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Marking a "milestone moment," community gathers to celebrate new beginning at The Center



On Sunday, June 7 more than 125 people gathered inside The Center to celebrate what speaker Rick Martin described as the beginning of a new chapter for one of Falls City's historic landmarks.

The "Community Amplification," marked the official grand opening of The Center's 2026 season and introduced the organization's vision for the future of the former First Presbyterian Church facility at 206 E. 20th St. in Falls City.

The afternoon featured performances by the Cleftsmen during the group's 60th anniversary year, along with music by organist Brian Hopp and pianist Michele Gaskell. It also included remarks by Rick Martin, who reflected on the building's history and the community effort that made its preservation possible.

For Martin, the gathering represented more than the launch of a performance season. It represented the continuation of a story that stretches back generations.

Addressing those in attendance, Mar-

tin recounted the history of the building and the determination of earlier community members who rebuilt after a devastating fire in 1937.

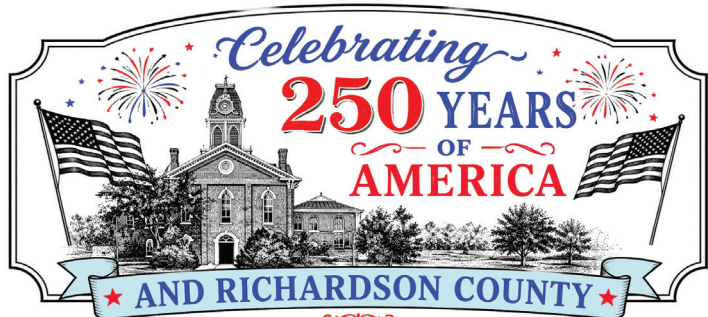
Martin said local residents came together to reconstruct the church after the fire destroyed much of the structure. Families contributed what they could, often in small amounts, to ensure the building would remain part of the community.

According to Martin, the effort was built "twenty-five cents at a time," demonstrating a spirit of sacrifice and commitment that continues to inspire those involved with The Center today.

"Imagine what we can build together." That history, he said, remains central to the organization's mission.

Martin described the building as more than brick, stone and stained glass. He said it stands as a testament to the perseverance, faith and generosity of generations who believed in creating something lasting for the community.

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The Dorrington's of America

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.

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.

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. This is part three.

By Dave Kentopp

The founders of our nation envisioned life, liberty, and happiness for all citizens. Their dreams of a better tomorrow were achieved only through determination, sacrifice, and hard work. Along the way, new immigrants fervently joined in helping build the America that we know today. Two such pioneers were David and Ann Dorrington.

David Dorrington and Ann Barnard Wood were born and raised in England. Like his father, David was a carpenter and joiner. Through his reputation as a skilled craftsman, David secured a lead posi-

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Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice

If you've driven by Sips on Lane recently, you may have noticed the south-facing windows painted in honor of our country and those who have served it. Window paintings were once a big deal on Stone Street, as local artists painted scenes, especially around Christmas.

Sips employee and Falls City High School junior Kenley Alexander spent approximately five days on the artwork, on and off.

Hilari Courtney, owner of the establishment, saw a photo she liked and sent it to Alexander, asking if it was something she could and would be willing to take on.

"I've seen her painting and her drawings; she's amazing," said Courtney. "So, I was like, do you think you could do this on windows?"

Courtney said the display will last through the end of August for sure.

"It will be here through the Fourth of July and all summer," said Courtney.

She said she would probably enlist Alexander to paint a fall design when it cools off, and even a Christmas scene.

"I feel like it's nostalgic," said Courtney. "And that's what I like about it."

The finishing touches to the painting came at the end. Courtney reached out to Gold Star Moms Noala Fritz and Anita Nolte, asking for permission to add the names of their sons to the dog tags depicted.

"The pictures I saw had the dog tags, but no names on them," said Courtney.

Adding the names of two local men who gave their lives sends the message that we will forever remember those who have given and sacrificed in the name of our country.



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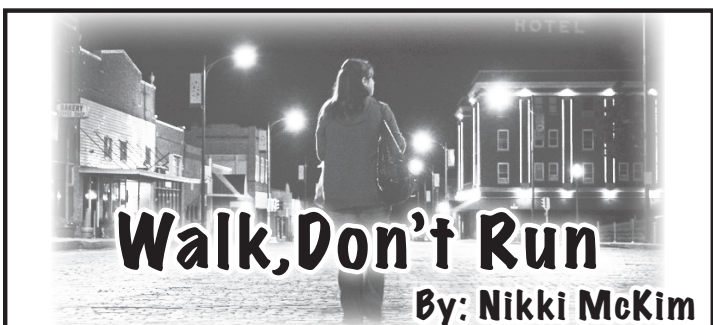
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All things Nebraska Name-calling, verbal missteps dog the governor

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner
Gov. Jim Pillen has always insisted that he's "not a politician," but more of a regular guy.

"Speech-i-fying" isn't his cup of rhetorical tea. I'm sure he'd admit that.

But every so often, we get evidence of, shall we say, a misstep of the vocal variety.

Most recently, it was when he was signing an executive order intended to "further eradicate" antisemitism, a worthy goal.

Pillen had already ordered state agencies to use a definition of antisemitism developed by an organization, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, when investigating cases of discrimination and harassment.

The new order directed the state's public schools, colleges and universities to also utilize the IHRA's definition — one that several Jewish groups have rejected but one adopted by many states — and to annually report incidents of antisemitism. One more mandate for our schools to deal with.

But things got off-track when the governor was asked whether his order (patterned after a bill that failed in the Legislature) might conflict with the right to free speech. Could it also target criticism of Jews in general — rather than the Israeli government -- over the war in Gaza?

Pillen, in response, recalled a recent trip to Israel and a meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Anybody that wants to stand up and talk about ... the Palestinians, they've got to understand that those people are born to kill Jews and Christians," he said.

Whoa. Angry letters to the Lincoln Journal-Star followed, as well as harsh reaction on social media.

The letters condemned Pillen for broad-brushing all Palestinians as hateful, even though they are a diverse group of people that includes those who promote co-existence and those who promote hate.

Other letters chided the governor for directing hateful comments at Palestinians while also saying that Nebraskans "do not tolerate hate in any form."

I am far from any kind of expert on the Middle East, and I have not travelled to Israel like the governor.

Israelis were rightly shocked and outraged when a militant group based in Gaza, Hamas, staged a bloody, surprise border attack in 2023. Nearly 1,200 Israelis were killed and another 250 were taken hostage.

It was horrendous. Israel responded with bombing and invading the Gaza Strip, killing an estimated 70,000 rebels and civilians, destroying almost all of the civilian infrastructure (water, sewer and electricity), and displacing nearly all of the area's 2.3 million residents. Blockades of food aid led to near famine conditions, and blocks upon blocks of Gaza are rubble.

That was horrendous, too. You can judge for yourselves if the destruction went on too long, but it's our right to voice an opinion.

It should be noted that not all residents of Gaza hate Israel and want people there dead. There are Christians and Muslims living there. Many Palestinians live and work peacefully in Israel.

This isn't the first time that the governor's speech has sparked a backlash.

Did you know?

Americans will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the



United States in July 2026, and the word "semiquincentennial" may come up in conversation during those celebrations. Some people may not be familiar with the term and what it means. A semiquincentennial is the 250th anniversary of something. It breaks down to "half" of a "quincentennial," which is 500 years.

Synonyms may include sestercentennial, bisequicentennial or quartermillennial. Each term refers to a period of 250 years. It's a rather large word for a simple meaning, but people are bound to hear more of it as 2026 goes on and Independence Day is celebrated on July 4.

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Dill pickle pasta salad, a simple side for your American 250 cookout

As the nation marks the 250th anniversary of American independence, backyards across the country are gearing up for a milestone summer. As always the grill will be the center of the celebration. If you're like me you like a good dip, cheesy side dish and pasta side dish to go with your grilled main dish. As a pickle lover, here's one I'll be trying this year.

DILL PICKLE PASTA SALAD

- Prep Time: 5 minutes
- Cook Time: 15 minutes
- Total Time: 20 minutes
- Servings: 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/2 pound small/medium pasta of your choice-about 3 cups
- 3/4 cup sliced pickles
- 2/3cup diced cheddar cheese
- 3 tablespoons minced white onion (I'll be omitting this one)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 cup dill pickle juice

Dressing:

- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 tablespoons dill pickle juice
- salt and black pepper to taste

Instructions:

Boil pasta al dente according to package directions. Run under cold water to stop cooking.

Toss cold pasta with about 1/2 cup of pickle juice and set aside for about 5 minutes. Drain and discard pickle juice.

Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl and mix well.

Toss all ingredients in a large bowl. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Nutrition Information: Calories: 296, Carbohydrates: 23g, Protein: 6g, Fat: 19g, Saturated Fat: 5g, Cholesterol: 22mg, Sodium: 636mg, Potassium: 98mg, Fiber: 1g, Sugar: 1g, Vitamin A: 210IU, Vitamin C: 0.1mg, Calcium: 91mg, Iron: 0.5mg (Nutrition information provided is an estimate and will vary based on cooking methods and brands of ingredients used.) © SpendWithPennies.com.

