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Board votes to withhold payment to gWorks for early termination fees

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the courthouse in Falls City. Commissioners Karas, Campbell, and Caverzagie answered the roll call.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. met with the board members to update them on road and bridge maintenance being carried out throughout the county.

The Board asked Mr. Darveau about the difference between the current trailers and triple-axle units. Darveau said that when you factor in the extra weight of the third axle and the cost of additional tires, you wouldn't gain much by using three-axle trailers. According to Caverzagie and Darveau, the units the coun-

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Falls City Journal selected for national newspaper initiative

The *Falls City Journal* is excited to announce the newspaper has been selected to participate in a prestigious national initiative focused on the future of community journalism in rural America.

Over the coming weeks, *Falls City Journal* staff, readers, advertisers and community members will work together as part of an important national effort examining how local newspapers can remain strong, sustainable and community focused for generations to come.

The project brings together newspaper leaders, journalism researchers and rural communities to help develop new models for local journalism at a time when newspapers across the country continue facing enormous challenges.

Teri Finneman, a journalism professor at the University of Kansas and co-author of *Reviving Rural News: Transforming the Business Model of Community Journalism in the U.S. and Beyond*, will be leading the initiative.

Finneman, who has worked with newspapers across the Midwest as part of the initiative, said communities selected for the project are chosen carefully.

"Falls City was a clear choice to be the

next selection in this national project," said Finneman, who is originally from a town of 2,500 in western North Dakota. "I was very impressed with how dedicated everyone on the staff is with serving this community. With the community's help, we can really make the newspaper a beacon for others across the country to follow."

The initiative will include community surveys, focus groups and public discussions designed to gather feedback from residents of all backgrounds and perspectives. Organizers said public participation will play a major role in helping shape future decisions and priorities for the newspaper.

The *Falls City Journal* is among only a limited number of newspapers nationwide given this incredible opportunity, which has already strengthened newspapers in North Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

Falls City Journal publishers Brian and Nikki McKim said they are honored to have the newspaper chosen and believe the opportunity represents something much larger than the newspaper itself.

"This is a major opportunity not just for the *Journal*, but for our entire community," said Nikki McKim. "We are incredibly proud

that Falls City was selected to help lead conversations about the future of local journalism and rural communities."

Since taking ownership of the *Falls City Journal* in September 2024, the McKim's have focused heavily on investing in the newspaper.

"We truly believe in this newspaper and in our community," Brian McKim said. "This initiative gives residents a chance to directly help shape the future of their newspaper. That is exciting and incredibly important"

Community participation opportunities and survey details will be soon be announced.

At a time when many rural newspapers are disappearing, Falls City has been given an opportunity to help shape what the future of community journalism could look like locally and nationwide.

"The business model most newspapers still rely on was developed in 1833, when Andrew Jackson was president," Finneman said. "It assumed news should be dirt cheap and endlessly subsidized by advertising. That model no longer works. No other business could survive on a 200-year-old structure. Newspapers have to change, and we need the community's support to do so."



As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2026, communities across the nation are reflecting on the people, places and events that shaped their local history.

To commemorate America's semiquincentennial, the *Falls City Journal* is proud to present a special five-part series highlighting some of the early founders and influential figures who helped establish Falls City.

The articles in this series have been researched and written by members of the Richardson County Historical Society and the Underground Railroad Museum Board, drawing from historical records, local collections and years of preservation work dedicated to protecting our county's heritage.

Join us over the coming weeks as we celebrate 250 years of American history through the unique local stories that helped shape our corner of the nation.

RICHARDSON COUNTY 250 YEARS AGO

By Kathy Perkins

When thinking of the year 1776, the average Nebraskan probably pictures the founding fathers, in their powdered wigs and waistcoats, gathered around a table in Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence. If asked to imagine Nebraska as it was in 1776, most local residents might picture a vast open prairie, inhabited only by wandering herds of bison and

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Steve O'Grady



Jon Kirkendall

"The love of country and the loyalty and the patriotism is still there" Memorial Day services honor fallen veterans at Rulo and Falls City

Residents gathered on Memorial Day at Rulo Cemetery and Steele Cemetery to honor the men and women of the United States armed forces who died in service to their country during annual Memorial Day observances hosted by local veterans organizations and community volunteers.

Both ceremonies included prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic music, recognition of Gold Star fami-

lies, memorial tributes to veterans from various conflicts and military honors including a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

At Rulo Cemetery, Pastor Mike Hader opened the service with a prayer honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

"Today, we pause to remember and honor the men and women of our armed forces who laid down their

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- 26 -FCFS Class of '71 Reunion Meet-up at Elks Club 7PM
- 27 -FCFS Class of '71 Reunion Dinner at Historical Ag Building 6PM

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- 28 -FCFS All School Reunion



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Storm damaged plants

This time of year, storms can be bad. We had multiple storm systems move through the area last week that included high winds, hail, and even tornadoes. Unfortunately, when storms are severe, they cause a lot of damage to our plants.

Tree and Shrub Damage: If heavy winds break branches, remove the injured branches with a good pruning cut to allow trees to seal the wound. If the storm broke the top out of the tree, it would be a good idea to get a Certified Arborist in to look at the damage to determine if the tree can be salvaged and to help start a new leader.

Hail can cause damage to the leaves and bark of trees. If the leaves on your tree look ragged and ripped due to hail, it is mostly aesthetic damage. The leaves are still on the tree and able to produce sugars through photosynthesis for the tree, so it isn't as damaging as it looks. Damage to the bark on the trunk and branches can be more problematic, unfortunately there is nothing that can fix this but time. You will always have wounds where hail hit the tree, but over time the tree should recover. If there are a lot of large hail wounds to a small tree, it might be the demise but give it time to see if it pulls through.

Perennial Plant Damage: There was a lot of damage to perennial plants from these storms. Remove severely damaged leaves, but only remove what is most damaged to allow the remaining leaves to help with photosynthesis and plant recovery. These plants should regrow but need some leaves for that to happen. Give them time to recover.

Garden Damage: As with perennials, the recovery of a plant is determined by the situation. Many of our vegetable plants saw some damage from the storms and some plants will be fine, some may face disease issues, and some will need to be replanted. If the main stem was broken, you will probably need to replant. If the leaves are ripped, leave it if you can. Prune out the severely damaged leaves but keep it to a minimum.

General Plant Care after Storms

1. Remove any dead or damaged branches if you can do so safely. Give a clean cut to anything twisted, hanging, torn, cracked or split. Consult a professional for more extensive pruning or removal.
2. Employ proper pruning techniques. Cut just above the branch collar, leaving it intact—don't cut flush to the trunk or leave stubs. Make notches first with the "3-cut" method to avoid ripping off bark as the branch falls away. Do not treat pruned areas with wound paint or dressing, which can cause wood rot.
3. Take out trees that were damaged beyond saving. This includes large trees that have been uprooted, have trunk splits or more than 50% of branches broken as well as large trees that bent over or are leaning. Small trees younger than 3-4 years old may survive being bent over; stake into an upright position with wide, flexible straps.
4. Encourage recovery with good plant health care. Mulch beneath the plant's foliage with wood chips and provide deep, infrequent watering for the rest of the growing season so the soil is moist, not soggy or dry. Use a screwdriver to help determine the need for irrigation.
5. Safeguard plants from extra stress. Damaged plants are vulnerable to environmental stresses in the months following a storm. To promote healing during this time, do not apply fertilizer or spray herbicides in the vicinity. Don't remove damaged leaves or blooms—allow them to fall off naturally. Keep an eye out for opportunistic pests and diseases and take action early on to prevent infestation.

*The information for this article came from Rachel Anderson and John Fech from Nebraska Extension and the rest of the Weather-Ready Landscapes Team.

If you have any further questions, please contact Nicole Stoner at (402)223-1384, nstoner2@unl.edu, visit the Gage County Extension website at www.gage.unl.edu, or like my facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/NicoleStonerHorticulture

All things Nebraska Nebraska: it really has a lot of cool stuff to see/experience

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

Memorial Day has come and gone, so it's time to hit the road.

As a lover of Nebraska stuff (you know, corn, the Huskers, Busch Light) I've never understood why more people don't vacation in our state.

There's plenty of stuff to see and experience. And with gas prices through the roof, you can save a buck or two. But I guess the Cornhusker State isn't for everybody.

(Oops, that last phrase got a state tourism director fired. Better be careful).

Anyway, here's my list of cool, and sometimes overlooked, places to visit:

1. The Pine Ridge. People lament that we don't have mountains, but the Pine Ridge — an offshoot of the Black Hills in northwest Nebraska — qualifies as "mountainous" if you ask me.

There's plenty of places to camp or rent a cabin, with historic Fort Robinson topping the list. There's places to hike, mountain bike, trout fish and horseback ride, if that's your cup of vacation tea.

Nearby Chadron has a cool, old hotel, the Olde Main Street Inn, and a nice coffee shop/cafe, the Bean Broker. And Mt. Rushmore and all that stuff in the Black Hills is just a short drive away.

2. Niobrara River/Valentine. To be a real Nebraskan, you must float or paddle down the scenic Niobrara River east of Valentine.

That forested canyon is unlike anywhere in the Midwest, and features the state's highest waterfalls (and coldest shower if you stand beneath Smith Falls) and wildest rapids (Rocky Ford).

Valentine has a nice brew pub, a super good western store and a local bookstore to explore. And if chasing a golf ball is your thing, there's some mighty expensive courses just outside of town as well as an affordable public course in town.

3. Niobrara (the town)/Verdigris/Monowi. This corner of northeast Nebraska features a town of one resident (Monowi), Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park, a historic western boardwalk (in Winnetoon) and the self-proclaimed "Kolach Capitol of the World" (Verdigris).

The Missouri River in that area is unchannelized, and retains vistas that Lewis & Clark might have experienced. The Santee Indian Tribe operates a world-class golf course nearby, Tatanka.

4. Nebraska's Monument Valley. If you've never seen Chimney Rock, Courthouse Rock or Scotts Bluff, you've missed out.

Can you imagine what some greenhorns slowly traversing the Plains in covered wagons might have thought when they saw first mountain-like formations?

Wagon wheel ruts are still visible at Ash Hollow State Historical Park, and atop Scotts Bluff National Monument, you can see for miles.

The endless sand beaches of Lake McConaughy are on the way, and in the Scottsbluff-Gering area you can get into a fierce debate over the best Mexican eatery. Gering has one of the best museums in the state, the Legacy of the Plains Museum, too.

5. Nebraska City/Brown-

ville area. If museums are your thing, Nebraska City has you covered. There's historic sites dedicated to windmills, firefighters, freight wagons and Lewis & Clark, the explorers who traversed up the nearby Missouri River.

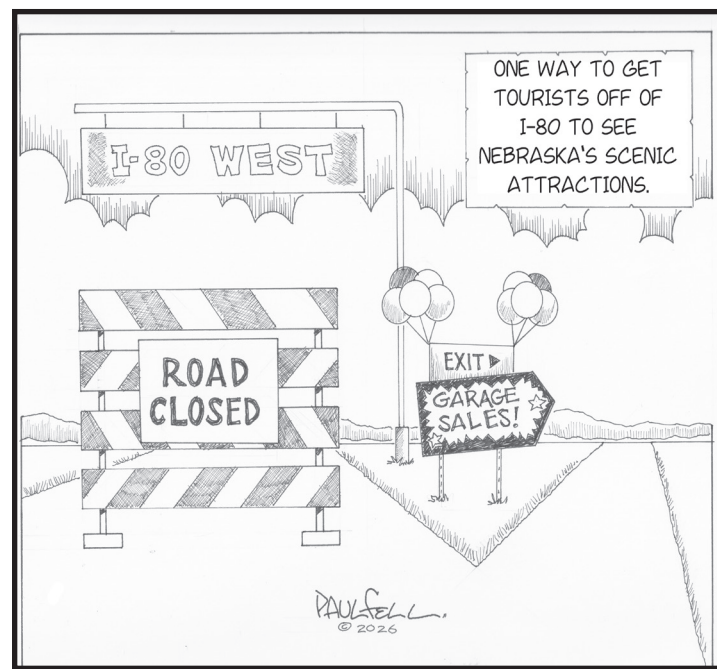
There's also the Mayhew Cabin, which served as a stop on the Underground Railroad for people fleeing slavery in Missouri and other states to the south. A dedicated group of volunteers is bringing the cabin back to life after years of neglect and a devastating flood. An Underground Railroad site has also been established in Falls City, where Abolitionists were outfitted before heading south.

Brownville, an historic village along the Missouri, is almost totally dedicated to tourists, with galleries, gift shops and places to eat. There's also a concert hall that hosts music and theater productions.

Just south is Indian Cave State Park, which gets my vote as the best place to experience fall colors in Nebraska. If you have little kids, the annual Halloween festival there (haunted hayrack rides, campsite decorating contest) is a can't miss.

I've missed a lot of cool places (like the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Omaha's Old Market, the "Villagers" of Taylor and the Sandhills) but you get the idea. Get out there.

