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NDA with Falls City, Nebraska Rural Generation and Tenaska not directly tied to data centers

The Falls City Council met on Monday, May 4, 2026, at City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Councilperson Leyden was absent from the meeting.

City Administrator Gary Jorn presented the Board with a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) report.

In old business, the Council discussed and voted to accept bids for municipal waste management.

According to Jorn, City Management looked at proposals from Falls City Sanitation and Hamilton Recycling & Disposal. Jorn said after looking over the estimates, his recommendation was to go with Falls City Sanitation due to a lower cost estimate.

Councilmember Buckminster stated that he appreciated what Mark (Harkendorff) and Falls City Sanitation had done for the city over the years but expressed a desire to help out a young entrepreneur and go with Hamilton Recycling.

"I feel like it would be to move forward with the future and give him (Hamilton) an opportunity, even with a higher price," said Buckminster.

Buckminster made a motion to accept Hamilton's bid. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilperson Ferguson then motioned to accept the bid from Falls City Sanitation. The motion passed 5-2 with Buckminster and Kenny Killingsworth voting nay.

A public hearing began at 6:09 to obtain comment prior to considering the Fairview Replat of lots 1, 2 and 3 of Tracts 1, 2, 3, 3A and 3B and Metes and Bounds.

Falls City EDGE Director Lucas Froeschl spoke on the matter, saying he has been working with property owners of the area in question.

"There's an old sewer line that runs through those properties that had to be vacated," said Froeschl. "We're working with the two properties that are down there to make sure they're connected to sewer."

Froeschl said that 20-25 years ago, a separate sewer line serving most of Falls City was installed, and they are working to connect the two properties to that existing line.

Froeschl also said Public Works Director Trevor Campbell has worked to ensure there are utility easements capable of being used for future endeavors.

He also noted the Consolidated Grain and Barge has partnered with Falls City to move a fire hydrant across the highway to have service at the grain facility. The hearing was declared closed at 6:12 p.m.

The Board then voted 7-0 to approve the replat of the area in question.

The Board approved a special designated liquor license request for November 21, 2026, at Prichard Auditorium by a 7-0 vote.

The Council approved the appointment of the Budget Committee members recommended by Mayor Harkendorff.

Councilmembers Leyden, Ruiz, and Kaster were previously on the committee, while Buckminster agreed to be added. The appointment passed 7-0.

A confidentiality agreement between Falls City and Tenaska was approved 7-0. EDGE Director Froeschl said an agreement had previously been approved, but now Tenaska, Falls City and Nebraska Rural Generation would all sign the same NDA.

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Dollar Fresh Market converting to full-service Hy-Vee in Falls City

Falls City EDGE and the Falls City Chamber of Commerce and Main Street is pleased to announce that Dollar Fresh Market will be converted into a full-service Hy-Vee grocery store, with rearrangements to begin on May 26th and construction in June.

According to building plans submitted to the City of Falls City for permit requests, the project represents an investment of approximately \$1,130,000. Not included in this estimate are parking lot and sidewalk upgrades to be completed at the conclusion of the interior remodel. The conversion reflects Hy-Vee's long-term commitment to serving Falls City and strengthening access to local grocery options.

The upgraded store will include new and expanded services designed to better meet everyday shopping needs while maintaining the convenience of a neighborhood grocery store. Planned improvements include:

- A 20-foot full-service meat counter offering expanded selections
- A broader selection of national and regional name-brand grocery items
- A limited-service deli counter offering prepared sandwiches, pizza, and rotisserie chicken
- A specialty candy shop within the store

- Additional refrigerated and frozen food space
- A bakery with cake decorator will also be added as part of the full-service Hy-Vee format to complement, not replace, the strong local bakery offerings already serving Falls City.

To accommodate these new features, parts of the existing sales floor will be reconfigured. Some general merchandise aisles will be reduced or removed to allow more space for food offerings, fresh departments, and coolers.

Local Leadership Retained

The store's leadership will remain local, with Clint Sailors serving as Store Director of the new Hy-Vee in Falls City. The expanded store offering is expected to create five (5) new full-time positions and as many as thirty (30) new part-time positions.

Community Partnership

Falls City EDGE is partnering with the City of Falls City and Falls City Chamber of Commerce and Main Street to share project updates and support the successful transition of this important community asset. The conversion is viewed as a key step in maintaining strong local retail services and supporting the overall vitality of Falls City's business environment.



"Life is not about the destination; it's about the journey"

Falls City High School held its 2026 commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Prichard Auditorium, with 53 students walking at graduation. A full house welcomed the new Tiger alums as they marched toward their seats while the Commencement Band played "Graduation Suite Processional" by Mike Story.

Before the ceremony began, Principal Ethan Sullivan took a moment to recognize assistant principal/athletic

director Gale Dunkhas, who is retiring from the district after 19 years of service, primarily as the high school principal.

Senior Malori Kuker welcomed everyone in attendance and extended a special greeting to her graduating classmates. Kuker thanked the teachers, staff, coaches, friends, and family for sharing in the day.

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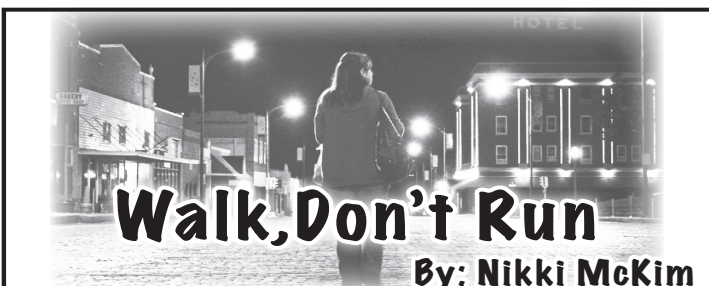
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When I heard about the death of Ted Turner, I reflected back on a column I had written about him so many years ago and about how much of my life traces back to this man who had the strange idea that people might want to watch old movies and news 24 hours a day.

I never met Ted Turner. I was however lucky enough to (kind of) cross paths with him when he was honored at the 2018 TCM Film Festival. I watched him walk to red carpet. I have a framed photo of myself in the background as he walked into the TCL Chinese Theatre.

In that old column I had written about all the random things that make me who I am. Classic movies. Baseball. The Three Stooges. "Saved by the Bell." The foods I love. Many of those things still ring true. I still watch The Three Stooges when I feel down. I listen to "Saved by the Bell" when I work and more often than not you will find TCM on in our house.

When I was growing up, TBS was often on in our house. In the morning it was Bewitched or Gilligan's Island. In the afternoons, it was "Saved by the Bell." In the evenings, it was the Adams Family. On the weekends it was a Stooges or "Saved by the Bell" marathon.

As a kid, I had no idea the same man was responsible for it all.

I had actually resented Ted Turner during baseball season because the Braves constantly interrupted "Saved by the Bell." At the time, that felt like a personal attack on my happiness. Then I started paying attention to the games. Before long, I kind of liked David Justice and the Braves.

The same thing happened with classic films.

When Turner Classic Movies made old films accessible to ordinary people, it created an entire generation of film lovers who otherwise may never have discovered them.

Without those movies, I honestly do not know who I would be today.

Classic film people tend to eventually find each other. Through those films, I found friendships that changed my life. What started as sitting in rural Nebraska watching old movies eventually led me to the TCM Film Festival surrounded by people who understood exactly why these films mattered. It led to conversations, opportunities, writing projects and friendships I never could have imagined as a kid in Dawson. I especially never imagined that I would be traveling with these classic film friends to Palm Springs, the mountains of Georgia, New York City, Hollywood or Las Vegas. My best friends who I speak to dozens of times a day are those people I met in theaters on Hollywood Boulevard.

That all traces back to Ted Turner taking a chance on preserving films that many people once dismissed as outdated.

The Three Stooges marathons gave me something too. My sister and I would try to stay awake all night watching Larry, Curly and Moe while the VCR recorded every episode so we could watch them again later. My grandpa Alexander would sit there laughing with us until tears rolled down his face.

That is the best thing about television and movies, they become memories.

Even CNN played a role in my life. During the 2000 election, I became glued to cable news coverage. That election happened during a difficult period of my teen years and following the news became an escape for me. It also sparked a fascination with journalism and storytelling that eventually became my passion.

Looking back now, it is incredible to realize how much of my life intersects with one man's vision and his own passion.

Ted Turner changed television, but more importantly, he changed people. He gave my dad and me something to excitedly talk about. He gave me a monthly lunch companion, and friend here in Falls City to discuss our favorite actors and films and history of Hollywood.

When someone dies, people often measure their legacy in money, awards or headlines. But I think the real measure of a life is quieter than that. It is found in ordinary people carrying pieces of your influence.

A little girl in southeast Nebraska fell in love with classic movies because of Ted Turner. She found life long friendships, renewed relationship because of those movies. She found confidence. She found pieces of herself.

That seems like a pretty remarkable legacy to leave behind. And for that, I'm forever indebted and grateful.

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All things Nebraska 'Hall of Hot Winds' gasses up for election season

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Rumors are as common around the State Capitol as brome grass in a roadside ditch.

It's not called "The Hall of Hot Winds" for nothing.

And that rumor mill gets cranked up big time during election season, when there's speculation aplenty about who is running and who is not, and who can win and who cannot.

By the time you've read this, you've probably already voted in the May 12 primary.

The rumor mill had Falls City businessman Charles Herbster as a likely primary challenger to incumbent Jim Pillen, who had edged Herbster in the GOP primary four years ago.

But Herbster opted out, likely because he saw the size of Pillen's campaign war chest (\$10 million) and because President Trump had endorsed the incumbent governor instead of Herbster (who, four years ago, was Trump's favorite).

That has led speculation that Pillen's re-election as a foregone conclusion.

He's a Republican in a state where the GOP enjoys nearly a 2-to-1 advantage over registered Democrats. Pillen hasn't committed any horrendous errors while in office, though there's grumbling about sluggish job growth, and the loss of 3,000 jobs when Tyson's huge plant shut down in Lexington.

And we're still waiting to see if anything comes of his awarding a no-bid, \$2.5 million contract to a favorite lobbyist. At press time, the Lincoln Police were still investigating if any laws were broken.

It's been a long time since an incumbent governor in Nebraska has been defeated. The last time was in 1990, when Republican Gov. Kay Orr was upset by Democrat Ben Nelson. But back then, registered "Ds" were about as common as registered "Rs" in the state.

(That was when a gallon of gas cost about 90 cents a gallon. Boy, wouldn't we like to see that again?)

Anyway, when people ask me if the Democratic challenger to Pillen, former State Sen. Lynne Walz, has a chance, my answer is "why not?"

Elected officials are about as unpopular as a cold sore these days. Just ask Donald Trump and, a couple of years ago, Joe Biden.

Voters seem as uneasy as ever about things like the economy (shaky), consumer prices (going up instead of down) and world affairs (really, we needed to go to war in Iran?). So challengers who offer a legitimate promise of change have a pathway to beat an incumbent.

Of course, we might see another challenger to Pillen besides Walz.

Brett Lindstrom, a former state senator and ex-Nebraska quarterback reserve, is kicking tires about a run for governor as a nonpartisan.

Lindstrom had mounted a campaign for the Republican nomination in the 2nd Congressional District, but dropped out in January, saying he didn't want to be a part of a horribly divided Congress.

Interestingly, Lindstrom changed his party registration to "nonpartisan" two months later, which would

allow him to run for governor as an independent.

Can a nonpartisan win? Two years ago, a nonpartisan, mechanic/labor leader Dan Osborn put a scare into U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, who was supposed to be a shoo-in for re-election. So you gotta think an independent candidate could win.

But Lindstrom, as well as Walz, face plenty of questions. Could they raise enough money to mount a strong campaign against Pillen? Wouldn't they just split the votes of those who don't want another Pillen term?

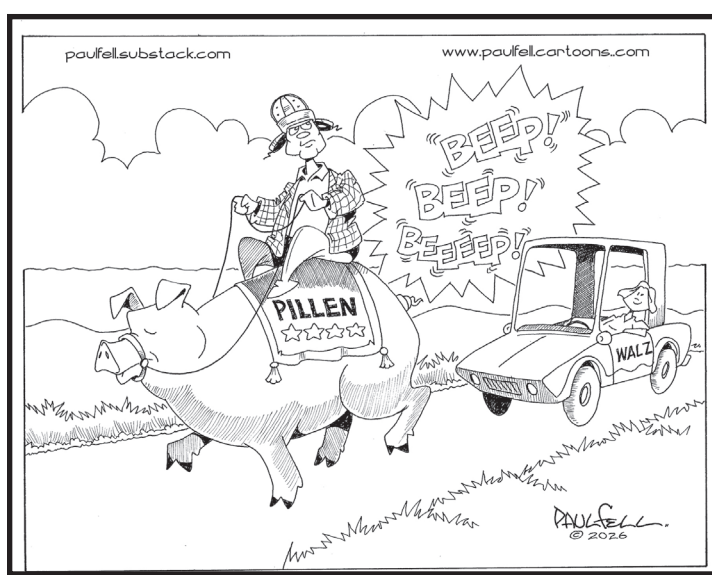
There's word that the Columbus hog producer/veterinarian is not universally loved around Omaha, the state's largest city and home to some major political campaign donors. But would those interests take a risk and support a non-incumbent?

You gotta admit, Lindstrom certainly looks the part of a governor. He's a tall, slim, blond dude who appears ready to sling a pigskin. And Walz is a smart, former teacher. Either might present a more upbeat image in recruiting new businesses than Pillen, who has never won accolades for his oratory skills.

So there you go. A lot of hot wind from the Capitol, that might never come true.

Personally, I'd rather see something other than hot winds, like some soaking rains.

