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Community comes together to support R.C. Cancer Fund

The Richardson County Cancer Fund brought the community together Saturday evening for its 22nd biennial dinner, dance and auction gala. Supporters showed up at Prichard Auditorium committed to helping local residents facing cancer.

The event, held March 28, began with music by Rural Medicine and a meal before the auction opened at 7 p.m. Along one wall of the auditorium, a silent auction featured a wide range of generously donated items, with guests placing bids throughout the night.

At the center of the program was a recognition of long-time volunteer Peggy Davidson, whose work helped establish the organization over two decades ago.

Joyce Huppert said the organization began when Tony Brunette urged Peggy Davidson to start a local effort to better serve cancer patients, leading to the creation of the Richardson County Cancer Fund. She said the group established representatives in communities across the

county to distribute checks and blankets to patients and to encourage those diagnosed with cancer to seek assistance.

Huppert noted Davidson was not alone in building the foundation of the organization, recognizing Doug Merz and Bob Aiken for donating their time and legal services to complete the necessary paperwork.

The fund has assisted about 735 individuals over the years, a number Huppert said may not be exact but is close.

"We know it is not enough to cover a lot, but we hope it helps in some small way with the expenses that insurance doesn't cover," Huppert said. "Peggy, we want to honor you tonight for getting this group organized 22 years ago and for continuing to support us."

Davidson, addressed the crowd and reflected on the early days of the organization and the many people who contributed to its success.

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Bids for Dawson Northwest Project opened

The County Commissioners convened at the Richardson County Courthouse on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, for their scheduled meeting. All commissioners responded to the roll call.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty met with the Board and reported that the Law Enforcement Center was holding 19 inmates, with one additional inmate housed out of county. Additionally, the Board approved a purchase order for \$1,453.04 for a responder center console. A purchase order for a 49-inch dual-color police responder light bar for the new 2026 Ford F-150 was also approved at a cost of \$2,052.26.

The Sheriff informed the Board that the dishwasher at the Jail is once again displaying error codes. The machine is less than two years old, has had all the sensors replaced, and was installed at a cost of over \$5,000.

He noted that Deputy Lucas Geyer received his deployment papers and would be leaving for active duty in early April.

The Commissioners discussed salary adjustments with Hardesty for staff at the Sheriff's Department. After the discussion, the Board agreed to increase the pay for uncertified deputies in training from \$25.00 to \$28.40 per hour.

Hardesty said he contacted Johnson County and was told they pay uncertified deputies \$29.49 per hour, while Pawnee County pays \$28.00 for the same role. He mentioned that, according to the Johnson County Sheriff, a deputy with two years of experience makes nearly \$36.00 per hour. The Sheriff also pointed out family insurance as an issue in retaining deputies.

"The whole thing is trying to pay people to keep them here," said Hardesty. "And to keep up with everybody else around."

Chairman Caverzagie asked how long those other counties can keep paying those wages, while Clerk Mary Eickhoff noted that the Johnson County Sheriff's Department has just six deputies and a sheriff, yet provides County wide law enforcement.

Richardson County currently employs 10 deputies plus the sheriff.

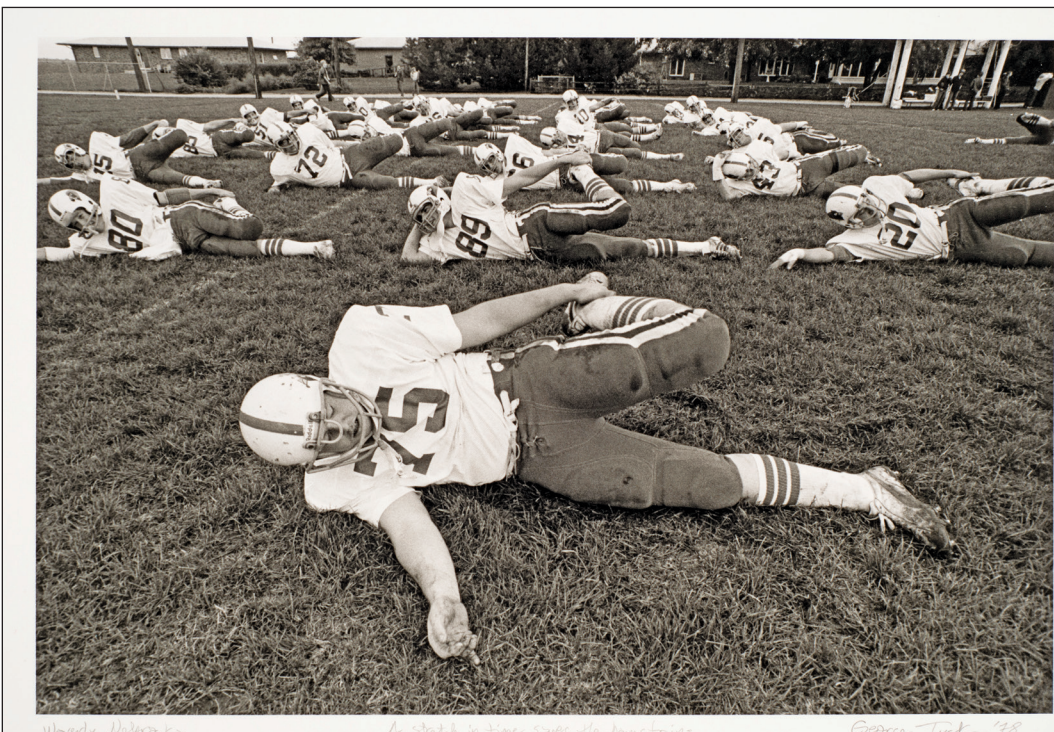
Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. provided the Commissioners with an update on routine road maintenance in the county. He also showed rock samples and discussed the locations of several quarries, including the type of rock expected from each.

Darveau stated that it's not feasible to drive to Murray for rock.

"That's way too far, guys," said Darveau.

Darveau said they have no real choice when it comes to hauling rock for Humboldt; they will need to haul from DuBois. However, for the Falls City area, the county can haul from Troy or Missouri. DuBois is currently

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A Stretch In Time Saves The Hamstring

Stalder Gallery to open "Sheldon Statewide: Nebraska's Legacy" Exhibit

Stalder Gallery opens its presentation of the exhibition "Sheldon Statewide: Nebraska's Legacy" on April 3, 2026.

Representing more than a century of artistic creativity at the University of Nebraska, the exhibition "Nebraska's Legacy" features artworks by former and current professors. Composed of paintings, sculptures, prints, and photographs, the exhibition gives insight to the evolution of the work of these professors and the influence living in Nebraska had on them.

"Nebraska's Legacy" features artwork by early University of Nebraska professors including Cora Parker and Dwight Kirch as well as current faculty members, Francisco Souto, Aaron Holz, and Dana Fritz.

This exhibition is part of Sheldon Statewide, an annual program started in 1987 with the purpose of sharing the collection of the Sheldon Museum of Art with the people of Nebraska. During the 2025-2026 school year, "Sheldon Statewide: Nebraska's

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Nebraska Bank-FC Branch now open

Nebraska Bank has officially opened its newest location in Falls City following branch approval from the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The full-service location, which opened March 16, is located at 3003 Bill Schock Blvd.

The bank offers a full suite of products and services and is staffed by a team with a combined 125 years of experience serving Falls City and the surrounding area. The bank also emphasized its commitment to local investment by bringing in a group of area investors to be part of the Falls City expansion and Nebraska Bank's ownership.

Falls City President Trent Scheitel said the bank's focus is rooted in community connection.

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FC Journal will operate under adjusted deadlines in April

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.



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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

8

-RC Republican Convention at the AG II Building 14th & Chase, 7:00PM

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-Tri-State Seniors Dance & Shindig, Bruning Barn in Hiawatha 1-3:30 PM

10-12

-Brownville Concert Series-Todd Murray

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-Miller Monroe/Ranch & Farm, Land Auction 153.3 AC ± 1:30PM Fisher Center-Hiawatha, KS

APRIL FC JOURNAL DEADLINE CHANGES

16 THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE for the following week's paper.

23 THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE for the following week's paper.

30 THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE for the following week's paper. Returning to the normal Friday by noon deadline on May 8.

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW IN TODAY'S ISSUE!



75 Years Ago, April 1, 1951 to April 7, 1951

The mortgage on the Falls City Country Club was burned in a ceremony before approximately 175 members and guests. Originally organized in 1922 by a group of local men, the club had a few shaky years and, in 1928, was taken over by the Elks Club. The Elks operated the club until 1932, when it was incorporated with Dr. E.R. Hay as the first president. The land on which the club was located was leased from Ms. Caroline Hough and Almeda Hill, who, on March 1, 1946, sold the property to the corporation for \$12,000.

The "prolific" Peck lease in the Barada oil field had grossed approximately \$196,000 in the five months of operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heskett of Salem celebrated their golden anniversary with a family dinner at their home and an open house.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church was the scene of a marriage between Mildred Ann Harpenau and Walter W. Kottich. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. L.F. Obrist performed the ceremony.

Chief of Police Judd Ankrom issued a stern warning against tampering with the newly installed parking meters. Three of the meter heads in one block of Stone Street had to be removed and repaired after someone jammed bits of cardboard in the coin slots.

An Emerson 17-inch rectangular console television Model 686 was advertised for sale at Prior Radio & Refrigeration for \$359.95.

Dee Trimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Trimble and a member of the Humboldt FFA Chapter, was one of 72 lads in the state chosen for the State Farmer Award. The degree was based on the youths' farming programs, scholarship, leadership in local FFA Chapters and participation in other school and community activities.

Irene Dunn and Fred MacMurray starred in "Never a Dull Moment" at the Oil City Theater.

Mrs. Lena Holecheck of Humboldt was named president of District No. 5 of Rebekah Lodges at their 52nd Annual Session held in Table Rock.

Tom Gist was installed as the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Lodge, succeeding Jack Mitchell.

Approximately 650 people attended a dance at the auditorium sponsored by the Falls City Elks. Dick Jurgens' nationally famous orchestra scored a big hit with all in attendance, according to W.H. Heiser, secretary of the Elks Club.

Actress Barbara Stanwyck said she still carried a torch for her former husband, actor Robert Taylor, but that there was no talk of reconciliation.

For sale—4-room house in southeast part of town, partly modern and priced under \$3,000. Immediate possession. See Whitaker Bros., or phone 562 after 6 p.m.

50 Years Ago, April 1, 1976 to April 7, 1976

Julie and Katie Kiekhaefer were pictured with the big bunnies to be given away by the Falls City merchants during the annual "Bunny Days," Easter promotion. The event was sponsored by the Falls City Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Bahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bahr, was selected to attend a two-day seminar in Baton Rouge, LA, for youth coordinators in political campaigns.

