiquincentennial Commission approved its use as part of the state’s official America 250 observance and that PragerU generously designed the historical exhibits, thereby saving taxpayer dollars,” Pillen said in a statement provided to Flatwater.

Daryl Bohac, director of the Nebraska State Historical Society and chair of the semiquincentennial commission, said an upcoming exhibit tied to the 250th celebration will feature Indigenous communities past and present.

The “Who Are Nebraskans” section will include early settlers of the area and highlight their role in shaping the state. Another section titled “Notable Nebraskans” plans to showcase the La Flesche family, including Joseph La Flesche and Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte, the first Native American to earn a medical degree, among others.

Exhibits will include community initiatives, including the organized opposition to the Keystone Pipeline, Bohac said in an email.

“The goal is to highlight members from various Nebraska tribes, but the selection of final objects and narratives has not yet been completed, making it too early to determine who will or will not be featured,” he said.

“Nebraskans are diverse, adaptable and innovative,” Bohac said, “so it is impossible to have just one perspective on our history.”

The state’s plans, as relayed by Bohac, will paint a more comprehensive portrait beyond the initial “Founders” display.

Nebraska history around the time of the nation’s founding is, effectively, Native history, said Brady DeSanti, director of the Native American Studies program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Focusing on the “Founding Fathers,” who had nothing to do with Nebraska in 1776, ignores the contributions of Indigenous people and continues a common misperception that they’re a thing of the past, he said.

“It overlooks that complexity and diversity that we see centuries ago for Native nations, and it really also overlooks that we’ve had ongoing histories to the present,” said DeSanti, an enrolled citizen of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Nation.

Besides French-dominated trade, European influence in Nebraska didn’t truly take hold until the 1804-06 Lewis and Clark expedition, when the Army Corps of Discovery traveled along the Missouri River on the eastern edge of what’s now Nebraska. Expedition members eventually met with some tribal leaders, including a gathering near modern-day Fort Calhoun.

It didn’t take long for more European-American expeditions to make their way across the Great Plains, including one led by Army Gen. Zebulon Pike, whose westward expedition would eventually lead to the naming of a mountain near Colorado Springs after him.

The Kitkahaki band of the Pawnee was the first to greet Pike’s troops in 1806 in the area along the Republican River in modern-day south-central Nebraska, Echo-hawk said. The Americans referred to the Pawnee as the Republican Pawnee. This is likely because, unlike other bands that had hereditary chiefs, the Kitkahaki Pawnee elected their leaders, Echo-hawk said.

“It was more of a republican form of government, I guess. ... And so we were a republic probably long before 1776,” Echo-hawk said.

As European-Americans made their way west, Indigenous people were forced out, eventually relegated to life on reservations. Today, more Native Americans live off-reservation than on them.

While the majority of the nearly 25 tribal nations that once lived in Nebraska or routinely visited were forcibly removed, four tribes call the state home today

The Omaha and Northern Ponca were original residents, while the Winnebago and Santee were relocated here. Each tribe has its own unique history that should be told as part of a Capitol exhibit, DeSanti said.

The Winnebago were assigned land along the Missouri River in northeast Nebraska after Chief Little Priest agreed in 1865 to lead a team of 75 scouts to work with the U.S. Army in its war on Indians — a decision that weighed on the chief. Today, the world’s oldest powwow is hosted at Winnebago each July.

The Santee Dakota were relocated to a small section of land in Knox County following the 1862 U.S.-Dakota War in Minnesota. The hanging of 38 warriors alleged to have fought in the war remains the largest mass execution in American history. Two more men were later captured and hanged, leading to the warriors being dubbed the Santee 38+2. They’re honored as part of the tribal nation’s veterans memorial.

More contemporary stories include the restoration of the Ponca Tribe in 1990, following the tribe’s termination as a federally recognized tribe in the 1960s.

The Ponca story reflects Natives’ attitudes, DeSanti said. “No matter what, we’re not going anywhere,” he said. “We’re still here.”

Margaret Jacobs, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Center for Great Plains Studies, said she hopes the upcoming 250th celebration will provide an opportunity to connect Nebraska’s history with a national story.

“The national story needs to be more than just who were the founders who signed the Declaration of Independence,” she said shortly after the unveiling of the “Founders” exhibit. “It’s meant to perform something for our current day, rather than to really celebrate our true and complicated heritage, and what an opportunity lost not to really go into the history of Nebraska.”

Jacobs has been involved with Walking in the Footsteps Project, seeking to reconnect the Otoe-Missouria people to their ancestral lands in Nebraska and to engage non-Native people with their history. They were the first Indigenous people to greet the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Nebraska. They were relocated to Oklahoma in 1880.

While the Nebraska portion of the country’s 250th celebration is still in development, historical society staff collaborate regularly with Nebraska tribes, including the Omaha, as well as Lakota and Northern Cheyenne tribes, to strengthen relationships and enhance understanding of how to represent the state’s history more effectively, Bohac said.

Acknowledging that Nebraska tribes haven’t been directly involved with the state’s plans, Bohac said they will be engaged for a long-term project at the Nebraska History Museum. A multi-year project will be dedicated to early settlers of the area, including Indigenous people.

Echo-hawk said the America 250 display and the lack of a dedicated exhibit featuring Indigenous people sends a strong message — one of exclusion.

“Our contributions have been overlooked, and our participation in U.S. history and our contributions to the republic have been pretty much overlooked,” Echo-hawk said. “So it’s a pretty serious problem. And you hate to see that take place in Nebraska, because it’s in the heart of the Great Plains, and it has been the homeland of many of our iconic Great Plains tribes.”