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75 Years Ago, June 17, 1951 to June 23, 1951

Two Falls City youths drowned at Big Lake in a boating accident, which turned a Sunday afternoon outing into a tragedy. The victims were Elden Cochran 25, and August Voegelé, 19. Five escaped with their lives. Jerome Cochran, 23, Jean Harmon, 16, Betty Hannaman, 17, Phyllis Hihath, 16, and Betty Miller, 17. The party of seven's boat capsized, and none of the girls could swim. Members of the rescue party estimated the lake's depth at the accident site to be between 6 and 8 feet.

Two men from the Rulo area were chosen from the enlisted ranks of the Navy to attend the Naval Academy's Preparatory School in Maryland. Raymond J. Darveau and Ferdinand Boehme, Jr. had been chosen.

City officials declared that the completion of the new swimming pool at City Park may be delayed until after the swimming season had closed. Unfavorable weather conditions significantly slowed the construction of the pool.

Wayne Burrow, Commander of the Humboldt American Legion Post and Leslie Gunzenhauser, Steward of the Post's Legion Club, were charged with keeping gambling devices following a midnight raid the night before. Following a tip, a five-cent slot machine was found inside the club by Sheriff Vern D. Atkns and Humboldt Police Chief Al Bruun.

According to the column, "Eat Well for Less," by Gaynor Maddox, when a man woke up in the morning, he hoped to find three things. First, the sun shining in the window, second, a tasty breakfast and third, a fresh-looking wife to share it with.

F.B. Decker, State Superintendent in Lincoln, ruled the 38-to-37 vote on June 11 to discontinue the high school at Rulo was invalid due to lack of a sufficient majority. A letter to the County Superintendent, D.H. Weber, stated that the law required a 55-percent majority to be valid.

Mrs. Elva Mettlen of Sabetha won the championship trophy in the Falls City Ladies' Invitational golf tourney at the local Country Club with a gross of 48.

Joan Fontaine, Robert Ryan and Zachary Scott starred in "Born to be Bad," showing at the Rivoli Theater.

Wings over Jordan, a famous all-black choir, would perform at Prichard Auditorium on Tuesday, June 26.

James Oil Co. in Falls City advertised a Big Weekend Tire Sale: "We'll give you up to \$8.00 trade-in allowance for your old tires."

More than 800 people attended the Elks charity dance featuring Lawrence Welk and his nationally famous orchestra.

Two additional breaks in the Falls City water pipeline caused the city to declare a water emergency. The newest leak had yet to be found, but was narrowed down to between Preston and Falls City.

50 Years Ago, June 17, 1976 to June 23, 1976

Tammy Jo Sailors was named the winner of the Little Miss Falls City title, while Bobby Olberding was the Little Mr. Muscle crown in the Fun-O-Rama contests. Tara Nelson was the first runner-up in the Little Miss Falls City, and John Kirkendall was the first runner-up in the Little Mr. Muscle.

Roland Smith was chosen as Commander of the Falls City Chapter No. 43 of the Disabled American Veterans. Paul Olberding was named Senior Vice, and Lloyd Waniska was named Junior Vice.

Craig Stevens and Billy Miller each clubbed two home runs in Pee Wee League action.

The confirmation class at St. Paul's Lutheran Church included Dena Bogle, Lisa Peck, Sherry Merz, Deborah Strasil, Ronald Gill, David Beasing, David Meinzer, Bradley Chadwell and Wesley Karst.

Jake and Evelyn Nanomantube were crowned Falls City Bicentennial king and queen on the courthouse square.

The Mattsville Cubs were reportedly the first countryside baseball team in Richardson County to wear uniforms. The team was managed by Andy Portrey and played teams from Barada, Williamsville, Arago, St. DeRoin and Sunny Valley. Team members included Andy Portrey, Albert Roedly, Charles Herbster, Joe Portrey, Fred Herbster, Charles Portrey, Rienhardt Herbster, Charles Strecker and Albert Herbster.

The Rulo School, once the pride of the community, was being razed. The building was built in 1888 for \$10,000 and, at one time, housed 12 grades.

Officers of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 102 were elected at a meeting at the Vets Club. Miss Carol Lape was named president, and Mrs. A. T. Minshall was vice president.

Pictured on the front page of The Journal was William Howard Taft's "whistle stop" at the Burlington Station during his presidential campaign in 1908. The picture also brought to mind the time Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower stopped here during his successful 1952 presidential campaign. The Burlington station area was packed with an estimated 6,000 people.

Gambles advertised a 6-play deluxe croquet set for \$14.88 and a 25-qt. insulated chest cooler for \$12.97.

For Sale—1966 Ford Mustang, auto, V-8, \$350. Ph 245-2822 after 5.

Norman Lape was elected as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Neal McWain was named Commander of the American Legion Post.

25 Years Ago, June 17, 2001 to June 23, 2001

The labor contract stalemate involving Richardson County and workers in the Roads Department landed before the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR). The two parties had been negotiating since May 2000.

An 1880s barn on the Stalder Cattle Co. farm, southwest of Salem, was named a 2001 Recognition Award winner in the national Barn Again! Competition. It was one of five barns chosen nationally.

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture had awarded Verdon \$568,100 for its water and waste disposal programs. The regular funding of \$280,000 would allow the village to improve the existing water distribution system and to repair the water storage tanks. The remaining amount would be used to install a new water transmission main and to cover land, legal and engineering costs.

The team of Michelle Milam, Gina Scheitel, Kelly Woods and Kristy Gerweck combined to shoot an 11-under-par 66 to win the Championship Flight of the Four-Woman Scramble Tournament at the Falls City Country Club.

More than 1,400 people attended the 64th annual Nebraska State Fire School in Grand Island. From Falls City, Jim Gerweck, Garry Hall, Mike Kaster, James Liming and Kenny Simpson attended, while Rick Dettman, Guy Lewis, David Rieger and Cindy Troxel attended from Humboldt.

Chelsea Hunzeker, daughter of David and Denise Hunzeker and a 2001 graduate of Humboldt High School, received a \$200 scholarship given by the Falls City Area Retired Teachers' Association.

The Sacred Heart Irish sports teams were honored by the *Omaha World-Herald* as the Class D All-Sports Champion for the ninth time in 12 years.

Medal winners in the 4-H Shooting Sports competitions were Dusty Metzner, Drew Chandler, Randi Chandler, Luke Goff, Cozy Nutzman, Derrick Nutzman and Daniel Goff.

The Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Week belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Nolte at 1006 St. Mary's Avenue.

Midtown Service Center celebrated its 8th anniversary with specials and a drawing for a pair of NASCAR Busch Series tickets.

Disaster declaration approved

The Commissioners met at the Falls City courthouse for a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. All Board members responded to the roll call.

The meeting opened with Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. addressing the Board. Darveau told the Commissioners that the recent rain damage was fairly localized. The Superintendent said the 2019 flooding was countywide, whereas this time it was more confined to certain parts of the county.

"It's just a slow process, getting everything fixed," said Darveau. "Guys are only getting about two to three miles per day."

Darveau said the process is slow when you're backing up and trying to fill the road in, cleaning up and blading so it can be covered.

"Just going to be a process," said Darveau. "Nothing we haven't done before. It just takes time."

Commissioner Campbell thanked Mr. Darveau for bringing equipment to the "Touch a Truck" event at Falls City High School on Tuesday.

"Especially, after work, on your own time," said Campbell.

Darveau also informed the Board that he would be unable to attend the upcoming meetings of the Nebraska Association of County Engineers, County Highway Superintendents, and County Surveyors in Norfolk.

"I can do more good in a road grader than I can sitting out there," said Darveau. "I can read all of that stuff a week after the meeting."

Mr. Darveau delivered bad news to the Commissioners, saying that due to the recent rains, the rock quarry at DuBois would likely be shut down for most of the summer. Darveau said the pit was full of water and that once it was pumped out, it would need to be re-inspected before they could reopen.

The county will have to haul from Troy, KS, or Maitland, MO, for the time being.

Darveau and Campbell discussed the possibility of stockpiling rock from the Weeping Water quarry.

Mr. Darveau said it was possible, but he wanted to wait and see whether DuBois might open sooner than expected.

Currently, DuBois has a pile of rock on the ground, but Darveau estimated it would be gone within two weeks.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Sheriff Rick Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board. However, Commissioner Karas relayed information to his fellow members from the Sheriff.

Karas told the Board that HTRS Public School had reached out to obtain an SRO (School Resource Officer) through the county on a three-year contract. The school would pay the officer's salary during the school year, along with insurance and vehicle costs, while the county would pay the salary for the three months when school is not in session. The Board also agreed that an officer would need to be willing to serve as an SRO.

County Attorney Samantha Scheitel said her only concern was that the school was using the SRO to avoid following its own school policy.

"They want to just say we're not going to worry about our school policy because law enforcement will

handle it," said Scheitel.

She said the result is more kids getting in trouble with the law, rather than the school handling the issues.

A discussion was held, but no action was taken at this time.

Karas also said that Becky Vonderschmidt requested permission for 4-H members to use the Law Enforcement Center shooting range for practice. Karas added that 4-H carries its own insurance, so that wouldn't be an issue. A waiver form releasing the county from any liability would need to be signed by the parents. A discussion was held, but no action was taken.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve a State of Emergency Disaster Declaration stemming from weather events on May 16 and 17, a tornado on May 18, and heavy rains on June 4 and June 5, which caused damage to public and private property, disrupted utility service, and endangered the health and safety of the citizens of Richardson County within the disaster area. The declaration states that a state of emergency has been declared, authorizing, under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50, on behalf of Richardson County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invocation of mutual aid agreements, and the application to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Govern-

nor's Emergency Fund and any other necessary resources. The motion passed.

