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Falls City celebrates America's 250 with full day of celebration

Falls City celebrated America's 250th anniversary on the Fourth of July with a full day of events, community pride and American spirit.

After a hot and humid week that brought temperatures in the upper 80s and 90s, the rain cleared away in time for the celebration. Conditions stayed pleasant for the day's events, allowing the community to enjoy a full schedule of Independence Day activities.

The day included the Firecracker Color Run, a Vendor and Farmers Market, America's 250th Anniversary Parade, Extreme Bull Riding, live music and

fireworks. Chase Street was lined with spectators for the parade, where the spirit of America could be felt as families, friends and neighbors gathered and lined Chase Street to celebrate both Falls City and the nation's milestone anniversary.

Stone Street was also busy as shoppers visited the Vendor and Farmers Market and local stores.

One of the highlights of the celebration was America's 250th Anniversary Parade. Chase Street was lined with people dressed in red, white and blue, waving flags and celebrating both Falls City and America's

historic milestone.

Later in the day, the celebration moved to Jaycee's Community Field, where Extreme Bull Riding by Doubles Bulls brought excitement to the evening.

The event featured 36 riders competing for more than \$5,500 in added prize money, giving the crowd a thrilling show.

As the sun set, Falls City was lit up with fireworks, closing out a full day of community pride, patriotic spirit and celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

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Annual Golf "Fore" Good Health event a rousing success

By Brian McKim

The Falls City Golf Course was abuzz with an array of golf enthusiasts on Friday, June 19, 2026, for the 15th annual CMC golf fundraiser. From scratch golfers, hackers, to sandbaggers, the teams enjoyed near-perfect weather until rain moved in near the end of the event. Eighteen four-person teams hit the links at 9:00 a.m., with the final team heading back towards the clubhouse around 4:00 in the afternoon. A sack lunch was provided midday, followed by a buffet-style dinner provided by Country Cabin around 5:00.

"It was the CMC Foundation's honor to recognize and celebrate Ed Hartman and Coach William Reed as the Grand Marshals of this year's Golf "Fore" Good Health golf tournament," said Marketing/Events/Foundation Coordinator Linda Santo. "Both men are pillars of our community."

Santo continued, "Ed and Coach have contributed immensely to this event over the past fifteen years. We thank them for their wisdom and leadership."

Before the teams hit the links on Friday morning, Community Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Ryan Larsen spoke to the assembled crowd.

"For the last 15 years, we have been so blessed to have so many of our heroes and people that have made a difference and are recognized throughout the state and nation, coming to our little community, Falls City, to

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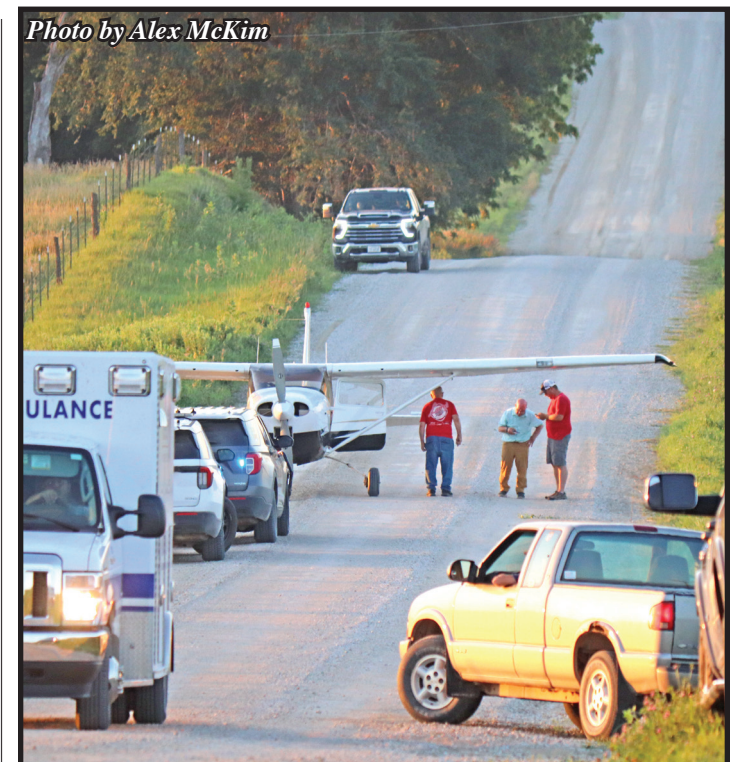


Photo by Alex McKim

Small plane lands on Richardson Co. road after engine failure

According to a press release from the Richardson County Sheriff's Department, on the evening of July 5, 2026, the Richardson County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an aircraft that had made an emergency landing near the intersection of 652 Avenue and 714 Road in rural Richardson County.

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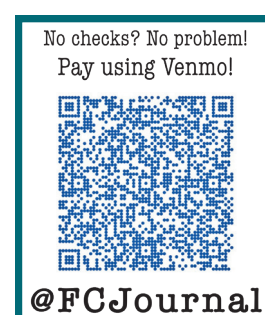
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- 18 -Fish Fry at Shubert Christian Church 5PM
- Dedication of Julian refurbished Post Office & BBQ 11AM
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support healthcare in our community," said Larsen. "It has been wonderful. These are individuals who have inspired us."

Larsen noted that while the Husker greats and other athletes who have graced Falls City over the years have been wonderful, it's also important to acknowledge the individuals among us who have made significant contributions and have made a difference in the area.

"That's why I'm so proud that this year, our celebrities are people that we hopefully don't overlook, but that we get to see frequently," Larsen said. "Among them are words that I would use, including mentors, entrepreneur, inspiration, investors, coach, and I can go on and on."

Larsen continued, saying, "I hope you take the moment to say thank you, to say we appreciate you. Thank you for what you have done for us."

Finally, before releasing the teams to the course, Santo, on behalf of Community Medical Center, the Foundation, the Boards and the Golf Committee, presented the two marshals with customized, unofficial CMC Masters Green Jackets.

Santo concluded by thanking the sponsors and encouraged the groups to "hit it long and straight."

Between donations, the silent auction and the golf tournament, the CMC Foundation had netted roughly \$15,000 as of Thursday, June 25.

The money raised will be used for CMC renovations and expansion, expected to begin later this summer.

The \$21 million facility opened in November 2009 and underwent an upgrade in 2016, including a new Family Medicine Clinic, additional surgery space, and imaging enhancements, at a cost of \$8 million. The upgrade also included improvements made to the orthopedic and specialty clinics.



MC Horses and Tack celebrates ribbon cutting

MC Horses and Tack celebrated its ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 6, at 1604 Stone Street in Falls City. Owner Mariah Christiansen marked the occasion alongside her sister, Paige Stamper, owner of Bear-y Clean Pet Grooming, as the two businesses share the same storefront location.

While the ribbon cutting officially welcomed the businesses to the community, MC Horses and Tack first opened its Falls City storefront in the fall of 2025.

For Christiansen, horses and the western lifestyle have always been a way of life.

"Horses and a love for the western lifestyle have been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember," she said. "I currently own three horses and spend any free time I have riding and being with them."

What began as a passion for horses and quality tack has grown into a thriving business that serves customers across the country and around the world. Christiansen said one of the greatest blessings of owning the business has been the opportunity to raise her son, Roy, alongside her work.

"I have been blessed to raise my son Roy in the tack store with me," she said. "Outings with our mobile tack trailer are always a great time. My family comes along when they can, and we always make it an adventure."

A Falls City native, Christiansen said returning home has been especially meaningful.

"I grew up in Falls City, and it has been wonderful to come back home and get to see my family regularly," she said.

Christiansen's journey into the tack business began while attending college, when she worked at Cowboy Connection in North Platte. The store owners, Monty and Kathy Decker, became mentors and close friends.

"They helped me get my start," Christiansen said. "After Monty passed away, I was able to purchase the remaining inventory from Kathy and move into their old building."

The Deckers' business model of operating both a storefront and a mobile tack trailer inspired Christiansen's own approach. Like her mentors, she travels to horse shows, sales and rodeos, building relationships with customers along the way.

Today, MC Horses and Tack offers a wide variety of products to outfit horses and riders, including bridles, halters, saddle pads, saddles, ropes and other essential equipment. The store specializes in quality gear at affordable prices and can special order products for customers when needed.

In addition to retail sales, Christiansen has spent the past decade developing her leatherworking skills and became more serious about the craft after purchasing her first leather sewing machine two years ago. She now offers limited custom leatherwork, repair services, and saddle cleaning and oiling.

"What started as a small collection of tack on a few fold-up tables has grown into a business that serves customers both locally and internationally," she said.

The business ships orders daily throughout the United States and internationally to countries including Canada, Mexico, Israel and Australia. Its online presence has also grown significantly, with nearly 17,000 followers on Facebook.

Christiansen said the support from the local community has exceeded all expectations.

"We have loved meeting and reconnecting with everyone," she said. "We've completed numerous repairs and custom builds for local customers, and we've had people travel more than four hours just to shop with us."

Customers regularly visit from Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joseph, south-central Nebraska and communities throughout Kansas.

Looking ahead, Christiansen plans to continue expanding both the storefront and online business.

"Over the next year, my goal is to continue fine-tuning our website, expand our handmade product offerings and continue growing both our storefront and online business," she said. "I'd like to offer more products that are handmade right here in Falls City while continuing to provide hardworking gear at honest prices."

With deep local roots, a growing customer base and a passion for serving the equestrian community, MC Horses and Tack continues to build on its success while bringing quality products and craftsmanship to Falls City and beyond.

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Deputies responded to the scene along with Falls City Rural Fire and Falls City EMS. Upon arrival, emergency responders located a single-engine Cessna aircraft that had successfully completed an emergency landing following an apparent engine failure.

Two occupants were aboard the aircraft at the time

of the emergency landing. Neither occupant was injured, and no medical treatment or transport was required.

To allow the roadway to be reopened, the aircraft was moved off the county road and onto private property near the landing site. The aircraft remains secured at that location pending recovery and investigation by the appropriate federal aviation authorities.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office notified the appropriate federal agencies. The National Transportation Safety Board, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, will conduct the investigation into the cause of the emergency landing.

County road closures associated with the incident were removed later that evening, and normal traffic resumed.

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office thanked Falls City Rural Fire, Falls City EMS and all assisting personnel for their prompt response and professionalism.

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Emalie Kay Castner



Emalie Kay Castner, 90, of Omaha, NE, formerly of Columbus, NE, died Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha, surrounded by her family.

The funeral service will be held on July 10, 2026, at 11:00 AM, at the Federated Church in Columbus with Rev. Edward Yang officiating. Interment will be on July 11 at 11:00 AM, at Maple Cemetery, Salem, NE. Visitation will

be on July 9 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Gass Haney Funeral Home and continue July 10 from 10:00 AM until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to Federated Church in Columbus, Columbus Center for Survivors, or Richardson County Museum in Falls City, NE.

Emalie Kay and her twin, Rosalie Fay, were born on December 12, 1935, to Ralph and Lydia Anna (Giesman) Whitney in Sabetha, KS. Shortly after their birth, their paternal grandfather, Lambert Whitney, left a note on the kitchen table saying that the twins should be named after their grandmothers, Emma (Giesman) and Rosa (Whitney). However, asserting their own independence, Ralph and Lydia named their newborns Emalie Kay and Rosalie Fay. Rosalie died at the age of two months.

Kay, as everyone knew her, and her parents' loved life on their family farm south of Dawson, NE. Their community life was centered on rural Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church and Honey Creek School. Kay rode along as her father drove the school bus until she was old enough to attend herself. Kay missed many months of elementary school due to illness. At the recommendation of her doctors, a young Kay and her mother moved to Boulder and later Tucson to help stabilize recurring asthma. They wrote frequent letters to her father who remained at home on the farm. Kay recalled being in Tucson when World War II ended. She and her mother walked to the town square in Tucson for the celebration. Kay graduated from Honey Creek School in 1953 with her class of 10 students.

