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Campbell Housing Complex breaks ground with focus on innovation, community

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska marked a significant milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Campbell Housing Complex, a project that leaders say represents both innovation and long-term investment in tribal housing.

The development will include 16 three-bedroom, two-bath homes constructed using 3D-printed concrete, along with plans for an elder village consisting of six duplexes. According to project leaders, the use of 3D printing in residential construction is a first in Indian Country.

Bradley Campbell, executive director of the housing authority, said the project is the result of years of research and planning.

"We are doing something that has never been done in Indian Country.

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Falls City Mayoral candidates share positions in *Journal* Q&A

As the May 12, 2026 Primary Election approaches, the *Falls City Journal* is providing voters with a closer look at the candidates seeking local office, including Richardson County Sheriff, Falls City and Humboldt Mayor and Falls City City Council Ward 2.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, with early voting available through the Richardson County Clerk's Office.

As part of this feature series, each candidate was asked the same set of questions. Responses are printed exactly as submitted, with no edits made by the newspaper, to allow readers to review each candidate's positions in their own words ahead of the election. (Minor edits have been made to the candidates introductions.)

Dennis Miller, candidate for Mayor of Falls City.

1. *What are your top three priorities for Falls City over the next four years?*

1. Economic Sustainability for Falls City
2. Infrastructure Revitalization
3. Affordable Housing Growth

2. *How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?*

1. Visibility and engagement with the workforce
2. Communicate with the workforce to understand their needs
3. Ensure a safe, adequate work environment
4. Competitive compensation to include quality benefits

3. *How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?*

1. Transparency is of the utmost importance in government.
2. I will maintain deep involvement in Falls City government activities and will ALWAYS have an open door policy.
3. I also plan on having quarterly Town Hall meetings with the citizens of Falls City.

Kevin Malone, candidate for Mayor of Falls City.

1. *What are your top three priorities for Falls City over the next four years?*

My priorities are to listen, learn, and lead. I believe you learn by listening, so I will actively seek input from city employees, committees, and community members to better understand how the city and utilities operate and how the citizens view it as operating. I'm not coming in with a preset agenda or a desire to make unnecessary changes. If something is working, I believe in supporting it. The City and Utility Department operate like a large business and should function as one. My experience in business, community organizations, and city committees has prepared me to lead collaboratively and help Falls City reach its full potential.

2. *How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?*

I believe retention starts with respect, support, and listening. Employees should feel valued and be compensated with fair wages and benefits. It's also important to have strong leadership in place, with good administrators, managers and committee members who are trusted and allowed to do their jobs. The role of the mayor and council is not to micromanage personnel, but to set clear policies, expectations, and standards while creating a positive and stable work environment.

3. *How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?*

Transparency is essential, and I'm open to ideas on how to improve it. At the same time, it is a two-way street, and public engagement matters. We often see high turnout for hot-topic issues, but less involvement during budget discussions. I would welcome suggestions to improve communication and encourage more consistent community participation, because that involvement is key to effective and transparent governance.

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Council approves purchase of bucket truck

The Falls City Council met on Monday, April 20, 2026, at City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Councilpersons Frank Killingsworth and Josh Kaster were absent.

The Board approved a request (6-0) by Utility Superintendent Trevor Campbell for a new Altec TA 60 Bucket Truck. The city will use Sourcewell, and the purchase will be included in the 2027 fiscal budget. The truck will feature a 60-foot platform height, a 40-foot side reach, a rotating two-man bucket and a 1,000-pound jib capacity, making it capable of lifting up to 75 kVA transformers. Currently, the city has three bucket trucks in the fleet. However, the 2002 Chevy would need its cables replaced this year, which would cost \$25,000. Also, Altec does not service trucks older than 25 years old, which would be next year for the 2002 unit.

The estimated cost of the unit with the 4x4 option would total \$312,921.00.

Campbell said they also looked at a used vehicle but ultimately settled on a new unit. The best-case delivery scenario would likely be July of 2027.

Campbell stressed that the line crew researched which unit would best meet their needs in Falls City.

Councilperson Leyden shared that his wife, North School Principal Shelly Leyden, wanted to pass along a thank you to the line crew. Leyden said an electrical issue near the school needed to be addressed. She said the issue was resolved quickly, and the line crew shared information with her as they worked to resolve it.

Councilperson Leyden also expressed thanks to Watts Electric for the work being carried out in the alley in the uptown business district.

Leyden said a couple of

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Cultivating Trust: A Trauma-Informed Approach to the Therapeutic Alliance

By Patti Berg-Poppe, MPT, Ph.D. and Shana Cerny, OTD, OTR/L, BCP

Health care professionals enter every patient encounter with the goal of helping individuals heal, yet many don't realize how often past adversity shapes the way a person experiences care. Trauma, whether from childhood experiences, medical procedures, accidents, interpersonal harm or environmental conditions, doesn't remain a distant memory. It becomes embedded in the body through biobehavioral adaptations that influence posture, muscle tension, breathing patterns, nervous system sensitivity and low body safety. When we understand that trauma lives not only in stories but also in tissues and reflexes, we begin to see why a trauma-informed approach is essential for building trust.

Trauma and adverse experiences are more common than we may realize. More than two-thirds of the patients that health care providers encounter in practice are likely to have experienced trauma in some form. Trauma-informed care should be a universal precaution, guiding providers to assume that any patient may have a history of adversity, even if it is never disclosed. This mindset shifts the focus from "What's wrong with you?" to "What's happened to you, and how is it affecting your health today?" For clinicians who rely on touch, such as physical and occupational therapists, physicians, nurses and primary care professionals, this awareness is especially important. Touch can be grounding and healing, but it can also activate the sympathetic nervous system, triggering a stress response before a patient has words to explain why.

Trust becomes the foundation of the therapeutic alliance, and trust is built through safety, predictability and respect. Trauma-informed practice encourages providers to slow down, explain what they are doing and invite patients into shared decision-making. Simple actions, such as asking permission before touching, checking in about comfort, offering choices and being transparent about what comes next, signal to the nervous system that the environment is safe. These small shifts can reduce physiological stress responses and create space for true healing.

Research on trauma-informed health care highlights how past adversity can influence patient engagement, adherence and outcomes. When patients feel overwhelmed, misunderstood or rushed, they may appear "non-compliant," when in reality their nervous system is doing its best to protect them. A trauma-informed lens helps clinicians interpret these reactions not as resistance but as communication. It encourages us to look beyond the symptom in front of us and consider the whole person, including their history, their stress load, their strengths and their goals.

Holistic care means recognizing that physical symptoms rarely exist in isolation. Pain, fatigue, dizziness and muscle tension often have emotional and neurological components. When providers acknowledge this mind-body connection, patients feel seen rather than dismissed. They're more likely to share concerns, ask questions and participate actively in their care. This collaboration strengthens the therapeutic alliance, which research consistently links to better health outcomes across disciplines.

Trauma-informed practice is not a specialty; it's a skill-set. It requires curiosity, humility and a willingness to adapt. It asks clinicians to be mindful of their tone, body language and pace. It reminds us that healing happens in relationships, and that every interaction, every moment of touch, every explanation, and every pause can either reinforce safety or erode it.

When we approach patients with the assumption that their bodies carry stories we cannot see, we create conditions where trust can grow. And when trust grows, so does the capacity for healing.

Patti Berg-Poppe, MPT, Ph.D., is a physical therapist, professor, and Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of South Dakota. She has published on trauma-informed care, including work examining how adverse childhood experiences influence patient engagement and how trauma-aware practices can strengthen therapeutic relationships. Her writing and teaching emphasize the importance of trust, safety and respectful communication in all health care interactions. Shana Cerny, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, is an occupational therapist and associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of South Dakota. Her research, service and teaching interests revolve around trauma-informed care, including publication of practice guidelines for trauma-informed occupational therapy, interventions for individuals after exploitation, and the effectiveness of a trauma-informed care curriculum for multi-disciplinary care providers. She is a Trust-Based Relational Intervention® Educa-tor and co-creator of the Child & Adult Advocacy Studies graduate certificate at the University of South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org.

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All things Nebraska Anger rises over changes made in citizen-adopted laws

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Almost every time I head over to the local work-out joint, there's some petition circulators waiting.

They scurry up and ask for my signature on a proposed ballot initiative that would make it harder for state legislators to change laws that voters have passed at the ballot box.

Nebraska is one of only 26 states that allow voters – if they collect enough signatures to put something on the ballot – to directly pass laws and constitutional amendments, or to repeal such measures via a referendum.

Two of our neighboring states, Iowa and Kansas, do not allow for citizen-initiated ballot measures.

But we in Nebraska permit the so-called "second house" – citizens – to enact laws and constitutional clauses as a check to either override something passed by the "first house," our one-house Unicameral Legislature, or enact something elected officials would not.

The power of the initiative has always been controversial. There's regularly questions about whether it's "too easy or too hard to get something on the ballot?" and whether the number of signatures required is too low or too high.

Plus, there are worries about well-heeled, outside interests and whether it's too easy for them in our small state to get a significant law adopted or changed (I'd argue that is why we have legislative term limits in Nebraska, a truly dumb idea pushed by the wealthy and conservative Koch Brothers).

Anyway, anger has risen in recent months over alterations made by the State Legislature in citizen initiatives that legalized medical marijuana, provided paid sick leave and increased the minimum wage.

Allowing prescriptions of medical cannabis was approved by a whopping 71% of Nebraska voters in 2024, and came after years of unsuccessful efforts by parents of kids suffering from frequent seizures and those who maintain marijuana can help relieve pain or symptoms of post-traumatic stress.

But state officials (including Gov. Jim Pillen, who opposed such legalization) have slow-walked the process of adopting regulations to start distributing cannabis to qualifying persons.

Lawmakers passed a bill earlier this month to allow regulation of prescribing cannabis, but it might be another year before any marijuana actually gets to patients.

And then there's questions about where doctors will prescribe or recommend medical pot. A bill to give them immunity from lawsuits or disciplinary complaints – say, from someone who still thinks voters were wrong to approve medical marijuana – was blocked by opponents of medical cannabis. So docs will be fair game.

The jury's still out on whether medical marijuana is effective medicine. People who have tried it for pain relief and to reduce seizures swear by it. But scientific studies are lacking.

Still, I think regulators can keep the stuff – which seems clearly harmful for kids – out of the wrong hands. And the vote at the ballot box was crystal clear – people want the option of marijuana as medicine.

I think we're in sad shape when state lawmakers can alter something passed by

citizens after deciding that "those silly voters" really didn't mean that.

The State Constitution is pretty clear – the Legislature cannot "amend, repeal, modify, or impair" laws adopted by citizen initiatives, unless they can get 33 votes out of the 49-senator Unicameral.

The petition drive now underway is organized by a group called "Respect Nebraska Voters," that had spent more than \$1 million through the end of March for a swarm of paid petition gatherers and a flurry of mailers reading "When we vote, it's not a suggestion."

Their main donor to the campaign – \$500,000 – was the Nebraska Donor Alliance, a nonprofit group committed to "democracy building" run by former State Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln. Other major donors are also Nebraska-based groups.

I agree with the Respect Nebraska Voters folks that it ought to be hard for state lawmakers to alter something passed by voters.

But whether the number of votes required by the State Legislature to change citizen-passed laws should be raised from the current two-thirds (33) of the 49-member Unicameral to four-fifths (40) is another question.

Forty out of 49 is a mighty high bar, requiring almost all senators to agree on changes. At least it's a change the "second house" would have to approve.

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



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1. *A or O, to blood
5. Catch a wink
8. "Don't know what to say" sound
11. Eon, alt. sp.
12. Severe blow
13. *Blood ____, type of blood test
15. Eastern ____, 1947-1991
16. *Respiratory rattling
17. Enormous ones
18. *Annual exam
20. Largest city of Norway
21. Like a romantic movie?
22. *Anatomical pouch
23. Work over with fists (2 words)
26. Levee next to water mill
30. Not cooked
31. What a terrorist wants to spread
34. Continental currency
35. Wide open
37. Charged particle
38. Colorado resort
39. Hipbones
40. Recede, as in tide (2 words)
42. Laos resident
43. Stinging shrub, pl.
45. Handrail's main supports
47. Caribou kin
48. Relating to a lobe
50. Saint's topper
52. *L in ACL
55. Bad-tempered
56. Affirm with confidence
57. Stain on Santa
59. Work the dough
60. Tiger Woods' pegs
61. Ruptured
62. "____ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
63. Store posting, abbr.
64. *Largest organ

DOWN

1. Can opener
2. Crowd's judgement
3. Tubby little cubby
4. Enclose within a cyst
5. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
6. Assuage
7. Spa treatment
8. 2016 western "____ or High Water"
9. Type of shark
10. Not Miss or Ms
12. Influenza
13. Sandbar
14. *Cardiac, smooth or skeletal ones
19. Quickly fry
22. Knightly title
23. *Cerebellum location
24. Two under on one hole
25. Look forward to
26. *Kissing disease?
27. Having two parts
28. Beatles: "He's ____ no-where man" (2 words)
29. Plural of #26 Down
32. *12 pairs of these
33. Rip off
36. *a.k.a. kneecap
38. Mr. T's team
40. Comic book cry
41. Unlocks the gate
44. Andrew Webber's middle name
46. Forcefully grabs
48. *Blood filter
49. S-shaped moldings
50. "The ____ for Red October"
51. Greek god of war
52. Strip of wood
53. Breakfast spot?
54. Spelling or Kelly
55. Biathlon equipment
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75 Years Ago, April 29, 1951 to May 5, 1951

Two visitors in Rulo were slugged into submission by Marshal Glen Kelley when they allegedly resisted his attempt to arrest one of them for disturbing the peace. The Rulo officer quickly got control of the situation and hauled the two into police court.