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



STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: INSECTS

ACROSS

1. Ira ___ of NPR
6. Mr. Turkey
9. Gives the boot
13. Between octet and decet
14. Ginger one
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23. Comic book shriek
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37. 4th down kick
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52. Concurrence word
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63. Aquarium scum
64. *Lightning bug trap?
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68. Part of a flower
69. Bonanza find
70. Courtroom excuse
71. Whiskey grain, pl.
72. Coniferous tree
73. #52 Across, pl.

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4. Marsh plant
5. Not impromptu
6. Diplomat's asset
7. Antediluvian
8. Hajj destination
9. Cocaine plant
10. Got an A
11. March Madness org.
12. *Number of legs on an insect
15. Famous Roman orator
20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
22. Mischief-maker
24. Opposite of energetic
25. * ___ fly, first living creature sent to space
26. "I don't know," casually
27. #43 Across, pl.
29. * ___ beetle, world's strongest insect
31. *Shape of a ladybug or carpet beetle
32. Not tomorrow, not yesterday
33. Like basketball's final eight
34. *Lepidoptera members, not butterflies
36. Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, e.g.
38. Reason for suit
42. Tutu fabric
45. Duran Duran's 1984 hit, with The
49. "Monkey ____, monkey do"
51. Wiggle room
54. "Have a great time!"
56. Useful
57. Performance with acts
58. Lecherous look
59. "Betcha Can't Eat Just One" brand
60. Tea or beer
61. Hawaiian flower garlands
62. Major European river
63. Acronym, abbr.
65. "Roses ___ red"
67. Bad-mouth, slangily



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75 Years Ago, June 3, 1951 to June 9, 1951

The Missouri River at Rulo reached a crest of 21 feet. It was the highest mark so far for the year.

Gil Dodds, a former Falls Cityan who had vaulted to fame in the mile, was devoting himself exclusively to Christian youth evangelism. Dodds was to arrive in Falls City to see relatives, but had to postpone. Dodds wrote relatives saying he would only be able to stay June 14 and 15th, following a whirlwind round-the-world evangelistic jaunt.

Yale Athletic Director Robert Hall, worried about losing fans due to games being broadcast on television, floated the idea of pay-per-view or allowing theaters to broadcast games at a cost.

E.J. Morehead, a Falls City auto dealer, finished as runner-up to Ralph Kohler of Tekamah in the doubles competition in the final round of the State Trap shoot at Doniphan. Kohler broke 91 out of 100 targets, while Morehead finished with 90.

The Rulo Garden Club held its first annual flower show at the Rulo auditorium. The show included displays of flowers, floral arrangements and unusual possessions, collections and antiques. Approximately 150 people attended the show.

Wanted: I have a new 1951 Case Automatic Baler. This baler has all the advantages of the "NCM" plus simple, positive automatic tying. For baling, call Ervin Eickhoff, Phone 881.

Miss Mary Alex Smith of Verdon served as Doane College Queen of May at Crete in a celebration highlighting the opening day of Doane's commencement activities.

Fifteen Salem Boy Scouts were invested with Troop 395 of Salem at the Court of Honor held on the baseball diamond at City Park. Scoutmaster for the group was Robert Schemmel, Salem school principal. Ray N. Marsh was the assistant Scoutmaster.

Two breaks in the 14-inch water supply line from the city's wells on the Missouri River exhausted Falls City's reserve supply, leaving the city without water for several hours.

Both breaks occurred about a quarter of a mile east of Preston.

The Earl E. May store was moving to larger quarters. The seed firm, currently located at 1512 Stone Street, was moving a block north into the Towle Realty Company building, which had formerly been occupied by the Hinky Dinky store.

Don Heinzleman was elected president of the Falls City Lions Club, succeeding Kenneth Sandrock.

A third break in the cast iron pipes caused Falls City to go without water for approximately 20 hours.

Back by popular demand, the "Champagne Music" of Lawrence Welk and his nationally famous orchestra was to play a return engagement in Falls City on Friday, June 22.

50 Years Ago, June 3, 1976 to June 9, 1976

The Falls City Summer Recreation Program's fund drive fell far short of its goal, according to Mrs. Dick Bryan. The fund drive collected \$2,782.93 out of a goal of \$8,000.

Bob Martin of Lincoln was named as the new head football coach at Falls City High School, replacing Mike Butler, who moved on to coach Omaha Gross. The 33-year-old had coached the defensive secondary the previous two years at Doane College.

The Verdon class of 1921 held a reunion at the Twilight Tavern in Verdon with 10 of the 12 class members and their spouses in attendance. Mrs. Edwin Werner, class president, was in charge of the affair.

For Sale—Building and lots known as the Red Barn Diner. Price, \$6,000. Miller-Monroe Co., Brokers.

Charles H. Simon of Falls City was elected as chairman of the Richardson County Central Democratic Committee. Mr. Simon succeeded Mrs. Charlene Schuetz of Verdon.

Doug Butrick, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Butrick, returned from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, where he was rushed following an eye injury suffered in a Pee Wee League base game. Doug was in the batter's box when he was struck in the right eye as the catcher was throwing the ball back to the mound. His retina was damaged, and his iris was broken, but doctors said it would heal.

Five members of the city council testified at the fifth session of a public hearing regarding the firing of Police Chief Ivan Bieck by the city council on May 8.

Vickie Rathman hurled the first no-hitter of the season in the Girls' Softball League as Fireside Inn Blanked Crosstown Café, 10-0.

According to alumni secretary Harold Prichard, the 1976 all-school reunion promised to be the largest ever.

The Dawson-Verdon girls' softball team defeated Auburn 35-15. Linda Schultz pitched the full seven innings for the win, while adding a seventh-inning home run to boot.

The Crosstown Café advertised a weekly special that included breakfast all day, eggs, toast and coffee for just 89 cents.

The parole board voted 4-1 to parole Caril Fugate, the accomplice of mass killer Charles Starkweather. The two were involved in killing 10 people in 1958.

Officers of the newly organized Board of Education of the Dawson-Verdon School District 15 C included president Walt Haring, vice president Ron Fritz and secretary Marian Leatherman.

25 Years Ago, June 3, 2001 to June 9, 2001

An 11th-hour decision by Bobby Campbell led him to purchase a raffle ticket at the Riding Club's Rodeo event. Five minutes later, he was announced as the grand prize winner. Campbell had the choice of a Polaris 400 Explorer 4-wheeler, a Polaris SLH 700 Jet Ski or \$4,500 cash; Campbell chose the cash.

Mayor Marshall Maddox presented service awards to city employees at the City Council meeting. Mary Arnold was recognized for 30 years of service, Robert Martin and John Rieger for 25 years and Larry Merz and Kim Buckminster for 20.

The 31st annual Stella School reunion was held at Southeast Consolidated School, with 80 people attending.

The Falls City Juniors swept a double header at Lincoln Lutheran, 15-6 and 9-8. Clint Martinosky threw a complete game in the first contest and scored the first run for Falls City. The Falls City Middle School Students of the Month of May were Amber Rexroad, Billy Kopf and Travis Mullins.

Barney Meinzer was pictured on the front page of *The Journal* tossing out the first pitch of the 2001 Falls City Summer Recreation softball and baseball season. Meinzer was a long-time Pee Wee League coach during the late 1970s and 1980s.

County Commissioners Gayle Swisegood, Jim Sefried and Bill Ely voted to adopt a Comprehensive Plan resolution, following a 55-minute public hearing held in the District Courtroom.

Nic Sikora, a student at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, was accepted as a member of the United States Youth Ensemble's 2001 European Concert Tour.

Anne Martin, daughter of Steve and B.K. Brott earned a Master of Arts degree with a concentration in speech-language pathology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The initial Yard of the Week award for 2001 was presented to Mrs. Antone Schawang at 2101 Harlan Street.

Sacred Heart Track and Girls Basketball Head Coach Dennis Prichard was chosen as the Nebraska Coach of the Year in Girls Track and Field by the National Federation of Coaches Association.

Dr. Lanthan D. Camblin Jr., the son of Mrs. Aileen Camblin and the late L.D. Camblin was promoted to full professor at the University of Cincinnati.

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Richardson County Farm Bureau donates to Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Relief fund to help with wildfires

Nebraskans Always Willing to Help - The devastating wildfires that ravaged western Nebraska this year have had a major impact on many farmers and ranchers. The Nebraska Farm Bureau recognizes this impact and has established a disaster relief fund. The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is collecting and distributing funds to farms and ranches that suffered damage in the recent massive wildfires in western Nebraska. To date, the Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund has raised more than \$300,000, with 100% of the donations designated to directly support these farmers and ranchers.

Applications for assistance are now open at www.nefb.org/reliefapplication,

and Nebraska Farm Bureau membership is not required to apply. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$5,000 per household or operation. Funding decisions are based on the extent of losses, operational impact and available resources. Distributions will continue until all donated funds are allocated.

At its March meeting, the Richardson County Farm Bureau members unanimously voted to donate \$1000 towards the Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund to help their neighbors. During a recent trip to Lincoln, Richardson County Farm Bureau secretary/treasurer, Dick James, presented a check to Foundation Executive Director Megahn Schafer at the Nebraska Farm Bureau

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ty currently uses are built lighter to carry more rock.

"That's why I went this way," said Darveau. "They are lighter, and we're hauling more material."

The Highway Superintendent also advised the Board that there was some road damage with recent rains "here and there, nothing bad."

He said a box culvert on the state line will need attention. Darveau said he has been in discussions with Brown County, Kansas, and that Brown County will be on the hook for half the cost of repairing the culvert. He pointed to field tile on the Kansas side being run incorrectly as the main reason for the problem. Darveau said there are statutes that must be followed when redirecting water from fields.

Darveau said, "Our road ditches are not meant for their field tile drainage."

He went on to say that property owners are required by statute to drain their water into a ditch on their property.

He said they are supposed to drain their water, "to a natural flow, and if there is not, they are supposed to turn it onto their own property."

He said the project northwest of Dawson has not started due to weather, but they have a June 16th completion date they must meet.

He also informed the Commissioners that the scrap tire collection was successful, with approximately 6,200 tires collected.

Also, a bid to replace the underground fuel tanks at the county yard was received, totaling over \$600,000. Additional bids will be solicited. The current tanks are rated for 20 years and have been in the ground for 29 years. The tanks currently have capacities of 10,000 and 12,000 gallons.

At 9:31, Caverzagie moved to enter a closed meeting with Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Stonebarger to discuss personnel matters and protect an individual's reputation. The regular meeting was reopened at 9:50.

County Assessor Kim

Riggs met with the Board to review the recent notice from the NE Tax Equalization and Review Commission on the value of real property in the county.

The numbers have the residential class valued at 95% of the actual or fair market value, the commercial class at 100%, and the agricultural land class at 70%.

County Clerk Mary Eickhoff was designated the budget-making authority for 2026-2027.

Commissioner Karas moved to designate MIPS to print the postcard notices for the Joint Public Hearing in September, if needed. The motion carried.

Campbell moved to approve a quote from One-Neck for licensing Microsoft programs for three years at \$10,140, and a quote for the Meraki security license for three years at \$8,795.66. The motion carried.

A claim for gWorks was denied in the amount of \$21,225.50. The claim is for an early termination fee.

Claims were approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to RJ Hamilton for his heroic actions and immediate response during my accident on Wednesday, May 20. His quick response and selfless efforts, along with the assistance of Randy and Sally Nuss and Kyle Eickhoff, played a critical role in saving my life.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Falls City Ambulance Squad, Gary Frederick, the Richardson County Sheriff's Department, Rev. James Meyesburg, the emergency room staff at Community Medical Center and the staff at Bryan West for the outstanding care, throughout this ordeal.

To everyone who has visited, called, checked in on me since I returned home and all of my family, thank you for the overwhelming support, prayers and kindness. It has meant more to me than words can properly express.

- Jerry McKim



Brownville Concert Series presents Stacy Sullivan



The Brownville Concert Series is thrilled to present Stacy Sullivan in "Tornado Alley." Sullivan; recording artist, film, television and stage actress grew up in Oklahoma, with its wide-open spaces and harsh extremes of climate.

"Tornado Alley," has been described by the *New York Times* as a musical weather report about American life through stormy weather, with the knowledge that anything can happen at any moment. It's sure to be one you won't want to miss. The shows will be in cabaret on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13 at 7:30pm, and in concert Sunday, June 14 at 2:00pm. We give special thanks to Victoria and John Ackerman, Kay Rosenbohm, and Jane Rohman for helping to sponsor these shows.

Award-winning vocalist, Stacy Sullivan, has appeared in venues around the world, from The Crazy Coqs in London to The Cafe Carlyle in New York and the Cinegrill in Hollywood. Her six albums, including her latest "Stranger in a Dream" (Harbinger Records) and "It's a Good Day: A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee" (LML Music). She can be heard regularly on The Jonathon Channel, Seriously Sinatra, and radio stations across the country. She appeared in numerous film, commercial, and television projects in Hollywood, (memorably creating the role of Sissel Jorgensen on the award-winning series, *Christy*, starring Tyne Daly) but career took a backseat to children for many years, leading her to keep the musical drive alive by recording five critically acclaimed albums. With a move to New York in 2012, career dreams took flight in the creation of "It's a Good Day-A Tribute to Miss Peggy Lee," the live show and recording that would change her life.