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 Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

American Natl Bank HSA\$1,495.07
 Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Principal Life Ins. Co Dental Ins \$584.65
 Principal Life Ins. Company
 Vision Ins\$108.06
 Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge:
 Service 1/15/26 - 2/14/26\$273.50
 TASCService January 2026 \$125.00
 Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax %\$.667.01
 Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax
 Percentage\$203.06
 Aflac AFLAC\$30.00
 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues\$77.72
 Principal Life Ins. Co Dental Ins. \$605.32
 Medica Ins. Group Health \$16,418.69
 IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union
 Dues\$112.48
 International Union of Operating
 Engineers IUOE Union Dues \$197.52
 Dearborn Life Ins.Co Life Ins. \$261.92
 NE Dept of Revenue Garnishment
 \$250.00
 Principal Life Ins. Co Vision Ins \$108.06
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax. \$350.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a. \$11,510.64
 Nebraska Dept. of Revenue State W/H
 Tax\$3,018.99
 Dept. of the Treasury Federal W/H
 \$7,463.71
 Dept. of the Treasury Medicare Tax
 \$2,744.90
 Dept. of the Treasury Social
 Security Tax\$11,736.36
 Utility Dept. Old City Hall Lease
 Property\$76.65
 Utility Dept. Rural Housing ...\$156.69
 Utility Dept City Offices\$1,103.28
 Falls City Economic and Development
 Growth Enterprises CY 2024 Monthly
 Contribution (MOU-7.5.2023)
 \$11,041.75
 Falls City Main Street, Inc.
 Monthly Contribution (MOU
 7.17.2023)\$2,500.00
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$633.30
 Fund 100 - General Total:..\$73,580.98

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge:
 Service 1/15/26 - 2/14/26\$273.50
 Das State Accounting - Central
 Finance Network Serv. Charges
 01/2026\$612.50
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$249.53
 Fund 110 - Police Total: \$1,462.18

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Omaha Public Power District Service
 December 2025\$51.18
 Utility Dept. Animal Control.....\$14.52
 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total: \$65.70

FUND: 120 - FIRE

Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept
 Command+ Tilt White LED. \$1,768.00
 Farm & City Supply Wall plate 1g
 decora ss\$13.77
 Farm & City Supply GFI ST recept tr
 3pk wht\$54.99
 Utility Dept. Ambulance Bldg. \$249.10
 Utility Dept. Fire Station\$613.20
 Utility Dept. Fire Station/Hyd\$89.96
 Utility Dept. Fire Station/
 Hydrants\$4,426.34
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$129.23
 Fund 120 - Fire Total:\$7,344.59

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Josh Wamsley Josh Wamsley - Tree
 Removal\$800.00
 Fund 130 - Building Inspections &
 Code Enforcement Total: ...\$1,126.65

FUND: 150 - PARKS

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Farm & City Supply Mounting Tape
 1x60"\$11.99
 Farmers Repair & Machine
 Shop1/8x2x2 Angle Iron\$280.00
 Farm & City Supply 6"x7/8" Arbor x
 .040 Quick Cut\$14.07
 Farm & City Supply Ace Better Roller
 9x3/8"\$4.59
 Farm & City Supply Paintbrush Slvrtp
 as 1.5"\$8.99
 Farm & City Supply CRNR Brace 1" Blk
 4pk\$3.59
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 FLX 1.5"\$9.99
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 Camper Sites/Caretaker\$109.67
 Utility Dept. Riding Club Site/City
 Usage\$83.89
 Utility Dept Grandview Park ...\$135.67
 Utility Dept Snack Shack- New \$91.55
 Utility Dept Parks New Shop. \$260.79
 Utility Dept. Stanton Lake South
 Camper\$265.72
 Utility Dept Legion Park\$49.29
 Utility Dept. Dallas Jones Tennis
 Court\$53.33
 Utility Dept. Stanton Lake VB. \$42.37
 Utility Dept. 4-H Barn\$42.24
 Utility Dept Stanton Lake Cabin. \$45.62
 Utility Dept Dallas Jones Park-Irr
 Meter\$43.02
 Utility Dept Hartman Field.....\$42.24
 Utility Dept F&M Bank Field\$42.24
 Utility Dept. Snack-Shack Old - EL
 only\$42.24
 Utility Dept SNC Field\$42.24
 Utility Dept. Stanton Lake North
 Camper\$42.24
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc.Phone/Internet Service ...\$100.32
 Fund 150 - Parks Total: \$2,194.55

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIM

Farm & City Supply L. Francis Original
 Caramel\$0.39
 Farm & City Supply Better Mouse Trap

PK2\$8.99
 Farm & City Supply Lysol AVD Lemon
 32oz\$15.98
 Farm & City Supply Titanium Drill Bit
 3/16"\$8.59
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 Ring 4"\$9.98
 Utility Dept. Prichard Auditorium
 \$5,896.30
 Fund 151 - Auditorim Total:..\$6,085.30

FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER

Rec Supplslide pad aquatic landing 2"
 thick 4' x 6'\$2,349.07
 Farm & City Supply power washer
 Mi-T-M WP Series 3200 PSI 2.4 GPM
\$899.99
 Utility Dept Aquatic Center\$91.81
 Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total:
 \$3,340.87

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Library Petty Cash Postage 12/30/2025
 - 1/22/2026\$414.43
 Richard Gilkerson Jan 2026\$270.00
 Utility Dept. Library & Arts
 Center\$2,621.04
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$222.39
 IngramBooks/Periodicals ...\$1,637.67
 Fund 170 - Library Total:\$5,492.18