The Commissioners also approved three special liquor licenses for events to be held at the Falls City Area Jaycees Community Field. Approval was given for the 4th of July event, the tractor pull on July 10 and the demolition derby on July 11.

A brief discussion was held on providing family health insurance coverage for county employees. It was decided that Board member Karas would research the matter and present his findings at a later meeting for discussion.

The Commissioners also reviewed a letter from Clerk Magistrate Bethany Godemann regarding the denial of a \$33.98 claim for cookies at the Fifth Grade Law Day.

Commissioner Caverzagie said that had the money been requested before the event, the Board could have paid the claim. He added that in the future, if a request is made, the county would likely approve the expenditure.

Caverzagie moved to cancel two checks issued in error. A work order from TK Elevator Corp. was received for repairs to the courthouse elevator, costing \$1,793.92. The issue had shut down the elevator the week prior.

Claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Happy Father's Day from F&M Bank

Join us in celebrating Father's Day on Thursday, June 18th with Meat Sticks from JP's Butcher Block.



Thank You

A Message of Deepest Gratitude from The Center

To the Residents of Richardson and Brown Counties,

With hearts full of joy and lasting gratitude, we want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate the historic Grand Opening of The Center on Sunday, June 7th.

Looking back on that afternoon, amid the torrential rains and flooding our region experienced, there were streams of sunlight and a holding back of the raindrops just when we needed it most. Inside, a beautiful crowd of 125 brave souls braved the elements to fill the hall, standing together on common ground to witness the rebirth of this magnificent facility as a dedicated place to Gather, Grow, and Celebrate.

For an awesome hour and twenty minutes, we were spellbound by the incredible gifts of our local heritage. We heard from the awesome Brian Hopp of Lincoln, Nebraska, at our historic organ; the wonderful Michele Gaskell of Horton, Kansas, at the Boston Steinway piano; and our terrific Falls City Clefsmen, who filled the room with majestic harmony for their monumental 60th Anniversary. With Taner Holte of Highland, Kansas, and Lainey Larson of Hiawatha, Kansas, masterfully overseeing the technical side, we were able to present a truly flawless, wonderful show to our neighbors both in the room and streaming online throughout the land.

From our performers and technical support team to our tireless volunteers and support staff, that afternoon beautifully demonstrated what is possible when we come together. This Center represents a united vision between the people of northeast Kansas, southeast Nebraska, northwest Missouri, and southwest Iowa in focusing on what is truly important. It is a powerful reminder that as we find our individual paths to the Center, we strengthen the attributes that have always served as the bonds that bind us together. It was, indeed, a job well done for the Grand Opening of your Center.

This unforgettable launch of our Performing Arts series was just the first step of a much larger journey. We invite you to stay tuned for further developments as we continue to open up our upcoming pathways of support, connection, and care for our regional community.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your faith, your prayers, your humor, and your unwavering support.

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ER, Ben Hullman - PER, Rob Gerweck and Esquire Mark Lowe - present books to all of the first thru fifth grade students at Falls City Sacred Heart and Falls City Public School. The Elks were able to do this through a Beacon Grant they received from Grand Lodge.



Front Row (L to R): Tallon Wamsley, Scarlett DeJonge, Madilynn DeJonge, Evelyn Williams, Jacob Maxwell, Hannah Maxwell. Middle Row (L to R): Colby Dunn, Emersyn Ankrom, Lynnley Ankrom, Charles Wamsley, Justin Drummond. Back Row (L to R): Daisa Smidt, Lillie Whyman, Maci Smidt, Willa Fritz, Elizabeth Maxwell Not Pictured: Daniel Epler and Sarabeth Epler.

Southeast Nebraska 4-H Music Contest

On Thursday, May 28, 2026, Richardson County 4-H hosted the Southeast Nebraska 4-H Music Contest at the First United Methodist Church in Falls City. Eighteen musically talented youth entertained and impressed the audience with twenty-four piano, instrumental, and vocal performances. Michael Valdez and Eric Stevenson, both of Falls City, served as the judges.

Clover Kid Piano Solo – Evelyn Williams performed a piano solo and received a Clover Kid Ribbon.

Junior Piano Solo – Champion – Tallon Wamsley. Reserve Champion – Daniel Epler. Purple Ribbons were awarded to Daniel Epler and Tallon Wamsley. Blue Ribbons were awarded to Emersyn Ankrom and Sarabeth Epler.

Both Scarlett and Madilynn received Purple Ribbons.

Intermediate Piano Solo – Champion – Charles Wamsley. Reserve Champion – Lynnley Ankrom. Blue Ribbons were awarded to Lynnley Ankrom and Charles Wamsley.

Junior Instrumental Solo – Champion – Daniel Epler. Daniel was also awarded a Blue Ribbon.

Intermediate Instrumental Solo – Champion – Colby Dunn. Reserve Champion – Charles Wamsley. Purple Ribbon was awarded to Colby Dunn. Blue Ribbons were awarded to Justin Drummond and Charles Wamsley.

Senior Instrumental Solo – Champion – Willa Fritz. Willa also received a Purple Ribbon.

Clover Kid Vocal Solo – Hannah Maxwell and Jacob Maxwell both received clover kid ribbons for their vocal performances.

Junior Vocal Solo – Champion – Scarlett DeJonge. Reserve Champion – Madilynn DeJonge.

Intermediate Vocal Solo – Champion – Elizabeth Maxwell. Reserve Champion – Lynnley Ankrom. Both Elizabeth and Lynnley received Purple Ribbons.

Senior Vocal Solo – Champion – Lillie Whyman. Reserve Champion – Daisa Smidt. Maci Smidt, Lillie Whyman, and Daisa Smidt all received Purple Ribbons.

Senior Vocal Duet – Champion – Maci Smidt and Lillie Whyman. Maci and Lillie also received Purple Ribbons for their duet.

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

This 4-H event is part of the Nebraska Extension 4-H and Youth Development Program. For more information about being part of 4-H, call 402-245-4324, stop by the Courthouse in Falls City, or visit our website at www.richardson.unl.edu.

Locals named to Emporia State honor roll

Nearly 700 Emporia State undergraduates were named to the university honor roll for spring 2026. To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours. Area students on the honor roll and their majors are:

Graycen Ferris of Hiawatha, Kansas, Elementary Education.
Grace Maze of Hiawatha, Kansas, Elementary Education.
Sherri Nelson of Hiawatha, Kansas, Elementary Education.
Jessica Gruber of Morrill, Kansas, Health and Physical Education.

Concordia Nebraska confers degrees to 2026 graduates

On May 9, nearly 500 Concordia University, Nebraska undergraduate and graduate students were awarded degrees.

The class of 2026 was honored during a commencement ceremony held in the Walz Human Performance Complex.

Kaylee Hinton of Hiawatha, KS earned a Bachelor of Arts.

Shane Karst of Falls City, NE earned a Master of Education.



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Smith attends Boys State

The American Legion Post #222 is pleased to announce that Aydan Smith of Shubert son of Kari and Heath Davis was generously sponsored by Shubert American Legion Post #222 and joined nearly 300 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys State Program, May 31 - June 6, 2026, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a "51 st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's program. National acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America," Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to service members and veterans, Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

SOCIETY NEWS

Humboldt Chapter 234 Order of the Eastern Star

By Donna Monnette, Secretary

Nine members of the Humboldt Chapter #234 Order of the Eastern Star met on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at the Meeting Place at 2:00 p.m. for their stated meeting. Worthy Matron Phyllis Kreutzer presided in the East as they met in long form. The meeting opened by singing "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying All pledged allegiance to the American flag.

The regular order of business followed with the reading of the May minutes which were approved. The Treasurer reported on the balance in the general fund.

A member, Alma Mach passed away on May 31, 2026. She was serving as the present Marshal Bredemeier made a motion to send a \$25 donation to the Children's Home in Fremont in her memory Motion seconded and carried.

Correspondence included thank you notes from the 4-H Wranglers Club in Fremont and a memorial donation for Edgar Bredemeier to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Plattsmouth. The Nebraska OES News gave descriptions of the new Grand Secretary Shellie Smith of Lincoln and the new Worthy Grand Matron Andy Stewart of North Platte. Jan Thoman is now the Grand Secretary Emeritus.

The previously scheduled District Meeting for September 13 is being rescheduled due to conflict with Apple Festival in Nebraska City. More details will follow.

Humboldt Eastern Star will host Bingo at Colonial Acres on June 15. Trudy Fankhauser, George and Elizabeth Ketner and Phyllis Kreutzer volunteered to help.

A letter from General Grand Chapter regarding tours of the International Headquarters was read.

A Memorial Service was conducted honoring Alma Mach was held and the charter draped in her memory. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 10 at the Bohemian National Cemetery southwest of Humboldt.

There being no further business chapter closed by singing the Closing Ode, "God Is So Good." Refreshments of cookies were served during the social hour.