Stephen Holden, of *The New York Times* has referred to her performances as "Spellbinding," "Darkly Sultry," and "Compelling." Clive Davis of *The Times* (London) wrote, "A commanding, willowy presence, Sullivan captures that rare combination of vulnerability and worldliness." "On the Air," the show she wrote and performs for Piano Jazz creator, Marian McPartland, caught the eye (and ear) of legendary radio personality and music connoisseur Jonathan Schwartz, who presented it to New York City at WNYC's "The Greene Space," which led to a run at The York Theatre in Manhattan and the recording "Stranger in a Dream." *The Wall Street Journal* called it "Cabaret for Thinking People," and *The New York Times* raved, "Sullivan transports you to a twilight zone of wistful reflection that recalls the dreamier side of Peggy Lee." Her numerous awards include; Nightlife, Broadway World, Backstage Bistro, and Five-Time MAC Award winner.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$16 for Students. Purchase them online at www.brownvilleconcertseries.org, on Facebook or call 402-825-3331.

The Nebraska Arts Council (www.nebraskaartscouncil.org), a state agency, supports this program through a matching grant funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.



Officer Team: New Officers: Kamdyn Huppert, Elijah Leyden, Bowdy Jones, Dayton Snethen, Caroline Powell, Taiylah Moore.



State Degrees: Ethan Morris, Malori Kuker, Brock Niedfeldt and Bowdy Jones.



FFA Alumni Scholarship: Alumni Member - Luke Goff, Scholarship Winners: Brock Niedfeldt, Malori Kuker, Breean Eickhoff, Ethan Morris and Haiden Dorste.



Retiring Jackets: Kaydence Rego, Evie Rue, Breean Eickhoff, Malori Kuker, Ethan Morris, Haiden Dorste, Blakely Sells and Brock Niedfeldt.

Falls City FFA holds annual end of year banquet

By Bowdy Jones

On Sunday, April 26, the Falls City FFA Chapter held its annual end of the year banquet. Officers and members worked to prepare the banquet hall and the meat which would be served. The Banquet started at 6:00 where food was served to all attendees and members. After food and

dessert served the banquet hall came to order.

Adam Morris gave a wonderful opening speech, and a slideshow that included all of the photos and memories from this year's events was played. The officer team then announced and awarded members for all the competitions throughout the

year as well as degrees and proficiency awards. Some notable chapter accomplishments were, Kemper Foster earning the American FFA Degree, Members Bowdy Jones, Ethan Morris, Brock Niedfeldt, and Malori Kuker earning their State Degrees.

There were five FFA Alumni Scholarships awarded to members Ethan Morris, Breean Eickhoff, Malori Kuker, Brock Niedfeldt, and Haiden Dorste. There were six Greenhand Degrees, five Chapter Degrees and five chapter proficiencies awarded. Ethan Morris received district gold and state silver proficiency awards.

After awards were announced, the 2026-2027 Falls City FFA officer team was inducted. The new officers are as follows; Dayton Snethen-President, Bowdy Jones-Vice President, Elijah Leyden- Secretary, Kamdyn Huppert- Treasurer, Caroline Powell- Reporter and Taiylah Moore-Sentinel. The senior FFA Members retired their jackets and the meeting was adjourned.

A big thank you to all who helped make our banquet possible. Thank you to all who have supported our chapter this year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year next year as well.

SOCIETY

Shubert Legion Auxiliary Unit 222

By Tana J Brown Secretary

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 met May 12, 2026 at the home of Vicki Beilke. Co-President Vicki Beilke called the meeting to order and called for a moment of silence. In the absence of Chaplain Lacey Noa, Tana Brown offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A part of the song 'An American Soldier' was shared, and the ALA Preamble was recited. Roll call was answered by seven members.

Secretary Tana Brown read the minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting. They were approved as read. Judy Schlosser gave the treasurers report.

Committee Reports: Judith Jeffrey took treats to Veterans in the care facilities in Falls City in April. Lana Willman plans to take in May. The Americanism Essay winner's pictures and article have been published in the papers. The EOY report is completed and submitted. Word was received that Avery Santo did receive the Healthcare scholarship. A picture and article will be published. Everyone is to note the grave markers that will need to be straighten as they distribute flags and poppies on the cemeteries. Teacher appreciation baskets with mini chocolate bars were taken to HTRS for Teacher Appreciation week in May. Judy Schlosser made patriotic potholders, Jana Wheeler gave spatulas and Tana Brown added a taco cookbook for our Unit contribution for the District Basket to be raffled at Department convention for the AEF fund. Those items have been given to District President Bobbi Albers.

Officers for the coming year were discussed. Am-

ber Last made a motion that the officers would stay the same with the exception that the Unit would no longer have co-presidents. Vicki Beilke would be the President and Jana Wheeler the Vice President with Judy Schlosser as Treasurer, Tana Brown as Secretary and Lacey Noa as Chaplain. Sondra Becket seconded the motion and motion passed.

The next meeting will be June 9, 2026 with place to be decided.

Tana Brown gave the closing prayer Co-President Vicki Beilke declared the meeting adjourned.

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Falls City Educational Foundation announces 2026 scholarship recipients

The Falls City Educational Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2026 scholarship awards, recognizing graduating seniors and a currently enrolled college student with financial support for their continued education.

The foundation awarded 24 scholarships to graduating seniors totaling more than \$60,000.

Recipients included: Ella Ann Glathar, recipient of the \$7,500 John S. and Ethel A. Boswell Memorial Scholarship.

Malori Lea Kuker, recipient of a \$7,000 William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship.

Brock Niedfeldt, recipient of a \$7,000 William and Genevieve Margrave Memorial Scholarship.

Ethan Henry Morris, recipient of a \$5,000 Falls City High School Alumni Association Scholarship.

Carlea Kathryn Dunkhas, recipient of a \$5,000 Falls City High School Alumni Association Scholarship.

Evie Breann Rue, recipient of the \$3,500 Rod and Janis Vandenberg Memorial Scholarship.

Emmett N. Daake, recipient of the \$3,300 Jim and Diane Sefried Family Scholarship.

Brock Patrick Caudle, recipient of the \$2,700 Harriett Hunker Scholarship.

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Brean Eickhoff, recipient of a \$1,800 Virgil J. Gerlt Memorial Scholarship.

Haiden Aaron Dorste, recipient of a \$1,800 Virgil J. Gerlt Memorial Scholarship.

Vaden Derrick Leyden, recipient of a \$1,800 Falls City Educational Foundation Scholarship.

Kyleigh Nichole Furnas, recipient of the \$1,500 Margaret Goldsmith Rice Memorial Scholarship.

Beata Mikey Clark, recipient of the \$1,500 Ralph W. Sympon Memorial Scholarship.

Ryker Jay Jones, recipient of the \$1,500 Kathryn Bartek Memorial Scholarship.

Peyton T. Brown, recipient of the \$1,200 Jug Brown Memorial Scholarship.

Blakely Richard Sells, recipient of the \$1,200 Benjamin Guy Sailors

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Chase Michael Simpson, recipient of the \$1,000 Judith Carter Memorial Scholarship.

Elizabeth Renee Vice, recipient of the \$1,000 Albert Rieschick Scholarship.

Tallan Jac Zimmerman, recipient of the \$1,000 Carol Hall Youssefi Memorial Scholarship.

Ashton John Martin, recipient of the \$1,000 Kyle Huppert Memorial Scholarship.

The foundation also awarded one scholarship to a currently enrolled college student.

Ashleigh Kirkendall received the \$2,000 Betty Schawang Memorial Scholarship.

SENCA announces 2026 Community Leadership Scholarship winners

By SENCA

Since 2013, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) has invested more than \$34,000 in post-secondary scholarships to graduating seniors throughout the agency's six core county service area. Scholarships are heavily weighted in community service activities.

In addition to other scoring areas, which includes an essay, applicants earn scholarship points from their prior involvement with SENCA programs and services.

This may include participation in: SENCA Head Start Preschool – age three to five or in the SENCA

SMART Financial Literacy program as an 8th grader or high school student, volunteering for food drives or other nutrition related activities, and ringing bells for the annual Salvation Army Red



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Kettle campaign where 90 percent of the donations received stay in the county where donated to provide local resources to households experiencing an emergency situation.

Each year SENCA's goal is to award six \$500 scholarships, one per county, to graduating seniors residing in Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson. SENCA scholarship applications are emailed to all area high school guidance counselors each year, typically in

January, with completed applications due back to SENCA around mid-March.

Applications are also available on the SENCA website - www.senca.org

SENCA 2026 Scholarship winners include: Addison Janssen, Weeping Water High School (Cass County); Trevin Huskey, Johnson County Central High School (Johnson County); Alayna Gerdes, Johnson-Brock High School (Nemaha County); Alvaro Torres Hincapie, Nebraska City Public High School (Otoe County); Abby Dietrich, Pawnee County High School (Pawnee County); and Madison Bredemeier, HTRS High School (Richardson County).

For more information regarding SENCA programs and services please visit www.senca.org or like SENCA at www.facebook.com/Senca1.



Roger Lampe - Nebraska Elks State President and Ben Hullman - ER celebrating students who received the Most Valuable Student Scholarships from Falls City Elks #963. Students included Carlea Dunkhas, Ella Glathar, Addy Sayer, Parker Hoffman, Gavin Bauer, Peyton Brown and Ethan Morris. These students and their families were treated to supper and a special recognition program at the Falls City Elks #963.

BUILDING PERMITS

Jeremy and Rylee Robinson, 2121 Crook St.; new fence, \$3,000.00.

Mary Jo Tangeman, 2202 Morton St.; install generator, \$5,000.00.

Matt Marrs, 1007 E 11th St.; Installation of 18kW generator, \$18,192.00.

Scott Woods 2103

Towle St.; new fence, \$1,500.00.

Vision Homes, 2512 Harlan St.; roof replacement, \$14,800.00.

Brian and Chelsie Miller, 2119 Lane St.; plumbing repair, \$1,800.00.

Judy Huettner, 2603 Schoenheit St.; replacing water heater, \$1,200.00.

Kathy Gulland, 1709 McLean St.; egress window install, \$2,000.00.

Darlene Merz, 317 E 23rd St.; kitchen remodel, \$18,000.00.

Emmet Kirkendall, 1402 McLean St.; roof replacement, \$13,685.00

Tyler and LeAnn Bek, 3001 Bill Schock Blvd.; new driveway, \$9,200.00.

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DISTRICT COURT

Chris M. Bryant, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$5,000+, amended to theft-unlawful taking \$1,500-4,999, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes probation for term of 18 months, restitution of \$317, probation admin fee of \$30.

Joshua M. Dennings, count one, assault by confined person-no weapon, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 9, 2026.

Blake Rolfe, count one, sexual assault-1st degree, amended to sexual assault/child-3rd degree, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Dena J. Peters, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for August 4, 2026.

COUNTY COURT

Dillion T. May, count one, disturbing the peace, pled not guilty; count two, acts declared unlawful-license/driving, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Aleaha B. Siders, count one, DV assault-3rd/threat/ menacing manner, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Brandon M. Reyes, counts 1-3, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Christan V. Stevens, count one, procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$500; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

Amanda Monser, count one, theft-unlawful taking \$501-1,499, pled not guilty.

Chevy W. Imel, count one, animals running at large, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50.

Thomas R. Summers, count one, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$300; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

John M. Bennett, count one, no proof of insurance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no valid registration, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25.

Joseph Walter, count one, drive under suspense/before reinstated, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$150, license revoked for term of one year.

Roderick Rowland, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, amended to disturbing the peace. Pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

Amber I. Sutton, count one, refuse to submit to test-1st offense, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of nine months, offender assessment screening of \$10, drug testing fee of \$45, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$225, license revoked for term of 60 days, interlock device; count two, speeding 21-35 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$300, probation for term of nine months.

Wyatt Anderson, count one, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count

two, maintaining a nuisance-1st in 12 months, pled guilty and fined \$25.

Steven E. Thompson, count one, animals running at large-2nd offense, amended to animal running at large, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25.

Aden D. Smith, count one drive under susp/before reinstated, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentencing scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Cameron L. Collins, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$150, license revoked for term of one year; count two, speeding 16-20 mph, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$200.

Joshua T. Hall, count one, assault-2nd degree, amended to assault-cause bodily injury, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 30 days, credit for 28 days served; count two, disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 10 days.

Rocky R. Paxson, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled guilty, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for July 21, 2026.

Amy J. Settrini, count one, del/dsp/dst/man/pos except haz drug, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 2-3 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for July 21, 2026.

Mindy A. Monroe, counts 1-2, commit child abuse intentional/no injury; Class 3A felony, amended to commit child abuse negligently/no injury, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 3-6 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for June 23, 2026.

FCHS Class of 1971 holding 55th reunion

The FCHS Class of 1971 will be holding their 55th class reunion June 26-27.