The Al G. Kelly and Miller Bros. Circus was coming to town. It was the first big circus to come to the area in nearly seven years. It consisted of 18 elephants, 127 horses and a menagerie of over 200 animals, including lions, tigers, zebras and bears. The attraction gave performances at the Towle Show Grounds south of town.

Four Tiger track athletes qualified for the state track meet at the Class B District Meet in Crete. The list included Dick Wickiser, Tom Percell, Frank Falloon and Doug Gibson. Wickiser advanced in the long jump and 440, Fallon in the shot put, Percell in the 220 and Gibson in the 120 hurdles. Bill Dorste, trying for a return trip to state, placed fourth in the mile.

Four Humboldt athletes also qualified for the state track meet in Class C. Paul Burgett qualified in the mile, Lee Ogle in the 180-yard low hurdles, Clayton Workman in the discus, and Dick Lafferty in the shot put.

Two hundred and twenty-six people attended the dinner at the Masonic temple, which marked the conclusion of an educational conference for lodges in this area.

Phil Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Slagle, was in satisfactory condition after receiving lacerations about the face in an auto accident north of Auburn. The Peru State student was traveling with four fellow students in a blinding rainstorm and struck Auburn Sheriff George Kelley's car broadside.

A small twister caused damage on the Hugh Church and Sam Schmidt farms in the Nims City vicinity. Several outbuildings and a shed were damaged.

The Board of Commissioners moved to ease Falls City's parking situation by adding a parking area on the northeast side of the courthouse. The additional parking area would be about 40 square feet and estimated to cost less than \$700.

Steady Stream Cherry, a registered Holstein cow owned by Milton Bletscher, took top honors in the annual Black and White show of the Southeast Nebraska Holstein-Friesian Association at City Park.

Humboldt High School was set to graduate 34 students at commencement exercises. Virginia Kalous was president of the class, Don Fairbanks was vice president, and Lenore Sandfort was secretary.

Edwin S. Towle, speaking for his family, offered a free site for a manufacturing company that would employ 20 or more people.

50 Years Ago, April 29, 1976 to May 5, 1976

A photo of Rule's Barber Shop, located where Tim Zinn's shop was presently located, appeared on the front page of the Journal. The barbershop included five barber chairs.

Coast to Coast in Falls City advertised quarts of 10w40 Quaker State oil on sale for 69 cents and Pennzoil SAE 30 for 59 cents.

Election of officers was held when the South School PTA met in the multi-purpose room. Mrs. Clifford Elwonger was elected president, Mrs. Dale Hanika, vice president; Mrs. Merle Veigel, secretary; and Mrs. Dale Huettner, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hillyard celebrated their 60th anniversary with a family dinner held at Breezy Hill.

The winners of the Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Bowling League was Breezy Hill Steak House. The champs were Ann Dorste, Jackie Graves, Nancy McKim and Shirley Milam.

The records kept falling for the Tiger track teams. Lisa Mann became the third fastest runner in the state in the 880, setting a new school record of 2:23.8, erasing her mark set earlier in the year.

Approximately 200 youngsters attended the Elks Youth Breakfast, the first event on the Elks Youth Week schedule.

The DV junior high boys track team won its third straight Homesteader Conference championship at Table Rock. Bill Lyons set a new record in the pole vault, clearing 9-0. Gary Huettner set a record in the 880, winning in 2:24.1, while also setting a new mark in the mile, winning in 5:15.8. Lori Karas set a record in the 100, winning in 12.1.

Keith Mehlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mehlin of Stella, was named Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the year by the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jaycees.

Herman Shestak announced that he had sold Shestak's Drug Store at 1610 Stone Street to Ken Kuncze, who had moved to Falls City from Onawa, Iowa.

Presidential contenders were slated to make stops in Nebraska. The list included President Ford, Sen. Frank Church, and former California Governor Ronald Reagan.

Sacred Heart's two-mile relay team set a school record at the Galaxy Conference Meet. The team of John McGuire, Bob Aitken, John Cowan and Phil Froeschl ran an 8:40.0. Meanwhile, at the same meet, Humboldt's Paul Heim set new conference marks of 14.9 in the 120-yard-high hurdles and 20.5 in the 180-yard lows.

Nine bids were submitted for the Grandview Park project. The Southeast Construction firm of Auburn submitted the low bid of \$203,299.50. The project provided a storm sewer to replace Rhine Creek from 14th to 8th Street.

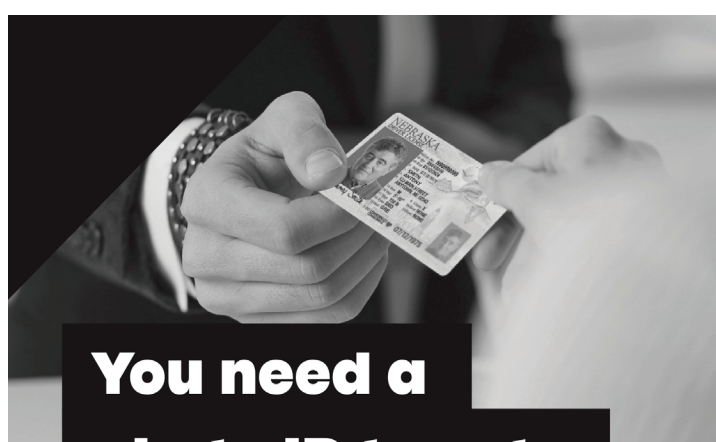
25 Years Ago, April 29, 2001 to May 5, 2001

Peru State College celebrated its commencement exercises with the awarding of only the fifth honorary doctorate in the college's over 130-year history. Petroleum industry scientist and Peru St. Alum Marlan W. Downey received the Honorary Doctor of Science Degree. Downey was a native of Falls City and a 1952 graduate of Peru State.

Dawson-Verdon principal John Eickhoff was retiring after 28 years at DV, the last 10 of which were spent as principal. He was referred to as Dawson-Verdon's strongest pillar. Eickhoff was a 1962 graduate of Falls City Sacred Heart and a 1966 Peru State College graduate.

The Sacred Heart Lady Irish won their ninth consecutive conference title in winning the Pioneer Conference track title with 93 points. On the boys' side, Irish senior Branden Bonk set a meet record with a throw of 166-10 in the discus. The school record of 171-3 was set by Matt O'Grady in 1994.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 455, sponsored an essay contest on the Korean War.



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the transformers that were taken down are being donated to a lineman school because they haven't been produced since the 1950s.

"What we've invested in Falls City has taken us from the 1950s to now, we're in modern day," said Leyden.

In other news, the Board heard a quarterly report from EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl. Froeschl supplied updates to the Council regarding Nebraska Rural Generation, Citroniq and the transmission line project.

He also stated that the Family Fare building has been listed for sale at \$600,000, with hopes of selling to a local buyer.

"We are trying to use some of these announcements and these projects that have committed to us, as a way, you know, to get the project that we want and we deserve here," said Froeschl. "It's given Falls City a chance to try to get you know, a retailer or a second grocery store."

Froeschl noted that Dollar Fresh had upped its deliveries to four times per week, up from two, to handle demand.

As he continued, he advised the Board that EDGE has received over 50 applications for the Owner-Occupied grant program, of which 20 awards will be approved. He also noted that EDGE will be hosting a Community Housing Event at the Falls City Elks Lodge on May 20th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will be used to discuss new construction housing options, introduce development plans and obtain feedback from the community.

Next, the Council approved a dual representation power plant structure discovery contract with the Baird Holm Law Firm. Froeschl stated that David Levy has been identified as the "premier public power attorney in the state."

Froeschl continued, "He's the one who knows the law the best, and so this is a request for a dual representation contract with Nebraska Rural Generation."

Froeschl said the Board of Public Works requested this agreement to move forward with a potential submission for a power plant. Froeschl stressed that none of this will come at the expense of ratepayers and that it is separate from the transmission line project that is in the works.

A discussion was held and, eventually, approved, to conduct a controlled burn for training purposes at 824 McLean Street. The area in question is a corner lot and has had the asbestos removed.

Jon McQueen from the Fire Department said he has been working with Froeschl on the possibility, and his volunteers are excited to use the house for training.

Councilperson Leyden motioned, contingent on liability insurance that will cover the city and landbank, to approve the burn. The motion passed 6-0.

A public hearing was held to consider approving a chicken permit application at 1601 McLean Street. After no public input, the Council voted in favor of the application 6-0.

The Board also approved the appointment of Jeff Palik, A Class A Superintendent License S-1269 and Engineering License E-13167, as the City Street Superintendent for the re-

mainder of the 2026 calendar year.

Action on discussing bids for municipal waste management for Falls City was tabled on a 6-0 vote.

Administrator Jorm said he'd like a chance to review the bids more in depth and bring back a recommendation for the Council.

A request by Jorm to change capital assets with an initial individual cost of \$1,500 to \$5,000 or more, with an estimated useful life of more than one year, was approved on a 6-0 vote.

The Council also approved an on-call agreement with Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers. Accord-

ing to Trevor Campbell, to receive engineering cost reimbursement through some funding mechanisms, "You have to show that you've properly procured an engineer."

Campbell continued saying that having an engineer on call for water and wastewater is similar to having Olsson as an engineer for the streets.

Finally, the Council approved a request for a leave of absence from Vernon Coy and a request to carry over unused vacation time from Megan Stamper.

With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

204 E 7th St – 2 3-wheeled bikes, swimming pool filter, lots of misc.
1410 E 14th St (4-Corners) – Fri 12-6, Sat 8-4, Sun 10-4. Old Windmill Antiques furniture reduction sale! CHEAP PRICES! Dressers, hutches, end tables, tables & chairs, desks, commodes, secretaries, trunks, nightstands, mirrors & much more
1410 E 14th St (4-Corners) – Fri 12-6, Sat 8-4, Sun 10-4. Women's & men's clothing & accessories, Barbies, tools, household items, dishes, vintage & collectable items, tables & chairs, desk, gardening items, toys, vintage car parts & much more!
718 E 16th St – Fri 9-5 & Sat 8-4. Boy's & toddler girl's clothes, baby items, like new glass top stove, household items, décor, furniture, craft items, dishes, & misc. New items added throughout the day! All proceeds go towards Fenn's service dog!
910 E 17th St – Fri & Sat 8-4. Window air conditioner, jewelry, designer bags, antiques, toys, furniture
117 E 17th St (inside Blessedx3 Boutique) – Fri 4-8 & Sat 8-4. Men's name brand clothes, kid's clothes, jewelry, household items
1700 Harlan St – First United Methodist Church – Thu 4-8, Fri 8-8, Sat 8-12. Home items, décor, holiday, dishes
1216 E 17th St – Fri 4-7, Sat 8-4, Sun 10-2. Women's, teen girl's, men's, and boy's (6M-5T) new and used clothing (mostly under \$3!), new gift items, home décor, toddler items, toys, wooden kid's play kitchen, coffee & side table set
1002 E 18th St – Sat 9-4. Trolling motor, set of 4 bar height swivel chairs, 8' Christmas tree, 32" TV, extension cords, 3-drawer storage container, fishing pole storage unit, decorative items, puzzles, Christmas decorative boxes, other misc.
1914 Morton St – Fri 12-5 & Sat 8-4. Baby girl's clothing NB-3/6 mo, baby swings, women's XL-plus size clothing, men's big & tall clothing, toys, household items
1402 E 19th St – Fri 4-7 & Sat 8-4. Women's, men's and youth clothing, home décor, Christmas items
2018 Valley Ave – Little girl's clothes, toys, household items, books, lawn utility cart, patio table & chairs, baby items
916 St. Mary's Ave – Kitchen items, Tupperware, lots of miscellaneous!
924 Charles St – Sat 8-2. Household miscellaneous, clothes & jewelry
2412 Morton St – Fri 3-7, Sat 9-7 - 2017 31ft 5th Wheeler Cougar Lite, snowblower, and miscellaneous
2403 Lane St – Men's clothing, women's clothing & shoes, baby boy clothes, baby items, misc. house items
226 E 26th St – Clothes of all sizes (lots with tags on!), household items, furniture, antiques
2712 McLean St – Multi-Family Sale! Women's, toddler & baby clothes, shoes, household items, décor, holiday items, lots of misc!
1912 Stone St – Fri 8-4 & Sat 8-4. Radial arm saw, misc. tools, 7 1/2' lighted Christmas tree, records, bed frame, telephone chair, dolls, big men's & ladies clothing
2224 Stone St – Fri 8-3 & Sat 8-12. Men's, Women's & Girl's clothing, gymnastics mat, clarinet, drum set, sports gear, guitar hero drum set, toys, kitchen items, home & holiday décor
2205 Chase St – Fri 8-4 & Sat 8-4. Class C Camper, furniture, fishing items, jewelry, household goods, cast iron, kitchen items
2421 Stone St (in alley) – Fri 10-4 & Sat 10-4. Golf clubs, ice auger, patio heater, household décor, TVs, books, clothes & more!
510 W 19th St – Fri 4:30-7 & Sat 8-4. Books, movies, toys, kitchenware, household items, clothing, accessories, jewelry
2023 Abbott St – Mix of everything! Baby & kid's items, clothing, furniture, household items
2114 Hiland Ave – Women's clothing, charcoal grill, Chiefs grill, smoker, antique lanterns, flowerpots
2315 Schoenheit St – Fri 5-7 & Sat 8-12. Moving Sale - Everything's got to go! Men's, Women's & Boy's clothes & shoes, household items, furniture, décor and more!
2319 Schoenheit St – Friday 5-7 & Sat 8-12. Multi-family sale! Kid's, men's and women's clothing, home décor,
2616 Chase St – Fri & Sat 8-4. Women's S & M clothes, boy's clothes, baby girl's clothes, baby items, home décor, toys, softball/baseball stuff, dishes and lots more!
2624 Chase St – Fri 5-7, Sat 8-4, Sun 8-7 Women's medium clothes, girl's size 10 clothes, men's medium-XL clothes, home décor, misc. household items
2602 Hiland Ave – Kid's clothes, toys & more!
2723 Crook St – 10 speed 26" bike & helmet, sewing machines, cloth, garden pots, nut pick-up tool, spray paints, TV trays, clocks, wall sconces, board games, new toaster oven, kitchen tools, size S women's clothing,
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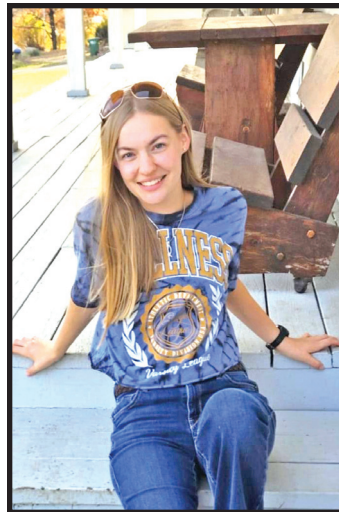
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SOCIETY

