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Richardson County Cancer Fund aims to raise much needed aid at March 28 biennial gala

The Richardson County Cancer Fund, Inc. has over two decades providing direct financial assistance to local residents facing cancer treatment, growing from a small volunteer effort into a countywide support system.

The organization traces its beginnings to the generosity of the late Nellie Hoffman of Humboldt, whose initial efforts helped establish the fund and its mission of assisting cancer patients within Richardson County. From the start, the focus has remained local, with all funds raised staying in the county to help residents undergoing treatment.

Early leadership played a key role in shaping the organization. Peggy Davidson was asked to lead the effort in its early years and helped organize a countywide network of volunteers. That original group included Kelly Carpenter, Sandra Hartman, Jo Crofford and Tony Brunette, along with representatives from communities across the county.

In its first year, the fund assisted 13 individuals. Over time, that number grew significantly as awareness increased and community support expanded.

The fund operates entirely through volunteer efforts and community fundraising. Its assistance is designed to help offset costs associated with cancer treatment, including travel and related expenses, for Richardson County residents.

The fund now assists between 25 and 40 individuals each year. To sustain that level of support while being mindful of local businesses, the organization transitioned its primary fundraiser to a biennial format. The change allows the group to raise enough funds in a single event to cover approximately two years of assistance.

That need underscores the importance of the organization's upcoming fundraiser.

The Richardson County Cancer Fund will hold its 22nd biennial dinner, dance and auction gala Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Prichard Auditorium in Falls City. The evening will begin with a meal served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the auction at 7 p.m.

Table seating is available for \$250 for eight people and includes dinner and one drink ticket per person. Individual meal tickets will also be available at the door, with adult meals priced at \$20 and children under 10 at \$10. Takeout meals will be offered.

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Board discusses moving electrical substation site

The Falls City Council met on Monday, March 16, 2026, at City Hall. All councilmembers were present.

City Administrator Gary Jorn thanked the line crew and utility department for all the work completed on Sunday when a power line was knocked down during the windstorm. Jorn said office personnel would be cross-training, making it so everyone can do everything in the office.

He said the animal/code enforcement employee had offered their resignation and that the position would be absorbed, rather than filled.

Jorn advised the Council that he was still looking at Tyler Tech but getting a better grasp of it. Jorn referred to Tyler Tech as the Cadillac of accounting software.

"It's just really time-consuming entering data into the system," said Jorn. "We're trying to streamline our accounts payable."

Jorn said he is currently looking at a different software, Power Manager.

"I think you're going from a Cadillac to a Ford type of thing," said Jorn. "But if the Ford works, why not use it?"

Jorn said Power Manager or a similar accounting software would be a cost-saver for the city. He stated that Tyler Tech costs roughly \$78,000 per year and another \$4,000 to \$6,000 per month.

"There are 120 municipals, village

types in Nebraska that are using Power Manager," stated Jorn.

Jorn also advised the Council that he was working to separate infrastructure fees into separate accounts.

"That needs to be split out into a separate account," said Jorn. "I'm going to work on trying to figure out those charges and get them into a separate account. Same thing with the sales tax."

Jorn said the Board approved a five percent increase in sales tax for infrastructure improvement.

"I can't see where it's ever went over to a new utility," said Jorn. "So, I've got to try and backtrack and figure that out."

Police Chief Jamie Baker advised the Council that Sgt. Wason had completed his mandatory supervisor training through the training center and had received his certification.

The conversation moved to the use of the cemetery on West 14th Street for the Electrical Substation. Scott Hollens, who lives on West 14th, addressed the Board. He stated that since a meeting in February when the substation was discussed, Ron Brown had been to the site performing dousing. Dousing is a practice used to locate underground water, minerals or lost items using Y-shaped or L-shaped rods. According to Hollens, Brown located several graves in the cemetery. He also located a headstone base while searching.

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Early voting information for May 12 primary election

The Richardson County Clerk's Office is preparing for the May 12, 2026, Statewide Primary Election. Persons wanting to vote in the election are urged to check their voter registration status to make certain they are registered at the correct address and affiliated with the political party for which they are going to cast their ballot.

Voters may check their registration at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov> or by contacting the Richardson County Clerk's Office at 402-245-2911.

Voter registration is taken at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk during regular business hours until Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. Voters can also register at <http://ne.gov/go/NEreg2vote>. The deadline for any voter registration form other than in person is Monday, April 27.

Early Voting in person will begin on Monday, April 13 at the Office of the Richardson County Clerk during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Early voting applications are also available to request that your ballot be mailed to you if you are unable to vote at your regular polling place. An Early Vote Ballot Application form can be found in today's edition of the Falls City Journal and the Humboldt Standard and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov.

Voters are also reminded that a photo identification will be required before casting a ballot. Valid forms of photo identification are a Nebraska driver's license (from DMV), Nebraska state ID (from DMV), Nebraska college ID (public or private), Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.), United States Passport, Military ID, Tribal ID, Hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record.

Voters who reside within the following All-Mail voting precincts are reminded that they will receive their ballots in the mail on or after April 20, 2026: Arago/Barada, Salem, East Muddy and Grant/Nemaha. Please notify the County Clerk's Office with

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"All we are trying to do is update the plan" Commissioners meet to discuss zoning

The Richardson County Commissioners met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the courthouse. Commissioner Karas was absent from the meeting.

The Board again discussed the comprehensive plan and zoning with members of the public. Alvin Simon again asked where to find notice of public meetings, to which the commissioners responded The Falls City Journal, the county's legal newspaper, publishes all legal notices and notice of public meetings. All public notices can also be found on the free, statewide notice system NEPublicNotices.com. Public notices help 93 counties, 244 school districts, 500+ cities/villages and several state agencies keep residents informed using a trusted, statewide network.

Commissioner Caverzagie stated, "All we are trying to do is update the plan, keep ourselves out of court, work with anybody that is wanting to come in on roads and bridges, and that's all we're trying to do."

Commissioner Campbell added, "No matter who's at this table, we still have to have that plan in place. We have no intention of implementing anything; we are updating to get to the state requirements."

The Board responded to Simon's questions on why the comprehensive plan needs updating. First, the plan in place has been there since 2001, 25 years ago. Secondly, Nebraska State Statute 23-114.02 requires counties to develop and maintain a comprehensive development plan designed for long-range growth. While they do not mandate a specific timeline for updates, it is widely accepted that counties should review their plans annually and make major updates every ten years to ensure accuracy.

The Board also heard from Ben Steffen and Dick James, representatives of the Richardson County Planning Commission.

Steffen reported that the commission has met twice recently, once for an informational meeting and a second for commission elections. Steffen was elected Chair; Mark Jones was chosen as Vice-Chair, and Dana Rathje was elected as Secretary.

Steffen presented and read a draft, "Statement of Background, Intent and Direction, for the Board to consider adopting as a tool to guide the Commission in updating the Comprehensive Plan.

According to Steffen, the Commission has a "desire and strong consensus" to engage the Commissioners to help establish a basis for going through the plan and to give them direction.

Steffen read the four-paragraph draft to the Commissioners and encouraged them to consider adopting it to inform the public and provide the Commission with direction moving forward.

Steffen said that while growth is welcome, it's still important to plan for situations that may arise. He said that while economic growth is important, it may come with a high price tag for maintaining roads and bridge capacity.

A desire to protect landowners' ability to farm and raise crops, using familiar and new methods, was also included in the draft.

The final paragraph stated that there are, at a minimum, three subjects to be discussed by the Planning Commission. Those three include roads, poultry production sites and renewable energy facilities.

The statement ended with, "This comprehensive plan document will serve as the basis for further discussion and decision making. It is also the legal foundation for any

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- Heartland Fine Arts Gallery Vendor Pop-up Market 8AM-3PM
- 8** -FCPS Special Ed Coordinator meeting w/FCSH Superintendent re: Special Ed support & to discuss Title 1 support. Sacred Heart 9AM

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Spring into seasonal allergies

By Jill Kruse, DO

The groundhog may have seen his shadow, but Spring will be here soon. While many of us look forward to warmer days and blooming flowers, those who suffer from seasonal allergies know that the return of grass, budding trees, and blooming flowers can lead to more sneezing than smiles. Welcome to the Spring allergy season.

If your seasonal allergies seem to be getting worse each year, it is not in your head. A Study from the National Academy of Sciences in 2021 found that over the last 30 years the North American pollen allergy season has increased by approximately 20 days. Pollen concentrations have also risen 21%. The Spring tree pollen season has been starting earlier and the Fall ragweed season has been ending later.

Seasonal allergies can develop at any time in one's life. The most common risk factor for developing seasonal allergies is family history. If have family members with allergies, you have an increased risk of developing them as well. Seasonal allergies are the sign of an overactive immune system that has mistakenly identified harmless substances, like pollen, as dangerous threats to the body. This triggers an inappropriate defense response that leads to the common symptoms of allergies like runny nose, congestion, watery eyes, itching, and sneezing. The immune system is trying to fight pollen like it would fight a cold. This is why it can be difficult to differentiate between allergies and illness.

There are a few ways to help decrease the risk of children developing allergies. Several studies have shown that children who visit a farm in their first year of their life or have furry pets have a lower risk of allergies. In that first year of life, the immune system is busy trying to figure out what things the body needs to defend against and what things are safe to ignore. The environment on the farm has so different allergens, that it allows the immune system to become tolerant of the harmless pollen and animal dander. However, once someone has allergies, and the immune system is sensitive to these substances, further exposure to allergens that are on a farm will not help. It will just make the allergy sufferer more miserable.

The first line over-the-counter treatment for seasonal allergies is intranasal corticosteroids such as Fluticasone (Flonase), Mometasone (Nasonex), and Budesonide (Rhinocort). These nasal sprays have been shown to be more effective than over-the-counter oral antihistamines such as Loratidine (Claritin), Fexofenadine (Allegra), and Cetirizine (Zyrtec). If the spray does not give adequate control, then adding an oral antihistamine can help.

If these medications are not effective, then seeing an Allergist is the next step to enjoying everything that comes with April showers and May flowers. The groundhog says we have six more weeks to prepare for Spring. Regardless of when it comes, everyone can enjoy Spring if they understand seasonal allergies and how to treat them.

Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System in Brookings, SD. She 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, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).

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All things Nebraska
Wildfires getting worse, fueled by dry winters, higher winds

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

If you're like me, you were sickened to read about the wildfires running amok across sections of Nebraska in mid March.

Thousands and thousands of acres, as far as the eye could see in areas of the Sandhills, in bluffs and hills southeast of North Platte and south of Kilgore, and (once again) in areas near the Nebraska National Forest in Halsey.

As I write this, more than 800,000 acres have burned, according to the Nebraska Public Media. That's pasture that could feed hundreds of thousands of cattle. Who knows how many miles of fencing was destroyed.

One elderly woman died trying to escape the flames near Arthur. An awful tragedy.

The fires made national news – the kind of national news we don't want to make.

But wildfires are becoming more and more common in Nebraska, according to the 2024 update of the Nebraska Climate Assessment. It's especially problematic when conditions are as dry as they were in western and central sections of the state this winter, and when winds were gusting as high as 70 mph.

Not only are big, costly wildfires becoming more common, so are extreme winds. (The higher price of your homeowners insurance can tell you that.)

The recent wildfires quickly set a record as the worst in state history. They eclipsed 2012, when 500,000 acres of Nebraska was scorched, and 2020, when 250,000 acres were burned, including large areas of the Halsey forest.

I've seen close up what fires can do.

Me and some buddies used to travel to the Pine Ridge every spring to chase turkeys (we weren't the best at actually bagging one) and to camp amid some beautiful, thick pine forests.

One year, half of the area we used to hunt was burned to ash; the next year, the other half burned.

I covered wildfires that threatened to burn into Valentine, and another that came within a half mile or so of the Chadron State College campus. Heroic firefighting, luckily, stopped the fires.

No area of the state is immune. In April of 2022, a wildfire propelled by 60 mph winds burned across 10 miles of harvested fields in eastern Nebraska near where our family farm is located. Flames outraced fire crews. Two homes were burned to the ground.

One takeaway: You don't need forests of trees or fields of tall grasses to fuel a wildfire.

The data being collected by the State Climate Office and others doesn't lie – Nebraska's climate has been getting hotter, and getting hotter more rapidly than normal. Precipitation events are more streaky, coming in buckets when it comes instead of showers. Winters have less snow.

And when it doesn't rain, things dry up more quickly due to high winds, especially in March and April, our windiest months.

"Nebraska faces rising

risks from more frequent and intense extreme weather," predicted the 2024 climate report, led by the Nebraska State Climate Office at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

That same report anticipated that, if trends continue, Nebraska's weather would be more like Oklahoma's by 2050. That means warmer winters, and warmer summer nights. But it also means implications for growing crops.

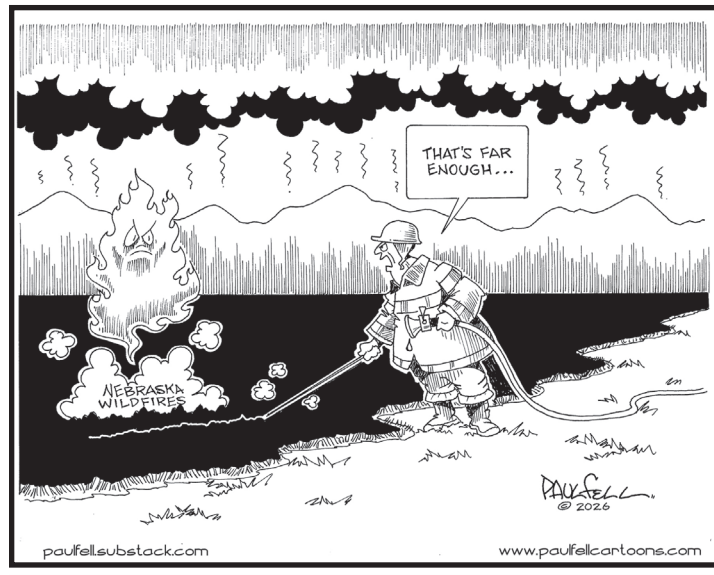
So what are we to do? It's hard to stop wildfires from happening. Burn piles can reignite (as in that fire near our farm), dry lightning can strike, a careless cigarette can smolder and a strong wind can knock down a power pole, sparking a blaze (the apparent cause of the massive Morrill Fire, which blackened more than 600,000 acres recently).