Kay graduated with an elementary education degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1957 where she was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Her first teaching job was at Lincoln's Saratoga Elementary School.

In 1957 while still at NWU, Kay Whitney and Lloyd Castner, a University of Nebraska student, met on a blind date to the Auto Show at Omaha's Civic Auditorium, where they saw the McGuire Sisters perform. They were engaged by December of that year and married May 17, 1958, in Dawson, NE, a loving bond that lasted 66 years until Lloyd's passing in 2024.

In 1958, Kay and Lloyd set out for what would be the first of many adventures as Lloyd took on his first full-time role in Eugene, Oregon, as Assistant City Manager. Kay continued her teaching career at Frances Willard Elementary School until she was expecting their first son, Ralph. In 1965, the family of three moved to Ontario, Oregon, where both Clarey and Anna were born. It was there that Kay taught English to migrant workers' preschool children in an effort to help them learn the language before entering first grade. When asked about teaching to students that only knew Spanish, she said "we all got along just dandy."

The Castners returned to Nebraska in 1971, spending five years in Bellevue. Kay was active in the Alpha Gamma Delta Alumni group, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, and was initiated into PEO, Chapter M. She also served as leader of her kids' Cub Scout and Brownie troops.

In 1976, the family moved to Columbus, NE, which they quickly knew would be their forever hometown. It was here that Kay found long-term community and friendships that lasted for the rest of her life. She served as a substitute teacher for Columbus Public Schools, and faithfully served in many roles - including being the first woman to serve communion - at The Federated Church in Columbus where she and her family worshipped. She was also very active in the community and involved with the Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Friends of the Lied (Lied Center for Performing Arts), PEO Chapter HA, served as Job's Daughter Guardian for Bethel #39 and also active in Daughters of the Nile, Topaz Book Club, Sewing Club and multiple bridge clubs.

Throughout her adulthood, Kay continued to be an active owner of the Whitney family farm near Dawson, Nebraska. In 2006, she received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award honoring a century of continuous ownership of a family farm.

Survivors include her loving children: Ralph Castner of Lincoln, Nebraska, Clarence L. Castner, Jr., (Estee Levy) of New York, and Anna (Jack) Castner Wightman of Omaha; grandsons Luke (Chelsea) Castner; and Nicholas (Emmy Jo) Castner of New York City, NY; William (Max) Grove of New York City, NY; Samuel Castner (fiancée Jenny Kortus) and Cole Castner of Lincoln; granddaughters Emalie Wightman and Margaret Wightman of Omaha; great-grandchildren Wesley Castner, Walker Castner, Kim Castner and Ann Castner. Kay also valued her relationships with her loyal cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Castner, parents, Lydia and Ralph Whitney. In addition to her twin, she also was preceded in death by her infant sister, Patricia June, and her niece, Pat (Castner) Grant.

The family extends their heartfelt appreciation to Marney Gass, Aksarben Retirement Village, Josie Harper Hospice House and Goff Family Farms, Inc., for their support and care.

Condolences may be sent to www.gasshaney.com

Bonnie (Kelley) Aberle



Bonnie Jean (Kelley) Aberle, 88, of Sabetha, KS, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 3, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

Bonnie was born on April 16, 1938, in Omaha, NE, the oldest daughter of Berthal Kelley and Emma "Pauline" (Torkelson) Kelley. She attended public schools in Falls City, and graduated with the class of 1956. After finishing school, she moved to Omaha and started working at Mutual of Omaha. While living in Omaha, one of her favorite stories to tell and one of her favorite memories was attending an Elvis Presley concert with her girlfriends.

Bonnie married the love of her life, Eldon Aberle, on June 12, 1960. In 1979, they acquired the Ford dealership from McFall Motors, and 47 years later, Aberle Ford remains a family business.

Bonnie enjoyed socializing, playing Bridge, and being in the Red Hat Society. She was a member of the NorthRidge Church in Sabetha. She was a passionate traveler, entertainer, and lover of a clean home. She found joy in exploring new places, hosting friends and family, and whistling happily while dusting her home, always creating a warm, welcoming environment wherever she went. She was a constant presence at her grandchildren's sporting events, cheering them on with love. She was known for her zest for life and bright spirit. Although dementia affected her ability to communicate in her later years, those who loved her never forgot the lively spirit that defined her. She is now at peace, reunited with her beloved husband, Eldon, whom she deeply missed over the years.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eldon, on April 24, 2002, and her son, Mike, on October 20, 2020.

Bonnie is survived by her son, Scott (Laura) of Sabetha; her daughter-in-law, Kelly of Boca Raton, FL; her four grandchildren, Anna (Roy) Stafford of Oklahoma City, OK, Brett (Alyson) Aberle of Sabetha, Chad Aberle of Lawrence, KS, and Lindsey (Mitch) Aberle-Swanson of Gretna, NE; two great-grandchildren, Benny Michael Aberle and Lane Cody Aberle; her brother, Ron (Nancy) Kelley of Falls City; her two sisters, Sandy (John) Nore of Mesa, AZ and Jane (Steve) Minikus of Altamonte Springs, FL; her many nieces and nephews; and her dearly, devoted friend, Barbara Agee.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the NorthRidge Church in Sabetha. Prior to the funeral service, a visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will be made in the Albany Cemetery, north of Sabetha. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha Community Hospital, and the NorthRidge Church and may be sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Condolences can be shared online at www.popkess-mortuaries.com.

Tighe Gilkerson



Tighe Gilkerson, 51, of Salem, NE, passed away July 3, 2026 at Salem. He was born July 29, 1974 at Falls City to Dick Gilkerson and Peg Gilkerson.

Tighe was raised in Falls City and graduated from Falls City High School in 1993. Following graduation, he

worked various places until becoming employed by the BNSF Railroad in 2012 working in maintenance in way.

Tighe is survived by his wife, Barb of Salem, children, Abby Gilkerson of Lincoln, NE, Emily Gilkerson of Falls City, Trey Gilkerson and his fiancé Jordyn Curtis of Falls City, mother, Peg Gilkerson of Hermitage, MO, father, Dick and his wife Judy of Falls City, Siblings, Todd and his wife Jean of Cross Timbers, MO, Jill Elting and her husband Mike of Lincoln, Tedd and his wife Becky of Falls City, Adam and his wife Sam of Hemingford, NE.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 5 PM at the family home.

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 Caleb Harvey of Topeka, KS, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Holliday)
 Darlene Funk of Humboldt, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Agena)
 Donnie Stice of Falls City, count one, speeding 1-5 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$50 and court costs. (Janssen)
 Peyton Prater of Falls City, count one, careless driving, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$100; count two, muffler required/good working order, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25; count three, fail to use seat belt, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$25 and court costs. (Adams)
 Lazro Sanchez-Macario of Omaha, count one, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Quint)
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 Jacob Ramirez of Sullivan City, TX, count one, speeding 6-10 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75; count two, no operator's license, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$75 and court costs. (Daniels)

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 Sara Nisley of Lincoln, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Dutcher)
 Bibi Ghuncha Bismil of Forth Worth, TX, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Holliday)
 Sarah Leclerc of Brainerd, MN, count one, speeding 11-15 mph, pled guilty, found guilty and fined \$125 and court costs. (Agena)

75 Years Ago, July 8, 1951 to July 14, 1951

County bridge crews began work on new approaches on the Muddy bridges north of Preston and north of Strausville. Both approaches were recently taken out by flooding.
 Mickey Cohen, Bugsy Siegel's successor as king of the southern California bookmakers, was sentenced to serve five years in federal prison for income tax evasion.
 Shaffer's Market advertised U.S. No. 1 Bing Cherries, a 12-lb. lug for \$2.95.
 By unanimous vote, landowners north of Rulo decided to create a new drainage district in that area for flood protection. The vote was held at Dean Vonderschmidt's home. The new district lay four miles north of Rulo and reportedly flooded regularly when the Missouri River reached 19 feet.
 Ernest Prosser, a veteran of World War II, was elected to succeed Doug McIntyre as Commander of the local American Legion Post 102.
 It was the last week for a Clearance S-A-L-E at Brown's Shoe Fit in Falls City. Still quite a few pairs for \$5.99.
 Officers of the local Elizabeth Rebekah lodge No. 103 were installed at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Mrs. Elmer Zentner was named noble grand, Mrs. Alfred Darnell as vice grand and Mrs. V.C. Bindrum as warden.
 Harry Hillyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hillyard, was promoted to full colonel in the United States Army. He was also appointed assistant commandant of the corps of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.
 Mrs. Ivan Joy and her son, Merle, 16, escaped serious injury when the jeep in which they were riding overturned on the Salem-Falls City Road. Mrs. Joy said the jeep hit an obstruction in a mudhole.
 The people of the Falls City area were invited to receive free chest X-rays at the former Earl May Store, located at 1512 Stone Street. The mobile unit was operated by the Nebraska Department of Health, and its visit was financed with funds received by the Business & Professional Women's Club from the sale of the Christmas Health Seals.
 Jack Beaty announced that a new market building was to be built at 721 Harlan Street. The new store would be 30 by 60 feet. Mr. Beaty had run a store located at 7th and Morton Street for the past 16 years.
 Mrs. Gus Hanika of Shubert spoke on "Present Day Education Trends" and "World Ideologies" at a session of the Richardson County Republican Women's Club at Hotel Weaver.

50 Years Ago, July 8, 1976 to July 14, 1976

Falls City Community Hospital added another piece of equipment to improve its obstetrical service. A fetal monitor, funded by a two-year grant from the Nebraska State Health Department, was installed at the hospital. The machine monitored the status of the fetus until delivery. The death toll from an earthquake and landslide in Indonesia climbed to over 9,000.
 Ralph Clark, acting water and light superintendent, asked the public to conserve electricity during peak periods from noon to 5 p.m.
 George Brett was the top vote getter for third base in the American League with 1,873,481. Joe Morgan, a second baseman for Cincinnati, was the top overall selection with 3,079,082 votes.
 A son, Matthew John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Grady at 4:06 p.m. at Community Hospital. Matthew weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.
 Frederick K. Sikora received a Master of Education degree from the University of Nebraska Graduate College.
 Dan Noll of Falls City was hired to fill the vacancy of winterization coordinator for Southeast Nebraska Community Action. He was in charge of the program for Johnson, Richardson and Pawnee Counties.
 Nebraska produced more popcorn than any other state in the nation. In 1975, the state produced more than 146 million pounds of the crop.
 Dr. Jerry Jumper, D.O., 34, opened a private family practice in Sabetha, as announced by Roger Popkess, president of Sabetha Medical Procurement Services, Inc.
 Lillard Pinion of St. Joseph was the new champion of the Four-State Horseshoe Tournament held at City Park. Despite the heat, 64 horseshoe pitchers participated in the tourney. Milt Harmon and Alvin Strasil of Falls City both participated in the event.
 Louis Fritz, Falls City High School Cross Country coach, placed second in a one-hour run at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Fritz ran 10.5 miles and 437 yards.
 Petty Officer Second Class in the Navy, Dennis Frederick and his wife from the Naval Air Station at Cubi Point in the Philippines, arrived for a 30-day visit with his mom, Shirley and other relatives and friends.
 Tom Goltz tossed a no-hitter in Cookie League play as Ideal Cleaners beat Penney's 6-0. Goltz added two home runs, while Roger Helmick and Tom Gerdes tripled, and Jim Davidson singled.
 Nearly 80 people attended the Liberty reunion held at Big Lake. The day was spent playing volleyball, baseball and swimming.