Glenda Eames won her sixth consecutive superior rating at the Nebraska Federation of Music Clubs auditions held in Omaha. Glenda's piano solo also earned her a second National Gold Cup Award.

Jim Farmer and Jim Schulenberg had 42s, while Kevin Beasing shot a 44 and Gary Kratz had a 45 for the Tiger golf team.

The Falls City Park Department announced that 6,000 pounds of carp were placed into Stanton Lake.

Wayne Gatz, who was associated with Falls City Cable TV, was installed as the Exalted Ruler of the Falls City Elks Lodge No. 963, succeeding Eldon Lindquist.

One Stop Café advertised a roast pork and dressing meal, a roast beef or fried chicken meal for \$2.00.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan was named to succeed Harold Wilson as Britain's Prime Minister.

Chopped ham and other foodstuffs were stolen from the Salem Slaughter House. Thieves gained entry by breaking a hasp on the front door.

Craig Ernst and Carl Messner won the Farm Machinery contest at the annual state FFA convention.

Harmon's OK Tire Store was having a warehouse sale, stating, "Our warehouse and racks are running over!"

Billionaire industrial and aviation pioneer Howard Hughes passed away at the age of 70. Hughes amassed an empire valued at \$2 billion in his lifetime. His holdings included hotels, casinos, airlines, movie studios, spacecraft and electronics.

Jim Gerweck was chosen as the new president of the Falls City Jaycees, succeeding Dr. Nick Couse.

Sacred Heart's Dan Hill set a new school record with a toss of 48-10 in the shot put, erasing the mark set three years prior by Steve Kottich. Hill also won both hurdle events at the Sacred Heart/Pawnee City dual. Matt Froeschl also won three events, the pole vault, the 100 and the 200.

For sale—4-room house on 2 large lots at Stella, good location. \$2,195.

The State Republican Party was hosting a Richardson County "Town Hall Meeting" at City Hall in Falls City. Art Knox, Lancaster County Chairman, would serve as the moderator.

25 Years Ago, April 1, 2001 to April 7, 2001

Falls City Middle School student Andrew Rieschick took second place in the 7-9 grade division of the Nebraska Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. Rieschick's acrylic painting of Canadian Geese was on display throughout Nebraska as part of a traveling exhibit.

Falls City Middle School Students of the Month from February were Caleb Ramsey, Dustin Koopman and Joe Froeschl.

An 18-pack of Budweiser cans was \$10.60 at the Bottle Shop, while a case of Milwaukee's Best was on sale for \$9.25.

Humboldt High School placed second in the Peru State College High School Quiz Bowl, Division III. Team members included Crystal Ellis, Raleigh Berger, Swalpa Udit, Tala Burnison, Chelsea Hunzeker, and Jessica McKim.

Four-H Public Speaking Contest winners included Logan Vonderschmidt, Alli Jordening, Timothy von Behren, Amy Dunn, Desirae Bennett, Katie Knobbe, Elizabeth Bieker, Jeff Huppert, Bridget Huppert and Mark Dunn.

Sonic advertised a triple feature of a Super Sonic Cheeseburger, large fries and a medium drink for \$3.49.

By a vote of 18-2, the committee developing a plan for hard-surfacing selected roads in the county narrowed its list to 12.5 miles to consider, which would require a bond issue of approximately \$1.2 million. Roads to be considered included six miles of the "Barada Road"; 4.5 miles of the "Salem-Verdon Road" and 2 miles of the "Kirkman's Cove/Golf Course Road."

The Falls City Journal Athletes of the Week were Adam Lippold of DV and Carla Hunzeker of FC. Lippold won both the 1600 (4:48.7) and the 3200 (10:35.3), while Hunzeker won the long jump (15-3.25), placed second in the 100 (13.3) and 200 (28.1) and helped the 4x100 team to a third-place finish.

Sacred Heart's Brandon Bonk threw the discus 154-01, to set a new school record previously held by Matt O'Grady.

Nichole Smith, a junior at Sacred Heart, qualified for the state journalism competition.

Southeast Consolidated School inducted five new members into the National Honor Society. The list included Lucas Geyer, Linsey George, Jeanette Nuss, Mallory James and Brandi Ramer.

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"Well, I think I'm getting more credit for this group than I deserve, because I had a lot of good people behind me. When I decided to take Tony [Brunette] up on his suggestion, to start this group. I knew that I needed everybody in the county to be aware that they would benefit from this group. And then, Mike Gilmore, of the Elks Club, had lost a family member to cancer. So he is one who actually started this Benefit type thing. So, I'm sorry that he passed last year and can't be recognized tonight, he really deserves a lot of this. And I really appreciate all the accolades I've received. It's everything. And I really thank everybody that's involved and thank you all for your donations," Davidson said.

In addition to Davidson, Kelly Carpenter was recognized for her continued service to the organization.

"Kelly was on that first group, too, that was organized. But she's been tireless," said Joyce Huppert. "She is always there to help whenever we need her or however we need her to do things. So we want to honor her."

Huppert continued saying that there were many other volunteers they were failing to name in that moment who had helped from the beginning and who had helped organize, but did mention Tim Koelzer and Sharon Rist. "Thank you to all the people and people are so generous to help us in any way they can," Huppert said.

The evening continued with the announcement of the gun raffle winner, followed by the live auction of donated items and the announcement of silent auction winners.

Throughout the night, the focus remained on the mission that has guided the Richardson County Cancer Fund since its beginning, providing financial assistance and support to individuals and families in the community facing cancer, one fundraiser and one act of generosity at a time.

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Legacy" will visit eight venues and will be seen by thousands of people. The communities hosting this exhibition are Chadron, North Platte, McCook, Grand Island, York, Beatrice, Fremont, and Falls City.

Stalder Gallery is located inside the Falls City Library and Arts Center at 1400 Stone Street. "Nebraska's Legacy" is brought to you by the Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council. The exhibition can be viewed during regular library hours: M-W 9 a.m.-6 p.m., TH 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., F 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sat. 9 am to noon. Questions concerning the exhibit or to schedule a guided tour, please reach out to curator, Christina Wertenberger.

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"We're proud to be part of Falls City and the surrounding communities," Scheitel said. "Our focus is simple — build strong relationships, create positive experiences, and invest in the people and businesses that make this area such a great place to live and work. We strive to live by our mission of earning trust, enhancing lives, and elevating communities."

Founded in 1889 as Farmers State Bank in Dodge, Nebraska Bank now serves 10 communities across the state and has approximately \$500 million in assets. The Falls City location is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community members are encouraged to stop by, call 402.245.2000, or visit ne.bank for more information.

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Please be advised that the Falls City Public Schools Special Education Coordinator will be meeting with the Superintendent of Falls City Sacred Heart to consult on services regarding special education support. We will also be meeting to discuss Title I support as part of ESSA requirements.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT SACRED HEART ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 AT 9:00 AM

THIS IS AN ANNUAL MEETING AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ATTENDANCE AND INPUT.

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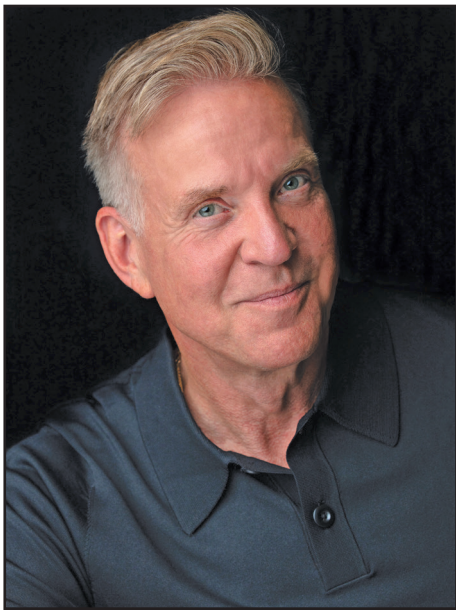
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Penny & Plaid	W7 Design Co.

Start at any participating business. No purchase necessary but encouraged!

The Brownville Concert Series presents Todd Murray

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to kick-off its 35th incredible season! Our favorite Todd Murray and his trio are back! Opening the season with his brand-new show, "'64 to '74, Pop Hits I Grew Up With, But Now I Understand." This time we will enjoy Murray



not as the crooner but rather the rock and folk star, singing the songs of the decade that shaped our lives. From Bread, The Beatles, John Denver, Glen Campbell, Burt Bacharach, Gordon Lightfoot, and James Taylor to name but a few. Don't miss the opportunity to see one of Brownville's favorites singing the songs that you loved to hear! Directed by Andrea Marcovici. It's sure to be one you won't want to miss! The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm, and in concert Sunday, April 12th at 2:00pm. We give special thanks to Dick and Jennifer James, Jan Chism Wright, and Jeffrey Meade and Shannon Stemm for helping to sponsor these shows.

During an era when there is a shortage of significant male jazz and cabaret singers, Todd Murray has emerged as a notable interpreter of standards, newer material, and his own originals. Blessed with a deep baritone voice, Todd is an intimate performer who excels on romantic ballads, swings at every tempo, and does justice to the lyrics that he sings. His 2010 recording, "Stardust and Swing", is filled with his subtle creativity and sincere emotions. The repertoire ranges from such vintage tunes as "Dream A Little Dream Of Me," and "Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams" to his own "Patri-