Classmates are urged to get their reservations in to Bill Niedfeldt, 2516 Towle St., 68355 ASAP for both Friday night or Saturday. The caterer for the BBQ two-meat dinner needs to have a headcount by June 19 at the latest.

Friday night, the 26th, those who can attend will meet at the Elks Club around 7:00; the kitchen will be open until 9:00. We will have some appetizers on hand for those attending early.

On Saturday the 27th, the class will gather for dinner at the Historical Agricultural Building. Dinner is \$23/person and is BYOB; bring your coolers and ice. It will start at 6:00 with serving starting at 6:30.

Questions can be directed to either Bill (402-801-9089245) or Barb Rowan Tyler (402-432-8381) via text or phone call. The Facebook page (FCHS Class of 1971) has updates as well.

Please let other classmates know about this reunion as we want to see as many friends possible.

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

May 10, 2026 through May 11, 2026 calls: two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, four ambulance/EMS calls, two records checks, two animal calls, one burn permit, two miscellaneous calls, three referred to other agency calls, one parking complaint, one check welfare, one motorist assist, and one traffic/driving complaint. Twenty total calls. Nine 911 calls, two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and two warnings for speeding.

May 11, 2026 through May 12, 2026 calls: two miscellaneous calls, three information-only calls, one vandalism call, three ambulance/EMS calls, three HHS intake/referrals, one check welfare, and one fire call. Fourteen total calls. Three 911 calls, one fire call for Humboldt, and one warning for speed.

May 12, 2026 through May 13, 2026 calls: two information-only calls, one traffic hazard, three ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, one accident, one parking complaint, one HHS intake/referral, one miscellaneous call, and one referred to other agency call. Twelve total calls. Five 911 calls and one citation for dangerous animal.

May 13, 2026 through May 14, 2026 calls: two referred to other agency calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one gun permit, one HHS intake/referral, two miscellaneous calls, two 911 hang-up/misdial calls, one traffic/driving complaint, one disturbance, and one information-only call. Thirteen total calls. Six 911 calls, one warning for stop sign violation, and one citation for leaving an accident/fail to furnish information.

May 14, 2026 through May 15, 2026 calls: four ambulance/EMS calls, three miscellaneous calls, two animal calls, one fire call, one records check, one warrant arrest, one weather call, one HHS intake/referral, and one traffic/driving complaint. Fifteen total calls. Three 911 calls, one fire call for

Dawson, six citations for fail to use seatbelt, three citations for speeding, two citations for improper/defective vehicle lighting, two citations for engaging in speed contest, one citation for drive under suspension, one citation for no proof of insurance, one citation for misuse school permit, one citation as per warrant/fugitive from justice, one citation for fail to renew registration, one citation for plates not clear and visible, six warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, five warnings for speeding, two warnings for no license on person, one warning for fail to signal turn, one warning for fail to renew registration, one warning for non-resident violate 30-day immunity, one warning for plates not clear and visible, one warning for muffler violation, and one warning for fictitious display of plates.

May 16, 2026 through May 17, 2026 calls: three weather calls, one miscellaneous call, one suspicious person/vehicle call, four referred to other agency calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, two fire calls, one accident, and one 911 hang-up/misdial call. Fifteen total calls. Three 911 calls, fire calls for Falls City Rural Fire and Humboldt Fire, one citation for fictitious display, two citations for fail to use seatbelt, one citation for muffler required, three warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting, and one warning for speeding.

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The Post 102 and Adams Juniors baseball teams pose together with Gold Star mothers Anita Nolte and Noala Fritz before action last Tuesday at SNC Field.

Howard gives Post 102 Juniors walk-off win

The Froeschl Floors American Legion Post 102 Juniors improved to 2-3 on the year, going 2-1 this past week. The Juniors routed Adams 15-0 on Tuesday, fell to Chick-fil-A 2-10 on Wednesday, then rebounded to defeat the Lincoln squad 4-3 in the nightcap.

On Tuesday, Falls City raced to a 6-0 lead after the first inning and never looked back.

Baker Wissman led FC with a double and a triple in three at-bats. Reid Kirkendall went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI, while Elin Vonderschmidt and Ryder Hullman each collected two hits. Hullman led the team with four RBI, while Noah Howard drew three walks and scored twice. As a team, Falls City drew seven walks and struck out just three times.

Kam Huppert threw three shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out four.

Post 102 hosted Chick-fil-A (Lincoln Lutheran) for a double dip on Wednesday night.

The game was tied 2-2 in the opener heading into the third inning. Unfortunately for FC, the visitors scored three in the third and five more in the fourth, leading to a 10-2 win.

Paxton Holmes led off the bottom of the second with a single past the third baseman; it proved to be FC's only hit of the contest. A walk, two wild pitches, and a sac fly by Vonderschmidt tied the game at 2-2 after one.

Still knotted at two in the bottom of

the second, Karson Simpson and Tatum Ramer drew walks to open the inning. Unfortunately, two strikeouts and a groundout ended the threat.

FC went in order in the final two innings, dropping game one, 10-2.

Holmes had Falls City's only hit, while Shubert, Simpson, Ramer and Furnas drew walks. Vonderschmidt took the loss, surrendering three hits and five runs over three innings.

In the nightcap, Holmes threw three innings, allowing four hits and three runs, while Howard pitched the fourth, allowing no hits and no runs to earn the win.

Falls City trailed 3-0 entering the third. One out walks by Vonderschmidt and Howard; a wild pitch and a fielder's choice plated two runs to make it 3-2.

In the fourth, Kirkendall walked to lead off the inning, quickly followed by a free pass by Brody Scholl. Pinch runner Callan Furnas swiped third and scored on a fielder's choice, tying the game at 3-3. With two on and no outs, Howard laced a single up the middle to drive in Scholl, giving Falls City the walk-off win, 4-3.

Howard went 1-for-2 at the plate with an RBI and a walk, while Vonderschmidt added two free passes.

FC hosted Nehawka Post 157 for a doubleheader on Tuesday, June 2, and will host Louisville/Weeping Water on Tuesday, June 9, with first pitch at 5:30 p.m. both nights.



Gold Star mothers Noala Fritz, left, and Anita Nolte, right, threw out the first pitches of the season prior to Falls City hosting Adams last Tuesday.



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Tigers and Titans compete at golf districts

The Falls City Tiger golf team competed at the Class C-1 District Golf Meet held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Lincoln.

Ethan Morris had the low score of the day for the Tigers. Morris placed 44th in his final high school golf outing. The recent graduate shot a 54 on the front nine and a 45 on the back to finish the 18 holes with a 99 on the challenging course. Also, for FC, Knox Davis placed 67th with a 59/63 for a 122. Kole Schawang ended the season with a 65/67 for a 132 and placed 71st.

The HTRS Titans/Pawnee City also competed on Tuesday. Josh Manning had the best score for the Titan/Indians with a 60/49 for a 109 and a 51st place finish. Grey Sherman was next with a 59/51 for 54th, and Jonathan Koch shot a 58/55 113 and a 62nd place finish.

Overall, Lincoln Christian shot the best score of the meet with a 309, followed by Bishop Newmann with a 313 and Johnson-Brock with a 340.

Brooke Thiele of Bishop Neumann, Benjamin Mooss of Lincoln Christian

and David Watson of Lincoln Christian all shot 76s.

The Tigers did not record a team score as one player was sick, and another was disqualified.

Controversy ensued with the DQ of Tiger golfer Nolan Nicholuson. Apparently, Nicholuson was disqualified for turning in his scorecard to the wrong person. Then, according to Coach Joe Dunn, they couldn't find his scorecard. The disqualification came at the end of the round, once the golfer finished the 18 holes.

"I thought our seniors did a good job of being leaders this year and that will definitely help our underclassmen when next year gets here," said Coach Dunn. "At times, I thought we compete very well. In the three meets that we got second place as a team, each player did a good job of competing well enough to have a solid score for our team placement. It was an enjoyable second year as head coach, and I'm looking forward to an experienced group of young golfers next year."

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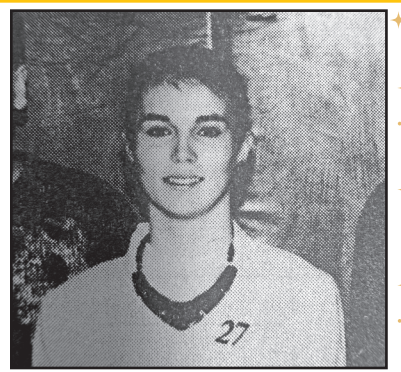
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Maxine Kuker

Maxine Marie Kuker, age 96, peacefully slipped the bonds of this earthly life to be with Jesus on May 26, 2026. While we grieve her passing, we find comfort in knowing she is finally reunited with her loving husband, Norman.

Maxine Marie Berg was born on May 14, 1930, to Arthur and Viola (Nichols) Berg. She met the love of her life, Norman, at a country school dance. On April 14, 1948, they were united in marriage at St. Mark's Lutheran Church near Verdon, Nebraska. Together they built their home and life on the family farm south of Barada.

Maxine devoted her life to her family as a farm wife and homemaker. She was independent woman and strong-willed, never afraid to speak her mind. Wonderfully stubborn in all the right ways, she carried herself with determination, grace and a spirit all her own. She had a deep love for chickens, gardening, canning, and baking, and she delighted in sharing those passions with her children and grandchildren. She became well known throughout the Barada area for her homemade noodles and cinnamon rolls. She also found great joy in feeding and watching the hummingbirds and wild birds through every season.

Their love story, which began at a young age, truly stood the test of time. Norman and Maxine shared 66 blessed years of marriage before Norman was called to Heaven. Maxine was a devoted member of the Barada Global Methodist Church, the Barada Sewing Circle, and the Barada Bells Choir. Her life was marked by love, compassion, kindness, and an unwavering faith in God. Her passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were blessed to know her.

Maxine is survived by her daughter, Pam (special friend George) of Falls City; sons, Rick (wife Fran) of Shubert and Gerald (wife Betty) of Falls City, sister Dorothy (husband Harry) of Nashville, Indiana.

Her beloved grandchildren include Craig Dungan (wife Mara), Becky Vonderschmidt (husband Justin), Brian Kuker (late wife Cassandra), Stephanie Kuker, Crystal Eickhoff (husband Robert), Desi McQueen (husband Brandon), Cassie Gaddis (special friend Joe), Shelby Kuker, and Eli Kuker (wife Shelby).

Maxine was also blessed with 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and numerous step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven by her parents; her husband, Norman; their infant son born at rest in 1953; her brother, Dale Berg; her sister, Marcelin Bahr; and a great-granddaughter born at rest.

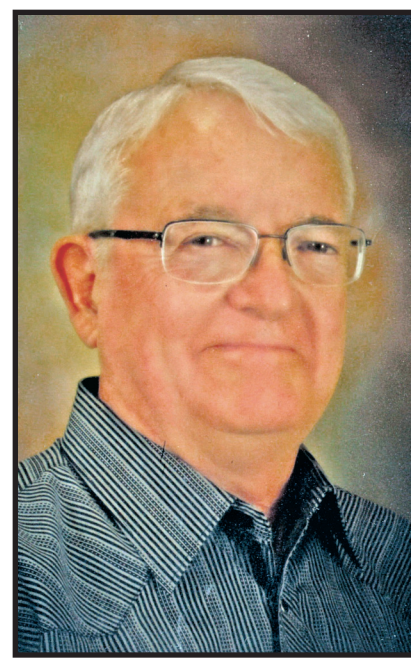
Viewing was held Saturday afternoon until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5:00 p.m. at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Barada Global Methodist Church in Barada, Nebraska, with Pastor Mike Hader officiating. Interment followed at Barada Harris Cemetery, where she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the family for a special memorial to be designated at a later time.

Norman Elliott



Norman Verl "Norm" Elliott passed away Monday, May 25, 2026, in Springfield, Missouri. He was the oldest child of E.V. "Pete" and Mildred L. (Paxton) Elliott and was raised on a farm northwest of Falls City, Nebraska. He was 86 years old.

He married his sweetheart, Joyce Elizabeth Schneidewind, in 1957, and together they had a daughter, Donna Sue (Balke), and a son,

Brent Lee Elliott. On August 25 of this year, they would have celebrated 69 years of marriage.

A 1957 graduate of Verdon High School, Norm earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska Omaha and a bachelor's degree in Christian Studies from North Central University. He worked in banking, insurance, real estate, and appraisal services throughout Nebraska and Kansas. He was active in many community organizations, including the Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce, Community Hospital Board, Lions Club, and local Realtor associations.

Above all, Norm was a man of God who spent his life showing the love of Christ to others through kindness, service, encouragement, and missions work. Norman served as a minister at a nursing home, alongside his wife Joyce, for over 30 years. His faith in God guided every part of his life and inspired those around him. He had a deep love for Israel and the Jewish people and treasured the opportunities he had to visit there. Norm and Joyce traveled to Israel 15 times.