Parish Circle and Women In Mission Friendship Tea, April 12, 2026

The Parish Circle and Women In Mission hosted their annual Friendship Tea on Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2026 at the Bethel Global Methodist Church. A good crowd of members and guests from several local churches attended.

Deb Harris, for the Parish Circle, welcomed the guests, gave an opening prayer, and introduced the guest speaker, Amy (Dunn) Hoehner. She and her husband Justin, operate Camp COMECA a Christian Camp near Cozad, NE. Amy grew up in Falls City and told about her journey from Falls City to Cozad. The camp operates year around with summer camps in June and July for children from Pre-K through 9th grade and a Family Camp. A variety of Retreats are held during the rest of the year for individuals and couples. Amy opened and closed her presentation with a song, accompanying herself on the guitar. Following the program refreshments were served by the Women In Mission.

The next meeting of the Parish Circle will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 18 at Bethel Global Methodist Church hosted by Julie Hader with Jan Deckinger giving the lesson. The Women In Mission will meet May 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of the hostess, Joan Zoeller with Mary Yoessel giving the lesson.



Annual Animal Clinic in FC

The Falls City Police Department and Animal Health Center will be hosting the annual animal clinic on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Animal Health Center, 1505 East 14th Street.

Animal Health Center staff will be administering vaccinations and the Police Department will be issuing animal licenses. The clinic will allow residents to get their animals vaccinated and licensed at the same time.

City ordinance requires the licensing of all dogs and cats within city limits who are six months of age or older. Licenses expire in May of each year.

You must present a cur-

rent rabies vaccination certificate to license your pet. Spayed and neutered pet licenses are \$11.00; male and female pets are \$21.00. There is an additional fee of \$10.00 for delinquent licenses.

The cost of vaccinations administered by Animal Health Center are as follows: \$30.00 for DHLPPV; \$25.00 for BORD; \$20.00 for Rabies; \$50.00 for Leukemia; and \$25.00 for FVRCP.

Pet licenses and vaccines must be paid for separately.

In the event of rain, the clinic will be postponed to a later date.

Any questions can be directed to the Falls City Police Department at (402) 245-4422.



Winners: (Left) Colby Dunn and Ann Cox DAR State Regent. (Above) Front row, Cooper Merz, Gus Clemmons, Colby Dunn. Back Row, Olivia Butrick, Caroline Powell, Kase Schawang, Siterra Feighner.

D.A.R. American History essay contest winners

The Daughters of the American Revolution Reavis Ashley Chapter meeting was held Friday April 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church 20th and Towle, to honor the winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay contest.

The topic for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students was "Lunch with a Signer" Question: America will celebrate her 250th birthday on July 4, 2026.

If you could go back in time and meet one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence for lunch, who would you choose? How did their actions and service contribute to our Country Becoming independent?

Reavis Ashley Chapter winners - fifth grade South School, first: Colby Dunn; second, Gus Clemmons; third, Cooper Merz.

Sixth grade Middle School, first, Kase Schawang; second, Olivia Butrick; third, Siterra Feighner.

The topic for ninth through twelfth grade students was Patriots of the American Revolution Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution (1773-1783). Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the American Revolution, who he or she was and the contribution that historic character made to the founding of a new nation, Your figure must have been an actual person - one who is well-known or an everyday man, woman, or child, who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small.

First, Caroline Powell, ninth grade, Homeschooled.

State Winner Colby Dunn went to Kearney on March 20 to receive his certificate, medal, and a stipend for his essay. Colby Dunn, Carolyn Powell and Kase Schawang were unable to attend.

Colby Dunn and Caroline Powell also won first in State in the North Central Division.

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Eickhoff commits to play golf at UNL

Jake Eickhoff, son of Kari Eickhoff and former Auburn Bulldog Jamie Eickhoff (AHS class of '91), grandson of John and Diana Eickhoff of Auburn, and nephew of Betsy and Troy Nelson of Falls City, has verbally committed to play golf at the University of Nebraska. The junior from Nashville, TN will join the Cornhusker men's golf program in the fall of 2027. Social media announcements were made on Instagram accounts Jake_Eickhoff_Golf and CollgeGolfCommits along with Page High School's X account @wcsPHSgolf.

A few highlights from Jake's junior golf career include: Page High School 18-hole record-holder with a 64 ('25), 4-Year qualifier for TN Junior Cup ('22-'25), Team East MVP in TN Junior Cup ('24), Winner of Sneds Tournament of Champions ('24), TN Men's State Match-play Runner-up ('24), TN Men's State am qualifier as a 7th-grader ('22), Men's Club Champion at The Grove as an 8th-grader ('23), Men's Club Match-Play Champion at Vanderbilt Legends ('24), 16 total tournament wins ('22-'25), 25 other top 10 finishes ('22-'25).

Jake Eickhoff is currently the #4 overall ranked junior golfer in Tennessee and the #2 overall ranked junior golfer in the state for the class of 2027. Events he will play before arriving on campus in Lincoln include a variety of regional and national junior golf events along with qualifiers for tournaments such as the US Open, US am, US junior am, and Junior PGA Championship. He will also participate in major events hosted by the TN Golf Association: Men's state am, Men's state open, Men's state match-play, and State junior am.

Eickhoff will also continue competing during his senior year on the Page High School Boys' Golf team.

Recently, Eickhoff competed in and won the 18-hole American Junior Golf Association Qualifier Event on March 19, 2026, at Old Hickory Country Club in Old Hickory, TN. Eickhoff clinched the victory with a -5 score and birdied seven of the last nine holes.



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SOCIETY

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order Of The Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star members met for their stated meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Meeting Place. Eight members were present as Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer presided in the East. During the Opening Ceremony all sang the Opening Ode, 'Lord Listen to Your Children Praying' followed with Pledging Allegiance to the American Flag.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the March meeting which were approved. The minutes of the March 23 District Supervisors School of instruction were read with one correction and approved. The School of Instruction was held in the Pawnee City Masonic Hall with Brownville and Humboldt Chapters. Nine from each Chapter were in attendance plus District Grand Supervisors Megan Pruitt of Luna Ch #169 and Susanne Krishna of Alpha Ch #325 in Bellevue, and Denise Lasiter.

Joan Wheeler, Treasurer, reported on the amount in the General Fund. Correspondence read: Nebraska OES News regarding information of Grand Chapter Session in May 12-14 at the Younes Center in Kearney. Copies of the 2025-2026 written report of the Jurisprudence Committee were handed out. A Happy New Year card was received from the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth as well as their Cornerstone publication. A thank you for the \$300 sent for Children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont at Christmas time.

An invitation was read from the Associate Grand Matron Andy Stewart and Associate Grand Patron Rick Baker and their new Grand Officers Installation on May 14, 2026 at 5:00p.m. Individual receptions will be held in the North Platte Masonic Temple on May 31 for Mrs Stewart from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and on June 7 for Mr Baker at the Masonic Temple in Bellevue and their Grand Officers from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Their theme this year is "Leap of Faith". The Secretary read the three different Resolutions which will be voted on at Grand Chapter. Trudy Fankhauser and Phyllis Kreutzer plan to attend.

It is planned to review the proficiency instructions during the social hour of a future meeting. Debbi Dunn, Scholarship Committee Chairman reported she has a few applications which need to be sent to her by April 15. Humboldt Chapter along with Grand Chapter will award one \$600 scholarship to a graduating high school senior from Falls City or HTRS.

Discussion was held over continuing help with Bingo at Colonial Acres Nursing Home in the future.

Sickness was reported for Mary Behrends in the Auburn Hospital and Mary Ellen Gaither at Southlake Rehabilitation in Lincoln.

There being no further business Chapter closed in form with singing "God Is So Good."

Phyllis Kreutzer served refreshments during the Social Hour.

Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J Brown, Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met April 14, 2026 at the home of Jana Wheeler. Co-President Jana Wheeler 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. A verse of 'My Country Tis of Thee' was sung and the ALA Preamble was recited.

Roll call was answered by eight members.

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

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

Committee Reports: There were 30 children and many parents and family at the Easter Egg hunt on April 3 that was squeezed in at the Shubert park before the storm. The 250th and Legion Birthday celebration was enjoyed by all the Veterans and family members in attendance. The Unit appreciates the local papers for publishing a nice article with pictures covering the event. Poppies will be placed on the cemeteries again in May before Memorial Day. Linda Patchen shared that she did the roadside litter pickup.

Teacher appreciation in May was brought up for discussion.

Officers for the coming year will be discussed at the May meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:30 at the home of Vicki Beilke.

Chaplain Lacey Noa gave the closing prayer. Co-President Jana Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned.

SOCIETY

FC Does Drove #56

Monday, April 13, 2026 the Falls City Does Drove #56, NE met at the Elks Lodge for their regular monthly meeting. A potluck dinner was enjoyed in honor of past presidents. Presidents in attendance were Dessie Scholl, Karen Ramsey, Mary Wiltse, Glenda Bippes, Phyllis Kreutzer, Linda Jilek, Nancy McKim and Marlene McKim.

The meeting was called to order by President Dessie Scholl. Committee reports were made. Nancy thanked everyone that had worked and taken cookies to the recent Red Cross Blood Mobile. Public relations guidelines were handed out. Applications for membership were read. Initiation will be held at the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding new Does shirts to be ordered. If anyone is interested in getting one they should contact Nancy. The upcoming annual Sandwich-Salad-Desert luncheon will be Monday, April 27 from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Elks Club. Tickets are available from Does members as well as at the Hometown Floral and Runza businesses or at the door. Members should meet on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks to make sandwiches.

The Elks Flag Ceremony

will be June 14. As always the Does will help with this.

Hostesses for this evening were Nancy and Marlene McKim. Prize winners were Kenna Nixon, Phyllis, Betsy Colridge and Linda.

The next regular meeting is May 11 and will be hosted by Susan Wilhelm and Linda Williams. Members are reminded to wear white for the for the initiation.

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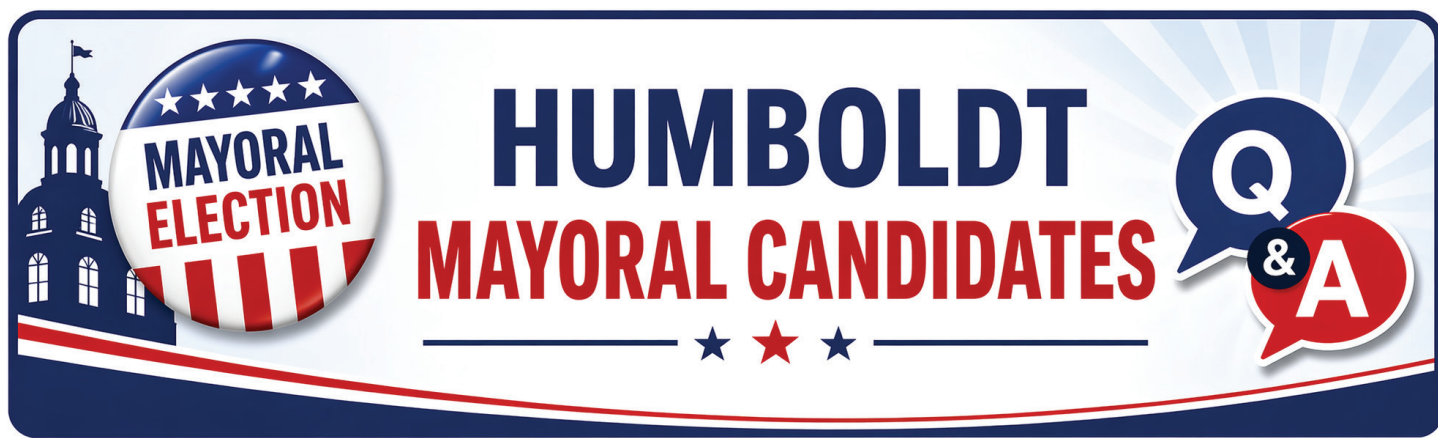
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Humboldt Mayoral candidates share positions in *Journal* Q&A

As the May 12, 2026 Primary Election approaches, the *Falls City Journal* is providing voters with a closer look at the candidates seeking local office.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, with early voting available through the Richardson County Clerk's Office.

