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Falls City-Council Ward 2 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 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.

Sean Nolte, candidate for City Council (Ward 2)

What are your top three priorities as a city council member, and what specific actions will you take to address each during your term?

My top three priorities are infrastructure, financial responsibility, and job growth.

Infrastructure: We need to fix problems before they become emergencies. I will push for better planning and regular maintenance so we're not waiting until something breaks. That includes working on issues like water main breaks and looking at options like burying power lines where it makes sense.

Financial Responsibility: Costs are going up for everyone-taxes, insurance, utilities and people are feeling it. I will work to make sure the city is living within its means, cutting unnecessary spending, and focusing on what really matters. We owe it to taxpayers to spend their money wisely.

Job Growth: I want to see more jobs in Falls City. That means supporting local businesses and attracting new ones. Growth helps our whole community. I also encourage residents to stay involved and be part of that growth.

How will you evaluate and vote on city spending, in-

cluding the annual budget, and what standards will you use to determine whether a project or expenditure is justified?

I don't mind spending money when it's needed, but I will look closely at every expense. I will review the details, ask questions, and make sure it's necessary. I want to be sure we are getting the best value for our money. I will also look at city positions to make sure they are needed and working effectively.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability, including communication with residents, handling of public concerns?

I believe in being open and available. I want people to feel comfortable coming to me with concerns or questions. I will keep an open-door approach, share my contact information, and listen. I also encourage residents to stay involved, ask questions, and attend meetings. Good communication goes both ways, and I will do my part to keep people informed.

Terry Kermode, candidate for City Council (Ward 2)

What are your top three priorities as a city council member, and what specific actions will you take to address each during your term?

Being born and raised in Falls City, and having lived here for over half of my life, I have a distinct interest in seeing that all of our citizens have a life experience here that is fulfilling, safe, and healthful.

The other years spent away due to employment opportunities gives me a broader level of experience that can be used to evaluate the areas the city may need to focus on to bring about a good life experience.

Some priorities as I see it are:

1. Ensuring the city operations are optimum. Maintaining strong fiscal standards for expenses, revenues, and required reporting to the council and the public.
2. Planning and implementing through strong leader-

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Nebraska Bank hosts open house and presents a \$500 check to ten local organizations

Nebraska Bank in Falls City hosted an open house for the public on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. The bank, which opened a full-service location at 3003 Bill Schock Blvd, invited community members to a free event on Wednesday featuring food from Crome's Smoke BBQ and Catering, with drink service from Sean and Marcia Frederick of Corner Liquor.

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Board votes to proceed with mold remediation effort in Courthouse

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, April 27, at the Richardson County Courthouse in Falls City. All Commissioners answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveu Jr. updated the Board on routine maintenance.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve a contract with Hall Brothers, Inc., for the hard surfacing project on the Dustless Highway. The project will include 11.5 miles of the scrub mastic surface seal and will cost \$271,043.52. The sealing process should help the road for 5-7 years. The project has a July 6th start date and should wrap up by July 16, 2026. The motion passed 3-0.

A discussion followed, questioning whether funds were available and whether the County should consider carrying out the same project on Boy Scout Road south of Humboldt.

It was decided to see how the scrub mastic project works, and if it goes well, to address the Boy Scout Road before it gets in bad shape. The project would include roughly 4.5 miles of resurfacing.

The Board approved an agreement with Verizon Connect for the installation of cameras and subscriptions on county vehicles. Darveau will receive email alerts if incidents occur and can review footage online. The vote was 3-0.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty addressed the Board, informing them that the jail was currently housing 13 inmates. He also informed the Commissioners that the Sheriff's Department would participate in the "Make It Click" mobilization grant from May 15th to May 31st.

Commissioner Campbell told Hardesty that he wanted to offer congratulations to Chase Hardesty on his recent Life-Save Award, which he received while attending dispatcher training in Kearney.

At 9:41 a.m., Commissioner Karas motioned to enter

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The Brownville Concert Series Presents Sally Mayes

The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to present Sally Mayes in "An Evening with Sally Mayes." The *New York Times* calls her 'incandescent, deliciously saucy.' *People Magazine* describes her as "the kind of rich theatrical voice that elevates a show tune." And *Time Magazine* says, "Sally Mayes renders songs as richly nuanced as one-act plays." It's sure to be one you won't want to miss!

The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th at 7:30pm, and in concert Sunday, May 17th at 2:00pm. We give special thanks to the J. Randel Smith and Jane Crooker Smith Charitable Trust for helping to sponsor these shows. Sally Mayes is a Tony-nominated actress and singer who has made a name for herself both on stage and on screen. Born in Texas, Mayes began her career in musical theater and has since become a beloved performer in the industry. Mayes made her Broadway debut in Cy Coleman's "Welcome to the Club." Her standout performance in the show earned her a Tony nomination for Best Featured Actress in a Musical.

On Broadway, Sally is perhaps best known for her performance in the Roundabout Theater revival of *She Loves Me* for which she won Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle nominations. Sally appeared as Aunt Corene in *Urban Cowboy* (Drama Desk nomination). She drew raves as Mae West in the National Tour of *Dirty Blonde* and also appeared in the Broadway revival of *Steel Magnolias*.

In addition to her work on Broadway, Mayes has also made a name for herself in the world of cabaret. She has performed her one-woman show at venues such as Feinstein's/54 Below and The Metropolitan Room. Her cabaret performances have been praised for their humor, heart, and incredible vocal range. Mayes has also made several appearances on television and in film. She has appeared in shows such as "Law and Order: SVU," "The Electric Company," and "City of Angels." She also had a memorable role in the film "Bye Bye Birdie" alongside Ann-Margret and Dick Van Dyke. Mayes has released five solo albums throughout her career, *The Dorothy Fields Songbook*, *Our Private World: The Comden And Green Songbook*, *The Story Hour*, *Boys And Girls Like You And Me*, and *Valentine*. In addition to her work as an actress and singer, Mayes is also a dedicated teacher. She has taught master classes at universities and theaters across the country, helping to inspire the next generation of performers. Mayes has received numerous awards and accolades throughout her career. Sally's much anticipated nightclub appearances have garnered her rave reviews from coast to coast. She has been nominated for twelve Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs (MAC) awards, and has won two Back Stage Bistro awards for excellence in cabaret and recording.

2026 Season Passes to all nine shows are only \$180. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331.

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All things Nebraska Is a federal gas tax like an 'aging

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Back in the day, twice each year, a debate would break out at the news bureau where I used to work: "Who is going to write the gas tax story?"

It was a story you could write in your sleep. "Nebraska's variable gas tax is rising/dropping to ... blah, blah, blah."

But it was kind of important. A rise would mean a couple pennies more paid in taxes per gallon; a drop, a penny or two of a break.

Nebraska's gas tax is called "variable" because the rate was set based on the calculated needs of state highway construction and maintenance. So it rose and fell, depending on how much work needed to be funded.

Pretty smart huh? Well out in Washington, the smart pills apparently didn't get passed out because the federal gas tax - another major funder of highway work - hasn't been changed, up or down, since 1993.

Let that sink in for a moment. Back in 1993, the price of a gallon of gas was about \$1 (Wouldn't we like to return to those days?) and the gas tax was 18.4 cents per gallon, where it's remained.

If your salary or income hadn't changed in 33 years, you'd be in a world of hurt when it came to paying bills and affording groceries.

Meanwhile, during that period, the cost of highway construction (concrete, steel, labor, etc.) has skyrocketed. And with the advent of electric and hybrid vehicles, some cars aren't buying much gasoline and thus, not paying much in taxes.

The federal gas tax is outdated. One recent columnist in the Lincoln Journal Star compared it to "an aging rock star on a farewell tour."

Congress could have done the wise thing, and slowly increased the gas tax to keep up with the cost of road building.

But such politically risky moves, like raising a tax (even for a good purpose), could get someone defeated for re-election for heavens sake! So that can get kicked down the proverbial road.

Good roads are important, and according to one survey, Nebraska's highways aren't as good as they used to be.

In the most recent annual report by the Reason Foundation, Nebraska ranked 29th for condition and cost-effectiveness of its state highway system. That's down from No. 15 six years ago. That's the kind of drop that could get a football coach fired.

Anyway, Congress is apparently debating highway needs, and two columnists recently offered two alternatives to paying a tax on gasoline purchases.

An official with the American Highway Users Alliance, which represents automotive and road construction interests, said that taxing vehicles based on their weight would be the best way of providing adequate federal funding for highway needs. Heavier trucks and electric vehicles would pay more, and small compact cars would pay less.

Meanwhile, a co-author of that highway condition report by the Reason Foundation, a libertarian think tank, wrote that a fairer way would be to tax vehicles based on the miles they drove.

This is an important issue for rural residents, who likely put more miles on their vehicles to reach schools, jobs, shopping centers and hospitals.

A new tax would also reduce gas prices, by eliminating the fuel tax, and would help the federal debt because Congress has been using general tax funds to supplement the inadequate federal gas tax.

A tax on weight would be collected when we license our vehicles. The Highway Users guy also argued that it would make heavy-duty trucks - which cause much more wear and tear on highways than cars - more affordable, by supposedly reducing taxes on them. Hmm.

The "tax on miles driven" would seem the fairest, since drivers who use the highways more would pay more.

But how would you collect such a tax? With a government gauge on your odometer?

Sounds kinda "big brother" to me, though four states already have a mileage tax - Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Virginia.

Any new federal tax would require Congress to act, the same group that has allowed the gas tax dilemma to fester.

Let's hope that they can tackle a real issue. And maybe for an encore, they could work on securing Social Security for the future.