25 Years Ago, July 8, 2001 to July 14, 2001

Rulo native Kara Bachman Friedline was named the winner in the Mrs. Kansas Pageant and would compete for Mrs. America in September in Hawaii.
 Dr. Jon Habben officially succeeded Dr. Duane Stehlik as the Falls City High School Superintendent. Dr. Habben came to FC from Newman Grove, where he had served as superintendent of that school district for the past five years. He was chosen out of 33 candidates who applied.
 The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life was a tremendous success. All said, 915 luminaries were sold for \$4,575, registration totaled \$1,160, donations totaled \$7,147.31, and miscellaneous was \$520 for a total of \$16,002.31.
 Among those receiving diplomas from the Bryan School of Nursing was Lisa Borg.
 The Falls City BPW awarded two scholarships. A traditional scholarship was given to Lisa Palmer, while a non-traditional scholarship was awarded to Terri Hogue to further her education in pursuit of a master's degree in education.
 Lem's Northvue Café was hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The tourney featured three divisions for boys and girls.
 The king and queen of Shubertfest were Bert and Anna Marie Albrecht.
 The Christ Lutheran Church at 23rd and Barada was approaching its 100th anniversary. A special program of music and videos was planned.
 Andrea Weaver, daughter of Fred and Rita Weaver, was named to the Dean's List at College of Saint Mary in Omaha.
 A salad bar social was held at the Elks Dining Room to honor B.P.O. charter members. In attendance were 13 members, including charter members Dorothy Karst, Mick Mellage and Doris Nolte.
 The Legion Juniors racked up 15 hits as they defeated Pawnee City 13-3. Tony Santo went 4-for-4 with a double and a home run, while Kory Huppert was 3-for-4 and Anders Erickson was 2-for-3.
 The Library Building Committee, represented by Kristy Gerweck, Gail Froeschl, Liz Huettner, Judy Murphy and Keith Richey, received a \$1,000 check from Randy Gottula and Sun Mart.
 The Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Week went to Kenny McKim at 602 East 21st Street.
 The Wagon Wheel at 120 W. 16th Street advertised breakfast from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and daily lunch specials. It also stated the establishment was no longer serving alcoholic drinks.

Richardson Co. Sheriff's Office reports week's calls

The Richardson County Sheriff's Office reported 138 calls for service for the week. Calls included 66 traffic stops, seven Humboldt city ordinance calls, six transports, five paper services, five traffic complaints and five welfare checks. The office also reported four animal calls, three motorist assists, two ambulance/EMS calls, two complaints, two equipment calls, two harassment calls, two

HHS intakes, two jail assists, two miscellaneous calls, two suspicious person/vehicle calls, two trespassing calls and two VIN inspections. One call each was reported for accident with injury, alarm, assault, assist outside agency, burn permit, domestic disturbance, DOT, fire call, investigation, juvenile, referred other agency, request for a call, theft, vandalism and warrant arrest.

F.C. Police Department calls from June 15 thru July 2

The Falls City Police Department reported 268 total calls for service from June 15 through July 2. The department also reported 83 911 calls during that period. Calls included 43 ambulance/EMS calls, 28 miscellaneous calls, 21 information-only calls, 21 animal calls, 20 burn permits, 15 referred to other agency calls, 13 nuisance calls, 12 911 hang-up/misdialed calls, 12 traffic/driving complaints and 11 HHS intake/referral calls. The department also reported seven ac-

idents, seven check welfare calls, six suspicious person/vehicle calls, six motorist assists, five found or lost property calls, five records checks, five fire calls, five investigations, four parking complaints, four alarms, three assault calls, two warrant arrests and two domestic disturbance calls. One call each was reported for juvenile issue, loitering, gun permit, law enforcement assist, theft, traffic hazard, curfew, fraud, disturbance, trespassing and noise disturbance.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the cards, memorials, visits and prayers with the passing of our dear sister, Beverly Kimmel. A special thanks to Janice Goltz for the many years of care she gave to her while at home, to the staff at Jonesbrook Estates for her exceptional care the past several years and most recently to the wonderful staff at Falls City Care Center. To Dr. Tramp and Community Medical Center for providing her medical care. Thank you to Brian and Denise Daake of Dorr and Clark Funeral Home. Special thanks to Pastor Michelle Lessard and Tami Dunn of First United Methodist Church with officiating and providing special words during a beautiful morning at the graveside service. Many thanks also for the lunch that was provided by the members of the First United Methodist Church. All the kindness that has been extended to us will not be forgotten.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Falls City Does Drove No. 56

On June 8, 2026 Falls City Does Drove #56 Nebraska met at the Elks Lodge. Dessie Scholl, president called the meeting to order. Opening ceremony was held followed by prayer led by Chaplain Phyllis Kreutzer and the Flag Salute.

Nancy McKim reported for benevolence. She had sent birthday cards, anniversary card and get well cards to members. She also said that past supreme president Ellie Brown had been recognized as a National Leader of the BPO Does and honored with the 2026 Bell Tower of Fame Award.

Linda Jilek also told the group that PSP Zelle Jackson of Raleigh, NC had passed away.

The recent bake sale held at Dollar Fresh was very successful. Dessie and Betsy Coolidge, co chairman for Ways and Means will place an order for nuts from our new source in order to have them in time for the Cobblestone event in August. Our annual Supermarket Sweep will be put on hold due to the remodeling of the new Hy-Vee Store. It was suggested that we consider other fund raisers in anticipation of the upcoming 2027 district meeting we will host.

Linda gave the treasure's report. She said that she had sent a memorial to Linda Williams in the loss of her mother.

Grand Lodge Convention will be in Reno/Sparks, NV June 21-25, 2026. Falls City will be represented by four members.

July meeting will be a social with Karen Ramsey chairperson.

Members will attend the Brownville Village Theatre with lunch at the Lyceum on Saturday July 11th. Contact Karen if you would like to be included.

The DOES assisted the Elks with the annual Flag Ceremony held at the Elks Lodge on June 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Hostesses for the evening were Phyllis Kreutzer and Molly Kirkendall. Prize winners were Linda, Betsy and Brenda Garriott. The next regular meeting is August 10th with Mary Wiltse and Leecia Hillyard hostesses.

SENCA accepting school supply sign-ups

Southeast Nebraska Community Action, SENCA, will hold school supply sign-ups from July 1 through July 17 at the SENCA office, 1700 Stone St., Suite 101.

Families may also sign up by calling 402-245-5284. Those signing up should be prepared to provide their name, phone number, children's names and grade levels. All information is confidential. Distribution will take place prior to the start of the school year.



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Bruxellas earns degree from Belmont University

Belmont University held its spring 2026 commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate students on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 in the Curb Event Center. As part of Belmont's Class of 2026, Pressler Bruxellas earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Technology.

Across four ceremonies, the University collectively recognized more than 1,500 candidates among bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates in its 2026 commencement proceedings.

Belmont President Dr. Greg Jones presided over the events and delivered the commencement address at all ceremonies, calling graduates to embrace resilience as a defining posture and to shape their lives with excellence, creativity and hope.

"I hope you'll go forth from this place and make your life a work of art," Jones said. "As you cultivate that sense of art and nurture that sense of resilience, you will be an agent of hope - a sign of God's grace and goodness. Your life will be blessed, and you will bless the people around you."

The three individuals also accepted honorary Doctor of the University degrees in recognition of their achievements across music, film, architecture, philanthropy and service: Brad Paisley, Kimberly-Williams Paisley and Richard "Dick" Miller.

Recordings of all ceremonies are available on the University's YouTube channel.

Bergman of Sabetha inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Washburn University inducted its newest class of undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students, along with faculty members, into Phi Kappa Phi during an annual ceremony in May.

"Being inducted into Phi Kappa Phi is more than recognition of academic achievement. It is a reminder that dedication, integrity and lifelong learning have the power to create a positive legacy far beyond the classroom," said Dr. Carson Kay, assistant professor of communication studies and Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, Washburn University. "In Phi Kappa Phi, our motto calls on us to 'let the love of learning rule humanity.' Our newest members do just that. They are inquisitive and innovative minds who seek to use their skills and talents to make a meaningful impact in their communities."

Students inducted include: Gavan Bergman, senior majoring in accounting from Sabetha, KS.

Falls City Sacred Heart second semester honor roll

Falls City Sacred Heart School has announced its Semester 2 Honor Roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Students named to the Green Honor Roll, earning 94 to 100 percent, include:

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

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

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

Tenth grade: Jade Romo and Ryann Westengaard.

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

Twelfth grade: Eli Geisendorf, Mason Goltz, Parker Hoffman, Cooper Knobbe, Mari Marchica, Avery Santo, Kyler Sipple, Cole Taft and Daycee Witt.

Students named to the White Honor Roll, earning 91 to 93 percent, include:

Seventh grade: Fischer Courtney, Anthony Martineau, Reid Reschke and Gavin Shubert.

Eighth grade: Michael Coetzee, Creighton Crofford, Owen Howard, Kendall Johansen and Rhett Kimmi.

Ninth grade: Lena Delaney, Brooklyn Fletcher, Noah Howard, Aiden Scheitel and Treydon Witt.

Tenth grade: Milayna Crofford, Mya Dougherty and JJ Lancaster.

Eleventh grade: Toby Baxter, Alex Nelson, Justice Smith and Emily Tubbs.

Twelfth grade: Elijah Canonico, Brenden Lemerond and Alex Madsen.

Killingsworth named to Chadron State President's List

Emma Killingsworth of Falls City, has been named to the Chadron State College Spring 2026 President's List. The President's List consists of students with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify for the list, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, pursuing their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

ELECTION FILINGS

Cody M. Bahr has filed as a candidate for the Village Board in the 2026 general election. Bahr, of Verdon, filed as an incumbent on June 11, 2026, according to a nonpartisan candidate filing form received by the Richardson County Clerk's Office.

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All Conference teams announced

The Southeastern Nebraska Baseball Conference recently released its 2026 All-Conference baseball selections. Representing Froeschl Floors/Post 102 Juniors were Paxton Holmes and Kam Huppert, while Noah Howard and Elin Vonderschmidt were named honorable mention.

As the season winds down, Holmes leads the team with a .400 batting average, with 14 hits, 17 runs scored and 10 walks. On the mound, he carries a 3.68 ERA with 19 strikeouts and 11 walks.

Huppert has tossed the most innings this summer with 23 1/3. Kam has struck out 19 batters, walked 18 and has a team-best 1.50 ERA. At the plate, he is batting .235 with seven hits, 8 RBI and 10 runs scored.

Howard is batting .192 this summer with five base hits. He has walked seven times and has been hit by a pitch a team-high 10 times. He is the team leader with 19 stolen bases.

Elin Vonderschmidt is batting .200 with a double and five walks. On the mound, Vonderschmidt has thrown 21 innings, allowing 10 earned runs, while striking out 21. He is currently second on the squad with a 3.33 ERA.



Rainforest Falls 2026 PreK/Kindergarten class with their teachers.

Rural Southeast Vacation Bible School 2026 report

Submitted

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School held by the Rural Southeast VBS the week of June 8th was a great success. We learned that God is our creator, knows everything, is our safe place, is love, and is forever. We had up to 53 youth attend throughout the week. There were a few first time attendees and we are grateful for that. A very special Thank You to Merz Ink for partnering with us in this ministry by helping with the provision of t-shirts. Much appreciation goes out to the over 40 vol-

unteers helping daily and to Grace Bible Fellowship Church for hosting. You all made it happen! Photos from the activities can be viewed on our Facebook page at Rural Southeast VBS.