Controlled burns (which may have caused one of the recent fires) need to be carefully monitored, and when it's dry, burn bans need to be heeded. More resilient power poles can be used.

Thinning forests and removing brush and dead timber can help, too. So can rain.

Let's hope those burn areas get some moisture, so those areas can rebound and so Nebraska can stay out of the national news.

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



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75 Years Ago, March 25, 1951 to March 31, 1951

Tiger center Frank Falloon was named to the Class B First Team in the Lincoln Journal. Joining Falloon was Pawnee City's Chuck Jensen.

Archie J. Hinshilwood, Jr., - Metalsmith, third class of Falls City, was serving aboard the aircraft carrier Sicily, which was serving with the Pacific Fleet.

An Argentine Airlines DC-3 crashed while landing at Rio Grande, near the southernmost tip of South America, killing 11 of the 20 people on board.

Authorization was given to begin construction on the county-city police radio station, according to the FCC. The authorization covered a central station and 10 mobile units. The county and city had agreed months prior to operate the two-way radio jointly.

Hested's advertised Water Pistols for 59 cents, a bag of 40 marbles for 10 cents and kites for 10 cents.

A one-act mystery comedy, "The Weird Sisters," and several readings were given by Sacred Heart students in the Tiehen Gym. Members of the cast were Doris Voegelé, Mattie Pidgeon, Mary Ann Hoy, Enid Pidgeon, Elsie Davidson, Bessie Pidgeon, Frances Bell, Charlotte Pidgeon, Ruth Reichert and Marion Curtis.

The swollen Missouri River rose to 18.95 feet at Rulo as reported by Rulo Toll Bridge Operator Dan Mahan. The river was expected to crest and then slowly begin to recede.

Senator Kenneth S. Wherry said that President Truman claims, "the power of a king or dictator," by sending American troops into the Atlantic Pact army without congressional consent. The Senate Republican floor leader demanded that Congress take control of the troops program, lest it "bust America," touch off war with Russia and result in "presidential dictatorship."

"Born Yesterday," starring Judy Holliday, William Holden and Broderick Crawford, showed at the Oil City Theater. Holliday had recently been named the top actress in Hollywood.

A pinocle party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Boyd in Verdon. Mrs. Chas. Windle held the ladies' high score, while Frank Martinosky held the men's high.

Sacred Heart, under the direction of Sister Dolorita, captured a superior rating in the one-act play contest held at Peru State Teachers College.

Church membership increased 51.5 percent between 1926 and 1949, according to the National Council of Churches. The Council showed that over the 24-year period, church membership rose from 53 million in 1926 to 80.6 million in 1949.

Dick Jurgens and his Famous Orchestra, billed as the nation's top dance band, was set to play an Elks Charity Dance at Prichard Auditorium.

50 Years Ago, March 25, 1976 to March 31, 1976

A Burlington Northern Railroad official told The Journal that the contractor would begin mobilizing his equipment for the construction of the new railroad bridge over the Missouri River in four or five weeks. It was estimated that the building of the new bridge would take roughly 650 working days. The current bridge was installed in 1888.

The Treasurer Seekers extension club met at the country home of Mrs. Wayne Pfister with 12 members and Mrs. Tim Pfister, a guest, in attendance. The birthday song was sung for Mrs. Gary Bierman and Mrs. Richard Merz. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Lester Duerfeldt, Mrs. Merlin Bauman and Mrs. Orville Merz.

The viaduct over the Missouri Pacific tracks south of Verdon was beginning to take shape. The 8.2-mile upgrade on Highway 73 from the junction of Highway 67 to Highway 75, north of Dawson, was in progress. It was hoped to have the stretch paved by late fall.

Trust Officers at First National Bank and Trust were Merle Veigel, Edgar Roesch, Gus Scholz and Rod Vandenberg

Mary Pickford, Hollywood's first superstar, was to receive a special Oscar in recognition of her unique contributions to the film industry and the development of film as an artistic medium.

Three Richardson County FFA members received State Farmer degrees at the 48th annual FFA convention in Lincoln. The list included Mark Roland of Falls City and Jerry Anderson and Jerry Kennedy of Southeast Consolidated.

The North School PTA loaded 26,440 pounds of newspapers during their paper drive. Over 100 people called in to have their papers picked up. For every ton of newspapers that were recycled, 17 trees were saved from being chopped down.

Ed Santo won a pair of titles in the Falls City Men's Bowling Tournament. Santo won the scratch all-event title with a 1,693 and joined Wayne Gatz to capture the doubles crown with a 1,220-handicap score.

High winds took the roof off a building belonging to Gordon and Stanley Stalder, 10 miles south of Humboldt. Parts of the roof were blown to the north and northeast, and some of it carried a quarter of a mile.

The Tiger boys and girls opened the 1976 track season in Auburn. Bill Jahn won the long jump and low hurdles, while Janet Surman won the shot, Susan Leafy won the mile, and Jan Kottich won the high jump.

25 Years Ago, March 25, 2001 to March 31, 2001

Falls City Sun Mart owner and operator Randy Gottula and his wife, Lori, announced a kick-off program to help raise funds for the new Falls City Library. For each \$150,000 in register receipts from the store, Sun Mart and their Nash Finch partners would donate \$1,000 to the Library Building Fund.

Joseph W. Jackson was included on the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Southeast Community College in Milford.

Aaron and Jennifer Hill, Olathe, KS, were the parents of a daughter, Madelynn Jean, born at the Overland Park Regional Center.

The Sacred Heart Irish girls won the Pioneer Indoor by 41 points. Whitney Merz won the 440-yard run, Katie O'Grady won the high jump, Kelsi Witt won the pole vault, and the 4x440-yard relay team of Merz, O'Grady, Witt and Ashley Howard took first place.

John Maschman of Humboldt competed as one of 90 county Spelling Bee champions at the Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha. John just missed making the final round, finishing in a tie for sixth place.

Logan Merz, eighth grade and Billy Kopf, seventh grade, earned Honorable Mention Honors in the 2001 Aviation Art Contest sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners voted to purchase a new Caterpillar Road Grader from Nebraska Machinery and a 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup from Armbruster Motor Company.

Voters in the Southeast Consolidated RN-1 School District voted to defeat a levy override proposal, 229-213. County Clerk Mary Eickhoff reported that 43 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the special election, which would have allowed the school board to exceed the \$1 levy limit by up to 50 cents for the next three budget years.

The Falls City golf team won the Auburn Triangular with a score of 159. Dan Ferguson shot a 37, James Langan had a career-best 40, while Chance Simon and Matt Hillyard each posted 41s.

Miklannet Tennal led her Cloud County, Kansas basketball team to the National Junior College Athletic Association championship. Miklannet was named the Most Valuable Player, averaging 24.8 points per game in the tourney.

The First Baptist Church celebrated its 110th anniversary with a variety of special services and events.

SUBSTATION

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"I really, really would like you folks to reconsider this," said Hollens.

Falls City EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl addressed the Board, stating that originally, five sites were considered for the substation. He said an environmental phase was conducted at three sites, of which two were ultimately selected. The engineer, Olsson, recommended the site in question.

"We were notified that there was no records of graves sold in blocks three and four, which would be the southernmost blocks for that area," said Froeschl.

Froeschl stated that with the city already owning the site, it was a business decision to build the substation there.

"If this is not the right spot for the substation, then we need to, you know, go through the proper procedures to make sure we're not doing anything the wrong way," said Froeschl.

He also noted a \$5 million grant was being applied for through the U.S. Economic Development Administration to offset the cost of the substation.

Froeschl stated he doesn't really care where the substation is built.

"We are trying to do it the right way, morally, ethically, and you know, if that gets interrupted, then we probably need to change courses," said Froeschl.

After a long discussion, Froeschl agreed to return to the Council with more options. He stated they won't be as cost-friendly as this site, but he was confident an alternative site could be found.

"My message here is, we're doing this the right way," said Froeschl.

In other news, the Falls City Fire Department's Jon McQueen asked the city for permission to use the parking lot east of the auditorium to test water hoses. The company FireCatt will test nearly 8,000 feet of hose for the department. The company will also conduct testing on nearly 25 fire nozzles while on site.

McQueen also informed the Board of a donation from the Richardson Foundation to the Falls City Volunteer Fire Department. The \$20,000 is to be used by the department as it sees fit for the purchase of needed equipment and repairs.

According to Assistant Chief McQueen, the department "works hard to use tax dollars they receive from the city, as they struggle to keep all their equipment modern and safe for them to use."

The Department has seen an uptick in costs for gear, fire hoses, and continued maintenance of its fire engines and building.

The cost of the testing, \$4,500, will be covered by the Richardson Foundation's gift.

The Council voted to repeal the Management Pension Plan Benefit adopted at the December 1, 2025, meeting.

Administrator Jorn said the city has a nondiscriminatory plan, meaning it can't segregate management from other employees and give them a separate pension package from the rest of the employees.

The new resolution restores the package to the same percentage increases per year as the rest of the city employees. The motion passed 8-0.

The 2026 Housing Study by Marvin Planning was passed unanimously, and the Council voted 8-0 to approve a transfer of property at 1205 Harlan Street to the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank.

The Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer was approved as an ex officio member of the Southeast Nebraska Land Bank.

The Council approved a resolution and contract amendment for the Gas Supply Agreement for the PEFA program with Clayton Energy.

"It's just a mechanism they use to try to get us even cheaper gas than what we can off the market," said Jorn.

The Board also approved a confidentiality agreement between the City and Tenaska on an 8-0 vote.

"This is in conjunction with our project with Nebraska Rural Generation," said Lucas Froeschl. "We're still doing some diligence on figuring out if, you know, doing any sort of generation facility in Falls City."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

CANCER GALA

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Presale tickets are available at F&M Bank, Equity Bank and State Bank of Table Rock.

The event will include a cash bar provided by the Falls City Elks Club, a wine pull, a gun raffle and live music by Rural Medicine. Gun raffle tickets are priced at \$25 each, with a Henry Golden Boy lever action rifle listed as the prize. Gun tickets will only be available at the auction and only 52 chances will be sold to those attending the event.

Other auction items include tools, jewelry, baskets of locally donated items; tickets to opening night at the Omaha Playhouse including a gift card for dinner at Texas Roadhouse and gas; a quilt by Peggy Davidson, one by handmade by Donna O'Grady and quilted by Rock Creek Quilt Company; a chance to spend the day at the Henry Doorly Zoo; Lincoln Stars Hockey Tickets; a trip to the Omaha Children's Museum; passes to Lauritzen Gardens; and much more!

There will be free cancer screenings will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. by the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.

Organizers said the biennial format places added importance on the success of the event, as proceeds must support assistance efforts for two full years. Community participation, donations and auction contributions are critical to ensuring the fund can continue serving local residents in need.

Applications for assistance are available locally at area banks, medical offices and Community Medical Center. The fund is open to Richardson County residents with a cancer diagnosis who are undergoing active treatment.

The organization continues to rely on community support to meet its mission, with all funds raised remaining in Richardson County to assist local individuals and families during treatment.

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Lisa Larsen and High Heel a Smash Hit at the Humboldt Auditorium

Submitted

Lisa Larsen wowed the audience with her energetic style of vocal music in a fundraising concert at the Humboldt Auditorium on Saturday, March 14.

It was a great night of entertainment as Lisa Larsen and her band, High Heel, took the stage at the historic Humboldt Auditorium. Lisa is truly energetic. She was all over the stage creating an interactive, family-friendly show with appeal to fans of all ages. The band's play list of classic rock, pop, country, disco, and a few sweet ballads was a treat for everyone in the audience.

Quite literally "the girl next door" Lisa grew up in Dawson, just a short distance down the road from Humboldt. Those that knew her as a kid say that she began entertaining, and set a goal of a musical career, at an early age.

Lisa and the band perform regularly at several annual events in eastern Nebraska and were recognized in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 2017 and inducted in the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame in 2025.

In addition to Lisa, the band features: Cory Pawloski, Lead Guitar and vocals; Barry Stackhouse, Keyboard Skinny Webb, Rhythm, Lead, Acoustic Guitar and Mandolin; Todd Roberson, Drums; and Clay Gochenour, Bass and Vocals.

It was wonderful to have the support of local sponsors and fans. A contingent of representatives from Colonial Acres attended the concert as guests of the Auditorium. The event also attracted individuals from southeast Nebraska, northeast Kansas, the Omaha area, and even as far away as Edmund, Washington! Ben Stefan served as MC for the event, and a Welcome to Humboldt was provided by Mayor Jan Wilhelm. In addition to wonderful music, each of those attending the

event were treated to a scrumptious hors d'oeuvres buffet served by Leah Reyes of Chaotic Coffee.

The concert was a benefit for the ongoing Humboldt Auditorium Renovation Project. The net proceeds from ticket sales, concessions, and donations made at the event will go to the Auditorium construction fund.

The scope of work for the next phase of the renovation project will include refinishing the auditorium's hardwood floor and providing electrical updates to the stage area that will further enhance future events.

The next phase of renovations

will also encompass the building's exterior, with repairs to the windows and new historically correct, energy-efficient windows at the front of the building. The limestone walls will be cleaned with a process approved for historic buildings, and the windows and trim painted with a long-life coating that duplicates the historic color scheme.

Financing is being sought for completion of the next phase of the project and installation of an elevator. The elevator is needed to meet the ADA access requirements so that the Auditorium's lower level can be developed.

The Humboldt City Auditorium is a beautiful, historical building located on the southwest corner of the city's downtown square. It is a genuine asset to the City of Humboldt as well as the southeast Nebraska, northeast Kansas communities who utilize the building for family, business, and community related events. For those unable to attend the fundraising concert, but would still like to support the event with a donation, please contact Linda Dovel at the number listed below.