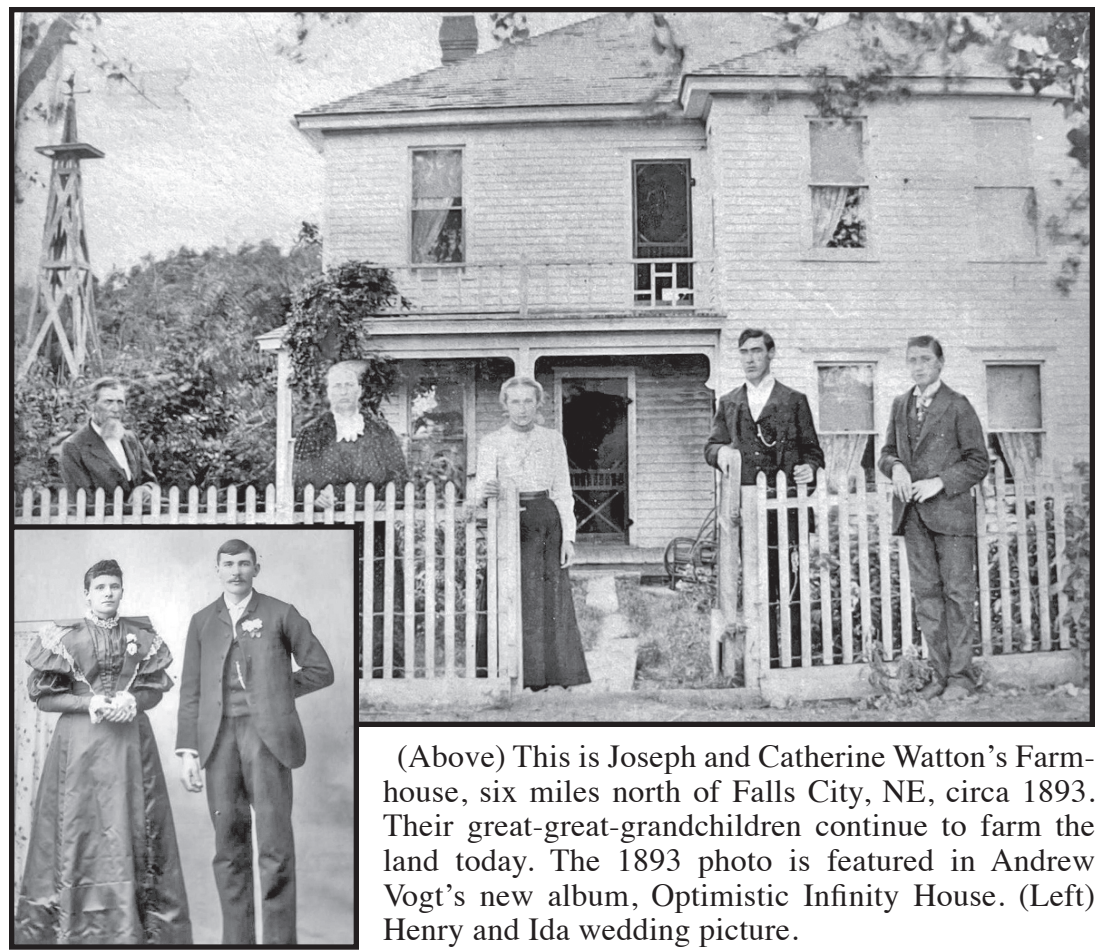
cia" and "The Girl From Waco."

Born in a small farming community in Pennsylvania, Murray sang as a child in church, chorus, and school plays. He listened to the pop music and light rock of the time. As a junior in high school, he learned many older standards from his aunt who played stride piano.

Todd Murray's romantic singing is accessible and easy-going. He's the same likable person onstage as he is off. His rich baritone voice is a perfect outlet for his interpretations, making his performances authentic and genuine. In the future, Todd looks forward to further recording, producing other

performer's albums, collaborating with different artists, and writing more of his own music. And most of all, he is eager to share his joyful and heartfelt versions of timeless music with audiences worldwide. In 2016 he was awarded "Best Male Vocalist" and "Best Male Cabaret Show CROON" as well as receiving the prestigious "Margaret Whiting Award" while performing at Jazz At Lincoln Center.

2026 Season Passes to all nine shows are only \$180. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331. The Nebraska Arts Council (www.nebraskaartscouncil.org), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.



(Above) This is Joseph and Catherine Watton's Farmhouse, six miles north of Falls City, NE, circa 1893. Their great-great-grandchildren continue to farm the land today. The 1893 photo is featured in Andrew Vogt's new album, Optimistic Infinity House. (Left) Henry and Ida wedding picture.

Thiltges Farm wins Aksarben Pioneer Award for keeping farm in the family for over 100 years

By Laura Koch

The Frederick J. Thiltges Revocable Trust won the Aksarben Pioneer Award in 2025 for the farm being in the family for over 100 years.

Thiltges Watton Farm: Joseph Anthony Watton (Catherine Heintz) bought 10-2-16 160A SE1/4 in 1877 at a cost of \$2,550. Joseph A Watton died in 1901. Catherine passed away in 1916. Joseph A's son Henry Joseph Watton bought the home farm in Ohio township from Joseph A and Catherine Watton's Estate in 1917. Henry J Watton died in 1939. Henry J's widow Ida (Fiedler) Watton died in 1969.

After all of their children had passed away, the last being Lillie who passed in 1998, the estate of Henry J. Watton was

distributed to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Frederick J. Thiltges, great-grandchild of Henry Joseph Watton, acquired all 160 acres of the original Joseph A and Catherine Watton home farm in 2022.

It is currently owned by Frederick J. Thiltges Revocable Trust. This farm is located six miles north of Falls City, NE. Fred farms all 160 acres today.

The 100-Year Pioneer Farm Family Award was presented to the Frederick J. Thiltges Revocable Trust. The farm is now cared for by Fred and Laurie Thiltges, with help from Ken, Jacob and Stephen Thiltges.

The award was accepted by Fred and Laurie Thiltges during the Richardson County Fair last fall.

SOCIETY

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit #222

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 'God Bless America' was sung and the ALA Preamble was recited.

Roll call was answered by eight members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting. They were approved as read.

Judy Schlosser gave the treasurers report. Bills were presented and approved for payment

Communication: Vicki

Beilke shared some info from the March Department newsletter. Most importantly everyone needs to turn in their reports so Vicki Beilke and Tana Brown can complete the EOY report for department.

Committee Reports: Membership-The Unit reached goal of 101 required members to be at 100%.

Updates were shared on the progress for the 250th celebration to be held on

March 22, starting at 4 PM at the Wayside Event Center, rural Stella, for all Richardson County Veterans and their guest. Music, a guest speaker, soup and desserts will be enjoyed by all.

Americanism Essays were discussed. Essays were submitted in four categories—3/4th grade, 5/6th grade, 7/8th grade and 9/10th grade. The 1st place ones have been mailed to the Department chair. Unit awards were discussed and approved.

A summary was shared about District 13 meeting on Saturday March 7th. Nine members were able to attend part or all of the day including Jana Wheeler and Lacey Noa who catered the meal and Elizabeth Ketner, dual member, who splits her day between the Auxiliary and Post meetings. It was a very enjoyable, profitable day.

Shubert got first place for

the publicity book, history book, and prayer book; second place for the VA&R report and third place for the Americanism report and poppy centerpiece. Shubert Unit was highly commended on their publicity book and prayer book. Many Units even in other districts do not do these. Department leadership was very impressed and encouraging.

A valuable piece of information received was on the new Nebraska vehicle tax exempt law for Veterans. A Veteran with ANY percentage of disability is eligible to claim a tax exemption on one vehicle per year. They need to talk to the county VSO or Treasurers Office to see if or how they can qualify.

Since the Unit did not get a Girls State applicant, it was discussed and approved to give money towards the snack night again this year.

One Health Scholarship application has been sent to department.

Judy Schlosser has worked at St Annes repairing grave markers. It will be an ongoing project throughout the local cemeteries

The prizes for the Easter Egg hunt were discussed and approved. The Shubert ALA sponsored event will be held Friday, April 3 at the Shubert Park at 1:30.

Vicki Beilke discussed getting our name out more. Several things have been sent to the STAR recently and Lacey Noa does a great job of keeping the Unit Facebook page updated.

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 at 6:30 at the home of Jana Wheeler.

Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer

Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

2026 GRASSHOPPER ZERO-TURN LAWNMOWER GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY April 4th
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April 11

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APRIL 5 4pm - 8pm

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Nebraska Community Foundation establishes Nebraska Wildfire recovery fund

Whenever Nebraskans face tough times, the trucking industry is there to help. Right now, as wildfires leave unprecedented destruction across western Nebraska, the Nebraska Trucking Association (NTA) and its members are taking action, alongside the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Cattlemen. With more than 35,000 cattle displaced and thousands of acres lost, there is a big need for feed and supplies, and for trucks to transport it all.

“Many truckers have voiced a willingness to help, but they too are facing unprecedented challenges with skyrocketing fuel prices and other cost concerns,” said Kent Grisham, President and CEO of the NTA. “But I am so proud of the NTA members who have stepped forward with a plan to support these trucking heroes, in the aftermath of the worst wildfires in the state’s history.”

To help, the NTA is offering a Nebraska Trucking Heroes Stipend through its charitable arm, the Nebraska Trucking Cares Fund, overseen by the NTA Women’s Council. Truckers, farmers, and ranchers who help transport emergency relief supplies can get support to offset the high cost of fuel. The stipend offers \$0.50 per mile, up to 500 miles per trip, for truckers transporting relief commodities and supplies into the disaster areas. The Nebraska Trucking Cares Fund has pledged up to \$5,000 to start.

Visit the Nebraska Department of Agriculture’s disaster resources page (nda.nebraska.gov/disasterresources) to view the current list of relief needs and register to help provide essential support. To find out how to qualify and apply for the stipend, visit bit.ly/trucking-cares

Grisham said, “Homes, farms, and ranches have been destroyed, and at least one life has been lost in this terrible ordeal. But like it has always been, the trucking community responds with grit and determination to get the cargo delivered. We’re glad to have the Nebraska Trucking Cares Fund to help, and we hope everyone in the trucking community will join forces with us either by offering trucks, trailers, and drivers, or by contributing to the fund so we can keep it going.”

Even if you are not a trucker, you can still make a difference. The Nebraska Trucking Cares Fund has launched a fundraising campaign, the Nebraska Trucking Heroes Wildfires Relief Fund. Every dollar raised will support truckers helping Nebraskans affected by these historic wildfires.

Donate today at bit.ly/trucking-cares

The Nebraska Trucking Association (NTA) is the statewide trade association for commercial trucks and affiliated businesses. NTA delivers the essential knowledge, contacts, services, political representation, and partnerships that help our members continue delivering goods to Nebraska communities and throughout North America.

Public invited to “Let’s Chat Cancer” community event April 14 in Nebraska City

Residents across South-east Nebraska are invited to take part in Let’s Chat Cancer, a free community conversation focused on lung cancer awareness, research, and prevention. The event will take place Tuesday, April 14, 2026, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. at Lied Lodge, located at 2700 Sylvan Road in Nebraska City.

Lung cancer continues to impact Southeast Nebraska at higher rates than both state and national averages, making early detection and community education more important than ever. To help address these challenges, the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, in partnership with Nebraska Extension and the Southeast District Health Department, is hosting an evening designed to bring researchers and rural residents together for meaningful discussion.

Attendees will hear directly from cancer researchers about current studies, emerging discoveries, and ongoing efforts to improve early detection and treatment for rural populations. Community members will also have the opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and help guide future research priorities.

Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served, and optional multi-cancer screening questionnaires will be available before

and after the program. Individuals who qualify may be connected with a Screening Navigator to assist with scheduling cancer screenings locally or through UNMC. Screenings will run from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

This event is open to the public, and all community members are encouraged to attend.

RSVPs (by April 7) and questions may be sent to: Karly Black (karly.black@unl.edu or 402.214.6583).

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(Right) IDENTIFIED By Bill Rowan, from the March 25, 2026 edition. This is a 1915 photo of the Dorrington building taken by Falls City photographer Ward Knight at 16th & Stone. It shows the Burt Reavis clothing store and the rival Charles Hargrave clothing store. Above the two stores is the local Elks lodge. The Elks had moved into the building in 1910 and installed the corner bay window as part of their reception room.