We are pleased to report that \$900 for Missions was collected during the week. Donations of \$450 will be made to each of the following local missions: SNC Backpack Program and the Humboldt Summer Lunch Program.

Looking forward to Rural Southeast VBS 2027.

RC 4H and FFA Junior Fair begins July 19

Local 4-H members, 4-H families, the Richardson County 4-H Council, and the 4-H and Extension Staff invite everyone to join them in Humboldt for the 2026 Richardson County 4-H and FFA Junior Fair!

The fair begins on Sunday, July 19 and continues through Saturday, July 25.

During the week, local 4-H youth and FFA members exhibit projects which portray the many hours of hard work and dedication the youth have spent working on or with their projects.

Everyone is welcome to gather on the fairgrounds to watch a livestock show, take in a contest, join us for a fair kick off BBQ, cheer on teams at the Ag Olympics sporting event, and enjoy a 4-H fish fry and chicken strip dinner to culminate the fair after the livestock support auction.

Check out the Nebraska Extension – Richardson County Facebook page or website for more information on events. *(Full schedule on Page 11)*

Contact the Extension Office at 402-245-4324 for more information.



Shubert Legion Aux. Unit 222 chooses Santo as Scholarship winner

The Shubert American Legion Auxiliary Unit 222 is pleased to announce that Avery Santo has been chosen as recipient of the American Legion Auxiliary Department Scholarship for Healthcare.

Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are Veteran connected and planning to pursue higher education.

Avery Santo is the daughter of Luke and Jina Santo, and a 2026 graduate of Falls City Sacred Heart High School. Throughout high school she participated in basketball, volleyball, and track while serving in National Honor Society, Student Council, Helping Hands, and One Act. She earned High Honor Roll recognition all four years and was a member of two state championship basketball teams.

She currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Community Medical Center. This fall, she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Her goal is to become a registered nurse and return to southeast Nebraska to serve the community that has supported her.

In her words, "I am honored and grateful to be selected as a recipient of the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship."

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. Part of the fulfillment of their mission is to provide scholarships and promote education and literacy. The Shubert ALA Unit is proud to help support this mission and appreciates that Avery took advantage of this opportunity.

LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

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Good News Assembly of God (600 Reavis St.) Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship, 10:40am. Wednesday: Good News Kids, 6:30pm. www.mynag.com. *Tim Boatright, Pastor - 245-3977*
Christ Lutheran Church LCMS (23rd & Barada) Sunday: Divine Service, 9 AM Sunday School and Bible study, 10:15 AM (September-May). Communion every Sunday. fallsctylcms.blogspot.com *Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-3324*
Corner Stone Baptist Church (N. Highway 73 Turn at Blue Valley Behavioral Health) Sunday School Bible Hour, 9:30am; Worship, 10:30am & 6:30pm. Wednesday: Bible Study & Prayer Time, 7pm; Lively Stone Kids Klub K-6. *Pastor Mike Dunleavy - 402-245-4245*
Valley Avenue Baptist Church (2023 Valley Ave.) Sunday School, 9:30am; Worship services, 10:30am; Evening, 6:00pm. Wednesday services, 7:00pm. *Pastor Chad Berry-245-3890 valleyavenue.org*
Church Of Christ (2701 Barada St.) Worship, 10:30am; Bible Study (All Ages), 9:30am. Wednesday Bible Study, 6:00pm. *Josh Maxwell, Preacher - 402-245-7148*
First United Methodist Church (1700 Harlan St.) Worship, 11:00am (Also Broadcast KTNB 1230am / 107.1fm) First Sun. fellowship 10:30; Adult Bible Study: 9:45AM. fmc@sentco.net *Pastor Michelle Lessard - 402-245-3281*
First Christian Church Disciples Of Christ (1322 Stone St.) Sunday School, 10:45am; Worship, 10:45am Facebook.com/fallsctycycooperativeministry *Pastor Grant Speece - 402-980-5960*
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA (20th & Towle St.) Sunday School (Sept-May), 9am; Worship, 10am. Wednesday: Confirmation 6:30pm; Choir 7:30pm. *Johanna Kathol, Pastor - 402-245-3828*
St. Thomas Episcopal Church (16th & Harlan) Sunday Worship, 10:30am (Holy Eucharist) https://stthomasepisoc.com
Northridge (1820 Morton St.) Sunday School, 9am; Worship, 10am. www.northridge-network.org/Falls-City. 402-245-2167
St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCMS. (6 Mi. North of Falls City on US 73) Sunday School and Bible study, 9:30 AM (September-May). Divine Service, 10:30 AM. Communion on 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. fallsctylcms.blogspot.com *Rev. Ken Humphrey, Pastor - 402-245-4643*
Sts. Peter and Paul (1820 Fulton) Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM; Sun., 7AM & 10AM Daily Mass: Mon. thru Fri., 6:45AM Services livestreamed daily on www.facebook.com/spcfc Inquiry classes by appt. Sacrament of Penance: Sat., 3:45-4:45PM, or by appt. *Fr. Jim Meysenburg, Pastor 402-245-3002.*
Zion United Church of Christ (65763 709 Rd, FC) Sunday: Worship service, 9:00AM; Communion, first Sun. of each month. www.facebook.com/fallsctycycooperativeministry. *Pastor, Grant Speece 402-980-5960 cell 245-2398 office*
RULO
 Immaculate Conception (Rulo) Sun. Confessions, 8:00AM; Mass, 8:30AM. Daily Mass

BARADA
Barada Global Methodist Church (717 Rd./652 Blvd.) Worship Service 9:15am; Sunday School 10:30am. Services held in Barada On The 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month. Services held at St. Peter's ELCA On The 1st & 3rd Sun. of the month. *Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584*
Bethel Global Methodist Church (70656 656 Ave (1/2 mile N of Preston Corner)) Worship, 11:00AM; Sunday School, 10:00AM; Wednesday Choir, 7:30PM. *Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584*
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) Williamsville, 12 miles NE of Falls City Worship 9:15AM (1st, 3rd); Worship at Barada Global Methodist (2nd & 4th Sundays); Check our Facebook page for worship schedule. Fellowship & Sunday School following worship. *Pastor Mike Hader - 402-245-4584*
SHUBERT
 St. Anne's (Shubert) Sun. Mass: 10:30AM; confessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151*
 Shubert Christian Church Worship, 9:30AM; Fellowship, 10:30AM; Sunday School, 10:30AM. Thursday Fellowship, 5:00PM. *Pulpit Supply*
 Prairie Union Baptist Church (Rural Shubert) Sun. Morning Worship 10:30AM, Sunday School 9:30AM. Communion is served the first Sun. of every month. *Bob Heusman, Pastor*
VERDON
 Verdon Christian Church Disciples of Christ (400 Walnut St.) Sun: Worship, Summer: 7PM, Winter: 6PM. Find us on Facebook at Verdon Christian Church. verdonchristianchurch@gmail.com. *Rev. Daniel Spencer. Call or text: 402-801-0374.*
DAWSON
 St. Mary's (Dawson) Weekend Mass: Sat., 5:30PM; Sun, 8:30AM. Daily Mass: 7:30AM Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. Check bulletin for changes, weekday mass schedules. Call rectory; confessions before Mass. *Fr. Anthony Bedient, Pastor. 855-3595 or 245-4151.*
ARAGO
 St. Mary's (Arago) Sunday: Confessions, 10:10AM; Mass, 10:30AM. *Fr. Ben Rynearson, Pastor*
STELLA
 Stella Community Church Sun: Church service, with children's Sunday School, 9:30AM; adults Sunday School, 10:30AM. *John States, Pastor*
 Grace Bible Fellowship (Highway 62, east of Stella) Sunday School, 9AM; Church Service, 10:15AM. Website: www.gbfcchurch.com. *Dave Lockard, Pastor. Office: 402-883-2110*
HUMBOLDT
 The Four Mile Church (South of Humboldt) Sunday: Church services, 9:00AM. *Howard Blecha, Pastor*
WHITE CLOUD, KS
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10U baseball championship team from the Mercantile: Team members, not in order are, Asher Roberts, Cameron Sailors, Charlie Merz, Grayson Witt, Henry Howard, Jake Howard, Jax Simon, Lucas Russell and Mavrick Holmes. Coaches were Terry Howard and Josh Holmes.



8U runner-up team from Nebraska Bank. Back row, L-R: Trip De La Cruz, Peter Scheitel, Baron Gildersleeve, Nolan Bartek, Elliott Dettmann, Paxton Witt, Lawson Ebel and Garrett Bachman. Front row: Rhett Wamsley, Chase Frederick, Cohen Crabtree and Kane Huppert. Not pictured, coaches Trent Scheitel and Jake Bartek.



10U runner-up baseball team from Froeschl Floors: Team members, not in order are, Bryson McKim, Dierks Buckminster, Gage Lovenburg, Ike Rieschick, Jaxton Froeschl, Joseph Chapman, Rex Ahern, Treyden Schawang, Wyatt Simpson and Knox Jarred. Coaches were Bradley Ahern and Nathan Froeschl.

Bats coming alive for Froeschl Floors/Post 102

The Froeschl Floors/Post 102 Juniors were shut down by Doniphan County in a doubleheader on Tuesday, June 30. FC fell 11-3 in the opener and 9-1 in the nightcap, falling to 7-9 for the summer.

In the opener, FC outhit Doniphan 7-6, but committed six errors against just one for the home team.

Noah Howard scored on a sac fly by Paxton Holmes in the first inning. Then, with two down, Brody Scholl singled to center field, driving home Kam Huppert and putting FC in front 2-0.

Doniphan answered with one run in the bottom of the first, and two more in the second to take a 3-2 lead over FC.

In the third frame, FC's Huppert led off with a walk and scored on a one-out double by Scholl to tie the game at 3-3. Doniphan County scored two runs in the third and six in the fourth to earn the eight-run win, 11-3.

Scholl went 2-3 with a double and RBI, while Baker Wissman went 2-2, clubbing a pair of singles. Karson Simpson was saddled with the loss, allowing four hits and eight runs (three earned) in two innings of work.

The second game was all Doniphan. The home team jumped all over FC's Holmes, scoring three runs in the first inning and never trailing as they won 9-1. Falls City's lone run came in the third inning as they trailed 4-0. Callen Furnas opened the frame with a walk, followed by Tatum Ramer reaching after getting hit by a pitch. A double play hurt FC's chances, but an RBI single by Gavin Shubert scored Furnas and made it 4-1.

Errors again proved costly, as FC gave up 9 runs, but only 3 were earned.

Holmes, Shubert and Scholl all singled, with Shubert adding an RBI. Holmes took the loss on the hill, allowing three hits and four runs (two earned) in two innings of work.

On Wednesday, Froeschl Floors paid our neighbors to the south, Hiawatha, a visit. FC won the opener 17-8, and the teams played to a four-inning, 7-7 tie in game two.

In game one, FC scored one run in the first, four in the second, two in the third and five in the fourth and fifth innings, securing the 17-8 win. Falls City pounded out 14 hits in the contest and drew 11 bases on balls. Wissman went 3-4 with a double and three RBI. Holmes was 2-2 with a pair of walks, Scholl was 1-3 with a triple, and Shubert went 2-3 with two RBI. Vonderschmidt allowed seven hits and three runs in four innings of work for the win.

The nightcap ended in a 7-7 tie after four innings. Holmes went 2-3 at the plate, while Scholl was 2-3 with three RBI. Huppert finished 1-2 with a double and an RBI.



The Cob's Weekly Archive Dive No. 3

Welcome to installment No. 3 of 'The Cob's Archive Dive', where each week, I'll share Associated Press headlines and excerpts from past articles printed in the Falls City Journal. Whether you are 20 years old or 80, hopefully you'll find a piece of Husker football history that takes you back to the sights and sounds of gameday years ago.

