

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Monday, March 30 >

• Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. at the Morrill Public Library, with Knitting Club at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 >

• After School is Cool at the Morrill Public Library - activities, crafts and snacks for students K-2nd from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1 >

• Homestead of Hiawatha at 9:30 a.m. at Vintage Park, 400 Kansas Ave., Hiawatha.

• Creative Hour @ the Library at 2 p.m. with a second evening session at 5:30 p.m. - email jmay@hiawathalibrary.org or call 785-742-3831 for info. Creative Hour is on the first and third Wednesdays at the Morrill Public Library.

• New Beginnings Weight Loss Group meets in the basement of Presbyterian Church at 7th and Kickapoo on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. for weight in, meeting 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come through alley door on south side. For questions, call 785-294-0923.

Thursday, April 2 >

• Preschool Storytime at 10:30

a.m. at the Morrill Public Library with Studio Thursdays - activities, crafts and snacks for 3rd through 8th grade students from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Friday, April 3 >

• Senior Socials 1-4 p.m. at the Morrill Public Library. Games, snacks and friends for our senior citizens. Invite a friend!

The Lied Center Brings World Premiere Play Capital City to Falls City

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(LINCOLN, NE - March 2026) The Lied Center's ARTS ACROSS NEBRASKA tours bring the best in music, theater, and dance to communities across the state! On Thursday, April 16, AAN is proud to bring the world premiere of the play Capital City to the community of Falls City.

About the Play:

Money. Corruption. Murder. Welcome to Capital City. In this searing original play inspired by Nebraska author Mari Sandoz' infamous novel Capital City, the Great Depression has split the people of a fictional Midwestern city in two: the rich and the poor. What lengths will the have-nots go to

gain back their land, homes, and dignity? How far will the haves go to make sure they control it all?

Performed in Animal Engine Theatre Company's signature physical style, actors create a richly detailed portrait of shanty towns, high society balls, striking workers, backroom schemes, and more with just their bodies and song.

An original commission from the Lied Center of Nebraska, Animal Engine returns to Nebraska after performing their popular Willa Cather-inspired epic Henrietta Solway in 2023.

Animal Engine's Capital City will be performed on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00pm at Prichard Auditorium located

at 312 W. 17th Street, Falls City, NE 68355. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

In addition to the public show, there will be a matinee performance for area students on Wednesday, April 15, as well as a workshop with Animal Engine artists.

This special event is sponsored by Richardson County Arts & Humanities, Falls City Chamber & Main Street, and Richardson County Visitors Committee.

This performance is part of the Lied Center's Arts Across Nebraska program, made possible by the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Friends of Lied, and The Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation.

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allow people to invade other peoples' privacy.

Marshall also spoke about the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, or the SAVE America Act. Marshall said that 60 percent of Americans were afraid for election integrity and that 50 non-American immigrants were in the country. The Kansas senator remarked that four states allowed immigrants to register to vote. He also included that only two of the 47 Senate Democrats agreed with including voter ID. Marshall stated that the SAVE Act addressed proof of citizenship, proof of ID and mail-in ballots. Regarding the mail-in ballots, he said they were not a good idea.

Marshall said that Democrats liked political discourse about not funding DHS and the police. He added that it takes 60 votes to pass a bill and that Democrats needed to come across the aisle for passing the SAVE act.

"We should continue to put pressure on

the Democrats," he said. "I'm hoping over the next week or two, Democratic senators will listen to their states."

The next segment was open for questions, which included questions about the SAVE Act. When asked why there was an attempt in March 2026 to move forward with the SAVE Act, Marshall replied that it was just how the calendar worked out. When asked about the topic about voter roll data shared with DHS databases and if there were safeguards to be put in place to protect voter information, Marshall said that the benefits of safe elections outweighed the risks. When asked about concerns of citizens regarding ICE being present at polling places, Marshall said that he needed to double check about polling places and commented that it was not the best place for ICE to do their work. When asked about how married voters would be impacted under the SAVE Act and if citizenship documents like passports or certificates could disenfranchise voters, Marshall said that voters would need to re-register and said that the bill

goes through a process with multiple people and stated he was not wanting to make it harder for citizens to vote.

Regarding questions about the current situation in Iran and impact on oil prices, Marshall said that corn exports and ethanol exports would be up next year and that America was the leading producer of oil. He also expressed hope that the Iran would be short.

"I hate war," Marshall said. He stated that he supported what US President Donald Trump has done and said that Iran has been an imminent threat to the US. Marshall said that since 2023, there have been 160 attacks by Iranians on US military forces and that Trump laid out clear goals to eliminate Iran's missiles, nuclear weapons and navy. He also criticized Iran's theocracy. The Kansas senator said that the benefits of being at war with Iran outweighed the risks and hoped that Kansans and Americans overall would be safe for decades to come.

Readers can find more information on www.marshall.senate.gov.

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