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9. Pasturelands
13. Chinese fruit
14. #9 Across, sing.
15. Clemency
16. One in advertising
17. "___ the land of the free ..."
18. Characteristic of birds
19. *Ongoing job in the garden
21. *Without synthetic fertilizers
23. 2nd tallest bird
24. Theatrical production
25. Curiosity killed it?
28. Additionally
30. Capital of Poland
35. Passage into a mine
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39. Mid-century modern, e.g.
40. Toothy wheel
41. *Some are heirlooms
43. Make like a cat
44. Erasable programmable read only memory
46. Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
47. Unwanted correspondence
48. Motionless
50. Catch-22
52. "Are you sure?" in a text
53. Freight horse cart
55. Opposite of don'ts
57. *6 or more hours of sunshine
61. *Radicchio or frisEe
65. On foot
66. Negative vote
68. 2020 NFL MVP
69. Morrison's "The ___"
70. Hockey great Bobby
71. Respectable and quiet
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DOWN

1. Old bathtub foot
2. Opposite of seek
3. Ne plus ultra
4. *Opposite of #57 Across
5. Minimum, pl.
6. Influencer's journal
7. *Stinging pollinator
8. Holiday song
9. Bulgarian money
10. Julia Roberts' Academy Award-winning role
11. Popular smoothie berry
12. Update an iPod
15. Inhabitant of Hungary
20. Nothing, pl.
22. Like sashimi
24. Lack of money
25. *Tomato supports
26. Highly skilled
27. Miss America's headdress
29. Slowly leak
31. Moves at the gym
32. Monument to Buddha
33. Orderly arrangement
34. *Wiggly plowers
36. Faster than a walk
38. *Some plants and flowers emit a good one
42. *Type of digger
45. Centers, old-fashioned
49. French vineyard
51. *Last of 3 numbers on a bag of fertilizer
54. Be a pest
56. Washington, e.g.
57. Grow dim
58. Extraterrestrials' rides
59. Pilot's stunt
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75 Years Ago, May 13, 1951 to May 19, 1951

Approximately 250 Richardson County youth were enrolled in active 4-H Clubs, according to County Agent Tom Aitken.

The 150-foot center span of the Randolph Bridge, south of Rulo, needed an "elevator" ride to reach its final destination. Monarch Engineering of FC strung cables, pulleys and blocks to lift the long span 12 feet in the air. The span weighed 60 tons.

The House Ways and Means Committee in Washington voted to increase federal levies on cigarettes, automobiles and gasoline. The increase would boost taxes by 50 million annually.

Falls City's dog population was estimated at 1,000-1,200, but according to Chief of Police Judd Ankrom, only 115 dog owners had filed for licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett, 814, East 19th Street, were the parents of a daughter born at 5:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and was named Toni Jean.

The fifth annual Elks Club fish fry was scheduled for May 23 at Camp Rulo. Over 500 men were invited to attend the annual event. Members of the general committee in charge were Clarence Heck, Don Heinzelman and Phil Weaver.

A 37-year-old mother was in jail because she would not leave her two small sons to serve on a murder trial jury. The mom refused to take the juror's oath, stating she had no one to take care of her sons. She was appealing the six-month contempt-of-court sentence.

The Humboldt All-Stars baseball team joined the Southeast Nebraska Baseball League. The six-town league included Elk Creek, Lewiston, DuBois, Steinhauer Maple Grove and Humboldt. Players on the roster included Sterling Davis, Robert Saal, John Kuenzi, Clayton Workman, Bud Proctor, Keith Sandfort, Lawrence Jaros, Jake Hayes, Ronald Buehe, Allen Koenke, Don Hareshbarger, Ralph Etter and Joe Moyer.

Lawnmowers for Sale—Also sharpening and repairing at Aue's Lawnmower Service, 1120 Chase Street.

Spencer Tracey and Elizabeth Taylor starred in "Father's Little Dividend," showing at the Oil City Theater in Falls City.

Mrs. Homer Wiltse was named the new president of the North School and Harlan School PTA. Miss Helen Norton was named vice-president, and Mrs. Vernis Wood was secretary.

For Sale: Free gas, buy 10 gal. and get 1 gal. free, Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, Monarch Conoco Service, 1302 Stone.

50 Years Ago, May 13, 1976 to May 19, 1976

The Board of Education of District No. 1, Pawnee County, adopted a motion to keep the DuBois Grade School open for three more years. According to the Pawnee Republican, economic factors and adequate room in the Pawnee City faculties were the reasons for discussing the question.

The Chamber of Commerce and the National Guard Unit sponsored a free concert by the 43rd Army Band at the City Park ball diamond set to take place on June 7, as announced by Marlen Luff.

Caril Fugate, who at age 14 accompanied Charles Starkweather on a rampage that shocked the country, would soon be up for parole. The 32-year-old Fugate would be considered for a June 20 release by the five-member Parole Board.

One Stop Café advertised a candlelit Friday-night super special: fresh carp for \$1.00.

Eight Richardson County girls would represent the area at the Girls' State Track Meet in North Platte. The list included Linda Schulze, Jeannie Cochran, Lisa Heim, Bennye Couch, Connie Huettner and Julie Rogers of Dawson-Verdon, Susan Drumm of Southeast Consolidated and Lisa Mann of Falls City.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. Keith Wheeler planted corn and milo and disced bean ground on about 325 acres. Mr. Wheeler was recovering from back surgery and was not able to do the spring work himself.

Jim Schulenberg shot a 41/42 for an 83 at the Class B District Golf Meet in Lincoln to qualify for the State Tournament in Columbus. Schulenberg became the first Tiger golfer to make the state meet since Bob Glenn in 1967.

Al's Barber Shop moved from its location at 1020 McLean Street to 109 East 17th Street.

Seven state records fell at the 6th Annual Girls State Track Meet. Julie Rogers was the only county athlete to score. She placed second in the discus (115-02) and shot put (37-08).

The Lundy's Bowling Arena team from Humboldt was crowned the champion of the Class B Division at the state bowling tournament. Team members included Gladys Belden, Judy Lundy, Marj Lyons, Helen Iliff and Gladys Lundy.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Falls City Junior Women's Club presented the Falls City Journal and KTNC Radio with Outstanding Journalism and Broadcasting Awards.

Safeway in Falls City advertised 10 Hershey Bars for \$1 and five cans of Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup for \$1.

25 Years Ago, May 13, 2001 to May 19, 2001

After a long discussion at the Falls City School Board meeting, the resignation of industrial technology teacher Richard Mezger was accepted. Mezger had asked for two planning periods per day, stating he felt he needed more time to regroup. Supt. Dr. Duane Stehlik said he sympathized, but he was concerned about the precedent it could set. Later in the meeting, teacher contracts were approved for Joe Dunn, Jason Bredemeier, Danitra Leonard and Karen Radatz.

AHRS Construction was working on an accelerated schedule to meet the deadline on the new Parent-Child Center addition at North School. The 24x76 classroom was due to be completed by the start of the 2001-2002 school year.

Falls City Middle School Students of the Month were Hayley Milam, Amanda Weaver and Katie Sayer.

SunMart in Falls City advertised 93% lean ground beef for \$1.99 per pound and one dozen glazed donuts for \$1.99.

The new oak display cases were getting final touches in the Richardson County Military History Museum in the Courthouse.

Armbruster Motor Company announced the winners of two scholarships given to graduating seniors. Jill Weber of Humboldt and Jeff Huppert of Dawson-Verdon were the recipients of the \$300 scholarships in 2001.

Larry the Cable Guy, AKA Dan Whitney, put on a benefit performance at Pawnee City with proceeds going towards the track/playground fund.

Falls City High School senior Dan Ferguson was pictured accepting a \$250 Partners in Education scholarship, given by P.I.E. president Mary Wiltse.

The Seventh Annual Gus P. Scholz Memorial Scholarships from First National Bank & Trust were presented to Andrew Hopp and Jessica Frederick.

Earning medals at the Huskerland Wrestling Tournament were Kaleb Gilkerson, Matthew Milke, A.J. McAfee, Dakota Schulenberg, Jacob Babb, Michael Olberding, Blake

Milke, Chris Mather, Jeremy Butrick, Deke Reichardt, Rust McCartney, Dru Miller, Mark Lippold and Cody Jones.

Angela Bryan, a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was selected for an overseas program that would send her to Moscow for seven weeks to study Russian and European studies.

Falls City High School artists Chrissy Hunzeker and Shannon Windle were among the winners of the Nebraska Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

NDA

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Froeschl sought to clear up any misconceptions about the NDA's language.

"There is language in this, what I'm going to call Tenaska's template of non-disclosure, where it says, Tenaska, the City and NRG desire, investigate and discuss the possibility of pursuing a business transaction between them and/or between their respective affiliates relating to developing gas-fired generation and to support data center load (such transaction, investigation and discussion)," said Froeschl. "So, this request is not specifically connected to any data center load. This is just a template agreement. We didn't really think it was necessary to take that out."

Froeschl went on to say that, usually, when Tenaska is having these conversations, it is in conjunction with data center growth. However, what Falls City is working towards is building a power plant.

"We are looking for someone to be our wheeling agent for a power plant," said Froeschl. "To be our wheeling agent for the load growth that we are predicting in the future, and Tenaska is a Nebraska company that does that."

Froeschl said while data centers have reached out, "I'm here to tell you that is not the primary action for this request."

Hay Ground Leases were approved for James Fischer. The bid of \$750 for 8.5 acres at the Industrial Park, and a bid of \$1,350 for 26 acres at the tree dump site were approved.

The Board approved the purchase of the Grind Hog unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current grinder, installed in 2015, was recently sent to JCI for evaluation. Based on the company's assessment, the grinder showed extreme wear and damage, making repairs unrealistic. The new Grind Hog 16ASX has a lead time of 10-12 weeks and will cost \$79,910.25, not including shipping.

The equipment grinds the waste when it first enters the plant, and it is then pumped throughout the system.

The cost estimate to repair the unit was \$25,000.

A request for a leave of absence by the new Account Clerk for the Utility Office was approved. Courtney Bybee had discussed with the staff during the interview process that she had a few prior commitments on the calendar before taking the position. The motion passed 7-0.

The final agenda item was to accept and authorize Mayor Harkendorff to sign the 2026 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Assistance Award Contract No. 26-03-086.

The fund is a 50-50 match, with the \$265,000 required match already covered, according to Chamber Director Amber Holle.

"She said she has all that taken care of," said Jorn. "There will be no city funds used for this project."

The motion passed 7-0. With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 6:23 p.m.

Memorial Day changes Falls City Journal deadline

The Falls City Journal will operate under an adjusted production schedule for the week of Memorial Day.

Due to the holiday, the deadline for the Wednesday, May 27 edition will move to Thursday, May 21 at noon.

The Falls City Journal office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Readers, advertisers and contributors are encouraged to plan ahead, as the Journal will be sent to press early and late submissions cannot be accepted. The adjusted deadline will apply to everything. Thank you for understanding.

RC Transit taking a slight rate increase

The Richardson County Commissioners held their regular meeting at the courthouse on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. All Board members answered the roll call.

County Treasurer Amanda Bartek-Ramsey provided the Commissioners with an updated list of delinquent property tax sales. The Treasurer advised the Board that two accounts had been paid recently. Bartek-Ramsey said the individuals on the list had been sent three postcards this year, two statements, and the list ran in The Journal for three consecutive weeks.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the Board to update them on maintenance being carried out throughout the county. Darveau advised the Commissioners that the lead time for the new cameras for county vehicles is four to six weeks.

He also told the Board that most of the county trucks have been repaired and are back on the road. However, a skid steer had to be hauled to Beatrice to correct some issues.

The Superintendent said he would budget for a new skid steer. Leasing a unit was discussed; Darveau said the last time the county leased one, it sat for months unused because they had run out of hours.

"It's something that we can look at," said Darveau. "I know you can pay to add hours, but that gets into quite a bit of money."

Commissioner Karas agreed that by the time hours are added, it's usually best to work out a financing plan and buy the machinery.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty updated the Board on business at the Law Enforcement Center, stating that the jail was housing 14 inmates at the time of the meeting. He asked the Board for permission to rehire a former deputy. Clinton Stonebarger has recently served as a deputy in Nemaha County, Nebraska and has expressed interest in pursuing the court security/Humboldt

position. Hardesty praised Stonebarger's previous efforts in grant writing for the department.

Commissioners Karas and Caverzagie stated they had no problem with the rehire, saying they never wanted to lose him to begin with.

Stonebarger was the Chief Deputy before he left.

After a discussion, Karas made a motion to approve the rehire and set the limit for taking a vehicle home at 10 miles or less. According to Hardesty, Stonebarger currently lives approximately 6 miles outside the county. The motion passed 3-0.

Aaron Brinkerhoff, an agent with Washington Nat'l Insurance Company, met with the Board to present information on supplemental health and life insurance options for county employees.

Kay Wissmann of SE NE Community Action Partners, Inc., presented the Board with information on rate increases for the Richardson County Transit. Wissmann said, due to cuts in funding from the Federal Government, she was requesting a 50-cent increase, one-way, for in-town rides and a \$1.00 increase for out-of-town transport.

She cited rising gas prices and bus insurance costs as the main reasons for the increase. Wissmann also stated in doing research that it had been at least 17 years since the last rate increase.

In town, it will now cost \$2.00 per one-way trip. Karas motioned to increase the rate, Caverzagie seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

Approval was given to three separate subdivisions. Resolutions 2025-2026-36 for Lori and Byron Whitney, located in S10, T3, R16; 2025-2026-37 for Chad and Janelle Scholl, located in S34, T2, R16; and 2025-2026-38 for Chad and Callie Mullins, located in S9, T1, R17, were approved.

Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Richardson Foundation donates funds for new picnic tables

The Richardson Foundation recently donated funds for the purchase of six new picnic tables at the Falls City Aquatic Park, replacing tables originally installed when the aquatic park opened approximately 20 years ago. The original tables were in poor condition.