On this day in Cornhusker Football History:

September 14, 1970 – Headline: 'Wake Forest Tilt Is a Warmup for USC'

At 1-0-0, Nebraska started the season at No. 9 after defeating Wake Forest 36-12. The home opener for the 1970 season saw 66,103 fans looking down on the artificial turf of Memorial Stadium as they watched a sometimes-explosive offense. Part of that was sophomore Johnny Rodgers, a shifty 5'10" speedster who lived up to his billing as one of the most exciting backs to hit the Husker scene in years. He electrified with a 61-yard touchdown on a pass from Tagge, returned a punt for 37-yards and averaged 11-yards on three rushes.

Top 10 – 1. Ohio State, 2. Texas, 3. USC, 4. Stanford, 5. Mississippi, 6. Notre Dame, 7. Penn State, 8. Michigan, 9. Nebraska, 10. Missouri

(This was the beginning of a college career that would end up including a 1972 Heisman Trophy finish for Johnny Rodgers. Notable coaches in the 1970 poll, Ohio State-Woody Hayes, Texas-Darrell Royal, USC-John McKay, Notre Dame-Ara Parseghian, Penn State-Joe Paterno, Michigan-Bo Schembechler, Missouri-Dan Devine. Stiff competition if you were Devaney. They were all the best of the best.)

August 18, 1980 – Headline: '3,000 NU Faithful Attend Photo Day'

Tom Osborne's Nebraska Cornhuskers opened their 1980 football season. The team's annual photo day Sunday marked the beginning of the season, with 123 Nebraska varsity players reporting to have their pictures taken. They were greeted by a record crowd of over 3,000 fans. From Thursday until August 25, the first day of classes, the Huskers will work out twice a day with pads. Nebraska's first game is September 13 in Lincoln against the University of Utah.

(123 players doesn't sound like many in the Osborne era but stop and consider it says varsity players. In 1980 Nebraska fielded a freshman team as well. A few of the head coaches in 1980, OSU-Earle Bruce, Alabama-Bear Bryant, Pittsburgh-Jackie Sherrill, USC-John Robinson, Oklahoma-Barry Switzer, Arkansas-Lou Holtz, Houston-Bill Yeoman, Texas-Fred Akers, Notre Dame-Dan Devine, Michigan-Bo Schembechler, Georgia-Vince Dooley, Penn State-Joe Paterno, Auburn-Pat Dye, Washington-Don James. It's a who's who of coaches, and as you can see Osborne competed against the very best.)

August 14, 1990 – Headline: 'Huskers Try New Wingbacks'

With junior wingback Nate Turner injured, Huskers coach Tom Osborne tried out Lamont White and Johnny Mitchell in the position Monday during the third day of practice for the University of Lincoln. "Johnny's more built like a tight end he can do some of the things a wingback has to do. He's a pretty good receiver, a pretty good blocker so he might be able to do it. I don't know." Turner is expected to miss 6-8 weeks of the season with a broken right collarbone.

(The next day Osborne moved Mitchell back to tight end, saying, "We just thought that tight end is where he could make the best contribution. For those of us who remember watching Mitchell, it's hard to imagine him playing anywhere else. The Huskers have had some great tight ends over the years, but Johnny Mitchell is one of the first to always come to mind.)

August 20, 2000 – Headline: Longtime Titans Appear Poised for Rise to the Top

Big Red is back. That's Nebraska, for the I-Back impaired. The Cornhusker state slept better when coach Frank Solich went from 9-4 his rookie season (nearly requiring an emergency meeting of the legislature) to 12-1 last year. Nebraska is back to talking national title, with quarterback Eric Crouch leading a superb option game that features a deep, fast backfield, and a veteran, blue ribbon line. Crouch, who threw for 1,269 yards and ran for 889 yards for the Cornhuskers last season, directs the option, which also features I-backs Dan Alexander and Correll Buckhalter. Turnovers must be cut down, too, after 25 lost fumbles in 1999. The defense needs some new faces, but Nebraska always comes up with players like Carlos Polk, who will be a strong leader this fall. We'll find out what we need to know quickly, as on September 9th when the Cornhuskers go to Notre Dame.

(Matt Rhule hates the term, "winning the offseason national championship." That's understandable. But Rhule needs to stop and realize where he's at and what school he's coaching at. It's nothing new. The fans and much of the media have been crowning an offseason champ for as far back as 2000, if not further. It may have died for a while but was resurrected when Rhule arrived. And part of that is his own fault, when talking "year three".)

Be sure to look for next week's edition as the 'Cob' dives into each week's headlines of the season as they once appeared in the *Falls City Journal*.

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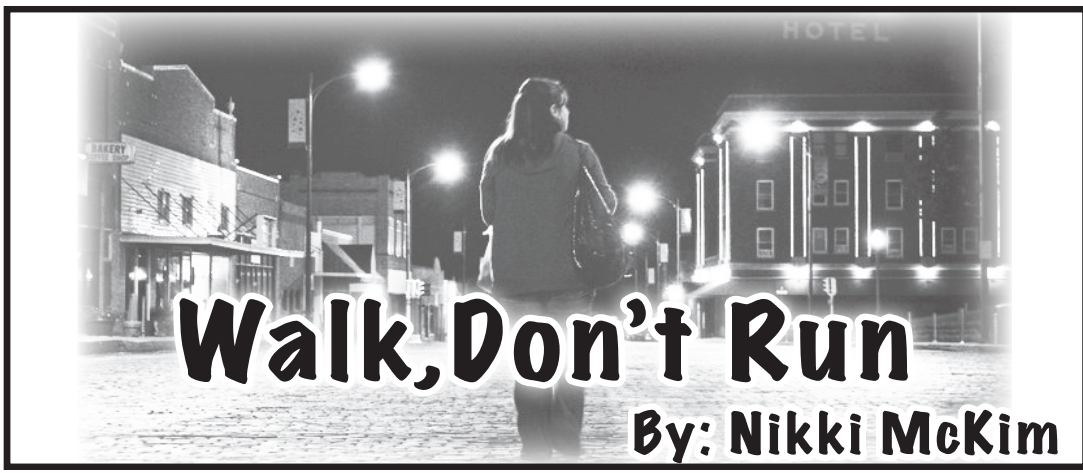
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Walk, Don't Run

By: Nikki McKim

My Uncle Matt and I have had a few conversations lately about television. Not reality shows. Not the latest streaming service. We've been talking about something that seems harder and harder to find, a really great sitcom on network television. Maybe we're just getting older. Well, we are that's true. But it's more that the television landscape has changed. There was a time when television wasn't just something you watched. It was part of the rhythm of everyday life. Families knew what was on each night of the week. Thursday nights meant one thing, it meant Friends, 30 Rock, ER (for me). Sunday nights meant another (Arrested Development and Simpsons). If someone called during your favorite show, they either got a busy signal or had to wait until the commercial. Apparently, I took television a little too seriously. It was hard to get me out the door when I started school because I couldn't bear to leave my beloved Days of Our Lives. Some kids wanted to be outside playing. I needed to know what was happening in Salem.

Years later, when I was being induced with Alex, I remember being upset that I was going to miss one of the final episodes of Arrested Development. Becoming a mom was obviously the bigger event, but there is a video of me crying because my favorite show was being canceled and I was in a hospital bed, in pain, away from my dogs and my favorite show. That show is still one of my all-time favorites. In fact, if someone asked me to name my top three sitcoms, Arrested Development would never leave the list.

Benjamin Franklin famously wrote in 1789 that "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." I'd like to nominate a third certainty. Comfort television. No matter what kind of day I've had, Samantha Stephens is still going to twitch her nose with the best of intentions before accidentally creating complete chaos. Dr. Cox is still going to yell at everyone before delivering a life lesson that's surprisingly heartfelt. Jack Donaghy will somehow clean up Liz Lemon's latest disaster. Zack Morris will convince everyone that his latest plan is foolproof, right before it falls apart.

The beauty of sitcoms is that life gets messy, people make mistakes, misunderstandings happen, and somehow everything gets wrapped up in about 22 minutes. Real life could never. I think that's one of the reasons I love them so much. Working in the newspaper business means spending every week immersed in what's happening today. Some weeks are filled with celebrations. Other weeks bring tragedy, conflict or difficult decisions. Sometimes, though, after spending an entire day writing about the real world, I want to spend thirty minutes in one where I already know the ending. That's probably why I find so much comfort in old television. They're old friends. You know exactly how they'll react before they do. You know the jokes that are coming. You know which lines you'll laugh at before the actor even says them, and somehow they're still funny. My Uncle Matt and I have also talked about how difficult it has become to discover new sitcoms that capture that same feeling. Maybe they're out there and we just haven't found them.

We were spoiled by growing up during a time when sitcoms seemed to be everywhere and absolutely perfect. The Brady Bunch, M*A*S*H, Gilligan's Island, Growing Pains, Full House. Or maybe television has just changed. Streaming has given us thousands upon thousands of choices. That's wonderful in many ways. Ironically, though, I sometimes spend more time trying to decide what to watch than actually watching anything. There are nights I'll scroll through hundreds of titles only to end up watching Arrested for the hundredth time. At least I know Michael Bluth won't disappoint me. One of the greatest surprises of adulthood has been discovering channels dedicated entirely to classic television. If you had told ten-year-old me there would someday be a channel that played Saved by the Bell all day, every day, I would've assumed you were describing the future and that the future sounded like Heaven.

A Saved by the Bell channel? You're telling me I can spend the afternoon working while Zack Morris and the gang at Bayside High get themselves into ridiculous situations in the background? What kind of magical place is this? As wonderful as streaming has become, I still love the idea of turning on the television and seeing what's on. Sometimes I don't want to choose, or all the time I don't want to choose. I want television to surprise me. It's because that's how I grew up. The television was almost always on somewhere in the house. It wasn't background noise. It was part of family life. Those shows became part of our memories. It's funny how a familiar theme song can instantly transport you back twenty or thirty years. You don't just remember the episode. You remember where you were sitting what snack you had. Who you watched it with. What your house smelled like. The show becomes attached to the people (and food) you loved. Maybe that's why we never really outgrow them. Television, our viewing habits and the world has changed. But somehow those familiar characters remain exactly where we left them, and every once in a while, that's exactly what I need. I'm always looking for my next favorite show. Uncle Matt is too. Maybe we've overlooked a hidden gem. If there is, let me know. I'd love to discover a new group of fictional friends to spend time with. Until then, you'll probably find me right where I've always been, loving the jokes I've heard a hundred times before and wondering why real life can't solve its problems in a neat little half-hour.

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ALL THINGS NEBRASKA

'Grumpy' ticket holder decries big money in college sports

By Paul Hammel, Retired Senior Reporter for Nebraska Examiner

For nearly 30 years, I've been a season ticket holder for Nebraska volleyball matches. I also used to cover the sport.

I was around when then-Coach Terry Pettit was begging football fans to attend volleyball matches after watching a football game. Way back in the day (years before I caught the volleyball bug) loyal fans used to set up their own folding chairs so they could watch a match.

Fast forward to today. Home volleyball matches in Lincoln have been sold out for years, making it harder for new fans to attend matches despite the move to the Devaney Center, which doubled the tickets available. Nebraska's volleyball program has won five national championships, and is regularly in the top five teams in the country. Team members are celebrities and now, internet darlings. Little girls in the state grow up dreaming to be Huskers.

And, oh yeah, don't forget the incredible Memorial Stadium match in 2023 when 92,000 eager fans packed the football venue. It set a record for the most fans to attend a women's sporting contest. To say that the success of women's volleyball has been incredible is almost an understatement. And this fall, the Huskers will again be one of the favorites to win it all.