While preparing your income tax return is a great time to contribute toward the continuing Auditorium construction. The

Friends of the Humboldt Auditorium is a 501(C)(3) organization, so your contribution is deductible on your income tax. Contact Linda Dovel at 402-862-5605 for information on how to take best advantage of your tax benefits or to find out more about the auditorium project.



The Lied Center brings world premiere play Capital City to Falls City

The one night only event is presented by the Lied Center's 'Arts Across Nebraska' program

The Lied Center's Arts Across Nebraska tours bring the best in music, theater, and dance to communities across the state. On Thursday, April 16, AAN is proud to bring the world premiere of the play Capital City to the community of Falls City.

About the play: Money. Corruption. Murder. Welcome to Capital City. In this searing original play inspired by Nebraska author Mari Sandoz' infamous novel Capital City, the Great Depression has split the people of a fictional Midwestern city in two: the rich and the poor. What lengths will the have-nots go to gain back their land, homes, and dignity? How far will the haves go to make sure they control it all?

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An original commission from the Lied Center of Nebraska, Animal Engine returns to Nebraska after performing their popular Willa Cather-inspired epic Henrietta Solway in 2023.

Animal Engine's Capital City will be performed on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00pm at Prichard Auditorium located at 312 W. 17th Street, Falls City, NE 68355. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

In addition to the public show, there will be a matinee performance for area students on Wednesday, April 15, as well as a workshop with Animal Engine artists.

This special event is sponsored by Richardson County Arts & Humanities, Falls City Chamber & Main Street, and Richardson County Visitors Committee.

This performance is part of the Lied Center's Arts Across Nebraska program, made possible by the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Friends of Lied, and The Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation.

The Lied Center is Nebraska's Home for the Arts. Located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Lied presents the world's most iconic artists and major regional, national and international performances that entertain and inspire audiences. We offer something for everyone, including the best of Broadway, symphony orchestras, dance, music, theater and family programs. Artists at the Lied have ranged from Itzhak Perlman and Wynton Marsalis to the American Ballet Theatre and St. Louis Symphony. The Lied also is committed to educational outreach: Nearly 100 percent of visiting artists work with students in the days leading up to their performance. Visit us at liedcenter.org.

SOCIETY

HUMBOLDT CHAPTER 234 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Eleven members of the Humboldt Ch. #234 Order of the Eastern Star met for their stated meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Meeting Place. Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreuzer presided in the East. Chapter opened in long form. Members sang "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

Installing Past Matron Carolyn Bredemeier and Installing Marshal Trudy Fankhauser installed David Wetrosky as Worthy Patron and Jennifer True as Ruth. Mrs Fankhauser then proclaimed all officers duly installed for 2016.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. They were approved. The Treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund.

Correspondence read included the Nebraska OES News Which gave an update on the Grand Chapter "150 Years of Loving One Another" Session to be held at the Yonces Center in Kearney, Nebraska on May 12-14. Registrations are due by April 8, 2026. Our District Grand Supervisor Susanne Krishna will hold a School of Instruction for our chapter on Monday, March 23 at the Masonic Hall in Pawnee City. Brownville Chapter members may be joining us. Worthy Matron will be checking on lunch possibilities. Nancy Nemechek moved we give a scholarship to a

graduating senior from Falls City or HTRS. Applications need to be sent to the Scholarship Committee by April 15, 2026.

Jennifer True moved the bills be paid. Motion seconded and carried.

Worthy Patron read a letter from Grand Chapter Secretary commending Deborah Dunn on faithful membership in Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years. He then presented her with a certificate and 50 year pin.

Trudy Fankhauser read a letter she received from her Grand Representative counterpart in Oklahoma. They are hoping to meet at Grand Chapter in Kearney in May.

There being no further business Chapter closed in form and sang their Closing Ode, "God Is So Good." Refreshments were served by Jennifer True.

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Senator Bob Hallstrom Weekly Newsletter

We are heading into the final quarter the 2026 Legislative Session. In the last fifteen days of the Session, we must balance the budget, and address as many Committee, Senator and Speaker Priority Bills as we can before the session ends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of central and western Nebraska as they face the devastating wildfires tearing through their communities, grazing lands, and affecting their livelihoods. Our hearts go out to the ranchers watching anxiously over their herds, and the countless others whose daily lives have been upended by this disaster. We are grateful for the courage and selflessness of our brave firefighters and first responders—not only from Nebraska but from neighboring states—who have rushed to the front lines, working tirelessly day and night to protect lives, safeguard livestock, and attempt to contain the blazes under continuously changing weather conditions. Their dedication, skill, and willingness to put themselves in harm's way embody the very best of what it means to serve and support one another in times of crisis. The Nebraska Cattleman's Association has a phone number where you can call to help. That number is (402) 475-2333. This is the office line in Lincoln, NE, for questions about relief, donations, applications, or assistance (including hauling help or other support for impacted producers), or you can go to their website at www.nebrascacattlemen.org. You can also go to the website for the Nebraska State Volunteers Firefighters Association at www.nsvfa.org and click on the "Donate to Wildlife Relief" link.

FLOOR ACTION: A bill I introduced, LB873, was added as an amendment to LB901, which is a Revenue Committee Priority Bill. LB873 would impose a 10% excise tax on the retail sale of kratom products to consumers effective January 1, 2027. LB901 will raise a modest amount of revenue which, combined with significant state budget cuts and cash fund transfers, will allow us to balance the budget.

Another bill I sponsored, LB938, has been offered as an amendment to LB803, another Revenue Committee Priority Bill. LB938 creates the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act, which allows individuals or couples to establish a savings account to be used for a down payment and closing costs associated with the purchase of a primary residence by first-time home buyers and to deduct such contributions and interest from their federal adjusted gross income.

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.

Mentoring resources available for Nebraska farmers interested in Organic production

Nebraska farmers and ranchers who are interested in transitioning to organic production—or who have recently made the transition—have access to mentoring and educational support through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP).

The program connects experienced certified organic farmers with those who are exploring or beginning the transition to organic practices. Through one-on-one mentoring, workshops, and practical resources, participants can learn strategies for meeting organic certification requirements and managing crops and livestock under organic standards. Transitioning to organic production typically involves a three-year period during which land must be managed according to USDA organic standards before crops can be marketed as certified organic. Mentorship and peer learning opportunities can help producers navigate that transition and learn from farmers already successfully operating organic farms.

Nebraska producers can also connect with the Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) Nebraska Chapter, a long-standing organization of certified organic farmers and supporters committed to environmentally sound stewardship and promotion of organic agriculture. The OCIA Nebraska website is:

<https://www.nebraskaocia.org>.

Farmers interested in learning more about organic transition resources and mentoring opportunities are encouraged to visit: <https://www.organictransition.org>

The website provides information about mentoring programs, educational events, and resources available to producers exploring organic production systems. Producers may also contact Kim Mosel, at OCIA Nebraska, 402-620-2701.

FROM THE JOURNAL ARCHIVES



What do you know about this photo? We're asking for your help in solving the mystery each week of our thousands of photos. Please email us at brian@fcjournal.net or nikki@fcjournal.net. **IDENTIFIED!** According to Bill Rowan, (who we are so indebted to and thankful for) the photo in the March 18, 2026 edition of the *Falls City Journal* is a part of a larger panorama photo taken by Falls City photographer Ward Knight in 1915. It shows Falls City's old opera house district with all three opera houses on one block. On the far left is the Cain/Jenne opera house built in 1879. It burned in 1959 when it was occupied by the Kelly Ann store (which was having a "going out of business sale" at the time.) In the center is the Gehling opera house which opened in

NDOT reminds residents that campaign signs are not allowed on State right-of-way

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is reminding the public that it is unlawful to place political campaign signs, or any signs, on state highway and interstate right-of-way. This includes intersections, medians, entrance and exit ramps, sidewalks and the ditches and lands that make up the right-of-way bordering the length of each roadway.

NDOT maintenance crews will remove any signs that are improperly placed within the state highway right-of-way. These signs will be stored for a brief time in the maintenance yards throughout the state where the owners may reclaim them.

Additional regulations governing political campaign sign placement and size are sometimes set by each county and/or municipality. The public is advised to reference local regulations for questions regarding a specific location and to keep in mind that violation of local sign ordinances may result in a fine. Those needing

further information concerning the boundaries of state right-of-way corridors or seeking sign permit information should contact their local district permit officer listed below. Inquiries may also be made to NDOT's Right-of-Way Division office at (402) 479-4463.

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Feb. 1893 and was in the opera business until Dec. 1929. The Gehling had taken away business from the smaller Cain/Jenne but in 1929 the Gehling itself lost business to the new Rivoli theatre built in 1928. On the right is the V. G. Lyford general store occupying the L. A. Ryan building built in 1877 after the original burned. Ryan's Hall, located on the upper floor, served as the community's opera house until the Cain/Jenne was built two years later.

Humboldt Chapter No. 234 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship available

Humboldt Chapter No. 234, Order of the Eastern Star of Humboldt, Nebraska is making available one scholarship in the amount of \$600. All high school seniors are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Selection will be based on evidence of good citizenship and high moral character as well as scholastic standing and financial need.

Seniors interested in applying for this scholarship may contact Debbi Dunn at 64274 719 Trail, Stella, Nebraska 68442 or you may contact your local high school guidance counselor who has been provided with information and application forms.

Humboldt Chapter is providing this scholarship in cooperation with the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star. The generosity of the members of the Eastern Star in Nebraska has made it possible for the members in Nebraska to provide funds for scholarships to High School Seniors across the state for the 2026-2027 school year.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2026. to Debbi Dunn.

Scholarship committee members for the Humboldt Chapter are Debbi Dunn and George Ketner of Stella and Nancy Nemechek of Humboldt.

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COUNTY COURT

Brok A. Fay, count one, possess firearm by prohibited person-first, amended to carry concealed weapon-prohibited person-first, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, burglary, amended to criminal trespass-first degree, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-5 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 11, 2026.

Brandt T. Chapple, count one, assault-first degree, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, assault-cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for March 30, 2026.

DISTRICT COURT

David A. Ward, count one, sexual assault/child-first degree, pled not guilty; count two, false imprisonment-first degree, pled not guilty; count three, commit child abuse intentionally/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 31, 2026.

River J. McNeely, count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 50 days, credit for 34 days served.

River J. McNeely, count one, tamper with witness/informant/juror, amended to attempt of a class four felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 110 days, credit for 63 days served.

River J. McNeely, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking of \$1,500-4,999, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, post rel supervision for term of 12 months, post rel supervision admin enrollment fee of \$30, post rel supervision probation fee (monthly) of \$420, drug testing fee of \$60, credit for days served (100 days), restitution of \$325.

Carl A. Mitchell, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class four felony, pled guilty, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for April 14, 2026.

Donald E. Murphy, Jr., count one, fail to report every 3 months/prior, amended to sex offender reg act viol, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Shayne C. Songer, count one, theft-rcv stolen prop \$5,000+, amended to theft-rcv stolen prop \$1,500-4,999, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count two amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for June 2, 2026.

Raul Casillas Martinez, counts 1-2, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count three, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; counts 4-5, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, counts 6-7, carry concealed weapon where prohib-sub, pled not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty; count nine possess/consume open alcohol container, pled not guilty; count 10, no brake lights/turn signals, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 31, 2026.

Raul Casillas Martinez, count one, possess deadly weapon-prohibited person, pled not guilty; count two, attempt of a class 2A felony, pled not guilty; count three, use deadly weapon to commit a felony, pled not guilty;

count four, assault-cause bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for March 31, 2026.

Mary V. Clancy, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Jury trial scheduled for July 15, 2026.

CITATIONS

Anquette Guillory of Katy, TX, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wissmann)

Kavetta Thompson of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

I'Quaveayre Jackson of Hiawatha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

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

Dylan Akins of Sioux Falls, SD, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

Jorden Frederick of Salem, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Mitzel)

Carlos Lopez Castro of Holton, KS, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Novak)

Jacob Rieger of Falls City, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs; count two dropped/dismissed. (Geyer)

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

Che' Olson of Smyrna, GA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Blake Huber of Portales, NM, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

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

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FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

March 10, 2026 through March 11, 2026 calls: two animal calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one parking complaint, five ambulance/EMS calls, five burn permits, two fire calls, one referred other agency call, and one miscellaneous call. Eighteen total calls. Two 911 calls, with fire calls including one in Rulo and one in Verdon.

March 11, 2026 through March 12, 2026 calls: one referred other agency call, one alarm, two miscellaneous calls, two animal calls, one information-only call, one accident, and one theft. Nine total calls. Two 911 calls, eight citations (leave accident/fail to furnish unsafe backing, speeding, no operator's license, improper/defective vehicle lighting, no proof of ownership, no license on person, theft by shoplifting), and three warnings (no valid registration, no license on person, and two for improper/defective vehicle lighting).

March 12, 2026 through March 13, 2026 calls: six ambulance/EMS calls, four animal calls, one welfare check, one motorist assist, eight fire calls, two information-only calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, one miscellaneous call, one HHS intake/referral, two traffic/driving complaints, and one found/lost property call. Twenty-eight total calls. Sixteen 911 calls, fire calls involving Falls City Fire, Falls City Rural Fire, Stella Fire, and Verdon Fire, three citations (litter, maintaining a nuisance, and two for exhibition driving), and seven warnings (two for speeding, one for failure to signal before 100 feet, one for following too closely, two for violating driver's license regulations, and one for improper/defective vehicle lighting).

March 13, 2026 through March 14, 2026 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdials, one records check, seven ambulance/EMS calls, one welfare check, three referred-other-agency calls, one miscellaneous call, one gun permit, two burn permits, one investigation, three fire calls, one animal call, one HHS intake/referral, and one traffic/driving complaint. Nine 911 calls and two fire calls.