The “fire sale” sign is a result of the fire that started in the Ross print shop in the building’s basement a few weeks before the photo. Passersby had noticed it and sounded the alarm. Both stores had extensive smoke damage and the Reavis store had to replace its storefront. The fire and the following sale attracted large crowds and it was reported that all local businesses benefited. In the following year (1916) the Reavis store was acquired by George Falter and became “Falter’s” which many remember.



Johnson of Springview Herald receives Harpst Leadership Nebraska Award

Amy Johnson, publisher of the Springview Herald, has been named a recipient of the Harpst Leadership Nebraska Award, presented by the Nebraska Press Association.

Established by the Harpst family in memory of longtime newspaperman Don Harpst Sr., the award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and a commitment to strengthening their communities through local journalism. Don Harpst Sr. purchased his first newspaper, The Indianola Reporter, in 1940 and went on to serve as Nebraska Press Association president in 1965. He was a strong advocate for community involvement and believed newspapers play a critical role in developing future leaders.

Johnson’s work reflects that legacy through extensive involvement in both her community and the newspaper industry.

She currently serves as a trustee of the Nebraska Press Association Foundation and previously served as president of the Nebraska Press Association Board of Directors. At the local level, Johnson is active in community groups such as the Community Betterment Committee, local Parent/Teacher Organization, high school alumni committee, and CommonGround Nebraska. She also helped develop the KBR Leadership Academy, a nine-month program aimed at cultivating leadership across a tri-county area.

In her community, Johnson has been involved in several major initiatives, including efforts to add a splash pad and new playground equipment to the city park. She also served on a committee that worked to keep the community’s grocery store open, using the Springview Herald to inform residents about the issue and distribute a countywide survey to gather input.

Through her work in the newspaper, Johnson regularly highlights local leadership and civic engagement. The Herald publishes profiles of election candidates to inform voters and annually recognizes local veterans. Johnson also reports on community members’ achievements and uses her editorial column to emphasize the importance of volunteerism.

She has also documented key moments in the community, including

producing a commemorative section marking the anniversary of the 2012 wildfires and a full-color issue celebrating a state championship by the local girls’ basketball team.

Johnson has also written about broader challenges facing local journalism. When several nearby communities were at risk of losing their newspapers, she authored an editorial emphasizing the importance of maintaining a local news presence.

“I’m incredibly honored to receive this award,” said Johnson. “Local newspapers exist to serve their communities, and that’s what I try to do every day. To be recognized alongside the legacy of Don Harpst Sr. is humbling; he understood that connection long before many of us did. My community has given me far more than I could ever give back.”

In addition to her professional work, Johnson has volunteered with local organizations, including church groups, Relay for Life, and community events. Johnson says her most important role is being a mother to her two teenage boys. She and her husband, who operates their family farm, live in Springview.

The Harpst Leadership Nebraska Award will be presented on Friday, April 17 at the Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott Hotel as part of the 2026 Nebraska Press Association convention.

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COUNTY COURT

Mitchell T. Funk, count one, no proof of insurance, pled guilty, found guilty; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty; count four, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty; count five, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, pled guilty, found guilty; count six, fail to deliver title on sale/disposal, pled guilty, found guilty; count seven, operate w/o proof of ownership, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 6, 2026.

Nathan D. Peacock, count one, sell tobacco/elec nicotine-under 21, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150.

Joshua T. Hall, count one assault-2nd degree, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 18, 2026.

Joseph Walter, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for April 29, 2026.

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

Michael W. Fetty, count one, DUI-.15+, amended to DUI-alcohol-1st, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of nine months, drug testing fee of \$45, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular \$225, license revoked for term of 60 days, interlock device, counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Forrest D. Rosenberger, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150, license revoked for term of one year; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, fail to use turn signal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Jordan E. Kahbeah, count one, refuse to submit to test-first, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd., pled no contest, found guilty; counts 4-7 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 20, 2026.

Juan E. Lopez, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$200, license revoked for one year.

Wade M. Tackett, count one, reckless driving, amended to careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

DISTRICT COURT

Thomas L. Bassett, count one, operate motor vehicle/avoid

BIDS

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charging nearly \$26 per ton, while Troy charges \$18 per ton.

Darveau provided a detailed breakdown of the amount of rock placed on county roads from July 2025 to March 2026. District 2 received 845 loads, totaling 19,965 tons at a cost of \$388,851.14. District 3 received 1,107 loads, over 23,000 tons, at a cost of \$608,214.46. Additionally, 563 tons have been stockpiled at a cost of over \$12,000.

At 10:00, Caverzagie presented proof of publications for the open-

ing of sealed bids for the Dawson Northwest Project No. C-74(2023-05). Bids were opened from Malone Construction Co. for \$113,766.50; MC Wells Contracting for \$67,825.00; and Van Dorn Valley Construction for \$40,720.78. A motion was made to accept the bids for further review. Josh Keithly of Midwest Engineering, Inc. presented the engineer's estimate on the project at \$65,344.00.

Claims were paid, with the exception of a claim of \$192.22 from the Humboldt Standard. The statement was past 90 days. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Douglas County Sheriff, fee.....	9.51	26241.91
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb.....	297.25	160.00
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	181.62	83.45
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....	4064.00	15140.03
CR25-49 T. Beccard, CR25-62 Z. Creamer, CI12-62 J. Ross, CR23-87 R. Paxson,		Operation & Expense Account, reimb..... 10.00
CR25-78 R. Paxson, CR25-333 I. Rowland, JV25-31, JV25-45, JV25-46, JV25-47,		O'Reilly Automotive, supp..... 839.02
JV23-20, JV21-20, JV21-19, JV25-42		Pierce Arrow, supp..... 3307.00
First Concord, fee.....	547.50	Powerplan, supp..... 286.58
Kollasch Law Office, serv.....	440.00	Safety-Kleen Systems, supp..... 460.70
JV25-41		Unifirst, serv..... 23.28
NE Assoc. of District Court Clerks, fee.....	75.00	Verdon, Village of, serv..... 30.88
NE Health & Human Services, serv.....	616.78	Woods & Aitken, serv..... 4098.45
Nemaha County Sheriff's Office, serv.....	165.00	Payroll Expense..... 36057.93
Nestor & Mercure, serv.....	9166.66	TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....
OPPD, serv.....	33.10\$89,210.20
Physicians Laboratory, serv.....	250.00	VETERAN'S AID FUND
Proserv, serv.....	471.12	Richardson County Veteran's, transfer
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	543.61 1000.00
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb.....	11.74	TOTAL VETERAN'S AID FUND.....
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/re-tire/etc.....	24472.03\$1,000.00
Riggs, Kim, reimb.....	152.98	DRUG COURT FUND
Uline, supp.....	105.46	Hawkins, Seth, serv..... 1300.00
Weaver & Merz, reimb.....	901.94	Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv ..
PAYROLL Expense.....	115416.92 1300.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$166,249.58		TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$2,600.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp.....	120.69	ADJOURNMENT
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	60.00	A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	2290.28	John Caverzagie, Chairman
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....	288	Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk

arrest-felony; Class 4 felony, amended to operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd; Class 1 misdemeanor, plea changed to guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, credit for one day served, license revoked for term of one year; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, drive without ignition interlock, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, credit for one day served, license revoked for term of one year; counts 5-12 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jennifer N. Anderson, counts 1-3 amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, burglary, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 24 months, drug testing fee of \$120, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$600, jail for term of 30 days, credit for 29 days served; count five, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 24 months, jail for term of 30 days, credit for 29 days served; counts 6-7 amended to dropped/dismissed.

James A. Money, count one, drive while revoked from DUI/refusal-sub, amended to drive during revocation/impound-first, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 165 days, credit for 62 days served, license revoked for term of one year; count two amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, DUI-.15+ or refusal, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of seven days, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device, credit for 62 days served; counts 4-7 amended to dropped/dismissed.

Blake A. Kaler, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, contribute to delinquency of child, plea changed to guilty, found guilty; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, criminal mischief \$501-1,499, plead changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for May 5, 2026.

Joseph Walter III, count one, tamper with witness/informant/juror, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 7, 2026.

Joseph Walter III, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, pled not guilty; count two, criminal trespass-1st degree, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 7, 2026.

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I understand that trust must be earned, not assumed, and I never take that responsibility lightly. If you choose to support me on May 12, I will continue working every day to earn that trust and to ensure our neighborhoods remain safe.

It is truly an honor to serve and lead the Richardson County Sheriff's Office.

Respectfully,
Sheriff Rick Hardesty
Richardson County Sheriff

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Irish boys earn Pioneer Conference title

The Sacred Heart track teams competed at Doane University on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The Irish boys scored 95 points en route to the Pioneer Conference Indoor track title. Johnson-Brock was second with 80 points, and Lourdes Central was third with 65. On the girls' side, the Lady Irish totaled 71 points and placed third. HTRS won the title with 118 points, while Lourdes Central was runner-up with 80.

The boys won four individual gold medals on Wednesday, with senior Brenden Lemerond earning two first-place finishes. Lemerond won the 1600m run in 5:18.65 and the pole vault at 10-00. Elijah Canonico took first in the 60m hurdles in 9.34, narrowly beating Toby Poppleton of Lourdes, who finished at 9.35. Junior Bo Fletcher won the 3200m run, completing the two miles in 11:24.93. Other medalists included the 4x800m relay team, which placed fourth with a time of 9:24.73. In the 60m dash, Noah Howard finished sixth in 11.10, and Kayden Groth was fifth in the 60m dash with a time of 7.70. Hayden Clow earned the silver medal in the 3200m run, finishing in 11:28.68. The 4x200 relay team also claimed silver, finishing in 1:45.23. Fletcher added to his medals by completing the 800m run in 2:17.24 and placing fifth. Groth further added to his tally with a third-place finish in the 200m dash in 25.60. Clow also earned another medal, finishing third in the 1600m run in 5:25.70. The Irish 4x400 relay team finished fourth with a time of

4:05.44, while Groth earned more hardware in the long jump, placing fifth at 17-09.50. JJ Lancaster medaled in the triple jump with a leap of 36-08 for fifth. Freshman Owen Santo finished third in the pole vault, clearing 10-00, while Cooper Knobbe placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 39-02.25 and fifth in the discus with a throw of 119-04.