But now, loyal fans like me are being asked to step aside so people who have more money, and give more money to the university, can choose the best seats in the house – the ones where fans like me used to sit. It's called "reseating" and the NU athletic department describes it as an attempt to "embrace the evolution of intercollegiate athletics and find ways to preserve our financial model."

In plain English: "college sports is a big money enterprise, and we need to cater to the people who give the most money." The big donors, mostly those giving to football and other sports, have been allowed to pick season tickets (up to six each) since early June. I get to wait until July 13, and can only choose up to four.

This is despite being a regular contributor to the athletic department, faithfully giving the suggested contributions to keep our two seats.

Our seats were great. We felt like we were part of the match, and responded loudly. Now, we're looking at the nose-bleed sections, in the darkened, upper reaches of the arena, far from the action. Some friends who used to share our seats have backed out, saying it's not worth it. Others I know gave up when the reseating was announced last year.

On some level I understand what's going on. College athletics has become a big-money enterprise, and now that athletes are being paid, big money needs to be raised. But it stinks that loyal fans, including those who used to set up their own chairs for matches (you know, the ones who "all stick together, in all kinds of weather") are being shoved aside.

I complained about this so much that the NU athletic director (to his credit) called me to talk me off the ledge. He calmly explained that since players can now be paid, and can earn extra money through "name, image and likeness" deals with companies, Nebraska needs more money to compete. I appreciate that the university is getting creative, and using assets like Memorial Stadium to earn extra money by staging concerts, "Banana Ball" and even some goofy golf game inside Memorial Stadium.

Reseating is now planned for football, basketball and softball, so it's not just faithful volleyball fans being impacted. I felt especially bad for softball season ticket holders, who sat through some pretty chilly and wet early games this year, but when it came to the NCAA tournament, had to move to the bleachers so bigger donors could sit in the front row.

When I write stuff like this, part of me is whispering, "boy, you're getting old and grumpy – give it a rest."

But the rest of me is thinking this is just sad – sad that, in one more place, it's all about money. Maybe they should change the words in the fight song.

I'm also sad about the passing of Paul Fell, a masterful cartoonist, who I was honored to have collaborated with every week in this corner of the paper. What a talented guy, always upbeat and full of wit. Draw well in that art studio in the sky my friend. Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state

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Board approves rehire of deputy

By Brian McKim

Commissioner Karas, on behalf of the Board, expressed sincere gratitude to Veterans as our country prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday.

After a lengthy discussion at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, July 1, the Board approved the Sheriff's rehire of Braden Shiley by a 2-1 vote.

Chief Deputy Dexter Holliday updated the Board members on routine business at the Law Enforcement Center.

Shiley has recently been employed by the Falls City Police Department.

Commissioner John Caverzagie expressed concern about rehiring a deputy before fully knowing what the budget will look like in the coming month.

"I'm going to be honest with you," said Caverzagie. "This budget this year is not going to be pretty."

The Sheriff's Department requested that an open position left by the recent resignation of Deputy Matthew Storey be filled.

All three Commissioners agreed they were not opposed to bringing Shiley back; however, they were concerned about whether there would be sufficient funds in the budget to support the position.

Commissioner Campbell justified the rehire, stating that they would simply be refilling a position already included in the previous budget and that it would not create a new position.

Commissioner Rick Karas moved to rehire Shiley, and Campbell seconded. Karas and Campbell voted in favor, while Caverzagie voted nay.

Caverzagie reiterated that he was voting no because of uncertainty about the future budget, not because he didn't want to rehire Shiley.

A discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a deck system for the new patrol pickup. Holliday stated that the estimated cost of the apparatus was \$1,500. It was decided to include the purchase in the upcoming budget.

The Board also met with Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau, Jr. Darveau provided two quotes for the construction of the new county building in Verdon. The building had previously been ordered and delivered. Vice Contracting supplied an estimate of \$72,097, while Froeschl Concreted gave a quote of \$50,000. Both estimates include erecting the shed and pouring concrete. Vice also quoted \$23,136 for the addition of spray foam to the inside of the structure.

The building will be a 50x50 enclosure, 16 feet tall. The concrete will be 8 inches thick.

Mr. Darveau also informed the Commissioners that his crews were currently cleaning ditches in the Barada area.

Stockpiling rock near Dawson was also discussed. Mr. Darveau asked the Commissioners for time to make inquiries of the DuBois quarry before addressing the need for stockpiles.

Commissioner Karas questioned about the possibility of having rock delivered by BNSF railcar in Dawson.

"I'm just trying to think of ways that we can get better rock," said Karas.

Darveau agreed it was something that would need to be addressed if the quarry in DuBois couldn't reopen in the near future.

County Assessor Kim Riggs and Derrick Niederklein, a representative of MIPS (Multi-County Information and Program System), spoke to the Board, presenting a contract for a comprehensive rural parcel valuation project covering approximately 1,720 county parcels for \$79,120. Riggs said the project's funding is included in her 2026-2027 proposed budget.

Campbell questioned what the county would gain from the proposal. Riggs said that obtaining outside assessors for the office is not new to Richardson County or any other assessor's office. Riggs listed several outside assessors who have previously been employed by the assessor's office.

The goal is to complete the 1,720 parcels by March 1, 2027.

Extension Educator Kaytlyn Kennedy met with the Board to discuss the possibility of renting a vehicle through a program available through the University of Nebraska for use by the Extension Office staff to help offset the county's travel expenses. The cost to rent the vehicle will be \$405 per month for one year. After that, the monthly price will decline. The office budgets \$5,000 per year for mileage, which will now be used primarily to pay for the rented vehicle. Since the vehicle will be a rental, the County will not be responsible for maintenance costs.

Kennedy also spoke to the Board about replacing the copier in her office but has yet to hear back from the companies she contacted.

The Board reviewed the monthly operating statement and adopted Resolution 2026-2027-1 to cancel a check issued in error.

The Board approved an agreement with Region 5 Systems to provide EPC services for the county. The Commissioners also approved Sixpence's request to use the Courthouse lawn for an event on July 14. Claims were paid, and the meeting adjourned at 10:41.

What A Ride: Where A Pen, Some Talent and Courage Can Take You-A Requiem For Paul Fell

By Shawn "Smith" Peirce

Images can say so much more than words - but words can help frame the images, if they're chosen carefully.

Paul Fell was a master of communicating through images, specifically cartoons, for most of his nearly 80 years on this Earth. And I was lucky enough to have worked closely with him for most of the past 26 years, helping him to get his cartoons from the page to the computer to the world.

Growing up, I'd enjoyed reading Paul's cartoons in the local newspapers, seeing his Husker football prediction cartoons, and later, his HuskerNutz toons. But it was his political cartoons that I really loved, where his perspective was so often the same as many Nebraskans - straightforward, honest, with humor to soften the blow of whatever ridiculous thing had just happened. Little did I know then that we'd end up working together and being friends for almost half of my life.

In 2000, I was the "Chief Technology Consultant" working for the Nebraska Press Association, and Paul was the cartoonist for the weekly "Capitol News Toon," a feature he provided to the newspapers of Nebraska, through the Press Association, for more than 30 years. We struck up a friendship, helping each other in our business ventures, and working together on his website, and later, on several versions of his Daily Felltoon newsletter.

Through all that time, Paul was always teaching and helping others, to see the world differently, to laugh, to think, and to stay engaged in politics, at the local, state, federal, and even international levels. The number of people he helped, through his teaching career, and through his cartooning career are far too numerous to count. As Dennis DeRossett, Executive Director of the Nebraska Press Association, said to me recently, "[Paul] certainly has served well the community newspapers of Nebraska and their thousands of readers for many years -- an amazing talent and perspective that will be missed."

SENCA's 20th Annual Benefit Golf tournament a success

By SENCA

Southeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (SENCA) held the 20th Annual SENCA Benefit Golf Tournament and Raffle on Saturday, June 13th at Kirkman's Lakeview Golf Course (KLG). Registration started at 7:30 a.m., followed by a shot gun start at 8:30. The tournament hosted twelve (12) four person teams with 48 local and area golfers participating. Each golfer tried their best to win the \$10,000 Hole-in-One, but unfortunately no one was able to take home the grand prize.

Following the first 9 holes, golfers enjoyed a nice lunch served in the club house that consisted of sloppy joes, baked beans, various salads, and chips. However, the favorite item on the lunch menu were the delicious homemade cookies compliments of Brenda Kuker.

Flag prizes consisting of 9 holes of golf and a cart, courtesy of KLG, were awarded to the following: Hole #1 Longest Putt Made - Brian Meyer, Hole #2 Closest Shot to the Pin with 2nd Shot - Seth Parrish, Hole #3 Longest Drive in the Fairway (Men) - Brandon Speckmann, Hole # 8 Longest Drive in the Fairway (Women) - Jackie Meier, Hole #11 Closest Shot to the Pin with 2nd Shot - Jeff Becker, Hole #16 Closest to the Pin in One Shot - Tayber Rademacher.

The top teams, in two flights, were awarded cash prizes. The winning teams were: 1st Place 1st Flight - Witt Team #1 (61); 2nd Place 1st Flight - Wes Swanson Team (62); 1st Place 2nd Flight - Jim Blecha Team (69) on tie breaker; and 2nd Place 2nd Flight - Witt Team #2 (69).

A raffle is held each year in conjunction with the tournament. Three golfers won 'golf only' prizes that consisted of a donated cooler bag filled with goodies from Frontier Coop, and two \$50 Mastercard gift cards. In the main raffle, winners did not have to be present to win.

A variety of individuals who supported the event by purchasing raffle tickets won donated prizes that consisted of food gift cards, zoo tickets, baseball vouchers, an overnight stay at Lied Lodge, home décor, handmade knives, Yeti cups, beef jerky, pizza, a free oil/lube, and monetary gift cards ranging in value from \$50 to \$250. A complete list of raffle prize winners can be found on SENCA's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Senca1.

Proceeds from the annual discretionary fundraiser are reinvested in southeast Nebraska communities by assisting economically challenged households as they navigate through emergency situations, increase skill and education, improve the health and safety of their home, and work toward self-sufficiency.

To learn more about the positive impact SENCA's local programs and services make throughout southeast Nebraska, please visit www.senca.org, or call a SENCA office near you.

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If he were reading this, Paul might chuckle and humbly accept the praise - and then he'd likely say something like, "Don't make a big deal of it. Everybody dies. This has been a fun life." Or as Paul put it in his final email to me, "It's been a fun ride." As has been so often the case, I can't really argue with Paul on that.

Of course, as fellow Nebraskans, your instinct is likely to try to help Paul's family and friends, as we try to deal with his loss. While we appreciate the sentiment, we can assure you - we've been instructed by Paul not to do anything big at this point. You might see a simple obituary in the newspaper, and some posthumous honors, but not much more than that.

What Paul would rather you do is simple: Stay active in the politics of your community, your state, and your nation. Support media you believe in, including your local newspaper, your favorite freelancers, and especially independent media, like ThePoliticsBar.com, my own weekday political newsletter, radio show, and podcast, that Paul enjoyed and subscribed to. Of course, Paul would also want you to continue supporting independent cartoonists like Ann Telnaes, Jeff Koterba, Tom Tomorrow, and Clay Bennett.

For those who are missing Paul's cartoons, Paul and I, along with his wife Arlene, have already taken steps to make sure to keep Paul's cartoons remain online for the foreseeable future, at his website PaulFellCartoons.com, along with his Substack site at paulfell.substack.com. We highly recommend you go back through his cartoon archives, and share the best ones with your friends, via email or on your social media platforms.

You'll find a surprising number of Paul's cartoons remain evergreen, whether it's a cartoon about Trump's Iran nuclear deal, our ravenous-yet-empty corporate media, Donald Trump leading the Republican Party to its end, or even America being torn apart by the past decade-plus of our politics.