March 14, 2026 through March 15, 2026 calls: four miscellaneous calls, one HHS intake/referral, two disturbances, one alarm, one ambulance/EMS call, one referred-other-agency call, one traffic/driving complaint, and one fire call. Three 911 calls and one fire call.

March 15, 2026 through March 16, 2026 calls: one miscellaneous call, one weather call, one investigation, one ambulance/EMS call, one welfare check, and one fire call. Two 911 calls and one fire call.

Two city owned vehicles involved in minor accident

Two City of Falls City vehicles were involved in a traffic accident March 6 at the intersection of 28th Street and Highland Avenue, according to a Nebraska Motor Vehicle Crash Report.

The crash occurred at 6:17 p.m. and involved a fire truck and a police pickup.

According to the report, a police truck was parked near the curb with emergency lights activated near 2800 Highland Ave. A fire truck traveling east on 2800 Street began making a right turn onto Highland Avenue when the driver's side rear of the fire truck struck the driver's side rear of the parked police vehicle, causing an estimated \$1,000 in damage each to both vehicles. Both vehicles are owned by the City of Falls City.

Parking lot accident on Feb. 25

A two-vehicle accident was reported Feb. 25 in a parking lot in Falls City, according to a Nebraska Motor Vehicle Crash Report.

The crash occurred at 10:55 a.m. in the Runza parking lot, approximately 100 feet from 14th Street.

According to the report, a vehicle at the drive-thru window driven by Thomas Kopf of Falls City, was believed by the driver to be in park but was in reverse. The vehicle then moved backward and struck a second vehicle driven by Cheyenne Schawang of Falls City, that was stopped in traffic, causing damage to both vehicles.

An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to each vehicle.

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Tiger baseball opens season at home

The Falls City nine started the 2026 spring season at home on Friday afternoon against Plattsmouth. The Blue Devil batters tagged Tiger pitcher Orion Cattrell for three runs in the first inning and never looked back, earning an 11-0 season-opening win over FC.

Falls City was out-hit 7-2 and made five errors, resulting in three unearned Blue Devil runs.

Two errors and a walk contributed to the three

runs in the opening inning for Plattsmouth. The Blue Devils added two more in the third, drawing a walk, hitting a double, and getting a single. Meanwhile, FC struggled to get their offense going, going down in order during the first three innings.

Trailing 6-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning, Cattrell hit a ground ball to third to record the first base hit of the year for FC. A strike-out and double play ended the Tiger threat.

The Blue Devils capitalized in the fifth, drawing four walks and scoring five more runs to build an 11-0 lead.

With two outs in the bottom of the fifth, Kam Huppert singled to center, becoming just the second Tiger baserunner. The next batter struck out to end the game.

Tiger batters struck out eight times and didn't draw any walks, while Plattsmouth took seven walks and struck out six times.

Cattrell and Huppert each singled for FC, and Cattrell took the loss, allowing six runs (3 earned), striking out five in four innings.

On Saturday, FC hit the road for the Crete Invitational. In the first game of the day, FC fell to Fairbury 13-3. After falling to the Jeffs, FC found themselves on the wrong end of a 25-1 contest against the Crete Cardinals.

Fairbury led 5-0 after two innings, but then the Tiger offense came alive. Callen Furnas hit a one-out single to start things in the third. A wild pitch, a fly out, and another wild pitch allowed Furnas to cross home plate, scoring FC's first run of the season.

Trailing 5-1 in the fourth, Brock Niedfeldt started the inning by getting hit by a pitch. A single by Huppert to right field and another hit by pitch loaded the bases with one out. Elin Vonderschmidt drove in Niedfeldt on a base hit to left field, reducing the Jeff lead to 5-2. A fielder's choice by Furnas scored Huppert, making it 5-3. Unfortunately, Fairbury scored the final eight runs of the game to pull away for a 13-3 victory.

Jones and Huppert went 1-for-3 at the plate, while Vonderschmidt and Furnas were each 1-for-2. Furnas and Vonderschmidt each drove in an RBI. Jayton Wilkerson took the loss, allowing eight runs (five earned) in 3 1/3 innings. In the last game of the day, Crete scored 17 runs in the second inning to secure the win, 25-1.

Wilkerson started the game by reaching base on an error by the third baseman. A one-out single by Jones drove Wilkerson home from second, giving FC a 1-0 lead. Crete scored six runs in the first inning, 17 in the second, and two in the third to secure the win. FC was out-hit 13-2 and committed six errors.

Niedfeldt was saddled with the loss, allowing seven hits and 11 runs (9 earned) in 1 2/3 innings of work.

The 0-3 Tigers hosted Rock Port on Monday, played at Lincoln Christian on Thursday, and played a doubleheader at Omaha South on Saturday.

Offner and Jackson lead Tiger boys at Doane

The Falls City track season got underway on Friday, March 20, at Doane University. The Tiger boys scored 30 points and placed eighth, while the Lady Tigers accumulated 18 points and placed ninth. Tri County won the boys meet with 75 points, followed by Bishop Neumann with 53 and Logan-Magnolia with 48. For the girls, Bishop Neumann took first place with 99 points, Cornerstone Christian was second with 55, and Johnson County Central was third with 52.

The Falls City boys scored 30 points, all from gold-medal performances. Falls City senior Caleb Offner, competing in his first Tiger track meet, swept the weight events. Offner threw the shot 52-10.25 for the win, besting Dayne Clark of Superior, who was second at 48-07. Offner easily outdistanced the competition in the discus as well. His throw of 153-04 was good enough for the gold by nearly 17 feet. Clark was relegated to the silver yet again, taking second at 136-05.

The Tigers' final points came from Tanner Jackson in the pole vault. Jackson cleared 13-00 on his second attempt, then failed all three tries at 13-06. Hunter Svehla from EMF also cleared 13-00,

but it took him three attempts, giving Jackson the win by tiebreaker.

For the Lady Tigers, freshman Liv Buckminster scored five points, finishing third in the high jump at 5-00. Buckminster cleared 5-00 on her first attempt but missed all three tries at 5-02. Laura Blake of Grand Island CC won the event at 5-02.

Fellow freshman Audrey Scrivens had the best individual finish for the Lady Tigers, earning the silver medal in the 400m dash. Scrivens completed the 400 in 1:03.72. Kerstyn Chapek of Bishop Neumann won the race in 58.58. Scrivens earned another medal and scored a point in the 60m dash, placing sixth in 8.33. Chapek won the event in 7.74.

The girls' 4x400 team of Scrivens, Tessa Gossman, Ella Glathar, and Ashlyn Alexander finished fourth with a time of 4:41.61. Bishop Neumann won the event in 4:24.27, more than eight seconds ahead of second place.

The Tigers will compete on Friday, March 27, at Conestoga High School. The event will include Conestoga, Elmwood-Murdock, JCC, Nebraska City, Weeping Water, and Falls City.



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History made for Tiger wrestling

The 2025-26 wrestling season was historic as Taytum Maddox became the first Lady Tiger grappler to earn a medal at the NSAA State Wrestling Championships in Omaha. On top of that, FC sent a record three Lady Tigers to the meet, along with three boys.

"We were a very young team on both the boys' and girls' sides," said Coach Nick Kraft. "Coaches were extremely pleased with how both teams fought every match and always battled."

Coach Quentin Coatney added, "After Christmas break, something clicked. The boys and girls really stepped it up, started competing with a lot more confidence, and it was awesome to see the progress they made as the season went on."

Both Maddox and Gabi Young made return trips to Omaha, while Gabbi Griffin competed on the big stage for the first time. Maddox placed sixth at 155 in Class B, while Young and Griffin each earned wins as they battled in the consolation bracket.

For the boys, Tristan Randall competed at 132, Orion Cattrell earned two wins at 150, and Chase Simpson earned a win at 285.

"The way our girls finished the season was incredible," said Kraft. "With how young and

inexperienced we were going into the season, I never thought we would finish the way we did."

Coatney said for him, the boys winning the ECNC for the fifth straight year was the highlight. Coatney said he knew facing Weeping Water in the conference tourney would be a battle.

"Our guys wrestled their tails off," said Coatney. "In the end, we won the dual by just four points and ended up winning the tournament."

Coatney said he was extremely proud of the girls, who persevered despite having such a young roster. He cited dual wins over Auburn and Sabetha as big moments throughout the year.

"Overall, it was awesome to see how much everyone on both the boys and girls' teams improved as the season went on," said Coatney. "The growth, effort and toughness they showed all year was something to be proud of."

Both coaches cited the hard work from the entire program as a reason to be excited for the future.

"Growing our girls' team to where it is now, compared to when we started, is tremendous," said Kraft. "I give a lot of credit to those girls trusting us as coaches, knowing we could do anything for them in order to be successful."

Kraft acknowledged the parents' support and the sacrifices the athletes make.

"The program is completely aligned from the youth all the way through high school, and you can see the accomplishments that have come with that. It's a very tough sport, and we couldn't do what we do without support from everyone involved in our program."

Coach Coatney piggybacked on what Kraft said, citing the hard work the athletes put in throughout the year.

"Because of that commitment, the results really showed this season," stated Coatney. "The HS girls, HS boys and MS girls all brought home ECNC titles, and the MS boys finished as ECNC runner-ups. As a coaching staff, we couldn't be more proud of the effort these kids have put in."

Falls City will return state qualifiers Maddox, Young, Griffin and Randall. With all the youth returning for the program, look for records to continue to fall.

Young Lady Tiger basketball team building for future

The Falls City Tiger girls' basketball team finished the season with a 5-19 record. However, FC can only go up from here. Youth is on the Lady Tigers' side as only one senior was on the court for Coach Don Hogue this past season. In fact, the rest of the squad was built around freshmen and sophomores, so key experience from the 2025-26 season should lead to improved play for FC in the future.

"Going into the season, we knew it would be a moment-by-moment year," said Coach Don Hogue. "When you have 12 girls and all but one

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Lady Titans pick up big wins in 2025-26

The HTRS Lady Titans wrapped up the 2025-26 season with a 12-11 record, one shy of the season prior. The Titans had a season-best three-game winning streak in early January, defeating Meridian, Parkview Christian and Sterling. Conversely, HTRS never lost more than two consecutive games throughout the season.

The season was full of ups and downs, but HTRS picked up quality wins over Lourdes Central (13-10), Weeping Water (16-10), Freeman (17-8) and took JCC (18-7) to overtime.

The Titans' season came to an end in subdistricts, with a 56-43 loss to Lourdes Central.

"I thought we had a solid season," said Coach Schuyler Kuhlmann. "While last year we graduated one key athlete, we still returned four senior starters. We started the year with an opening win over Diller-Odell, which hadn't happened in many years. We continued to pick up some good wins over Lourdes, EMF and Weeping Water before the break."

The 45-21 win over Diller-Odell on December 5 ended a 17-year season-opening loss streak to the Lady Griffins.

The Lady Titans had their three-game winning streak halted by Freeman, 51-35, on January 12.

"After break, the best thing that happened to us was finding an upset over Freeman," said Coach Kuhlmann. "We had played them well in MUDECAS, but they ultimately ended up winning the whole thing. I think we gained some confidence from the first loss and the girls adjusted and played really well the sec-

ond time around."

Kuhlmann was referring to a 41-37 win over the Falcons on January 30. At the time, it was just the Falcon's fifth loss of the season.

As a team, HTRS scored 951 points, making 367 of 1,149 field goal attempts. The Lady Titans went 78-of-364 from beyond the arc and made 139-294 (47%) of their free throw attempts. HTRS corralled 771 rebounds, dished out 245 assists, had 254 steals, 67 blocks and turned the ball over 386 times.

Elie Bstandig finished the season with 274 points and 279 rebounds. The senior added 42 steals, 46 blocks and 31 assists.

Fellow senior Lillian Bowen also wrapped up a great Titan career. The guard scored 274 points, added 87 rebounds, 30 assists, and 86 steals. She led the team with 38 made triples.

Maddie Bredemeier scored 121 points, added a team-best 71 assists and finished with 34 steals.

Kenadi McClarnen was right behind with 117 points, 106 rebounds, 33 assists and 36 steals.

PJ Howe also broke the century mark with 111 points. The sophomore added 129 rebounds, 44 assists and 30 steals.

"Individually, Lillian Bowen and Elie Bstandig did a great job leading the way," said Coach Kuhlmann. "I felt like teams really dialed in on them this year, and that's when Maddie Bredemeier, Kenadi McClarnen and PJ Howe stepped up in big ways on different occasions. It was a great group to coach, and I am proud of them."

Titan boys struggle down the stretch

The HTRS Titan basketball squad finished the season with 10 wins against 15 losses; however, HTRS played really good basketball at times during the 2025-26 campaign. The season had ups and downs, but the flow never got too high or too low. HTRS enjoyed a season-long three-game winning streak that began at the Weeping Water Holiday Tourney and carried into the first of the year. The Titans won the tourney, defeating Southern 54-47 and then beating Falls City 42-31 for the tournament championship. The third win came on January third as HTRS took down Meridian 50-41. The longest stretch between wins was a four-game streak that began on December 9th with a loss to Lewiston and stretched to December 22 when HTRS fell to Sacred Heart 67-41.

The season came to an end on February 24, when HTRS lost to BDS, 64-54, in subdistrict action.

The Titans ended the season with 1,115 points scored, 709 rebounds, 332 assists, 154 steals, and 54 blocks.

Individually, Emmett Glathar had a season to remember. The senior big man scored 546 points, grabbed 234 rebounds, dished out 28 assists, swiped the ball 52 times and contributed 28 blocked shots. Glathar shot 51% from the field, adding 24 from the three-point line. Glathar also led the team with 80 made free throws on 165 attempts.

Kameon Dettmann, a junior, was next with 189 points. Dettman led the team with 28 triples. The guard added 77 rebounds, 107 assists and 36 steals.

Also breaking the 100-point mark was junior Darius Bohling with 128 points. Bohling added 95 rebounds, 89 assists, 23 steals, and nine blocked shots. Bohling was second on the squad with 27 made threes.

Sophomore Cole Hunzeker scored 89 points, added 154 rebounds and dished out 32 assists.