UNMC recognizes graduates in commencement ceremonies

Events were held in Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Kearney and Scottsbluff

Diplomas and certificates were conferred on more than 1,000 University of Nebraska Medical Center students during ceremonies held May 7 in Lincoln, Norfolk and Kearney and May 9 in Omaha and Scottsbluff.

Some graduating students are not listed below. They have requested their information not be released to the public.

Graduates included:
Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, Heather Kirkendall of Falls City.

Doctor of Physical Therapy, Andrew Davis, Pawnee City.

Doctor of Pharmacy with Distinction, Tanner Cromer of Falls City.

Scoby named to University of Arkansas Dean's list

Halle Scoby of Sabetha has been named to the University of Arkansas Dean's List for the 2026 spring semester.

Scoby joins a distinguished group of students recognized for outstanding academic achievement by earning a grade-point average of 3.75-3.99 during the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours required for graduation. School of Law students are named to the Law School Dean's List by earning a 3.0 grade-point average or higher for the semester.

"These students have worked incredibly hard to earn a place on the Dean's List this spring, and I'm pleased to congratulate them on this outstanding academic achievement," said Provost Indrajeet Chaubey.

Students on the Chancellor's List who achieve a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester while completing at least 12 credit hours of coursework, also automatically earn recognition on the university's Dean's List.



Who do you know in this photo? We know this was taken during the 1986 Cobblestone Festival in Falls City. We're asking for your help in solving the mystery each week of our thousands of photos. Please email us at brian@fcjournal.net or nikki@fcjournal.net.

Hastings College announces spring 2026 Dean's list

Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its spring 2026 semester. For the semester, 327 students from 21 states and 8 countries were named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

Students with an asterisk by their name earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Makayla Ansel of Shubert.

Maverick Binder* of Table Rock.



(above) Mostly IDENTIFIED This photo that ran at the end of May was taken at the Dawson Old Settlers Picnic. Some of these Verdon ladies included Cindy Fritz, Denise Koso, Kim Liberty, Judy Fritz and Jan Fritz. Denise Koso said they also performed for Verdon Days.

SD State University releases Dean's list

South Dakota State University announces Emilee Strahm of Sabetha, Kansas, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester.

Strahm is a student in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Brittni Willis of Auburn, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)
 Manuel Ortega of San Antonio, TX, count one, improper/defective vehicle lighting, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, no brake lights/turn signals, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)
 Ruben Monugian of Falls City, count one, registration/plates, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Cheek)
 Cassandra Smith of Falls City, count one, speeding 21-35 mph municipal school, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$600 and court costs. (Adams)
 Joshua McGinness of Tarkio, MO, count one, no motorcycle operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Novak)
 Viola Winters of Falls City, count one, no seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count two, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)
 Jeremy Freeman of Omaha, count one, no valid registration, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Novak)
 Malinda Honea of Falls City, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125; count two, no seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Daniels)

COUNTY COURT

Bailey J. Jones, count one, DV Assault-3rd, / threat/bodily injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty; counts 2-6 amended to dropped/dismissed. Sentencing scheduled for August 5, 2026.
 Amanda N. Kelsay, count one, amended to dropped/dismissed; count two, unsafe backing, plea changed to guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$50, restitution of \$230.91.
 Daeshawn L. McQueen, count one, assault-cause bodily injury, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Buddy J. Graves, count one, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Dennis L. Whalen, count one, DUI-.08 breath-1st, amended to willful reckless driving-1st, pled no con-

test, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of six days, credit for six days served, license suspended for term of one month.

Malachi J. Gatewood, count one, drive during revocation/impound-2nd/3rd, amended to drive during revocation/impound-1st, pled guilty, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$250, license revoked for term of one year; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

Jessica Simmons, count one, commit child abuse negligently/no injury, amended to disturbing the peace, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$75.

Michael L. McAfee, count one, nonresident violate susp/rev order, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100; count two amended to dropped/dismissed.

Anthony Z. Sanchez, count one, drive without ignition interlock, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Zachery M. Blunt, count one, offenses; litter, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$50; count two, appliances in yard, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, maintaining a nuisance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$25.

Kinsey M. Gruber, count one, willful reckless driving-1st, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation for term of six months, offender assessment screening of \$10, drug testing fee of \$30, probation administrative enrollment fee of \$30, probation fee-regular of \$150.

Jordan P. Marx, count one, drive under susp/before reinstated, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100.

Daniel L. Clary, count one, no proof of insurance, pled no contest, found guilty and fined \$100.

Brandt T. Chapple, count one, possess controlled subs, amended to attempt of a class 4 felony, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes fine of \$500, probation admin enrollment fee of \$30, jail for term of 60 days, credit for one day served, probation revoked; count two, amended to dropped/dismissed; count three, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, pled no contest, found guilty. Sentence includes jail for term of 30 days, probation revoked; counts 4-6 amended to dropped/dismissed.

DISTRICT COURT

Alexin J. Brennan, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, no operator's license, pled not guilty; count three, possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Terry R. Pelletier, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Jessette L. Gifford, count one, possess controlled subs, pled not guilty; count two, possess or use drug paraphernalia, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Joshua M. Dennings, count one, assault by confined person-no weapon, pled not guilty. Pretrial scheduled for July 14, 2026.

(Editor's Note - dismissal without prejudice means the government did not waive its right to litigate the matter in a subsequent action).

(Editor's Note - dismissal with prejudice bars the government from prosecuting the accused later on the same charge).

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The Falls City Journal publishes the Public Record as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. The information contained in this list is processed from an electronic copy of the official record, which is submitted by the Richardson County Courthouse

FALLS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS AND STATISTICS

May 28, 2026 through May 29, 2026 calls: one juvenile issue, two animal calls, six burn permits, one vandalism call, one information-only call, one suspicious person/vehicle call, three fire calls, one HHS intake/referral, two ambulance/EMS calls, and one 911 hang-up/misdial call. Nineteen total calls. Seven 911 calls, fire calls consisting of two Falls City Rural Fire responses and one Falls City Fire response, one warning for animal at large, and one citation for commit child abuse negligently/no injury.

May 29, 2026 through May 30, 2026 calls: one suspicious person/vehicle call, five ambulance/EMS calls, four referred to other agency calls, one fraud call, two miscellaneous calls, one house watch, one parking complaint, three records checks, one animal call, one nuisance call, one information-only call, one burn permit, one check welfare, and one 911 hang-up/misdial. Twenty-four total calls. Eight 911 calls, one citation for improper turn, one citation for fictitious display, one citation for open container, one citation for fail to use seatbelt, one warning for speeding, one warning for fail to display proper number of plates, and one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

May 30, 2026 through May 31, 2026 calls: one check welfare, two miscellaneous calls, four 911 hang-up/misdial calls, two burn permits, three referred to other agency calls, one noise disturbance, and one animal call. Fourteen total calls. Three 911 calls, one citation for non-resident drive under suspension, one citation for possess marijuana less than one ounce, one citation for possess or use drug paraphernalia, one citation for speeding, one citation for misuse school permit, one warning for fail to renew registration, one warning for improper turn, one warning for plates not clear and visible, one warning for passing a stopped emergency vehicle, and one warning for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

May 31, 2026 through June 1, 2026 calls: two miscellaneous calls, one investigation, four ambulance/EMS calls, one alarm, one found or lost property call, one fire call, two referred to other agency calls, one traffic/driving complaint, one suspicious person/vehicle call, and one check welfare. Fifteen total calls. Six 911 calls, one Falls City Fire call, one warning for failure to signal/improper turn, and one warning for failure to display proper number of plates.

June 1, 2026 through June 2, 2026 calls: one check welfare, three information-only calls, one burn permit, one juvenile issue, two nuisance calls, one animal call, and one ambulance/EMS call. Ten total calls. One 911 call.

June 2, 2026 through June 3, 2026 calls: three ambulance/EMS calls, one traffic/driving complaint, two miscellaneous calls, two burn permits, one found or lost property call, one traffic hazard, two referred to other agency calls, and one alarm. Thirteen total calls. Four 911 calls.

June 3, 2026 through June 4, 2026 calls: two suspicious person/vehicle calls, three HHS intake/referrals, three ambulance/EMS calls, three referred to other agency calls, two records checks, two alarms, one miscellaneous call, one animal call, one motorist assist, one found or lost property call, and one disturbance. Twenty total calls. Six 911 calls, and two warnings for improper/defective vehicle lighting.

June 4, 2026 through June 5, 2026 calls: five records checks, three parking complaints, two referred to other agency calls, two nuisance calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, one animal call, one miscellaneous call, one traffic/driving complaint, and one investigation. Eighteen total calls. Three 911 calls.

June 5, 2026 through June 6, 2026 calls: six miscellaneous calls, four referred to other agency calls, two ambulance/EMS calls, two animal calls, two alarms,

Falls City Police Department reports Make-it-Click mobilization stats

The Falls City Police Department participated in the Make-it-Click mobilization from May 15, 2026, through May 31, 2026. This mobilization was centered on seat-belt/child restraint use and awareness. During the mobilization, officers made 97 traffic stops for various violations. 80 citations were issued with 15 of those for seat belt violations. Officers also issued 65 warnings for various violations.