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Utility Dept. Cemetery\$277.62
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc.Phone/Internet Service ...\$99.28
 Fund 180 - Cemetery Total: ...\$703.55

FUND: 190 - STREETS

American Equipment Cobolts & nuts
 kit\$103.39
 American Equipment Co Bossnow
 snowplow cutting edge\$1,769.70
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 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
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 Natl. Sign Company, LLC90
 Degree Crosspiece Flat\$27.90
 Farm & City Supply3/8" Transport
 Chain\$131.70
 Farm & City Supply3/4" x 3" Farm
 Clevis\$38.98
 Farm & City Supply1/4" x 2-1/2" PTO
 Pin w/Rd Wire\$3.96
 Farm & City Supply Pintle Hitch w/2-
 5/16in Ball\$149.99
 Utility Dept Dist 56 SS Stop Sign. \$45.76
 Utility Dept. City of FC Street Lights ...
 \$6,076.28
 Utility Dept Street Dept.....\$969.26
 Utility Dept Dist 56 Stop Sign ..\$42.24
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$51.04
 Fund 190 - Streets Total: ..\$10,171.63

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

MH Logistics Corp. Seal, Ring,
 Cylinder Cap\$453.65
 MH Logistics Corp. Stud, 7/8-14x4-
 1/2in\$43.46
 MH Logistics Corp. Nut, Hex, 7/8-
 14unf, steel\$32.31
 Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.65
 Falls City Auto Supply Long Life.....\$11.99
 FC Auto Supply, Antifreeze\$11.95
 Falls City Auto Supply Battery.....\$173.66
 Falls City Auto Supply Anco.....\$12.99
 Falls City Auto Supply Blade\$12.99
 Falls City Auto Supply Trico\$8.89
 NMC Inc Filter Cab A\$52.70
 NMC Inc Element As-A\$62.87
 Falls City Auto Supply Bulb\$11.35
 Falls City Auto Supply Baldwin ...\$133.01
 FC Auto Supply Raybestos\$64.45
 Falls City Auto Supply Cable\$153.71
 NMC Inc Hose As\$34.07
 FC Auto Supply Baldwin-Filter\$56.26
 Falls City Auto Supply Baldwin-Part
 Return.....\$56.26
 Falls City Auto Supply Clutch. \$649.77
 Farm & City Supply7x1/8s5/8-11 Grind
 wheel\$11.49
 Farm & City Supply4-1/2" x 1/16"
 Cutting Wheel 10pk\$56.58
 Farm & City Supply Screws\$8.50
 Farm & City Supply Bolts, Nuts,
 Washers GR 8\$11.60
 Falls City Auto Supply Starter \$158.79
 Falls City Auto Supply Filter...\$106.10
 O'Reilly Auto IncGL-Wiper FLD \$78.96
 O'Reilly Auto Inc Hyd Hose\$22.86
 O'Reilly Auto Inc Mega Crimp\$55.20
 O'Reilly Automotive Inc QTHYDFLUID
\$32.46
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service\$1.04
 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:
 \$2,794.06

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$326.66
 Lumen Service Dec 2025\$3,188.06
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$711.98
 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:\$4,226.70

FUND: 220 - CDBG - DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Midwest Engineering, Inc Phase 3
 Dntwn Rvltzn Streetscape impr -
 Design\$43,057.50

Southeast Nebraska Development
 District Const. Mgmt. - 23DTR006
 Drawdown #5\$9.80
 Fund 220 - CDBG - Downtown
 Revitalization Program Total:
 \$43,067.30

FUND: 281 - SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Shlomo Amity Sidewalk Impr.
 Program Reimbursement ...\$1,000.00
 Fund 281 - Sidewalk Improvement
 Program Total:\$1,000.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

ATLAS COPCO COMPRESSORS LLC
 Tax Correction on invoice 1125134681
\$133.50
 ATCO International Blanko Max II
 \$248.35

Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications Calls\$23.10
 Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications SMS\$11.63
 Farm & City Supply Screws.....\$1.25
 Farm & City Supply Cleaning Solvent 5
 gal\$102.11
 Farm & City Supply Special Order
 Tools\$461.18
 N & N25 Yard Roll Off 10/22/2025
 \$650.00
 ATCO International Brake-Solv II
 (A14) (F)\$168.36
 Farm & City Supply Cleaning Solvent 5
 gal\$102.12
 Farm & City Supply Term Ring 8AWG
 5/16-3/8"\$7.51
 Farm & City Supply Term Ring 8AWG
 5/16-3/8"\$7.52
 Farm & City Supply Term Ring 8AWG
 5/16-3/8"\$7.51
 Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts,
 Nuts, Washers\$50.99
 Principal Life Ins. Co Dental Ins.\$446.41
 Principal Life Ins. Company\$83.78
 True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight.....\$43.29
 Farm & City Supply Bolts, Nuts,
 Washers GR 8\$16.85
 Amazon Capital Services Magic Water
 Supply Mailing Tube 10pk\$68.99
 Amazon Capital Services Yahenda
 Expandable Blueprint Tubes 6pcs
 \$56.99
 Husker Electric Supply G-Strut
 1-5/8"x1-5/8" 12 gauge.....\$48.38
 Husker Electric Supply G-Strut
 13/16"x1-5/8" 14 gauge\$32.25
 Husker Electric Supply G-Strut 1/4"
 Nut\$63.43
 True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight\$9.19
 Cintas Corporation No 2Supplies/
 Uniforms\$613.98
 Martin Marietta 1 1/2" crush run \$576.24
 ESRI, Inc ArcGIS Online Creator
 \$1,260.00