As part of this feature series, each candidate was asked the same set of questions. Responses are printed exactly as submitted, with no edits made by the newspaper, to allow readers to review each candidate's positions in their own words ahead of the election. (Minor edits have been made to the candidates introductions.)

Jan Wilhelm, candidate for Mayor of Humboldt.

What are your top three priorities for Humboldt over the next four years?

1. Make planned, phased upgrades to streets and water/wastewater systems to improve reliability, reduce emergency repairs, and protect long-term public health and safety.

2. Consistently enforce existing codes and strengthen follow-through so problem properties are addressed, neighborhoods are protected, and we support responsible property ownership.

3. Grow community pride by supporting more family-friendly events, partnerships with local groups and businesses, and welcoming activities that bring residents together

How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?

Retaining and recruiting quality employees starts with valuing the workforce we have. I would support competitive wages, benefits, training, and a positive work environment with clear communication and respect. For recruitment, I'd expand outreach through schools, trade programs, and regional job networks. Preventing turnover requires strong leadership, fair treatment, and recognizing good employees. Investing in staff stability ensures reliable city services and saves taxpayer dollars over time.

I have been an elected Council Member since 2018 and was appointed the Mayor position after the two previous Mayors resigned in 2024.

How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?

Transparency starts with open, honest communication and following Nebras-

ka Open Meetings Laws at all times. I would ensure agendas, minutes, budgets, and major expenditures are posted clearly and promptly for the public. I support making budget information easy to understand, not buried in reports. Major decisions should be discussed openly with opportunities for public input. Residents deserve to know how tax dollars are spent, why decisions are made, and what priorities guide city government.

James Cherry, candidate for Mayor of Humboldt.

What are your top three priorities for Humboldt over the next four years?

First, I want to improve communication with our community. Residents should feel informed, heard, and connected to what's happening in their city.

Second, I will work on revisiting and adjusting city ordinances, so they better reflect Humboldt's needs and values. Laws and regulations should make sense for our community, support growth, and remain fair and practical.

Finally, I will prioritize reviewing and improving the city's funding and expenses. Careful financial oversight ensures taxpayer dollars are used effectively and that we are planning responsibly for both current needs and future investments.

How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?

First, I believe in building a strong pipeline of future employees by engaging with our local youth. Encouraging local businesses and City Departments to participate in school career day events. Introducing students to meaningful careers in public service sparking early interest in working for the city.

Second, retaining our current workforce is just as important as recruiting new employees. I will look

into improving benefits, including exploring options for medical insurance for full-time city workers. Competitive benefits are essential to keeping skilled employees and reducing turnover.

How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?

First, I will encourage more communication with residents by actively inviting them to attend and participate in town meetings. When people are present and informed, they have a direct view into how decisions are made, including discussions around the city budget and major expenditures.

Second, I will work to retool and improve our social media platforms, including Facebook, so they provide timely, accurate updates. These platforms can be used to share meeting agendas, budget summaries, key decisions, and reminders about public meetings.

Finally, I will encourage greater community engagement at council meetings. A more involved public helps hold leadership accountable and ensure we remain in full compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings laws by keeping discussions open, accessible, and visible to everyone.

Kevin Burnison, candidate for Mayor of Humboldt.

What are your top three priorities for Humboldt over the next four years?

Operating in a weak mayor system, one of the most important rolls of the Mayor is to work to engage others to identify priority needs and to make the most of limited resources to get the biggest bang for the buck. Alone a Mayor cannot accomplish much. Building legitimate collaboration opportunities would be a priority for me.

#2.2) Work to create & sustain the soundest infrastructure possible to allow

families, businesses, and entities to have a solid foundation for families and places of business.

How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?

Reality is that the majority of the current City Council have been appointed to replace someone who vacated their position early. Those of us who call Humboldt home have to come to that fine balance of compromise and advocacy that will allow for leaders to serve full terms. We have to recognize that there is a better way than the current revolving door of short term City leadership. As a community we have to figure out how to attract, build and sustain a strong leadership team to stabilize the City Council. *How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?*

In my career of working 30+ years with local units of government to finance and manage public works improvements, I have long recognized that fair and open procurement results in the most efficient and financially sound contracting. I am not in favor of no bid procurement.

Ted B. Schuler, candidate for Mayor of Humboldt apologized for not getting responses back to us. He had issues with his computer.

MAYOR

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Kenny Killingsworth, candidate for Mayor of Falls City.

1. What are your top three priorities for Falls City over the next four years?

I would like the city to keep updating their infrastructure. Support and maintain local businesses, also recruit new businesses and industry. I would like to try and keep our young people from leaving Falls City by providing better jobs and housing and more common sense in government. .

2. How will you approach workforce retention and recruitment for city departments, including utilities and public works, and what steps will you take to prevent turnover issues?

I think Falls City has a very fair pay scale for their employees. Since I am retired I would have more time to talk with city employees about their concerns and try to work with them and try to resolve their problems before they resign.

fore they resign.

3. How will you ensure transparency in city government, including clear communication about the city budget, major expenditures and compliance with Nebraska open meetings laws?

I would try to attend the Board of Public Works Meetings, Budget Committee Meetings, and encourage citizens to attend City Council Meetings and voice their concerns. If I become mayor I would try to run a respectful City Council Meeting and following the rules of the Open Meetings Law and make sure all people attending do also. I would like to find a way to make it easier to do the right things in our city government.

Mark A. Galaska,

candidate for Mayor of Falls City. *Editor's note:* Portions of this candidate's responses contained statements the *Falls City Journal* could not independently verify. The candidate was given an opportunity to revise the responses for publication but revised responses were not submitted.



The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 with 30 kids attending and the Easter Bunny. Candy, patriotic flags and some monetary prizes were given to the children.

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Cole Taft
Cole, son of Troy and Angie Taft, is a senior at Falls City Sacred Heart. He plans to attend Southeast Community College in Milford to pursue degrees in Construction and Business.



Brock Niedfeldt
Brock, son of Joe and Katie Niedfeldt, is a senior at Falls City High School. He plans to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice to further his education in Agriculture.



Addyson Sayer
Addyson, daughter of Whitney Norris and Luke Sayer, is a senior at Falls City High School. She plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University, where she will major in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education.



Vaden Leyden
Vaden, son of Derrick and Shelly Leyden, is a senior at Falls City High School. He plans to attend Southeast Community College in Milford to pursue a degree in Non-Destructive Testing Technology (NDT).

Irish host Robert A. Roh Invite

Sacred Heart hosted the annual Robert A. Roh Irish Invitational at Syracuse on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. The Irish boys tallied 67 points to place second, while the Lady Irish compiled 35 points and placed eighth.

For the Irish boys, Brenden Lemerond broke five minutes in the 1600m run, winning the gold in 4:59.49. Teammate Hayden Clow also scored in the event, placing fourth in 5:11.97. In the 3200m run, Bo Fletcher clocked in at 11:11.07 for third, while Clow was fourth at 11:21.12. Freshman Noah Howard scored in the 110h, earning the bronze medal and setting a personal best of 17.78. Howard set his second PR of the day, earning the silver in the 300h, crossing the tape in 45.13. The Irish 4x100 team placed fourth (48.12), while the 4x400 team ran a 3:49.31 for sixth. The Irish 4x800m relay team placed third in 8:56.59. In the high jump, JJ Lancaster cleared 5-10 and placed fifth. The Irish pole vaulters placed third and fourth as Lemerond cleared 10-06 for third and Owen Santo set a personal record of 10-06 and finished fourth. The final points came in the jumps as Kayden Groth set a PR of 18-07.50 and placed fifth in the long jump and Lancaster went 38-04.75 for fourth in the triple jump.

Points didn't come as easily for the Lady Irish. In the 800m run, Macy Taft clocked in at 2:42.10, a personal record for sixth place. Fellow freshman Payten Georges ran a season-best 13:49.95 in the 3200m, placing fourth. In the 300h, Ryann Westengaard placed fifth in 55.13. Meanwhile, the 4x100m relay team placed sixth (58.93), the 4x400 team was sixth (4:54.64), and the 4x800 team was fourth (11:11.36). Thrower Hal-

Tiger golfers place second at Raider Invite

The Falls City golf squad competed at Wymore on Wednesday, shooting a 352 and placing second. The team from Deshler fired a 322 to capture the team gold. The HTRS/PC team finished the day with a 387 and placed sixth.

Falls City was again led by senior Ethan Morris. Morris shot a 39 on the front nine and followed it with a 45 on the back for an 84 and a fifth-place finish. Nolan Nicholson was close behind with a 47/40 for an 87. Knox Davis was next with a 47/41 (88), followed by Kole Schawang with a 48/45 (93), and Payton Brown with a 49/53 (102).

For HTRS/PC, Jon Koch placed seventh with a 45/41 (86), while Josh Manning was next with a 50/41 (91). Grey Sherm shot a 51/49 for a 100, Trey Kling had a 54/56 for a 110 and Luke Hunzeker shot a 64/54 for a 118.

Chase Simpson also earned a medal in the JV match, shooting a 50/54 for a 104 and a seventh place finish.



Photo Courtesy of Tim Linscott of the *Fairbury Journal-News*. Macy Taft makes the handoff to Daycee Witt at the MUDECAS Meet on Saturday at Tri County High School.

lie Jones earned the gold in the discus (100-06) and placed third in the shot put (34-07). The Irish got a pair of medals in the pole vault as Brookelyn Bebermeyer was fourth (7-06) and Bailey Lemerond placed sixth at 7-00. The final points were earned by freshman Kemper Sipple in the triple jump. Sipple soared 30-01.75 and placed sixth.

On Saturday at the MUDECAS Meet, the Lady Irish scored 24 points to finish in 10th place, while the boys placed 8th with 32 points.

In the 1600m run, Daycee was sixth (6:15.51). The Irish 4x800 team was third in 11:08.27, while Jones placed fifth in the shot (34-02) and second in the discus (113-03).

For the boys, Clow ran a PR of 10:45.72 for sixth in the 3200m run. The 4x800 team placed sixth in 8:52.30 and Cooper Knobbe tossed the discus 124-09 for fourth. Lemerond was fifth in the pole vault (10-06), while Santo was sixth at 10-06. Lancaster leaped 38-08.25 for sixth in the triple jump.

Late rally propels Tigers to win

The Falls City nine scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth as they rallied for a 4-3 win over the East Atchison Wolves on Tuesday evening.

The Tigers got a masterful performance on the mound from starting pitcher Kam Huppert. The freshman allowed just four hits and three runs (2 earned) over five innings of work. Jayton Wilkerson took

the hill for the final two frames, allowing no hits, no runs, one walk and struck out three as he earned the win.

The action was tight throughout as FC took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning. Wilkerson led off the inning with a walk and moved to third after a pair of groundouts. With two down, Ryder Hullman came up with a clutch single up the

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Kenna Ehrhardt hit a perfect shot in the fairway on No. 1 at the JV Invite.

JV teams take over FC Golf Course

The Tigers hosted a JV Golf Invitational at the Falls City Golf Course on Monday afternoon, April 20. Seven teams and 34 athletes competed against the course and the wind on Monday. Nebraska City took top honors with a team score of 189, followed by Johnson County Central (195), Johnson-Brock (216), FC (224), Auburn (235), HTRS (256) and FC 2 (271).

Individually, Hudson Rutt of Nebraska City had the best nine holes of the afternoon, shooting a 44.

For Falls City, Bristol Coupe led the charge with a 55, followed by Cade Caudle and Wyatt Coonce with 56s. Chase Simpson carded a 57, and Emma Gilker-

son finished her round with a 63.

FC team 2 was led by Kenna Ehrhardt with a 61, followed by Keylee Olberding (65), Leah Goff (70) and Tommy West (75).

The team from HTRS/PC shot a 256 and was led on the course by Trey Kling with a 58. Luke Hunzeker followed with a 61, Aiden Tozier had a 64, and Quinn Friedly shot a 73.

The Auburn Bulldogs combined to shoot a 235. Nolan Davis led the Bulldogs with a 52, followed by Barrett Rad with a 57, Slade Richardson with a 62 and Trevor McNeely and Cale Zentner each shot 64s.

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middle to give the Tigers a 1-0 advantage.

A walk, a passed ball and a single in the fourth allowed East Atchison to tie the contest at one run apiece.

The game remained tied until the top of the sixth inning. Three walks and a fielder's choice put the Wolves in the lead for the first time, 2-1. An error by FC led to another run, giving the visitors a two-run lead, 3-1, heading into the bottom of the sixth.