Beyond the ticket activity includes officers arresting two fugitives from justice, making arrest for driving under suspension, citations for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, citation for open container, a minor child was removed from the home and taken into protective custody, a child endangerment investigation led to charges being

filed against a parent for child abuse by neglect. An investigation led to the discovery of a puppy mill being shut down and charges being filed against the operator for animal abuse. All of this while officers were also responding to 188 calls for service.

The overtime cost associated with this mobilization was funded by a grant provided by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Office. Surveys conducted prior to and after the mobilization period indicated an increase in seatbelt use within our community.

The Falls City Police Department would like to thank our citizens and community partners for their continued support and encourages all drivers to drive safely and please -- Buckle Up, Every Trip, Every Time!

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Post 102 splits games with Louisville/Weeping Water

Froeschl Floors Post 102 Juniors took the opener from Louisville/Weeping Water on Tuesday, June 9, 9-7, but fell in game two 0-6 in action at SNC Field. Falls City then dropped a contest on Wednesday evening, 3-7, to the Elmwood-Murdock 247 Pirates.

In the opener on Tuesday, Falls City jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first inning.

Paxton Holmes led off with a single up the middle, followed by Noah Howard getting hit by a pitch. Following a pair of strikeouts, Brody Scholl reached on an error, allowing Falls City to tie the game at 1-1. A two-run single by Kam Huppert put FC in the driver's seat, 3-1.

LWW fought back, scoring four times in the third to retake the lead, 5-3.

Post 102 was up to the challenge. A walk by Baker Wissman, an error and a ground out made it 4-5. A second groundout scored the FC runner to tie the game at 5-5 after three innings.

The back-and-forth game continued with the visitors plating another run in the fourth. However, a single by Howard, a stolen base and an error allowed Falls City to tie the contest yet again, 6-6.

Down 6-7 entering the fifth, Gavin Shubert hit a two-out single. A base hit up the middle by Reid Kirkendall and a base knock by Elin Vonderschmidt tied the game at 7-7. Holmes then provided the big hit of the contest, a two-run double to right field, giving FC the 9-7 lead.

LWW put the first two runners of the sixth inning on base courtesy of walks. However, a double play by FC took the wind out of the visitors' sails. Pitcher Howard was able to get a groundout to first base to end the contest.

Holmes led the offense with two hits, including a double and two RBI.

Howard, Huppert, Shubert, Kirkendall and Vonderschmidt all added base hits. Howard pitched one inning for the win.

The visitors got the best of Post 102 in the nightcap, 0-6. Louisville/Weeping Water scored one in the first, once in the third and four runs in the fourth for the win.

Scholl provided the only hit for FC, a second-inning single. Gavin Dean and Callen Furnas reached on walks for Falls City's only other two base runners.

Vonderschmidt took the loss, allowing two hits and two runs in three innings of work.

On Wednesday, in the sultry heat, FC hosted the Elmwood-Murdock Pirates. The visitors led 1-0 after the first inning, but FC tied the game in the second. Huppert singled to open the frame and, after a pair of stolen bases, scored on an RBI groundout by Vonderschmidt.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth, Brody Scholl walked to open the frame. Two stolen bases and a sac fly tied the game at 2-2.

The visitors plated four in the fifth to take a 6-2 advantage.

In the bottom of the inning, Howard singled to right field to begin the comeback. A single by Holmes and a groundout by Shubert made it 6-3. That's as close as it would get. Elmwood-Murdock added an insurance run in the sixth and held on for the 7-3 win.

Howard, Holmes, Huppert and Scholl all singled for FC. Huppert took the loss for FC, surrendering three hits and five runs (two earned) in three innings of action.

The loss dropped FC to 5-5 for the season. Post 102 will host Hiawatha for two games on Tuesday, June 16 and will play at Bennett/Palmyra on Wednesday, June 17th.



Records come crashing down at FCHS

The 2026 track season was an exciting one for Falls City High School this spring as three records came tumbling down: two from the early '80s and another from 2007.

Pole vaulter Tanner Jackson set a new mark this spring, topping out at 14-06, passing the mark of 14-01 set in 1982 by Darren Trull. Jackson first surpassed Trull at the Scott Nisely Invite in Syracuse on April 16, vaulting 14-02 for the win. He set the new mark of 14-06 at the Freeman Meet on May 5th in Adams. At the state meet, Jackson cleared 13-06 and placed sixth.

Senior Caleb Offner rewrote the FC record book this spring. Offner set a new school record in the shot put, tossing the 12-pound ball 55-05.50 at the Panther Invite on April 9th, surpassing the school re-

cord of 53-09 set by Mark Smith in 1982. Offner then uncorked a throw of 62-03.75 at the Class C-1 District Meet at JCC on May 14th. Offner followed up his district effort with a throw of 60-06 at the NSAA State Meet, placing second in Class C and finishing as just the third thrower to eclipse the 60-foot mark at the state championships.

Offner also set a new record in the discus this spring. His throw of 169-08 at the Conestoga Early Bird Invite on March 27, outdistanced the throw by Jake Bartek of 161-05 in 2007 for the record. At the Class C-1 District Meet, Offner tossed the disc 166-04 to qualify for the NSAA State Meet. At the championships in Omaha, Offner threw 158-11 and finished ninth.



Cody Jones Memorial Football Camp

Falls City High School and Sacred Heart football coaches gathered at Jug Brown Stadium on Saturday, May 30, for the fifth annual Cody Jones Memorial Football Camp. Head Coaches Doug Goltz and Darin Fritz, along with assistant coaches, players, and volunteers, guided more than 100 youth in grades 1 through 6 through a morning of drills and games.

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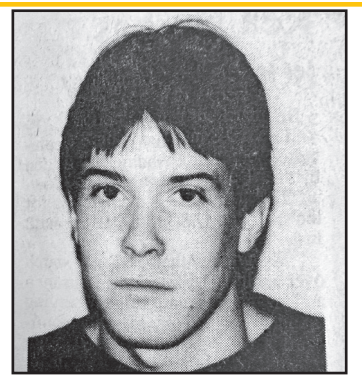
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tion in the remodeling of Hatfield House, on the estate where Queen Elizabeth I spent her childhood and the location where many modern-day films have been made.

David and Ann wed in 1839, in London. For three years they lived in David's home town of Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire. In 1842, with their two young boys in tow, they sailed to the land of opportunity that had won its freedom from Britain fifty-nine years earlier.

The family made their home in Whitestown, New York. This area was a volatile hotbed of abolitionist activity and was a hub for freedom-seekers on the Underground Railroad, due to its location in central New York next to the Erie Canal. The Dorrington's were conscientious people who came from a land where slavery had been abolished since 1833. They fit right in.

Fifteen years later the family had grown to eight. Just prior to the economic panic in 1857, Ann insisted they heed the call of the west, where they could "grow up with the country." Possessing dreams of prosperity and little else, David and Ann traveled by rail to St. Louis, took a boat to Leavenworth, and then traveled north to Doniphan County, Kansas.

It was there that David built a small shack on a claim and soon became acquainted with William Brooks, J. Edward Burbank, and Isaac Hamby, who were free-state partisans in Kansas. They urged David to come to the site of a new, abolition-centered town envisioned by James H. Lane. When David arrived there, he found only stakes in the ground. This is where he would help create Falls City, in Nebraska Territory.

David soon had plenty of building contracts. Falls City was quickly fashioned into its early rough form with heavy labor and hard-to-find materials – some

of the lumber having been scrounged from neighboring communities. David began building a house for his family in 1857 on the northwest corner of what is now 16th and Stone Streets. It was completed after the winter thaw. He was then joined in Falls City by Ann and their youngest son, William.

1858 was a pivotal year for Falls City. Growth had started in earnest, and the town benefitted from its location. The nearby communities of Nemaha Falls and Archer were victims of misfortune. Archer lost its place as county seat due to it ending up on the wrong side of the Half-Breed Line, and Nemaha Falls was inundated by the great flood of the Big Nemaha River that summer. Many of the residents of those settlements ended up in Falls City.

Also in play was the reason that the town was founded – Jim Lane's trail. Just before the Civil War, the Lane Trail was used to bring free-state voters south into Kansas and to move freedom seekers north out of bondage. The Lane trail through Nebraska avoided the treacherous slave state of Missouri, so it was the preferred route. David and Ann were crucial to this movement. The large barn behind their house was an important station on the Underground Railroad.

True to their moral principles and at their own peril, the couple hid freedom seekers in the barn's hay loft. Since this activity was largely opposed in the area, the operation was secretive. Ann provided fugitive slaves with food and coffee by bravely slipping out to the barn under the cover of night. David tried to stay away from the barn because he knew people were watching him. Since David had conveniently acquired the contract to carry the mail, sometimes false-bottomed wagons were used to transport fugitive slaves. The family became acquainted with the famous abolitionist John Brown, who passed through Falls

City with slaves several times and was known to have stayed with the Dorrington's.

David Dorrington was not only a building contractor and mail contractor – he was justice of the peace, undertaker, city council member, first school board member, and served as mayor in Falls City. David, often called "Squire" Dorrington, involved himself in the politics of the time – especially in the fight to secure Falls City as the county seat. His position, along with others in Falls City, drew scorn from the likes of the hateful pro-slavery newspaperman J. Sterling Morton (Yes, the Arbor Day guy), who described Falls City as a "scurvy hoard of rascals," among other awful things.