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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9. * ___ crew, Milwaukee Brewers fan base
13. Poppy seed derivative
14. Afghan monetary unit
15. Hotel room option
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18. Relating to pond scum
19. *Babe Ruth's first major league team
21. * ___-and-___ sport
23. Dog command
24. Bald eagle's home
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39. Stomata, sing.
40. Burlap fiber
41. Archeologist's find
43. Estimated arrivals
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46. Cobbler's concern
47. Merlin or Gandalf
48. *B in RBI
50. Close by
52. Spade for stony ground
53. Karl of politics
55. Between ready and go
57. *Left, center or right one
61. *Yankees' only #4
64. Blast from the past
65. Crew tool
67. Helped
69. ___ one's time, past tense
70. Schiller's poem
71. Express contempt
72. What Simon does
73. Cut grass
74. Intoxicating

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1. *Eat a hot one at the game
2. Copycat
3. *Number of standard baseball positions
4. Miss Muffet's meal
5. Vomiting
6. Highest point
7. *Scoring unit
8. Annapolis frosh
9. Tulip's early stage
10. Capital of Latvia
11. Et alibi (2 words)
12. Water source
15. Bacchus' attendants
20. Weasel's aquatic cousin
22. *Baseball trajectory
24. Diver's edible reward
25. Muslim woman's headscarf
26. Caribbean island destination
27. Gained access to (2 words)
29. Hoppy beers
31. Individual unit
32. Bottom line
33. Idealized image
34. *Katie ___ or "___ at the Bat"
36. Empty when kids leave
38. World's longest river
42. Cut it out
45. Moved a flock of sheep
49. Certain John's or Jane's last name
51. Re-use old ideas
54. Car sound, to a toddler
56. Trinity
57. Small door-opening devices
58. One of the hipbones, pl.
59. Whirlpool
60. "Big Little ___"
61. What Jack's beanstalk did
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From the Journal Files

by Brian McKim

75 Years Ago, May 6, 1951 to May 12, 1951

J.L. Stetler rode up to a parking meter in front of the Richardson County Bank, parked and put two cents in the machine. He tied his horse, "Dick," to the post and said, "I wish the city would put rings on these things so we could hitch easier. Stetler had been forced to ride his horse as his vehicle had been in an accident the week prior and was still out of commission. J.J. "Jug" Brown resigned as secretary of the Falls City Chamber of Commerce after accepting a position with the Independent Lumber Co.

The Falls City Vets defeated the Humboldt All-Stars 12-6 in a practice game. Byron Meinzer sent a ball over the left field wall for FC, while Bob Schemmel of Humboldt went 4-4 on the day.

Miss Barbara Elaine Miller, a senior at Falls City High School, was awarded a University of Nebraska Regents' Scholarship.

The first of three mobile police radio sets was installed in the City Police Department's cruiser. A second unit would be installed in Sheriff Vern Atkins' auto, and a third would go in Deputy Sheriff Arch Noll's car. The installation of the two-way radio system was a joint venture of Richardson County and Falls City. The central station was scheduled to be installed at the Sheriff's office so as to utilize the radio tower installed on top of the courthouse.

Seven students graduated from Bratton Union School. The list included Orva Bents, Joyce Flift, Virginia Frerichs, Lester Kuhlmann, Donald Remmers, Willa Jean Sodmann, and Vernon Sullwold.

Joseph C. Reavis, a local attorney, was elected as president of the Falls City School Board at the annual reorganizing meeting. Mr. Reavis succeeded Gene Bullock as president.

The Rivoli Theater was purchased by Tony Schroedl. Mr. Schroedl bought the theater from Tri States Theater Corp.

Sgt. Marion F. Zimmerman of Falls City, a member of a combat engineer Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division, was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service as a heavy equipment operator in Korea.

Hiawatha was set to dedicate its new \$213,000 community hospital. The dedication would mark the culmination of a seven-year effort to build the new 34-bed hospital.

Tex Beneke and his nationally famous orchestra would be the attraction at a dance on May 29 at Prichard Auditorium, sponsored by the Elks Lodge. The Beneke Band, formerly the Glenn Miller orchestra, was one of the best in the business.

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50 Years Ago, May 6, 1976 to May 12, 1976

"You have a tremendous need for the improvement of school facilities in Falls City," said Dr. Harold Koch, Deputy Commissioner of Education for the state of Nebraska. Dr. Koch was speaking to approximately 150 people at a Board of Education meeting in FC. The report was part of the accreditation evaluation required every seven years.

Gail Kiefer, Barb Kelly, Jo Ellen Groothuis, Bev Parrish, Debbie Randall, Gayle Ankrom, Tedd Gentry, Tim Wilson and Doug Appleoff were honored by the Falls City Elks Lodge with Leadership Scholarships.

The Falls City Airport Authority voted unanimously to change the name of Municipal Airport to Brenner Field in honor of the late Dave and Doug Brenner, who were born in FC and devoted their lives to outstanding careers in aviation.

For the fifth straight year, the girls of Phillips 66 won the season championship of the Business Girls' Bowling League. The team included Norma Smith, Mickey Piper, Marie Pupkes, Beulah Grady and Viv Zeigler.

William Goodrich and Bill Sumpter were pictured with a catfish, estimated at 70 pounds, that they pulled out of Stanton Lake.

A search effort was launched in Eureka, California, after a 23-year-old hiker was carried off by a "large, hairy animal," possibly the legendary Bigfoot, according to a group of backpackers.

The Falls City Does held their annual mother-daughter dinner with over 75 in attendance. Mrs. Richard Windle, president, gave the welcome.

Richardson County Extension Agent Gerald Hopp was pictured getting a "feel" for his work when he joined several other county agents for a special cleanup day at the new 4-H center near Gretna. Hopp worked on litter clean up, while others dug trenches to make room for the footings for a new cabin.

In Salem, the Neighborhood Club met at Kathy Davis's home, with six members present. Minutes were read by Mrs. Luverne Kerr, and Mrs. Leola Inks thanked the club on behalf of her daughter, Nellie, for the gift they had given her.

25 Years Ago, May 6, 2001 to May 12, 2001

Proficiency Award winners at the FFA Banquet included Don Kafer, Dan Goff, Mitch Merz, Anthony Nussbaum, Jake Ankrom and Ben Scott. Honorary FFA Chapter Degrees were presented to Mr. and Mrs. John Rieger, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kafer.

Roger Lampe was once again named the manager of the Municipal Swimming Pool, and Rachel Thompson was named assistant manager. Full-time lifeguards included Amanda Davis, Roberta Thompson, Trisha Foster, Tiffany Wheeler and Daniel Fritz.

Celebrating a 50-year milestone were Marvin and Lavern Yoesel. The pair were married in 1951 by Rev. Dashner in St. Joseph.

The Falls City High School F-Club Female Athlete of the Year was Melissa Kopf, while the male Athlete of the Year was Shane Vollmer. The two winners were announced at the 31st annual Tiger Booster Club Athletic Banquet held at the Elks Club. The guest speaker for the event was 1971 FC graduate Fred Ivey.

The Falls City Area Jaycees held the annual "Kickers Cup" youth soccer competition at South School. Josh Stoller won the 6/7-year-old division, Dillon Lotter won the 8/9 division, Skiler Ramsey took first in the 10/11-year-old division, and Jordan Fallor won the 12/13 division.

Matthew Wenz of FC High School and Jill Webber of Humboldt won the Lowell Lewis Most Valuable Student Scholarship Awards at the annual banquet held at the Elks Club.

The Falls City Pamida store donated \$3,500 to the New Library Fund. Store Team Leader Sheila Hamilton presented the check to Kristy Gerweck of the Library Building Committee.

Dawson-Verdon FCCLA members who attended the state leadership conference included Kati Hilgenfeld, Tanya Hinrichsen, Katie Giffie, Jessicka Martinez, Kathleen Stonebarger and Becky Cooper.

Sheets Cosmetics, Cards and Gifts at 1705 Stone Street was having a closing-out sale. Owners Jim and Rose Ann Sheets said the sale would be concluded by August 1. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets closed the pharmacy side of the business in 1996, after having operated it since January 5, 1970.

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a closed meeting with County Attorney Samantha Scheitel to discuss county legal proceedings and for the protection of the public interest. The regular meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

After returning to a regular session, the Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Halsey, Inc., dba ServPro of St. Joseph, to do some work in areas within the Courthouse. The project will total \$7,353.97 and is based on the mold investigation conducted on April 15, 2026, completed by Techtron Environmental Solutions. A whole-building investigation was conducted by Techtron to determine the presence and extent of visible mold within the Courthouse. The group collected air samples, surface samples, performed moisture readings, measured relative humidity and prepared a report with recommendations.

The findings noted elevated airborne mold levels and visible mold in the Assessor's Office-Small Office. It has been recommended that remediation be done in the office. Once the remediation is completed, Techtron recommends following up with mold clearance testing.

According to an email from Matt Flinders of ServPro, the Basement 4-H Office Storage Room has a mold score of 400, which is considered very low, while the Assessor's Office-Small Office had a score of 1,680. Meanwhile, an outdoor control test was taken, which scored 2,160. According to Flinders, "You are far more at-risk walking from your car to the building than actually working within the building."

A motion was made by Campbell to accept the bid from Halsey, Inc., dba ServPro. The motion carried 3-0.

Once the heater is removed from the Assessor's office, the remediation instructions will be followed. Commissioner Campbell remarked that it is of great importance to complete the project.

EMA Director Brian Kirkendall met with the Board and proposed a salary increase for the Deputy EMA Director position. The Deputy currently earns \$23.35 per hour, and the proposed raise would be to \$27.02 per hour, representing 75% of the current EMA Director's salary. Deputies in elected officials' offices make 75% of the official's salary. However, the EMA position is appointed, not elected,

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Initially, when the bank opened in late December, it operated as a Loan Production Office but has since transitioned to full-service. The bank presented donations to local entities throughout the evening. In all, Nebraska Bank donated to ten local, well-deserving organizations, each receiving a \$500 check. The list included Falls City Public Schools, Sacred

so the deputy is not guaranteed 75% of the salary. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Campbell made a motion to table the proposal for further review. He cited the need to get it right in setting a precedent for other county employees.