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senior, would be freshmen and sophomores. We improved in some areas, but we need to have intensity on defense. Fundamentals are essential, and we must get better."

The season was full of streaks for Falls City. The Lady Tigers opened the year with seven consecutive losses before breaking through with a 44-25 win over Parkview Christian at the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Tigers enjoyed success in mid-January, winning three straight. FC defeated South Holt, Nodaway Valley and Boys Town from January 15 to January 20. Unfortunately for FC, the 27-17 win over Boys Town on January 20 was the last of the season. The Lady Tigers dropped the final nine contests of the year, including a 69-23 loss in subdistricts to Syracuse.

For the season, FC scored 564 points and allowed 1,068. The Tigers went 192-of-756 from the field and made 130 of 286 free throw attempts. FC also sank 50 of 278 shots from beyond the arc. FC dished out 139 assists and finished with 589 turnovers. The Tigers added 204 steals, 31 blocks and 597 rebounds.

Carlea Dunkhas, the only senior on the team, led the offense with 168

points. The four-year player added a team-best 131 rebounds, 35 assists and 41 steals.

Brynna Glathar was next with 101 points. The freshman led FC with 22 made three-pointers. Glathar contributed 40 rebounds, 17 assists and 34 steals.

Bella Johansen was next for Coach Hogue with 87 points. The guard added 89 rebounds, 14 assists and 33 steals.

Kaytlin Rhodd finished the season with 80 points, 122 rebounds and 33 steals. Teammate Tessa Gossman tossed in 60 points, snagged 54 boards, dished out 37 assists and swiped the ball 38 times from the opposition.

The youth of the team saw meaningful minutes all season, and it can only benefit the team as it moves forward.

"Carlea will be missed," said Hogue. "But, we have girls that have learned from her and will be great leaders going forward."

Falls City will return the bulk of its production for the next year, with expectations on the rise.

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

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

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

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Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sun. Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass schedule: Mon.-Fri., 6:30AM. Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor
Riverside Fellowship 117 S 3rd St., Rulo, NE. Sun. Worship 9AM. Fellowship, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Study 10AM Following Worship. David Showalter, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

Stella Community Church Sun: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM. John States, Pastor
Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfcchurch.com.
Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110

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

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

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

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River of Hope Fellowship 2765 Hwy 159, PO Box 176, Forest City, MO 64451. Sun. Worship: 10:30AM, Sunday School: 9:30AM. Will Certain, Pastor. 816-824-8566. Randy Seedorff, Pastor. 816-507-7339

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AARP Nebraska's March Scam Watch Alerts

Your monthly guide to spotting, avoiding and reporting scams

Fraud is widely underreported in this country, often because people don't realize it's a crime, feel embarrassed, or aren't sure where to report it. If a scam involves your financial institution, contact your bank right away, as they may be able to stop or reverse transactions or freeze your account. You can also file a report with local law enforcement to create an official record that may help with future restitution and assist police in identifying patterns. Scams can be reported to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov, which uses the information to track trends. Finally, consider sharing your experience with lawmakers, including local legislators, your state attorney general, and Members of Congress, so they understand the impact of fraud on constituents and can take action to address it.

New Rule May Add Surge of IRS Imposter Scams: IRS imposter scams tend to spike during tax season, and a new change in how refunds are issued could create added confusion and opportunities for scammers.

Starting this year, the IRS will only issue tax refunds electronically as the federal government moves away from paper checks. Changes like this are often used by scammers to make their messages sound more believable.

Scammers impersonating the IRS may contact you claiming they need your banking information to "update your refund details" because of the new rule. Know that the IRS generally will not call, text, or email you. Rather, the agency will send a letter to the taxpayer's last known address explaining next steps or requesting additional information.

If you're unsure whether a message is legitimate, don't engage. Instead, confirm your tax refund or payment status by contacting the IRS directly using a trusted phone number from an official IRS letter, or by logging in to your IRS Online Account if you have one.

We'll Buy Your Home Ads and Mailers: If you own a home, you've probably received a solicitation saying, "We want to buy your house." The offer may sound appealing, but it's often not in your best interest.

These sell-your-home schemes often target older homeowners who are likely to have significant home equity. The bad actors search public records for foreclosure filings, divorces, or recent deaths to identify homeowners who may be under financial or emotional stress.

They frequently rely on high-pressure sales tactics and misleading claims, including misrepresenting the value of your home, exaggerating market conditions to create a false sense of urgency, or even suggesting you may owe back taxes.

Even promises to buy homes "as is" can be misleading. In some cases, buyers later back out of that pledge and demand repairs before completing the sale, leaving the seller responsible for costly fixes after all.

If you're thinking about working with a "We Buy Homes" company, know the true value of your home, understand what you're signing, and get legal advice before moving forward.

Take Part in a Free Event During AARP Fraud Prevention Month: Scams are everywhere today, from fake texts and emails to nonstop phone calls, and the damage is devastating. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Americans lost as much as \$196 billion to financial fraud in 2024, with older adults losing as much as \$81.5 billion.

This April, AARP is mounting a nationwide Fraud Prevention Month, through which volunteers across the country will host hundreds of free local events that offer practical ways to stay informed, safe, and connected.

You can also join AARP from the comfort of your home on April 15 for a special fraud prevention broadcast on RFD-TV and online, or pick up the phone for a nationwide Tele-Town Hall with AARP fraud experts on April 30. Learn more at aarp.org/FraudSafety.

Fraud affects every generation, and the AARP Fraud Watch Network™ is helping people fight back one community at a time. By learning together and sharing information, we can better protect one another.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with the AARP Fraud Watch Network™. If you suspect a scam, call the free Helpline at 877-908-3360 to speak with a trained fraud specialist about what to do next. To get biweekly Watchdog Alerts with updates on new scams and how to avoid them, text "FWN" to 50757 to sign up.

ZONING

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zoning requirements that may be considered now or in the future."

Steffen said, "I think we can fairly say that we have heard concerns from the public and we've listened and responded, and one way we respond is by stepping back and slowing down a minute. Let's be sure we have a clear statement as to why."

The county is required to have a comprehensive plan, even without zoning, according to County Attorney Samantha Scheitel.

"Nebraska State Statute requires counties to adopt a comprehensive plan, and there is not a strict guideline on how often you have to do that, but you do have to have one," said Scheitel.

Scheitel added, "Before a comprehensive plan can be adopted, there has to be a public hearing. The final plan can't be adopted without that public hearing. At that point, the public will have an opportunity to review the full plan as proposed and make comments, whether in favor or not."

The Board held a closed meeting with Jerry Pigsley, special legal counsel, at 9:05 a.m., to discuss pending litigation. The meeting returned to a regular session at 9:31 a.m.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. reported that he would soon order a building to replace the county garage shop in Verdon, and that plans could then be finalized with a contractor to erect the building.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board and stated that the Law Enforcement Center was currently holding 14 inmates. The Sheriff Department is also considering purchasing a few body cameras in the next budget cycle.

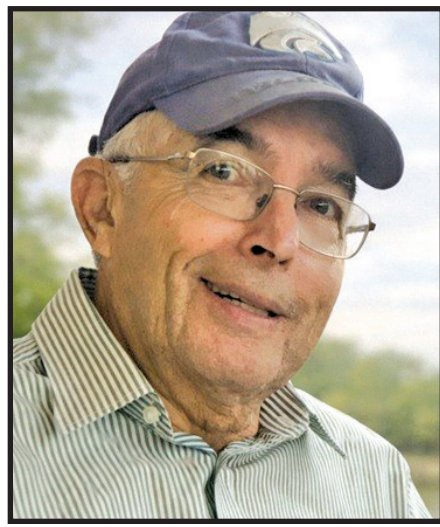
Dayton Quint, a newly hired Deputy, passed reciprocity and will begin training at the Law Enforcement Center. He also noted that Deputy Novak will be attending specialized training in the coming weeks for Field Training Officer classes.

Karly Black, Engagement Zone Coordinator for UNL Extension, presented a quarter update to the Commissioners.

A subdivision for Chad M. and Carol L. Herr and Mark S. and Denise R. Moerer, located in S4, T2, R13, was approved, and Resolution 2025-2026-33 passed.

A memorial donation of \$1,000 to the County Veterans Aid Fund was received from the Mona Godemann family. Claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 11:26.

Kenneth L. Herbster



Kenneth LeRoy Herbster, 86, of Morrill, Kansas, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, Kansas.

Ken was born on May 23, 1939, in Morrill, Kansas, to George and Nellie (Wardlow) Herbster. He attended a one-room country school north of Morrill and then transferred to the Morrill Public Schools in the third grade. He graduated from Morrill High School in 1957. He then attended Kansas State University, where he was a member of the livestock judging team. He graduated from Kansas State in 1961 with a degree in animal science and returned to the family farm. As Cold War tensions escalated, in conjunction with the early days of the Vietnam conflict, he was drafted into the United States Army in the fall of 1961. After basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado, and MP training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, he was stationed in Germany. Following his honorable discharge from military service, he returned to the family farm in late 1963.

In 1972, Ken married the love of his life, Margaret "Mardy" Edwards, along with their three children, Jeff, Betsy, and David. In 1979, a fourth child, Judd, was added to this union. Ken will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather who was always there for his family. Until the final day of his life, Ken remained by Mardy's side as she battled numerous health issues.

Ken and Mardy lived and raised their family on a farm north of Morrill. Ken farmed and raised livestock until his retirement. In 2017, Ken and Mardy moved to the Apostolic Christian Retirement Apartments in Sabetha. During his retirement, Ken continued to work delivering mail for the United States Postal Service.

Ken lived a life of service to his community. He served on the Sabetha Unified School District Board of Education from 1982 to 1994, including a term as President, and was a member of the building committee that oversaw the planning and construction of the new Sabetha Middle School. He later served on the Prairie Hills USD 113 Foundation Board. Ken served multiple terms on the church council of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Falls City, NE, where he was a lifelong member. He also served on numerous other boards, including the Northeast Kansas Rural Development Association, the Morrill Alumni Association, Morrill Township, and as a leader of the Morrill Tip-Top 4-H Club.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; his granddaughter, Brenna Herbster; and his sister-in-law, Bonnie Edwards.

Ken is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mardy; his daughter, Betsy (Paul) Tedman; his three sons, Jeff (Vicky) Herbster, David (Connie) Herbster, and Judd (Kelly) Herbster; his nine grandchildren, Cody (Andie) Herbster, Maggie (Alex) Mueller, Matt (Michelle) Tedman, Meganne (Evan) Lamprecht, Madeline (Al) Burnes, Kevan Herbster, Lauren (Tanner) Baumgart, Tyler Herbster, and Blake Herbster; his 16 great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Michael, Mary, Matthias, Margaret and Malachi Tedman; Kellen, Landon, and Joelle Lamprecht; August Burnes; Rhett and Zade Herbster; Knox, Dax and Hux Mueller; and Taylor Baumgart; his brother, Robert (Mary) Herbster; his sister, Jan (Danny) Hay; his brother-in-law, Robert Edwards; and his sister-in-law, Mary Lou Gibbs; and his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family extends a special note of gratitude to the staff at the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha EMS, and Nemaha County Home Health & Hospice for their exceptional kindness and care provided to their parents over the past few years.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Falls City, NE. A visitation was held on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha, KS. Interment was in the Morrill Cemetery in Morrill with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Sabetha EMS, Nemaha County Home Health & Hospice in Sabetha, and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Falls City, NE, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534.

Condolences can be shared online at www.popkessmortuaries.com.

Roger "Junior" Johnson



Rodger "Junior" M. Johnson, 72, of Hastings, NE; formerly of Falls City, NE and Yankton, South Dakota, passed away Monday, March 10, 2026 at his home. He was born July 17, 1953 in Bloomfield, NE, the son of Mary Marie (nee McShannon) of Yankton, South Dakota and the late Rodger Johnson.

In addition to his father he is preceded in death by his wife Sarah Johnson.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his children Michael (Elizabeth) Johnson of Firth, Nebraska, Corey Johnson of Festus, MO and Nicole Welch of Hastings; grandchildren Logan Welch, Keegan Johnson, Makenna (Jason) Phillips, Reece Johnson, Deacon Pfohl, Kloye Johnson and Paige Johnson; sister Barbara (the late Sam) Colvin of Hastings; brothers Bill (Jennifer) Johnson of Sutton, NE and Rod (Tamme) Johnson of Almena, KS; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rodger worked as a machine operator for over 36 years for Burlington Northern Railroad. He was a 1971 graduate of Bloomfield High School. He loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed watching football, especially the Huskers and Kansas City Chiefs, old western shows and game shows.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in the hospitality building, 2901 Douglas Ave., Yankton, South Dakota with inurnment immediately following at Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

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The SBH Review: Flavor complexity - and plenty of meat - distinguish Omaha's own sandwich, the Reuben

'It has everything. It's got sweet, salty, savory, briny, crunchy,' said chef Paul Urban, who co-owns downtown Omaha's Block 16. 'It's the perfect sandwich.'

By Sarah Baker Hansen, Flatwater Free Press

The Reuben sandwich — Omaha's own sandwich — is simple. Just five ingredients: bread, kraut, cheese, dressing and corned beef.

Countless Omaha restaurants serve 100 versions of it at Irish pubs, high-end spots and your average bar and grill.

It's partly because it was invented here. And it's partly because the Reuben has a complexity of flavor that still has appeal nearly a century after a young Omaha chef first made it.

"It has everything. It's got sweet, salty, savory, briny, crunchy," said chef Paul Urban, who co-owns downtown's Block 16 and has served a Reuben regularly off and on for years. "The Reuben gets a pass with everybody. It's the perfect sandwich."

So, it only makes sense that during the week of St. Patrick's Day and the launch of the annual Sarah Baker Hansen and Flatwater Free Press food bracket, we decided to embark on a mini-tour of Reubens around town.

After all, the bracket this year is meant to pick the best sandwich in all of Omaha and Lincoln. It feels like we should start with the hometown sandwich.