Pictured above with one of the new tables are Steve Kottich and Kevin Malone, president and treasurer of the Richardson Foundation, along with Briar Burr, parks and recreation director for the City of Falls City.

Other Richardson Foundation board members include Marc Morehead, Dr. Terry Malcolm and Dan Hill. Mike Dunn serves as legal counsel for the foundation.

Robeson honored as Region 1 Middle School Principal of the Year

Falls City Public Schools is proud to recognize Meghan Robeson, Falls City Middle School Principal, for her outstanding leadership and service to students. Robeson was honored on April 15, 2026, at the NSASSP Region 1 Awards Banquet, where she was named the NSASSP Region 1 Middle School Principal of the Year.

This prestigious recognition highlights Robeson's unwavering commitment to student success, her dedication to fostering a positive school culture, and her ability to lead with both purpose and compassion. Under her leadership, Falls City Middle School has continued to grow as a supportive and engaging learning environment where students are encouraged to achieve at high levels.

In addition to her role as middle school principal, Robeson also serves the district as Curriculum Director. In this capacity, she has played a key role in strengthening instructional practices, aligning curriculum, and supporting staff across the district. Her impact extends beyond one building, influencing the overall direction and success of Falls City Public Schools.

"Meghan's steady leadership, collaborative approach,

Dunkhas receives Region 1 Distinguished Service Award

Falls City Public Schools is proud to recognize Gale Dunkhas as the Region 1 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, honoring his long-standing dedication and impact in education.

Dunkhas has graciously served the Falls City school district for the past 19 years, demonstrating a consistent commitment to students, staff, and the broader school community. Throughout his career, he has been a steady presence, providing leadership, guidance, and support in a variety of roles.

In addition to his work within the district, Dunkhas has played a significant role at the state level. He has served on the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) executive board as secretary for the past 10 years. In this position, he has contributed to advancing educational leadership across Nebraska while supporting fellow administrators.

Dunkhas is also widely respected for his mentorship. Over the years, he has helped guide and support many principals throughout the Region 1 area, sharing his knowledge, experience, and passion for education.

"Gale's dedication to education and his willingness to support others truly set him apart," district officials shared.

"We are incredibly thankful for his service, leadership, and continued commitment to the students of Falls City."

Falls City Public Schools extends its sincere congratulations and appreciation to Dunkhas for this well-deserved recognition and for the lasting impact he continues to make in education.

and commitment to doing what is best for students make her incredibly deserving of this honor," district officials shared. "We are fortunate to have her serving our students, staff, and community."

Falls City Public Schools extends its sincere appreciation and congratulations to Robeson on

this well-deserved recognition. Her leadership continues to make a meaningful difference in the



Front Row, L-R: Aliza Demmel, Gwen Seeba. Middle Row: Griffin Seeba, Cooper Vonderschmidt, Dax Vonderschmidt, Charlie Wilhelm. Back Row: Hayden Mullins, Aiden Seeba, Amalia Demmel, Gavyn Mullins, Caroline Powell.

Southeast Nebraska 4-H Communications Contest

On Monday, April 27, 2026, the annual Southeast Nebraska 4-H Communications Contest was held at the First United Methodist Church in Falls City. Ten speeches, three public service announcements, and three illustrated presentations were presented to judge Allison Johnson.

Clover Kids Division (Ages 5-7 Years): Aliza Demmel presented a poem titled "The Tale of Custard the Dragon." Hayden Mullins presented a story titled "How to Speak Cow." Griffin Seeba shared a presentation on the basic parts of the horse. Gwen Seeba presented a story "Barbie: Horse Show Champ." Cooper Vonderschmidt presented a story "Cooking with Sam-I-Am." Dax Vonderschmidt presented a story "Wake Up, Sun!" Charlie Wilhelm presented a story "I'll Wait, Mr. Panda." All participants received a Clover Kid Ribbon.

Junior Prepared Speech Division (ages 8 to 10 years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Amalia Demmel for a speech titled "A Pigs Tale." Reserve Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Aiden Seeba for a speech titled "Easter."

Senior Prepared Speech Division (ages 14 to 18 years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Caroline Powell for a speech titled "The Negative Effects of Social Media."

Junior Illustrated Presentation Division (Ages 8 to 10 years): Champion and

purple ribbon was awarded to Gavyn Mullins for a presentation titled "Why My Calf Thinks I'm a Milk Machine." Reserve Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Amalia Demmel for a presentation titled "Let's Get Crafty."

Senior Illustrated Presentation Division (Ages 14 to 18 years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Caroline Powell for a presentation titled "Rabbit Coat Colors and Genetics Made Simple."

The 2026 theme for Public Service Announcements was "Ready Today, Leading Tomorrow."

Junior Public Service Announcement Division (Ages 8 to 10 years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Ethan Ramsey.

Intermediate Public Service Announcement Division (Ages 11 to 13 years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Kylie Ramsey.

Senior Public Service Announcement Division (Ages 14 to 18 Years): Champion and purple ribbon was awarded to Caroline Powell.

All awards were donated by the Richardson County 2026 Booster Group.

This 4-H event is part of the University of Nebraska Extension 4-H Program. For more information about being part of 4-H, call 402-245-4324, stop by the Nebraska Extension Office at the Courthouse, Falls City, or access the website at www.richardson.unl.edu.

CMC Board of Directors names scholarship winners

Community Medical Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce Brock Caudle and Kaydence Rego as the recipients of its scholarships for 2026.

The scholarships are awarded to students who are graduating from a high school in Richardson County, Nebraska, and to those entering a two- or four-year college with a declared major in the healthcare field. Scholarship winners are eligible to renew the scholarship for one additional year if they maintain a 3.0 GPA and retain a healthcare major.

Brock Caudle, son of Christopher and Penelope Caudle, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. He will graduate this May

from Falls City High School. Brock plans to attend Morningside University to obtain a degree in Exercise Science. Brock's long-term goal is to become a Physical Therapist or Athletic Trainer with the hopes to help patients succeed, overcome challenges, and reach their full potential.

Kaydence Rego, daughter of Heather Zeigler, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She will graduate in May from Falls City High School. Kaydence plans to attend Bryan College of Health Sciences to obtain a degree in Nursing. Kaydence's long-term goal is to become a Registered Nurse to provide care and support to the people around her.

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Falls City Sacred Heart announces third quarter honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Students earning Green Honors, with grades between 94 and 100 percent, are:

Seventh Grade: Ashlyn Ahern, Kyla Bletscher, Marion Bristol, Jack Delaney, Ben Geisendorf, Hadlee Georges, Mia Lemerond, Don Martineau, Olivia Santo, Bryn Taft, McKenzie Tedman and Cassidy Tisdell.

Eighth Grade: Chase Dishong, Halleigh Fritz, Raelynn Gruber, Peyton Hoffman, Kinlee Jackson, Bernice Karire, Aven Kearney, Aliza Keller, Addy Kopf, Kaylie Lewis, Wyatt Nussbaum, JT Stice and Nataley Witt.

Ninth Grade: Carlee Bailey, Rachel Bauman, Ava Bletscher, Josie Bletscher, Jenna Geisendorf, Payten Georges, Kinley Lechtenberg, Bailey Lemerond, Aiden Schietel, Kemper Sipple, Macy Taft, CeeJay Tisdell, Andrea Vollmer, Stella Waller, Kamrie Wilson and Cash Witt.

Tenth Grade: Jade Romo and Ryann Westengaard.

Eleventh Grade:

Hayden Clow, Emersyn Courtney, Renee Drummond, Willa Fritz, Kayden Groth, Hallie Jones, Isabelle Nussbaum, Alise Reschke, Charlie Rottinghaus, Ellery Vonderschmidt and Allarie Wilson.

Twelfth Grade: Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Cooper Knobbe, Brenden Lemerond, Alex Madsen, Mari Marchica, Avery Santo, Kyler Sipple, Cole Taft and Daycee Witt.

Students earning White Honors, with grades between 91 and 93 percent, are:

Seventh Grade: John Casey, Anthony Martineau, Reid Reschke and Gavin Shubert.

Eighth Grade: Creighton Crofford, Owen Howard, Kendall Johansen, Rhett Kimmi and Treyden Marx.

Ninth Grade: Lena Delaney, Brooklyn Fletcher, Noah Howard, Brynlie Jones, Owen Santo and Treydon Witt.

Tenth Grade: Mya Dougherty and JJ Lancaster.

Eleventh Grade: Toby Baxter, Alex Nelson and Emily Tubbs.

Twelfth Grade: Elijah Canonico.



L-R: Avery Sayer, Harper Vice, Aiden Seeba, Cheila McCartney, Colby Dunn. Right: Caroline Powell.



Shubert ALA Americanism Essay contest winners

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. The grade levels are divided into five different classes with specific word requirements for each class. The theme for this year's essay was "Celebrating America's 250 Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom".

The Shubert ALA Unit 222 was very excited to have entries from Classes I, II, III, and IV from



L-R: Ryker Cox, Collin Mezger and Rory Hilgenfeld.

HTRS and Falls City Public this year.

We appreciate the teachers that encouraged students to participate. First place overall win-

ners were sent on to the state chairman for further judging. Those were Avery Sayer of Falls City Public who placed first place in Class I, third-fourth grade level; Cheila McCartney of Falls City Public in Class II, fifth-sixth grade level; Collin Mezger of HTRS in Class III, seventh-eighth grade level and Caroline Powell of Falls City Public/home

school in Class IV, ninth-tenth grade level.

Second place for Class 1, third-fourth grade was Harper Vice and third place was Aiden Seeba; second place for Class II fifth-sixth grade was Colby Dunn all of Falls City Public. From HTRS, the second and third place for Class III, seventh-eighth grade was Ryker Cox and Rory Hilgenfeld.

Building Permits

George and Danelle Brown, 2720 Schoenheit St.; utility shed, \$16,969.95.

Trudy Burenheide, 1821 Fulton St.; shower alteration, \$4,000.00.

Violet Mctaggart, 2406 Stone St.; roof replacement, \$18,000.00.

Don and Nancy Lyons, 2518 Morton St.; gas line for generator, \$800.00.

Alan Romine, 1912 Stone St.; replace entrance door, \$2,500.00.

Charles Mcclary, 1407 Fulton St.; plumbing for new Build, \$2,000.00.

Vicki Martineuau, 801 E 11th.; replace window on sun porch, \$2,999.00.

Christ Lutheran Church Parsonage, 2311 Stone St.; install new roof and gutters, \$40,148.25.

Tim and Rita Campbell 2011 Valley Ave; new shed and camper car port, \$11,600.00.

Joe Rhers, 1002 E 18th, new gas line for generator, \$1,000.00.

Matt Sailors, 2023 Towle St; new furnace, \$2,200.00.

Derrick Leyden, 701 E 14th, New Driveway Pad, \$2,500.00

Amber Uitts, 420 E 12th; New Fence, \$50.00

Ken Updike, 1719 Towle St; roof replacement, \$19,000.00.

Troy Nelson, 218 W 25th; new porch stairs and Sidewalk \$3,700.00.

Linda Lee, 1121 Fulton St.; roof replacement, \$11,000.00.

Kenneth Baylock, 2618 Schoenheit St.; anchor wall support, \$4,916.23.

Ralph and Ardis Ramsey, 2624 Towle St.; HVAC work, \$13,000.00.

Rachel Murdoch, 1910 Valley St.; install new roof and gutters, \$19,733.00.

Kay Hayes, 2017 Towle St.; replace air conditioner, \$5,000.00.

David Alexander, 716 Chase St.; replace furnace \$5,000.00.



Carriage House Museum opens in Brownville

On a cool crisp April Saturday morning, the Brownville Historical Society sponsored an open house for the opening of its newest museum, the Carson House's, Carriage House. The Carriage House, which stands as a unique early 1860's edifice, is set on the Brownville property of the Carson House that was bequeathed by early Nebraska banker, John Carson's daughter Rose to the Brownville Historical Society in 1966.

The Carriage House has experienced many tenants throughout the years, so with the historical society expansion of displays, many hands have developed this two-story structure that once housed working horses, horse drawn carriages, tack and staff quarters into a place to continue showcasing the early Nebraska territorial transportation life among other historical life in Brownville at the time.

Current displays featured are a variety of carriages, Brownville Church displays and much more.

If you wish to expand your knowledge of historical Brownville or for a place to spend your weekend, please consider Brownville, a village on the National Register of Historic Places, and make this your next stop on your list of places to experience in Southeast Nebraska.

Current Brownville Historical Society Members include Chris Kennedy, President, Dr. David Kaufman, Vice President, Colleen Nieland, Secretary, Elaine Knapp, Treasurer, Tammy Shires, Gary Massa, Marty Peregoy, Ron Heskett, Elijah Kaufman, Emma Nieland, Kathi Niels and Sue Kunert. Serving as trustees are Melva Sage, Gregg Smith and Kellie Kennedy.

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Andrew Ellis of Chaska, MN, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Kaden Dougherty of Falls City, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Adams)

Jeffrey Actouka of El Paso, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)

Charis Williams of Wichita, KS, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Agena)

Cole Claussen of Duke, OK, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Jose Gusmaz-Hernandez of St. Joseph, MO, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Quint)

Marie Perez Raina of Dodge City, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Janssen)

Aaron Charleston of Littleton, CO, count one, pass on left side, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Andrea Popejoy of Falls City, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no proof of ownership, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count three, no license on person, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)

Wesley Hullman of White Cloud, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)

Ashely Sporven of Table Rock, count one, speeding 21-35 mph municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$600 and court costs. (Adams)

Marek Wilk of Tulsa, OK, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Geyer)

Alejandro Torre of Topeka, KS, count one, pass on left side, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Holliday)

Yoima Gil Chinaea of Jacksonville, FL, count one, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300 and court costs. (Holliday)

COUNTY COURT

Christjan V. Stevens, count one, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, pled no contest, found guilty; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for May 27, 2026.