Norm loved traveling, bicycling, hiking, and serving others around the world. Together, they explored 75 countries and traveled across many countries on their bicycles. Norm also enjoyed gardening, reading, writing, collecting pens and pencils, volunteering as a chaplain at Sac River Cowboy Church, and cheering for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Elliott of Springfield, Missouri; daughter Donna Sue Balke and husband James of Ridgedale, Missouri; son Brent Lee Elliott of Falls City, Nebraska; sister Elaine Lippold and husband Harold of Mankato, Kansas; along with five grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. His great-grandchildren lovingly called him "Papa Great."

Norm's greatest legacy will be the example of his unwavering faith in God and the love of Christ that he showed to his family. Through his kindness, servant's heart, devotion to prayer, and deep love for his family, he leaves behind a spiritual legacy that will continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Roger Lee Elliott and Duane M. Elliott. A private, intimate family gathering to celebrate Norman's life will take place at a later time.

Iris Vice

Iris C. Vice, 92, of Stella, NE, passed away May 27, 2026 in Lincoln, NE. She was born July 24, 1933 at Lincoln to Harold and Opal (Welch) Neff

She met her soul mate, Rolland E. Vice, at the age of seventeen. They were married three years later on April 5, 1953 at Stella.

The couple established their home in Ft. Dodge, IA for three years where she learned to cook from her sister-in-law Wilda Halligan. Growing up, she spent more time outside, riding horses, showing calves and being a tomboy. In 1957 they bought their family home in Stella where she lived with her lifelong love for the next 67 years. While in Stella, she worked at Lockard's grocery store and the Sewing Factory in Auburn until they bought a propane company in 1979. After retiring in 1994, she worked at Anderson's One Stop for several years. She was the back bone of her family, providing unwavering support to all members of her family without ever being in the spotlight. She was a member of Good News Assembly of God Church at Falls City.

Iris is survived by her husband of 72 years, Rolland of Stella, children, Terry of Brownville, NE, Lori Landes and her husband Greg of Jamesport, MO, Lisa Schrader of Omaha, eight grandchildren, Dan (Wendy) Vice of Auburn, Jayme Burlingame of Falls City, Brittney (Bradley) Burke, Bailey (Chris) Mazur, Briana Hixson all of Gallatin, MO, Chance Vice of Omaha, Tyler Schrader of Kansas City, Quinton Schrader of Omaha, ten great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Good News Assembly of God Church with Pastor Leonard Reimers officiating. Interment will be in Harris Cemetery.

The received friends on Monday from 7-8:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home.

Family prefers memorials to be made to the Good News Assembly of God Church.

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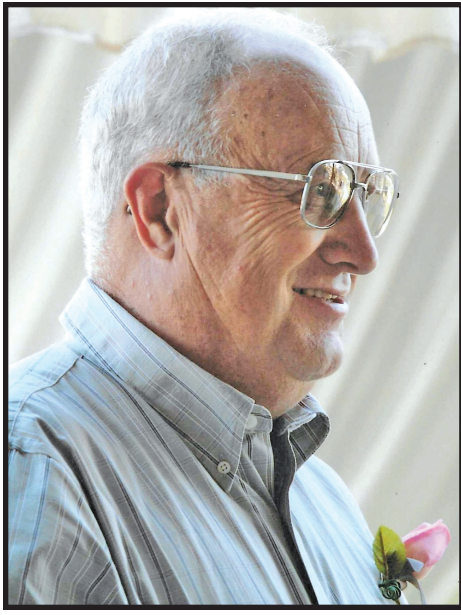
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Francis Duncan



Francis C. Duncan passed away peacefully at Maple Heights Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, where he had been a resident for the last five months.

Francis was born on December 4, 1938, in Falls City to Calvin and Edna Duncan. He was raised on a farm north of Falls

City, where he learned the value of a hard day's work.

He married the love of his life, Mary Duncan, on February 3, 1961, before leaving to serve in United States Army during the Korean era. Their marriage remained strong for 64 years until Mary's passing on January 6, 2026.

Together they had one son, Rick Duncan (Cathy) of Hiawatha. Francis was a proud grandpa to Lindsey, Levi, Derek, Maggie, and Bailey, and a great-grandpa to Maverick and Ruby.

Francis was truly a jack of all trades. Over the years, he worked at Frontier in Falls City, drove a truck for Elliott Meat Locker, and spent time in law enforcement before finding his true calling as the "Helpful Hardware Man." He began his retail career at Farm & City Supply in Falls City before eventually becoming co-owner of Hiawatha Farm & Home, which he operated with Mary by his side until they retired and sold the business.

Anyone who visited Francis and Mary's home was amazed by his yard. It was more like a botanical garden than a lawn. He had a remarkable green thumb and could grow just about anything, especially roses. You could usually find him outside in the yard or working in his shop, often accompanied by his favorite companion, Hope — or as Francis would proudly say, "the best dog ever."

Francis would do anything for anybody. If you were fortunate enough to call him a friend, you knew you could always count on him.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but it brings comfort knowing that Mary, Francis, and Hope are together again, still watching over all of us.

A Celebration of Francis' Eternal Life was held on 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha. Tony French officiated. Military honors were courtesy of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard. Private family inurnment will follow at Hiawatha Cemetery. The family met with friends one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Brown County Humane Society sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

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Dennis Crawford



Dennis Reed Crawford, lovingly known as "Denny," passed away surrounded by the love of family and the many memories he created throughout his life. Born November 15, 1942, in La Harpe, IL, to Donald and Nellie (Fogle/Reed) Crawford, Denny

spent his early childhood in Illinois before moving with his family to Pawnee City, NE.

Denny graduated from Pawnee High School in 1960 and later earned a degree from Peru State Teachers College in 1964 with majors in Social Sciences and Physical Education. He dedicated 48 years of his life to education and coaching, impacting countless students, players, coworkers, and friends across Nebraska communities including Byron, Wakefield, Sutherland, Falls City, Ralston, Friend, Broken Bow, Dawson, and Auburn.

On December 20, 1964, Denny married the love of his life, Judy Hubka. Together they built a life centered around family, hard work, and shared dreams. In addition to his passion for teaching and coaching, Denny loved raising horses, which brought him peace and joy throughout the years.

Denny was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Judy Crawford; children Malissa (Mark) Sittler, Clarissa (Mike) Whalen, and Clay (Chris) Crawford; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother Ron (Sharon) Crawford; sister Rita (Dennis) McGuire-Kent; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Nellie Crawford.

Denny will be remembered for his dedication to family, his love of coaching and mentoring young people, and the kindness and humor he shared with everyone around him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Judy Crawford, 308 E 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska 68355.

Cindy Schuster



Cindy Ann Schuster, 67, of Lincoln, passed away peacefully May 20, 2026, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. She will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, loving heart, and contagious laugh that brightened the lives of everyone around her. She was born October 22, 1958, in

Lincoln to David and Elaine (Scholz) Sailors. A lifelong resident of Nebraska, Cindy was the oldest of two children and grew up surrounded by family, faith, and community. She graduated from Falls City High School in 1977 and later earned her associate degree from Lincoln School of Commerce.

Cindy married Dennis Schuster on August 21, 1982. Together they raised two daughters, Maggie and Madison, who were the pride and joy of her life. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to her family and was a loving and selfless mother every day of her life. Cindy worked as the office manager at Cherry Hill Dentistry for 40 years, where she formed countless friendships and touched the lives of many with her kindness, warmth, and caring spirit. Cindy loved people deeply and always put others before herself. She chose to be a light to those around her, offering encouragement, compassion, and joy to everyone she met. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church and held tightly to her faith in God throughout her life.

One of Cindy's greatest blessings was becoming a grandmother. Her five grandchildren brought immeasurable joy to her life and were truly her pride and joy. She cherished every moment spent with her family, and her smile and laughter had a way of making every room brighter. Cindy was happiest when surrounded by the people she loved most.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by her daughters, Maggie (Kyle) Fox, of Panama City Beach, FL and Madison (Tyler) Roth, of Beaver Crossing, NE; grandchildren, Avery Roth, Otto Fox, Oliver Roth, Lola Fox, Owen Roth; parents, David and Elaine Sailors, of Falls City, NE; husband, Dennis Schuster, of Seward, NE; brother, Doug Sailors, of Lincoln, NE; mother-in-law, Darlene Schuster, of Sterling, NE; sister-in-law, Liz McCarville, of Lincoln, NE; nephews, Stephen and Alex Sailors, of Phoenix, AZ; and niece, Celeste Sailors, of Lincoln, NE; special friend, Larry Danhauer, of Lincoln, NE.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Gus and Lola Scholz, Vern and Jean Sailors; and father-in-law, David Schuster.

Memorials may be given to the family for future designation.

Funeral Service were held 11:00 am Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at First Lutheran Church, 1551 S. 70th Street, Lincoln, NE.

Visitation was held 5:00-7:00 pm Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Metcalf Funeral Home, 245 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE.

Dorothy Last



Dorothy Irene Last, 93, of Lincoln passed away on May 22, 2026 in Lincoln. She was born at home on October 2, 1932 in Falls City, NE to Alfred A. and Alma L. (Karsten) Schmidt. On December 25, 1951 she was united in marriage to Norman Last. During their 64 years of marriage they lived in numerous states and Dorothy held various jobs. Upon retirement, they settled in Lincoln to be close to family.

Dorothy was active in her church and enjoyed baking, cooking, traveling and crocheting. Most of all, she enjoyed her time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as evidenced by the many photos displayed in her home.

She is survived by her children Mike (Ellen) Last and Cindy (Steve) Schiefelbein; grandchildren Donovan (Lottie) Last, Chris (Ingrid) Last, Bob (Erika) Last, Kelli (Elijah) Luebbe, and Matt (Kristen) Schiefelbein; and 10 great grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Norman, brother Paul, and granddaughter Jennifer.

Funeral services will be held on at 10:00 a.m., Monday June 8 at Christ Lincoln Church, 4325 Sumner St, Lincoln. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery in Falls City, NE. Memorials to Christ Lincoln Church in Lincoln or St. Paul Lutheran Church in Falls City. Condolences: www.bmlfh.com.

Dan Weddle



Dan Weddle, 79, of Pawnee, Nebraska, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. Born on February 7, 1947, in Falls City, Nebraska, Dan was the son of Ralph and Bettie (Daniels) Weddle.

Dan met the love of his life, Neala Halterman, while attending high school in Nebraska City. The couple was united in marriage on Decem-

ber 22, 1967, beginning a partnership that would span nearly 59 years.

Answering the call to serve his country, Dan left college to honorably serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot. Following his tour overseas, he and Neala moved to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, where Dan served as an instructor pilot. During that time, they welcomed their son, Daniel "DJ."

The family later returned home to Nebraska, settling in southeast Nebraska, where Dan began his career as a probation officer in Pawnee City. There they welcomed their daughter, Marnie. Dan continued his military service for the next 35 years with the Nebraska National Guard, serving both as an instructor pilot and in the JAG office. Professionally, he advanced to become Chief Probation Officer, overseeing a 13-county area in southeast Nebraska.

Dan dedicated countless hours to creating the family's permanent home in Pawnee, helping remodel and build the house and lovingly constructing numerous flower beds for Neala. He had a lifelong passion for hunting quail, pheasant, and deer, as well as a deep appreciation for firearms from an early age. In retirement, he opened "The Lower Forty" gun store in Falls City, which was more a joyful hobby than a business.

Of all the roles Dan held in life, none brought him greater happiness than being "Grandpa" or "PaPa." He treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren — from family vacations and teaching them to shoot, to nightly phone calls to check in, be silly, or to just hear about their day.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Bettie Weddle of Nebraska City, and sister-in-law Donna Hamling.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Neala Weddle; son, DJ Weddle and wife Melissa of West Point, Nebraska, and their children Taylor, Makenna, Brooklyn, and Treven; daughter, Marnie Brezack and husband David of Omaha, Nebraska, and their daughter Ellie; brother, Tom Weddle and wife Ruth of Nebraska City; brother-in-law Rick Halterman and wife Mickey; sister-in-law Sandy Cummings and husband Pat; brother-in-law Leroy Hamling; along with many cherished nephews, nieces, extended family members, and friends.

Dan will be greatly missed, but remembered for his patriotic service and love of his country, dedication to his community, and the unwavering love for his family.

Dan wishes was to be cremated. Celebration of Life at a later date.

Memorials to the Pawnee County Memorial Foundation towards the Ambulance service.

Services pending with Wherry Mortuary, 919 G Street, Pawnee City, Nebraska

Laurel Rose "Lauri" (Livengood) Cole

Lauri Cole passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, at her home in rural Fairview, Kansas, from complications of metastatic melanoma.

Born October 20, 1960, in Denver, Colorado, to George Wilbur Livengood and Elizabeth Eichelberger Livengood, Lauri later moved to Sabetha, Kansas, where her mother married Eldon "Red" Carver, whom she lovingly called her wonderful stepdad.

On May 22, 1982, she married Robert Frank "Buzz" Cole in Falls City, Nebraska.