The lineup of Reubens I tried included two old faves of mine and two new-to-me versions I'd heard a lot about. And there was much variety among those four sandwiches despite their succinct list of ingredients.

The corner of 38th and Farnam is the most important spot to the lore of the Reuben, because it's where the sandwich was invented. (I'm no longer trifling with those persistent and pesky claims that it was invented in New York City.)

Here's the history, as I've written before: Reuben Kulakofsky was one of a group of men who played a late-night poker game at the Blackstone Hotel in the 1920s. Charles Schimmel, the hotel's owner, was in the game, too. Each time they played, the men would reserve a few nickels and dimes from each hand and call down to the kitchen for a midnight snack.

Bernard Schimmel, one of Charles' sons and a chef at the hotel, would bring a variety of meats and breads to the men, and they'd make their own sandwiches. Kulakofsky came up with a sandwich that everyone loved. The group called it the Reuben.

Charles Schimmel liked Reuben's sandwich so much that he put it on the hotel menu. A listing from 1934 says "Reuben Sandwich, 40 cents." (As far as we know, this is also the first-ever menu that features the sandwich, pre-dating claims that the sandwich origi-

nated at a New York restaurant.)

Bernard Schimmel wrote the recipe down the exact way he made it in the kitchen at the Blackstone. The Junior League of Omaha preserved his recipe and instructions and later published the recipe in one of its charitable cookbooks. That recipe is similar to what the Cottonwood Hotel — the renamed and reopened hotel where it was first made — uses today, though they have made some upgrades.

Inside the Orleans Room, one of Cottonwood's two restaurants, executive chef Brandon Kalfut uses a typed version of the Reuben recipe, which the hotel still has. Tender beef brisket gets vacuum packed in brine for a month, then cooked for at least 12 hours. The pickled cabbage gets its own salt bath. The Russian dressing is made from scratch. The dark rye bread comes from Omaha's Rotella's Bakery.

The \$16 sandwich employs just a hint of mustard — an inclusion that departs from the original recipe — that works to balance the heavy richness of the rest of the ingredients: shaved corned beef, tangy sauerkraut, Gruyere cheese (instead of the traditional Emmental) and creamy Thousand Island dressing, all grilled to a perfect sear on pumpernickel rye.

I had a hard time even detecting the mustard, and may not have known it was there had it not been listed on the menu. The cheese, like the original selection, is understated and melts wonderfully, sinking into the meat and onto the bread.

Across the street is the Crescent Moon, where for decades the kitchen has put out what many, including this writer, consider to be one of the city's best Reubens. The corned beef inside a Reuben comes primarily in two styles: chunks or slices. The Moon is, and always has been, in the chunky camp.

I think the Moon Reuben, \$13.99, is still quite good, though, over the years, I think it has gotten saucier than it used to be. In fact, I might call it a touch too saucy these days. In several bites of the sandwich, served on a thicker slice of marble rye, the kraut and dressing overwhelmed the briny tang of the corned beef. When you do get a chunk of corned beef, it's good.

(Have a favorite Reuben? Vote for it, and your favorite sandwich in seven other categories, in this year's SBH and Flatwater Free Press Food Bracket.)

Across town at Sean O'Casey's Pub, off 144th and West Center, the Reuben is a double-decker situation, with an extra grilled slice of marble rye in between layers of sliced corned beef and what feels like a higher ratio of melted Swiss cheese. The kraut and Thousand Island are more restrained in this version, which is \$12.99, and the corned beef is plentiful.

Fun fact: Every Thursday, the kitchen puts out a corned beef, cabbage and potato dinner, in case you have that craving all year long.

The final Reuben we tried was at Paddy McGown's, an Irish pub near 45th and Center Streets. For the pub version of the sandwich, this one is killer: Hot, melty and stacked with meat. I appreciate that here, the meat is the star of the show, and outweighed both kraut and cheese. I also have to recommend the bar's version of a Reuben egg roll — a dish that first popped on my Omaha bar food radar a while ago, but one I'd not tried until writing this story. The filling has all the classic Reuben flavors stuffed inside a super crispy roll with a side of tangy Russian dressing for a dipper. Sounds weird. Tastes great.

Urban said St. Patrick's Day marks the high point of Reuben season at Block 16, and that beloved Omaha joint puts time and effort into the sandwich to celebrate. The restaurant brines corned beef for 10 days, rests it for a day, then braises it in beer for about 12 hours at low temperature.

They slice it — no shredding here — then finish it on the flat top for a light sear. The goal is "melt in your mouth but not fall apart," Urban says, preserving a slight bite while ensuring tenderness. The kitchen cooks cabbage with salt pork, braised pork, onion, garlic, vinegar, plus bacon for a smoky finish. Together, these techniques, he said, give the sandwich depth.

"It's not healthy," he said, "but that's not really the point."

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VOTING

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questions regarding the All-Mail ballots. If you reside in either one of the All-Mail precincts, check your voter registration at <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov> to ascertain

that your address and the political party that you are wanting to cast your ballot for are correct.

Please contact the County Clerk's Office at 245-2911 if you have further questions or need more information regarding the 2026 Elections or Nebraska's Voter ID Law.

FC Journal announces some end of April deadline changes

The Falls City Journal will operate under adjusted production deadlines during the middle and end of April.

Due to scheduling changes, deadlines for April editions will move to Thursday at noon for three consecutive weeks. These deadlines apply to all content, including advertisements, legal notices and news items. Obituaries will be excluded.

The adjusted deadlines are: Thursday, April 16 for the April 22 edition.

Thursday, April 23 for the April 29 edition.

Thursday, April 30 for the May 6 edition.

The Journal will return to its regular Friday noon deadline beginning with the May 13 edition.

Those with questions about submissions or deadlines may contact nikki@fcjournal.net or Brian McKim in the office. Early submissions are welcome anytime.

Nebraska Community Foundation establishes Nebraska Wildfire recovery

In response to the catastrophic and historic wildfires raging through central and western Nebraska, Nebraska Community Foundation, a statewide community development and philanthropy organization, has established the Nebraska Wildfire Recovery Fund.

The Fund aims to provide financial support to Nebraska communities impacted by the 2026 wildfires which may include grants to 501(c)(3) non-profits and governmental entities providing direct support to affected individuals and families, safety equipment, and investments in emergency management infrastructure to build community resilience and preparedness for the future.

Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) proudly works with 266 communities across the state including many in areas impacted by the Morrill and Cottonwood fires. The Foundation is accredited by Community Foundations National Standards for its commitment to rigorous, sector-driven best practices that exceed federal and state requirements to demonstrate accountability and excellence to communities, policymakers and the public.

Over the last three decades, NCF has utilized its robust network of volunteers, now 1,500 strong, to respond to numerous disasters in recent memory including the COVID-19 pandemic and the floods of 2019.

"Our hearts go out to our fellow Nebraskans navigating this tragic loss," said NCF President and CEO Jeff Yost. "Nebraska Community Foundation is focused on supporting Nebraska hometowns as they co-create their future and prepare for what's next. When the communities and places most impacted by these fires enter their rebuilding phase, the Nebraska Wildfire Recovery Fund will be a resource as they turn the lessons of this tragedy into investments toward a more resilient, adaptable future."

For more information and to contribute to the fund, visit www.nebcommfound.org/give/nebraska-wildfire-recovery-fund.

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CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

City of Falls City, NE By Fund
 Payment Dates 3/4/2026 - 3/17/2026
 Vendor Name Description (Item) Amount
FUND: 100 - GENERAL
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$47.92
 Falls City Mercantile 7-10 G Cl Can Liners\$58.64
 Wolfes Printing Name Plates\$40.46
 Brad Griffin Consulting Ink Cartridges\$291.90
 TASC Service February 2026\$125.00
 Register of Deeds City of Falls City/To the Public Ordinance\$22.00
 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies\$86.29
 Quill Corp Office Supplies\$14.00
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$100.31
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$47.92
 Utility Department City Office . \$1,258.46
 Utility Department Old City Hall Lease Property\$76.65
 Utility Dept Rural Housing\$201.94
 Pro ServSAV/P 311M MICR\$55.00
 Amazon Capital Services Past Due Stamp\$10.90
 Falls City Journal Advertising Expense\$514.67
 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Services\$50.00
 AMERITAS BILLING 457 After Tax %\$72.68
 AMERITAS BILLING 457 Pre Tax Percentage\$215.06
 Aflac AFLAC\$269.69
 Collection Associates Court Garnishment\$299.05
 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues\$111.47
 Medica Insurance Group Health\$16,830.72
 IBEW Local Union #1536IBEW Union Dues\$121.47
 International Union of Operating Engineers/IOE Union Dues\$269.13
 Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance\$262.19
 NE Dept of Revenue Garnishment\$250.00
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax\$150.00
 Ameritas Retirement 501a\$11,613.24
 American National Bank HSA\$1,572.00
 Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax\$3,175.39
 Department of the Treasury Federal W/H\$8,006.27
 Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax\$2,725.32
 Dept of the Treasury Social Security Tax\$11,653.10
 Utility Department Transfer of Funds\$100,000.00
 Fund 100 - General Total:\$160,598.84

FUND: 110 - POLICE
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$599.45
 Utility Consultants, Inc Non DOT Drug Tests\$90.00
 Das State Accounting - Central Finance Network Serv. Charges 02/2026\$612.50
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$118.17
 Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center Lodging\$50.00
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$599.45
 Police Dept Petty Cash Petty Cash Reimbursement - Feb. 2026\$45.73
 Falls City Mercantile Paper Towels - Kitchen Rolls\$45.00
 Richardson County Court Court Costs\$170.00
 JAMES WASON Travel Expense - Supervisor Training\$258.91
 Fund 110 - Police Total:\$2,589.21

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$39.94
 Utility Consultants, Inc Non DOT Drug Tests\$90.00
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$13.13
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$39.94
 Utility Dept Animal Control\$15.62
 Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:\$198.63

FUND: 120 - FIRE
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$13.13
 Utility Dept Ambulance Bldg\$356.66
 Utility Department Station/Hydrants\$4,426.34
 Utility Dept Fire Station/Hyd\$73.36
 Utility Dept Fire Station\$962.34
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Use Tax Return Feb. 2026\$72.00
 Fund 120 - Fire Total:\$5,903.83

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$39.94
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$13.13
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$39.94
 Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:\$93.01

FUND: 150 - PARKS
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$79.88
 Farm & City Supply Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Drill Bit\$30.19
 Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service-February 2026\$130.00
 Farm & City Supply Tools- Lopper, \$41.99
 Farm & City Supply Hammer Bit, Screws\$18.48
 Farm & City Supply Paint, Key Ring ID Tag\$19.57
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$39.39
 Farm & City Supply Supplies\$54.63
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$79.88
 Utility Department Stanton Lake Camper Sites/Caretaker\$108.96
 Utility Department Riding Club Site/City Usage\$41.65
 Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop\$41.65
 Utility Dept Grandview Park\$141.33
 Utility Department Stanton Lake South Camper\$332.53
 Utility Dept Parks Dept New Shop\$271.40
 Utility Department Stanton Lake Cabin\$55.36
 Utility Department Dallas Jones Tennis Court\$52.47
 Utility Department Legion Park\$48.01
 Utility Dept Hartman Field\$44.47
 Utility Dept F&M Bank\$44.07
 Utility Department Dallas Jones Park- IRR Mtr\$42.89
 Utility Dept Stanton Lake Volleyball\$42.24

Utility Department Snack Shack-EL-Old-EL-Only\$42.24
 Utility Dept Snack Shack-New\$92.38
 Utility Department SNC Field\$42.24
 Utility Department Riding Club Site/City Usage\$42.24
 Utility Department Stanton Lake North Camper\$42.24
 Utility Department 4-H Barn\$42.24
 Home Lumber Co Lumber\$37.57
 Barco Products LLC surface mount kit 07SA2939s\$35.00
 Barco Products LLC8' cedar steel fram picnic table KMB1200-CD\$1,465.92
 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Services\$50.00
 Shawn Thompson Rental Refund \$50.00
 Fund 150 - Parks Total:\$3,703.11

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM
 Hilliard/Kansas City Cleaning Supplies\$504.56
 Falls City Mercantile 16 Gal Can Liners\$45.81
 Unifirst Corporation Service\$104.01
 Farm & City Supply Scouring Stick\$4.99
 Amazon Capital Services Commercial Toilet Seat\$53.85
 Farm & City Supply Pumie Toilet Ring Remover\$9.99
 Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service-February 2026\$130.00
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$39.39
 Amazon Capital Services Motion Sensor Light Switch\$100.66
 Utility Department Prichard Auditorium\$6,011.92
 Racy Hullman Spin Class Instructor Fees 2.2.26 - 2.27.26\$285.00
 Falls City Mercantile Merit Handwood Brown Towel\$58.63
 Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Services\$50.00
 Linda Santo Yoga Instructor Fees Jan 26th-Feb 23rd\$75.00
 Sara Black Rental Refund\$250.00
 Sara Rue Rental Refund\$250.00
 Women's Volleyball - Kopf - Kriefels Rental Refund\$250.00
 Fund 151 - Auditorium Total:\$8,223.81

FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER
 DWEE Swimming Pools Swimming Pool Permit Renewal - 2026\$40.00
 Utility Department Aquatic Center\$128.81
 Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total:\$168.81

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY
 Amazon Capital Services Bingo Counting Chips\$11.38
 Wolfes Printing Office Supplies\$117.69
 ACCO Brands USA LLC Ultima 65 EZ 1.5mil 27in x 500ft\$141.82
 Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service-February 2026\$65.00
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$52.52
 Utility Dept Library & Arts Center\$3,433.99
 Fund 170 - Library Total:\$3,822.40

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY
 Utility Department Cemetery\$350.23
 Scheitel Feed & Seed 5-Way Fescue\$160.00
 Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:\$510.23