"I would like to table it for further discussion so we can get more accurate comparisons with some of these other departments," said Campbell.

The motion was tabled on a 3-0 vote.

Claims were paid, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Heart, Richardson County Cancer Society, the City of Falls City for the amphitheater project, the Falls City Elks Lodge #963 for parking lot improvement, the Falls City Jaycees, the Falls City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Falls City Recreation, American Legion Club Post 102, and the Community Medical Center Foundation.


Falls City SVP/Market President Trent Scheitel had this to say about the event.

"We were thrilled with the turnout and the opportunity to share our vision and introduce the team behind it," said Scheitel. "This isn't just a new bank location, it's a reinvestment in our community, grounded in what matters most: people. Our purpose is simple: earn trust, enhance lives, and elevate communities."

Pictured on front, L-R: Nebraska Bank presents one of ten checks to the American Legion Club Post 102. AVP/Retail Banking Manager Rachel Rankin, James Kirkendall, Larry Fischer, Steve O'Grady, Jon Kirkendall and SVP/Market President Trent Scheitel.

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Drawing Tonal Winners: Best Of Show and Best of Category first- Kenley Alexander, Ayva Jean second, Abigail Spinner third, Adaesha Hall, two Honorable Mentions, Riley Luallin Honorable Mention. Front row: Farrah Wissler Honorable Mention, Grace Gile Honorable Mention, Indea Holman. Honorable Mention, Reagan McNeely two Honorable Mentions, Braxton Harmon, Honorable Mention.



Stella Waller



Jenna Geisendorf.



2D Mixed Media: Miyuna Kong second, Riley Luallin third, Andrew Gresham Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall Honorable Mention, Emma Dean, two Honorable Mentions.



Watercolor/Tempers: Best of Category first place Miyuna Kong, Elizabeth Vice Honorable Mention, Adaesha Hall Honorable Mention.



Oil and Acrylics Mention: Emma Dean second and Honorable Mention, Braxton Harmon third, Kenley Alexander Honorable Mention.

Heartland hosts student art exhibit open house

The Heartland Fine Arts Gallery, 1620 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska hosted an open house on Wednesday, April 22 from 1-5 pm for local Falls City High School and Sacred Heart High School art students. The Gallery had an exhibit of student artwork on display through May 1.

The artwork represents projects completed in many mediums including ceramic, charcoal, clay, watercolor, acrylic, ink, pastel, batik, pencil, colored pencil, printmaking, and multi-media. The exhibit gives all art students an opportunity to show their favorite projects from the current school year. The projects display a wide and diverse representation of art through the eyes of each student.

This year anyone stopping by the Gallery to view the high school student exhibit may vote on their favorite piece of artwork. Cash prizes were awarded to the artists receiving the most votes.

Art students from Sacred Heart High School study under the direction of Christina Wertenberger and include Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Brookelyn Bebermeyer, Ava Bletscher, Elijah Cannonico, Milayna Crofford, Dorothy Crouse, Lena Delaney, Mya Dougherty, Renee Drummond, Bo Fletcher, Brooklyn Fletcher, Willa Fritz, Eli Geisendorf, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Hallie Jones, Kinley Lechtenberg, Brenden Lemerond, Bailey Lemerond, Isabelle Nussbaum, Alise Reschke, Jade Romo, Owen Santo, Kemper Sipple, Ellery Vonderschmidt, Stella Waller, Ryann Westengaard, and Allarie Wilson.

Art students from Falls City High School study under the direction of Chris Bennett and include Kenley Alexander, Emma Dean, Madyson Eberle, Anabella Feighner, Grace Gile, Tala Graves, Adaesha Hall, Braxton Harmon, Indea Holman, Ayva Jean, Miyuna Kong, Rylee Littrel, Riley Luallin, Madi Lyons Brown, Caroline Macardican, Bailey McQueen, Olivia Mirelez, Abigail Spinner, Annalisha Tilton, Elizabeth Vice, and Farrah Wissler.

The Heartland Fine Arts Gallery offers vendors a place to display and sell art in many mediums including jewelry, pine needle baskets, fiber clothing accessories, photography, oil, acrylic, watercolor, 3-D artwork, clay and other accessories. The Gallery is supported by members and donors that promote the fine arts in Falls City.

Workshops by local and regional artists are held throughout the year for beginners and more advanced artists. Planned workshops for this spring and summer include adult watercolor, oil, acrylic and pastel, and children arts and crafts throughout the summer.



Drawing Pen and Ink: Ayva Jean first and Best of Show, Miyuna Kong, second and Honorable Mention, Abigail Spinner third, absent, Molley Ebel -Honorable Mention.



3D Mixed Media Winners: Best of Category first place Madyson Eberle, Emma Dean second, Annalisha Tilton third, Caroline Macardican. Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Vice Honorable Mention, Keira Wilcox Honorable Mention, not present -Rylee Littrel Honorable Mention.



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PSC Contingent Participates in SWAP
Vermeer earns best Undergraduate award

Two students and four faculty and staff from Peru State College recently attended the 59th Southwestern Association of Parasitologists (SWAP) Conference April 9-11 at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station on Lake Texoma. There was a total of 27 presentations given by undergraduate and graduate students and eight faculty presentations from representatives of 12 colleges and universities.

Breckin Berg, a PSC junior from Plattsmouth, mentored by Dr. Gul Ahmad – Professor of Biology, presented a poster “Survey of intestinal parasites among goat populations (Capra hircus) from southeast Nebraska and Southwest Iowa.”

Sierrah Vermeer, a PSC freshman from Falls City, mentored by Dr. Rich and Deb Clopton – Professor of Biology and Laboratory Coordinator respectively, won the Best Undergraduate Award for her oral presentation. Her research was titled, “Prevalence of Chagas Disease in southeastern Nebraska shelter dogs.” Vermeer’s presentation described her research documenting a previously unreported presence of the disease in 29 out of 80 shelter dogs, including dogs with no history of travel outside Nebraska. Chagas is an insect vectored protozoan parasite and both wildlife and domestic animals can serve as reservoirs for the disease which can infect humans.

Vermeer noted, “Chagas Disease has been long overlooked and understudied, especially in the United States. When I was offered a research position to study it, I really had two answers: “Yes!” and “What am I doing?” In these past few months, I have expanded my knowledge and understanding of Chagas Disease and Trypanosoma cruzi,” as well as working with dozens of happy dogs around the state. Our findings have proven to be incredibly beneficial for both human and veterinary medicine in Nebraska and have shown significant improvements in maps showing the expansion of Chagas.”

Continuing, she added, “After receiving the best undergraduate presentation at SWAP, I had to reflect on the hard work and true dedication that has been put into this project, from the three-hour drive to Norfolk, to the wagging tails that greeted us at each location. I’d like to thank my mentors, the Cloptons, for providing me with such an amazing experience. I’d also like to acknowledge the importance of our collaborator, Dr. Jon Kolman, that graciously donated time, resources, and skills. Last, I must shine light on the shelters that allowed us to visit and take samples from their pups”.

Dr. Kolman, formerly of Beatrice and now of Sterling, a 2014 PSC graduate, and a veterinarian in the Tecumseh Animal Clinic, assisted Vermeer and the Cloptons on the research.

In addition to presenting their work and interacting with other students and faculty researchers socially, the students attend the society business meeting. Dr. Brandon Ruehle, Assistant Professor of Biology, was elected President of the Southwestern Association of Parasitologists. Dr. Rich Clopton serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Parasitology, published by the American Society of Parasitologists.

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Nebraska Bank awards scholarships

Since 2018, Nebraska Bank has invested in the next generation of business and agriculture leaders through its scholarship program, awarding \$74,000 in educational funding to Nebraska high school seniors as of April 2026.

Applicants are selected based on their intent to pursue degrees related to banking, business, or agriculture, as well as their commitment to attending a Nebraska college or university. Recipients also demonstrate strong community involvement and the ability to balance academics with extracurricular activities.

Nebraska Bank is proud to recognize the following 2026 scholarship recipients. Each student will receive a \$1,000 award to support their education this fall:

- Haiden Dorste, Falls City (Falls City Senior High)
- Lucas Griess, Atkinson (West Holt High School)
- Espen Lanik, Alliance (Alliance High School)
- Jaylee Lechtenberg, Butte (Boyd County High School)
- Logan Levick, Oshkosh (Bridgeport High School)
- Logan Lienemann, Randolph (Randolph High School)
- Owen Plog, Hemingford (Hemingford High School)
- Bree Pojar, Scribner (North Bend Central)
- Ava Schmutte, Roca (Norris High School)
- Jacob Winckler, Chadron (Chadron High School)

“Nebraska Bank is proud to support students who are committed to strengthening the future of our communities,” said Stephen Stull, Nebraska Bank CEO. “These recipients represent the drive, leadership, and values that will continue to move Nebraska forward.”

Nebraska Bank congratulates these outstanding students and is proud to support their continued success as they pursue higher education and build their futures in Nebraska.

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Nebraska Bank specializes in agriculture, commercial, industrial, construction, mortgage and consumer banking. For more information on Nebraska Bank, please email Sarah Sasse-Kildow, at skildow@ne.bank.

4-H volunteers receive state awards

Seventeen adult volunteers, nine 4-H members, and five families of volunteers are being recognized with 2026 Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Awards.

Five families from across the state are being recognized as Outstanding Multi-Generation Family of Volunteers Award. Local families included in the include:

The Vonderschmidt Family, Dawson, Richardson County and The Mike and Deb Wilcox Family, Pawnee County. This award recognizes families with at least three generations of active 4-H volunteers.