Hallie Jones earned the only gold medal of the day for the Lady Irish. Jones threw the discus 107-05 to win the first-place medal. She also finished third in the shot put, with a throw of 32-09.50. Bailey Lemerond placed fourth in the pole vault (7-00), fifth in the high jump (4-06), and sixth in the 3200m run (15:55.77). Kinlee Lechtenberg was fifth in the triple jump (30-02.50), while Kemper Sipple was sixth (30-00.75). Brookelyn Bebermeyer cleared 7-00 to place third in the pole vault. The 4x400 relay team finished in 4:56.95, earning the bronze medal. In the 1600m run, Daycee Witt was third (6:25.72) and Payten Georges was sixth (6:53.87). Freshman Macy Taft earned a third-place medal in the 800m run (2:49.99), while the 4x200 relay team placed fifth in 2:07.33. In the 3200m run, Georges was third (14:36.15), while Ceejay Tisdell was fourth in the 400m dash (1:14.01). The 4x800m relay team earned the silver medal, placing second in 11:53.60.

The Irish were at Auburn on Tuesday, March 31 and at the JCC Invite on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Tigers still searching for first win

The Tiger baseball team hosted Rock Port last Monday, falling to the Blue Jays 7-2. Kam Huppert took the mound on Monday for FC. Huppert surrendered a base hit to open the game. After a flyout, Huppert plunked consecutive Blue Jay batters. FC nearly got out of the inning unscathed, but they couldn't quite turn a double play in time. All said, Rock Port scored one run in the inning to take an early lead. Jayton Wilkerson hit a one-out single to right field in the first but was caught stealing, and FC failed to get on the board. Huppert rebounded with a solid second frame, facing the minimum batters.

Brock Niedfeldt opened the second with a walk but was thrown out at second on a single by Huppert. Walks by Elin Vonderschmidt and Jaiden Willman loaded the bags, and a walk by Orion Cattrell tied the game at 1-1. Rock Port took the lead for good in the fourth, plating four runs to make it 5-1. Trailing 7-1 in the seventh, Cattrell reached on an error. A passed ball, a stolen base, and another passed ball allowed Cattrell to score, making the final 7-2.

Cattrell, Wilkerson, Huppert, and Vonderschmidt all had singles for Falls City. Huppert took the loss, allowing three hits and five runs (four earned) in four innings of work.

The 0-4 Tigers traveled to Lincoln on Thursday to face Class C No. 8th-ranked Lincoln Christian. The first five batters for Lincoln Christian reached base in the bottom of the first as the home team raced to a 4-0 lead after one inning. The Tigers broke through in the second frame. A two-out walk by Vonderschmidt, followed by singles by Niedfeldt and Karson Simpson loaded the bases for Willman. Facing a 2-1 count, Willman was hit by a pitch to drive in the first run for FC. Cattrell then added a two-run single to make it 4-3. Cattrell stole second, and

Willman swiped home to tie the game, and FC took the lead as Cattrell scored on a passed ball.

It was all Lincoln Christian from there as they scored the final ten runs of the game to secure a 15-5 victory.

The Tigers threatened in the third, as Jones (walk) and Wilkerson (single) both reached to lead off the inning; however, they were unable to push any runs across the plate.

Vonderschmidt took the loss, allowing seven hits and eight runs (6 earned) in 3 2/3 innings. Eleven FC errors led to nine unearned runs. Cattrell went 1-3 with two RBI, and Willman was 1-1 for a run batted in. The win improved the Crusaders to 4-0, while Falls City fell to 0-5.

Falls City hosted the 3-3 Omaha South Packers for a doubleheader on Saturday.

Packer pitching dominated game one as South won 14-0. Raul Anguiano threw a complete game, no-hit shutout, walking three and striking out five. Wilkerson took the loss for FC, allowing seven hits, nine runs (5 earned) and walked six in two innings of work.

The Packers plated three runs in the first, one in the second and 10 in the third to earn the four-inning win.

Huppert, Niedfeldt and Willman reached base on walks.

The second game of the twin bill got away quickly as the visitors ran away with a 22-0 win. South scored four in the first, nine in the second and nine more in the third and outthit FC 18-1. Cattrell had the lone hit of the game for FC, while Huppert and Wilkerson drew walks.

Cattrell took the loss, allowing five hits and seven runs (5 earned) in one inning of action.

The 0-7 Tigers played at Lincoln Lutheran on Monday and hosted Louisville on Tuesday. The Tigers hosted Holton on Thursday and will host the Auburn Bulldogs on Tuesday, April 7.

Tigers compete at Conestoga

The Falls City track squads hit the road on Friday afternoon, traveling north for the Conestoga Early Bird Track Meet. The Lady Tigers scored 95 points and placed fourth. Elmwood-Murdock won the meet with 142.5 points, JCC was second at 107, and Conestoga was third with 102.5. On the boys' side, Conestoga accumulated 161.33 points for first, JCC had 126.33 for second, and FC tallied 97.33 points for third. The Lady Tigers went 1-2 in the 100m dash with Audrey Scrivens winning in 13.57 and Tessa Gossman placing second in 14.13. Falls City's Peyton Weddle won the silver in the 200m dash, finishing the half lap in 28.63. Scrivens garnered her second gold medal, winning the 400m dash in 1:05.09. Teammate Ella Glathar placed sixth in the event in 1:12.98. Hallie Young ran the 800m in 2:42.24 and placed second. In the 1600m run, Jennifer Sweeney covered the four laps in 6:06.47 and placed third. The Tiger 4x400 relay team of Glathar, Gossman, Scrivens and Ashlyn Alexander ran a 4:56.64 and placed second. In the discus, Bella Johansen took eighth with a throw of 81-00, and Liv Buckminster was second in the high jump, clearing 4-04. Tailyah Moore was second in the pole vault, clearing 6-02; Taytum Maddox was fifth in the shot put (30-00.50),

and Johansen was seventh (29-06.50).

For the boys, Jacoby Bangert was seventh in the 100m dash, crossing the finish line in 12.49. In the 110m hurdles, Elijah Leyden ran an 18.79 for third. Tanner Jackson scored six points in the 200m dash, placing third in 25.50. In the 300m hurdles, Leyden ran fourth in 49.36, and Martin Irizarry was seventh in 51.44. Ryker McCullough placed fifth in the 1600m run, completing the four laps in 5:30.76. The 4x100 relay team of Brandon Collier, Kacen Davis, Irizarry and Jackson ran a 47.70 and placed second, while the 4x400 team of Lathan Richey, Tallan Zimmerman, McCullough and Bangert ran a 4:01.00 for the silver. Caleb Offner again swept the weight events, winning the discus by 53 feet with a toss of 169-08 and the shot put with a throw of 48-04.00. Ryker Jones placed eighth in the discus at 100-11. In the high jump, McCullough won the silver at 5-04, Leyden was second at 5-02, and Irizarry was fifth at 5-00. Tallan Zimmerman leaped 19-10 and won the long jump, while Collier went 17-11.50 for seventh. Jackson picked up a gold medal in the pole vault, clearing 12-00 for the win.

The Tigers hosted a triangular on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. and will compete on Thursday, April 9, at Palmyra.

Titan track off to great start

The HTRS Lady Titans earned a first-place finish at the 2026 Pioneer Indoor Track Meet on Wednesday, March 25, at Doane University. The Lady Titans piled up 118 points to outdistance Lourdes Central (80) and Falls City Sacred Heart (71). Meanwhile, the boys scored 57 points and placed fifth. Sacred Heart won the boys meet with 95 points, followed by Johnson-Brock (80), Lourdes (65), EMF (64) and HTRS.

Lillian Bowen secured two individual gold medals for HTRS, winning the 400m (1:04.43) and the 800m (2:35.09). The 4x800m relay team also scored gold, winning in 11:25.31, and the 4x400 team followed suit, winning in 4:37.03. Grayson Sherman won the 1600m run, traveling the four laps in 6:14.74. Freshman Jazi Frey cleared 8-00 to win the pole vault, and Miranda Rist went 4-08 in the high jump for first place.

Also picking up points were Frey in the 60m hurdles, placing fourth in 10.52, and Rist placed third in the 60m dash (8.47). Eden Duryea was third in the 400m dash (1:08.88), and Sherman placed second in the 3200m run (13:46.96). Makena Dunlap scored points in the 800m run, placing fifth in 2:52.03, while Rist earned the bronze medal in the 200m dash (28.97).

Duryea jumped 15-00.50 in the long jump for fifth, and Dunlap cleared 7-06 for the silver in pole vault. Sophomore Ava Grimes tossed the shot put 31-10.50 for fifth, and Elie Bstandig was fourth in the discus with a throw of 95-07.

The Titan boys were also successful on Wednesday. The 4x400m relay team captured the lone gold medal for HTRS, winning with a time of 3:55.01, five seconds ahead of the second-place team from EMF. Individually, Emmett Glathar had a strong day, capturing a pair of silver medals. Glathar threw the shot 46-07 for second and the discus 153-01.

The 4x800m relay team scored well, placing second in 9:08.41. In the 400m dash, Kameon Dettmann completed the race in 55.07 for fourth, while freshman Preston Mezger was fourth in the 3200m run in 12:05.91. HTRS scored two medals in the 800m run, with Dettmann placing second (2:15.79) and Axton Wamsley placing sixth (2:18.94). Sophomore Bradyn Bowen leaped 18-11.75 and placed third in the long jump.

The Titans were in action again on Tuesday, March 31, at Falls City and then on Tuesday, April 7, at Johnson County Central.



EASTER CASH

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL FOOL'S - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
"JACKPOTS & JOKESTERS"

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in either free play or CASH every 1/2 hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in either free play or CASH every 1/2 hour from 6pm-12am.

EASTER WEEKEND
"CRACK OPEN THE CASH WEEKEND!"
FRI. & SAT., APRIL 3RD & 4TH

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$250 in free play every 1/2 hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every 1/2 hour from 6pm-12:30am. (Excludes the 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm, 12am & 1am drawings). Registration Progressive CASH drawings every hour from 8pm to 1am to win up to \$1,000 in CASH. The first CASH drawing will start at \$250 progressing up to \$1,000 at 1am. Registration will start at 6pm for CASH drawings.

Rules and Regulations: One entry per person, you must be present on the casino floor to qualify. You can only win one of the Registration CASH drawings. Registration will start at 6pm for the CASH drawings on Friday and Saturday, April 3rd and 4th. All tickets will be placed in the medium barrel. The tickets will remain in the barrel until after the Progressive CASH drawings on April 4th.

SATURDAYS, APRIL 11TH, 18TH, & 25TH
APRIL SHOWERS
"SPRING SHOWERS, BIG PAYOUTS, RAINING RICHES!"