David's grandson and namesake, David D. Reavis, described his grandfather as, "Six foot-two inches tall with large features, evenly disposed, kind-hearted, and an Englishman all over. He came to this country when it was uninhabited and in fact, almost uninhabitable. He braved with his wife the vicissitudes and hardships of the frontier, and raised his family."

In the early history of Falls City, Ann was no less important and may rightfully be considered the heroic one. Not only did she courageously dare to care for freedom seekers, but she also provided medical care to the community. There was no doctor or hospital in the area. Armed with only a walking stick for protection, a simple knowledge of the "healing art," and a bag of medicinal supplies, she would sometimes travel long distances on the vast prairie to minister to the sick and dying, bringing hope and comfort to those in need. This earned her the respected title of "Mother Dorrington." Ann has been described as refined, gentle, and cultured. She was certainly a sympathetic, caring person. Ann Dorrington may have been physically small and frail, but she possessed the mettle and spirit so essential in the pioneer woman.

While living in Kansas, Ann was alone in the cabin one day when a road-wearer traveler appeared at the

door. He pleaded with Ann to let him hide there, as he was being pursued. Convinced that he was innocent of the crime for which he was being sought, she obliged. When the two men who were searching for the fugitive arrived, Ann tried to tell them that he was not there. The men were not convinced and approached to search the cabin. Lifting a nearby pot of boiling water, she promised to scald the first man who crossed her threshold. That, they believed! The pursuers left empty-handed and her visitor went safely on his way.

When Falls City was in danger of being burned by pro-slavery factions, Ann refused to leave town with the women and children who were being evacuated. She exclaimed that where her husband and sons were, there she would stay!

Squire and Mother Dorrington were the parents of six children. Frederick Marion Dorrington, the eldest, became involved with the Underground Railroad and helped his father build early Falls City. He served the town in many capacities, including teaching school. Fred later relocated to Plattsmouth, where he ran the stage and mail service between Omaha and Lincoln.

Son George Edward Dorrington worked in the grain business in Chicago after attending college there before moving back home. He was an express agent for two companies in Falls City, then owned and ran a mercantile business there.

The third son, John Webster Dorrington, rode mail routes for David in the early Falls City days. During the Civil War, John fought with the 2nd Nebraska Cavalry in the Dakota War of 1862. Later, after working at Plattsmouth with brother Fred's stage line, John moved to Yuma, Arizona, where he eventually became owner, editor, and publisher of the Arizona Sentinel newspaper. There he acquired farmland and mines, was a bank director, and served as a territorial legislator and superintendent of territorial prisons. John was also a territorial delegate to four national political conventions.

When David and Ann moved to Falls City, daughter Anna Mariah Dor-

rington was attending the Elmira College for Women in New York, where she was a classmate of Olivia Langdon – the future wife of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Anna joined the family in Falls City in 1861, becoming a grade school teacher. There she met and later married Isham Reavis, a young lawyer from Illinois who famously was an acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln. Isham became a district judge in 1867, then was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant to be a federal judge in Yuma, Arizona Territory. After one term, he and Anna returned to Falls City to raise their family in more civilized environment. Judge Reavis became a very prominent attorney, arguing cases as high as the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Reavis's produced notable children. Their eldest child Annie was active in many organizations, serving as president of the Nebraska Federated Women's Club, helping organize the American Legion Auxiliary, and founding the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a writer, musician, and was a college instructor before her marriage to T. J. Gist, a local banker and businessman. Along with her mother, Annie was active in the women's suffrage movement. She was a gold star mother, having lost son Isham Reavis Gist to the Spanish Flu in World War I. Isham and Anna's son David D. Reavis was a local funeral director, businessman, lawyer, and land owner. He was a gifted writer, historian, artist, and musician. Son Isham Burton Reavis was a merchant in Falls City and later in Omaha. Son Charles Frank Reavis was an attorney with his father and served as prosecuting attorney for Richardson County. He was later elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. After Congress, he worked with the U. S. Attorney General as a special prosecutor before returning to Nebraska to practice law in Lincoln.

David and Ann's son William Ebenezer Dorrington moved with his parents to Falls City when he was just ten years old.

He was an early mail rider with his brother John at the time of the Pony Express. It was said that he once stumbled over a sleeping visitor after waking early to ride his mail route. The guest he stepped on was John Brown!

Having graduated from the University of Chicago, William served as station agent in Falls City for the Burlington Railroad before excelling as a businessman. He became a multifaceted presence in the community, being involved in the furniture and undertaking business as well as in banking and real estate. William was a civic leader, serving Falls City many years as mayor, city councilman, and school board member.

The Dorrington's youngest child was Kittie Loveline Dorrington. At a young age Kittie married Edwin S. Towle I, who was an attorney, state legislator, successful businessman, and land owner. Kittie spent her married life devoted to her family. The Towle family businesses and holdings flourished through three more generations.

David Dorrington became a naturalized citizen in 1847, after the necessary five-year waiting period. He signed a document stating that he renounced forever all allegiance and fidelity to any sovereignty, particularly the queen of Great Britain.

Ann didn't sign any such document. It was unnecessary, as women did not yet have the right to vote. It's unknown what attachment, if any, she still felt toward her former country. Shortly before her marriage she was a waiting maid in the service of Queen Victoria. A family story often told was that she was released from her position because she married a commoner. One thing is undeniable... Ann became a true American.

The Dorrington story in America was one of many that laid the foundation for the great nation we've become. David and Ann Dorrington became the first permanent residents of Falls City by chance, but they earned the title given to them by their fellow pioneers: "The Father and Mother of Falls City."

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Rome Wulf Leland West

Rome Wulf Leland West, 19, of Falls City, NE, passed away June 11, 2026 at Rulo, NE. He was born May 29, 2007 to Shawn and London (Reed) West at Virginia Beach, VA.

Rome "RoRo" moved to Falls City with his family in 2013 and he attended Falls City Public Schools, graduating in 2025. He was currently working as a welder at Fast Global in Falls City. In his spare time, Rome liked being in the outdoors, hunting, fishing and playing basketball with his buddies. He especially en-

joyed golfing with his friends. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Rome is survived by his parents, Shawn and London of Falls City, siblings, Kaitlin (Steven) of Colorado Springs, CO, Tyler of Richmond, VA, Nevada West of Omaha, NE, Tommy and Lillian West of Falls City, Aunt "LaLa" and Uncle "Joshy" of Virginia Beach,



VA, cousin Tony "Tone" of Norfolk, VA, cousin Nathan "NateNate" and a grandmother, Shirley West of Norfolk, VA and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Thomas E. West and a grandmother, Norvalynn "Gamma" (Jones) Reed.

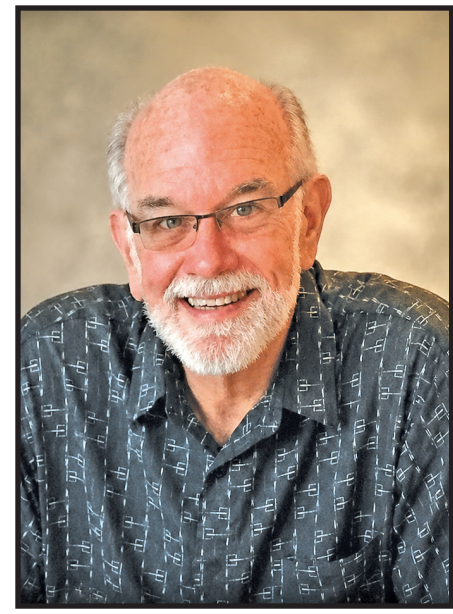
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Jim Meysenburg officiating. Interment will be in Falls City Catholic Cemetery.

A Parish Rosary will be recited on Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Family will receive friends following the rosary.

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John S. Sailors



John Steven Sailors, 76, of Falls City, Nebraska was born on June 29, 1949, in Falls City, Nebraska to Stanley S. and Aleene (Elms) Sailors. He was raised in Falls City where he attended Falls City public schools and graduated from Falls City High School with the class of 1967. John then continued his education at South-

east Community College in Milford, Nebraska where he received his degree.

On December 3, 1969, John entered active-duty status with the U.S. Air Force in Kansas City, Missouri and served his country until his honorable discharge on June 1, 1973, at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. After his military service, John lived in Grand Island and Kearney and then returned to Falls City, Nebraska and joined his father's business and opened the Mr. Automotive Machine Shop. Together, John, his brother Chuck and their father Stan owned the Mr. Automotive Sailors and Sons business for 44 years.

John passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Community Medical Center in Falls City, Nebraska having reached the earthly age of seventy-six years, eleven months, and eleven days.



He was preceded in death by his parents.

John is survived by his wife Susi Sailors of Falls City, children: Adam (Sophie) Sailors and son Asher of Colorado Springs, CO; Clint Sailors of Falls City and sons Blake and Cameron, Shannon "Shay" (Brad) Homeyer of Nebraska City and their children Jake (Emaly) Cockle, Cameron and Miles, Caitlyn Homeyer, Darnell Simms, Uriah Homeyer, Jakobi Homeyer, and Brock Homeyer, Jay (Nicole) Jackson and children Seth and Garrett of Verdon, Joe (Rachel) Jackson and children Tanner and Alaina of Verdon, Shelby (Jorge) Rodriguez of Florida, Madison (Sam) Marx and children Ephraim and Elle of Colona, IL; Josh Murphy, Sydnie Murphy and fiancé Trevon Snell and son Oscar of Lincoln, Abigail (Sky-lar) Martin and children Colton, Weston, Remington, and Leighton, brother Chuck Sailors of Falls City, and many other relatives, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at The Seid's Center, 71085 651 Blvd. outside of Falls City, Nebraska.