Mitchell T. Funk, count one, no proof of insurance, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count three, unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count four, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count five, nonresident violate 30-day immunity, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count six, fail to deliver title on sale/disposal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50; count seven, operate vehicle w/o proof of ownership, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50.

Jordon Newman, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, unlicensed animal, pled guilty,

found guilty and fined \$25; count three, unlicensed animal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count four, unlicensed animal, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Joshua L. Packett, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for July 13, 2026.

Heriberto Maldonado, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$150, license revoked for term of one year.

DISTRICT COURT

Ralph E. Adams, count one, attempt of a Class 1/1A/1B/1C/1D felony, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 2, 2026.

Blake A. Kaler, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of two years, probation admin fee of \$30; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed; count four, contribute to delinquency of child, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, credit for 14 days served; count five, amended to dropped/dismissed; count six, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 180 days, credit for 14 days served.

Angela C. Lees, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, DUI-.15+, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, jail for term of seven days, credit for five days served, license revoked for term of one year, interlock device; count three, amended to dropped/dismissed.

Mindy M. Monroe, counts 1-6, commit child abuse intentionally/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for May 19, 2026.

Jeffrey D. Oehm, count one, assault by strangulation or suffocation, pled not guilty; count two, commit child abuse intentionally/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 2, 2026.

Alexin J. Brennan, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, no operator's license, pled not guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 9, 2026.

River J. McNeely, count one, assault by confined person-no weapon, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 2, 2026.

Dena J. Peters, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty. Entry of plea scheduled for May 26, 2026.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

April 15, 2026 through April 16, 2026 calls: three burn permits, five miscellaneous calls, one found/lost property, two referred to other agencies, two fire calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one HHS intake/referral, four information only, one animal call, and one accident. Twenty-two total calls. Six 911 calls. Fire calls included one Dawson fire and one Humboldt fire. One warning for muffler violation.

April 16, 2026 through April 17, 2026 calls: six burn permits, three miscellaneous calls, three nuisance calls, one information only, two animal calls, one assault, one referred to other agency, and one traffic/driving complaint. Thirteen total calls. One 911 call. Warnings for speeding, misuse of school permit (2), and no license on person. One citation for assault causing bodily injury.

April 17, 2026 through April 18, 2026 calls: one parking complaint, three nuisance calls, one miscellaneous call, two found/lost property, one HHS intake/referral, one investigation, and one noise disturbance. Ten total calls. No 911 calls. Six warnings issued for traffic violations. Citations for driving under suspension (before reinstated-state) and speeding 11-15 MPH municipal.

April 18, 2026 through April 19, 2026 calls: one investigation, two miscellaneous calls, two motorist assists, two 911 hang-up/misdials, one referred to another agency, one traffic/driving complaint, one vandalism call, and one ambulance/EMS call. Eleven total calls. Four 911 calls, one citation for speeding, one citation for invalid registration, one citation for no operator's license, two warnings for plates not clear and visible, three warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, one warning for fail to yield right-of-way, three warnings for speeding, one warning for fail to signal, one warning for no license on person, two warnings for fail to stay in lane, one warning for no valid registration, and one warning for no splash apron.

April 19, 2026 through April 20, 2026 calls: five burn permits, three miscellaneous calls, one 911 hang-up/misdial, three animal calls, one found or lost property call, and one noise disturbance. Fourteen total calls. Two 911 calls, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, two warnings for speeding, two warnings for muffler violation, one warning for no license on person, and one warning for fail to display proper number of plates.

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Mason Collier scores on a first-inning single by Elin Vonderschmidt against the Bulldogs on Thursday.

Tigers nearly pull off the upset

The Falls City Tigers battled the Auburn Bulldogs on Thursday afternoon in the opening round of the Class C-4 District Tournament at Tushla Field in Auburn. The fourth-seeded Tigers gave the top-seeded Bulldogs all they could handle and then some on Thursday.

The Orange and Black pounced on Auburn starting pitcher Gavin Bauer right from the start. FC tagged the former Tiger for three runs in the first inning and pushed their advantage to 5-1 heading into the bottom half of the third. The Bulldogs never lost hope, scoring the final eight runs, including six in the fifth, to earn the come-from-behind win, 9-5.

FC's Ryder Hullman drew a one-out walk to set things in motion in the first. A passed ball moved the runner, and a clutch two-out single by Brock Niedfeldt gave FC a 1-0 lead. Walks by Mason Collier and Jayton Wilkerson loaded the bases for Elin Vonderschmidt. The third baseman took the first pitch of the at-bat and laced a line drive up the middle, scoring two runs to give FC an early 3-0 advantage.

Meanwhile, FC pitcher Kam Huppert cruised through the bottom half of the frame, needing just nine pitches to retire the side.

Huppert got in trouble in the second, walking the first two Auburn batters. However, a strikeout, a flyout, and a pickoff of the runner at third base got FC out of the jam with only one run scored.

Niedfeldt led off the third with a deep drive to center, reaching second after an error by the outfielder. A hit by pitch and a single by Wilkerson loaded the bags with none down. Vonderschmidt came up clutch again, rocking a single past the third baseman to make it 4-1. Later in the inning, Jaiden Willman drew a bases-loaded walk to give FC a 5-1 advantage.

Huppert kept dealing on the hill, getting the first two outs to begin the third. Bauer then connected for the first Bulldog hit of the game. Another single and an error brought two runs in, and FC's lead was down to two, 5-3.

The wheels came off in the fifth for FC. After a one-out walk, Jackson Warner drove a 3-1 pitch over the centerfield fence to tie the game at 5-5. Before the inning was over, Auburn had scored six runs and took a four-run lead, 9-5.

FC threatened in the sixth. Hullman walked, and Huppert singled to left to put two on with no outs. However, three consecutive

pop-outs ended the threat.

The Tigers had one last chance in the seventh, but a groundout and two strikeouts ended the season for Falls City.

The Tigers pounded out six hits against the Bulldogs and drew seven walks. Vonderschmidt went 2-4 with three RBI, while Willman doubled and drove in one. Niedfeldt, Huppert and Wilkerson all singled. Huppert went 4 1/3 innings on the mound, allowing five hits, seven runs (four earned), walking four and striking out one.

Auburn improved to 21-5 with the win, while FC's season ended at 3-18.

Fort Calhoun tagged Tiger pitcher Brock Niedfeldt for three first-inning runs and never looked back as they pulled away for the 12-2 win in five innings of action on Monday night. The score remained 3-0 heading into the bottom of the third. The Tiger offense finally had some life breathed into it. With one down, Vaden Leyden drew a four-pitch walk. Three consecutive hit batters drove Leyden home to make it 3-1. Next, Jayton Wilkerson reached on an error by the shortstop, scoring Callen Furnas to make it 3-2. A strikeout and flyout left bases loaded for FC as they headed to the fourth inning down by just one.

Wilkerson sat the Fort Calhoun batters down in order in the fourth, giving FC a shot. Ryder Hullman opened the bottom of the frame with a walk, followed by Elin Vonderschmidt reaching on an error. However, the bats went silent. A pop-out, a ground out and a strikeout ended the threat once again.

Fort Calhoun responded with a nine-run fifth inning. Two singles, four walks, two hit batters, and an error led to the nine Pioneer runs.

Down by ten runs, FC opened the fifth with a pair of walks. Niedfeldt and Wilkerson both walked to begin the bottom of the fifth, breathing life into Falls City one last time. However, a fielder's choice, an infield fly and a lineout ended the game by the run rule, 12-2.

Falls City scored its two runs despite not collecting a hit in the game. Tiger batters drew six walks and were put runners on three times due to hit batters. Falls City committed five errors in the game, leading to seven unearned runs.

Niedfeldt took the loss, surrendering three hits and three runs in one inning of work. Hullman drew two walks, while Jaiden Willman, Niedfeldt, Wilkerson and Leyden all walked once.

Tigers focused on district meet

The Falls City Tigers competed at Adams on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The Freeman Invite featured 12 teams, with the Lady Tigers placing 8th and the boys placing 7th. It was the final tune-up before the upcoming district meet.

Girls team standings: Auburn 91, JCC 75, Johnson-Brock 62, Tri County 54, Freeman 53, HTRS 52, Palmyra 47, FC 42, Diller-Odell 25, Cedar Bluffs 17, Sterling 8, Deshler 1.

Boys team standings:

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(Above) Jennifer Sweeney runs in the 4x800 at the Falls City Invite on April 27. (Below) Tallan Zimmerman set a season-best of 20-04 and won the long jump at the Falls City Invite last month.



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Morris finding his swing for Tiger golf team

The Tigers golfed at the JCC Invitational in Tecumseh on Thursday, May 7. Overall, FC fired a 387 for seventh.

Team scores: JCC 309, Johnson-Brock 313, Auburn 342, Palmyra 351, Nebraska City 375, FC 387, Southern 414, Lewiston 449, HTRS/PC 3760.

Falls City's Ethan Morris continues to play solid rounds, shooting a 79 on Thursday and earning a fifth-place finish. Morris had a 44 on the back nine and a 35 on the front for his total of 79.

Nolan Nicholson had the next lowest round for FC, shooting a 51/49 for a 99. Payton Brown had a 58/56 for a 114, Kole Schawang shot a 54/62 for a 116 and Knox Davis added a 59/58 for a 117.

For HTRS/PC, Grey Sherman had the low round of the day with a 49/47 for a 96, while Josh Manning had a 46/54 for a 100.

Auburn was led by Kaleb Damast with an 80, Tayber Rademacher with an 89, Jaxen Winder and Kaden McLaughlin each had 92s and Barrett Rademacher finished with a 107.

Titans peaking at the perfect time

The HTRS Titans wrapped up the final week of track competitions before the district meet on Wednesday, May 13. HTRS was first, competing at Adams on Tuesday, May 5, and then at Nebraska City on Friday.

On Tuesday, the Lady Titans placed sixth with 52 points, while the boys placed 11th with 22 points.

Lillian Bowen continued to dominate in the 800m run, winning in 2:25.99, while teammate Miranda Rist scored in the 100m dash, placing fifth in 13.71. Grayson Sherman earned a pair of medals, placing third in the 1600m run with a PR of 5:58.56 and fourth in the 3200m run (13:34.17). Jazi Frey had another solid outing, placing fourth in the 100h (17.07), fifth in the 300h with a PR of 52.33, and was second in the pole vault with a personal-best 10-00. The 4x100 ran a 53.91 for fourth, the 4x400 team was fourth in 4:38.10, and the 4x800 team ran a 10:34.20 for the silver.

For the boys, Kameon Dettmann was third in the 400 (52.85) and fifth in the 800 (2:03.85). Preston Mezger continues to score in the distance events, placing fourth in the 3200 (12:01.23). The Titans 4x400 team ran a 3:45.08 for fifth, and the 4x800 team was second in 8:54.74.

HTRS wrapped up the regular season on Friday at the Orville Rettig Invite in Nebraska City. The girls placed third with 98 points, while the boys placed fourth with 84 points.

The big news of the meet was senior Lillian Bowen setting yet another school record in the 800m run. Bowen ran a 2:21.12, bettering her time of 2:21.50 set the week before.

Frey was second in the 100 (13.27), while Rist was fifth (13.97). Sherman was second in the 1600 (5:59.52), while Frey was third in the 100h (17.04) and Dunlap was sixth (18.45). The 4x100 relay was second (53.31), the 4x400 team was second (4:43.63), while the 4x800 team won gold (10:45.00). Ayvalie Lamb threw the shot 30-02 for fifth, while PJ Howe won the discus (97-02) and Elie Bstandig was fifth (89-11). Frey (8-06) and Dunlap (8-00) were first and second in the pole vault, while Duryea (14-10) was fourth in the long jump.

For the boys, Kameon Dettmann broke the school record in the 400m, placing second in 52.31. His time bettered the mark of 52.41, set in 2016 by L. Bredemeier. Bredemeier (2:11.39) and Axton Wamsley (2:12.17) went one-two in the 800, and Preston Mezger was fourth in the 1600 (5:21.47) and second in the 3200m (12:07.56). The 4x400 team won the gold (3:43.41), as did the 4x800 team (9:08.72). Emmett Glathar took first in the discus at 151-01, Samir Aliev won the pole vault (4-06), and Bradyn Bowen was third in the long jump (18-07.50).



Brock Caudle signs with Morningside University to play volleyball

Congratulations to Brock Caudle, son of Chris and Penny Caudle, for signing his letter of intent to play volleyball at Morningside University in the fall. Greg and Nancy MacLean, Brock's 18-under coaches, were on hand for the signing. They shared the following about Brock's playing history.

Brock came to High Flyers four years ago and quickly established himself as one of the most

determined and dependable athletes in our program. From the very beginning, he demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to improving his game, and showed it through consistent improvement over the years. Beyond his 3-hour round trips to Lincoln for practices, Brock traveled with the team across the country to compete at regional and national events, always representing our program with professionalism and pride.

As both a middle hitter and right side, Brock brought versatility and a team-first mindset to every lineup he was part of. He was willing to do whatever was asked of him to help the team succeed, embracing different roles and responsibilities without hesitation. Over time Brock did the one thing that volleyball coaches love most, he made points. Brock was reliable for a kill when called upon, he was deceptively effective from the service line, but in my mind, his big block was his calling card and became his biggest and most reliable contribution to our success.

In his career with the High Flyers, Brock competed Regionally in places like Kansas City, Des Moines, and at the National level in tournaments in Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, and Minneapolis. Over the last two years, Brock helped his team to top finishes at every Regional Tournament in which they competed. His team Qualified for USA Volleyball National Championships in 2025 in Denver, and 2026 in St. Louis. Brock's 2025 team finished 9th at the 2025 USAV Boys Junior Nationals in Minneapolis.