ESRI, Inc ArcGIS Online Mobile
 Werke\$480.00
 ESRI, Inc ArcGIS Online Contributor
 (formerly Editor)\$150.00
 ESRI, Inc ArcGIS Online Viewer ...\$75.00
 Farm & City Supply Conduit PVC
 SCH40 1"x10"\$96.69
 Farm & City Supply Wire 12/2 UFWG
 250\$236.48
 Farm & City Supply HVY DUTY HOOK
 BLADE 5PK\$5.36
 Farm & City Supply CMPCT UTLY
 KNF RD 6.15"\$13.96
 Farm & City Supply Screw 10x2 SP
 HWH\$14.63
 Farm & City Supply Tape Measure
 Compact 25"\$21.49
 John M Ellsworth Co., Inc6" 150# Flng
 Insulation Kit\$346.32
 John M Ellsworth Co., Inc2" 150#
 FLNG Insulation Kit\$30.15
 JEO Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS
 services Project 231725.00 ...\$315.00
 Municipal Energy Agency of NE
 December 2025 WAPA\$41,899.95
 Municipal Energy Agency of NE
 December 2025 Service Schedule
 \$101,307.23
 Wesco Distribution CTs#923A496G02
\$596.63
 HHS Services, LLC Legal Services for
 November 2025\$350.00
 HHS Services, LLC Legal Services ...
 \$1,662.50
 Wesco Distribution3M Term Kit W/#2
 Strd Stem Connect #5641-2 (E506.5)
 \$370.88
 Wesco Distribution Elec Tape-3M
 35-White (E235.4)\$63.96
 TASC Service January 2026\$75.00
 McMaster-Carr HF Threaded Check
 Valve\$271.58
 McMaster-Carr Gradual On/Off Valve
\$202.38
 McMaster-Carr Floor Mount Strut Pipe
 Support w/ Channel\$87.98
 McMaster-Carr Strut Mount Metal
 Rounding Clamp\$33.29
 McMaster-Carr LP Pipe Fitting \$24.51
 McMaster-Carr Flow-Adjustment Valve
\$129.69
 McMaster-Carr LP Pipe Fitting \$244.62
 McMaster-Carr Gasket w/ Bolt Holes
 for Dissimilar Metals\$151.31
 McMaster-Carr Standard-Wall Steel
 Pipe Nipple\$19.57
 McMaster-Carr Low Pressure Pipe
 Fitting.....\$62.52
 Husker Electric Supply Strap, 1/2"-1
 Hole (E118)\$1.38
 Husker Electric Supply Connector, 3/8"
 Romex (E122)\$6.02
 Husker Electric Supply4" screwdriver
 Klein 600-4 (E1660)\$19.22
 Husker Electric SupplyConduit-2"PVC
 SCH 40 Long Bell** (E1217) . \$199.95
 Martin Marietta 1 1/2" crush run
 \$580.09
 McMaster-CarrSteel Pipe Nipple
 \$66.66

AMERITAS BILLING 457 Pre Tax
 Percentage\$84.47
 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues \$175.43
 Principal Life Ins. Co Dental Ins \$428.72
 Medica Ins. Group Health \$17,457.27
 American Natl. Bank HSA ...\$2,682.80
 IBEW Local Union #1536IBEW Union
 Dues\$314.49
 Dearborn Life Ins. Co Life Ins. \$243.87
 Principal Life Ins. Co Vision Ins. \$79.39
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax
 \$2,068.26
 Ameritas Retirement 501a. \$11,661.32
 American Natl. Bank HSA ...\$715.77
 Dept. of the Treasury Medicare Tax ...
 \$2,705.86
 Dept. of the Treasury Social Security
 Tax\$11,569.94
 Nebraska Dept. of Revenue State W/H
 Tax\$3,247.58
 Dept. of the Treasury Federal W/H
 \$7,728.34

Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$1,763.91
 Utility Dept. Inventory Bldg-61 \$907.95
 Utility Dept. Power Plant Unit #9 - 62 ..
 \$792.81
 Utility Dept. Plant Water/Hi-Low - 62 ..
 \$298.16
 Utility Dept. Power Plant - 62..\$4,651.00
 Utility Dept. Station Power - 62
 \$11,663.12
 Utility Dept. Power Plant Unit #9 - 62 ..
 \$2,453.21
 Utility Dept. Power Plant Water Dept -
 62.....\$3,252.22
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc.Phone/Internet Service ...\$638.40
 Merz Ink&8" Breaker Signs ...\$48.00
 Fund 600 - Electric Total: \$243,139.20

FUND: 610 - WATER

Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications SMS\$1.56
 Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications Calls\$3.08
 Farm & City Supply Screws.....\$12.19
 Farm & City Supply Roughsweep
 Pushbroom 24"\$27.93
 Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts,
 Nuts, Washers\$7.08
 Amazon Capital Services At a Glance
 2026 Desk Calendar\$30.97
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Credit
 Memo-Tap Hex Drill Rod\$483.75
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co Credit
 Memo-Blue Pilot Bit Kit\$338.63
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co1 1/2"
 meter flange kit (W806)\$274.13
 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop 6"x2"
 Rectangle Tube ASTM -Steel Wall 24ft
\$22.83
 Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc.1 5/8x13/16
 Unistrut\$61.72
 Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc. Unistrut 90 4
 hole\$85.41
 Amazon Capital Services MMKF2
 Meter Curb Box Key\$12.39
 Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc.1 5/8 x13/16
 Unistrut\$123.44
 Farm & City Supply 33gal Drawstring
 Bag\$17.19
 Farm & City Supply \$3 Instant Savings/
 Credit Return\$3.00
 Lincoln Winwater Works CoAT-R18-T
 threaded rod\$519.13
 Lincoln Winwater Works CoT-BK-18-
 GOLD bit kit\$338.63
 Lincoln Winwater Works Co11/16" DI
 cutter\$123.63
 Bavco Backflow Apparatus & Valve-
 WATTS LF909 2 1/2-3" RBR RPRKIT
\$605.50
 Bavco Backflow Apparatus & ValveW-
 KNS 975XL 1/4-1/2" RBR RPR KIT
 \$45.90