Wilkerson worked a walk to open the bottom of the sixth. Two stolen bases and an RBI single by Elin Vonderschmidt got FC within one run. Another stolen base and single by Vaden Leyden tied the game at 3-3. Later in the inning, with the bases loaded, Karson Simpson drew a four-pitch walk, scoring Hullman to give the Tigers a 4-3 lead with three outs remaining.

The Wolves immediately put a runner on base after a Tiger error. However, Wilkerson settled in and induced a fielder's choice, a strikeout and a ground-out to preserve the win.

On top of a great pitching effort, Huppert also went 2-2 at the plate. Willman, Vonderschmidt,

Leyden and Hullman all added base hits. Simpson, Vonderschmidt, Leyden and Hullman had RBIs.

The Tigers' luck ran out on Wednesday as they fell to Nebraska City 15-0. Errors again proved too costly for FC to overcome. The Tigers finished with 11 errors, leading to 10 unearned runs in the loss. Starting pitcher Jaiden Willman lasted three innings, allowing seven hits and 13 runs, but only three earned.

The Pioneers plated one run in the first, six in the second and third innings and two more in the fourth.

Willman went 2-3 at the plate, while Wilkerson and Hullman each singled.

Thursday's contest against Palmyra was postponed due to potential weather issues.

On Saturday, FC traveled to Raymond to take on the 7-8 Mustangs. The home team dominated from the first inning as they cruised to a 9-0 win over FC. The Tiger's lone hit came from Mason Collier in the third inning. Outside of that, FC got walks from Willman, Huppert, Collier, Niedfeldt and Callen Furnas.

Niedfeldt took the loss, allowing five hits and four runs in three innings of work.

The 2-14 Tigers played at Bishop LeBlond on Monday and will host Fairbury on Thursday, April 30.

Dettman and Glathar set new school marks

The HTRS Titan track teams were busy last week. The squads competed at Syracuse on Tuesday, April 21, in the Robert A. Roh Irish Invite.

Girls' team standings: Johnson-Brock 96, Cornerstone 96, Palmyra 70.33, Lourdes 65, HTRS 57.33, Weeping Water 38, Syracuse 35.33, SH 35, PC 17, Sterling 12, Omaha Christian 3, Lewiston 2.

Boys' team standings: Palmyra 108, SH 67, Omaha Christian 60, HTRS 56, Johnson-Brock 54, Cornerstone 44, Lewiston 37, Syracuse 32, Weeping Water 30, Lourdes 24, Sterling 11, PC 4.

In the running events, the Lady Titans got a sixth-place finish from Miranda Rist in the 100m (13.60). They also earned points in the 400m dash, as Lillian Bowen ran a season-best 1:03.29, placing fifth. Bowen just missed a new school record in the 800m run, crossing the line in 2:24.62 and beating the competition by nine seconds. In the 3200m run, Grayson Sherman was third (13:47.79), while Jazi Frey placed fourth in the 100h in 17:58. Frey scored again in the 300h, placing fourth in 52.92. The Titans' 4x400 team placed third (4:33.03), and the 4x800 team got the gold in 10:22.36. In the field events, Ava Grimes was sixth in the shot put at 31-01. Rist also placed sixth in the high jump at 4-06, while Frey cleared 9-06 in the pole vault for gold. Teammate Makenna Dunlap cleared 7-00 for fifth. In the long jump, Eden Duryea went 14-05.75 for sixth.

For the boys, Kameon Dettmann nearly broke the school record in the 400m dash, running a 52.63 and won the gold. The junior ran a new school record of 2:03.58 in the 800m run to claim the silver. His time shattered the school record he set last spring of 2:05.51. Teammate Axton Wamsley also ran a great race, setting a personal best of 2:08.27 and placing fourth. The Titans' 4x400 team ran a 3:41.84 for the silver, while the 4x800 team also placed second, running an 8:50.25. In the field events, Emmett Glathar won the gold in the discus (152-00) and placed second in the shot put (47-02).

On Saturday, the teams traveled to Tri County for the MUDECAS Meet. The women scored 56.5 points and placed fifth, while the men finished in sixth with forty points.

Rist was sixth in the 100m (13.57), while Bowen was fourth in the 400 (1:03.07). In the 800, Bowen won gold (2:25.92), while Sherman was fifth (2:33.94). Frey placed fourth in the 100h (16.85). The 4x100 team (53.21) was fourth, the 4x400 team (4:29.90) was sixth and the 4x800 team (10:30.19) was second. In the high jump, Bailee Schmit went 4-04 for fifth and Frey cleared 9-00 for third in the pole vault.

For the boys, Dettmann bettered his mark in the 800, placing second in 2:03.18. The 4x400 relay team was fourth (3:38.48), and the 4x800 relay team ran 8:45.84 for fourth. Glathar scored two silvers, throwing 48-02 in the shot and 161-01 in the discus, setting a new school mark in the process. The final points came from Bradyn Bowen in the long jump. The sophomore set a PR of 19-03 and placed third.

Commissioners receive a quarterly report from EDGE

The Richardson County Commissioners met on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the courthouse, and all members answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. reported that the County currently has only two operational semi-trucks. One is experiencing trailer issues. The trailer's axles have been removed, and a weld is being repaired. While the repair is underway, all new bushings will be installed. Darveau cited the difficulty of getting the axles back into the proper position once they have been removed. Another truck has been out of commission for nearly a month while wiring issues are being investigated, and a third truck is experiencing DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) pump issues.

"It's just one thing after another," said Darveau. "We do this every year, it seems like we go through it with these trucks."

Darveau also discussed the vehicle cameras through Verizon. He said the estimate he received from Otoe County was inaccurate. In total, cameras will be installed in 24 County vehicles. The cameras will be front- and rear-facing. The County will pay \$1,200 per month for the units.

A contract with Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC, for the Dawson NW C-74 (2023-05) in the amount of \$40,720.78 was approved. Chief Deputy Dexter Holliday presented the Board with an update on routine business at the Law Enforcement Center and Jail. Holliday reported that the jail was currently holding 17 inmates. A new service agreement with IDEMIA for LiveScan fingerprinting was presented. The system speeds up the registration and enrollment of inmate data during booking. The cost of the agreement is \$2,917.00. The motion passed 3-0.

Falls City EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl delivered a quarterly report to the Commissioners. Director Froeschl said he had informed Citroniq of the change in Falls City's City Administrator and that it wouldn't affect anything moving forward. "He's (Gary Jom) all in on what we're doing here," said Froeschl. "He really brings a finance expertise that is valuable there."

He also noted a recent Citroniq press release stating that half of the Nebraska plant's output has been pre-sold for the next 15 years.

"They are using that as leverage to get the private investment they need to get to the next step," said Froeschl.

Mr. Froeschl said he'd like to execute land option agreements this calendar year. "We're still trying to make sure we win this project and bring it here to Richardson County," said Froeschl.

Froeschl also said that a \$5 million grant has been submitted to the Federal Economic Development Administration for the transmission line project. An error was found in the submission, but the grant will be resubmitted. "It sounds like the Denver office for the EDA is excited about this project," said Froeschl. "So, they are really trying to work with us to make sure we get it submitted."

At 10:00, Commissioner Caverzagie moved to enter a closed meeting with EMA Director Brian Kirkendall, County Attorney Samantha Scheitel, and Clerk Mary Eickhoff to discuss possible litigation and to protect the public interest.

Journal operating 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

may be excluded.

The final adjusted deadlines is: 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 Brian McKim in the office.



Celebration of life for Douglas "Hoot" John Gibson on Saturday, May 2, 2026 Elks Club, Falls City - 12-3:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City on US 73) Sunday School and Bible study, 9:30 AM (September-May). Divine Service, 10:30 AM. Communion on 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. fallscitylcms.blogspot.com
Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-4643

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Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002.

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

RULO

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

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

BARADA

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

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

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

SHUBERT

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

Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM; Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. Pulpit Supply

Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert) Sun: Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School 9:30AM. Communion is served the first Sun. of every month. Bob Heusman, Pastor

VERDON

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

DAWSON

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

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

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

HUMBOLDT

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

FOREST CITY, MO

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

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RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 15, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of April 8, 2026 as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncounty.ne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Further review is being done on implementing the comprehensive GPS and an AI-integrated camera system designed to enhance safety and mitigate liability on the county owned machinery and motor vehicles.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that currently 18 inmates are being held in the Jail. A report was also given on the activity during the month of March which included 611 total calls of which 335 were traffic stops with 26 total arrests (3 other agencies and 23 Sheriff Dept.). Vehicle maintenance was also discussed.

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:31 a.m. with Sheriff Hardesty, Deputy Trainee, Candace Cox and Clerk Eickhoff to discuss a personnel matter and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual(s). Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:40 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CONGRESSMAN SMITH OFFICE

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressional District 3 Representative, Adrian Smith updated the Board on the work being done in Washington.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Sub-Division

Motion was made by Karas to approve a sub-division for Janet Warrick McMullen, Trustee of the Janet Warrick McMullen Trust located in S17, T3, R15 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-35. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 104)

County Planning Commission

Motion was made by Caverzagie to issue a statement of background, intent and direction to be submitted to the Richardson County Planning Commission to assist in the development of an updated Comprehensive Plan for Richardson County. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

The following is the statement issued to the Richardson County Planning Commission:

We, the Richardson County Board of Commissioners, present the following as a statement of background, intent and direction to the Planning Commission to move forward with the updating of the Comprehensive Plan for Richardson County, Nebraska.

Changes over time, currently in progress, or anticipated in our county have emerged as important points of discussion for the community. It is smart to conduct a thorough and thoughtful review and planning process. This process can help Richardson County government, private businesses, and citizens plan for the future. It can help our community move forward to both take advantage of opportunities for growth and to protect and preserve the valuable community aspects we enjoy and hold dear.

While we welcome growth and economic development in our county it is important to think ahead about many considerations that will emerge. One example recently getting a lot of attention has been the condition of our countywide critical infrastructure, roads and bridges. While we might welcome new business investment and growth in our county it is entirely possible that such growth might bring huge cost requirements to county government in the maintenance of road and bridge capacity. That may be a great investment for the community, but it may also be helpful to have a handle on where those needs might arise and what the cost considerations may be. There are other examples, too numerous to list here.

Just as importantly, many recognize the need to preserve and protect aspects of our community and quality of life in the face of rapid changes brought about by both changes here and beyond our community. One example

is the desire to protect the individual landowner's ability to continue to farm, raising crops and livestock in familiar and new ways. Others might seek to protect the quality and quantity of our drinking water, our beautiful landscape, our healthcare facilities, or our schools. The loss of population, job creation, housing costs and availability, and electricity supply and costs are just a few concerns.

It is worth evaluating our current situation and thinking about what we want out future to look like

in Richardson County. There are at least three subjects the Planning Commission should examine: roads, poultry production facilities, and renewable energy facilities. The Planning Commission may identify other relevant subjects. To help our community work through this conversation the County Board Commissioners have asked the Richardson County Planning Commission to conduct a review and planning process and to prepare a Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan document will serve as the basis for further discussion and decision making. It is also the legal foundation for any zoning requirements that may be considered now or in the future. We have engaged Mavin Planning Consultants to assist the Planning Commission in this work.

Inventory Policy

The current policy for reporting inventory was reviewed and no changes will be made.