Brock's consistency, work ethic, and willingness to compete made him someone coaches could rely on and teammates respected. He approached the game the right way and was a valuable part of our program. We wish Brock the best as he continues his volleyball career at Morningside University playing for coach Noah Marasco-Ayau.

Congratulations and we wish Brock the best of luck in the fall.



Dunn competes at State Trap Meet

Turner Dunn recently competed at the Nebraska State Trap Meet in Doniphan, Nebraska, on April 30.

Dunn remarkably placed 19th out of 870 Junior shooting contestants. Turner received a medal for shooting four rounds of 25 clays, scoring a 94 out of a possible 100.

Dunn is an 8th-grade student at Falls City Middle School and is the son of Andy and Nikki Dunn.

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Tri County 100, JCC 63, Palmyra 58, Johnson-Brock 58, Auburn 44, Freeman 43, FC 35.66, Deshler 34, Sterling 29.33, Diller-Odell 26, HTRS 22, Lewiston 11.

For the Lady Tigers, Tessa Gossman placed sixth in the 100m dash (13.73). Audrey Scrivens continued her ascent, winning the 400m dash (1:01.93) and placing second in the 200m (27.68). In the 800m run, Hallie Young ran a PR of 2:37.24 and placed sixth. Jennifer Sweeney had another solid day, earning the silver medal in 5:55.38. The 4x100 relay ran a 53.95 for fifth, the 4x400 team was third in 4:33.62, and the 4x800 team was sixth in 11:52.31. Liv Buckminster cleared 4-07 and tied for third in the high jump.

For the boys, Tanner Jackson continues to climb the charts in the pole vault. Jackson set another school record on Tuesday, clearing the bar at 14-06, passing his previous record of 14-02 set at the Scott Nisely Invite on April 16, 2026. Jackson is currently tied with Tate Hubbard of Chase County for second in Class C. Madden Brabec of Wood River and Beau Wells of Ord have both cleared 15-00. The sophomore also ran a PR of 53.92 and placed fifth in the 400m dash. The FC 4x100 relay team ran a 46.96 for sixth. In the throwing events, senior Caleb Offner was second in the shot put (50-01.50) and third in the discus at 149-09. Offner is currently sixth in Class C in the discus at 169-08. Noah Rau of Chase County has thrown 219-06 for the lead in Class C. Offner is also sixth in the shot put with a throw of 55-05.50 at the Panther Invite on April 9, 2026. In the high jump, Elijah Leyden and Ryker McCullough cleared 5-06 and tied for sixth place. Senior Tallan Zimmerman went 19-05.50 for third in the long jump, and Kacen Davis was sixth in the triple jump at 36-11.50.

The Tigers now set their sights on the Class C-1 district meet on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Johnson County Central High School.

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Gibson's life celebrated

On Saturday, May 2, family and friends gathered at the Falls City Elks Club to honor the life of Douglas "Hoot" John Gibson. As his family traveled from California, we were honored to share a delightful buffet dinner while laughter filled the room with funny stories and cherished memories. Loved ones remembered his larger than life presence, infectious humor, genuine kindness, and the heartfelt joy he brought to everyone around him.

Hoot's life was marked by dedication both on and off the field. As an accomplished athlete, he was a three sport standout at Falls City High School and received the coveted Omaha World Herald State College "Athlete of the Year" award. He earned a full scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln competing in basketball, hurdles and javelin.

He later transferred to Peru State on a full scholarship, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1958. He then earned a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from the University of Illinois in 1960 while beginning his coaching career in Humphrey, NE.

A few years later, Hoot accepted a high school basketball coaching position in Southern California where he moved his young family and remained until retiring in Newport Beach. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and loyal friend.

Helen Wells

Helen Cecelia Wells, 98, entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, Kansas.

Helen was born on January 11, 1928, in Dawson, Nebraska, to William E. and Anna C. (Cummins) Kean. She attended elementary and high school in Dawson and graduated in 1946. She then attended Peru Teacher College. Helen taught elementary school in Iowa and Nebraska for ten years.

On February 23, 1957, she married Lowell E. Wells, a widower with three daughters. She dedicated the rest of her life to helping Lowell on their dairy farm and raising his daughters, Judy, Phylurie, and Sally, as her own. Later in life, Helen worked as a certified nurse aide and physical therapy assistant at the Sabetha Community Hospital and Sabetha Manor.

Helen was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sabetha, the Sacred Heart Altar Society, and the VFW Post 7285 Auxiliary. Lowell and Helen valued time with each other and their extended family. They enjoyed fishing, attending their grandchildren's school events, traveling with Lowell's United States Submarine Veterans of World War II group, and visiting family stationed at military posts across the United States and internationally.

Helen had a deep love for her family, especially her grandchildren. She cherished every moment with them and spent as much time as she could helping to care for them. Her beautiful smile was never brighter than when her grandchildren came to visit. Helen's nieces and nephews also have fond memories of their time at Aunt Helen's farm, and she maintained close relationships with them throughout her life.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her two daughters, Judy Neal and Phylurie Johns; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; her two brothers, John and Bill Kean; and her two sisters, Ruth Kuster and Marie Conn Nester.

Survivors include her daughter, Sally (Alan) Hartter of Sabetha; her six grandchildren, Lisa (John) Suhr, Brian (Tara) Hartter, Jared (Myra) Hartter, Monica (David) Cook, Melanie (Johnny) Huynh, and Louis Fulton; her 12 great-grandchildren; her 11 great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Virginia (Bob) Moran of Jamestown, North Dakota.

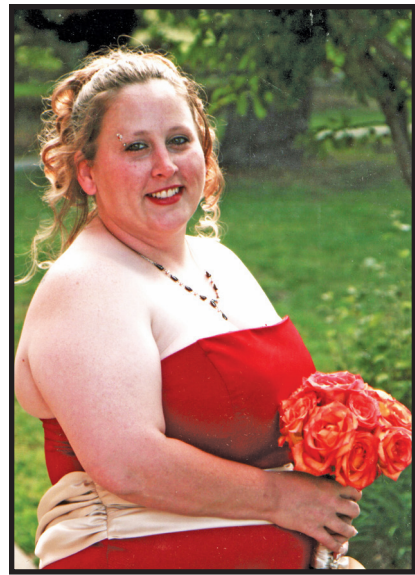
Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sabetha. Before the Mass at the church, starting at 10:00 a.m., a rosary will be prayed, and there will be a visitation with the family.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at the Sabetha Cemetery in Sabetha. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sabetha Community Hospital and the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, Kansas 66534. Condolences can be shared online at www.popkessmortaluaries.com.

Stephanie Hartley

Stephanie Hartley, 48, of Falls City, NE, passed away May 6, 2026 at Falls City. She was born July 13, 1977 at Falls City to Roy Hartley and Michele (Ludwig) Frederick.

Stephanie was raised in the Falls City area and graduated from Falls City High School in 1996. She went on to attend Highland College and earned an accounting degree in 2000. She then began working for United



Tribes as an accountant. She retired due to her health in 2012. She was a member of Riverside Fellowship Church at Rulo and baptized in 2014. She enjoyed crafting, her family and grandchildren were very important to her and she had a generous soul.

Stephanie is survived by her daughter, Hailey Moyer of Rulo, mother and step-father, Michele

and Jeff Frederick of Rulo, brother, Jeffrey Frederick and his significant other, Becky Fouraker of White Cloud, KS, sisters, Monique Swim and her husband Richard of Hiawatha, KS, Jessica Palmer and her husband Jason of Auburn, NE, Adrianna Havens of Topeka, KS, Sara Cromier and her husband Travis of Wetmore, KS, step-sister, Kayla Stalker and her husband Josh of Hiawatha, grandmother, Beverly Frederick of Rulo, grandchildren, Kylian and Aislynn Thomas and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, and a grandmother, Cheri Ludwig.

Her memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home with Pastor David Showalter officiating.

Friends may sign the guest register during regular business hours at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Margaret "Margy" Jones

Margaret "Margy" Jones, 92, of Falls City, NE, passed away May 9, 2026 at Falls City. She was born September 26, 1933 at Rulo, NE to Herman and Louise (Volk) Wulf.

She married John "Junior" Jones in 1955. He passed away April 16, 1988.

Margy was raised in the Richardson County area and graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1952. Following graduation, she worked for Jones and Jones Construction, then at Mutt and Jeff's. She purchased Modern Cleaners in the 70's and operated the dry cleaners until her retirement in the 1990's. She continued sewing and altering clothes after her retirement until entering the nursing home. She also provided respite care for people in their homes. She was a member of Zion United Church of Christ, president of Fellowship of Area Churches and served on other various church organizations.

Margy is survived by her sister, Helen Ruth Williams of Sheridan, WY and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter, Debbie Baker, son, Jerry, four half-sisters, three brothers and three sisters.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:30 PM at Steele Cemetery with Pastor Grant Speece officiating.

No viewing or visitation. Friends may sign a register book during regular business hours at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Monica C. Hixson

Monica Hixson passed at 96, on December 5, 2025. She was born in Falls City, NE on June 7, 1929 to Frank Baker and Ida Van Benthem.

Monica married Lawrence Hixson and they had two daughters Mary and Brenda.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, daughter Mary, son-in-law Charles, grandson Kyle as well as her sisters Emma, Anna, Mary and brother Francis.

Monica is survived by her daughter Brenda, grandsons Kris (Marcy) Kody (Christine) and Kolton. She is also survived by her great grandkids Taylor, Kyarna and Rex, her brother, Father Nick Baker and sister Rose as well as her husband Meryl.

Monica has numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held at Saint Stephens the Martyr on May 20 at 10:30AM. Address at 16701 S Street Omaha, NE.

Mary Ellen Overfield

Mary Ellen (Mullins) Overfield, 89, of Humboldt was born on May 5, 1936, in Falls City, Nebraska to Willard Albert and Louella Maud (Arnold) Mullins. She grew up in the Salem and Honey Creek area and attended Honey Creek High School graduating with the class of 1954. On June 19, 1954, Mary was united in marriage to Don Overfield at the Verdon Christian Church by Reverend Ward Merritt. The couple made



their home in Salem, Falls City, Chadron, and Holbrook, Nebraska before settling in Humboldt, Nebraska.

Mary was a loving and devoted wife and mother whose purpose was to serve her Lord and family. She worked various jobs over the years that included a nurse's aide at the Humboldt Hospital,

office manager at Albright & Christiansen Auction Service, and parts person at Lewis Implement Company in Humboldt. Mary was a member of the Christian Church in Humboldt where she served the church over the years in many capacities including Elder. Mary enjoyed reading, crocheting, writing poems, finishing jigsaw puzzles and pencil coloring. Her biggest joy and love were spending time with her family and attending all their activities.

Mary went to her Lord and Savior on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, Nebraska, having reached the earthly age of eighty-nine years, eleven months, and twenty-five days.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Don, daughters Donna (Overfield) Winker and Deane "DeeDee" Overfield, great-grandson Devin Hunzeker, sisters: Mildred Louise, Donna Jean, and Marjorie "Darlene", brothers: Willard Eugene, Mark Duane, and Richard "Dick" Keith Mullins, and son-in-law Bruce Winker.

Mary is survived by her children: Debbie James and husband Danny of Humboldt, Dan Overfield and wife Cindy of Auburn, Darcy Weldon of Lincoln, 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Christian Church in Humboldt, Nebraska with Pastor Howard Blecha officiating. Interment immediately followed services at the Humboldt Cemetery. A livestream broadcast of Mary's service was on our Wherry Mortuary/Monument Face Book page for those not attending services.

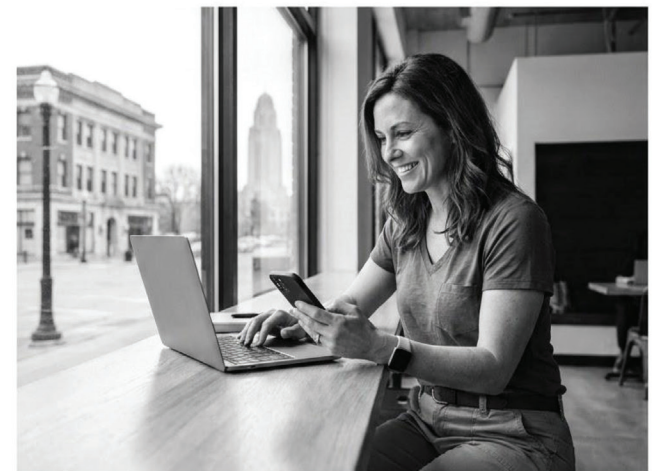
Visitation was held from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Wherry Mortuary, 207 Nemaha Street in Humboldt. Family greeted friends from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family's choice with a later designation.

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Three Bobcat baseball players earn Heart postseason recognition

The Heart of America Athletic Conference (Heart) recently announced its 2026 Baseball Postseason Award winners and All-Conference lists.

Three Peru State baseball players – Wrigley Strong (Omaha), Casey Ogden (Tiffin, Iowa), and Sam Dunn (Falls City) – were among the honorees.

Strong, a junior, was named First Team All-Conference as a designated hitter while Ogden, a senior, was named as a Second Team All-Conference pitcher. Dunn, a redshirt sophomore, gained honorable mention while playing 3rd base.

An outfielder, Strong appeared in 46 games and had 43 hits in 135 at-bats resulting in a .319 batting average. He had eight doubles, two triples, and 11 home runs while leading the Bobcat batters in multiple categories. His .652 slugging percentage and 35 RBIS were tops for the team statistics.

Ogden was the team's top hurler while finishing with a 4.62 earned run average. He won four games and had 56 strikeouts in 64.1 innings pitched.