Eight individuals are receiving Emerging Adult Volunteer Awards. These awards recognize current volunteers who have served less than three years in their local 4-H community. One individual is recognized for each Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone. Local recipients included: Lukas Fritz, Nemaha County

Nine individuals are receiving Outstanding Adult Volunteer Awards. These awards recognize current volunteers who have served more than four years in their local 4-H community. One individual is recognized for each Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone. Recipients included: Lisa Schawang, Richardson County

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Awards honor individuals who are making meaningful and lasting contributions to their local 4-H communities.

“4-H Volunteers are truly integral for helping youth be ready for work or life following their 4-H career. Their volunteer efforts enable youth to improve decision making skills, build leadership skills and help prepare youth to be ready for future careers. These volunteers generously give their time, energy, and creativity to help develop the next generation of leaders, and we are thrilled to be able to recognize their contributions,” said Jill A. Goedeken, Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Extension Educator.

Recipients will be celebrated during a recognition ceremony at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair.

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COUNTY COURT

Bailey J. Jones, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, pled not guilty; counts 2-6 commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 13, 2026.

Dillion T. May, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty; count two, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Andrea M. Mateo-Cortez, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Jessica R. Roten, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Aleaha B. Siders, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/menacing manner, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Kay-Lee M. Blunt, count one, criminal mischief less than \$500, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Jessica Simmons, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 10, 2026.

Gary M. Wendtlandt, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50.

Bryce D. Ebel, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 15, 2026.

Cole T. Davis, count one, assault-threaten/menacing manner, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for May 13, 2026.

Chelsea M. Raney, count one, disturbing the peace, plea changed to guilty, found guilty and fined \$50

Zachery M. Blunt, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Brandon M. Reyes, counts 1-3, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

David R. Duran Jr., count one, amended to dropped/dropped; count two, willful reckless driving-1st, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, license suspended for term of 30 days; count three, amended to dropped/dropped; count four, possess/consume open alcohol container, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$50; count five, amended to dropped/dropped.

Devon L. Smith, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Kyle R. White, count one, refuse to submit to test-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 13, 2026.

Jessica A. Richbourg, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 13, 2026.

Joseph Walter, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled no contest, found guilty.

Jessica E. Collins, count one, nonresident violate rev/impd order-MSD 2, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dropped.

Tyonna M. Jackson, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300.

Ashton J. Martin, count one possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dropped. Sentencing scheduled for June 22, 2026.

Kiffen A. Hunzeker, counts 1-2, amended to dropped/dropped; count three, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a Class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 4-5, contribute to delinquency of child, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 6-7, amended to dropped/dropped. Sentencing scheduled for June 22, 2026.

CITATIONS

Jay Luetje of Westside, IA, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Sarah Brown of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Hunter Pingel of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dropped. (Adams)

Ahmani Bearfield of Omaha, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no license on person, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Wason)

Shuaieb Abdullah of Lincoln, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, muffler required/good working order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, excess windshield and/or window tinting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Agena)

Owen Blumestock of Johnstown, NE, count one, unsafe backing, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Cheek)

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

April 9, 2026 through April 10, 2026 calls: six burn permits, one found/lost property, two nuisance calls, three miscellaneous calls, one parking complaint, one gun permit, one weather call, three ambulance/EMS calls, two 911 hang-up/misdials, and one investigation. Twenty-one total calls. One 911 call. One warning for speeding.

April 10, 2026 through April 11, 2026 calls: one ambulance/EMS call, two HHS intake/referrals, two burn permits, one information only, two records checks, three miscellaneous calls, two 911 hang-up/misdials, one fire call, and two traffic/driving complaints. Sixteen total calls. Three 911 calls. Warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting and invalid registration.

April 11, 2026 through April 12, 2026 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, one juvenile issue, one theft, two miscellaneous calls, one motorist assist, two referred to other agencies, and one weather call. Ten total calls. Two 911 calls.

April 12, 2026 through April 13, 2026 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdials, one referred to other agency, one miscellaneous call, five ambulance/EMS calls, one check welfare, and one disturbance. Eleven total calls. Six 911 calls. One citation for 3rd degree domestic assault.

April 13, 2026 through April 14, 2026 calls: two ambulance/EMS calls, two referred to other agencies, one burn permit, four miscellaneous calls, one accident, one animal call, one records check, one HHS intake/referral, one parking complaint, and one disturbance. Fifteen total calls. Four 911 calls. Citations for 2nd degree assault, use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, criminal mischief, and speeding. Warnings for speeding, muffler violation, and improper/defective vehicle lighting.

April 14, 2026 through April 15, 2026 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdials, two ambulance/EMS calls, two information only, three burn permits, one alarm, two miscellaneous calls, one animal call, one check welfare, one traffic/driving complaint, and one weather call. Sixteen total calls. Two 911 calls. Citations for DUI, muffler required, careless driving, and animal running at large. Warnings for speed (2), following too closely, fail to renew registration, illegal U-turn, and improper/defective vehicle lighting.

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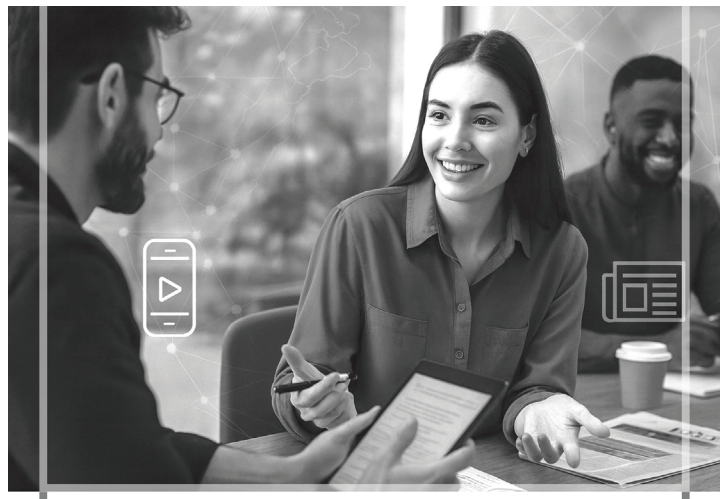
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Jaiden Willman delivers a pitch against Fairbury on Senior Night at SNC Field.

Tigers set sights on postseason

The Falls City Tigers fell to Bishop LeBlond in five innings of action at Phil Welch Stadium in St. Joseph on Monday, 12-2.

The Tigers scored first on Monday, taking a 2-0 lead after the top of the first. Kam Huppert singled to center, followed by a fielder's choice by Elin Vonderschmidt. With two outs, Jayton Wilkerson reached on an error, scoring both runners to put FC in front.

Meanwhile, Tiger pitcher Wilkerson cruised through the first two innings unscathed. The LeBlond offense came alive in the third. Five singles and a walk allowed the home team to bolt out to a 5-2 advantage.

LeBlond tacked on five more in the fourth to make it 10-2. In the fifth, Karson Simpson got a one-out base hit, followed by a walk by Jaiden Willman. Unfortunately, the next two batters failed to move the runners and FC trailed by eight.

LeBlond added the final two runs in the bottom of the fifth to seal the win by the run rule, 12-2.

Huppert and Simpson each had singles for FC,

while Willman and Mason Collier each reached with walks.

Wilkerson took the loss, allowing five hits and five runs in three innings of work. Landyn Woolery got the win for LeBlond, pitching five innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out five.

FC's game against West Nodaway scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, was canceled. Per NSAA rules, FC received a forfeit win.

On Thursday, FC hosted Senior Night at SNC Field against the Fairbury Jeffs. The first inning doomed FC as the visitors took a 6-0 lead before the home team even had a chance to bat.

In the bottom of the first, Willman laced a 1-0 pitch to left field for a double. Unfortunately for FC, the runner was eventually stranded at third as the Tigers trailed 6-0 after one inning.

Tiger pitcher Kam Huppert settled down in the second inning, allowing just a one-out single and no runs in the inning.

The Jeffs used an error and two singles in the third inning to push their advan-

tage to 8-0 and added one more in the fifth to make it 9-0.

The Tiger bats finally came alive in the fifth. Willman reached after getting plunked by a pitch. Next, Elin Vonderschmidt singled past the second baseman. A groundout by Wilkerson put FC on the board as Willman came in from third. Next, Mason Collier reached on an errant throw by the shortstop, scoring Vonderschmidt to make it 9-2 after five frames.

Trailing 10-2 in the seventh, Willman reached on an error. A hit by pitch put Wilkerson on with one out. Wilkerson quickly moved to third base and scored on an error by the catcher, making the final score 10-3.

Ryder Hullman led the offense, going 2-3 at the plate, while Willman doubled. Vonderschmidt and Wilkerson added singles, while Collier reached twice on walks. Huppert took the loss for FC, allowing eight runs (2 earned) in three innings of work. Huppert struck out four and walked two.

The Tigers wrapped up the regular season against

Fort Calhoun on Monday. FC opens the postseason on Thursday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. The Tigers, the No. 4 seed, play the top-seeded Bulldogs in Auburn in the first round of the Class C-4 District. The winner will play the winner of Arlington and Fairbury on Friday in Auburn.

Bowen lighting up the track

HTRS's Lillian Bowen set a new meet and school record in the 800m run on Saturday at the Pioneer Conference Meet in Lewiston. Bowen clocked a blazing 2:21.50, beating her school record of 2:24.23 set last spring. Her time is now the fastest in Class D by nearly two seconds.

As a team, the Lady Titans scored 74.5 points and finished third, while the boys totaled 57 points and finished fourth.

Also scoring for the Lady Titans was Miranda Rist in the 100m (4th, 13.81). Bowen ran a season-best 1:02.90 to place second in the 400m, while Grayson Sherman won gold in the 1600 (6:09.27). Sherman also earned another medal in the 3200m, placing fourth in 13:47.29. Jazi Frey finished fifth in the 300h (52.47). The 4x400 relay team ran 4:35.03 for third, while the 4x800 team won silver in 10:32.66. PJ Howe tossed the discus 99-00 for a PR and sixth place. Rist went 4-05 for fifth in the high jump, while Frey (9-06) won the pole vault and Makenna Dunlap (8-00) was third. Eden Duryea went 15-02.75 for fourth in the long jump.