There are also some cartoons that Paul had finished, but never got published, so we'll also be adding those to his website soon. The long-term plan is to transfer all of Paul's digital archives to the University of Nebraska, and add them to his printed archives, which are already housed there. That way, his work will be accessible by the public for many years to come.

Having been friends with and having worked with Paul as long as I did, there's one last thing Paul would want to say to all those who enjoyed his work and were part of his life: "Thank you."

Paul always considered himself just another guy who liked to cartoon and had some opinions. He was lucky enough to come to Nebraska, meet an amazing, smart, beautiful woman, be able to teach people about art and cartooning at great schools like Peru State and the University of Nebraska, and make his living doing something he loved and was great at - cartooning.

He got to travel the world with his bride, make friends from everywhere, enjoy football, volleyball, baseball, and other sports, as well as enjoying art, history, literature, and music. In the end, he also got to make a positive difference in the lives of millions, through his cartooning, and through the actions of the people who read and shared those cartoons.

Not bad for a guy who grew up in Massachusetts and headed west to Nebraska to play college football and study art.

As Paul said, "It's been a fun ride."

Indeed, my friend. Thanks for letting all of us come along for it.

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 2020 Stone Street
 Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that Lenard Brothers Properties LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is Lenard Brothers Properties LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 2020 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Sloan Lenard, 2020 Stone Street, Falls City, NE 68355.
- The Limited Liability Company shall engage in any lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on June 25, 2026. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Lems Landing LLC
 2414 Fulton St
 Falls City, NE 68355

Notice is hereby given that Lems Landing LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is Lems Landing LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 2414 Fulton St, Falls City, NE 68355 and its Registered Agent is Brian Lemerond, 2414 Fulton St, Falls City, NE 68355.
- The Limited Liability Company shall engage in any lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on June 29, 2026. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Kirkendall Cattle LLC
 66062 703 Trail
 Rulo, NE 68431

Notice is hereby given that Kirkendall Cattle LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

- The name of this limited liability company is Kirkendall Cattle LLC.
- The Initial Designated Office Address is 66062 703 Trail, Rulo, NE 68431 and its Registered Agent is Jared Kirkendall, 66062 703 Trail, Rulo, NE 68431.
- The Limited Liability Company shall engage in any lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The period of duration of the Company is perpetual existence from the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State on June 30, 2026. Affairs are to be managed by the Members authorized by the Certificate of Organization and the Operating Agreement.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
FARMHOUSE COOKIE COMPANY, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that Farmhouse Cookie Company, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on July 2, 2026 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- The name of the company is Farmhouse Cookie Company, LLC.
- The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 316 E 13th Street, Falls City, NE, 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Courtney Kreifels, 316 E. 13th Street, Falls City, NE, 68355.
- The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
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 111 East 17th Street
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NOTICE OF HEARING
ORGANIZATIONAL
TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Nebraska Revised State Statute §77-202.01, notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of July, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. the Richardson County Board of Equalization will hold a hearing to consider the following applications from charitable organizations seeking tax exemption on the property described:

Apace Foundation Falls City Metes & Bounds 11-1-16.17APT W1/2W1/2

Apace Lots 21,22,23 and 24, Block 89, Falls City, Richardson County, Nebraska.

The recommendation of the Richardson County Assessor is available at the office of the Assessor located in the Courthouse, Falls City, Nebraska.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
 Richardson County Board of Equalization

Mary L. Eickhoff
 Richardson County Clerk
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

The Southeast District Health Department Board of Health will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at the office of Southeast District Health Department, 2511 Schneider Ave, Auburn, NE. A virtual attendance option is available. Call the Southeast District Health Department office for virtual attendance details. The meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available in the Director's office at the Southeast District Health Department during regular business hours.
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Public Meeting Notice
Board of Education District #70

Notice is hereby given that a regular board meeting of the Board of Education of the Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer School District #70 will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 13th, 2026 in the Conference Room. The purpose of such meeting is to do regular business. A current agenda is available at the Superintendent's Office.
 Kyle Hilgenfeld
 Board President
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
O'GRADY FARMS, LLC

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §21-193 notice is given that O'Grady Farms, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized on July 1, 2026 by filing a Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State setting forth the following:

- The name of the company is O'Grady Farms, LLC.
- The period of duration of the company is perpetual.
- The address of the initial designated office of the company in Nebraska is: 71031 654 Avenue, Falls City, NE 68355, and the company's initial agent for service of process in Nebraska is Charles W. O'Grady, 71031 654 Avenue, Falls City, NE 68355.
- The general nature of its business is to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Its Attorney:
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

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

The name of the company is JR. COCHRAN LLC. The business address of the company is 404 E. 3rd St. Verdon, NE 68457. The name and street and mailing address of the initial registered agent of the company is Norman Eugene Cochran Jr., 404 E. 3rd St. Verdon, NE 68457.

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: Norman Eugene Cochran Jr.
 8-15-22
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COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 24, 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 24, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas and Caverzagie. Commissioner Campbell was absent. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Karas. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting of June 17, 2026, as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-absent, 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.

Commissioner Campbell arrived at 9:09 a.m.

NPPD COOPER NUCLEAR STATION, BROWNVILLE

Dakota Schulenberg, Emergency Preparedness Offsite Coordinator at the NPPD Cooper Nuclear Station at Brownville presented to the Board the quarterly update of the NPPD facility. The IPAWS system will be fully implemented within the near future which will provide notification of an event from the station as an alert on cellular phones. Those without cell phones in the emergency planning zones (EPZ) area can obtain a radio that is specially designed to give these alerts if an incident would occur.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

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

Discussion was held on the upcoming improvements to the "dustless highway" and discussion was held to add the "Boy Scout Road" and to include the parking lot at the Courthouse while the contractor is here in which the Board approved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty was unable to meet with the Board this week due to an emergency call.

MILLER MONROE

Scott Miller and Steve Simon of Miller-Farrell Insurance presented to the Board the insurance premium for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the County's insurance coverage. There was a 1.54% increase from the prior year with the 2026-2027 premium was \$336,441.25

KAYTLYN KENNEDY, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator presented to the Board the 2025 Annual Report of the Richardson County Extension Service. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of renting a vehicle from a program that is available through the University of Nebraska for use by the staff of the Extension Office to help with the costs the county incurs for travel expenses by the office staff.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER
Overspent Budgets/Unencumbered Funds

Motion was made by Campbell to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-42 with regards to the overspent budgets of the Data Processing/County Info Technology, \$1,885.05; Agriculture Extension Agent, \$72.30; and County Surveyor, \$4,495.83 to be covered by the unencumbered funds of the Miscellaneous General budget of the General Fund during fiscal year 2025-2026. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. (Resolution Book 29, Page 2)

CLAIMS

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

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office

of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Airstream Heating & Cooling, supp.....	127.00
Anderson Auto Group, auto ..	47987.00
Armbruster Motor Co., serv.....	225.00
Associated Anesthesiologist, serv.....	810.00
Bryan Health, serv.....	22449.53
Clerk of District Court, fees.....	147.00
CMC, serv.....	609.84
Culligan, supp.....	207.10
Eickhoff, Mary L., reimb.....	324.80
Electronic Contracting Co., serv.....	877.50
Falls City Mercantile, supp.....	522.05
Falls City Sanitation, serv.....	120.00
First Concord, fees.....	562.50
Gycoplete Family Dermatology, serv.....	112.00
Holiday Inn, lodg.....	239.90
Hurlbut, Dr. Patrick, serv.....	2560.00
Justice Data Solutions, serv.....	4200.00
Kawres, supp.....	195.00
Koch's Auto, serv.....	378.27
Lincoln National, life ins.....	1676.59
Medica, ins.....	57710.35
Midland Radio Corporation, supp.....	3499.00
Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, serv.....	429.00
Nemaha County Sheriff, serv.....	905.00
Nestor & Mercure, serv.....	9333.33
Omaha Public Power District, serv.....	33.11
O'Reilly Automotive, supp.....	312.50
Postmaster, supp.....	1840.80
Quill, supp.....	439.19
Ram Exterminators, serv.....	52.00
Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb.....	7.50
Richardson County Vendor, FICA/retire/etc.....	23890.70
Scholl Lawn & Landscape, serv.....	1665.00
SummerOne, serv.....	191.94
Tichy Land Survey Co., fees.....	3300.00
Tolcomplete Family Dermatology, serv.....	642.00
Wolfe's Printing, supp.....	122.92
Payroll Expense.....	120863.05
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$309,568.47

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

Black Hills Energy, serv.....	49.73
Gray Manufacturing Co., serv.....	1820.56
Matin Marietta Materials, rock.....	28048.71
Nebraska Public Power District, serv.....	158.12
Operation & Expense Account, reimb.....	71.72
Sapp Bros., supp.....	7037.31
SNC, serv.....	109.21
Payroll Expense.....	35867.43
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.....	\$73,162.79

DRUG COURT FUND

Hawkins, Seth, serv.....	1300.00
Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, serv.....	1300.00
TOTAL DRUG COURT FUND.....	\$2,600.00

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND

Charm-Tex, supp.....	154.80
TOTAL SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.....	\$154.80

JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND

BOK Financial Corp, fee.....	297271.25
TOTAL JAIL BOND REPAYMENT FUND.....	\$297,271.25

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Caverzagie to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the next regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk's Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
 Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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VILLAGE OF RULO

Village of Rulo
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Advanced notice of meeting posted by 2:00PM on Monday, June 8, 2026 at Wild Bill's, Swingin Doors and the Rulo Library

Board Chairperson, Rebecca Simmonds, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Roll call – Present: Rebecca Simmonds, Kraig Counce, Regina Barber, Todd Thompson, Mike Keller and Clerk: Rachel Jean

R. Jean provided the Open Meetings Act announcement.

Board minutes were reviewed with one change required. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Keller to approve the updated minutes. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Keller, Counce, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Dan Lyons spoke with the Board regarding boat ramp access and walk board storage during high water. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Keller to remove the gate and replace with rope or chain when

necessary. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Keller, Barber, Counce, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Keller presented two quotes for mowers. One for a John Deere mower and one for Gravelly. Each around \$12,000. Discussion to continue. No action taken.

Tom Carpenter spoke with the Board regarding additional meter pits on property and asked to have connection fees waived in lieu of easement. Board considering request and will place on agenda for next meeting for official action.

City Park maintenance for shelter house and playground equipment was discussed. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Barber to approve purchasing supplies as needed to paint shelter house at the park. Roll call – AYE: Thompson, Barber, Counce, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

R. Jean informed Board that Keno license renewal was denied for Wild Bill's with all operations ceased on June 1st. Charitable Gaming did not disclose reason for denial. Four Sons has removed equipment. Discussion to continue.

Counce made a motion that was seconded by Thompson to inquire with EMA regarding emergency sirens and details regarding their activation. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A proposal from Viking Industrial Painting was reviewed for water tower maintenance. The proposal totaled \$10,400 and is expected to be completed in Summer 2026. Notification will be sent in June water statements. A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Counce to accept the proposal and use Keno funds to cover the cost. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Counce, Keller, Thompson, Simmonds. Motion carried.

R. Jean discussed moving funds to CDs. Rates and approvals to be discussed in July.

A quote from Bob Bachman's Home Improvements for replacement of Firehouse roof totaling \$13,305.57. No action taken.

R. Popejoy reported that two new tires were needed for the backhoe at \$170 each. A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Barber to approve the purchase. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Barber, Thompson, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Due to emergency circumstances, discussion of Disaster Declaration for Flash Flooding event for June 4th and 5th was discussed. R. Jean reported that Richardson County must make the declaration before the Village and is expected during their June 10th meeting. Special meeting to be held as necessary to follow.