FUND: 190 - STREETS
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$39.94
 Falls City Sanitation Service Monthly Trash Service-February 2026\$65.00
 NMC Inc/CAT Model 265\$9,450.00
 Outdoor Recreation Products DuMor K-FC0840-6 1/2" cap screw hardward\$20.00
 Outdoor Recreation Products DuMor 0-57-00-02 supports with back\$1,054.75
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$26.26
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$39.94
 Utility Department Street Dept\$893.28
 Utility Dept Dist 56 Stop Sign\$42.24
 Utility Dept Dist 56 S Stop Sign\$45.78
 Utility Dept Street Lights\$6,129.85
 Utility Dept Street Dept\$358.60
 Fund 190 - Streets Total:\$18,165.64

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP
 Utility Consultants, Inc Non DOT Drug Tests\$90.00
 Falls City Auto Supply Filter\$8.01
 Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair Hoses\$48.74
 Falls City Auto Supply Snap Ring Pliers\$29.95
 Falls City Auto Supply Spark Plug\$5.98
 Farm & City Supply Hose Clamps\$7.80
 Farm & City Supply Screws\$6.00
 Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:\$196.48

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING
 Lumen Lumen Inv #76464 1536\$3,191.70
 Wolfes Printing Office Supplies\$12.03
 Utility Consultants, Inc Non DOT Drug Tests\$90.00
 Nemaha County Sheriff's Office MFI, annual renewal Inv 673 & 675\$84.61
 Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:\$3,378.34

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC
 Jim Hill's double doors for Pump house\$4,100.00
 Nebraska Municipal Power Pool 20025-2026 NMPP Energy Annual Conference\$295.34
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$297.70
 ATCO International Gloves\$344.70
 Wurth/Industry - Northern Safety & Industrial safety gloves Valeo size 2XL (E1406)\$720.08
 Wurth/Industry - Northern Safety & Industrial safety gloves Valeo size L (E1402)\$759.60
 Wurth/Industry - Northern Safety & Industrial safety gloves Valeo size XL (E1404)\$759.60
 Meyer Home Center Service Call\$95.00
 Municipal Energy Agency of NE January 2026 WAPA\$45,317.00
 Municipal Energy Agency of NE January 2026 Service Schedule(\$62,380.71)
 Berwick CO-OP Oil Company Center Superlube 518 40wt\$4,732.20
 El Camino Electric Materials for 1203 Stone St. -Switch Over Electric\$2,017.49
 Citis Corporation No 2Supplies/Uniforms\$203.70
 Home Lumber Co Treated Lumber\$73.58
 Brad Griffin Consulting LogiTech Speakers\$9.56
 Brad Griffin Consulting Webcam\$54.66
 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max\$497.40
 Falls City Sanitation Service Service February 2026\$195.00
 TASC Service February 2026\$75.00
 Nathan Cepuran Per Diem: 2.19.2026 - 2.20.2026\$102.00
 Wesco Distributions tradvise Reliable 5152 (E1170)\$1,462.00

Farm & City Supply Grade 5 Bolts, Nuts, Washers\$9.19
 Farm & City Supply Bolt, Nuts, Washers GR 8\$33.75
 Harold K Scholz, Co Expense\$400.00
 Harold K Scholz, Co Travel\$137.80
 Harold K Scholz, Co Labor\$7,600.00
 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies\$95.36
 Quill Corporation Office Supplies\$8.39
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$297.70
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$122.37
 159 Lumber & Rentals Plywood\$26.39
 Utility Department Inventory Bldg-61\$747.81
 Utility Department Power Plant Unit #9-62\$6,127.28
 Utility Dept Power Plant-62\$7,531.44
 Utility Dept Plant Water Hi-Lo-62\$308.30
 Utility Department Power Plant Water Dept-62\$3,545.72
 Utility Department Station Power-62\$11,927.33
 DREW FOSTER Per Diem : 2/26/2026\$51.00
 DREW FOSTER Per Diem: 2.25.26\$51.00
 Nathan Cepuran Per Diem: 2.26.26\$51.00
 PATRICK OLBERDING Per Diem: 2.26.26\$51.00
 Municipal Energy Agency of NESPP MOD-031 Resource Adequacy Wrkbb\$900.00
 Falls City Journal Ad Expense\$47.96
 Border States2" 90 deg SCH 40 PVC elbow (E1253)\$27.32
 Husker Electric Supply 2-2-2 aluminum triplex URD wire RAMAPO 1000' reel\$1,252.38
 Husker Electric Supply 2 1/2" PVC conduit (E1216)\$298.74
 Collin Sowards 3rd Year Training: Meals 3/24 - 3/26\$170.00
 Collin Sowards 3rd Year Training: Mileage\$345.10
 Dollar Fresh Bottled Water (E150)\$252.00
 AMERITAS BILLING 457 Pre Tax Percentage\$82.87
 Aflac AFLAC\$75.86
 CWA Dues CWA Union Dues\$300.90
 Medica Insurance Group Health\$17,830.17
 American Natl Bank HSA\$2,572.80
 IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues\$395.83
 Dearborn Life Insurance Company Life Insurance\$260.88
 Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax\$2,068.26
 Ameritas Retirement 501a\$16,134.42
 American National Bank HSA\$715.77
 Department of the Treasury Medicare Tax\$3,683.02
 Department of the Treasury Social Security Tax\$15,748.04
 Nebraska Department of Revenue State W/H Tax\$4,668.49
 Department of the Treasury Federal W/H\$16,436.37
 GARY JORN G. Jom Part Time Wages 2/23 to 2/25\$159.00
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales Tax Return Feb. 2026\$35,610.93
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Use Tax Return Feb. 2026\$12.72
 Fund 600 - Electric Total:\$158,903.56

FUND: 610 - WATER
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$137.87
 Edwards Chemicals Chemicals\$566.78
 Hach Chemical Co Chemicals\$458.02
 Utility Consultants, Inc Non DOT Drug Testing\$90.00
 McMaster-Carr First Aid Supplies\$71.63
 Grainger Snap Action Switch, Plunger\$38.94
 Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab Lab Samples\$100.00
 LINDE Gas & Equipment Inc CO2 Tank Telemetry\$105.50
 LINDE Gas & Equipment Inc CO2 Tank Rental\$1,477.00
 LINDE Gas & Equipment Inc Safety and Environmental Service Fee\$34.76
 Farm & City Supply Deep Impact Socket\$50.72
 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max\$66.32
 Brad Griffin Consulting LogiTech Speakers\$1.28
 TASC Service February 2026\$10.00
 Core & Main LP1" MIPT x CTS quick adapter C84-44Q (W934.5)\$190.87
 Core & Main LP1" MIPT x barb (PTM-2-NL) (W801.5)\$100.14
 Farm & City Supply Wrench Kit\$536.43
 Farm & City Supply Materials/Supplies\$23.63
 Husker Electric Supply 2/0 quad alum URD\$2,489.70
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" Uni-Flange for Ductile (BLACK UFR 1400-D-4)(\$128.79)
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" Uni-Flange for PVC (RED - UFR 1500-4) (W1472)\$139.19
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 1" Compression corp CC x CTS F1000-4 (W899.5)\$158.84
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 3/4" meter coupling Ford C38-23-2.5 NL (W919)\$156.31
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" x 1" CC repair saddle FC202-526-CC4-I (W1587.1)\$206.23
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" x 12" MJ sleeve solid (W1577)\$360.90
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" MJ BOLT ACCESS PK (W1710)\$380.00
 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies\$12.72
 FC Mercantile Toilet Tissue\$85.31
 Quill Corporation Office Supplies\$1.12
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$137.87
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$13.13
 Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" water pipe PVC C900 (W1503)\$510.63
 Utility Department City of Falls City-Water Tower\$243.62
 Utility Department City of FC-Rulo Water Plant North Well\$763.56
 Utility Dept/City of FC-Rulo Water-Collector Well\$10,542.17
 Falls City Journal Ad Expense\$6.39
 GARY JORN G. Jom Part Time Wages 2/23 to 2/25\$1,192.50
 General Fund PILOT: Excise Tax Expense\$4,050.00
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Local Sales Tax Return Feb. 2026\$1,585.96
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Use Tax Return Feb. 2026\$16.67
 Fund 610 - Water Total:\$27,241.50

FUND: 620 - GAS
 Grant County Treasurer Taxes\$395.01
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$177.94
 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Cylinder Refills\$172.91

Border States Rectorseal T+2 4 OZ only (G4560)\$96.81
 Border States1" CTS transition #H1810406-254 (HDPE) w/tap (G474)\$2,369.51
 Brad Griffin Consulting LogiTech Speakers\$3.83
 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max\$198.96
 Falls City Sanitation Service Service February 2026\$65.00
 TASC Service February 2026\$30.00
 Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Oxygen Cylinder Refill 150CF\$97.64
 Koons Gas Measurement (KGM) tariff charges\$85.59
 Koons Gas Measurement (KGM) AC-800 meter\$2,139.55
 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies\$38.14
 Quill Corporation Office Supplies\$3.36
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$297.70
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$65.65
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas Dept Office\$499.17
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas S Fulton St\$127.64
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas W 14th St\$68.30
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas N Molean St\$70.97
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas Dept Office\$178.40
 Utility Department City of FC-Gas Pipe Bldg\$85.04
 Utility Dept City of FC-Gas W 21st\$72.46
 Falls City Journal Ad Expense\$19.18
 NE State Fire Marshal - Fuels Division annual gas meter assessment\$774.40
 Clayton Energy Corp February 2026 Commodity\$54,485.34
 PEFA, INC February 2026 PEFA Commodity\$75,171.10
 GARY JORN G. Jom Part Time Wages 2/23 to 2/25\$477.00
 General Fund PILOT: Gas February 2026\$39,584.50
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Use Tax Return Feb. 2026\$5.71
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales Tax Return Feb. 2026\$33,114.13
 Fund 620 - Gas Total:\$210,851.18

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER
 R/S Electric Motor Services New control method for B-0803 with new contractor\$5,900.44
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 12.27.25 - 1.26.26\$57.91
 Brown County Transfer Sludge Ticket\$225.00
 Kawres Computer Service\$45.00
 INSITE IG Portable analyzer battery pack\$77.00
 Brad Griffin Consulting LogiTech Speakers\$1.28
 Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max\$66.32
 Falls City Sanitation Service Service February 2026\$90.00
 TASC Service February 2026\$10.00
 Amazon Capital Services Office Supplies\$12.71
 Quill Corporation Office Supplies\$1.26
 Verizon Verizon Phone Service 1.27.26 - 2.26.26\$57.91
 US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing\$52.52
 Utility Department City of FC - Waste Water Treatment Plant\$14,492.93
 Utility Department City of FC - Lift Station\$75.95
 159 Lumber & Rentals Lift Master Garage Door Opener\$1,248.00
 Falls City Journal Ad Expense\$6.39
 GARY JORN G. Jom Part Time Wages 2/23 to 2/25\$159.00
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue Nebraska Use Tax Return Feb. 2026\$22.00
 Nebraska Dept of Revenue NE Local Sales Tax Return Feb. 2026\$6,466.42
 Fund 630 - Wastewater Total:\$29,067.90

FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED CASH
 Elan Financial Services February 2026 Utility Purchase Card Reimbursement2532.54
 Payroll - Utility Fund Payroll 3.06.202685219.52
 Fund 998 - Utilities - Pooled Cash Total:87752.06

FUND: 999 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT - POOLED CASH
 Payroll - General Fund Payroll 3.06.202668267.65
 Visa February 2026 General Purchase Card Reimbursement1501.1
 Fund 999 - General Government - Pooled Cash Total:69768.75
\$791,137.29
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FC CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 2, 2026
 A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 2nd day of March 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jom recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. Absent: F. Killingsworth. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR MARCH 2, 2026
 A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll was called on this

motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2026
 A motion was made by Council person Ruiz and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the minutes as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR MARCH 3, 2026
 A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the claims as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-100 AMENDING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND ACTING PRESIDENT TERMS OF OFFICE
 Clerk Jom read the final reading of Ordinance 2026-100. Upon formal reading, a motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Ferguson to accept the second reading. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/BIDS FOR AUDITING FIRMS
 A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Buckminster to remove this item from the table. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/BIDS FOR AUDITING FIRMS
 A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Buckminster to remove this item from the table. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2026 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS AS PUBLISHED IN THE FALLS CITY JOURNAL
 A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the liquor license renewals as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MARCH 21, 2026 AT PRICHARD AUDITORIUM | ALYSSA FINCK
 A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person Kaster to approve the special designated liquor license as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
 A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to enter into closed session at 6:23 pm to discuss the request for leave of absence to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual who has not requested a public meeting. Attendees for the closed session included the Mayor, City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jom, Deputy City Treasurer Stamper, Deputy City Clerk Flint, and Utility Superintendent Campbell. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS - FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST
 A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Ferguson to end the closed session at 6:31 pm and resume the regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS - FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST
 A motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Fouraker to enter into closed session at 6:31 pm for the protection of public interest to discuss the reconciliation of accounts. Attendees for the closed session included the Mayor, City Council Members, Chief of Police Baker, City Administrator Jom, and Utility Superintendent Campbell. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Ferguson, Fouraker, Kaster, K. Killingsworth, Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

Leyden, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

No motion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Council on March 2, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Gary Jom
 Mayor, Mark Harkendorff
 ZNEZ

NOTICE TO BIDDERS HAY / BROME LEASES

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska, until 2:00 P.M. on April 20, 2026, for the following described below:

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Option 2 Cash lease for the purpose of farming tracts of ground, but limited to native hay grass, approximately 8.5 acres, located at the Falls City Industrial Park, Falls City, Nebraska.

These leases will be a one (1) year term cash lease with option of consecutive three (3) year option at renewal. Leases will be dated from May 1, 2026.