For the boys, Kameon Dettmann stayed hot, placing second in the 400m (53.03) and winning the 800 (2:06.49). Teammate Axton Wamsley also placed in the 800, running two laps in 2:09.97 for fifth. Freshman Preston Mezger placed fifth in the 3200m (12:10.82). The 4x100 team placed sixth (51.70), the 4x400 team was third (3:39.57), and the 4x800 team ran 8:51.32 for third.

Emmett Glathar finished third in the shot (48-05) and second in the discus (153-08). In the high jump, Darius Bohling cleared 5-06 for fifth, and Bradyn Bowen was third in the long jump at 19-00.50.

The HTRS Lady Titans placed second at the Pawnee City Meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, with 146.33 points. Johnson-Brock won the meet with 176.33 points.

Miranda Rist placed second in the 100m (13.79) and the 200m (29.59). Lillian Bowen continued her dominance, winning the 800m (2:25.34) and placing second in the 400m (64.96). In the 1600m, Grayson Sherman won gold in a season-best 6:07.71. Sherman also won gold

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Tigers shine at ECNC

The FC track teams competed in the ECNC Track Meet on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Palmyra. The boys tallied 59 points to finish fourth, while the Lady Tigers scored 27 points and finished sixth.

Boys' standings: Palmyra 158, JCC 92, Freeman 67, FC 59, Auburn 49, Weeping Water 37, Elmwood-Murdock 37, Mead 28.

Girls' standings: Palmyra 125, Auburn 107, JCC 106, Freeman 77, Elmwood-Murdock 59, FC 27, Weeping Water 19, Mead 6.

The boys excelled, winning four gold medals on the day. Senior Caleb Offner had another terrific day, winning the shot put at 52-09 and the discus with a throw of 164-01.50. Tanner Jackson set a new meet record of 14-00, surpassing the 13-01 mark set in 2009. The final gold medal came from senior Tallan Zimmerman in the long jump. Zimmerman went 19-09.75 to earn first place.

Jacoby Bangert ran the 100m dash in 11.91, placing fifth. In the 400m dash, Jackson ran a personal best of 54.04, claiming sixth place. Elijah Leyden cleared the

110 hurdles in 18.12, placing fifth. The 4x100 team of Bangert, Zimmerman, Martin Irizarry, and Jackson earned silver in a season-best 46.10. Leyden earned his second medal, clearing a personal-best 5-08 to place third in the high jump.

For the Lady Tigers, Tessa Gossman placed fifth in the 100m dash with a time of 13.64. Classmate Peyton Weddle earned a fifth-place medal in the 200m dash, finishing in 27.75. Hallie Young ran a PR of 2:38.52 to place sixth, while Jennifer Sweeney finished third in the 1600 in 5:57.46. The 4x400 team of Weddle, Ashlyn Alexander, Gossman and Hallie Young placed fourth in 4:31.88, while the 4x800 team of Sweeney, Madalynn Hawley, Ella Glathar and Destiny Pierce finished fourth in 12:01.07. Freshman Liv Buckminster had the Lady Tigers' best individual finish, jumping a personal-best 4-10 in the high jump for second place.

The Tigers hosted the Falls City Invitational on Monday, April 27. The Tiger boys scored 89 points and finished fourth, while the Lady Tigers also finished fourth with 69 points.

For the boys, Jacoby Bangert ran 12.24 in the 100m dash and placed fifth. Tanner Jackson was fourth in the 200m (24.57) and third in the 400m (54.96). Elijah Ley-

den ran a personal best of 17.77 to place third in the 110h and ran the 300h in 47.71, also for third. Teammate Martin Irizarry was fourth in the 300h in 49.68. The 4x400 team of Ryker McCullough, Tallan Zimmerman, Bangert and Lathan Richey ran 3:59.95 for fourth place, while the 4x800 team of Deacon Jacobs, McCullough, Brock Caudle and Emmett Daake placed fifth in 10:42.50.

Thrower Caleb Offner took home a pair of medals on Monday, placing first in the discus (149-07) and second in the shot put (48-01). FC scored well in the high jump, with McCullough placing second (5-08), Leyden third (5-04), Irizarry fourth (5-02), and Caudle sixth (4-08). Tallan Zimmerman jumped a season-best 20-04 to win the long jump, while Kacen Davis won silver in the triple jump with a personal best of 37-08.

For the Lady Tigers, Tessa Gossman finished sixth in the 100m (14.18). Audrey Scrivens ran 27.55 to place second in the 200m and ran a personal best of 1:00.35 to win silver in the 400. Destiny Pierce placed sixth in the 800, running 3:20.54, while Jennifer Sweeney earned silver in the 1600 (5:57.96). Madalynn Hawley ran a personal record in the 3200m, placing third in 14:52.90.

The 4x100 team of Scrivens, Gossman, Peyton Weddle, and Ashlyn Alexander placed second in 53.72, and the 4x400 team also finished second. The team of Scrivens, Gossman, Alexander, and Hallie Young ran 4:32.34. The team of Sweeney, Hawley, Gabi, and Hallie Young placed third in the 4x800 (11:51.57). In the discus, Bella Johansen placed sixth at 91-09. Liv Buckminster was third in the high jump (4-04), Weddle was fourth in the triple jump (30-04), and Brynna Glathar was sixth (27-07).

Tiger golfers hit the course at Eagle

The Falls City golf teams traveled to Eagle on Wednesday for the Palmyra Invite at Woodland Hills. The challenging course proved difficult for many area golfers on Wednesday. In the gold division, Falls City shot a 322 and placed 14th. In the Silver Division, HTRS placed 12th with a 299, while FC finished 17th with a 375.

Falls City's Ethan Morris had the low round of the day for FC, shooting a 43/44 for an 87. Next was Knox Davis with a 58/56 for a 114, and Nolan Nicholson with a 62/59 for a 121.

Luke Downs of Louisville won the gold division with a steady 36/36 for a round of 72.

In the Silver Division, Jon Koch of HTRS shot a 39/46 for an 85 and finished 16th. Kole Schawang of FC had a round of 59/43 for a 102 and Josh Manning of HTRS was right behind with a 51/52 for a 103. Grey Sherman (HTRS) finished in 45th with a 56/55, while Payton Brown (FC) had a 60/58 for 47th and Cade Caudle (FC) had an 85/70 for a 155.

MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The Men's Golf League has gotten underway for the 2026 season at the Falls City Golf Course.

Early League Results from Tuesday, April 28, 2026. The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Team 1 (6.00) Liberty, Brandon 39-37; Veigel, Merle 57-42. Team 2 (0.00) Hays, Gary 41-39; Heinzelman, Denny 54-45.

Team 3 (4.00) Ebel, Ron 46-44; Severin, Steve 53-32. Team 9 (2.00) Simon, Dan 40-37; Mullins, Jim 52-47.

Team 4 (4.00) Borg, Dave 40-36; Murphy, Jim 53-41. Team 8 (2.00) Hillyard, Mark 49-41; Foster, Tim 47-38.

Team 5 (0.50) James, Charles 47-43; Meysenburg, Fr. Jim 49-36. Team 7 (5.50) Romine, Alan 49-42; Sailors, Chuck 49-35.

Team 6 (6.00) May, Mark 46-42; Bennett, Chuck 44-36. Team 10 (0.00) Hankins, Dan 59-51, Kermodae, Terry 54-45.

Late League Results

Team 1 (6.50) Dunn, Joe 36-36; Bippes, Drew 48-40; Coonce, Kyle 61-35. Team 14 (1.50) Gerweck, Rob 43-40; McNeely, Erik 50-40; Meysenburg, Fr. Jim 47-36.

Team 2 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 40-39; Malone, Kevin 42-35; Sly, Tony 59-39. Team 13 (2.00) Ferguson, Don 45-42; Schawang, Cody 45-37; White, Christian 59-35.

Team 3 (6.50) Aitken, Bob 42-40; Craig, Jake 48-39; Scheitel, Logan 62-35. Team 12 (1.50) Liberty, Brandon (F); McNeely, John 47-39; Bek, Adam 51-35.

Team 4 (6.00) Witt, Tom 40-38; Romine, Alan 52-41; Morris, Adam 47-34. Team 11 (2.00) Siel, Jake 44-41; Froeschl, Lucas 47-40; Dunkhas, Gale 49-36.

Team 5 (5.50) Simon, Steve 40-38; Daake, Brian 44-37; Merz, Mitch 64-37. Team 10 (2.50) Gist, Thomas 43-40; Poppe, Brian 48-41; Keller, Bart 52-33.

Team 6 (7.00) Bachman, Eli 34-32; Hullman, Ben 45-42; Witt, Wade 48-41. Team 9 (1.00) Kirken-dall, Jeremy 41-38; Witt, Rich 51-43; Craig, Robbie 54-40.

Team 7 (6.00) Scheitel, Trent 41-39; Schawang, Cade 41-33; Bauman, Jackson 57-35. Team 8 (2.00) Simon, Dan (F); Harmon, Galen 46-38; Waller, Doug 49-29.

Team 15 (2.50) Van Dyke, Kyle 38-35; Froeschl, Ethan 44-37; Cole, Gavin 44-35. Team 19 (5.50) Davis, Darin 42-37; Gooch, Blake 42-33; Bippes, Derek 49-35.

Team 16 (0.00) Hill, Dan 48-44; Steele, Brendan 54-45; Bauer, Trevor 46-32. Team 18 (8.00) May, Mark 41-36; Chesnut, Justion 37-30; Harmon, Jason 42-28.

Team 17 (2.50) Ebel, Bryce 45-41; Godemann, Ted 49-41; Witt, Bailey 45-32. Team 20 (5.50) Anderson, Dusty 41-35; Bennett, Chuck 49-41; Heck-enlively, Tim 46-35.