Lauri was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, nurse, and daycare provider. She is survived by her husband Buzz Cole; daughters, Melissa Cole Carpenter (Logan) and Linnea Cole Stover (Cory); grandson, Rolly Stover; brothers Jim (Ok Sun) Livengood and Brendan Carver (Becky Gunn); and many beloved family members and friends.

Lauri cherished time with family and friends. A devoted follower of Jesus Christ, she had a heart full of love and acceptance and was always willing to help those in need. She will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 20, at 11 a.m. at Crossroads Wesleyan Church in Sabetha, with lunch to follow.

250 YEARS

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soaring hawks and eagles. In reality, southeast Nebraska in 1776 was populated by vibrant societies of indigenous people who thrived on the natural resources in what would someday be called Richardson County.

The people that resided on this land in the 1700s were mostly of the Otoe tribe. They had migrated southwest from the Great Lakes area and had descended from an ancient civilization, the Oneata, who were also the ancestral race of the Iowa tribe who have part of their reservation in Richardson County today, as well as the HoChunk and Winnebago tribes.

The Otoe lived in permanent villages, residing mainly in earth lodges but sometimes using tipis and bark lodges. It was estimated that the population of the Otoe was over 1200 in the late 1700s. They couldn't have known at the time that the concurrent happenings in Philadelphia would ultimately cause their numbers to decrease to only 334 by the time the new US government officially counted them in 1886, after forcing them to less fertile Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma. Back in 1776, though, they were living well as a result of successful hunting and agricultural practices. The men hunted buffalo, on foot and with bows and arrows in 1776, although by the early 1800s they would be in possession of horses and guns through trading with the Spanish who travelled up from Mexico through the southwest. The women processed the meat and also used all parts of the animals, such as bones, horns and hides, for tools, clothing and house wares. They also were thrifty farmers, cultivating and preserving such crops as squash, corn, beans and pumpkins. Within twenty years after the birth of America, that peaceful way of life was being threatened by other tribes, the westward expansion of European-American settlers, and the spread of diseases such as smallpox. In 1796 the Otoe merged with a neighboring tribe, the Missouri, who were also descended from the Oneata and shared the same original language, although the Otoe had historically considered the Missouri their inferiors. The merged group continued to live in this area as the US Government systematically wrote and violated treaties that diminished their land in 1830, 1833, 1836 and 1854. The 1854 treaty limited the tribe's holdings to a reservation along

the Nebraska-Kansas state line near the Big Blue River. The relocated tribe split into factions. Those who had been influenced by the Quaker Missionaries to accept assimilation were called the Quaker Band, and the traditionalists who opposed assimilation into white culture were called the Coyote Band. In 1876, at the time of the United States centennial anniversary, the US government reclaimed the majority of that reservation to sell it to white settlers, and then sold off the rest of that reservation in 1881 and the Otoe-Missouria were moved to a small 113 acre reservation in the Indian territory that is now Oklahoma. Tribal members still live on that reservation with their headquarters in Red Rock Oklahoma. At the Cornhusker football game on September 20, 2024, the University of Nebraska recognized the tribe by declaring it Otoe-Missouria Day at Memorial Stadium, where a video was played in the stadium and the tribe and its leadership was honored in an on-field introduction. This fall, the University of Nebraska and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma are collaborating on a reconciliation project called "Walking On The Footsteps of Our Ancestors" to further honor the tribe's ancestral homeland in our state. The 2026 Otoe-Missouria recognition event is planned to welcome the tribe back to Nebraska on September 25-27 at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park.

While the Otoe were our most local indigenous group, the most powerful and wide-ranging tribe in 1776 in the area that would become southeast Nebraska were the Pawnee. They lived primarily along the Platte and Loup Rivers, but their population was so huge, with over 60,000 members, that their settlements also developed along the Missouri River near us. Like the Otoe, they survived by both hunting and agriculture, but they were also a warlike people who aggressively defended their territory. They were frequently at war with the tribes that were moving southward from the Great Lakes area, like the Dakota, Lakota and Cheyenne. They had frequent battles with the Arapaho who threatened to move into the Pawnee area. Most notable to Richardson County's history, their neighbors including the Comanche and Kiowa were regular invaders from the south and west and would have had the Pawnee constantly on alert from invasions coming from this direction.

The Pawnee homes in 1776 were oval or cone-shaped earth mound structures, arranged in villages always situated near rivers. The structures were large enough to house many extended family members, with up to 30 to 50 relatives sharing a home, mixing the generations and giving everyone a specific responsibility. The women did the planting and harvesting of corn, pumpkins, squash and beans, while the men were mostly hunting bison and protecting the tribe during battles. The older women took responsibility for rearing the children. Both men and women were active in tribal policies and decision making. In addition to buffalo, the preferred meat, the Pawnee men also hunted elk, bear, panther and skunks. They used all this game for meat and also used the skins to make clothing and accessories, storage bags, foot coverings, fastening ropes and ties. After horses were brought in by the Spaniards from Mexico on the trading routes from the southwest, the hunting parties could travel up to 500 miles, usually in the winter and summer. The hunters would return to their main village in the fall to help with the harvest and in the spring to assist with planting.

The Pawnee's earth mound homes were partly subterranean, recessed by digging the foundation approximately three feet below ground level to provide insulation from the extreme temperatures of our region, both hot and cold. The door of each lodge faced east to welcome the morning sun. The lodges were built with support from wooden poles and willow branches to be very strong, and they were able to support inhabitants sitting on top of them and children playing on them. The villages along the rivers would typically consist of ten to fifteen households, for a total population of 300 to 500 people per village. Because of their warlike nature and the threat of their enemy tribes, the villages were often surrounded by sod walls to provide extra security.

As with other less powerful tribes, the years after 1776 brought an end to the Pawnee tribe's traditional way of life. Although archeologists have evidence that the indigenous people had lived in this manner for nearly 700 years, those lifestyles would not survive the first century of the new United States. The European-Americans coming west brought diseases that decreased the population drastically. Combined with warfare, crop failure and government policies, the Pawnee population had plummeted to just 4000 by 1860. By the time the Pawnee were forced to move to the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, in 1873 there were only 2400 members of the tribe. At that time, many of the Pawnee warriors enlisted with the US Army as Indian Scouts to track and fight the enemies of their earlier years, the Lakota, Dakota and Cheyenne, giving those men an opportunity to return to the Great Plains. The tribe still exists as the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, with headquarters in the town of Pawnee, Oklahoma serving about 3500 enrolled tribal members.

Except for the Spanish traders coming north on their trading from Mexico, bringing horses and guns, it is unlikely that any of the native people of Nebraska would have seen a person of European descent by 1776. It would be another 46 years before the French fur trading industry was initiated by the American Fur Company in Belleville Nebraska. When the Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Rulo area on July 12, 1804 on their keelboat trek up the Missouri River, William Clark paddled a canoe a few miles up the Big Nemaha River alone

while the rest of his party was resting. As David J. Wishart stated in An American Corner of the World, his recently published book about our home county, Clark "quickly realized that he, the first known American to cast eyes on the country that would become Richardson County, was actually a newcomer to the place." In addition to the beauty of the nature he observed and wrote about eloquently in his journal, Clark recognized that he was looking at evidence of an extensive human presence that predated the Otoe and Pawnee civilizations by many centuries. He wrote that the bluffs "were topped by Mounds or antent Graves" which he perceived to be "Strong evidence of this country having been thickly settled." As he canoed back down the Big Nemaha, he saw a large rock hanging out over the water that was covered with images of animals and a boat." Clark recognized these to be Indian pictographs, and according to Wishart's book, he scraped his own name on the rock before paddling on, but what he couldn't have known at the time was that these burial mounds were much older than the Otoe or Pawnee civilizations of 1776. We know now that this area along the Nebraska-Kansas state line just south of Rulo was one of the westernmost villages of the Oneata, the ancestors of the Otoe, Missouri, Ho-chunk, and Winnebago tribes and also of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska whose reservation has been partly in Richardson County since 1837. From the years 1000 to 1650, the Oneata had villages all across what is now Iowa, the state that was later named after the tribe that was inhabiting its northern plains in 1776 and is now headquartered on a reservation just south of us, between Rulo Nebraska and White Cloud Kansas.

Archeologist believe that some of the Oneata moved west across the Missouri River to take advantage of the fertile soil of our county and the climate being suitable for successful farming. The ancient Oneata village in Richardson County remains of great interest to archeologists and is known as the Leary Site, named after the landowner who gave permission for the first excavations of the area in 1835. The Leary Site is on the reservation of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, and the tribe protects the burial sites of their ancestors, so the burial mounds have not been excavated but the surrounding village sites have been explored by archeologist who uncovered the remains of earthen living quarters which had dug out storage pits used for storing food, along with other areas dedicated to disposing of garbage.

Archeology groups have found pottery, tools, knives, hoes, spades and all manner of daily utensils and farming equipment across the 125-acre Leary Site through the years, some carved from stone but many made from animal bones.

It may be surprising to local people who unknowingly pass the Leary Site on the way to gamble at Casino White Cloud or to shop in Saint Joseph, but in the academic world of archeologists and those who study native American history, the Leary Site is a more recognizable term than Falls City or Rulo or Richardson County. It has been investigated by many archeology groups over the last ninety years, and artifacts from the area are in the collections of universities all across the United States. The Nebraska Historical Society led a major excavation there in 1965. In 1968, archeology professors and students from the University of Kansas and Kansas State University spent

several months exploring the Leary site, and this writer, as an eleven year old Iowa tribal member who had grandparents living on the reservation, had the good fortune to observe those archeologists as they worked.

David J. Wishart opens the first chapter of his book about Richardson County with the description of "a sloping cornfield where a farmer's plow unearthed a cache of notched and polished stone blades in the 1980s that had been made by anonymous men and women about five thousand years ago."

Although Wishart doesn't identify that farmer by name, the farmer's daughter has confirmed that it was the late Ernie Werner, who reported his find to Nebraska historians in Lincoln and triggered resurgent interest in the native American trea-

sures buried under the soil all though our area. The Leary site is now controlled by the National Park Service and is closed to the public to protect it for future research, but artifacts from the previous inhabitants of our land are still found frequently across the county.

As we citizens of Richardson County celebrate the 250th birthday of our fine country this summer, let us remember that long before the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, long before Nebraska achieved statehood in 1867, and long before Falls City was established in 1857, the area where we live was home to centuries of human civilization. And remember that it had more to do with bison and squash than with powdered wigs and waistcoats.



Local father-daughter team lands biggest fish, fourth-place finish at 30th Annual Walleye tournament

Randy Gerweck and his daughter, Lacey Gerweck, earned a fourth-place finish at the Platte Area Chamber of Commerce 30th Annual Walleye Tournament held May 2 at Platte Creek.

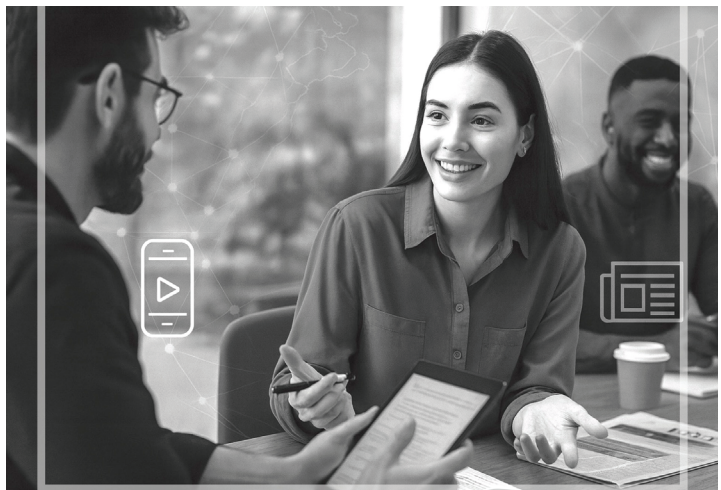
Competing against a field of 100 boats and 263 anglers, the Gerwecks weighed in five fish totaling 12.07 pounds. The team also recorded the tournament's biggest fish with a 4.50-pound walleye.

Tournament statistics showed 304 fish were weighed during the event, with all fish released back into the water. The average weight per fish was 1.85 pounds.

According to the Platte Area Chamber of Commerce, the annual tournament drew anglers from across the region and included both amateur and professional competitors.

For Randy and Lacey Gerweck, the strong finish continued a string of consistent performances at the tournament. The father-daughter team has competed in the event for seven years and has regularly placed among the tournament's top teams. Previous finishes have included 11th, 13th and 15th place.

This year marked their highest finish to date in the long-running tournament.



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CITY CLAIMS

CLAIMS REPORT - 5.19.2026

Table listing various city claims including American National Bank HSA, Falls City Journal Publications, Farm & City Supply Supplies, Brad Griffin Consulting Service, etc.

Table listing various city claims including Verizon telephone bill, Farm & City Supply drill, US Signal Company LLC Microsoft SCP, etc.

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Table listing various city claims including Utility, Brad Griffin Consulting Service, etc.

Harkendorff asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to comment. Lucas Froeschl spoke on the topic. Mayor Harkendorff then declared the public hearing closed at 6:12 P.M.