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

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RULO

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

BARADA

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

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

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

SHUBERT

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

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

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

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Claude Erisman, Jr., Deceased
Case Number PR26-25

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of May, 2026, in the County Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of the said Decedent and that Pamela R. Stanley, whose address is 72041 643 Avenue, Stella, Nebraska 68442, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 10th day of August, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

Louie M. Ligouri (16708)
Ligouri Law Office
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

10-17-24
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The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 held its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Carson Board Room at ESU 4 in Auburn, Nebraska. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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The Board of Educational Service Unit 4 will hold its Regular Meeting at 5:15 pm on Monday, August 10, 2026, in the Carson Board Room at ESU 4, 2301 Dahlke Avenue, Auburn, Nebraska. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Administrator during normal business hours.

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NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA SHAWN D. KYKER, Plaintiff, vs. HEARTLAND TOWER, INC., and ROBERT NALL, individually, Defendants. Case No. CI 26-12

TO HEARTLAND TOWER INC., AND ROBERT NALL:

You are hereby notified that on February 18, 2026, Shawn D. Kyker filed his Complaint in the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, Case No. CI 26-12, naming you as Defendants. The object and prayer of said Complaint is wrongful detention of Plaintiff's personal property; the wrongful taking and detention of Plaintiff's 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, VIN 2GC4YME76R1203516; and related claims including replevin, conversion, unlawful self-help exclusion, declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, and unjust enrichment, and such other and further relief as provided by law.

You are required to answer the Complaint on or before July 31, 2026. If you fail to do so, the allegations of the Complaint may be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly for the relief requested by the Plaintiff. Please govern yourself accordingly.
DATED June 12, 2026.

Shawn D. Kyker, Plaintiff, pro se
1819 Lincoln St.
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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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANIMAL PERMIT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 2004-102 of the City of Falls City, Levi Jones has applied for an animal permit to pasture and/or stable 8 Equines / 2 female goats, at East 17th Street, 1207 E 17th Street, 1215 East 17th Street, Falls City, Nebraska. Public Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, in the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street, Falls City, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment prior to the consideration of a permit to harbor livestock on the below listed residential properties.

Livestock Permit Application:
1215 E 17th Street
East 17th Street
1207 E 17th Street

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit. A copy of the livestock application and supporting information can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Falls City. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at 402-245-2851

Gary Jorn, City Clerk
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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
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HTRS DISTRICT #70

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2026 7:00 PM
Humboldt Board Conference Room

1. OPEN MEETING NOTICE - CALL MEETING TO ORDER- ROLL CALL -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*
2. WELCOME PATRONS & GUEST: PATRON COMMENT
3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 3.1. Meeting Minutes
- 3.2. Bills for Payment
- 3.3. Review Treasurer's Report
4. REPORTS
- 4.1. Principal Caniglia discussed the May events, driver's education and credit recovery.
- 4.2. Principal Standerford discussed past and upcoming trainings/conferences, handbooks and new system features.
- 4.3. SPED Director Kroll
- 4.4. NASB Report - Neal Kanel
5. AGENDA
- 5.1. Board Member's Leave of Absence if Needed
- 5.2. Policy First Read
Accept First Reading. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Mike Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 5.3. Renew Auburn Baseball and Soccer Cooperative Agreement
Approve continuation of the Auburn Baseball and Soccer Cooperative Agreement. This motion, made by Dave Mezger and seconded by Neal Kanel, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 5.4. Original Building Door Replacements
Approve bid for door replacements. This motion, made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 5.5. Approve bid for the addition of a Sink and Vent Hood in the FCS room
Approve bid for the addition of a sink and vent hood in the FCS room. This motion, made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Dave Mezger, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 5.6. Automatic Swing Door Operators
Accept the proposal from Keystone glass for the swing door operators. This motion, made by Neal Kanel and seconded by Scott Ogle, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 5.7. Purchase of 2 Paragon Metal Detectors ADA GSA Package
Recommend Company Assembly (Trip Charge \$2,500 and \$400/unit)
Purchase of 2 Paragon Metal Detectors ADA GSA Package with Company Assembly. This motion, made by Scott Ogle and seconded by Kyle Hilgenfeld, passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 2

The procedure for implementation is in the Cell Phone Policy 6025.

6. Superintendent Griffith's Report: Dr. Griffith discussed the handbooks, STEAM, the budget and wellness plan for 2026.

7. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS
8. ADJOURN
Motion to Adjourn at 07:23 pm. This motion, made by Mike Kanel and seconded by Dave Mezger, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Chantel Farwell

VENDOR NAME DESCRIPTION INVOICE AMOUNT

Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.	Maintenance - Chemicals	1,300.60
Amazon Capital Services		3,857.85
Amplify Education Inc., Po 8822, Po 8823, Po 8841		19,088.76
Auburn State Theater, A/R Trip		936.00
Boomgam, Renee Custodial & Vehicle		

Parts	309.09
Brainpop LLC, Po 8879 Curriculum	4,500.00
Burger, Scott, Fuel Reimbursement	40.00
Cardmember Service, Credit Card Charges-Gen Fund	7,433.68
Chaotic Coffee, Retirement Cupcakes	120.00
Cleaning Cousins, LLC	787.58
Dell Inc, Po 8830	35,221.56
Dstk Phillips, Inc, Air Filters, Parts & Labor	1,741.95
Eakes Office Solutions, Maint Suppl.	8873/8782
Egan Supply Co, Po 8809	8889
	2,353.33
Electronic Contracting Co., Alarm Monitoring Services	168.00
Esgj, LLC, Po 8876	819.00
Esu #4, Workshops & Health Screenings	10,693.30
Falls City Journal, Advertising	291.00
Falls City Mercantile Co, Pbis Po8885	60.92
FC Sanitation, Trash-Utilities	1,540.00
Farm & City Supply, Sf Supplies	9.05
Fiber Platform, LLC, Distance Learning	429.21
Froeschl Floors, Shop Room Flake Floors	7,742.00
Hometown Leasing, Staple Copier Lease	1,377.80
Houghton Mifflin Co, Po 8804	1,500.00
Htrs Payroll Acct, Payroll Expenses	621,460.57
Humboldt Standard, Ads	934.79
Jim Hills, El Courtyard Glass	520.00
Kleo, Inc., Yearly Sub	1,500.00
Koch Auto Service	299.21
KSB School Law, Legal Services	1,895.00
Kurita America Inc/Water Soft Contract	522.72
Malcolm, Mary, Occ Therapy - Sped Services	897.30
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Cte Cylinder Rent	146.85
Mid-American Research, Po 8848	2,128.30
Midwest Bust Parts Inc., Bus Maintenance	809.91
National Therapeutic Associates, Inc. Physical Therapy - Sped Services	1,815.85
NCS Pearson, Inc, April 2026	31.26
NCSA - Nebraska Council Of School Admin, Kc 2026 Admin Workshop	125.00
Pawnee City Schools, Transportation Service	2,275.50
Pawnee Republican, Ads	383.65
Pawnee True Value, A456346	106.95
Rethink Autism, Inc, Po 8428	1,200.00
Sapp Bros., Fuel	73.66
Schendel Pest Control, Pest Control-Spraying	75.00
Scholastic Inc, Po 8878	1,859.28
Sherman's Station LLC, Fuel	4,787.50
Strategic Service, LLC, Dishwasher Service	630.60
Strong, Melinda, Mileage Reimbursement	239.25
T-Mobile Usa Inc, Geo Tab Monthly Charges	298.90
Teacher Synergy, LLC, Po 8888	235.00
Tk Elevator Corporation, Elevator Maintenance	595.72
Verizon Business, Long Distance	73.34
Wilcock, Joy, Occ Therapy - Sped Services	2,616.90
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 3, 2026
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 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 27, 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 was unable to update the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week due to construction projects that are underway and being done by Road Department crew.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center this past week. Statistics for the month of May, 2026, are as follows: 563 total calls with 229 of those being traffic stops, 43 bookings into the jail (7 other agencies, 5 out-of-county and 31 Sheriff Department arrests).

The Village of Verdon contacted the Sheriff with regards to the possibility of the County Sheriff's Department enforcing the ordinances within the Village. No action was taken.

JOHN KIRKENDALL
John Kirkendall requested to meet with the Board to present information regarding the proposed plans for upcoming 4th fireworks display to be held at the Falls City Area Jaycees Field. The Falls City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Falls City Area Jaycees are sponsoring the event.

Mr. Kirkendall reported that during the fireworks display that a portion of 703 Loop would need to be barricaded as part of the safety zones required during the fireworks display.