Farm & City Supply4-1/2 x 40 Grit Flap
 Disc Blue Z\$18.98
 Farm & City Supply BIN 14-3/4x8-
 1/4x7 Blue\$199.90
 Farm & City SupplyBinIO-7/8x5-1/2x5
 Blue\$191.84
 Farm & City Supply4-1/2 x 80 Grit Flap
 Disc Blue Z\$18.98
 Farm & City Supply4-1/2 x 60 Grit Flap
 Disc Blue Z\$18.98
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5
 1/4" x 1" 1/2" valve box riser - VB2615
 (W1635)\$72.00
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5 1/4" x
 6" valve box riser VB2606 (W1639)
 \$144.03
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5 1/4" x
 2" valve box riser - VB 2602 W1638) ..
 \$72.00
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5 1/4" x
 1" valve box riser - VB2601 (W1634) .
 \$55.24
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5 1/4" x
 3" valve box riser - VB2603 (W1637)
\$87.91
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha5 1/4" x
 4" valve box riser - VB2604 (W1636)
\$105.61
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha1" I-I
 ball curb stop Ford B11-444M MINN
 THD (W879)\$1,092.20
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha6" x 12"
 MJ sleeve (W1622)\$307.45
 Edwards Chemicals Gas Chlorine
 Cylinder Refund\$200.00
 Edwards Chemicals Gas Chlorine
 Cylinder Deposit\$200.00
 Edwards Chemicals WC001L Low Iron
 Aluminum Sulfate 50# bag\$120.25
 Edwards Chemicals ED-WC012 Gas
 Chlorine Cylinder 150#\$448.00
 Edwards Chemicals FSC Fuel
 Surcharge\$9.00
 Core & Main LP Meter 1 1/2" R2 Omni
 13" LL 100cft (W980)\$84.19
 Core & Main LP2" water meter OMNI
 R2 100 CF 17" LL 100cft (W981)
 \$1,180.24
 Lincoln Winwater Works CoT-BK 18 -
 Blue Pilot Bit Kit\$337.84
 ESRI, IncArc GIS Online Creator
 \$168.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Mobile
 Werke\$64.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Viewer \$10.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Contributor
 (formerly Editor)\$20.00
 Core & Main LP5/8 xs lead fig swl
 cplg5/8 xs fem lead fig thd x\$101.18
 Core & Main LP3/4 xs lead fig swl cplg
 3/4 xsfemlead fig thd x 3\$139.75
 JEO Consulting Group IncOn-call GIS
 services Project 231725.00\$42.00
 Core & Main LP3/4 brass st 90 no lead
 (W810)\$34.40
 Core & Main LP1 xs lead fig swl cplg 1
 xs fem leadfig thd x 1 LF\$135.69
 Core & Main LP1 brass st 90 no lead
 (W811)\$56.93
 Core & Main LP1 brass st 45 no lead
 (W813)\$56.93
 Core & Main LP3/4 brass st 45 no lead
 (W812)\$34.40
 Farm & City Supply Shovl SQR-PT
 Long-HND 47"\$15.04
 Farm & City Supply® Magnetic Tray
 -Ace\$10.74
 Farm & City Supply Toolbox Cylinders
\$40.83

Nebraska Public Health Environmental
 Lab Coliform by Colisure\$15.00
 Nebraska Public Health Environmental
 Lab Fluoride\$18.00
 Nebraska Public Health Environmental
 Lab Coliform by Coliort\$60.00
 TASC Service January 2026\$10.00
 Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$235.20
 Utility Dept. Rulo Water-Collector Well
\$10,648.85
 Utility Dept. Rulo Water Plant North
 Well\$694.22

Utility Dept. Water Tower\$227.56
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$363.78
 Fund 610 - Water Total: ...\$20,011.47

FUND: 620 - GAS

Wolfe Printing Gas Dept- Service
 Order Pads 5 count\$38.97
 Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications SMS\$4.66
 Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications Calls\$9.24
 PEFA, INC December 2025 PEFA
 Commodity Invoice\$37,700.99
 True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight\$18.61
 Wolfes Printing Gas Service Record
 100\$21.05
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Contributor
 (formerly Editor)\$60.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Creator
 \$504.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Mobile
 Werke\$192.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Viewer \$30.00
 JEO Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS
 services Project 231725.00 ...\$126.00
 Heath Consultants gas inlet fitting
 \$13.98
 Heath Consultants calibrate odorator .
\$626.91
 TASC Service January 2026 ...\$30.00
 Larry Strecker Meals 1.19.26 - 1.21.26
\$200.00
 Marc Ramsey Meals 1.19.26 - 1.21.26
\$200.00
 Marc Ramsey Mileage.....\$158.05
 Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3
 Training - Group 4 2026 Qtlly Dues
 \$705.57
 Utility Dept. Gas S Fulton St.\$69.44
 Utility Dept. Gas Dept. Office. \$484.11
 Utility Dept. Gas Pipe Bldg\$95.34
 Utility Dept. Gas W 21st St.\$72.74
 Utility Dept. Gas N Mclean\$71.94
 Utility Dept. Gas W 14th\$68.62
 Utility Dept. Gas S Fulton\$54.32
 Southeast Nebraska Communications,
 Inc. Phone/Internet Service ...\$52.08
 Fund 620 - Gas Total:\$41,608.62