While playing third base, Dunn finished third on the team with a .303 hitting percentage as he had 33 hits in 109 at-bats. He had five doubles, one triple, and batted in 21. Dunn added five steals during the 2026 campaign.

Peru State, under the direction of head coach Blake Beaber, finished the season with a 18-32 overall record and went 12-12 in Heart conference play. The Bobcats played in the year-end conference tournament in Ozarks, Mo.

(Dunn pictured above)



MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Early League results from Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Team 1 (0.00) Liberty, Brandon (F); Veigel, Merle 62-44. Team 3 (6.00) Ebel, Ron 43-39; Severin, Steve 62-40.

Team 2 (5.00) Hays, Gary 46-42; Heinzelman, Denny 51-40. Team 10 (1.00) McNeely, Erik 51-41; Kermodae, Terry (F).

Team 4 (4.00) Heckenlively, Tim 49-37; Murphy, Jim 59-44. Team 9 (2.00) Mullins, Jim 53-46; Kurgeweit, Lee 48-39.

Team 5 (4.00) Rowland, Rod 48-37; Meysenburg, Fr. Jim 45-29. Team 8 (2.00) Simon, Dan 40-36; Foster, Tim 55-45.

Team 6 (2.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 41-40; Witt, Wade 49-42. Team 7 (4.00) Romine, Alan 53-44; Sailors, Chuck 51-34.

Late League results from Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Team 1 (7.00) Dunn, Joe 38-38; Bippes, Drew 45-35; Coonce, Kyle 60-33. Team 15 (1.00) Van Dyke, Kyle (F); Froeschl, Ethan 44-36; Cole, Gavin

45-35. Team 2 (6.00) Montgomery, Carter 40-38; Malone, Kevin 50-42; Sly, Tony 51-29. Team 14 (2.00) Gerweck, Rob 48-44; McNeely, Erik 49-38; Meysenburg, Fr. James 51-39.

Team 3 (2.00) Aitken, Bob 44-41; Craig, Jake 48-38; Scheitel, Logan 65-38. Team 13 (6.00) Ferguson, Don 43-38; Schawang, Cody 48-38; White, Christian 64-38.

Team 4 (5.50) Witt, Tom 42-39; Froeschl, Nathan (F); Morris, Adam 50-36. Team 12 (2.50) Liberty, Brandon (F); McNeely, John 46-37; Bek, Adam 55-38.

Team 5 (3.50) Simon, Steve 36-33; Ebel, Ron 46-43; Merz, Mitch 63-36. Team 11 (4.50) Siel, Jake 42-37; Froeschl, Lucas 45-36; Dunkhas, Gale 52-37.

Team 6 (2.00) Hullman, Ben 46-41; Witt, Wade 48-39; Leyden, Derrick (F). Team 10 (6.00) Gist, Thomas 44-40; Poppe, Brian 53-44; Keller, Bart (F).

Team 7 (7.50) Scheitel, Trent 40-37; Schawang, Cade 51-42; Bauman, Jackson 56-32. Team 9 (0.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 43-39; Witt, Rich (F); Craig, Robbie 55-39.

Team 8 (6.00) Simon, Dan 35-31; Harmon, Galen 52-42; Waller, Doug 55-34. Team 20 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty 48-42; Heckenlively, Tim 48-36; Dunn, Mike 57-43.

Team 16 (2.00) Hill, Dan (F); Steele, Brendan 47-37; Bauer, Trevor (F).

Team 19 (6.00) Davis, Darin 42-35; Gooch, Blake 49-39; DeWitt, Tim 63-36.

Team 17 (0.00) Gode-mann, Ted 53-43; Witt, Bailey 52-39; Bippes, Derek (F). Team 18 (8.00) Chesnut, Justin 41-33; Kurgeweit, Lee 44-35; Harmon, Jason 53-39.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
April 16th, 2026
2307 Barada Street
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16th day of April 2026 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Rieger and Koopman. Absent: Johansen. Trevor Campbell recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairperson and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairperson and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Trevor Campbell gave the Public Works Report. No action was required.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the consent agenda as follows: WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City (City) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of controversial nature; and WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Public Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska, which require roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution: 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the minutes from the April 2nd, 2026, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for April 16th, 2026, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for April 16th, 2026, is hereby approved. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR AN OVERPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026 | FALLS CITY FOODS

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Joy to deny the request as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER NEW LINE CREW BUCKET TRUCK

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to recommend to City Council to order a new Altec TA60 bucket truck per Altec's Source-well contract price and to include this purchase in the 2027 fiscal budget. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

DUAL REPRESENTATION POWER PLANT STRUCTURE DISCOVERY CONTRACT | LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to recommend to City Council to approve the engagement for legal services letter and the standard terms of representation, contingent on Falls City and NRG agreeing and executing terms with NRG not holding Falls City liable for any expenses incurred by Baird Holm without agreement to do so, unless the Falls City attorney decides this second agreement is not necessary. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

NORTHERN NATURAL GAS OPEN SEASON BID FORM | LUCAS FROESCHL

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Rieger to submit the

bid form to NNG for open bid season pending legal council's review ensuring the City has not contractual obligations. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER FOR SCADA SYSTEM WITH SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,582.77

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to approve the change order as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT FROM NMC CAT FOR A CAT MODEL 306 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,350.00

A motion was made by Rieger and seconded by Koopman to approve the lease agreement in the amount of \$9,350.00. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT WRITING THROUGH SCPC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the proposal as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT FROM HUG ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,577.95

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the service agreement as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF JEFF PALIK, CLASS A SUPERINTENDENT LICENSE S-1269 & ENGINEERING LICENSE E-131167, AS THE CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BY MUNICIPAL CONTRACT

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Koopman to recommend to City Council to appoint Jeff Palik, Class A Superintendent License S-1269 & Engineering License E-131167, as the City Street Superintendent for the remainder of Calendar Year 2026 by municipal contract. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD CONVENIENCE FEE FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Following discussion, a motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to pass the credit card convenience fee on to customers. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairperson and Board on April 16th 2026, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM; Sun., 7AM & 10AM Daily Mass: Mon. thru Fri., 6:45AM Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/sppfc Inquiry classes by appt. Sacrament of Penance: Sat., 3:45-4:45PM, or by appt.

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

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

RULO

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

BARADA

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

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

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

SHUBERT

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

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

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

VERDON

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

DAWSON

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

ARAGO

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

STELLA

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

HUMBOLDT

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

WHITE CLOUD, KS

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

BIG LAKE, MO

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

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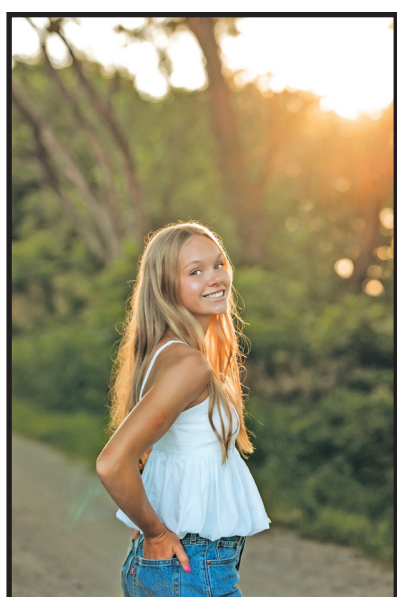
Avery Santo



Kyler Sipple



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Information on Sacred Heart Commencement Exercises

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.

*Falls City Sacred Heart
 Catholic High School
 Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026
 at 7:30pm*

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Mary L. Eickhoff
Richardson County Clerk
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Geraldine 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.

Dorena Spittler
17872 N 86th St
Peoria, AZ 85382

Dylan L. Handley (24152)
Handley Law Office
217 E 18th Street
Falls City, NE 68355
Phone: (402) 245-3088
Fax: (402) 245-2664
Email: dylanhandley@hotmail.com
Attorney for Petitioner
6-13-20
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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.

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

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

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.
29-6-13
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LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: CL-26-59
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:
Donna Marie Sickel OGrady
Notice is hereby given that on the 4 day of May 2026, a petition was filed in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name Donna Marie Sickel OGrady to Donna Marie OGrady. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Julie D. Smith, in courtroom no. 302, 1700 Stone St. on the 23rd day of June 2026 at 11:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Donna Marie Sickel OGrady to Donna Marie OGrady.
Donna Marie OGrady
71031 645 Ave
Falls City, Nebraska 68355
13-20-27-3
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska.
In the Matter of the Estate of David J. McPherson, Deceased.
Case No. PR26-19
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Brandi Asher as Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, 1700 Stone Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355 on June 8, 2026 at 9:45 A.M.

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

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Douglas E. Merz #12807
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Falls City, NE 68355
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13-20-27
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 29, 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 29, 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 22, 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 minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting from April 22, 2026, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. 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 Campbell to approve and enter in a contract with Hall Bros., Inc. for the 2026 Scrub Mastic, C-74(2026-02) hard surface on the dustless highway NE of Falls City at a price of \$271,043.52 for 10.5 miles. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve an agreement with Verizon Connect for the vehicle tracking subscription and dashcam service and software for county vehicles. Motion seconded

by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail this past week. He reported that there are 13 inmates being held in the jail at this time. The Sheriff's Department will also be participating in a grant program "Make It Click" that will reimburse sheriff's deputies for overtime during the period of May 15 thru May 31, which is a grant program through the Nebraska Department of Transportation-Highway Safety Office.

A brief discussion was held on the quotes received for electrical hook-up and HVAC installation at the outdoor storage building located at the Law Enforcement Center which is planning to be utilized as an evidence storage area. No action was taken.

Commissioner Campbell at this time wanted to congratulate Richardson County dispatcher, Chase Hardesty on his recent award received, Life-Saver Award which was presented to him last week at a training held in Kearney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Karas to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session at 9:42 a.m. with County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel to discuss county legal business and for the protection of the public interest. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 9:55 a.m. and return to the regular meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL FROM HALSEY, Inc. dba SERVPRO

The Board reviewed a proposal received from Halsey, Inc. dba ServPro of St. Joseph and Maryville, MO to do some restoration/service of areas within the Courthouse. The proposal totaled \$7,353.97. This proposal was based on the formal mold investigation report dated April 15, 2026, that was completed by Techtron Environmental Solutions.

Motion was made by Campbell to approve the proposal from Halsey, Inc. dba ServPro of St. Joseph and Maryville, MO as presented totaling \$7,353.97. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall met with the Board to review a proposed salary increase for the Deputy EMA Director position. The proposed increase was from \$23.35/hour to \$27.02/hour which would represent 75% of the EMA Director position current salary.

After much discussion, motion was made by Campbell to table the proposed salary increase for further review. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Subdivision

Consideration of a subdivision will be held for further review at next week's meeting after more supporting documentation is received to approve.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Karas to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Amazon, sup., 45.80; Ankrom, Jami, reimp., 452.40; Bartek-Ramsey, Amanda, reimp., 155.30; CMC, serv., 557.00; Culligan, serv., 214.40; DAS State Accounting, serv., 1352.80; Dept. of Correctional Services, serv., 2976.25; Epler's Carpet Cleaning, serv., 1285.00; Falls City Mercantile, supp., 252.40; Hy-Vee, supp., 83.16; LA Police Gear, supp., 129.13; Koch's Auto Service, serv., 4260.33; ODP, supplies, 125.04; Quill, supp., 1039.35; Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc., 24171.52; Sapp Bros., fuel, 3943.44; Saylor Screenprinting, supp., 80.00; SumnerOne, serv., 49.64; University of NE, reimp., 2702.03; Verizon, supp., 239.88; Weaver & Merz, reimp., 118.25; Payroll Expense, 128531.61; TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$172,764.73

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Includes Gage County Equipment, serv., 2111.70; OPPD, serv., 95.16; Operation & Expense Account, reimp., 152.78; Rulo, Village of, serv., 30.00; Payroll Expense, 35891.82

TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND \$38,281.46

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 20th day of April 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jorn recorded the minutes of the meeting. On roll call the following Council persons were present: Buckminster, Fouraker, Ruiz, Absent: Kaster, F. Killingsworth, Ferguson, Leyden, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Kaster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all persons of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Mayor Harkendorff publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

STANDING REPORTS

Standing reports from the City Administrator was presented. No formal action was required.

AGENDA APPROVAL FOR APRIL 20, 2026

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

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR APRIL 6, 2026

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

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR APRIL 21, 2026

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

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL FOR MARCH 2026

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

FALLS CITY EDGE QUARTERLY REPORT | FALLS CITY EDGE - LUCAS FROESCHL

Lucas Froeschl presented the Falls City EDGE Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2026. No motion was made. DUAL REPRESENTATION POWER PLANT STRUCTURE DISCOVERY CONTRACT | FALLS CITY EDGE - LUCAS FROESCHL

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

CONTROLLED BURN TRAINING AT 824 MCLEAN - FALLS CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lucas Froeschl, Director of Falls City EDGE, and Fireman Jon McQueen spoke on the matter. A motion was made by Council person Leyden and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the request with the requirement that the Land Bank pro-

cure liability insurance. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Leyden, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Kaster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING- CONSIDER APPROVING A CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 1601 MCLEAN STREET | TAMMIE BECKNER

Mayor Harkendorff declared a public hearing open at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of hearing public comment relating to the approval of a Chicken Permit Application for 1601 McLean Street. Mayor Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. There was no public comment. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:31 P.M. CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 1601 MCLEAN STREET | TAMMIE BECKNER

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

APPOINTMENT OF JEFF PALIK, CLASS A SUPERINTENDENT LICENSE S-1269 & ENGINEERING LICENSE E-13167, AS THE CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BY MUNICIPAL CONTRACT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A recommendation of appointment was submitted by the Board of Public Works. A motion was made by Council person K. Killingsworth and seconded by Council person Ferguson to appoint Jeff Palik, Class A Superintendent License S-1269 and Engineering License E-13167, as the City Street Superintendent for the remainder of Calendar Year 2026 by municipal contract. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Leyden, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Kaster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND APPROVE THE BID MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY

A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person Ruiz to table this item until the next meeting. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Leyden, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Kaster, F. Killingsworth. Motion carried. REQUEST TO CHANGE CAPITAL ASSETS WITH AN INITIAL INDIVIDUAL COST OF \$1,500 TO \$5,000 OR MORE WITH AN ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR

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

REQUEST TO ORDER NEW ALTEC TA60 BUCKET TRUCK PER ALTEC'S SOURCEWELL CONTRACT PRICE AND TO INCLUDE THIS PURCHASE IN THE 2027 FISCAL BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD

Mayor, Mark Harkendorff
City Administrator, Gary Jorn
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OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL

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

REQUEST TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE ON-CALL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MILLER & ASSOCIATES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS | TREVOR CAMPBELL

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

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE | VERNON COY

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

REQUEST TO CARRY OVER UNUSED VACATION LEAVE TIME | MEGAN STAMPER

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by Council on April 20, 2026; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least three copies of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by persons of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to persons of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REMOVAL OF MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS

The Steele Cemetery welcomes flowers and decorations in honor of individuals for Memorial Day. Memorial decorations on graves are allowed one week prior to, and two weeks after Memorial Day, from May 18 to June 8.