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every 1/2 hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-1:00am. (Excludes 12am drawing). Hot Seat winners all day will get an extra entry into the win a piece of \$5,000 CASH drawing! Each Saturday 5 Lucky Winners will be chosen at 12am for a chance to win a piece of \$5,000 in CASH!! Registration will start at 6pm for CASH drawings. (Excludes April 4th)

Rules and Regulations for APRIL 11th, 18th, & 25th At 12:00am five names will be drawn from the big barrel; each winner will come to the Player's Club desk and select an envelope in the order their name was called. After everyone has chosen their envelope, they will all open their envelopes to reveal their piece of the \$5,000 in CASH. Must be present on the casino floor at the time of the drawing. One entry per person unless you have won another entry. Registration will start at 6pm for the CASH drawings on April 11th, 18th, and 25th. All entries will be placed in the big barrel; the big barrel will be dumped after the 12am CASH drawing on each Saturday night of April 11th, 18th, and 25th. (Excludes April 4th) Bingo participants will not qualify for Hot Seats or registration drawings if they are playing bingo during the time of the registration drawings.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
HOPPY EASTER!!

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EASTER MENU

Honey Glazed Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans and a Dinner Roll for \$16.00

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

The demolition derby will start at 5pm at the Iowa Tribe Complex next to the Casino! See Player's Club desk for more information.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

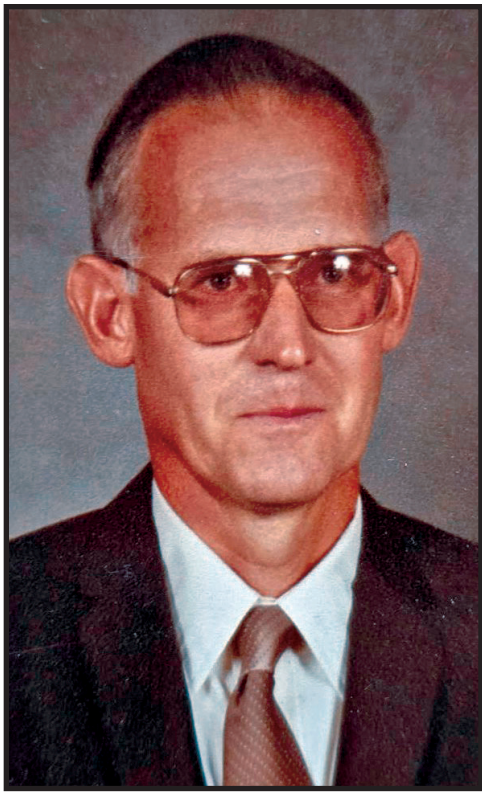
The Car Show will start at 10am and go until 1pm on the East side of the Casino! See Player's Club desk for more information. Registration will begin at 8am. Contact Vicki Beckner at 1-785-595-3430, ext. 231, for early registration.

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Harold Suedmeier



Harold A. Suedmeier, 90, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on December 2, 1935, in Falls City, Nebraska to Albert and Emma (Kuhlman) Suedmeier. He was raised in Falls City where he received his schooling and graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1955. On September 27, 1956, Harold entered active-duty service in the U.S. Army in Omaha, Nebraska and served his country until his honorable discharge on September 26, 1958, in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After returning home to Falls City, Harold went to work for Wissinger Construction and worked there until 1972. Harold then went into business on his own starting "Suedmeier Construction" in which he owned and operated until his retirement.

Harold passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Nursing Home in Falls City having reached the earthly age of ninety-years, three months, and twenty-three days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Doris (Arthur) Simpson, niece Debra Hoggat, and nephew Terry Bryan.

Harold is survived by his niece Rene Chandler of Bee, NE; eight great-nieces and nephews, numerous great-great-nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Steele Cemetery in Falls City with Pastor Joanne Kathol officiating. Full military honors will be conducted by the Nebraska Army Honor Guard and Falls City American Legion Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from noon-8 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, at the Hall Funeral Home, 2403 Harlan Street in Falls City. Family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Falls City Public High School Shop Class.

Condolences can be shared online at www.hallfuneral.net. Services entrusted to Hall Funeral Home-2403 Harlan ST-Falls City, NE 68355 (402) 245-3131

Jason Last



Jason Last, 53, of Shubert, NE, passed away March 24, 2026 at Shubert. He was born February 8, 1973 at Falls City, NE to Meryl and Kathy (Oliver) Last.

Jason was raised at Shubert and later moved to Cozad, NE where he graduated Cozad High School in 1991. Following graduation he worked various factory jobs. He became involved with Wendy in April of 2009 and they formed a loving partnership for the last 17 years. In September of 2025 he became employed by Alpha in Pawnee City working in the Maintenance Department. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Jason is survived by his wife, Wendy Last of Shubert, children, Breana Last and her partner Blake Amador of Parker, CO, Logan Last of Lexington, NE, brother, Rob Last and his wife Karen of Sandia Park, NM, sisters, Jackie Last House and her husband John of Fairview, KS, Jodi Hild and her husband Adam of Cozad, NE, grandchildren, Jax-Andrue, Julian Joel and Blake, Jr. Amador, Laney and Lenox O'Grady, Avery and Etta Last, nieces and nephew, Sasha Hatfield, Adam and Aliesha Walker, great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Taylor Last and a granddaughter, Charlie in infancy.

Jason has been cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2026 at the Shubert Hall in Shubert, NE from noon until 2:00 PM.

Senator Bob Hallstrom Newsletter

We have reached the final ten working days of the 2026 Legislative Session. We are scheduled to have late night floor debate on every remaining work day and address as many Priority Bills as we can before the session ends. We are currently scheduled to adjourn and complete session activities on Friday, April 17.

The Nebraska Arts Council recently awarded Development Grants to Nebraska Creative Districts. The grants are available to all certified Creative Districts and are made possible through an appropriation from the State of Nebraska. Southeast Nebraska is blessed with a number of fantastic Creative Districts, so we were excited to learn that

Creative Districts in Auburn, Falls City and Nebraska City each individually received a grant of \$100,000. The purpose of the Development Grant is to provide funds to the Creative Districts of Nebraska for projects that focus on creating significant cultural tourism and economic development. Projects supported by the funds must demonstrate the potential to attract visitors, create jobs, attract or retain young people, and revitalize Nebraska communities.

Nebraska has received \$218.5 million for the first year of a five-year grant from The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). This is a \$50 billion federal program to improve health care in rural areas across the 50 states. RHTP is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernize rural health care and make it more sustainable. All local hospitals and EMS programs are encouraged to go to the website at https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grant-Opportunities.aspx to apply for these grants.

FLOOR ACTION The two mainline budget bills, LB 1071 and LB 1072, have advanced to Final Reading. LB 1071 contains my bill, LB 1058, which moves \$150,000 from the State Visitors Promotional Cash Fund which may be available to support the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center in Nebraska City.

LB 1165 advanced to Select File this week. This bill contains LB 1191, which I introduced, which provides a three-year extension on the deadlines to meet job creation and investment requirements under the Nebraska Advantage Act, which can benefit NioCorp, among other companies.

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

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STELLA

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Grey Sherman, Joshua Manning, Jonathan Koch, Quinn Friedly, Trey Kling, Aiden Tozer, Luke Hunzeker. (Photo submitted)

Titan golfers putting in the work on the course

The HTRS/Pawnee City golf season is underway and Coach Scott Burger, in his second season, is excited. The team returns three athletes who earned a letter in 2025: Jon Koch, Josh Manning and Grey Sherman. According to Coach Burger, all three will likely shoot rounds in the 90-110 range on most courses.

While the HTRS/Pawnee City Co-op team returned the previous three, it also lost its top golfer, Carson Refsdal.

“We are not good enough yet to think about State,” said Coach Burger. “But, these three guys love to golf, so I’m hoping to see considerable improvement.”

The season opened on Monday, March 23, 2026, with a triangular between HTRS/PC, Falls City and Auburn at the Falls City Golf Course.

The Titans also competed on Monday, March 30, at Auburn. The district golf meet will be held on Monday, May 19, at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The C-1 meet will include Bishop Neumann, Centennial, EMF, Elmwood-Murdock, Falls City, Fillmore Central, HTRS, Johnson County Central, Johnson-Brock, Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Lutheran, Louisville, Palmyra, Shelby-Rising City, Thayer Central and Yutan. The Class C NSAA State Meet will follow on May 27 and May 28, 2026, at Indianhead Golf Course in Grand Island.

“We still need time to be able to compete,” said Coach Burger. “Most of these guys have very little competitive experience.”

Tiger golf team has the numbers to compete

The Falls City Golf squad has taken advantage of recent warm weather, getting in practice swings at the Falls City Golf Course.

Falls City is coached by a pair of avid golfers. Head Coach Joe Dunn is in his second season at the helm, while assistant Lee Kurgweit has been with the golf team for many years, as a head coach and assistant.

The coaches have a luxury this spring of 16 athletes swinging the clubs. Falls City also welcomes back three letter winners: Ethan Morris, Wyatt Coonce and Tommy West. Coach Dunn lost three solid golfers from last year’s team in Eric Heinzelman, Gavin Cole and Zavier Ebel.

The Tigers had some solid meets last spring, but placing second at the Wymore

Invite was at the top of the list.

Coach Dunn said the team will field a solid varsity squad that should be competitive at every meet.

He looks for Ethan Morris to step up his game and maybe even compete for a spot at the NSAA Golf Meet.

“He shot in the 80s a couple of times last year and had some top 10 finishes,” said Dunn. “Our goal will be to compete at every meet and keep improving. I can already say that I have a lot of respectful young kids who seem to want to improve their golf skills.”

Falls City will compete in Class C this spring. The NSAA State Meet will be played at Indianhead Golf Club in Grand Island on May 27 and May 28, 2026.

Baseballs are flying at SNC Field

Just like that, we have moved on from winter to spring and what comes with nice weather, baseball, of course. Baseball season is in full swing for the Falls City nine, with games having begun on March 20.

The Falls City Tigers will be led yet again by Head Coach Kory Huppert. Coach Huppert enters his seventh season in charge of the program and has led FC to a 37-96 record. Coach Huppert will be joined by assistants Brandon Sells and Noah Milam. Last spring, FC ended the year with a 4-17 record.

Coach Huppert is in the enviable position of welcoming back eight letter winners from 2025. Returners included Orion Cattrell (Sr.), Brock Niedfeldt (Sr.), Jaiden Willman (Sr.), Mason Collier (Sr.), Vaden Leyden (Sr.), Bowdy Jones (Jr.), Lukas Rose (Sr.) and Callan Furnas (So.)

Coach Huppert is excited to welcome back Cattrell, who sits atop the career ERA list at 2.74,

nearly a full run lower than now-assistant Noah Milam (3.74). The senior is also on pace to pass Ransom Campbell for career hits (66) and has a chance to pass Kade Bredemeier for hits in a season at 32.

“Cattrell has been a strong utility player for the Tigers,” said Huppert. “Being able to lock down several positions when needed.”

Huppert mentioned Niedfeldt as making huge gains on the pitcher’s mound and behind the plate for FC. “He’ll be looked at for help carrying the load with Orion and leading the team,” said Huppert. “He’s got a lot of power in his hitting, and he made gains at the plate last season.”