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Rules and Regulations - Registration for CASH Drawing will begin at 4:30pm. One entry per person, you must be present on the casino floor to qualify. You can only win one of the registration cash drawings on May 5th.

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Rules and Regulations - Registration for CASH drawings will begin at 6pm. You must be in the casino to qualify, one entry per drawing per day. Registration tickets will go into the barrel each night and will be emptied after the last drawing on May 23rd.

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Max Shafer, III

Max Shafer, III, 66, of Shubert, NE, passed away April 26, 2026 at Lincoln, NE. He was born May 27, 1959 at Falls City to Max W. Shafer, II and Carole "Joanne" (Vice) Shafer.

He married Jenny Massey on September 4, 1990 at Shubert. She passed away January 31, 2021.

Max was raised at Shubert and graduated from Southeast Consolidated High School in 1977. Following graduation he attended community college. He then started working as a security guard at Cooper Nuclear Station and then became a guard at the Tecumseh State Prison. He retired in 2016 as a sergeant. He enjoyed being outdoors on the farm and being around his animals. He loved his family and Jesus more than anything. In his younger days he enjoyed powerlifting. He was a member of Shubert Christian Church.

Max is survived by his son, Max Shafer, IV of Shubert, step-son, Jeff Kosmicki and his wife Tyeisha of Omaha, NE and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sister, Penny and a daughter, Treia.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Prairie Union Cemetery near Shubert with Pastor Pamela Fullbright officiating.

Frank C. Reavis

Frank C. Reavis, 80, of Lincoln, NE, passed away April 25, 2026 at Lincoln. He was born June 19, 1945 at Falls City, NE to David D. Reavis, Jr. and Sylvia (Clark) Reavis.

He married Mary Steinman on February 19, 1972 at Falls City. She passed away February 2, 1998.

Frank served in the Nebraska National Guard, Company B in Falls City.

Frank was raised in Falls City and graduated from Falls City High School in 1963. He went on to graduate from Peru State College in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was employed by the City of Falls City in the utility department, later working in security at Cooper Nuclear Station and then as a correctional officer at Tarkio, MO. They moved to Lincoln in 1994 and he worked at the York Penitentiary. They moved back to Falls City in 1997 and back to Lincoln following the death of his wife.

In Lincoln, he worked various jobs before starting Reavis & Sons Painting. He went on to be a security officer at Millard South High School and retired in 2014 from the Lincoln Regional Center. He was actively involved as a mentor with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting.

Frank is survived by his children, Jeremy and his wife Rochelle of Lincoln, Frank Aaron and his wife Suzy of Gretna, NE, Justin of Lincoln, Christine Reavis of Lincoln, grandchildren, Jake, Emmeline, Logan, Makayla, Hailey, Justis and Bailee Reavis. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a son, Christopher and a brother, David.

His memorial service will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM at The Life Church of Lincoln, 6810 P Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE, with Pastor Gene Alphin officiating.

Edgar "Ed" Bredemeier



Edgar Allen Bredemeier, known affectionately to many as Ed, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026, at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Born on January 23, 1936, in DuBois, Nebraska, Ed was deeply rooted in the rural life that shaped his character and contributions.

Ed was one of four children born to Fred and Myrtle (Siske) Bredemeier. His early education encompassed rural school through the sixth grade, followed by a few months in the DuBois School District, culminating in his graduation from Pawnee City High School in 1954. From a young age, Ed's life was marked by the values of his community and faith, having been baptized and confirmed at Friedens Church, situated south of DuBois.

His commitment to both country and community was exemplified in his service with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. Upon returning from service, Ed dedicated himself to farming, specializing primarily in cattle and grain operations, with a period devoted to raising hogs and undertaking custom work. Beyond the farm, Ed was an active participant in agricultural circles, notably winning the Nebraska state corn picking contests in both 1965 and 1966, achievements that led him to compete at the national level.

Ed's involvement extended into numerous local boards, where he worked tirelessly to support and advance his community. He was also a distinguished member of the Masonic Blue Lodge in Pawnee City, achieving the rank of Master Mason. He was a member of all three bodies of the York Rite, and notably served as Grand Commander of Nebraska in 1982-83.

On June 14, 1959, Ed married Carolyn Edwards in a ceremony at the Stella Community Church, where she was an active member. Their marriage was a partnership founded on shared values and love, and together they built a family that brought Ed immense joy. He especially cherished attending the activities of his children and grandchildren, creating memories that will be treasured by all.

Edgar is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his children and their spouses: Karen Brown of Parkville, Missouri; Sharon and David Meacham of Parkville, Missouri; Mike and Chris Bredemeier of Stella; and Linda and Tim Shanks of Syracuse. He took great pride in his grandchildren: Rachel Greathouse (Stephen), Elizabeth Dillman (Joseph), Logan and Conner Bredemeier, Jordan (fiancé Andrew Smith), Suzanna, Robert, and Liam Shanks, and granddaughter Emerald Dillman. Additionally, Ed's family circle included his sisters-in-law Jan Bredemeier of DuBois, Nebraska, and Merrie Edwards of Lincoln, along with numerous nieces and nephews who held him in high regard.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his son-in-law Jim Brown, his brother Arden, his sisters Alene (Paul) Davis and Elane (Don) Burkhalter, as well as his brother-in-law Joe (Paula) Edwards, sisters-in-law Margaret (Peter) Arcus and Julie (Jeff) Munford, and Merrie's significant other John Miller.

Ed Bredemeier's life was one marked by dedication—to his family, his faith, his country, and the land he lovingly tended. His legacy endures in the hearts of those who knew him and in the community he served. He will be remembered with profound respect and affection.

The funeral service was on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Stella Community Church with co-officiants Pastors Michael Davis and John States. Casket bearers were Logan Bredemeier, Conner Bredemeier, Robert Shanks, Liam Shanks, Stephen Greathouse, and Joseph Dillman. Rachel Greathouse, Elizabeth Dillman, Jordan Shanks, Suzanna Shanks, and Emerald Dillman were honorary bearers. Burial followed in Prairie Union Cemetery near Shubert. Graveside military honors were provided by American Legion Post #168 of Pawnee City and Nebraska National Guard Honors Detail.

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Sacred Heart school announces end of the year events

The Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Junior and Senior High Academic Awards Night and Senior Capping will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Roh Activity Center (RAC). Scholarships will be announced. Awards will be presented to students for academic achievements, contests, and other special recognition. Seniors will receive their caps and gowns. The public is invited to join us in honoring our students.

The Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Activities Banquet will be held in the Roh Activity Center (RAC) on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The banquet will be a potluck meal with each family asked to bring a meat dish and one other covered dish. Drinks and table service will be provided. Reservations are not required. Everyone is invited to come to recognize our high school students for their extracurricular achievements.

The 2026 Senior Class of Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic High School announces the Commencement Exercises on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Falls City, NE. Thirteen seniors will graduate. A reception will follow in the Roh Activity Center Lunchroom. Enter through South or West school doors for the receiving line of students. Cake and punch will be in the lunchroom.

The Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Eighth Grade Promotion/Mass will be Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Falls City, NE. Twenty-one eighth graders will be promoted. A reception will follow in the Roh Activity Center Lunchroom. Enter through South or West school doors for the receiving line of students. Cake and Punch will be in the lunchroom.

Former Tiger excels at historic Drake Relays

The Doane College Women's 4x100m relay team took first place recently at the 116th edition of the vaunted Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Former Tiger athlete RaeAnn Thompson was part of the winning squad, running the opening leg at the elite competition. The team of Thompson, Tania Gleason, Elizabeth Wemhoff and Neryah Hekl ran a 45.82 to place first, beating out the second-place team from Lincoln, Missouri (46.06).

The team ran a 46.78 in the prelims to advance to the finals on Friday, April 25, 2026.

Earlier in the season, Thompson clocked in at 11.93 to place third in the 100m dash at the 2026 Central Nebraska Challenge. At that same meet, Thompson was part of the winning 4x100 relay team. The foursome ran a season-best 45.39 for the gold.

Peru State College Commencement this weekend

Nebraska's first institution of higher education will hold its 2026 commencement on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Peru State College's annual event will be held in the Al Wheeler Activity Center on the College's campus.

Over 300 graduates, including master's and undergraduate degree recipients, and Winter 2025 graduates, will be conferred. The event livestream link is available at <https://www.peru.edu/commencement/>.

The Thousand Oaks Brass will perform the prelude and processional.

Following a welcome by President Dr. Robert Mock, Jr., the Combined Choirs, under the direction of Dr. Jacob Bartlett, will perform The National Anthem and Irish Blessing.

Ms. Connie Edmond of Lincoln will provide greetings from the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees. Edmond is a 1987 graduate of Peru State.

The 2026 Peru State College Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Joyce Douglas of Lincoln. Douglas has had a long history of collaboration with the College.

Peru State will recognize Ms. Cassandra Tangen, Instructor of Math, as its Teaching Excellence Award winner.

Mr. Ted L. Harshbarger, Class of 1977, and Director of Alumni Relations of the Peru State College Founda-

tion, will welcome the graduates to the Alumni Association.

The presentation of the graduates will be overseen by Dr. Regina Toman, Dean of the School of Professional Studies, and Dr. Paul Hinrichs, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. President Mock will confer the degrees and provide concluding remarks.

Serving as ceremonial student marshals for the event will be Britany Lofton (Lodgepole), Student Senate President, and Carson Pierce (Lincoln), Student Senate Vice President.

After commencement, those attending are invited to a celebration reception on the campus courtyard. A picnic meal and live music will be provided, allowing families, friends, and the College's faculty and staff to wish the 2026 graduates success in their future endeavors.

Nestled in the hills of historic southeast Nebraska, Peru State College offers a mix of innovative online and traditional classroom undergraduate and graduate programs, including online graduate degrees in education and organizational management.