R. Jean presented the April Keno report which totaled \$3,211.37

A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to approve June claims. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

GENERAL – Grey Snow \$55.00 (svcs), OPPD \$1082.90 (utilities), SNC \$51.20 (svcs), 159 Lumber \$26.48 (supplies), FC Journal \$45.36 (publications), Farm & City Supply \$18.97 (supplies), Capital One \$112.14 (campground supplies), Shawn Thompson \$60.00 (svcs), payroll \$2762.82

ROADS – Rulo Vol Fire Dept \$162.99 (reimbursement – dump truck battery), Farm & City Supply \$185.73 (maintenance supplies), RLC Communications \$900.00 (svcs), Jim Hills \$18.46 (supplies)

WATER – NE Dept of Revenue \$38.20 (sales tax), City of Falls City \$3544.58 (svcs), Merz Ink \$40.00 (supplies), NE Public Health Lab \$30.00 (svcs), USPS \$390.00 (postage)

FIRE – Rulo Vol Fire Dept \$118.00 (reimburse fuel), Midwest Mobile \$240.87 (parts), Richardson County Mutual Aid \$164.06 (Page My Cell)

CEMETERY – 4B Lawncare LLC \$2600.00 (svcs), Farm & City Supply \$203.33 (supplies)

A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to enter executive session at 7:16pm for protection of public interest. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Barber, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Counce and seconded by Thompson to close the executive session at 7:24PM. Roll call – AYE: Counce, Thompson, Keller, Barber, Simmonds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barber and seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 7:26PM. Roll call – AYE: Barber, Thompson, Counce, Keller, Simmonds. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled for July 14, 2026 at 6:00PM.

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Richardson County Treasurer's Office
Semi-Annual Treasurer's Statement
01-01-2026 Through 06-30-2026

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	COLLECTIONS	DISBURSEMENTS	FUND TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
100	COUNTY FUNDS	\$ 6,566,625.91	6,270,330.80	(6,940,696.43)	1,050,126.64	6,946,386.92
6000	STATE FUNDS	180,011.48	1,188,088.40	(1,150,942.32)	-	217,157.56
6100	SCHOOL FUNDS	1,725,994.07	9,223,973.43	(10,800,465.54)	-	149,501.96
6900	ESU	50,433.94	149,381.04	(197,664.27)	-	2,150.71
7100	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	77,688.87	237,530.22	(311,902.72)	-	3,316.37
7300	NNRD	116,424.95	347,932.72	(459,395.03)	-	4,962.64
7700	FIRE DISTRICTS	55,297.74	152,314.48	(205,901.85)	-	1,710.37
8400	DRAINAGE DISTRICTS	5,671.70	34,071.51	(39,743.21)	-	-
8600	CITIES/VILLAGES	163,049.37	771,032.51	(897,798.14)	-	36,283.74
8611	TIF DISTRICTS	7,383.66	114,318.87	(121,702.53)	-	-
9200	AG SOCIETY	11,525.21	34,297.49	(45,334.09)	-	488.61
9450	AIRPORT	12,463.95	56,226.39	(66,580.60)	-	2,109.74
9500	HOLDING FUNDS	44,171.93	112,981.93	(110,382.63)	-	46,771.23
	GRAND TOTAL	9,016,742.78	18,692,479.79	(21,348,509.36)	1,050,126.64	7,410,839.85

CASH ON HAND	\$ 4,797.12	OUTSTANDING WARRANTS	\$ -
CHECKS ON HAND	82,909.50	NUMBER OF UNPAID CLAIMS	-
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	2,120,040.10		

VILLAGE OF SALEM

Village of Salem
June 2026

The Salem Village Board met June 2, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Chairman Strauch opened the meeting. Kean, Wessel, and Vogele answered roll. Helmick was absent. Also present were Robert McHenry and Todd and Angela Davis.

The Open Meeting Poster was acknowledged.

McHenry reported that the hydrants would be flushed on June 19th.

Wessel reported on the Community Building project. She reported the importance of letters of support for the project from the community.

Properties in need of mowing and cleaning up were discussed. The clerk was instructed to send letters to several properties for ordinance violations.

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

Strauch moved to adjourn at 8:16, seconded by Kean. Motion carried, Kean, Strauch, Wessel and Vogele voting yes. Helmick absent.

The next meeting will be July 7, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.
Carolyn Glathar
Village Clerk

Claims June 2026

OPPD 496.91 (utility) general 66.00
combl 38.45 FRHL 33.37 street 359.09
Robert McHenry 700.00 (water operator) water
Village of Salem/ Water Fund 400.00 (transfer) general
Richardson Co RWD #2 1602.52 (water purchased for sale water Nebraska Public Health Lab 15.00 (water testing) water
Carolyn Glathar 500.00 (salary) water 100.00 street 200.00 general 200.00
Carolyn Glathar 8.13 (office supplies) general
Jodie Schuetz 390.00 (mowing) street
Tony Brown 150.00 (brush cleanup) street
Schendel Pest Control 30.00.00 (service) combl 30.00
MJ Wessel 140.00 (cleaning combl) combl
Cemetery
Barb Brown (mowing)
Dennis Rowland (mowing)
Farm and City Supply 21.99 (supplies)
Bosselman Pump and Pantry 150.01 (fuel for mowing) Falls City Auto Supply 30.15 (filter)

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
JUNE 24, 2026
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Richardson County Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Roll call was answered by Karas, Campbell and Caverzagie; Assessor, Kim Riggs; and Clerk Eickhoff. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

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

PROPERTY VALUATION PROTESTS
Property valuation protests were heard for filings #2026-007 through 2026-010.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion seconded by Campbell. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Campbell-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

John Caverzagie, Chairman
Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk
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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's golf league results from Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Scores shown are actual scores and handicap totals.

Early League results.

Team 1 (4.00) Kirken-dall, Jeremy 45-44; Veigel, Merle 63-45. Team 2 (2.00) Hays, Gary 50-43; Heinzelman, Denny (F).

Team 3 (2.00) Ebel, Ron 38-31; Severin, Steve 61-41. Team 9 (4.00) Kurpge-weit, Lee 48-40; Mullins, Jim 38-29.

Team 4 (4.50) Borg, Dave 41-35; Murphy, Jim 51-37. Team 8 (1.50) Hill-yard, Mark 47-38; Foster, Tim 46-36.

Team 5 (3.00) James, Charles 44-37; Rowland, Rod 52-43. Team 7 (3.00) Sailors, Chuck 51-38; Ro-mine, Alan 55-42.

Team 6 (1.00) May, Mark 45-39; Bennett, Chuck 47-36. Team 10 (5.00) Hankins, Dan 49-35; Kermoade, Terry 51-36.

Late League results.

Team 1 (2.50) Bippes, Drew 45-37; Hillyard, Mark 51-41; Coonce, Kyle 70-47; Team 4 (5.50) Witt, Tom 38-34; Froeschl, Nathan 53-45; Bennett, Chuck 47-38.

Team 2 (6.00) Mont-gomery, Carter 38-36; Malone, Kevin 53-46; Sly, Tony 57-39. Team 3 (2.00) Aitken, Bob 41-34; Craig, Jake (F); Scheitel, Logan (F).

Team 5 (6.00) Simon, Steve 36-33; Daake, Brian 41-34; Merz, Mitch 68-41. Team 19 (2.00) Davis, Da-

rin 45-39; Gooch, Blake 49-39; Scheitel, Lane 49-36.

Team 6 (8.00) Witt, Wade 45-36; Jordening, Ron 55-41; Leyden, Der-rick 54-39; Team 18 (0.00) Chesnut, Justin 46-39; May, Mark 52-44; Har-mon, Jason (F).

Team 7 (6.00) Scheitel, Trent 41-38; Schawang, Cade 48-36; Bauman, Jackson 54-41. Team 17 (2.00) Ebel, Bryce 49-43; Witt, Bailey 51-42; Gode-mann, Ted 50-37.

Team 8 (6.00) Simon, Dan 36-33; Harmon, Galen (F); Waller, Doug 58-40. Team 16 (2.00) Hill, Dan 40-34; Steele, Brendan (F); Bauer, Trevor 60-46.

Team 9 (3.00) Kirken-dall, Jeremy 36-32; Witt, Rich 54-42; Craig, Robbie 52-38. Team 15 (5.00) Van Dyke, Kyle 42-38; Cole, Gavin 46-38; Froeschl, Ethan 45-36.

Team 10 (6.50) Gist, Thomas 44-37; Poppe, Brian 48-38; Keller, Bart 56-36. Team 14 (1.50) Gerweck, Rob 41-36; Meysenburg, Fr. James 51-39; McNeely, Erik (F).

Team 11 (2.00) Siel, Jake 39-35; Froeschl, Lu-cas 50-41; Dunkhas, Gale 53-39. Team 13 (6.00) Fer-guson, Don 48-42; Scha-wang, Cody 42-33; White, Christian 55-34.

Team 12 (6.50) Mc-Neely, John 49-41; Froeschl, Joe 49-40; Bek, Adam 49-38. Team 20 (1.50) Anderson, Dusty 48-39; Heckenlively, Tim 50-40; Dunn, Mike 59-41.

Expressions of gratitude

On behalf of the family of David Wheeler, we would like to thank everyone for the calls, texts, food and visits. He was loved by so many. We appreciate your kindness.

Jana Wheeler, Joan Wheeler
Lisa and Gary Juilfs
Pam and Vern Mayfield

2026 RICHARDSON COUNTY 4-H & FFA JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE


MONDAY, JUNE 15	THURSDAY, JULY 23
ENTRY DEADLINE	ALL DAY 4-H Council Voting
Animal	ALL DAY Silent Static Support Auction Open
Fashion Show	8:30AM Swine Show
Favorite Food Revue	Rabbit Showmanship
Interview Judging Contest	Milking Dairy Cattle In Place
Companion Animal Contest	12:30PM Dairy Cattle Show
	2:30PM Sheep Show
	5:30PM Rabbit Show
MONDAY, JULY 13	FRIDAY, JULY 24
ENTRY DEADLINE	ALL DAY 4-H Council Voting
Static Exhibits	ALL DAY Silent Static Support Auction Open
Fashion Show Narratives	8:30AM Beef Cattle Show
	Poultry Showmanship
	Milking Dairy Goats In Place
	12:30PM Meat Goat Show
	2:30PM Poultry Show
	5:00PM Market Support Auction Form Due
	6:00PM Livestock Market Report Record Due
	7:00PM Ag Olympics
	SATURDAY, JULY 25
	7 - 8:00AM Ag Society Breakfast
	9:00AM Public Fashion Show
	11:00AM Round Robin
	4-H Council Voting Closes
	2:00PM Award Ceremony
	4:00PM Market Livestock Support Auction
	6:00PM 4-H Dinner
	(All Are Welcome)
	7:00PM Silent Static Support Auction Closes
	All Exhibits Released
	SUNDAY, JULY 26
	8:15PM 4-H Swim Party at FC Aquatic Center
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
	9:00AM Richardson & Nemaha County Joint 4-H Horse Show
	Nemaha County Fairgrounds - Auburn



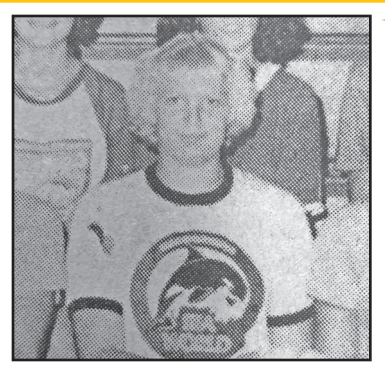
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