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER

Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications Calls\$3.08
 Tyler Technologies Inc Utility Billing
 Notifications SMS\$1.55
 Nebraska DEEWWT Operator
 Certification Class II\$150.00
 Witte Electric3-100 breaker bolt-in
 GE\$200.00
 Midwest Laboratories, Inc Supply
 Order 12.01.2026\$26.02
 Midwest Laboratories, Inc Monthly VW
 Oct to Apr on Dec 11 2025\$121.35
 True Ag & Turf, LLC Freight\$39.79
 ESRI, Inc Arc GIS Online Creator
 \$168.00
 ESRI, Inc Arc...GIS Online Contributor
 (formerly Editor).....\$20.00
 ESRI, IncArcGIS Online Viewer \$10.00
 ESRI, IncArcGIS Online Mobile Werke
\$64.00
 JEO Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS
 services Project 23

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
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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
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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.

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450. A virtual meeting may replace an in-person meeting in case of inclement weather.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing one director for Drainage District No. 8, Richardson County, Nebraska for a term of five years will be on April 14, 2026 at the Office of the County Clerk in the Courthouse of Falls City, Nebraska. Polls will be opened on said date from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The director whose term is currently expiring is Kevin Vonderschmidt. Any person or the officer or representative of any corporation owning or controlling any land assessed for benefits may be a director.

The legal voters in said District shall have one vote for each unit of benefit apportioned against the land owned by the voter.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Merle Bachman, President
Drainage District No. 8 of
Richardson County
Nebraska

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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, as nominee for Neighbors Bank, its successors and assigns as Beneficiary, and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as Trustee. The Trust Deed was filed for record on October 9, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024-01146-15, in Book 302, at Page 137. The trust property affected is legally described as follows. Lots 15 and 16, Block 2, Original Town of Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska. TAX # 740053221. Purportedly known as 2006 Wilson Street, Falls City, NE 68355 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address). Data Mortgage Inc., DBA Essex Mortgage is the current Beneficiary of the Trust Deed. Record owner of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is reported to be Taylor Clark. The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, or the attorney for the Trustee, a \$5,000.00 deposit in the form of a bank or credit union cashier's check or a bank official check, payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. The successful bidder must tender the deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 12:00 noon the following business day. The balance must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. A bank or credit union cashier's check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is a cashier's check. A bank official check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is an official check. Any party who wants to bid at the Trustee's Sale must display the check described above prior to submitting a bid. The requirement is waived when the Beneficiary is the highest bidder. Successor Trustee disclaims liability for any error in the street address shown herein. Successor Trustee may void sale due to any unknown facts at time of sale that would cause the cancellation of the sale. If sale is voided, Successor Trustee shall return funds to bidder, and the Successor Trustee and Beneficiary shall not be liable to bidder for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, Trustor, Successor Trustee, or the Successor Trustee's attorney. This is an attempt to foreclose a security instrument and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 18 day of February, 2026.

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

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election for the purpose of electing one director for Drainage District No. 7, Richardson County, Nebraska for a term of five years will be on April 14, 2026 at the Office of the County Clerk in the Courthouse of Falls City, Nebraska. Polls will be opened on said date from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The director whose term is currently expiring is Bob Morehead. Any person or the officer or representative of any corporation owning or controlling any land assessed for benefits may be a director.

The legal voters in said District shall have one vote for each unit of benefit apportioned against the land owned by the voter.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2026.

James Frederick, President
Drainage District No. 7 of
Richardson County
Nebraska

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Kyle Hilgenfeld
Board President
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**Village of Barada
Notice of One & Six Year
Street Improvement Plan Hearing**
Public notice is hereby given in compliance with the revised statutes of Nebraska, that the Village Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on the 16 day of March 2026 at Barada School House, for the purpose of hearing comment relating to the proposed One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2026.

Steve Darveau
City Street Superintendent
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**LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT
NAME CHANGE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF RICHARDSON COUNTY,
NEBRASKA**
Case Number: CI-26-18
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:
Allison Michele Sanders

Notice is hereby given that on the 26 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 the petitioner's name Allison Michele Sanders, to Allison Michele Campbell. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 302, 1700 Stone St. on the 7th day of April at 11:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Allison Michele Sanders to Allison Michele Campbell.
Allison Michele Sanders
2011 Valley Avenue
Falls City, Nebraska 68355

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

**VILLAGE OF SALEM
FEBRUARY 2026**

The Salem Village Board met February 3, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairman Strauch opened the meeting, Kean, Wessel, Vogele, and Helmick answered roll.

Wessel reported on the Community Building Project. She reported that the architect would need to look at the possible building site and meet with the board.

Wessel will set up a meeting with Fakler Architects, LLC.

The Village of Salem will be posting for bids for the 2026 mowing season. Bids will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Clerk reported that the county clerks office contacted the Village about a recent Statue would allow a village board to reduce it members from 5 to 3. This could be done by resolution and put on the ballot for the General Election.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:28, seconded by Vogele. Motion carried, Strauch, Kean, Helmick Wessel, and Vogele voting yes.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

**CLAIMS VILLAGE OF SALEM
FEBRUARY 2026**

OPPD 543.21 (utility) general 66.00
street 352.62 FRHL 35.18 combi 89.41
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
NE Public Laboratory (water testing) water
Richardson Co RWD 2 1394.27 (water purchased for sale) water
Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer from general) general
Falls City Journal 96.88 (publication) general
Farm and City Supply 81.92 (door lever) combi
Schendel Pest Control 77.00 (service) combi 30.00 FRHL 47.00
Wessel 48.03 (food purchased) combi
Family Fare 173.05 (food purchased) combi
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) water
100.00 general 200.00 street 200.00
Carolyn Glathar 19.66 (office supplies) general
NE Rural Water Association 200.00 (dues) water
KMW Construction 810.00 (snow removal) street
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RICHARDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 18, 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 18, 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 11, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye,

Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-29 to authorize the Chairman to sign a professional environmental services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. 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 97)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past few weeks. He also reported that in January there were 662 total calls of which 219 were traffic stops, 25 arrests that included 5 from other agencies, 1 out-of-county hold and 19 arrested by county department. Currently there are 17 inmates in the jail.