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2026
A meeting of the City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held in said City on the 4th day of May 2026, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Council met in regular session. Mayor Harkendorff called the meeting to order, and Clerk Jorm recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Lucas Froeschl spoke on the topic. A motion was made by Council person Ferguson and seconded by Council person K. Killingsworth to approve the confidentiality agreement between the City and Tenaska for two years from the date signed. Roll was called on this motion and the Council persons voted as follows: "YEA" Buckminster, Fouraker, Ferguson, Kaster, F. Killingsworth, K. Killingsworth, Ruiz. "NAY" None. "Absent" Leyden. Motion carried.

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
ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: CI-26-59
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:
Donna Marie Sickle 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 Sickle OGrady, to Donna Marie OGrady.

13-20-27-3
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Max W. Shafer III, Deceased
Estate Number: PR26-21

Notice is hereby given that on May 20, 2026 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Brenda Tompkins, whose address is 3620 Ida St, Omaha, NE 68112-2946, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 27, 2026 or be forever barred.

/s/ Bethany K. Godemann
Bethany K. Godemann, Registrar

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27-3-10
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION T and E Livestock LLC 70655 648 Ave Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that T and E Livestock LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of this limited liability company is T and E Livestock LLC.
2. The Initial Designated Office Address is 70655 648 Ave, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Tyler Witt, 70655 648 Ave, Falls City, NE 68355.

3. The limited liability company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on May 5, 2026. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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20-27-3
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the organization of a Limited Liability Company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The name of the company is PARADISE PUMPKINS, LLC. The address of the designated office is 65675 711 Rd, Falls City, NE 68355. The name and street and mailing addresses of the initial agent for service of process of the company is DERIK LAPE at 65675 711 Rd, Falls City, NE 68355. The general nature of the business to be transacted is TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL BUSINESS FOR WHICH A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA. The Company commenced existence on March 20, 2026. The period of duration of the company is PERPETUAL. Management of the Company is conducted by its MEMBERS.

Paradise Pumpkins, LLC

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20-27-3
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NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2026 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Dorena Spittler, whose address is 17872 N 86th Ln, Peoria, AZ 85382, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 3, 2026 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann, Registrar

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3-10-17
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

To All interested persons:
On May 12, 2026, John Wesley Crow, born June 1967, filed a petition in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska to change his name from John Wesley Crow to John Wesley Spurgin. The petition will be heard in the District Court of Richardson County, Richardson County Courthouse, 1700 Stone St., Falls City, Nebraska 68355, on July 7, 2026, at 11:45 o'clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

John Wesley Crow, Petitioner

Diane L. Merwin, #24172
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713 4th St., PO Box 126
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska
Estate of Jason Last, Deceased
Estate Number: PR26-22

Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2026 in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Breana Last, whose address is 14701 Rottardam Ave, Parker, CO 80134, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 3, 2026 or be forever barred.

Bethany K. Godemann
Clerk Magistrate

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3-10-17
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Public Meeting Notice Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steiner School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday,

June 8th, 2026 in the Conference Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Kyle Hilgenfeld
Board President
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - Regular Meeting

Monday, June 8th at 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Board meeting of the Falls City Board of Education for District No. 74 - 0056 will be held on Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office in Falls City Middle School. This meeting is open to the public.

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

Dr. Andrew Offner
Superintendent, Falls City Public Schools
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that Definitely Bronze LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The name of the company is Definitely Bronze LLC. The business address of the company is 2516 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355. The name and street and mailing address of the initial registered agent of the company is Kimberly Koelzer, 2516 Barada Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

The limited liability company is organized to engage in any lawful business activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The company commenced its existence on the filing of its Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Organizer: Kimberly Koelzer
3-10-17
ZNEZ

The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. Committee meetings, if necessary, begin at 6:00 p.m. An agenda is being kept current at the office, 62161 Hwy 136, Tecumseh, NE 68450.

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VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem May 2026

The Salem Village Board met May 12, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. It was noted that the meeting date had been changed to May 12, 2026 do to schedule conflicts of several board members.

Chairman Strauch called the meeting to order with Wessel, Kean, and Helmick, present. Vogele was absent. The open meeting poster was acknowledged.

Wessel reported that the Community Building will have 3 rentals in May. She also reported that letters will be going out to community residents and supporters of the community building project to update them on the project. The letter will ask for letters of support for the project. These letters are needed for the grant process.

Wessel also discussed the need for a village attorney for the community building project. She reported that she had contacted an attorney and would get a contract for the board to review.

Kean reported on the need for street maintenance. He had contacted a contractor for a bid. He presented a list of streets and costs to the board. The board reviewed the list. Wessel moved to proceed with obtaining a contract for the project, seconded by Strauch, motion carried. Kean, Wessel, Strauch and Helmick voting yes. Vogele absent.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:30, seconded by Kean. Motion carried. Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Helmick voting yes. Vogele absent.

The next meeting will be June 2, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

Claims May 2026

OPPD 502.42 (utility) general 66.00
combl 43.62 street 359.15 frhl 33.62
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Ne Public Health Lab 15.00 (testing) water
Richardson CO RWD#2 1685.82 (water purchased for sale) water Village of Salem/Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general
USPS 92.20 (postage) water 61.00 general 31.20
USPS (box rent) general
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (clerk salary) street 200.00 water 100.00 general 200.00
Jodie Schuetz (mowing) street
Falls City Journal 64.99 (Publication) general
USPS 78.00 (postage) general
Wolfes Printing 52.00 (letters printing) comb
Schendel Pest Control 30.00 (service) comb

Cemetery Fund

Mary Jane Wessel (planting-plants) 102.34
Bosselman Pump and Pantry (mower gas) 110.80
Farm and City Supply (supplies) 35.94
Dennis Rowland (mowing) 160.00
Barb Brown (mowing) 160.00
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 20, 2026 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Roll call was answered by Campbell and Caverzagie. Commissioner Karas was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Campbell. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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. Consideration by Mr. Darveau and EMA Director, Brian Kirkendall was given to determine if there was enough damage to public property, such as county roads and public buildings after the May 18 storm event. The conclusion was that at this time there was not enough damage to justify declaring an emergency disaster.

Mr. Darveau reported that the tire collection event was being held today at the County Road Department. Later in the meeting, Mr. Darveau requested the Board's approval to provide pizza for a quick lunch to the County Road Department employees as the event was proving to be very successful and busy. Motion was made by Campbell to approve the request to purchase pizza for a quick lunch for the county employees that were working at the tire collection today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dexter Holiday updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center and Jail this past week. He reported that there are 14 inmates being held in the jail at this time. Statistics on the activity within the Sheriff's Department during April showed that there were 505 total calls with 232 of those being traffic stops and 39 arrests (5 other agencies, 1 out of county and 33 Sheriff department).

A quote from Airstream Heating & Cooling was received to install a backflow preventer in the kitchen area at the Law Enforcement Center. Motion was made by Campbell to accept the quote from Airstream Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$1,343.66 to replace backflow preventer in the kitchen area. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

DIST. 1 PROBATION AND SE NE ADULT DRUG COURT

Chris Reece, SE NE Adult Drug Court Coordinator updated the Board on the activity within the SE NE Adult Drug Court this past year. The budget for FY26-27 was also presented in which Richardson County will contribute \$10,173.08.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve and enter into an interlocal agreement for SE NE Adult Drug Court for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with Oteo, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee counties. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer for District 1, also presented to the Board the FY26-27 budget in which Richardson County will contribute \$8,880.45, a decrease from the prior year of \$1,786.23 (25-26 was \$10,666.68). She also stated that plans were being developed to consolidate county offices to centrally located offices to assist with staffing and reduce office expenses within the next few years.

EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director, requested to meet with the Board regarding the request for an increase in wage for the Deputy EMA Director. The Board reported that this matter would be considered further during the preparation of the FY2026-2027 budget.

The Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Board with Resolution 2025-2026-39 to formally adopt the plan. Commissioner Campbell requested that this matter be considered at another meeting to allow for more time to review.

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Kirkendall the activity during the storm event in the late afternoon/evening of May 18. Commissioner Campbell had received messages and calls regarding the sounding of the outdoor warning sirens. Mr. Kirkendall explained to the Board and Brian McKim of the Falls City Journal how the warning sirens operate and that on this evening there was a problem with sounding the sirens as the generator at the Courthouse was not operating and the system that runs the outdoor warning sirens was running on a battery backup which quit with the latter warnings that should have sounded the sirens. The repair crew that traveled through the stormy weather and arrived in Falls City that evening to assess the situation on the generator believe that there was lightning damage to it during a storm event on May 16-17. The repairs will and/or are being made to the generator and discussion was also held regarding having a small generator that would be a back-up to the back-up generator

available to run the computer system that signals the outdoor warning sirens.

A purchase order was also approved for Emergency Management to replace the map printer with a Cannon image PROGRAF TX-4200 MFP Z36 w/stacker for a price of \$14,645.00. This printer is used by all departments of Richardson County and is available to other local political sub-divisions for making large copies.

LB759 2026 Legislative Session

Correspondence from Grant Brueggemann, MPH, Executive Director of the SE District Health Department, was received regarding LB759 that was passed in the 2026 Legislative Session. This legislation addresses recreational camp inspections and mobile home parks, stating "The local government which exercises jurisdiction over a recreation camp may make inspections of such recreational camp...". Mr. Brueggemann references the Camp Cornhusker which is located in Richardson County and is requesting the County Board's intention on whether the County will be adopting any local rules and regulations for this matter. This matter will be discussed at the May 27 Board of Health meeting.

Motion was made by Campbell that Richardson County decline the opportunity to adopt a resolution setting forth any regulations regarding inspections of swimming pools, recreational camps and mobile home parks with regards to LB759 passed in the 2026 Legislative session and to request that the SE District Health Department provide and implement such regulations pursuant to LB759. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Resolution 2025-2026-40 Subdivision

Motion was made by Campbell to approve a subdivision for Michael D and Cherie L Frederick located in S27, T1, R18 and to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-40. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 109)

Notice from County Assessor

Notices from the County Assessor were presented to the Board regarding the completion of the revision of the tax assessment roll and that tax protests may be filed commencing June 1, 2026, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026.

Notice from NE Tax Equalization & Review Commission

A notice was received from the NE Tax Equalization and Review Commission regarding the findings and order of the value of real property within Richardson County for the Tax Year 2026. The findings stated that within Richardson County the residential class of real property at 95% of actual or fair market value, commercial class of real property at 100% of actual or fair market value, and agricultural and horticultural land class of real property is 70% of actual or fair market value. (2025 was residential—93%; commercial—95%; ag and horticulture at 75%)

Other

A check was received from LG Auction of Hiawatha, KS for \$242.25 for the sale of the surplus equipment and supplies from the auction held on March 29, 2026.

Funds were also received from Kroger Opioid Payment #3 in the amount of \$475.21.

Commissioner Campbell reported that the services have been completed by ServPro of St. Joseph, MO on the restoration/service on areas within the Courthouse that were determined there was a need for restoration services based on a formal mold investigation report dated April 15, 2026, that was completed by Techtron Environmental Solutions. A formal report was received from Techtron after an inspection was made on May 19, 2026, with the completion of the work done by ServPro, which report stated in 5.0 Conclusions & Recommendations the following: "Airborne mold levels were not elevated at the time of testing, and no visible mold growth was observed in the remediated area. Therefore, we conclude that the remediation was performed successfully, and no further mold remediation is necessary."