CLAIMS

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

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

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, serv.....	105.00
Amazon, supp.....	99.24
American Legion Emblem Sales, supp.....	471.85
Ameriflex, fee.....	70.00
Charm-Tex, supp.....	179.90
CMC, serv.....	5000.00
Consolidated Management Co., serv.....	10423.00
County Treasurer, tax.....	2651.24
Culligan, serv.....	70.00
DAS State Accounting, serv ..	1042.30
Datashield, serv.....	86.00
Dept. of Correctional Services, serv.....	2550.67
Falls City Journal, adv.....	77.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	220.54
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	120.00
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	33.98
Feniex Industries, supp.....	2052.26
First Concord, fees.....	540.00
Galls, supp.....	315.29
Hullman's, serv.....	65.43
IAO Electric, serv.....	16523.00
Jim Hill's, serv.....	125.00
Jones Air Conditioning, serv.....	926.55
Kawres, supp.....	75.00
KexRx, supp.....	723.39
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb.....	20.00
Mary's Appliance, supp.....	2148.00
Merz Ink, supp.....	314.84
Meyer Laboratory, supp.....	320.40
NE Law Enforcement Training Center, serv.....	826.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv.....	9166.66
Paper Tiger Shredding, serv.....	86.00
Postmaster, supp.....	1388.40
ProServ Business Systems, serv.....	296.95
Quill, supp.....	878.52
Region 5 Systems, serv.....	642.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	310.81
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....	25871.45
Richardson, Kristy, reimb.....	30.45
Riggs, Kim, reimb.....	52.20
Schendel Pest Control, serv.....	91.38
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv.....	225.00
SNC, serv.....	843.09
SummerOne, serv.....	517.01
Weaver & Merz, reimb.....	901.94
Payroll Expense.....	125045.15
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....	\$214,523.39

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Comhusker International Trucks, supp.....	488.83
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	60.00
Falls City Auto Supply, supp.....	56.33
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	852.50
Hullman's, supp.....	103.13
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....	28723.74
Mid-South Metal Products, building.....	34423.00
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....	48.50
O'Reilly Automotive, supp.....	817.75
Tri-State Truck & Tractor Repair, supp.....	12.50
Verdon, Village of, serv.....	32.64
W&D's Auto Care, serv.....	860.00
Whetrock, rock.....	5785.09
Payroll Expense.....	36059.61
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$108,328.62

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv.....	1665.40
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv ..	1300.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....	\$2,965.40

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

SNC, serv.....	172.00
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$172.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS

CITY OF FALLS CITY CLAIMS BY FUND

PAYMENT DATES
4/8/2026 - 4/21/2026
VENDOR NAME DESCRIPTION (ITEM) AMOUNT

FUND: 100 - GENERAL

American National Bank HSA.....	\$(200.00)
Ameritas Billing Plan fees 2026 \$1,085.00	
Utility Consultants, Inc Drug Testing	\$80.00
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge	\$273.50
Pro Serv SAV/IM C4500	\$1,763.08
Falls City Journal FC Journal - Inv.#3332 -General.....	\$692.11
TASC/Service March 2026	\$125.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies/ Materials	\$24.99
Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$47.92
Farm & City Supply Cleaning Supplies	\$14.97
FC Merc Cleaning Supplies	\$58.63
Pro Serv Contract Service - SAV/P 311M MICR.....	\$55.00
Wolfes Printing Office Supplies	\$25.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Halbert, Dunn, & Burns, LLC Invoice #2190-GEN	\$4,720.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$100.31
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service	\$50.00
Quill Corp Office Supplies.....	\$226.49
Fund 100 - General Total:.....	\$9,468.65

FUND: 110 - POLICE

Pro Serv SAV/IM C3000	\$175.07
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge	\$273.50
Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$599.45
Quill Corporation Office Supplies	\$17.53
Brite PD - 2026 GETAC Cloud Renewal	\$5,784.00
Armbruster Motor Co Wrecker Service.....	\$120.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Halbert, Dunn, & Burns, LLC Invoice #2190-GEN	\$4,900.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$118.17
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$1,818.68
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Richardson Co Court Filing Fees.....	\$49.00
Police Dep. Petty Cash March 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$19.00
Fund 110 - Police Total:.....	\$14,201.05

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$39.94
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Halbert, Dunn, & Burns, LLC Invoice #2190-GEN	\$320.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$13.13
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$2,571.97
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.66
Richardson Co Court Filing Fees.....	\$49.00
Police Dep. Petty Cash March 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$19.00
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total:.....	\$4,587.67

FUND: 120 - FIRE

Red's Field Service & Repair LLC Invoice # 00468	\$664.29
Red's Field Service & Repair LLC Invoice # 00469	\$656.29
Red's Field Service & Repair LLC Invoice # 00470	\$720.71
Falls City Volunteer Fire Dept FC Volunteer Fire Dept. Reimbursement	\$5,200.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Halbert, Dunn, & Burns, LLC Invoice #2190-GEN	\$40.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$13.13
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$67.04
Fund 120 - Fire Total:.....	\$7,361.46

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$39.94
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC Halbert, Dunn, & Burns, LLC Invoice #2190-GEN	\$300.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$13.13
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total:.....	\$679.72

FUND: 150 - PARKS

Brandy Strecker Cabin Rental Deposit Refund	\$50.00
Falls City Journal FC Journal - Inv.#3332 -General.....	\$40.39
Farm & City Supply Supplies/ Materials	\$120.83
Helena Chemical Co50# bag 17-0-3 Dimension	\$2,375.00
Farm & City Supply Credit Memo	\$(18.99)
Farm & City Supply Drill Set	\$29.99
Concrete Industries, Inc Concrete	\$457.50
Amazon Capital Services Supplies/Materials	\$10.48
Home Lumber Company Supplies /Materials	\$31.08
Triple S Construction Supplies/ Materials	\$7.30
Scheitel Feed & Seed Grass Seed	\$375.00
Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$79.88
Farm & City Supply Plumbing.....	\$0.55
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Repair	\$22.00
Farm & City Supply Insecticide	\$4.00
Farm & City Supply Pesticide	\$49.98
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$39.39
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$793.29
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Falls City Mercantile Supplies/Materials	\$61.54
Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service	\$50.00

Concrete Industries, Inc Concrete	\$211.75
Fund 150 - Parks Total:.....	\$5,117.61

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM

Immaculate Conception Church Prichard Auditorium Deposit Refund	\$250.00
Unifirst Corporation Supplies	\$104.01
Falls City Mercantile Cleaning Supplies	\$99.56
Knights of Columbus Prichard Auditorium Deposit Refund	\$250.00
Clint Sailors Prichard Auditorium Deposit Refund	\$250.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies/Materials	\$6.99
Meyer Home Center Parts/Supplies	\$176.25
Amazon Capital Services Supplies/ Materials	\$216.07
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$39.39
Jessica Casey Spin Class Instructor Fees	\$60.00
Linda Santo Yoga Instructor Fees.....	\$75.00
Maggy Nelson Spin Class Instructor Fees	\$30.00
Racy Hullman Spin Class Instructor Fees	\$180.00
Pest Control Services of SE NE Pest Control Service	\$50.00
Fund 151 - Auditorium Total:.....	\$1,787.27

FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER

Meyer Home Center Supplies/Materials	\$4.68
Farm & City Supply Screws	\$7.53
Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total:.....	\$12.21

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY

Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer Max	\$1,658.00
Brad Griffin Consulting DVI Adapters	\$23.96
Brad Griffin Consulting Mini Computer	\$1,198.00
Electronic Contracting Company Alarm Central Monitoring Services	\$81.00
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$39.39
Microfilm Imaging Systems/Service Agreement \$309.00	\$309.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Falls City Mercantile Cleaning Supplies	\$267.06
Fund 170 - Library Total:.....	\$3,903.06

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY

US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$13.13
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN	\$96.46
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.65
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total:.....	\$436.24

FUND: 190 - STREETS

Helena Chemical Co Tordon RTU	\$251.16
Home Lumber Company Supplies/ Materials	\$152.08
Concrete Industries, Inc concrete and delivery	\$1,412.19
Verizon Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026 - GEN.....	\$39.94
Keller Construction cold patch.....	\$1,120.50
US Signal Company LLC Microsoft CSP NCE Licensing.....	\$26.26
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$2,571.97
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.66
Fund 190 - Streets Total:.....	\$5,900.76

FUND: 195 - MECHANIC SHOP

Lewis Implement Co. Parts	\$87.85
Falls City Auto Supply Parts	\$61.25
O'Reilly Automotive Inc Parts.....	\$44.16
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc Bosselman - March Fuel Tickets-GEN ..	\$99.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies/Materials	\$68.96
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.66
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total:.....	\$687.88

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING

Northland Business Systems Contracted Service	\$1,230.44
Utility Consultants, Inc Drug Testing	\$80.00
Lumen Service February 2026.....	\$3,188.06
Kansas Municipal Utilities KMU Level 3 Training -Group 4 2026 Qrtly Dues	\$326.66
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total:.....	\$4,825.16

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC

Ameritas Billing Plan fees 2026.....	\$651.00
Watts Electric Company 2022 ELEC DIST System Improvements, Group B ..	\$301,408.75
Utility Consultants, Inc Drug Testing	\$128.00
Falls City Journal FC Journal - Inv.#3332- Utility	\$31.59
Husker Electric Supply Meter Socket	\$428.93
Cintas Corporation No 2 Supplies/ Uniforms	\$563.06
TASC SERVICE MARCH 2026	\$75.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies	\$502.82
McMaster-Carr Supplies/Materials	\$84.89
Wesco Distribution Supplies/Materials ..	\$150.50
Credit Management Act # 10177 J. Martin	\$98.09
Verizon/Verizon Bill Feb. 27 - Mar 27, 2026- Utility	\$215.16

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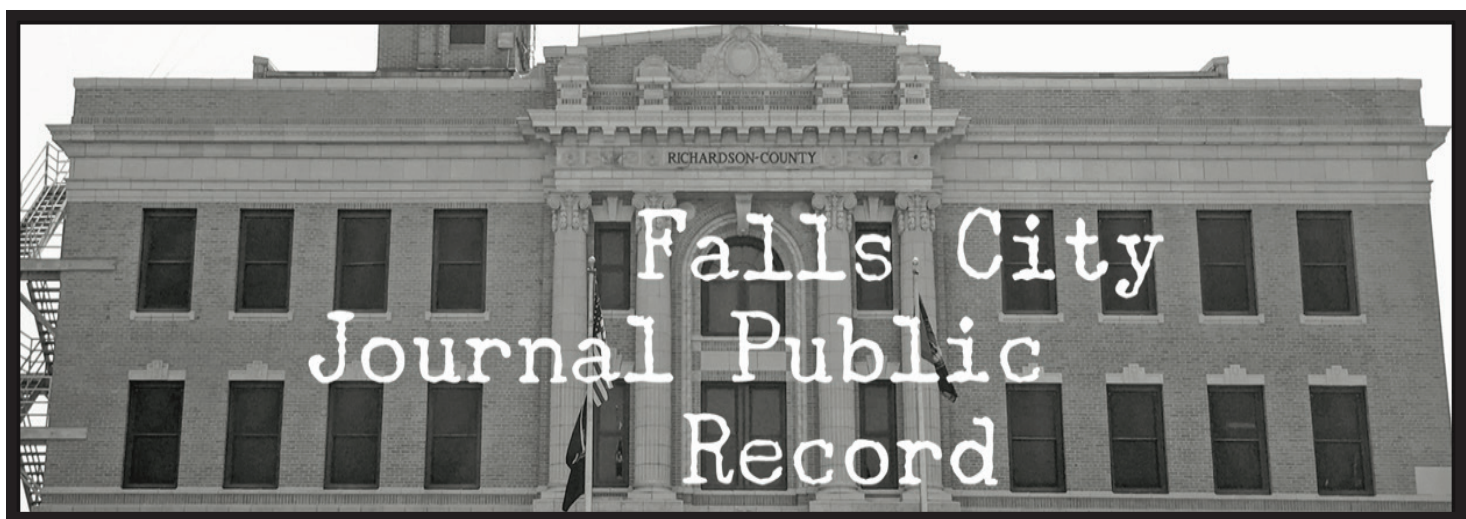
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COUNTY COURT . .
Cole T. Davis, count one, assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for April 29, 2026.

DISTRICT COURT
Donald E. Murphy Jr., count one, fail to report every 3 months/prior, amended to Sex Offender Reg. Act viol., pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 30 months, probation admin fee of \$30, drug testing fee of \$150, probation fee-regular of \$300.

Jamone D. Taylor, count one, possess controlled subs, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation for term of 18 months; counts 2-9 amended to dropped/dissmised.

Stephanie Corliss, count one, attempt of a Class 2 felony, amended to possess controlled subs, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 23, 2026.

Corbin A. Stoner, count one, assault-1st degree, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Jessica C. Bram, count one, possess (meth)amphetamine 10-27 grams, pled not guilty; counts 2-5, possess deadly weapon while commit felony, pled not guilty; count six, possess contr subs, pled not guilty; count seven, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st, pled not guilty; count eight, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 5, 2026

David A. Ward, count one, sexual assault/child-1st degree, pled not guilty; count two, false imprisonment-1st degree, pled not guilty; count three, commit child abuse intentional/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 26, 2026.

Thomas J. Galvin III, count one, terroristic threats, amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dissmised. Sentencing scheduled for June 23, 2026.

Carl A. Mitchell, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$450, jail for term of 30 days, credit for 23 days served; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dissmised.

Edward J. Perman, count one, drive while revoked from DUI/refusal, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years, drug testing fee of \$120, probation admin fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$240, jail for term of 30 days, credit for four days served, jail for term of 15 days beginning January 15, 2027, jail for term of 15 days beginning October 15, 2027, license revoked for term of 15 years.

Markietha M. Lowery, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, drug testing fee of \$90, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$180; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dissmised.

Sheriff's Department makes arrest

Press Release: The Richardson County Sheriff's Office concluded a drug investigation that started the first part of March 2026.

A Richardson County Felony warrant was issued 31-year-old Roger C.J. Duckett of Leona, Kansas for Conspiracy to commit a Class 1 Felony. During the investigation it was learned that Duckett was distributing Methamphetamine in Falls City and other communities in Richardson County. Richardson County Sheriff's Office contacted Doniphan County Kansas Sheriff's Office to make them aware of the warrant.

On April 21, 2026, Doniphan County Sheriffs Office arrested Roger C.J. Duckett for the Richardson County warrant. Duckett is in custody and waiting to be extradited back to Richardson County.

On April 24, 2026, the Richardson County Sheriffs Office executed a search warrant at 24 S. Church Street in Salem, Nebraska. During the search warrant approximately 4.8 grams of Methamphetamine were located inside of the residence, along with drug paraphernalia. Buddy Graves 44 was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Tampering with Evidence, Maintaining a Drug House, and three counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Jessette Gifford 42 was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Both Graves and Gifford are housed at the Richardson County Jail.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Connie Kathleen Alexander

Connie Kathleen Alexander, one of eight children of Norman Eugene and Bonna Jean (Marchand) Alexander, was born September 24, 1956, in Humboldt, Nebraska. She passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Mosaic Aspen House in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Connie was raised in Shubert, Nebraska, where she was struck by a disabling disease as a young child. She remained in her parents' home under their loving care until her mother passed away in 2000. In December of 2000 she moved to the Mosaic Home in Beatrice, Nebraska, where she remained until her passing.