Sheriff Hardesty also informed the Board that Pawnee County has contacted the Department regarding the possibility of having Richardson County do the dispatch service for Pawnee County.

HUMBOLDT SHARES, INC.

Dr. George Griffiths, president of the Humboldt Shares, Inc. offered a quarterly report to the Board. The organization has provided a no interest loan to a local business and the organization is always looking at opportunities for businesses to locate in Humboldt.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Campbell to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:38 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel; Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. and County Clerk, Mary L. Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:04 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

RICHARDSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Representatives Ben Steffen and Mark Jones

Ben Steffen and Mark Jones representing the Richardson County Planning Commission requested to meet with the Board to request from them a listing of the County's goals and objectives to include in and for the update of the Richardson County Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Southeast Community College campus located at 3200 Bill Schock Blvd. in Falls City. The purpose of the meeting is to organize and discuss a planning process.

**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 will be considered at a later date.

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

Candlewood Suites, fees..... 374.85
Clerk of District Court, fees..... 330.00
First Concord, fees..... 547.50
Fritz, Kerry, reimb..... 50.46
Handley Law Office, fees..... 865.00
JV24-5; JV24-7; JV25-40; JV25-44
Jones Air Conditioning, serv..... 93.75
Medica, ins..... 58689.91
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fees..... 150.00
Nemaha County KS Sheriff, fee 30.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv..... 9166.66
OPPD, serv..... 33.10
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash Acct., reimb..... 86.55
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc..... 23789.08
Riggs, Kim, reimb..... 100.05
SummerOne, serv..... 152.40
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees..... 195.79
Wolffes Printing, supp..... 23.75
Payroll Expense..... 110408.78
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ..\$205,087.63

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, fees..... 7.04
Armbruster Motor Co., fees . 55900.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp..... 718.52
Farm & City Supply, supp..... 135.47
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, serv..... 16.88
Nebraska Public Power District, serv..... 139.29
Operation & Expense Account, reimb..... 15.00
O'Reilly Automotive, supp..... 19.34
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb..... 10.65
TreviPay, supp..... 799.99
Unifirst, supp..... 23.28
Payroll Expense..... 36135.78
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$93,921.24

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv..... 1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv..... 1300.00

TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND \$2,600.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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FCPS SCHOOL CLAIMS

**FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS -
FEBRUARY 2026 CLAIMS**

Amazon Capital Services HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies..... \$1,305.93
Amazon Capital Services CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies..... \$932.13
..... \$3067.23
Amazon Capital Services Maintenance & Custodial Supplies..... \$137.73
Amazon Capital Services Sixpence..... \$691.44
Bartek Chiropractic DOT Physical..... \$100.00
Berwick Co-op Oil Fuel..... \$280.00
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Fuel..... \$444.62
Caudle, Penny Tuition Reimbursement..... \$718.50
CDW Government Technology..... \$13,744.82
Central Office Mileage and Workshop Expenses..... \$1,643.19
Central Office Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones\$348.68
..... \$2005.87
Central Office Miscellaneous Expenses..... \$14.00
Central Office Sixpence Refund\$15.90
..... \$15.90
Cintas Uniform, Mop & Rag Services..... \$640.79
..... \$640.79
Colorado West Bus Parts .. \$1,502.03
Cummins Sales and Service Bus Repairs..... \$1,637.31
CRSSA-C4K Stipends..... \$2,471.60
DAS State Accounting - Central Network Nebraska..... \$317.87
Eickhoff, Ashleigh Tuition Reimbursement..... \$4,290.00
ESU #4 Co-op Tech Support & Registration..... \$255.00
ESU #5 Registration..... \$40.00
ESU #6 Technology Hosted Services..... \$230.95
Falls City Auto Supply Bus Parts..... \$2,347.16
FC High School Reimbursements & Yearbook Support..... \$2,760.00
Falls City Journal Advertising \$245.70
Falls City Mercantile Bus Barn Supplies..... \$90.78
Falls City Sanitation District & Sixpence Waste Removal..... \$945.00
Falls City School Lunch September Lunch Support..... \$8,800.39
Falls City Utilities District Wide Utilities..... \$31,242.04
Farm & City Supply Maintenance, Bus Parts & Sixpence Supplies... \$379.12
Farmers Repair HS Voc Ag Supplies..... \$140.00
Fiber Platform Internet Service\$418.10
Foley Bus Parts..... \$261.72
HD Supply Maintenance..... \$151.42
Herrick Bruxellas Properties Building Rental & Utilities..... \$560.00

Home Lumber Maintenance . \$189.33
Hometown Floral Memorial..... \$60.00
HyVee Bus Barn Supplies \$42.46
Jim Hills Van Repairs..... \$65.00
Julie Bauman, CPA Auditing Services..... \$8,175.00
JW Pepper HS Instrumental Supplies..... \$155.00
..... \$155.00
Malcolm, Mary SPED Contracted Services..... \$5,535.53
Meyer Home Center Maintenance Parts..... \$19.60
Nebraska.gov Driver's License Requirement..... \$390.00
Nebraska Air Filter Maintenance Supplies..... \$874.05
NASB Annual Membership Dues..... \$5,820.00