- 1. One (1) shepherd hook 1/2" in diameter is allowed per gravesite and must be next to the grave marker and pointed in toward the grave. No Multi-hook or shepherd hooks that are not 1/2" in diameter.
2. Banners are not an allowed decoration at Steele Cemetery. The Sexton will remove all banners.
3. Decorations which are in permanent urn planters will not be removed.
4. During the Memorial holiday, for your convenience there will be a dumpster at the maintenance shed for boxes, packages, old decorations, and trash.

After the Memorial Day events are concluded, Cemetery maintenance must be continued and therefore, the Cemetery Sexton will be removing the flowers and decorations as follows:

- 1. June 2, 2026 - All fresh cut flowers, plants, and the unapproved containers (cans, glass, plastic, tin, and cardboard cartons) shall be removed.
2. June 9, 2026 - All other decorations, flowers, plants, wreaths & solar lights that are not in approved containers, will be removed.

Steele Cemetery Board, Gary Jorn, City Administrator

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

WHEN: Falls City Utility staff will flush fire hydrants starting May 18th, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, weather permitting. The flushing of 214 fire hydrants can take a few weeks to complete.

WHERE: Flushing begins west of Harlan St, moves north of the water tower, starting at 26th Street, and then continues south of 26th Street and west of Harlan St. After the west side of Harlan St, flushing proceeds from 35th Street, working south on the east side of Harlan St.

WHY: Fire hydrant flushing is preventive maintenance that identifies issues, assesses flow, removes sediment, and maintains water quality in our water system.

WHAT: During flushing, avoid using water briefly to prevent discolored water from entering your service piping. Temporary brownish-red discoloration may occur, but it's not harmful. After flushing, run cold water for a few minutes to clear any discoloration. Avoid washing white clothes during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Your patience is appreciated.

Trevor Campbell, Public Works Director

YOUR TAX DOLLARS. YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW. FIND OUT THREE WAYS: EMAIL, WEBSITE, NEWSPAPER. NEPublicNotices.com

CITY CLAIMS

Claims Report - 5.05.2026
City of Falls City, NE By Fund
Payment Dates 4/22/2026 - 5/5/2026
Vendor Name Description (Item)
Amount

FUND: 100 - GENERAL
American Natl Bank HSA \$1,620.08
Miller Monroe Position Schedule Bond \$91.75
Principal Life Insurance Co. Dental Ins \$1,169.30
Principal Life Insurance Co. Vision Ins \$207.34
TASC1Q 2026 Matrix Qrtly Trustee Fee \$62.50
Merz Ink Office Apparel..... \$411.86
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge: Sav/IM C3000 & C4500 \$273.50
Meyer Home Center Filters \$172.26
Utility Dept. City Hall Lease Property \$76.65
Utility Dept. FC Offices \$1,278.13
Utility Dept. Rural Housing \$125.58
General Petty Cash Filing Fees - Replats (2) \$32.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$665.03
Ameritas Billing 457 After Tax % \$69.38
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage \$194.06
Aflac AFLAC \$335.61
CWA Dues CWA Union Dues \$111.47
Medica Insurance Group Health \$17,280.02
IBEW Local Union #1536 IBEW Union Dues \$121.47
InterNatl Union of Operating Engineers IUOE Union Dues \$269.13
Dearborn Life Insurance Co. Life Insurance \$262.50
Nebraska Dept of Revenue Garnishment \$250.00
Ameritas Pension 457 Pre-Tax \$150.00
Ameritas Retirement 501a \$10,999.10
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue State W/H Tax \$3,072.94
Dept. of the Treasury Federal W/H \$7,739.19
Dept. of the Treasury Medicare Tax \$2,653.82
Dept. of the Treasury Social Security Tax \$11,346.96
Falls City Economic and Development Growth Enterprises Monthly Contribution (MOU-7.5.2023) \$11,041.75
FC Main Street, Inc. Monthly Contribution (MOU 7.17.2023) \$2,500.00
Fund 100 - General Total: ... \$74,583.38

FUND: 110 - POLICE
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Repair Order - Check Engine Light \$75.00
Bravebe Child Advocacy Center 2026-2027 Annual Service Agreement Contribution \$1,210.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$10.68
Pro Serv Contract Lease Charge: Sav/IM C3000 & C4500 \$273.50
Das State Accounting - Central Finance-Network Serv. Charges 04/2026 \$844.80
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$254.38
Fund 110 - Police Total: \$2,668.36

FUND: 115 - ANIMAL CONTROL
Utility Dept. Animal Control \$14.52
Fund 115 - Animal Control Total: \$14.52

FUND: 120 - FIRE
WYN-MILL Garage Door Service
Antenna Kit \$262.50
Utility Dept. Ambulance Bldg \$142.46
Utility Dept. Fire Station/Hydrants \$4,426.34
Utility Dept. Fire Station \$216.91
Utility Dept. Fire Station/Hyd \$150.82
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$129.15
Fund 120 - Fire Total: \$5,328.18

FUND: 130 - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & CODE ENFORCEMENT
Patrick Kraft Reimbursement of Building Permit Fee-P. Kraft \$922.93
Fund 130 - Building Inspections & Code Enforcement Total: \$922.93

FUND: 150 - PARKS
Heritage Landscape Supply Group 6504/ Falcon F4FC 6500 360 full circle. \$593.92
Heritage Landscape Supply Group 6504/ Falcon F4FPC 6500 adjustable partial circle \$291.60
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$130.00
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$192.62
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Repair \$25.00
Meyer Home Center Faucet \$137.50
159 Lumber & Rentals Supplies/ Materials \$9.79
Falls City Mercantile Restroom Supplies \$200.80
159 Lumber & Rentals T-Top Rail Kit \$230.05
Utility Dept. Riding Club Site/City Usage \$84.84
Utility Dept. Dallas Jones Park-IRR Meter \$761.71
Utility Dept. Snackshack - IRR \$164.22
Utility Dept. Morehead Field/Irrigation \$70.16
Utility Dept. 4-H Barn \$42.24
Utility Dept. SNC Field \$42.24
Utility Dept. F&M Bank Field \$50.38
Utility Dept. Stanton Lake North Camper \$43.81
Utility Dept. Parks Dept New Shop \$229.02
Utility Dept. Stanton Lake Volleyball \$53.39
Utility Dept. Legion Park \$53.92
Utility Dept. Stanton Lake Cabin \$51.95
Utility Dept. Dallas Jones Tennis Court \$51.30
Utility Dept. Stanton Lake Camper Sites/ Caretaker \$183.52
Utility Dept. Snack Shack-Old-EL Only \$108.22
Utility Dept. Snack Shack-New \$345.77
Utility Dept. Hartman Field \$74.64
Utility Dept. Stanton Lake South Camper \$73.45
Fund 150 - Parks Total: \$4,296.06

FUND: 151 - AUDITORIUM
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$130.00
Darcy Kiekhaefer Spin Class Instructor Fees \$195.00
Utility Dept. Pichard Auditorium \$3,269.06
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$100.24
Fund 151 - Auditorium Total: ... \$3,694.30

FUND: 152 - AQUATIC CENTER
Acco Unlimited Corporation PH Probe Testing \$435.00
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$65.00
Meyer Home Center Supplies \$30.15
Utility Dept. Aquatic Center \$788.17
W7 Design Co FC Aquatic Hats \$161.59
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$63.33

Fund 152 - Aquatic Center Total: \$1,543.24

FUND: 170 - LIBRARY
Ingram Books \$1,863.10
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$65.00
Utility Dept. Library & Arts Center \$2,488.25
Richard Gilkerson April 2026 \$210.00
Library Petty Cash Postage \$228.62
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$192.08
Fund 170 - Library Total: \$5,047.05

FUND: 180 - CEMETERY
Amazon Capital Services Mower Blades \$57.50
Utility Dept. Cemetery \$135.76
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$99.20
Fund 180 - Cemetery Total: \$292.46

FUND: 190 - STREETS
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$65.00
BOK FINANCIAL Debt Service/Fees \$13,478.75
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$242.99
Windsock Ag Services LLC Chemicals \$639.15
Home Lumber Co. Lumber \$123.95
Utility Dept. Street Dept \$143.16
Utility Dept. Street Dept \$56.81
Utility Dept. Dist 56 Stop Sign \$48.14
Utility Dept. Dist 56 S S Stop Sign. \$46.30
Utility Dept. Street Dept \$276.91
Utility Dept. Street Lights \$6,129.85
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$51.04
Fund: 190 - Streets \$21,302.05

FUND 195 - MECHANIC SHOP
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Total Labor \$4,590.00
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Total Lubricants \$106.87
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Shop Supplies \$20.00
Hullman's Ford Lincoln, Inc. Total Parts \$2,176.85
Falls City Auto Supply Parts \$574.10
O'Reilly Automotive IncParts \$88.92
Armbruster Motor Co Filter - Engine Oil \$64.67
Mordige Mfg. Inc. Supplies \$79.36
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$37.00
Farmers Repair & Machine Shop Parts \$27.68
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$1.04
Fund 195 - Mechanic Shop Total: \$7,766.49

FUND: 205 - DISPATCHING
Lumen Service \$3,183.70
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Phone/Internet Service \$712.69
Fund 205 - Dispatching Total: \$3,896.39

FUND: 280 - HOUSING ABATEMENT/ DEMOLITION PROGRAM
Lukas GoffL. Goff - T. Godeman House Demolition 2320 Chase \$11,300.00
Fund 280 - Housing Abatement/ Demolition Program Total: ... \$11,300.00

FUND: 600 - ELECTRIC
American Natl Bank HSA \$3,546.65
Miller Monroe Position Schedule Bond \$55.05
Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc. Supplies/ Materials \$493.97
McMaster-Carr Valves \$266.59
McMaster-CarrSupplies/Materials \$78.16
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$195.00
Principal Life Insurance Co. Dental Ins \$892.94
Principal Life Insurance Co. Vision Ins \$167.56
PATRICK STAMPER P. Stamper Travel Expense \$238.00
Amazon Capital Services Supplies \$55.82
Grainger Supplies \$108.40
Cintas Corporation No 2Uniforms \$563.06
Stella-Jones Corporation 35' CL3 CCA REA pole (E1705) \$12,459.97
Farm & City Supply Supplies. \$4,000.26
Jeo Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS services Project 231725.00 \$603.75
Amazon Capital Services Parts/Supplies \$614.74
El Camino Electric Memory Lane, 1617 Stone St \$2,754.40
Jery's Electric INC500 KVA 13800 Delta 4160Y/2400 3Ph PAD (E2072R) \$19,900.00
Husker Electric Supply Supplies \$1,201.59
ATCO Inter Natl Supplies/Materials \$188.86
TASC1Q 2026 Matrix Qrtly Trustee Fee \$37.50
Amazon Capital Services Utility Bill Paper \$251.60
Merz Ink Office Apparel \$127.96
MID CONTINENT SALES stop plate \$533.52
MID CONTINENT SALES spray tip \$1,014.00
MID CONTINENT SALESB-8342 nozzle - fuel injectors \$1,426.05
MID CONTINENT SALESF-075-112 guide spring \$408.60
BOK FINANCIAL Debt Service/Fees \$99,332.50
McMaster-Carr Clamp. \$117.95
Border States Splice #21 Tension Reliable #2 (E714) \$406.62
Border States Wire Nut-Blue, Ideal #30-072 (E74) \$10.04
Border States2" alum rigid conduit (E1219) \$654.14
Border States200 AMP-Mil.#U7040 XL-TG Meter Socket (E576) \$239.12
Border States2 1/2" male adapter SCH 40 PVC (E1252.1) \$14.39
True Ag & Turf, LLC Parts \$55.42
Quill Corporation Office Supplies \$128.49
McMaster-Carr Parts \$680.74
Husker Electric Supply4/0 wire \$8,772.00
Grainger Supplies \$348.12
Lincoln Winwater Works Co10" pipe plugs \$313.69
Lincoln Winwater Works Co8" pipe plugs \$113.21
Falls City Mercantile Supplies \$45.76
Home Lumber Co. Lumber \$67.71
Falls City Post OfficeQ3 Postage: Billing May 2026 Due - July 2026 Due \$3,000.00
Utility Dept. Petty Cash April 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement \$501.60
Utility Dept. Inventory Bldg-61 \$610.60
Utility Dept. Power Plant Unit #9-62 \$542.32
Utility Dept. Power Plant Water/ Hi-Low-62 \$653.71
Utility Dept. Station Power -62. \$7,112.92
Utility Dept. PP Water Dept-62. \$2,958.90
Utility Dept. Power Plant-62. \$2,550.96
Utility Dept. Station Power-62. \$1,745.82
Utility Dept. PP Water Dept-62. \$293.17
Utility Dept. Power Plant Unit #9-62 \$3,384.05