"Daddy's Lady", as Connie loved to be known by, enjoyed taking rides through Indian Cave State Park near Shubert. She was a fan of rock and roll music, especially when it was played really loud!

Connie is lovingly remembered by her siblings Gary (Alice) Alexander of Auburn, Nancy Stokes of Falls City, Glenn (Angelia) Alexander of Humboldt, Landon (Jan) Alexander of Shubert; brother-in-law Jerome (Roseanne) Macklin of Redfield, IA; many nieces and nephews; and her Mosaic family.

In addition to her parents, she is pre-deceased by her sisters Twila Hochstein and Joyce Macklin, brother Wayne Alexander, brother-in-law Delynn Stokes, and nephews Timothy Macklin and Jeff Geisman.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 27, Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn, officiated by Pastor Chad Berry. Steve Jones provided the eulogy and Misty Price performed "Wonderful Merciful Savior". Honorary bearers were Gary Alexander, Glenn Alexander, and Landon Alexander. Burial of ashes was in the Nemaha Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Hemmingsen Funeral Home.

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SAMPLE BALLOT - PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 12, 2026 RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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1. TO VOTE, YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY (●).
2. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.
3. To vote for a WRITE-IN candidate, write in the name on the line provided AND darken the oval completely.
4. DO NOT CROSS OUT OR ERASE. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.



REPUBLICAN PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

Eric Mortimore
 Pete Ricketts
 Todd Knobel
 Mac Stevens
 Debb Axtell Schultz

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

David P. Huebner
 Adrian Smith

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

Sheila J. Korth-Focken
 Gary L. Rogge
 Jim Pillen
 Jacy Todd
 Sal Holguin
 John Walz

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

Bob Evnen
 Scott Petersen

For State Treasurer Vote for ONE

Joey Spellerberg

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

Mike Hilgers

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

Mike Foley

COUNTY TICKET

For County Sheriff Vote for ONE

Rick Hardesty
 Nicholas C. Aitken

NON-PARTISAN REPUBLICAN

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

Eric Mortimore
 Pete Ricketts
 Todd Knobel
 Mac Stevens
 Debb Axtell Schultz

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

David P. Huebner
 Adrian Smith

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

William J. Forbes
 Cindy Burbank

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

Becky Kelly Stille

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

Lynne Walz
 Larry Marvin

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

Lee M. Cimfel
 Sarah J. Slattery

For State Treasurer Vote for ONE

Daniel Ebers

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

Jocelyn Brasher

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

For State Treasurer Vote for ONE

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

LEGAL MARIJUANA NOW PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

Earl Starkey
 Mike Marvin

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

David J. Else

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

NONPARTISAN LIBERTARIAN PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

For State Treasurer Vote for ONE

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

NONPARTISAN LEGAL MARIJUANA NOW PARTY

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE

Earl Starkey
 Mike Marvin

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress District 3 - Two Year Term Vote for ONE

David J. Else

STATE TICKET

For Governor Vote for ONE

For Secretary of State Vote for ONE

For Attorney General Vote for ONE

For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE

NONPARTISAN

NONPARTISAN TICKET

For Member of the State Board of Education District 5 Vote for ONE

Michaela Conway
 Angie Eberspacher
 Lana Daws

CITY OF FALLS CITY

CITY TICKET

For Mayor for the City of Falls City Vote for ONE

Kenny Killingsworth
 Kevin Malone
 Dennis Miller
 Mark A. Galaska

For Council Member-Ward 2 Vote for ONE

Sean Nolte
 Terry Kermoade
 Robert D. Olberding

CITY OF HUMBOLDT

CITY TICKET

For Mayor for the City of Humboldt Vote for ONE

Jan Wilhelm
 Ted B. Schuler
 James Cherry
 Kevin Burnison

ATTENTION

Please be advised this is a sample ballot and because the law requires rotation of the candidate's names in some races, the chronological order as listed may be different in your precinct. Some listed candidates are elected in specific districts; some names listed in this sample ballot may not appear on the ballot in your precinct.

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk

WRITE-IN VOTES

WRITE-INS ARE ALLOWED FOR THOSE OFFICES INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, WHICH PROVIDE FOR A WRITE-IN. THE OVAL MUST BE BLACKENED FOR A WRITE-IN VOTE TO BE COUNTED. (NE §32-1005)

POLLING PLACES

Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Arago/Barada: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

FC Rural/Ohio: Prichard Auditorium 312 W 17th, Falls City.

FC Ward 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20th & Towle, Falls City

FC Ward 2: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City

FC Ward 3: Prichard Auditorium, 312 W 17th, Falls City

FC Ward 4: Assembly of God Church, 6th & Reavis, Falls City

Franklin /Humboldt Rural/ Speiser: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St, Humboldt

Grant/Nemaha: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

Humboldt Ward I: Humboldt Ag Building, 1034 4th St, Humboldt

Humboldt Ward II: City Auditorium, 618 3rd Street, Humboldt

Jefferson/Rulo: Rulo Auditorium, Rulo

Liberty: Verdon Community Building, Verdon

East Muddy: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

West Muddy/Porter Stella: Community Building, Stella

Salem: All-Mail Election (ballots are mailed to registered voters)

ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO CAST BALLOT

An acceptable form of photo ID is required to cast a ballot in Nebraska (Article I-22 Nebraska State Constitution). These acceptable forms of photo ID are one of the following: Nebraska driver's license (from NE DMV); Nebraska state ID card (from NE DMV); Nebraska college ID (public or private); Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.); United States Passport; Military ID; Tribal ID; hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record (NE §32-123)

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BALLOT INFORMATION

May 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline that a voter can vote early in the County Clerk's Office. (NE §32-942) The Office of the Richardson County Clerk is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for early voting. The office is located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, Room 203.

May 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. is the deadline for a voter's agent to pick up an absentee/early voting ballot for a voter. (NE §32-943)

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

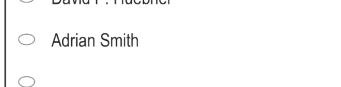
Any registered voter who changes his/her residence within the county or due to marriage has changed their name since registering to vote, may be entitled to vote a provisional ballot (NE §32-915).

Request this provisional ballot from the poll workers.

PROVISIONAL-VOTER IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION BALLOT

If a voter does not have an acceptable form of photo ID, when arriving at their polling place, voters may request and complete the provisional-voter identification verification ballot procedure (NE §32-915.03). Voter will be required to present a photo ID at the Richardson County Clerk's Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in order for the ballot to be counted on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, by the Richardson County Canvassing Board.

***For Registered Nonpartisan Voters ONLY: If you wish to vote in this primary election for U.S. Senator or House of Representative, you may receive a partisan ballot as stated in §32-912 (2) from one of the political parties by requesting from a poll worker. For the 2026 Primary, the Democratic and Libertarian parties opened their Primary Election to nonpartisans, so their ballot will contain senatorial, congressional, state and county tickets if applicable. The Republican and Legal Marijuana NOW party ballots will contain only the senate and congressional tickets.*



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION JUSTIN LECHTENBERG HOLDINGS, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Justin Lechtenberg Holdings, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on April 7, 2026 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- 1. The name of the company is Justin Lechtenberg Holdings, 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: 65192 713 Rd., Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Justin J. Lechtenberg.
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: Michael R. Dunn, #16825 Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC 111 East 17th Street Post Office Box 447 Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447 Phone: (402) 245-4486

15-22-29 ZNEZ

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CALL ORDER: 100
CONTRACT ID: 13487
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. NH-75-1(110) LOCATION: US-75 KANSAS STATE LINE-DAWSON IN COUNTY: RICHARDSON

The Nebraska Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in Room 109 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Nebraska Parkway in Lincoln, until 1:30 PM on May 14, 2026. At that time the bids will be opened and read.

Bids will be opened and the bid totals will be read via Webex. The Webex information will be available on the BidX Letting webpage a minimum of 2 days prior to the opening, and can be found by selecting the applicable letting from: https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings

Plans, specifications, and additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Web Site at http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/hwy-bridge-1p/.

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.
29-6-13 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Daniel L. Gruber, Deceased. Estate No. PR26-15

Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Helen T. Gruber whose address is 614 340th St., Morrill, Kansas 66515 has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 29, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

Tracy A. Burns, #25398
Michael R. Dunn, #16825
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, LLC
111 East 17th Street
Post Office Box 447
Falls City, Nebraska 68355-0447
Phone: (402) 245-4486
29-6-13 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

You are hereby notified that the following property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder without warranty, by Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee, on May 28, 2026 on the first floor, lobby area of the Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone Street, in the City of Falls City, NE 68355, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of foreclosing a Trust Deed executed by Branson W. Dougherty and Patricia R. Dougherty, husband and wife, as Trustors, in favor of West Gate Bank as Beneficiary, and West Gate Bank as Trustee. The Trust Deed was filed for record on July 27, 2017, as Instrument No. 2017 00965, in Book 271, at Page 33. The trust property affected is legally described as follows. Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Novak-Zusman Addition to the City of Falls City, Nebraska; AND: Beginning 360 feet North of the Northwest corner of Block 4 in Crook and Towle's Addition to the City of Falls City, Nebraska; thence North 50 feet; thence East 126.7 feet, more or less, to West line of a tract of land conveyed to May C. Butler and Asa E. Butler by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 115, Page 176, Deed of records of Richardson County, Nebraska; thence South 50 feet; thence West 126.7 feet, more or less, to place of beginning, being in the NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Richardson County, Nebraska. TAX # 740075128. Purportedly known as 2522 Schoenheit St, Falls City, NE 68355 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address). West Gate Bank is the current Beneficiary of the Trust Deed. Record owners of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is reported to be Branson W. Dougherty and Patricia R. Dougherty. The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, or the attorney for the Trustee, a \$5,000.00 deposit in the form of a bank or credit union cashier's check or a bank official check, payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. The successful bidder must tender the deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 12:00 noon the following business day. The balance must be in the form of a wire transfer, bank or credit union's cashier's check, or bank official check payable to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. A bank or credit union cashier's check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is a cashier's check. A bank official check must be pre-printed and clearly state that it is an official check. Any party who wants to bid at the Trustee's Sale must display the check described above prior to submitting a bid. The requirement is waived when the Beneficiary is the highest bidder. Successor Trustee disclaims liability for any error in the street address shown herein. Successor Trustee may void sale due to any unknown facts at time of sale that would cause the cancellation of the sale. If sale is voided, Successor Trustee shall return funds to bidder, and the Successor Trustee and Beneficiary shall not be liable to bidder for any damages. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Beneficiary, Trustor, Successor Trustee, or the Successor Trustee's attorney. This is an attempt to foreclose a security instrument and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. **Important Notice to Potential Bidders:** Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed. Dated this 31 day of March, 2026.

Eric H. Lindquist, Successor Trustee
10050 Regency Circle
Suite 505
Omaha, NE 68114
Telephone: 801-355-2886
File No. NE21824

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11th, 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, May 11th, 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 continuously 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
29 ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF RULO ORDINANCE 2026-01: Purchasing Card Policy

On April 14, 2026, the Village of Rulo Board of Trustees passed the above-named ordinance which will be effective April 29, 2026.

Full ordinance is available upon request in pamphlet form pursuant to Neb. §17-613.
29 ZNEZ

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 6th day of April 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jom recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" None. "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

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

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR APRIL 6, 2026

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR MARCH 16, 2026

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

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR APRIL 7, 2026

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

PUBLIC HEARING- CONSIDER APPROVING CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2203 CROOK STREET | LISA PATNODE

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:04 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Chicken Permit Application for 2203 Crook Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. There was public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:06 P.M.

CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION AT 2203 CROOK STREET | LISA PATNODE

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

PUBLIC HEARING- CONSIDER APPROVING CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2201 HILAND AVENUE | HEATHER STANG

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:08 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Chicken Permit Application for 2201 Hiland Avenue. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:09 P.M.

CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 2201 HILAND AVENUE | HEATHER STANG

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

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE MANE ATTRACTION SALON & SPA AT 1801 CHASE STREET | SALLY MERZ

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:09 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Class I Liquor License for The Mane Attraction Salon & Spa at 1801 Chase Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Sally Merz spoke on the matter. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

ing to the approval of a Class I Liquor License for The Mane Attraction Salon & Spa at 1801 Chase Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Sally Merz spoke on the matter. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

CLASS I LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE MANE ATTRACTION SALON & SPA AT 1801 CHASE STREET | SALLY MERZ

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

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSE FOR APRIL 29, 2026 AT NEBRASKA BANK | SEAN FREDERICK

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

REQUEST TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES AT 711 E 17TH STREET | ROBERT CROFFORD

Robert Crofford and Mark Glaska spoke on the matter. Clerk Jom stated the City currently has a civil abatement order for this property and they gave the property owner until June 5 to have all debris removed. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO CLOSE CHASE STREET FROM 20TH STREET TO 14TH STREET AND PROVIDE PATROL CARS FOR A PARADE ON JULY 4TH | AMBER HOLLE - FALLS CITY CHAMBER

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

REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF BUSINESS PARKWAY ROAD SOUTH OF HWY 159 FOR EXTRICATION TRAINING FROM 9AM-1PM ON JUNE 27, 2026 | MARCIA HARMON - FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD

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

WAIVE AUDITORIUM FEES FOR FALLS CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, FALLS CITY AMBULANCE, AND HUMANE SOCIETY

Amber Holle spoke on the matter. A motion was made by Council person F. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to waive Auditorium fees for Falls City Fire Department, Falls City Ambulance, Richardson County Cancer Fund, and Humane Society. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Motion failed.