NASB ALICAP Workers Comp Premium Adjustment..... \$528.00
Nelson, Tabitha Tuition Reimbursement..... \$1,453.00
Nodaway Valley Bank Copier Lease..... \$3,985.00
One Source Background Checks..... \$392.00

Parent-Child Center Meal Reimbursement..... \$395.15
Pest Control Services Pest Control Services..... \$150.00
PGH&G District Legal Services..... \$1,111.00
Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Lease..... \$216.96
..... \$216.96

PowerSchool Group Talent Ed Applicant Tracking..... \$2,851.60
Primrose Oil Bus Barn Supplies..... \$592.84
Purchase Power Postage..... \$495.00
..... \$495.00
RehabVisions SPED Contracted Services..... \$4,093.50
Savannah Auto Electric Bus Repairs..... \$305.60

Security Services Maintenance Agreement..... \$117.00
Sioux City Truck Sales Bus Barn Parts..... \$612.65
Sixpence Childcare Scholarships..... \$1,200.00
SNC Telephone Service ... \$1,800.00
Tifco Bus Parts..... \$220.23
Towle Realty Sixpence Building Rental..... \$525.00

Tru by Hilton Kearney Travel \$305.90
Truck Center Bus Parts..... \$149.17
..... \$149.17
UCI Drug Testing..... \$440.00
University of Nebraska at Kearney Registrations..... \$2,375.00
UNL - Extension Quarterly Wages - UNL Extension Educator..... \$91.89
US Bank Travel & Registrations..... \$240.00

US Bank Supplies & Equipment..... \$3,656.08
US Bank Sixpence..... \$1,003.85
..... \$4,899.93
Water Engineering Maintenance Agreement..... \$249.18
Wolfe's Printing HS Supplies \$130.00
Total..... \$131,115.49
Payroll - February 2026.\$1,103,547.66
..... \$9,639.98
GRAND TOTAL..... \$1,234,663.15
..... \$121,475.51

DEPRECIATION FUND

CDW Government eRate Access Points..... \$3,682.02
..... \$3,682.02

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Engineered Controls Maintenance..... \$5,000.00
..... \$5,000.00

STUDENT FEE FUND

Falls City High School HS Fee Reimbursements..... \$20.00
..... \$20.00
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Blair: Bryce Miller, Great Plains Communications.

Columbus: Bradley Christensen, Pinnacle Bank; Tara Vasicek, City Of Columbus.

Creighton: Lindsay Nelson, City Of Creighton.

Falls City: Amber Holle, Falls City Chamber &

Main Street.

Fremont: Cindy Slykhu, RVR Bank.

Grand Island: Travis Mittan, Associated Staffing.

Holdrege: Meredith Pierce, Central Nebraska Public Power And Irrigation District.

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Paxton Armbruster sends an acrobatic shot towards the hoop in second-half action against the Raiders.

Second half surge sends Raiders past Tigers

The Falls City basketball team held Omaha Brownell Talbot scoreless for the first six and a half minutes of action on Monday night in the Class C1-2 subdistrict at Auburn High School. The Raiders tied the contest at 16-16 with just under three minutes to play in the half and took their first lead of the game, 22-20, with fifteen seconds to play in the half.

Falls City couldn't have written a better start to the game as they got out to an 8-0 lead in the early going. However, the Raider defense turned up the pressure, attacking FC for the full 84 feet, causing the Tigers to turn the ball over more than they would have liked.

Falls City's Paxton Armbruster put FC on the board with a triple from the wing with five and a half minutes remaining in the first quarter. On the following possession, Jacoby Bangert found a wide-open Ethan Morris for a hoop in the paint to put FC in front 5-0. A hoop in the paint by Kacen Davis gave the Tigers a 7-0 advantage with four minutes to go in the first. Falls City kept the pressure on and led 10-4 after the opening period.

Brownell Talbot battled in the next eight minutes, outscoring FC 18-10 to take a 22-20 lead at the break. The Raiders continued to pull away in the third, leading 38-33 with one quarter remaining. Unfortunately, the Orange and Black couldn't keep pace with the Raiders down the stretch as Falls City's season came to an end with a 60-45 loss. The final score was not indicative of the game as a whole.

The Tigers came to play on Monday, but the turnover bug reared its ugly head once again. FC finished the game with 15 miscues, while the Raiders had only seven. Free throws also proved significant as FC went 5/6, but Brownell Talbot shot a whopping 26, making 20.

The Tigers outshot the Raiders 40% (19/47) to 36% (19/53). Brownell Talbot also won the re-

bounded battle 34-23.

Davis led Falls City with 13 points, finishing 5-of-6 from the field. Bowdy Jones, Armbruster, and Brock Caudle all scored eight points. Jones had a team-best six rebounds, while senior Ethan Morris added six assists. Perry Anderson had 15 points, seven

rebounds and four assists, while Ivan Pfeffer had 15 points, three assists and two steals for the Raiders.

FC Scoring: Jones 8, Armbruster 8, Leyden 2, Morris 6, Caudle 8, Davis 13.

Raider Scoring: Schinzel 11, Anderson 15, Banks 2, Urzendowski 7,

Pfeffer 15, George 2, Militsakh 6, Gulati 2.

Falls City's season comes to an end with a 4-19 record, while Brownell Talbot improved to 12-12 and faced Auburn in action on Tuesday.

The Raiders fell to the Bulldogs on Tuesday, 79-31.

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