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Caverzagie to withdraw a claim that was approved at last week's meeting and hold for payment pending further review with the County Attorney's office. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion second-

ed by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, 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

AT&T Mobility, serv..... 1008.71
CMC, serv..... 5000.00
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb..... 121.07
Epler's Carpet Cleaning, serv... 575.00
Falls City Sanitation, serv..... 60.00
Farm & City Supply, supp..... 64.95
Humboldt Standard, adv..... 1764.55
Hy-Vee, supp..... 70.48
Jones Air Conditioning, serv..... 297.50
Nebraska Health & Human Services, fees..... 878.60
OPPD, serv..... 33.10
Quill, supp..... 75.23
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb..... 195.46
Summit Fire Protection, serv... 3112.45
UNL-AEM Business Center, fees..... 2656.49
Election worker expense..... 11615.34
*****Poll Workers*****

Carlee Bailey..... 23.25
Thomas Bartek..... 236.38
Christy Berglund..... 260.53
Ethan Boatright..... 147.25
Sharon Buckminster..... 224.76
Tracy Burns..... 220.88
Tyler Cooper..... 11.63
Elaine Croston..... 228.63
Kathy Curfman..... 228.63
Jan Deckinger..... 224.76
Doris DeJonge..... 236.38
Barb Ebel..... 224.76
Jerri Elwonger..... 220.88
Deanna Ewing..... 224.76
Kailyn Frederick..... 11.63
Kylar Frederick..... 11.63
Judy Fritz..... 311.83
Mary Jane Gist..... 107.45
Carolyn Glathar..... 107.45
Victoria Gordon..... 209.25
Dona Hall..... 257.63
Carol Harris..... 234.43
Lois Hersh..... 263.50
Gloria Hunzeker..... 224.75
Ruth Ann Huppert..... 289.57
Sue James..... 209.25
Susan Kehom..... 232.50
Denise Keithley..... 244.58
Barb Kelly..... 232.50
Elizabeth Keltner..... 317.15
Linda King..... 315.66
Rita Kreifels..... 243.13
Phyllis Kreutzer..... 232.50
Denise Koso..... 254.98
Denise Kurgewell..... 259.63
Hailey Liberty..... 209.25
Richard Malcolm..... 209.25
Nancy McKim..... 269.35
Jean McNeely..... 228.63
Carmen Mendenhall..... 308.45
Pam Mendenhall..... 232.50
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Ava Stark..... 244.13
Linda VonBehren..... 107.45
Glenda Winsterman..... 236.38
Lana Willman..... 246.03
Kellie Workman..... 301.20

TOTAL GENERAL FUND - \$27,528.93

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv..... 59.24
Gray Manufacturing, supp..... 3766.75
Farm & City Supply, supp..... 4460.34
Hullman's, serv..... 231.75
Martin Marietta Materials, rock..... 23307.24
NPPD, serv..... 73.68
Diversified Safety & Compliance, serv..... 357.50
Unifirst, supp..... 125.30
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND..... 332,381.80

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

SE NE Housing Partnership, rent... 25.00
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND..... 25.00

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, May 27, 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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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 Jom, City Administrator

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
 May 7th, 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 7th day of May 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 Koopman 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 16th, 2026, meeting is hereby approved. 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the agenda for May 7th, 2026, is hereby approved. 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Public Works that the Consent Agenda for May 7th, 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.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2000 DITCH WITCH 920L DIRECTION DRILL AND 2000 BELSHE DIRECTIONAL DRILL TRAILER WITH MUD MIXER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Rieger to approve the

recommendation to council as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSTAINED" Joy. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

FALLS CITY MERCANTILE EXPANSION | EDGE DIRECTOR - LUCAS FROESCHL
 No motion was made.
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR 2027 CONTRACTOR PROJECT FROM USDI IN AMOUNT OF \$39,950.00

A motion was made by Froeschl 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.
LSLI SRF LOAN PREAPPLICATION
 A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Froeschl to recommend to Council for PWD to file SRF pre-application for LSL replacements. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Johansen. Motion carried.

REVIEW CURRENT UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE
 Froeschl left at 6:45 P.M. A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to have the PWD evaluate City utility fees, meter pits, and tap fees. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

SEL CHANGE ORDER

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the SEL change orders, 036053.000.00 and 036053.002 for the power plant SCADA project. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Joy, Rieger, Koopman. "NAY" None. "ABSENT": Froeschl, Johansen. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 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 May 7th 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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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's golf league results for Tuesday, May 26, 2026. The scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early league results for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Team 1 (5.00) Liberty, Brandon 40-38; McNeely, Erik 44-35. Team 6 (1.00) May, Mark 42-38; Bennett, Chuck 45-37.

Team 2 (0.00) Hays, Gary 41-39; Heinzelman, Denny (F). Team 5 (6.00) James, Charles 43-38; Rowland, Rod 50-43.

Team 3 (2.00) Ebel, Ron 45-42; Severin, Steve 53-33. Team 4 (4.00) Borg, Dave 41-37; Murphy, Jim 48-36.

Team 7 (2.00) Witt, Wade 48-40; Sailors, Chuck 46-33. Team 9 (4.00) Mullins, Jim 43-38; Kurgeweit, Lee 41-33.

Team 8 (5.00) Hillyard, Mark 50-43; Foster, Tim 48-38. Team 10 (1.00) Hankins, Dan 51-43; Kermodae, Terry 54-45.

Late league results for Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Team 1 (5.50) Dunn, Joe 37-37; Bippes, Drew 43-34; Coonce, Kyle 64-40. Team 18 (2.50) Chesnut, Justin 43-37; May, Mark 45-39; Froeschl, Joe 45-36.

Team 2 (2.00) Montgomery, Carter 39-38; Malone, Kevin 42-35; Sly, Tony (F). Team 17 (6.00) Godemann, Ted 47-39; Witt, Bailey 47-35; Huppert, Drew 47-32.

Team 3 (6.50) Aitken, Bob 42-38; Bredemeier, Logan 56-35; Scheitel, Logan 66-41. Team 16 (1.50) Hill, Dan 44-39; Steele, Brendan 46-36; Bauer, Trevor 54-41.

Team 4 (6.00) Witt, Tom 41-39; Froeschl, Nathan 46-39; Morris, Adam 47-35. Team 15 (2.00) Van Dyke, Kyle 43-36; Froeschl, Ethan 43-36; Cole, Gavin 44-36.

Team 5 (8.00) Simon, Steve 38-37; Daake, Brian 42-36; Merz, Mitch 63-36. Team 14 (0.00) Gerweck, Rob (F); Borg, David 44-39; McNeely, Erik 49-39.

Team 6 (2.00) Bachman, Eli 37-36; Witt, Wade 46-38; Leyden, Derrick 47-33. Team 13 (6.00) Ferguson, Don 43-40; Schawang, Cody 43-34; White, Christian 53-29.

Team 7 (4.00) Kurgeweit, Lee 45-38; Schawang, Cade 48-40; Bauman, Jackson 47-30. Team 12 (4.00) Liberty, Brandon 39-36; Heinzelman, Eric 47-36; Bek, Adam (F).

Team 8 (2.50) Simon, Dan 38-37; Bennett, Chuck (F); Harmon, Galen 48-39. Team 11 (5.50) Siel, Jake 45-42; Froeschl, Lucas 43-35; Dunkhas, Gale 51-38.

Team 9 (4.50) Kirkendall, Jeremy 38-34; Witt, Rich 51-43; Craig, Robbie 50-35. Team 10 (3.50) Gist, Thomas (F); Poppe, Brian 49-41; Keller, Bart 54-35.

Team 19 (6.00) Davis, Darin 43-38; Gooch, Blake 48-39; Scheitel, Lane 51-39. Team 20 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty 49-43; Heckenlively, Tim 43-34; Dunn, Mike 52-40.

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Applications are available at the HTRS office, 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376, or online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment>. Submit a completed application or a letter of interest, and resume to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public Schools, at the above address or via email at georgegriffith@htrstitans.org

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(Applicant with a CDL has or willing to obtain a Nebraska school bus driver endorsement a plus). Full-time classified staff receive a district paid individual Employee Health and Dental insurance. Supplemental Vision insurance is available for purchase. Applications are available in the office at 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or online at <https://www.htrstitans.com/page/employment> and mailed to Dr. George Griffith, HTRS Public School 810 Central Ave., Humboldt, NE 68376 or emailed to georgegriffith@htrstitans.org.

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lives in service to our nation," Hader said. "We remember their courage, their commitment, and their ultimate sacrifice."

The featured speaker at Rulo was Steve O'Grady, commander of American Legion Post 102. O'Grady served in the Marine Corps Reserve before transferring to active duty, eventually retiring after 24 years of military service. During his remarks, he reflected on growing up in south-east Nebraska, his family's military background and the importance of patriotism and military service.

"I remember seeing my dad's Navy uniforms hanging in the closet. I thought that was just the coolest thing. I always looked up to my dad because of that," O'Grady said while recalling his father's Navy

service. He told attendees that military service taught him the sacrifices made by previous generations and deepened his appreciation for those who served before him.

"Everybody's dad or most everybody's dad had served in one way or the other, or had relatives that had served. It was just a part of the way of life and everybody, especially here in the Midwest, everybody respects the country, the flag and that's the way we grew up. There wasn't any doubt."

O'Grady also emphasized the importance of honoring veterans and preserving respect for military service.

"The love of country and the loyalty and the patriotism is still there," he said.

The ceremony concluded with a memorial

tribute recognizing veterans from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and Desert Storm, followed by a closing prayer and military honors.

At Steele Cemetery, attendees gathered for a similar service honoring fallen service members. Community members observed a moment of silence for prisoners of war and those missing in action. Gold Star mothers Anita Nolte and Noala Fritz were recognized during the ceremony.

The keynote address at Steele Cemetery was delivered by Army veteran Jon Kirkendall, who served 19 years in the military, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Kirkendall told attendees that Memorial Day is more

than a holiday marking the start of summer.

"Today is a day of remembrance," Kirkendall said. "A day set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country."

Kirkendall said Memorial Day carries special meaning in small communities because the fallen are often people known personally by family members, friends and neighbors. He said Memorial Day means something "deeply personal" in communities like ours. "The men and women were not strangers," Kirkendall said. "They were people from our town. They were people who walked the streets, attended our schools, sat in our churches, worked beside us, and called this community home."

He reminded attendees

that freedom comes at a cost and encouraged residents to honor veterans by living lives that reflect the values they served to protect.

"Every flag placed beside a grave today represents someone who believed [freedom] was worth defending no matter the cost. Every name etched into stone represents a life of service, sacrifice and courage."

Kirkendall reminded everyone that as Americans we have a responsibility to ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten.

"The best way we can honor the fallen is by how we live each day, by carrying forward the values

they represented: duty, sacrifice, courage, service and love of country," Kirkendall said.

The Steele Cemetery service concluded with the placement of memorial crosses, a benediction, military honors and recognition of the organizations and volunteers who helped conduct the ceremony. Lunch was served following the service.

Throughout both ceremonies, speakers emphasized remembrance, gratitude and the continuing responsibility of future generations to preserve the memory of those who gave their lives in service to the United States.



SATURDAY, JUNE 13th - SUMMER CASH PROGRESSIVE GIVEAWAY TO WIN A PIECE OF \$10,000 CASH!

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every half hour 12pm-4pm plus win an extra entry into the CASH Drawings starting at 6:30pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$250 in free play every hour 6pm-1am. Progressive Registration CASH Drawings to win a piece of \$10,000 in CASH every hour 6:30pm-12:30am. See rules for all the details. The first CASH drawing will start at \$500 progressing up to \$2,500 at 12:30am. (See rules below)

Rules for Progressive CASH Drawings on Saturday, June 13th - Registration for Progressive Cash Drawings will begin at 4:30pm. One entry per person, you must be present on the casino floor to qualify. Registering more than once a day is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings. All Hot Seat winners on Saturday, June 13th, will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaway. Hot Seat winners will receive their registration ticket at the time they win a Hot Seat and will place the tickets in the big barrel at that time. Big barrel will be dumped Saturday, June 13th, after the 12:30am drawing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th - FLAG DAY!!

All Military personnel will get \$20 in free play with valid ID & valid Military ID. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play or CASH every ½ hour 6pm-12am.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th SUMMER CASH PROGRESSIVE GIVEAWAY TO WIN A PIECE OF \$10,000 CASH!

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Rules for Progressive CASH Drawings on Saturday, June 20th: Registration for Progressive CASH Drawings will begin at 4:30pm. One entry per person, you must be present on the casino floor to qualify. Registering more than once a day is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawings. All Hot Seat winners on Saturday, June 20th, will get an extra entry into the CASH giveaway. Hot Seat winners will receive their registration ticket at the time they win a Hot Seat and will place the tickets in the big barrel at that time. Big barrel will be dumped Saturday, June 20th, after the 12:30am drawing.

Sunday, June 21st - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

All Fathers on Father's Day will get 10% off lunch or dinner special! Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings for "Fathers Only" will win up to \$200 in CASH every hour from 12:30pm-3:30pm. A second Hot Seat at 4pm will be drawn for "Fathers Only" for the chance to win an Outdoor Grill plus \$100 in free play. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every hour from 6pm-12am. Hot Seat Drawings for "Fathers Only" will win up to \$200 in CASH every hour from 6:30pm-11:30pm. A second Hot Seat at 11pm will be drawn for "Fathers Only" for the chance to win an Outdoor Grill plus \$100 in free play. (For Father's Day, Fathers are only eligible for a one-time 10% discount for the restaurant's lunch or dinner special.)

Restaurant Father's Day Special:

Baby Back Ribs served with BBQ Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Strawberry Shortcake. \$17 each while supplies last.

RODEO WEEKEND - "RIDE ON IN EARLY TO A BUCKING GOOD TIME GIVEAWAY!" FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 26th & 27th

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every ½ hour from 12pm-4pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every ½ hour from 6pm-12:30am. (Excludes the 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm & 12am Drawings) Progressive Registration CASH Drawings every hour from 8pm to 1am to win up to \$1,250 in CASH. The first CASH drawing will start at \$200 progressing up to \$1,250 at 1am.

Rules for Progressive CASH Drawings on Friday & Saturday, June 26th & 27th, CASH GIVEAWAY- Registration will begin at 6pm. Must be present in the casino to win. You may register once daily. Registering more than once a day is a violation of the rules and could result in being disqualified from the drawing. All tickets will be placed in the big barrel. The tickets will remain in the barrel after the last Progressive CASH Drawings at 1am on Saturday, June 27th.

37th Annual Chief White Cloud Rodeo Saturday, June 27th

The Rodeo will start at 7pm at the Iowa Tribe Complex next to the Casino! See Player's Club desk for more information.

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