Core & Main LPFm2S-House Meter Straus LBL-REM Remote Disconnect \$16,125.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Telephone/Internet Service. \$638.32
Ameritas Billing 457 Pre Tax Percentage \$91.27
Aflac AFLAC \$75.86
CWA DuesCWA Union Dues \$300.90
Medica Insurance Group Health \$17,906.57
IBEW Local Union #1536IBEW Union Dues \$374.51
Dearborn Life Insurance Co. Life Insurance 283.09
AmeritasPension 457 Pre-Tax\$1,918.26
AmeritasRetirement 501a \$11,560.46
Dept. of the Treasury Medicare Tax \$2,911.82
Dept. of the Treasury Social Security Tax \$12,450.56
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue State W/H Tax \$3,558.30
Dept. of the Treasury Federal W/H \$9,302.39
Fund 600 - Electric Total: ... \$264,395.26

FUND: 610 - WATER
Miller Monroe Position Schedule Bond \$7.34
Rieschick Drilling Co. Inc. Supplies/ Materials \$66.02
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$833.50
Nebraska DEED. Waggoner - WWTF Certificate # 3847 \$150.00
Wolfes Printing Color 2024 Notices \$677.25
Wolfes Printing Duplex Postcards \$325.19
Wolfes Printing Color 2025 Notices \$677.25
NE Generator Service LLC Generator Maintenance Batteries \$799.46
NE Generator Service LLC Generator Maintenance Labor \$522.23
NE Generator Service LLC Generator Maintenance Mileage \$101.54
NE Generator Service LLC Generator Maintenance Misc Supplies \$39.56
Concrete Industries, Inc MINH charge \$30.00
Concrete Industries, Inconcrete \$835.00
Concrete Industries, Incfuel surcharge \$12.00
Jeo Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS services Project 231725.00 \$80.50
Jeo Consulting Group Inc Professional Services through April 3, 2026\$4,102.50
Bavco Backflow Apparatus & ValveSupplies/Materials \$317.90
TASC 1Q 2026 Matrix Qrtly Trustee Fee \$5.00
Home Lumber Co. Supplies/Materials \$60.63
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha1/2" x 3/4" galv reducer bushing (W842) \$6.41
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha3/4" x 1" galv reducer bushing (W843) \$7.33
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" x 24" anchor coupling (W1662) \$464.40
Quill Corporation Office Supplies\$17.13
Nebraska DEEWater Operator License - Level VI - T. Waggoner \$115.00
Lincoln Winwater Works Co6" x 12" sleeve Smith Blair(W1539) \$505.25
Lincoln Winwater Works Co5 1/4 x 12 Mueller hydrant extension \$930.95
Lincoln Winwater Works Co5 1/4 x 18 Mueller hydrant extension \$1,670.55
Lincoln Winwater Works Co4" Uni-Flange for PVC (RED - UFR 1500-4-I) (W1472) \$258.00
Lincoln Winwater Works Coroad box extension C&B P-1108 #64-S 36-60" w/ LID \$1,429.75
Lincoln Winwater Works Co6" MJ 5.5" bury fire hydrant 5 1/2" 3-way (W1606) \$7,417.50
Lincoln Winwater Works Co2" water pipe PVC SDR21 PR200 (W1504) \$99.00
Falls City Post OfficeQ3 Postage: Billing May 2026 Due - July 2026 Due. \$400.00
Utility Dept. Petty Cash April 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement \$74.88
Utility Dept. Rulo Water-Collector Well \$9,820.35
Utility Dept. Rulo Water Plant North Well \$581.87
Utility Dept. Water Tower \$230.09
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha8" Uni-Flange for PVC (RED - UFR 1500-8-I) (W1470) \$143.15
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" Uni-Flange for PVC (RED - UFR 1500-4-I) (W1472) \$149.81
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" MJ BOLT ACCESS PK (W1710) \$160.93
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha8" x 12" MJ sleeve (W1527) \$486.46
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" gate valve (W1621) \$5,063.96
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha8" MJ bolt/access pack (W1706) \$139.45
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha3/4" FIPT x PJ CTSS Brass Female Adpt C14-33-NL (W8 \$104.23
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" 45 deg elbow (W1555) \$83.81
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha8" Uni-Flange for Ductile (BLACK UFR 1400-D-8-I) (..... \$174.47
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha1/2" ball valve I-(W927) \$19.03
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" Uni-Flange for Ductile (BLACK UFR 1400-D-4-I) (..... \$158.56
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" MJ 5.5" bury fire hydrant 4.5" 2-way A420-512W \$13,919.10
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha 4" water pipe PVC C900 (W1503) \$514.93
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha4" x 18" anchor coupling (W1660) \$232.19
Amazon Capital Services Supplies \$21.49

Core & Main LP6" water pipe PVC 44-20"3-71-2" C900 (W1506) \$952.45
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Telephone/Internet Service \$363.70
Fund 610 - Water Total: \$56,358.60

FUND: 620 - GAS
Miller Monroe Position Schedule Bond \$22.02
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$65.00
Wolfes Printing Meter Tags \$90.07
PEFA, INC March 2026 PEFA Commodity \$32,605.99
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$41.41
Border States Nipple 1" x 8 1/2" Blk (G4039.1) \$39.24
Border States Nipple 1" x 11" Blk (G4041.5) \$45.10
Border States Nipple 1" x 7 1/2" Blk (G4038.1) \$33.54
Border States Nipple 1" x 4 1/2" Blk (G4034) \$17.36
Border StatesNipple 1" X 5" Blk (G4035) \$17.36
Border States1/4" Thread-o-Let forged NPT (G4565) \$44.18
Jeo Consulting Group IncOn-call GIS services Project 231725.00 \$241.50
Amazon Capital Services Inc Cartridges \$170.58
Border States swivel 1" 20LT non-insul Blk (G4291) \$185.17
Border States swivel nut 1" 20LT Blk (G4301) \$157.90
TASC1Q 2026 Matrix Qrtly Trustee Fee \$15.00
Scheitel Feed & Seed 5-Way Fescu \$80.63
Wolfes Printing Service Order Pads \$55.09
Koons Gas Measurement (KGM) Supplies/Materials \$185.66
Merz Ink Office Apparel \$299.90
Complete Fusion API Welder Certification \$600.00
Border States1 1/4" IPS x 1" CTS tap tee BUTT PERF 117821 (G464) \$83.80
Industrial Sales Co. Inc Gas Valve 1" Jomar 175-LWN FP painted 240-005T (G4 \$4,429.00
Quill Corporation Office Supplies \$51.39
Koons Gas Measurement (KGM)gas meter AL-425 (G4211) \$1,676.43
Border States3" x 2" RED flange carbon steel threaded 2" x 7 1/2" \$209.73
Falls City Post OfficeQ3 Postage: Billing May 2026 Due - July 2026 Due \$1,200.00
Dutton-Lainson Co Plug - 1 1/4" Blk screwed (G4010) \$7.79
Dutton-Lainson Co Tee 3/4" Blk (G4022) \$6.13
Dutton-Lainson Co Nipple 1" x 6" Blk (G4037) \$63.01
Utility Dept. Petty Cash April 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement \$224.64
Utility Dept. Gas W 14th St \$70.53
Utility Dept. Gas Dept Office \$347.64
Utility Dept. Gas W 21st \$74.93
Utility Dept. Gas N Mclean \$73.50
Utility Dept. Gas Pipe Bldg \$70.83
Utility Dept. Gas S Fulton St \$70.24
Utility Dept. Gas S Fulton \$51.59
Industrial Sales Co. Inc1" CTS coupling Central EF #360000891 (G4523) \$868.76
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Telephone/Internet Service \$52.08
Fund 620 - Gas Total: \$44,644.72

FUND: 630 - WASTEWATER
Miller Monroe Position Schedule Bond \$7.34
R/S ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICES Trouble shoot overload failures Blower #3 + repair \$1,800.50
Falls City Sanitation Service March 2026 Service \$135.00
Wolfes Printing Office Supplies \$78.64
Midwest Laboratories, Inc Lab Samples \$145.32
Midlands Contracting Inc/Johnson Service Co. Clean/Vac. lift station wet well \$1,187.50
Nebraska Generator Service LLC Inv. 22903, 22902, 22906 \$1,847.50
Harmon's OK Tire Tire \$54.00
Jeo Consulting Group Inc On-call GIS services Project 231725.00 \$80.50
Farm & City Supply Supplies \$26.65
Brown County Transfer Sludge Ticket \$225.00
Harmon's OK Tire Tire Repair \$25.00
TASC1Q 2026 Matrix Qrtly Trustee Fee \$5.00
MH Logistics Corp. Water Fill Hose \$203.60
Amazon Capital Services Supplies \$121.49
Quill Corporation Office Supplies \$17.13
Falls City Post Office Q3 Postage: Billing May 2026 Due - July 2026 Due. \$400.00
Utility Dept. Petty Cash April 2026 Petty Cash Reimbursement \$74.88
Utility Dept. Lift Station \$74.86
Utility Dept. WWTP \$13,144.74
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. Telephone/Internet Service. \$104.08
Fund 630 - Wastewater Total: \$19,758.73

FUND: 998 - UTILITIES - POOLED CASH
Payroll - Utility Fund Payroll 5.1.2026 71368.08
Fund 998 - Utilities - Pooled Cash Total: 71368.08

FUND: 999 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT - POOLED CASH
Payroll - General FundPayroll 5.1.2026 66913.68
Fund 999 - General Government - Pooled Cash Total: 66913.68

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GRADUATION

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part of our success," said Kuker. "Graduation is not about receiving a diploma; it's about the journey we faced to get to this moment."

Next, classmate Ethan Morris asked those in attendance to join him in a prayer, thanking God, "For the perseverance and hard work given to the graduates throughout school."

He continued, offering thanks to parents, teachers, mentors, and friends who helped guide each student through their high school journey.

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Offner offered a welcome to the students, family members, teachers, supporters and friends of those graduating on Saturday.

Addyson Sayer opened her speech by promising to keep it short. "Because, after four years of high school, we've all mastered the skill of looking like we're paying attention while thinking about liter-

ally anything else."

Sayer continued, saying the graduation always seemed far off, as if it only happened to others.

Sayer said high school was a time to grow, but growth happened slowly.

"Somewhere in all of that, we grew up," said Sayer. "Quietly. Not all at once. Just little moments at a time that didn't feel like much until suddenly they did."

Brock Niedfeldt took the approach of encouraging classmates to live in the present.

"We've spent the last few weeks, even the past few months, counting down the days until this exact moment," said Niedfeldt. "We've been living in the 'Future Tense.' We've been so focused on getting here that we've barely been here."

He cited the need to stop worrying about capturing every moment and instead focus on living in the present.

"To seize the day isn't about grabbing the future," remarked Niedfeldt. "It's about refusing to let

the present slip through your fingers."

Niedfeldt compared "real life" to the small things that happen every day.

"It's the laughter that makes your stomach hurt over a joke you won't even remember next week," said Niedfeldt. "It's the quiet, boring, beautiful moments that no camera can truly record because you have to feel them to know they're real."

The senior closed by congratulating his classmates and issuing a challenge. "Today, we close one chapter and open another. My wish for you isn't just success or fame," said Niedfeldt. "My wish is that you be present for it all."

The final speaker from the graduating class was Ella Glathar.

Glathar reminisced about how quickly time flies, remembering how in second grade it seemed your entire life was in front of you.

"However, this is not the case," stated Glathar. "We blinked, and 10 years have passed by."

Glathar said she recently asked the current group of second graders for advice for the graduates. Answers ranged from making lots of money to working hard, working at McDonald's, getting married, and going to church. Some said that life would be hard, while others said they should make new friends. One of the youth said they should go play and take trips.

Glathar said that although the advice sounds simple, "It reminds us of something we've started to forget. Life isn't just about having everything figured out. It's about trying, failing, growing, and

still choosing to move forward."

Glathar closed with, "We blinked once and got here. Let's make sure we don't blink through what comes next."

After the school board presented diplomas to the graduating class, Principal Ethan Sullivan delivered the closing remarks.

Sullivan told the class of 2026 that the day was one of celebration, a milestone. It was a point in time that the group had been working towards for quite some time.

"While it's tempting to focus on this stage, this diploma, and what comes next, I want to challenge you to think differently," said Sullivan. "Because life is not about the destination, it's about the journey."

The principal told the group that if all they remember is the finish line, they missed the best part.

He cited the early mornings when they didn't feel like getting out of bed and the late nights spent working on assignments. He also cited practices, competitions, bus rides, and times when things didn't go exactly as planned. Those were the moments that shaped each student into who they have become.

"The struggle is not something to avoid," said Sullivan. "It's something to value."

He continued, saying, "Struggle builds character. It shapes who you are. It teaches resilience, patience, humility and strength. It reveals what you are made of, and more importantly, it reveals who is with you."

He encouraged the graduates to remember who was with them through the good times



Addyson Sayer (Above), Brock Niedfeldt (Below)



Ella Glathar

and the bad.

"Hold on to them, appreciate them. Because those relationships are far more valuable than any title, job or accomplishment you will ever earn," said Sullivan.

At that moment, the new graduates rose and made their way out of the auditorium, marking the end of the exercise, as the Commencement Band played "Graduation Suite Recessional" by Mike Story.

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| | FC Realty PC | | | | |
| | Falls City Travel | | | | |