Established in 1867 as Nebraska's first college, Peru State has transformed over the past century and a half into a state-of-the-art institution offering diverse, multifaceted educational programs to nearly 1,300 students each year.

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in the 3200m, running a season-best 13:19.42. Jazi Frey placed second in the 100h (17.30) and the 300h (55.01). HTRS swept all three relays, winning the 4x100 (54.60), the 4x400 (4:38.11), and the 4x800 (10:47.51). In the throws, Ava Grimes placed fourth in the shot put (30-08), and PJ Howe was third in the discus at 94-09, while Elie Bstandig was fourth (92-08). Rist earned another silver in the high jump (4-06), while Bailee Schmit was sixth (4-02). Frey won gold in the pole vault (9-00), while Makenna Dunlap was second at 7-06. In the long jump, Eden Duryea placed third (15-03), while Dunlap went 14-06 for fifth.

The HTRS boys finished the day with 86 points, tying for third. Kameon Dettmann placed first in the 800m (2:09.36) and second in the 400m (54.29). Teammate Axton Wamsley earned third in the 800m (2:11.05). Preston Mezger placed third in the 3200m run with a personal best of 11:40.15 and fifth in the 1600m (5:29.34). The Titan 4x100 team placed fourth (51.70), while the 4x400 (3:47.30) and 4x800 (8:46.83) teams won gold. Emmett Glathar won the discus at 154-02 and placed second in the shot put with a personal-best heave of 48-04.50. In the high jump, Darius Bohling placed third with a PR of 5-08, and Bradyn Bowen leaped 18-08.75 in the long jump for third.

“Make it Click”

With the end of the school year, and summer approaching, more people travel to see family, friends and take vacations. The Falls City Police Department is reminding all drivers of the importance of seat belt and child restraint use.

“Make it Click” is a national mobilization and is about saving lives. In 2021 more than one person on average died per hour (11,813 total) in vehicle crashes while not wearing seat belts.

“Make it Click” is a national mobilization from May 15, 2026, through May 31, 2026. During this mobilization, Falls City Police Officers, along with other Law Enforcement Agencies will be conducting High Saturation Patrols focusing on seat belt and child restraint use. Officers will have a Zero Tolerance approach to seat belt violations. We are encouraging everyone to take hvo seconds to “Make it Click”. Buckling up is more than just a great idea-IT’S the LAW.

The Falls City Police Department thanks our citizens and community partners for their continuing support and reminds everyone to Buckle Up, Every Trip, Every Time!

Hats off to the 2026 Graduates!

We know how hard you've worked to get to this day, and now it's time to celebrate! Your dedication to reaching your goals sets a strong example for tomorrow's students, and we salute your achievement. As you take the next step, we wish you the very best. May all of your hopes and dreams come true!



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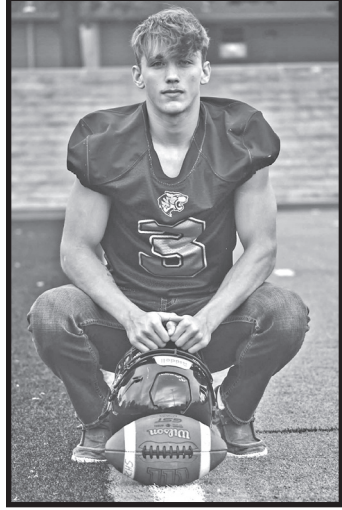


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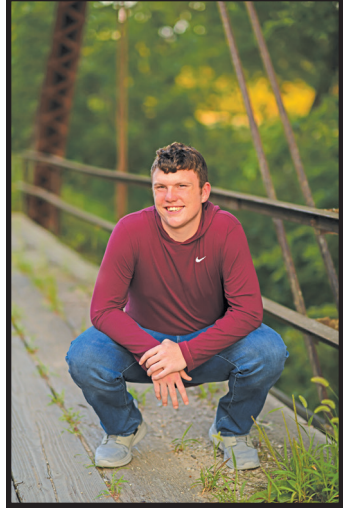
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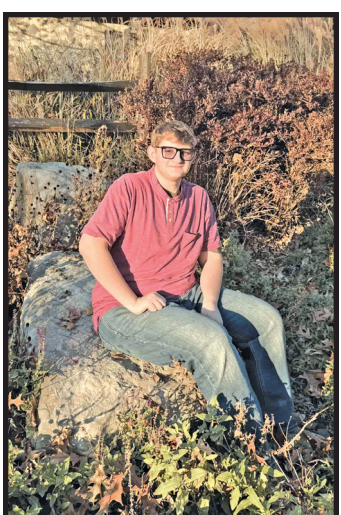
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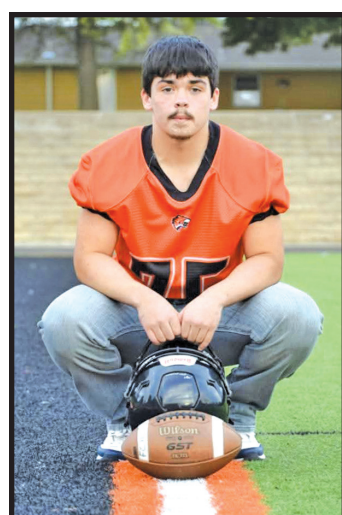
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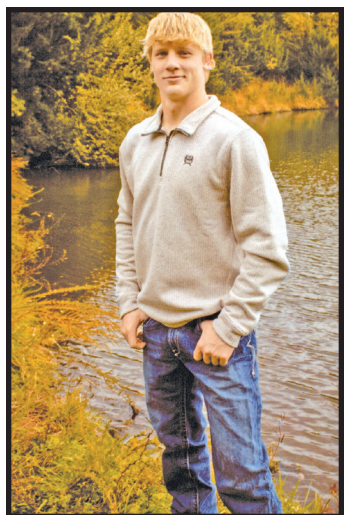
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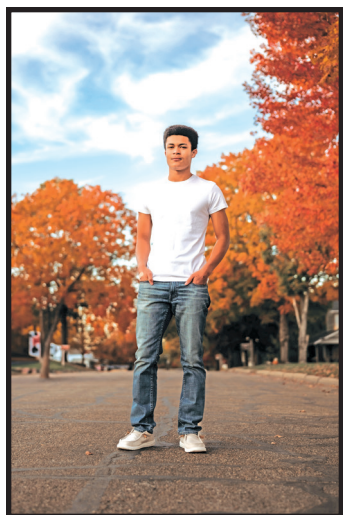
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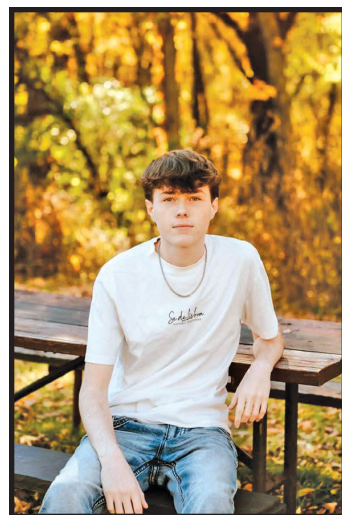
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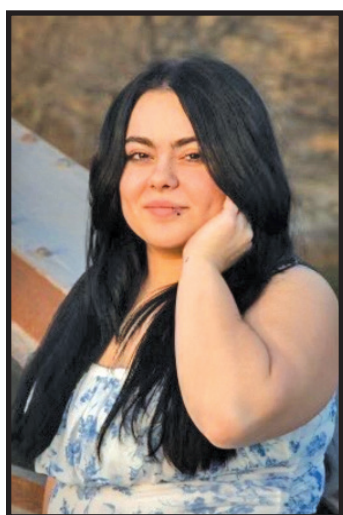
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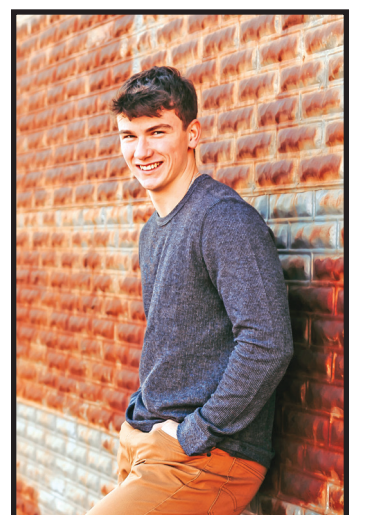
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Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-3324

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Big Lake Baptist Church (213 Lake Shore Drive) Sun: Fellowship breakfast, 8:45AM; Sunday School, 9:30AM; Service, 10:30AM. Mon: Prayer & Share Monday, 8:30AM. Wed: Children's, Youth & Adult Bible Study, 7PM.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS - Air Station Site Prep, Concrete, Electrical, and Fence Project.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, via 3 brief RFPs, is seeking bids for site prep, concrete, electrical, and fencing as part of the placement of a small meteorological tower on tribal land at the corner of 702 Road & 659 Ave, Richardson County, NE. All proposals must be received by 2:00pm on May 21st, 2026. Proposals can be submitted via email to amy.kahbeah@sacandfoxks.com &/ or stephen.bailey@sacandfoxks.com Or hard copy mailed to: Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Natural Resources Dept, 305 N Main, Reserve, KS 66434. The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas & Nebraska. Questions can be directed to (785) 742-4704 Ext 3703 or Ext 3701 or via Cell 785-741-4949 during office hours M-Thursday,

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 Truators, 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.

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.

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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.

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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Jeraldine M. McDonald, Deceased
Estate Number: PR26-17

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Breana Last as Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County Nebraska, located at 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 on May 27, 2026 at 9:45 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard by the Court.

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Public Meeting Notice

Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 11th, 2026 in the Conference Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 22, 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 22, 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 15, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a contract with Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC for the Dawson NW C-74(2023-05) which construction will begin on May 18 and completion planned for June 19, 2026. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dexter Holiday updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center.