REQUEST FROM FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO AMEND THEIR BY-LAWS AND ATTACH ARTICLES XVIII, XX, XXI | FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

REQUEST THAT THE CITY REMOVE TWO BENCHES ON THE SIDEWALK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE | RICHARDSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council person Buckminster and seconded by Council person Kaster to remove the North bench off the sidewalk and place it on a concrete pad in the bump out area behind the existing bench at the City's expense while the South bench remains in the current location. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" None. "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR TREE MAINTENANCE AND APPROVE THE BID MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY

Briar Burr and Casey Martinneau spoke on this topic. A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Fouraker to award the bid for tree maintenance to Arbor Masters. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" None. "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Motion carried.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION APRIL 24, 2026

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

OLSSON P&ID DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE RAW AND JACKET WATER SYSTEMS NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000.00

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

APPROVAL OF CHANGING ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Clerk Jom presented to the Mayor and City Council members costs to change accounting software to Power Manager compared to the current costs for direction to move forward with changing to Power Manager. No motion was made.

CLOSED SESSION - UPDATE NEBRASKA RURAL ENERGY PROJECT | LUCAS FROESCHL - EDGE DIRECTOR

Lucas Froeschl spoke on this topic. A motion was made by Council person Fouraker and seconded by Council person F. Killingsworth to enter into closed session at 7:15 pm to update Mayor and City Council Members on the Nebraska Rural Energy project, and to include for the protection of public interest City Administrator Jom, Chief of Police Baker, Attorney Mike Dunn, Lucas Froeschl, Bob Witt, Tom Witt, Tyler Witt, and Donovan Jones. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" None. "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council person Kaster and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to end the closed session at 7:58 pm and resume the regular meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz, "NAY" None. "Absent" Ferguson, Leyden. Motion carried.

NOTICE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Council on April 6, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

City Clerk, Gary Jom
Mayor, Mark Harkendorff
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VILLAGE OF DAWSON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD APRIL 14TH, 2026 7:00 P.M. DAWSON VILLAGE HALL

The Dawson Village Board met in regular session on April 14th, 2026, at the Dawson Village Hall. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in three (3) public places on April 7th, 2026: Dawson Village Hall, Dawson Post Office, and Dawson Fire Department. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Bill Koch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was answered by Tom Burns, Brian Burns, Bill Koch, and Larry Koch.

Stephanie Ingraham arrived at 7:02 P.M. Absent: None Clerk was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Guests: none

Chairperson Bill Koch noted the posting of the Open Meeting Act posted on the Village Hall west wall. The April 14th, 2026, agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

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

Treasurer's report was provided by

den. Motion carried. The clerk. Motion made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to approve treasurer's report. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

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

Under unfinished business: Sampling Stations: PeopleService is submitting a new sample site to the state for approval for the new meter locations. New meters are to be shipped in the middle of May. Extension was approved to June 1st for installation. Nuisance properties: 516 8th Street case has been dismissed. Kennel License fee: Water tower riser pipe: Board wants to see if grant funds become available before moving forward with replacement. The leak has been clamped. Tree trimming: date to be determined. Nebraska Rural Water Association sewer line: to determine which lines to have camera.

New business: Residential water rates: Chairperson Bill Koch motioned to increase the water rates to \$25.00 for connection fee plus \$5.00 per every thousand used seconded by Larry Koch. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried. A new ordinance will be drafted for adoption for the next regular meeting. Mutual Finance Organization Funds: Board voted to retain the first half of the MFO funds in the general fund. Motioned by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; motion carried.

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

Chairperson Bill Koch read Ordinance 2026-14-04 in its entirety: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DAWSON, RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF KENNELS IN THE VILLAGE OF DAWSON, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Stephanie Ingraham to adopt Ordinance 2026-14-04 by first reading. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to suspend the second and third readings for Ordinance 2026-14-04. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairperson Bill Koch and seconded by Tom Burns to adjourn the April regular meeting at 8:02 P.M. ROLL CALL: T Burns - aye; S Ingraham - aye; L Koch - aye; B Koch - aye; B Burns - aye; motion carried.

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Tiffany Jom, Village Clerk
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Vendor Name, Memo, Amount

American National Bank, account analysis.....	\$97.75
AVG Technologies, cyber security renewal.....	\$105.49
Berwick Coop Oil Co, gas.....	\$615.40
Brennen Vaugh, reimb. water deposit.....	\$102.02
Dana F Cole & Co, accounting & tax services.....	\$200.00
Davis PHE LLC, battery at lift station.....	\$98.75
IRS, payroll tax.....	\$123.94
Maguire Iron, inspect water tower riser pipe.....	\$5,250.00
Midwest Laboratories Inc, lagoon testing.....	\$310.07
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, water testing.....	\$918.00
NPPD, 116 Bluff St.....	\$168.57
Streelights inside.....	\$560.93
120 Ridge St.....	\$60.89
Streelights outside.....	\$16.40
Fire dept.....	\$56.84
Hwy 75 & 710 Tr.....	\$461.97
One Call Concepts, Neb 811 Q1.....	\$570
PeopleService Inc, Apr. water/ wastewater serv.....	\$1,830.00
Quickbooks, invoicing software.....	\$75.00
Seneca Sanitation, garbage collection.....	\$1,329.00
Stalene Propane, propane fire dept....	\$57.05
Tiffany Jom, clerical payroll.....	\$737.12
Verizon Wireless, phone bill.....	\$89.09
Vicki Manning,	

VILLAGE OF SHUBERT

Village of Shubert
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 6, 2026
Shubert Library

The Village Board of Shubert, NE held the monthly board meeting on April 6, 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 (Lockard/Hays) to approve the March 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. There was a motion and second (Lockard/Borrego) to approve the mosquito spraying bid. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

There was a motion and second (Patchen/Borrego) to approve the account balance sheets and monthly claims, with the addition of one claim for Tri-State. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried. General: SENDD update- They will let us know more information about the application process. Spring Clean-up - Dumpsters have been arranged, check post office or library for flyer with more information. New checks, deposit slips and deposit stamp need to be ordered with new banking routing number. Audit waiver was approved with no issues found. Water & Sewer: Board reviewed Tracy's report. Water tower is going to be cleaned and painted soon. Notices will be posted and delivered door to door when exact dates are known. Wood & Brush pile: Needs to be piled up and burned, weather pending. Buildings and Park: Community Building: 5 rentals this month. None. Park: Bathrooms will be opened soon. Library is open every other Saturday morning. Check window for hours.

Streets: Completed contract was reviewed and signed. Fire: None. The next regular board meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shubert Library. With no further business: Motion and Second (Hays/Ramer) to adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m. Roll call vote was all "Aye," Motion carried.

Jennifer Buchner
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF SALEM

VILLAGE OF SALEM
APRIL 2026

The Salem Village Board met April 7, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting, Wessel and Kean answered roll Voegel and Helmick were absent.

The open meeting poster was acknowledged.

Wessel updated the board on the Community Building project. She reported that the cost of a the project with a fire hall attached to the building would push the cost to 1.1 to 1.4 million. This information came from Fakler Architects.

Wessel also reported the need for Village to retain a attorney for this project. She had contacted an attorney and was waiting for further information. Wessel also reported the need for letters of support from residents as the grant process proceeds.

Strauch moved to remove the fire hall from building project and continue with the community building plan of a 50 x 60 building with 12ft walls and full kitchen. Motion seconded by Wessel. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, and Wessel voting yes. Voegel and Helmick absent.

Claims were presented for payment. Strauch moved to pay claims, seconded by Kean.

Motion carried, Strauch, Kean, and Wessel voting yes. Helmick and Voegel absent.

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:45, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Wessel, and Strauch voting yes. Voegel and Helmick absent.

The next meeting will be May 5, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Carolyn Glathar
Village of Salem

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FRHL 35.59 comb1	68.84 general	66.00
Robert McHenry 750.00 (water operator-mileage) water		
RWD #2 1527.55 (water purchased for sale) water		
Village of Salen/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general		
Schendel Pest Control 107.00 (service) comb1	60.00 FRHL	47.00
Bennett HTG 407.50 (repair) comb		
One Call Concepts 25.00 (locating fee) water		
Miller Monroe Co 100.00 (clerk bond) general		
Ne Dept of Revenue 407.29 (sales tax quarter 1) water		
US Treasury 229.50 (withholding quarter 1) general		
Mary Jane Wessel 241.39 (supplies for comb1) comb1		
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (general 200.00 street 200.00 water 100.00) check	461.75	
Mary Jane Wessel 200.00 (cleaning Comb1) comb1		
Cemetery Claims		
Barb Brown 300.00 (yearly service) cemetery		

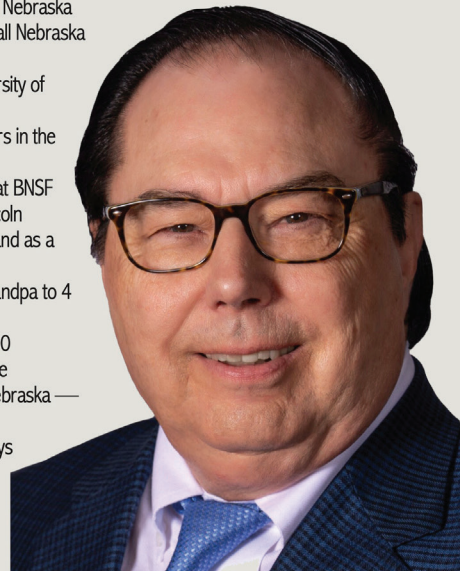
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HOUSING

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3D printed concrete homes," Campbell said.

Campbell said the housing authority spent about two years researching the concept with the goal of improving housing conditions and long-term sustainability.

"The savings that these types of units will provide will be huge. The useful life of these units will outweigh a stick built unit," he said.

The project is funded entirely through grants, including \$8 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and \$1 million from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, Kansas.

During the ceremony, Campbell emphasized the broader impact of the development beyond construction.

"This project represents more than construction. It represents opportunity, reconnection, and growth. It will allow Tribal members

to return home and once again be a part of our Tribal community," he said.

The housing initiative is designed to serve both families and elders, providing accessible housing within the tribal homeland.

"Through this project, we will build 16 homes for Native families and six duplexes dedicated to our elderly members, ensuring they have safe, accessible, and supportive housing here on our homeland," Campbell said.

The complex is named in honor of Campbell, who marked his 35th work anniversary April 1. He is the longest-serving executive director of housing in Indian Country. Over his career, Campbell has secured funding and built 33 single-family homes and led the full renovation of a 46-unit apartment complex.

Jim DeRoin, chairman of the housing authority board, addressed attendees during the ceremony and reflected on the significance of the project.

"Today's ceremony com-

memorates such a meaningful and long-awaited moment for our Tribal community," DeRoin said.

He also noted the long-term impact the development is expected to have.

"Throughout this ceremony, we will recognize the dedication and hard work that have brought us to this important milestone, and we will reflect on the lasting impact this housing development will have for generations to come," he said.

Campbell credited funding partners and staff for helping bring the project to fruition.

"This project would not be possible without the generous funding and partnership we have received through HUD and FHL-Bank," he said.

Construction on the Campbell Housing Complex marks the beginning of a project tribal leaders say is aimed at strengthening community ties while introducing new building methods to tribal housing.



(Above) Chairman Jim DeRoin, Treasurer Dr. Karen Kissinger, Vice Chairwoman Elyse Towey, Secretary Darla Veltrop, Board Member Brook Herbal, Executive Director Bradley Campbell, Administrative Assistant/Community Connection Coordinator Kaitlyn Norris, and Deputy Director Rebecca Simmonds. (Above) Deputy Director Rebecca Simmonds, Maintenance Jesse Coonce, Executive Director Bradley Campbell, Administrative Assistant/Community Connection Coordinator Kaitly Norris and Maintenance Supervisor Todd Chapple.



The City of Falls City observed Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony Friday morning at Stanton Lake. City officials and members of the Falls City Tree Board planted a bald cypress tree during the event, which took place at 10 a.m. Pictured are Briar Burr and three members of the Tree Board.

Pizza by the numbers

Pizza is widely enjoyed food all over the world. Modern pizza is believed to have originated in Italy, and was derived from similar flatbread dishes in Naples between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. Today, pizza is enjoyed on a daily basis in different countries across the globe, and you'd be hard-pressed to find a person who hasn't enjoyed a slice of pizza at some point. Dig into these eye-opening facts about pizza.

Fifty billion: Statista reports that the pizza industry in the United States is a major economic force, exceeding \$50 billion in market value.

Three billion: This is the number of pizzas that Americans consume annually.

Sixty one percent: The percentage of people in the U.S. who prefer thin crust pizza, according to Craig Priebe's The United States of Pizza.

Thirty-nine percent of Americans who consider pepperoni their favorite pizza topping.

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