The Board thanked Mr. Kirkendall for presenting the information to keep the County informed on the event.
BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

A brief discussion was held regarding the final plan of the All-Hazards Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan as prepared by the Nemaha Natural Resources District. The plan was provided to the County Board for review prior to the adoption. Commissioner Campbell reported that he reviewed the plan as presented.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-39 to approve and adopt the Nemaha NRD All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Campbell. Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 28, Page 110)

The Board also reviewed with Mr. Kirkendall the correspondence that was received from Dylan Handley, Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Barada regarding the insurance coverage for the outdoor warning siren located within the corporate limits of the Village of Barada. The County requested that the village provide the insurance coverage for the siren while the County would continue to provide the maintenance. The Village of Barada has decided to not insure the siren at this time.

Discussion was also held regarding the outdoor warning siren within the corporate limits of the Village of Shubert which was furnished and completely maintained and insured by the Cooper Nuclear Station. Notice has been given to the County that the Cooper Nuclear Station will begin using the IPAWS, Integrated Public Awareness Warning System, to notify those within the emergency planning zones (EPZ) if an incident would occur. With the implementation of the IPAWS, the outdoor warning siren in the Village of Shubert, which is owned and serviced by the Cooper Nuclear Station, would be removed. Mr. Kirkendall plans to meet with the Village Board of Shubert to inform them of this matter and to determine if the Village was willing to provide for insurance of an outdoor warning siren if one was placed in the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER Fee Reports

Reports were approved for the following officials for fees collected during the month of May, 2026:

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk \$240.00
Mary L. Eickhoff, Register of Deeds \$17,268.96; Pam Scott, Clerk of Dist Court \$985.00

Monthly Operating Statement
The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement for May, 2026.

CLAIMS
Motion was made by Campbell to approve the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. 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

Amazon, supp	30.45
BuckIT, serv	7186.14
Capital Business Systems, supp	14245.00
Culligan, serv	11.70
Falls City Journal, ad	58.13
Falls City Sanitation, serv	60.00
Falls City Utilities, serv	4948.77
Fankhauser, Nelsen & Werts, fees	1212.50
PR26-11	
Farm & City Supply, supp	26.15
Humboldt Standard, ads	88.00
Kirkendall, Brian, reimb	32.35
Marvin Planning Consultants, serv	1550.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., serv	1032.00
Midwest Mobile Radio Service, serv	30.00
Miller, Judy	236.38
MIPS, serv	9022.24
NE Assoc. of Weed Control, fee	150.00
Postmaster, supp	702.00
Richardson County Clerk Petty Cash, reimb	9.70
Richardson County Court, fees	869.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	472.24
Richardson County Sheriff, fees	1011.38
Richardson County Sheriff Petty Cash, reimb	1351.29
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	49.63
Sapp Bros., fuel	153.01
Southeast Nebraska Communications, serv	1068.22
SummerOne, serv	49.64
Uline, supp	285.57
US Signal, serv	1064.70
Verizon, serv	239.94
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$47,246.13

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Bahr Welding, serv	360.00
Culligan, serv	35.10
East Richardson Rural Water #2, serv	46.00
Fastenal, supp	141.05
OPPD, serv	85.28
Operation & Expense Acct., reimb	253.39
Sapp Bros., supp	3102.80
Unifirst, serv	84.29
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$4,107.91

REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND

MIPS, serv	324.92
TOTAL REG OF DEEDS P&M FUND	\$324.92

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, reimb	213.15
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, reimb	325.02
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND	\$538.17

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-absent, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, June 10, 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
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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's golf league results from Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The results are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early league results.
Team 1(2.00) Liberty, Brandon 38-36; McNeely, Erik 52-43. Team 8 (4.00) Dunn, Chaz 37-38; Hillyard, Mark 45-38.

Team 2 (0.00) Hays, Gary 40-36; Heinzelman, Denny (F). Team 7 (6.00) Malcolm, Terry 44-35; Sailors, Chuck 43-31.

Team 3 (0.50) Ebel, Ron 46-42; Witt, Wade 48-40. Team 6 (5.50) May, Mark 45-40; Bennett, Chuck 48-40.

Team 4 (0.00) Borg, Dave 46-42; Murphy, Jim 49-36. Team 5 (6.00) James, Charles 40-34; Rowland, Rod 40-33.

Team 9 (6.00) Mullins, Jim 45-38; Kurpge- weit, Lee 41-33. Team 10 (0.00) Hankins, Dan 50-41; Kermodae, Terry 49-38.

Late league results.

Team 1 (6.00) Dunn, Joe 35-36; Bippes, Drew 48-40; Coonce, Kyle 59-34. Team 20 (2.00) Anderson, Dusty (F); Bennett, Chuck 40-32; Dunn, Mike 56-42.

Team 2 (5.50) Montgomery, Carter 38-37; Malone, Kevin 40-33; Sly, Tony 49-31. Team 19 (2.50) Davis, Darin 39-34; Gooch, Blake 49-41; Bredemeier, Logan 52-31.

Team 3 (4.00) Aitken, Bob 41-37; Craig, Jake (F); Scheitel, Logan 53-28. Team 18 (4.00) Chesnut, Justin 44-38; May, Mark 37-31; Harmon, Jason 49-37.

Team 4 (2.50) Witt, Tom 39-36; Froeschl, Nathan 46-39; Jorden- ing, Ron 48-34. Team 17 (5.50) Godemann, Ted 47-39; Froeschl, Joe 41-32; Witt, Bailey 45-34.

Team 5 (7.00) Simon, Steve 36-35; Daake, Brian 44-38; Merz, Mitch 59-32. Team 16 (1.00) Hill, Dan 47-42; Steele, Brendan 57-49; Bauer, Trevor 48-35.

Team 6 (2.00) Bachman, Eli 44-42; Witt, Wade 43-35; Leyden, Derrick 49-35. Team 15 (6.00) Van Dyke, Kyle 39-35; Froeschl, Ethan 44-37; Cole, Gavin 41-32.

Team 7 (2.00) Dunn, Chaz 35-34; Schawang, Cade 47-39; Bauman, Jackson 49-36. Team 14 (6.00) Gerwick, Rob 42-38; Meysenburg, Fr. James 47-36; McNeely, Erik 44-33.

Team 8 (8.00) Simon, Dan 38-36; Harmon, Galen 43-33; Waller, Doug 48-30. Team 13 (0.00) Ferguson, Don 44-40; Schawang, Cody 48-39; White, Christian 56-37.

Team 9 (3.00) Kirkendall, Jeremy 38-34; Witt, Rich 49-39; Craig, Robbie 47-32. Team 12 (5.00) Liberty, Brandon 38-35; McNeely, John 47-40; Bek, Adam 39-23.

Team 10 (0.50) Gist, Thomas 43-39; Poppe, Brian 42-34; Keller, Bart 56-38. Team 11 (7.50) Siel, Jake 39-35; Froeschl, Lucas 41-33; Dunkhas, Gale 44-30.

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THE CENTER

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As attendees listened, they sat within a facility whose architecture and history have become part of The Center's identity. The building's distinctive five-aisle design and historic pipe organ were highlighted as unique features that organizers hope to preserve and share with future generations.

Martin told the audience that saving the historic structure was only part of the work.

"We have saved this historic landmark. Now it is time to make it sing again," Martin said.

That vision was reflected throughout the afternoon's performances.

Music filled the sanctuary as Hopp and Gaskell performed selections that showcased the facility's acoustics and historic organ. The Clefsmen also took the stage as part of their 60th anniversary celebration, providing a connection between the community's musical heritage and The Center's future aspirations.

The afternoon concluded with a community presentation of "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Hopp and Gaskell.

The organization describes its purpose through three themes: gather, grow and celebrate.

To gather means creating a place where people can come together regardless of background. To grow means encouraging artistic, cultural and personal development. To celebrate means honoring both the area's heritage and the people who continue shaping its future.

The Center's envision the facility serving residents throughout Richardson and Brown counties while also drawing participation from surrounding communities in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa.

The opening celebration served as both an intro-

duction to that vision and a demonstration of what such a gathering place could become.

Organizers also used the occasion to launch a fundraising effort aimed at supporting future programming and facility improvements.

Plans include expanding opportunities for performances, conferences, Mission Angel Food, Seniors for The Center, Respite Commons, our Conference Services, spaces for individual and family leasing community activities.

However, much of the focus remained on gratitude.

Closing the event Martin recognized contributors, and announced "a very special contribution to the identity of our facility. Amy and Jim Cleveland" who he said spent countless, dedicated hours listening and advising on how to perfectly bridge the "sacred traditions of our past to this new and bright beginning."

Martin said the Cleveland's channeled that vision into designing the logo and branding, "ensuring our focus on service and community support shines through brilliantly. We are officially naming our gathering space the Leon and Carolyn Joy Fellowship Hall, giving a forever naming entitlement to this incredibly important room."

The foundational campaign goal for this season is \$50,000 to anchor initial building expansions and launch seasonal programming.

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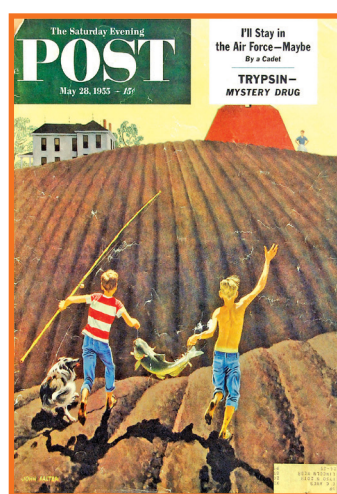
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