The City of Falls City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. A copy of the current specifications of the lease agreements can be found at <https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/bid-postings> or at the office of the City Clerk, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

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

Gary Jom, City Clerk
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 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case No. CI 25-123

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHERINE E. OLSON; JOHN DOE; MARY DOE; and all other persons or entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the real estate described herein,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, in the above-entitled action, I will, on the 17th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at the Richardson County Courthouse, 1st Floor Corridor, in Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF EDWARD STREET EXTENDED, SAID POINT BEING THE CENTER OF 10TH STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID 10TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 64.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 155.55 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO AND 155.55 FEET FROM THE SAID CENTERLINE OF 10TH STREET A DISTANCE OF 84.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO AND 20 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF EDWARD STREET EXTENDED A DISTANCE OF 155.55 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF 10TH STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE OF 10TH STREET 20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

(Commonly known as: 723 10th Street)

Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2026.

RICK HARDESTY, JR.
 Sheriff of Richardson County,
 Nebraska
 25-1-8-15
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 11, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

A motion was made by 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.richardsoncounty.ne.gov.

NPPD, Cooper Nuclear Station
Dakota Schulenberg, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator of the NPPD Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville gave a quarterly update to the Board on the facility activity. He reported that the facility is getting closer to moving all notifications to the IPAWS system. The facility will also be doing an outage beginning sometime in September of this year.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, Noxious Weed Control Superintendent presented to the Board the Annual Noxious Weed Control Program evaluation report and requirement sheet from the State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Karas to authorize the Chairman to sign the reports and requirements summary from the NE Dept of Agriculture for the year 2025. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed a salary increase for the EMA Director. Motion was made by Campbell to approve a 5% salary increase for the EMA Director effective January 1, 2026, and a 3.5% in 2027. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (2025--\$66,894.64; 2026--\$70,243.44)

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Plans are being made to include in the next fiscal year's budget to replace the underground fuel tanks which are needing repairs and have reached their expected service years of which they have been in place for approximately 35 years.

Specifications for the county garage in Verdon are also being made for the current building to be replaced.

The Board also reviewed the salary for the highway superintendent and this discussion will continue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:52 a.m. to discuss personnel matters with Highway Supt., Steve Darveau, Jr.; Julie Vollmer, Road Foreman; Samantha Scheitel, County Attorney and Clerk Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:50 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 10:51 a.m. with Jerry Piglsey, special legal counsel; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:21 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Subdivision

Motion was made by Karas to approve a subdivision for Michael R. and Sherril L. Hunzeker located in S36, T2, R17 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-32. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 100)

Other
A check was received from EMC Insurance for \$16,304.00 for premium dividends on the work comp insurance.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.....	672.04
Amazon, supp.....	109.99
American AED, supp.....	6981.00
APCO serv.....	505.00
BuckIT, serv.....	7186.14
Comfort Inn, lodg.....	330.00

Concrete Industries, serv.....	3078.75
Consolidated Management Co., serv.....	10494.75
DAS State Accounting, serv ...	1009.30
Dept. of Correction Services, serv.....	3714.98
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	60.00
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....	9321.29
Family Medicine, serv.....	37.80
Farm & Home Publishers, supp	105.00
Galls, supp.....	612.75
Hall Funeral Home, serv.....	400.00
Handley Law Office, serv.....	1771.00
CR25-86 O. Mann	
Humboldt Standard, adv.....	100.65
KexRx, supp.....	791.03
Koch's Auto Service, serv.....	1233.26
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv.....	2650.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv.....	30.00
MIPS, serv.....	6878.23
NE State Patrol, reg.....	735.00
Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodg.....	260.00
ODP Business Solutions, supp	213.25
Quill, supp.....	290.39
Region 5 Systems, serv.....	4539.78
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	360.54
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	482.42
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.....	1194.01
Richardson, Kristy, reimb.....	37.70
Safe Life Defense, supp.....	1468.20
Schandel Pest Control, serv.....	91.38
SNC, serv.....	1928.68
Tichy Land Survey, serv.....	6600.00
Uline, supp.....	510.13
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ..	\$76,784.44

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

City of Humboldt, serv.....	90.17
Falls City Utility Dept., serv.....	1453.65
Harmon's, supp.....	125.00
Miller Farrell, ins.....	544.00
NPPD, serv.....	45.36
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....	224.82
Salem, Village of, serv.....	25.95
Sapp Bros., supp.....	1607.86
SNC, serv.....	101.99
Truck Center Companies, supp.....	1514.48
Unifirst, serv.....	23.28
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$5,756.56

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv.....	2009.13
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$2,009.13

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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VILLAGE OF DAWSON

VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD MARCH 10TH, 2026

7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

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

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Bill Koch, and Larry Koch. Absent: Stephanie Ingraham
Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Guests: none
Chairperson Bill Koch noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall.

The March 10th, 2026, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - absent; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

The minutes of the February 10th, 2026, regular meeting were approved as unread with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - absent; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was provided by the clerk. Motion made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to approve treasurer's report. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - absent; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

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

Under unfinished business: Sampling Stations: the sample stations originally ordered with the provided part number from PeopleService do not fit our pit meters. They will need to be returned to the supplier, however, supplier is stating a 55% restock fee will be charged. PeopleService is requesting a fee waiver with supplier and an extension from the state for the new meters to be installed. Nuisance properties: 516 8th Street: Board completed interrogatories document from attorney along with production of documents document; will be submitted to attorney as requested.

New business: Kennel License Fee: Chairperson Bill Koch motioned to have a Kennel License Ordinance drawn up for the next regular meeting in April seconded by Tom Burns. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - absent; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried. Water tower riser pipe: the riser pipe to the water tower is actively leaking. Maguire Iron has inspected and provided a

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proposal of \$89,800 to replace the riser pipe. Will request another inspection/proposal from a second contractor. Clerk will investigate if there is any grant funding available. Chairperson will be in contact with PeopleService to have a blow off valve added to tower on Friday and to potentially drain due to upcoming weather conditions. Summer mowing: will be done by Board member Larry Koch. Tree trimming: tabled to next regular meeting in April; Spring cleanup: will be forego this year due to replacement of riser pipe on water tower.

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

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch to adjourn the March regular meeting at 8:06 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - absent; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Tiffany Jom, Village Clerk
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Vendor Name, Memo, Amount

American National Bank, account analysis.....	\$89.28
Cornhusker Press, dog tags.....	\$83.77
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services.....	\$200.00
Davis PHE LLC, clean south pump @ lift station.....	\$503.75
Falls City Journal, mins publications.....	\$38.88
IRS, payroll tax.....	\$113.62
Midwest Laboratories Inc, lagoon testing.....	\$371.37
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing.....	\$385.00
NPPD, 116 Bluff St.....	\$68.67
Streetlights inside.....	\$560.93
120 Ridge St.....	\$46.13
Streetlights outside.....	\$16.40
Fire dept.....	\$52.63
PeopleService Inc, Mar. water/wastewater serv.....	\$1,830.00
Labor, .5 hours.....	\$35.00
Labor, 2 hours.....	\$140.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software.....	\$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection.....	\$1,350.00
Tiffany Jom, clerical payroll.....	\$733.78
Tiffany Jom, reimb. Verizon.....	\$39.99
Verizon Wireless, phone bill.....	\$84.02
Vicki Manning, meter read.....	\$100.00
Village of Dawson, equipment.....	\$500.00
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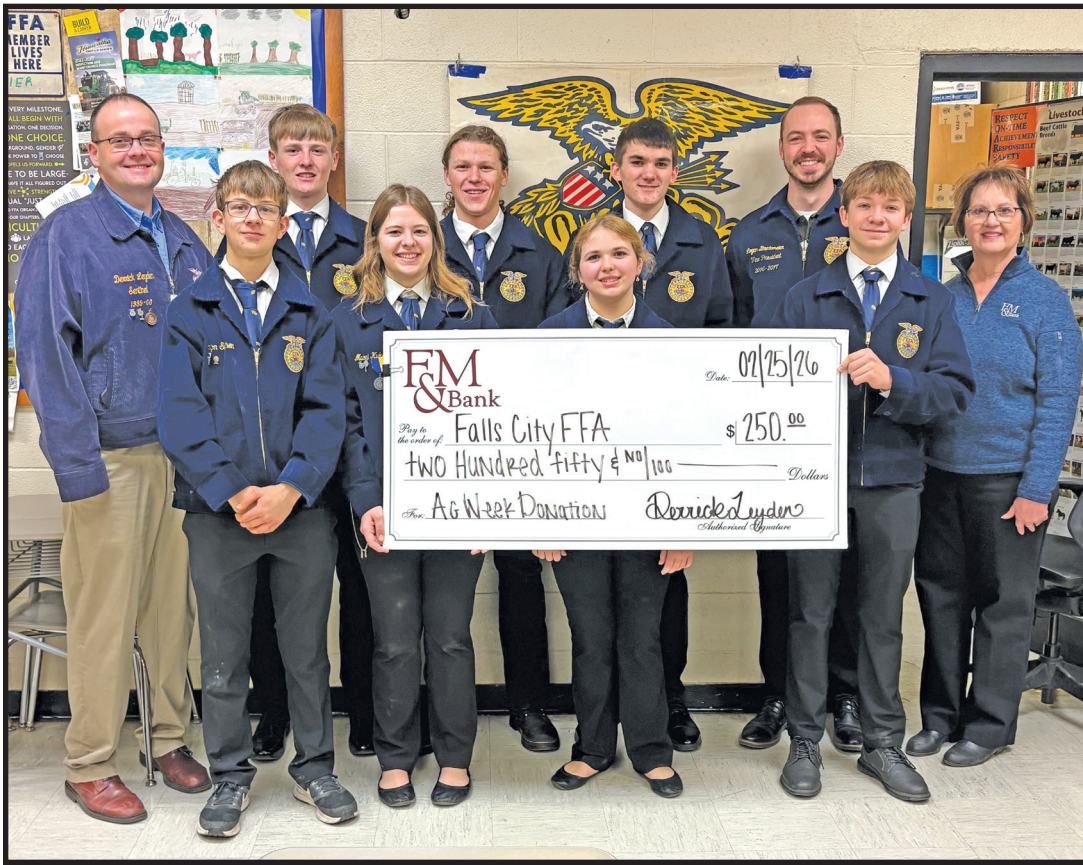
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FFA Officers accepting a check from F&M Bank during FFA Week, Front L-R: Dayton Snethen, Malori Kuker, Breean Eickhoff, Bowdy Jones. Back L-R: Derrick Leyden, Elijah Leyden, Brock Niedfeldt, Ethan Morris, Logan Bredemeier, Jan O'Tool.



FFA Members and Falls City High School staff enjoying breakfast cooked by the FFA officers.



WRESTLING IN FALLS CITY-Young fans crowded around the ring on Saturday night at Prichard Auditorium. "Falls City Slam," brought to the area by the Falls City Jaycees, RuggedPro Wrestling and the Eminent Wrestling Alliance, again provided the "best bang for your buck," according to several in attendance. From three-way battles to ladder matches to a match involving local coaches, the shows are high-flying, death-defying, always entertaining and yet again it did not disappoint.

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Falls City FFA February News

By Bowdy Jones

February was a busy month for FFA members. Tuesday February 24, the Falls City FFA Chapter attended the second session of district CDE's. Members competed in four different competitions. In Livestock Management, members Tessa Gossman, Knox Davis, Elin Vonderschmidt, Leah Goff, and Caroline Powell all competed. In Floriculture, members Kaydence Rego, Jessica Sells, Addison Daniels, and Bristol Titus all earned red ribbons.

In Meats judging, members Braxtyn Bauman earned a white ribbon, Haiden Dorste and Thomas Godemann earned red ribbons, Bowdy Jones, Ethan Morris, and Elijah Leyden earned blue ribbons, and Brock Neidfeldt received purple. The team of Bowdy, Ethan, and Elijah, and Brock qualified for the state competition.

In Farm Business Management, Breean, Kaydence, and Malori earned blue ribbons, and Brock earned a purple. All four members all qualified for state as well.

After the conclusion of the competitions, the chapter went to Pizza Hut for a meal. Monday February 25 through Friday the 29, was national FFA week.

The Falls City FFA Chapter celebrated through school dress up days and lunch activities. Monday the dress up theme was "Red, White, and Blue". Students were able to play yard games during lunch and earn prizes by doing so. Tuesday the theme was "Animal Print" and the chapter had District CDE's so there was no lunch activity. Wednesday the officers arrived at the school early to cook a breakfast for FFA members, and all staff at Falls City High School. The officers then gratefully accepted a check from F&M Bank.

The theme Wednesday was "Gold and Blue" in honor of FFA colors. The lunch activity was relay races. Thursday the dress up theme was "Camo" and students participated in basketball shooting games at lunch. Friday was the annual "Drive Your Tractor to School Day."

Members drove their tractors to school together, and took a picture once they arrived at the school. The theme was "Farmer/Overall Day" and at lunch Mrs. Eickhoff brought her baby goats for students to hold and pet, and the officers put together pedal tractor races. We are looking forward to competing at the State FFA Convention March 25 - 27.

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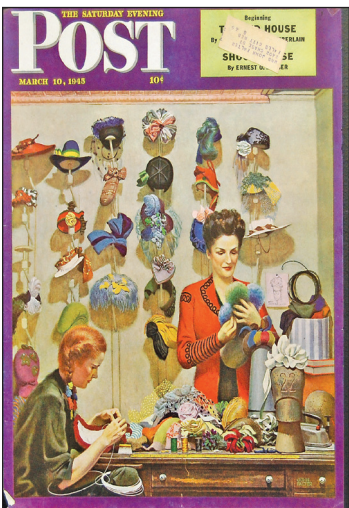
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The Stork, whatever you may think about it, does not bring ladies' hats. They are made--not in madhouses, but in workrooms like that which John Falter has painted in this week's cover. Mr. Falter made his picture in the James Joel Hat Shop in New York and the ladies in the picture are Natalie Joel--in the red coat--and Marguerite Churchill, owners of the shop. Miss Joel graduated into hat designing from studying at the Juilliard School of Music, and Miss Churchill arrived on the millinery peaks by way of the stage and screen. Mr. Falter, not to be outdone, himself designed the hat at the top center of the picture, the little je ne sais quoi number. Misses Joel and Churchill obligingly whipped it up and put it on sale. We confidently predict some lady will wear it. johnphilipfaltermuseum.com

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