Motion was made by Karas to approve and enter into a maintenance and support agreement with Nebraska Live Scan as a Service (LSaaS) Subscription Agreement IDEMA for May, 2026 through May, 2027. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY EDGE
Lucas Froeschl, Executive Director of the Falls City Economic Development Growth Enterprise updated the Board on the activity and future developments within the organization.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Caverzagie to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:58 a.m. with Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director and County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss possible litigation and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 10:03 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Agreement with BraveBe Child Advocacy Center

Motion was made by Karas to approve and authorize the County Attorney to sign and enter into an agreement with the BraveBe Child Advocacy Center effective July 1, 2026 at a cost to Richardson County of \$1,250,000/year. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 105)

CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND

Amazon, supp.....	42.96
AT&T, serv.....	981.74
Charm-Tex, supp.....	372.40
Comfort Inn, lodg.....	809.70
Concrete Industries, serv.....	573.00
DAS State Accounting, serv.....	150.00
Falls City Journal, adv.....	1373.55
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	243.74
Fankhauser, Nelson, Werts, Ziskey & Merwin, serv.....	1479.50
CR26-4 C. Bryant, CR25-92 C. Dodson, CR25-93 S. Mackey, CR23-87 R. Paxson, CR25-78 R. Paxson	
Farm & City Supply, supp.....	90.89
Fields, Odus, reimb.....	442.60
Halbert, Dunn & Burns, serv.....	665.00
JV24-4	
Holiday Inn, lodg.....	1059.60
Kennedy, Kaytlyn, reimb.....	18.21
Kirkendall, James, reimb.....	394.30
KS HCl Haug Communications, serv.....	900.00
Lincoln National Life Ins., life ins.....	1500.62
Lynn Peavey Company, supp.....	48.00
Medica, ins.....	57525.37

Merz Ink, supp.....	116.94
NE Health & Human Services, serv.....	93.00
OPPD, serv.....	33.10
O'Reilly Automotive, supp.....	185.37
Quill, supp.....	66.98
Ram Exterminator, serv.....	48.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	90.00
SATPhone City, serv.....	899.00
Scheitel, Sam, reimb.....	81.68
Sherman's Station, serv.....	54.00
SummerOne, serv.....	84.00
Techtron Envir Solutions, serv.....	1760.00
Visual Edge, serv.....	235.90
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$72,905.37

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

AGCO Finance, supp.....	76.14
Black Hills Energy, serv.....	113.93
Crowne Plaza, lodg.....	339.90
Martin Marietta Materials, rock.....	50826.12
Midwest Engineering, serv.....	21743.50
Northern Safety Co., supp.....	19.32
NPPD, serv.....	174.95
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....	196.39
Quill, supp.....	207.69
Sapp Bros., fuel.....	7278.57
Scheitel Feed & Seed, supp.....	312.50
Unifirst, supp.....	84.33
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$81,373.34

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

CPC, serv.....	1233.36
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$1,233.36

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 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 29, 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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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
APRIL 22, 2026
CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor Riggs and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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.

TAX LIST CORRECTION
Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve 1 tax list correction as presented by Assessor Riggs. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Richardson, Nebraska will meet weekly for a regular meeting on Wednesday 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.

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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at Rulo Library at 6:00 PM

Advanced notice of meeting posted by 1:00pm on Monday, April 13, 2026 at Rulo Library, Swingin' Doors and Wild Bill's

Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds, called the meeting to order at 6:01PM. Roll call - Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Coonce, Regina Barber, Mike Keller, Todd Thompson, Clerk - Rachel Jean

R. Jean made Open Meetings Act announcement.

A motion was made by Keller and seconded by Thompson to approve the March meeting minutes. Roll call - AYE: Keller, Thompson, Coonce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Coonce to approve purchasing the supplies needed to repaint the parking lines on 1st Street. Roll call - AYE: Thompson, Coonce, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A quote was presented by Coonce for tires and rims that need replacement on the main fire truck. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Keller to approve the purchase of two tires and two wheels totaling approximately \$1130.00 for the fire truck. Roll call - AYE: Barber, Keller, Thompson, Coonce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Board scheduled Auditorium cleanup for Sunday, April 26th at noon.

Ralph Popejoy was present to discuss repairs needed for city lawn mower. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Keller to approve replacing the starter and purchasing a motor, if needed. Quotes will also be reviewed for a new mower. Roll call - AYE: Thompson, Keller, Coonce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Coonce to suspend the complete reading the Ordinance 2026-01 - Purchasing Card Policy. Roll call AYE: Thompson, Coonce, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Coonce and seconded by Thompson to move in passage of Ordinance 2026-01 - Purchasing Card Policy. Roll call - PASS: Coonce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Ordinance passed and notice will be published.

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CANDIDATES

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ship the potential large scale projects as outlined in prior announcements. My desire is that these projects enhance our community and do not change our quality of life. Of course, there may be issues that arise for our citizens but those should be addressed in a timely manner by city leadership.

3. Maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure. Steps are currently being taken on upgrading the downtown electrical grid. Some gas upgrades have been implemented. Attention also needs to be placed on the water and sewer infrastructure. Preventive maintenance can go a long way in preventing major issues with those. No one wants a flooded basement or sewer backup, gas leaks, or power outages.

How will you evaluate and vote on city spending, including the annual budget, and what standards will you use to determine whether a project or expenditure is justified?

Annual budget increases should be considered carefully. Increases according to cost of living adjustments and projected revenues would be expected. If revenue sees a surge then any excess of budget should be used to address infrastructure issues.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability, including communication with residents, handling of public concerns?

The current communications as provided by this newspaper, radio, and the streaming of the council meetings help ensure the public is informed on issues. As a council member I would encourage my constituents to reach out to me either through phone calls or voter forums. Falls City has the potential currently for growth that hasn't been seen in decades. Our population has substantially declined from the days of my youth. Let us work together to improve our employment opportunities for all while keeping the Nebraska Good Life!

Robert Olbdering, candidate for City Council (Ward 2)

What are your top three

priorities as a city council member, and what specific actions will you take to address each during your term?

1. Getting immediate use out of Family Fare will be a top priority. Speaking to EDGE or potential investors to quickly fill the vacancy left by Family Fare.

2. Finding an outlet for families to spend time together on a Friday night or weekend. What can we bring to town to give families something to do? Seeking grants to utilize or expand our parks and the possibility of more events being brought to town.

3. Attracting new citizens to Falls City. How do we bolster the town's population? Speaking to families newer to the area and former graduates of both schools who moved back to assess why they chose to come back. Why did they choose Falls City over another town? What do they think are Falls City's strengths and weaknesses?

How will you evaluate and vote on city spending, including the annual budget, and what standards will you use to determine whether a project or expenditure is justified?

A need is stronger than a want. The project must have a good return on investment for the citizens of Falls City. What is the community's benefit from said project? Citizens should feel that their city taxes are going to good causes and projects. I believe the focus should start with the infrastructure of the town and then build upon that.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability, including communication with residents, handling of public concerns?

The potential for a dedicated Facebook page where information could be obtained regarding city matters, as well as a platform for citizens of Ward 2 to voice concerns. I know that social media is not for everyone, so the possibility of "mini" town halls held at local parks or businesses for those citizens who do not care for social media could be a really good way to give the voters of Ward 2 a voice to express concerns and issues they see within the town.

Senator Bob Hallstrom Newsletter

'Tis the season, with the primary election right around the corner. I would encourage everyone to participate in the election process by exercising your right to vote on May 12th. A special thanks to all of the candidates who have stepped forward in hopes of entering or remaining in the arena of public service.

In the coming weeks, I will highlight provisions of various bills which I introduced this session that were enacted into law. Addressing the housing shortage which exists in Nebraska has been a priority of mine since being elected to serve as State Senator for Legislative District 1. This session I introduced and the Legislature enacted a trio of bills which will have a positive impact on the availability and affordability of housing in Nebraska. LB819 (amended into LB768), extends the effectiveness of the Rural Workforce Housing and Middle-Income Workforce Housing programs until 2032. Investments in these programs have resulted in significant new single-family and multi-family residential units being constructed across the state.

LB938 (amended into LB803), authorizes first-time homebuyers savings accounts to assist Nebraskans in saving for a home with state tax advantages. Under the new act, starting in 2027, individuals can contribute up to \$5,000 annually (\$10,000 for a married couple), with contributions and earnings on the accounts being tax-free when used for qualified home buying expenses. Contributions are capped at \$25,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for married couples. Qualified uses of the savings accounts are for down payments, closing costs, and construction of a primary residence in Nebraska after the account has been opened for at least one year. This pro-housing policy will lower the barrier to entry into the market by first-time homebuyers, help more renters transition into homeownership, and support market stability overtime.

Finally, LB1067 provides for a modest increase in the documentary stamp tax which is anticipated to raise approximately \$7.5 million dollars annually for both the Rural Workforce Housing program and the Middle-Income Workforce Housing program and provide a reliable and consistent source of funding to address the state's housing needs into the future. Importantly, the measure includes protections to ensure that the additional dollars remain dedicated to housing programs, rather than being

diverted to address other budgetary needs.

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

Spring 2026 recital news

Students from the music studio of Glenda von Behren were featured in recitals on Sunday, April 26, at Christ Lutheran Church. Performers were as follows:

- Piano – Kyler Anderson, Reese Andrew, Emersyn Ankrom, Lynnley Ankrom, Evi Bangert, Liv Buckminster, Gus Clemmons, Emberly Cook, Berklie Davis, Harlow Eickhoff, Hudson Eickhoff, Marlo Harkentek, Lily Harrah, Hattie Johansen, Jayce Kearney, Liliana Lowe, Addy Martin, Auroara Martin, Charlie Merz, Elise Miller, Levi Miller, Lillian Riley, Kase Schawang, Willow Strecker, Theo Sullivan;
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