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Ameritas	RE	2,507.58
Aramark	Su	199.95
Bankcard/CMS	Fee	165.93
Barco	Eq	4,613.51
Black Hills	Ut	2,405.91
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	8,510.14
BOK Financial	Bond	658.75
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Carquest	Su	27.92
Cash-Wa	Su	1,458.90
Eakes	Su	74.93
Eakes	Ex	256.64
EMC	Ins	60,894.00
Erdkamp Motors	Re	673.38
Fairmont Rescue	Misc	335.00
Farmers Coop	Fu	502.08
Farmers Coop	Fu	92.92
Fillmore County Hospital	Ex	70.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	452.08
First Concord Benefits	Be	36.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	562.14
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,704.21
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USDA	Loan	7,974.00
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What's Happening	Ex	500.00
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