He also spoke highly of Willman, Leyden, Collier, Jayton Wilkerson, Jones and Furnas, saying all of them have a great opportunity to have a big season and lead the team in various ways.

Coach Huppert acknowledged the absence of Blakely Sells (football injury) and Gavin Bauer (transferred). Both players have been key pieces to the team in the past and will be greatly missed on the field and through their leadership.

Despite some down seasons, there is a reason to be hopeful. Falls City has nine freshmen out this spring, with three or four capable of contributing on the varsity level this season.

Huppert pointed out close losses last year to Class A Omaha South and Fort Calhoun.

The Tigers fell 8-7 and 4-2 against Omaha South and 3-0 against Fort Calhoun.

“We’re looking for players who can bring energy and lead their team,” stated Huppert. “It’ll be up to the coaches to work with these young men and model that same energy we are looking for from them. When we accomplish this, these young men will have an opportunity to do really well.”

Falls City opened the year at home against Plattsmouth on March 20, 2026. Other significant contests include at Auburn on April 16, at Nebraska City on April 22 and home against Fort Calhoun on May 4.



(Above) Nolan Nicholson, Wyatt Coonce, Knox Davis, Peyton Brown, Ethan Morris, Chase Simpson, Cade Caudle, Tommy West, (Below) Keylee Olberding, Bristol Coupe, Gabbi Griffin, Leah Kenna Ehrhardt, Emma Gilkerson. Not pictured is Kole Schawang.



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Good Luck Teams!



HTRS Soccer co-oping with Auburn. L-R: Brooklyn Knox, Colby Hedden.



Back row: (Freshmen) Addison Frenzel, Maddie Johansen, Audrey Scrivens, Peyton Weddle, Kaytlin Rhodd, Josslyn Bangert, Tessa Gossman, Ashlynn Alexander, Brynna Glathar, Liv Buckminster (not pictured - Hallie Young) Next row: (Sophomore) Taytum Maddox, Destiny Pierce, Madalynn Hawley, Bella Johansen, Alexis Schawang, Addison Daniels, Olivia Mirelez Next row: (Junior) Jennifer Sweeney, Taiylah Moore, Gabi Young. Front row: (Senior) Martina Frau, Ella Glathar.

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Front row: Emmett Daake, Caleb Offner, Tallan Zimmerman, Ryker Jones, Brock Caudle, Ryker McCullough, Aiden Wendtlandt. Second row: Lathan Richey, Grant Kobza, Jacoby Bangert. Third row: Elijah Leyden, Deacon Jacobs, Kaleb Keiser, Tanner Jackson. Back row: Brandon Collier, Kacen Davis, Tobey Barnhart, Martin Irizarry. Not pictured- Brantley Sells.

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High hopes for Tiger track squad

The Falls City High School track season is already off and running. The Tigers, competing in Class C1, have a high ceiling this spring. The Tigers boys' welcome back previous state qualifiers Tanner Jackson and Tallan Zimmerman, along with newcomer and Class D state medalist Caleb Offner.

Last season, Jackson cleared 12-06 at the state meet, setting a personal best. Zimmerman competed in the long jump last spring, winning districts with a personal best jump of 21-00.00. At

Omaha Burke, Zimmerman jumped 19-04. Also competing at the NSAA Championships last spring in Class D was Offner. Caleb placed third in the discus (154-06) and earned the silver in the shot put (54-01.75).

Gone for the Lady Tigers is state qualifier and school record holder Taylor Kreifels. Taylor set the 400m dash school record last spring at the Freeman Invite, circling the track in 60.15. Her time beat the 1980 record set by Michelle Shields. On Friday afternoon last spring at Burke High School, Kreifels completed the race in 60.69, just off her record pace.

The Lady Tigers will be coached by Terri Hogue, assisted by Don Hogue, Don Coolidge, and Brian

Daake. Hogue has been at the helm of the Lady Tiger track squad since 2001. Cody Hawley again has the reins of the Tiger boys' program. Hawley will be assisted by Coolidge, Daake and Chris Caudle.

"Our throws and jumping events will be very solid for us again this year," said Hawley. "We need kids to step up in the running events to improve our team standings as the meet progresses."

Coach Hogue looks forward to seeing what the returning athletes can do on the track this spring.

"Our returning letter winners showed a large improvement as the year progressed," said Hogue. "I am very excited to see the depth that we could have in events this upcoming year. We also have

a large group of freshmen athletes who may be contributors to the girls' program. They are coming off of a successful middle school season."

The coaches circled the Falls City Invite on April 27, the ECNC Meet at Palmyra on May 2 and the Class C1 District Meet at Johnson County Central on May 14th as significant events on the schedule.

"We always want to do well at conference," said Hawley. "We will work hard to peak at the end of the season to get as many qualifiers to Burke as possible."

The NSAA State Track Meet will be held at Omaha Burke High School. Falls City will compete in Class C events on Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, 2026.

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HTRS baseball coop with Auburn, L-R: Jack Hilgenfeld, Griffin Sikora, Ty Dunekacke, Nate Burns, Alvin Sikora.



Front row, L-R: Lillian Bowen, Elie Bstandig. Second row: Makena Dunlap, Miranda Rist, Grayson Sherman. Third row: Kassidy Kanel, Emerson Bredemeier, Ayvalie Lamb, Ava Grimes, Eden Stewart, PJ Howe. Fourth row: Bailee Schmit, Jazi Frey. Not pictured: Eden Duryea.



Front row L-R: Bennet Arth, DaShawn McQueen, Emmett Glathar. Second row: Darius Bohling, Axton Wamsley, Kameon Dettmann. Third row: Cris Wanek- Flores, Brady Bowen. Fourth row: Ewan Guenther, Preston Mezger, Michael Wanek-Flores, Aiden Dutcher, Indigo James. Not pictured: Samie Aliev and Joseph Weesner.

Titans athletes are in the blocks and awaiting the starter's pistol

The HTRS tracks squads have been hard at work since the winter sports season wrapped up. The Titans are led again by Coach Michelle Glathar, along with assistants Jamie Stice, Donna Railsback, Lin Volker and Madi Bredemeier.

Last spring, HTRS capped off an extremely successful spring season by securing medals in two events on the girls' side of the meet. The 4x800m relay team consisting of Grayson Sherman, Eden Duryea, Lillian Bowen and Makena Dunlap ran 10:15.56, six seconds faster than their district time, and placed seventh. Individually, Bowen made a strong push late in the race and placed sixth in the 800m run, finishing in a personal-best time of 2:24.23.

The Titans also sent Elie Bstandig in the pole vault, Bowen in the 400m, Miranda Rist in the high jump, 4x400m relay team of Duryea, Bowen, Sherman and Rist, Kiffen Hunzeker in the long jump, Hunter Bohling and Brogan Dunlap in the pole vault, and Kameon Dettmann in the 800m run. Dettmann covered the two laps in a personal best time of 2:05.51.

Coach Glathar is excited to welcome back Bowen, Dettmann, Emmett Glathar in the throws and all the girls from both state meet-qualifying relay teams.

She also has high hopes for freshmen Jazi Frey, Ewan Guenther and Preston Mezger.

Expectations are high at HTRS High School, and Coach Glathar hopes to keep everyone healthy and constantly working towards setting new personal records.

"Our athletes will have to step up to the competitive level of our bigger meets, such as the Freeman Invitational and our conference meets," said Coach Glathar. "Of course, districts are very important to get our athletes Burke-bound."

The Titans opened the season at Doane on March 25 and were at Falls City on March 31. The D-1 District Meet will be on May 13, 2026, at Pawnee City, and the NSAA State Meet in Omaha will occur on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, at Burke High School.

"The moment it gets uncomfortable, don't tap out. Keep going!" said Glathar.



Irish Track, Front row: Ava Bletscher, Dorothy Crouse, Kenzee Ralston, Mari Marchica, Ryann Westengaard, Hallie Jones, Daycee Witt, Emersyn Courtney, Emily Tubbs, Brookelyn Bebermeyer, Payten Georges. Second row: Carley Bailey, Josie Bletscher, Brynlie Jones, Kamrie Wilson, Brookelyn Fletcher, Kinley Lechtenberg, CeeJay Tisdell, Macy Taft, Kemper Sipple, Bailey Lemerond. Third row: Owen Santo, Cash Witt, Treydon Witt, Aiden Scheitel, Reid Kirkendall, Noah Howard, JJ Lancaster, Alex Madsen, Alex Nelson. Back row: Cooper Knobbe, Elijah Canonico, Brenden Lemerond, Kyler Sipple, Charlie Rottinghaus, Toby Baxter, Kayden Groth, Hayden Clow, Bo Fletcher. Not pictured – Trayce Stutheit.

Irish hope to contend for titles

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish track squad has been hard at work preparing for the 2026 season. Numbers will be a key for the Irish as they look to contend for meet titles over the next two months. The Lady Irish have 21 girls out, while the boys are right behind with 19.

Coach Brian Lemerond is in his eighth season with the Irish track team and will be assisted by Doug Goltz, Linda Kirkendall, Tim Kirkendall and Holly Westengaard.

Coach Lemerond is happy to welcome back Elijah Canonico, Brenden Lemerond, Bo Fletcher, Daycee Witt, Alise Reschke and Hallie Jones.

Last spring, the Lady Irish scored 94 points and won the Class D-1 District Meet at Pawnee City, while the boys missed a district title by one point, falling 98-97 to McCool Junction.

Five Irish girls and six boys punched their ticket to the state meet at Omaha Burke High School. Hallie Jones, Destry Groth, Jentry Lechtenberg, Alise Reschke and Daycee Witt all competed in Omaha last May. For the boys, Evan Bailey, Elijah Canonico, Bo Fletcher, Rob Froeschl, Brenden Lemerond and Alex Madsen competed at the championships.

The Lady Irish 4x800m relay team of Witt, Groth, Lechtenberg and Reschke placed fourth in Omaha last May. Lemerond placed seventh on the 1600m run, running a personal best of 4:47.42. Finally, Canonico ran the 300m hurdles in 41.77, placing seventh.

Coach Lemerond hopes all state qualifiers can improve upon their efforts from 2025. Hallie Jones will look to move up from her heave of 101-09 in the discus and 32-10.25 in the shot put at state. Fletcher ran a personal best of 10:33.37 in the 3200, while teammate Alex Madsen was close behind at 10:42.72. Fletcher also ran a 4:55.83 in the 1600m run, also a personal best.

Lemerond and his staff are excited for the Pioneer

Conference Meets, MUD-DECAS, the district meet and of course state.

"I see us being a well-balanced track team," said Coach Lemerond. "We have numbers this year on the boys' and girls' teams. Our goal is to win our conference meets and be a contender for a state title."

If applicable, Irish athletes will compete in Class D on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Omaha Burke Stadium. Field events will run from 9-12 both mornings, with running events scheduled to begin at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The Irish boys last won a track state title in 2014, while the Lady Irish secured the top spot in Class

D back in 2001. The Irish girls have won four total championships from 1998 to 2001, while the boys have won the title in 2014, 2006, 1998, 1994, 1993, 1991, and 1990.



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The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m., Room 202 in the Richardson County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting any and all county business that will come before the board.

The Board of Equalization of the County of Richardson, Nebraska meet when times may necessitate for the purpose of conducting any and all business that requires the action of the County Board of Equalization.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

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:

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

RICK HARDESTY, JR.
Sheriff of Richardson County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION RIVER COUNTRY HOME & GOODS, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that River Country Home & Goods, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on March 23, 2026 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is River Country Home & Goods, LLC.
2. The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
3. The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 66062 703 Trail, Rulo, Nebraska, 68431, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Gracie Mae Kirkendall, 66062 703 Trail, Rulo, Nebraska, 68431.
4. The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of Robert W. Harlow, Deceased.
Case No. PR26-12

Notice is hereby given that on March 25, 2026 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Sally W. Harlow, whose address is 10661 Killdeer St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 1, 2026 or be forever barred.

Bethany Godemann
Clerk Magistrate
County Court of Richardson County
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Falls City, NE 68355

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - Regular Meeting

Monday, April 13th, at 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Board meeting of the Falls City Board of Education for District No. 74 - 0056 will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

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

Dr. Andrew Offner
Superintendent, Falls City Public Schools

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:

Option 1 Cash lease for the purpose of harvesting brome grass on approximately twenty-six (26) acres, located at the Old Landfill site on North Highway No. 73, Falls City, Nebraska. The lease is for one cutting before August 1st.

Option 2 Cash lease for the purpose 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 Jorn, City Clerk
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The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 2, 2026 SHUBERT LIBRARY

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on March 2, 2026 in the Shubert Library. Chairman Donna Lockard opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with the following board members present: Gary Hays, Tom Borrego, Linda Patchen and Ron Ramer. Clerk was present to record the meeting. Chairman announced the posting of the Open Meetings Law. Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, hearing none. No Visitors. Chairman moved on to regular business. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Lockard) to approve the February 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Patchen/Hays) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims, with the addition of one claim and the holding of one claim. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: Mowing Bids-The board reviewed two mowing bids. Motion and Second (Hays/Lockard) to hire T. Borrego. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Borrego abstained from the vote. Motion carried. SENDD update-Some surveys still need to be returned. They will let us know more information about the application process.

Motion and Second (Lockard/Hays) to file a lien on a property due to an unpaid tree removal bill. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Motion and Second (Patchen/Borrego) to hire Tri-State for sludge hauling. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Wood & Brush pile: Needs to be piled up and burned, weather pending. Buildings and Park: Community Building: None. Park: Bathrooms have been closed for the winter. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours. Streets: Hays has spoken to the street contractor. Motion and Second (Hays/Borrego) to also armor coat Elm Street at the same time as patching. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. Fire: None. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Patchen/Hays) to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

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TO THE DEFENDANT (S), SHIANNE MACKEY

You are hereby notified that Credit Bureau services, Inc., a corporation, filed its complaint in the County Court of RICHARDSON County, Nebraska on 12/16/2025 on Case Number CI25-332, the object and prayer of which is to recover the sum of \$175.00, plus interest, attorney fees and court costs. You are required to answer the complaint of the Plaintiff on or before 05/14/2026 or the allegations in said complaint will be taken as true and judgment entered accordingly.

CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC., A CORPORATION, Plaintiff

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Table with columns: Name, Memo, Amount. Lists various expenses including NPPD - Fire Barn, Kawres Super Store, NPPD - Library, etc.

Pawnee County Memorial Hospital POSITION OPENINGS. Pawnee County Memorial Hospital is seeking REGISTERED NURSE, RADIOLOGY TECH, LPN-C, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. Includes contact information and website.

THIS REPORT WILL NOT BE MAILED. HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO MAINTAIN A COPY MAY PICK ONE UP AT THE FALLS CITY UTILITY OFFICE AT 2307 BARADA ST.



City of Falls City Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Falls City water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability: The Nebraska Department of Water, Environment, and Energy (DWEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the DWEE at 402-471-3376 or 402-471-9249 or go to http://dee.ne.gov.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals

and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Falls City is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
* Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
* Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
* Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
* Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Falls City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact: DAVID T AITKEN, 402-245-4850. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The City of Falls City is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dieldrin, DDE, DDT, Dieldrin, Dieldrin, Dibromochloropropane, Dinosab, Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide,

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How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

- The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.
MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
AL (Action Level) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
N/A - Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

- ND - Not detectable.
ppm (parts per million) - One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.
mg/L (milligrams per liter) - Equivalent to ppm.
ppb (parts per billion) - One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.
ug/L (micrograms per liter) - Equivalent to ppb.
pCi/L (Pico-curie per liter) - Radioactivity concentration unit.
RAA (Running Annual Average) - An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.
LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average) - An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.
90th Percentile - Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
TT (Treatment Technique) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Table with columns: Microbiological, Highest Number of Positive Samples, MCL, MCLG, Likely Source of Contamination, Violations Present. Includes sections for Lead and Copper, Regulated Contaminants, Disinfection Byproducts, and Unregulated Water Quality Data.

The City of Falls City lead service line inventory has been prepared and can be accessed here: https://www.fallscitynebraska.org/media/userfiles/subsite_137/files/LSLI-5_22_2025.pdf

VILLAGE OF SALEM

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The Salem Village Board met March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Chairman Kenneth Strauch opened the meeting. Kean, Wessel, Helmick and Vogele answered roll. Michael Fakler of Fakler Architects,LLC. was also present. The Open Meeting poster was acknowledged.

Fakler reported that he had looked at the lots across from the Community Building as a possible site for a new building.

Motion was made by Strauch to proceed with plans to build a 50 X 60 building with 12 ft walls and a full kitchen and an attached 3 bay 3 door fire-hall . Seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, Helmick and Vogele.

Fakler Architects will proceed with this plan.

A bid notice for the 2026 mowing season was published in the Falls City Journal and posted and at the Salem Slice and the Community Building. One bid for \$120.00 per mowing was received from Jodie Schuetz.

Kean moved to accept the bid, seconded by Vogele. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, Vogele, and Helmick voting yes.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 7:57, seconded by Helmick. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel, Helmick, and Vogele.

The next meeting will be April 7, 2026 at 7:30 p.m, in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar, Village of Salem

- OPPD 553.12 (utility) general 66.00
- Coml 89.63 FRHL 38.62 Street 359.87
- Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
- Village of Salem/water fund 400.00 (transfer) general
- Richardson CO RWD #2 1427.59 (purchased water for sale) water
- NE Public Health lab 15.00 (water testing) water
- OPPD 190.58 (utility) Christmas lights street
- Schendel pest control 30.00 (service) combi
- USPS 61.00 (postage) water
- Carolyn Glathar 9.62 (office supplies) water
- Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (clerk salary) water
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Dr. George Griffith HTRS Public Schools 810 Central Avenue Humboldt, NE 68376 Materials may also be submitted electronically to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org.

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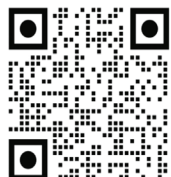
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Tigers striving to take next step

The Falls City Tiger basketball squad wrapped up the 2025-26 season with a 4-19 record. Along the way, Head Coach Jaxson Balm picked up his first win as the man in charge of the Tiger program.

The Tigers began the year with six straight losses before breaking through with a 42-36 win over Weeping Water at the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament. FC then fell in six consecutive games before bouncing back with a 43-38 win over Boys Town on January 20. Ten days later, Falls City picked up win number three by defeating Weeping Water yet again, this time 43-38. The final win of the season came in exciting form as Falls City held on for a 37-36 win on the road at Diller-Odell.

Unfortunately, FC dropped the final four games on the schedule, including a 60-45 loss to Omaha Brownell Talbot in subdistrict action at Auburn High School.

For the season, Falls City made 294 of 901 field goal attempts, including 67 of 351 from beyond the three-point line. The Tigers converted 56% of their free throw attempts, making 124 of 222 tries. For the season, Falls City was outscored 1,311 to 779. The Tigers ended the year with 561 rebounds, 162 assists, 121 steals and turned the ball over 460 times.

Paxton Armbruster led the Tigers this past season with 224 points. The junior guard led the team with 18 triples. Armbruster made 52-of-77 free throw attempts, dished

out 24 assists and led the team with 26 steals.

Senior Ethan Morris ended his Tiger career with 133 points, including 11 three-pointers. The senior forward led the team with 103 rebounds. He also finished with 29 assists, 14 steals and four blocked shots.

Junior Jacoby Bangert added 128 points, making 17 shots from beyond the arc. Bangert went 19-of-27 from the charity stripe and battled for 96 rebounds. He finished with 42 assists and 18 steals.

Starting guard Bowdy Jones finished his junior campaign with 57 points and 56 rebounds. Jones dished out 37 assists and swiped the ball 18 times.

Senior Brock Caudle add-



Kam Huppert delivers a pitch against Rock Port on March 23.



Cade Caudle uses a wedge on hole No. 9 in action last Tuesday at the Falls City Golf Course.

Near-perfect weather greets golfers at the Falls City Golf Course

Tuesday, March 24, was a nearly perfect day for Falls City to host HTRS/PC and Auburn for a triangular at the Falls City Golf Course. Temperatures peaked near 70 degrees with a slight breeze and all the sunshine you could handle.

The 9-hole event was won by the Bulldogs with a team score of 170, followed by Falls City at 199 and HTRS/PC at 205.

Kaleb Damast of Auburn was the lone medalist, shooting a 36 for the low score of the afternoon.

For the Orange and Black, Ethan Morris shot the low score of the day with a 44. He was followed by Nolan Nicholson with a 48, Cade Caudle with a 33, Payton Brown with a 54 and Kole Schawang with a 59.

For HTRS/PC, Jon Koch had a great round, firing a

41 over the nine holes. Grey Sherman was next with a 51, Josh Manning had a 54, Trey Kling shot a 59, and Quinn Friedly shot a 68.

The winning Bulldog

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ed 56 points, 28 rebounds and eight steals, while Kacen Davis came on strong with 73 points, 58 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Elijah Leyden added 33 points, 95 rebounds and 15 steals, while Karson Simpson had 54 points and 28 rebounds. Simpson canned 11 threes for the year.

Falls City will return the bulk of its squad, minus seniors Morris and Caudle. While FC will miss the two, Coach Balm will have several lined up ready to take their spot on the court.

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