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Part of CCS Superintendent Dr. Dan Endorf's (left) PowerPoint presentation was the recognition of Paulsen Inc. for their phenomenal workmanship, dedication, and cooperation during the renovation projects in district buildings. Paulsen representatives present were, from left, Dan Niles (project manager), Mike Hill, Dan Schwarz (project superintendent), Brandon Dodson, Lorenzo Santo-Virves, Anthony Orozco, Rafael Cueller, and Larry Paulsen (Paulsen Inc. owner and president). Paulsen thanked the school for their trust and patience with the project. (Photo Courtesy of Patty Wolfe)

Cozad School Board Outlines Year's Vision

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Superintendent Dr. Dan Endorf shared a PowerPoint presentation during the Cozad Community Schools Board first meeting of the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, Aug. 18. He shared this PowerPoint during his Welcome Back session with staff the week prior. One of the key components was the new

Strategic Plan, which will serve as a guide for years to come. The plan's main elements include personnel effectiveness, access to educational opportunities, cultural inclusion and engagement, and board governance.

"The NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards) group that visited Cozad compli-

mented us on our communication, positive culture, teamwork, and academic growth, so that was good," Dr. Endorf noted.

Regarding district finances, Dr. Endorf stated, "we are currently in good standing, and we took a state aid hit this year of \$800,000. The

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From Aisle Arguments to Life's Little Reminders

I was running into town the other day and glanced in my rearview. Most of the seats were down. My car can hold seven people, but only two seats were actually usable. I blinked.

Not long ago, this car was full, my kids, nieces, nephews, their friends, chaos, laughter, and the occasional 'I'm not touching you".

I watched the past play out. Me, yelling at kids to sit down, stop fighting, and buckle up, all somewhere between the noise. I blinked and now?

It's empty space. Three seats, most of the time just two are used. Time has a sneaky way of changing the scenery without noticing until it hits you all at once.

That realization hit me hard last weekend. Did I wait until the weekend before school to go school shopping, you betcha. It used to be a fun outing of just me and the kids. It was an adventure full of laughs.

This year, though, it was me, my husband, and our son. And neither one of them care how cool a pencil is or how smooth a pen writes. I knew it was going to be a day of regrets.

So I wore my "More Espresso, Less Depresso" shirt in preperation. I knew I was going to need the coffee.

By the time we arrived, I had already endured an unintentional leg workout courtesy of my husband's driving. I honestly don't know why I need to know if a lane is clear for him to pass. He has yet to get me into an accident. I just don't trust anyone's driving but my own. It's a wonder he still goes places with me.

Anywho, I have regrets and questions.

When you shop, what section do you start in?

Do you yell across the aisles at your spouse who is three rows over, explaining why your son won't like the shirt he's holding up?





Am I the only one who tells the cashier not to say the total out loud because I'm married to Mr. Penny Pincher? If he hears it, I'll hear about it all the way home. On the upside, he always pulls through with a random coupon he found buried in an email from two months ago.

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At one point, I found myself in the sweatpants section, convincing myself that two pairs were basically work-appropriate. Meanwhile, my husband was happily browsing. He's a browser. I'm a get-in-and-getout type. I might pay a little more for something, but I count that extra as paying for my time.

He grabbed the wrong sizes, didn't know what was "in style," and generally made the process more complicated when he asked our son to go to the fishing section. Our son would rather wear the same outfit every day, so I knew that battle was coming anyway. If you ever see him in hunter green sweatpants with an olive-green sweatshirt, just know his dad was in charge of him that morning.

In the end, my son picked out a backpack, two pairs of shorts, and one sweatshirt. Shoes and shirts? Refused. And me, I needed more espresso pronto.

This week is about remembering to enjoy the little moments, because they won't always be little. Even if it's arguing over clothes or deciding what's for supper, those moments matter. Next week's column might be about how I forgot my son at school on the first day, but we'll find out together. Just stick around, I want you here.

A Caffeinated Momma, Liz



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Nearly 200 Attend Music Monday

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Nearly 200 patrons attended the third Music Monday hosted by the Cozad Community Leaders on Monday, Aug. 18. The Cozad Development Corporation sponsored the band Formerly Three, featuring Chad Scharff and Spencer Hansen.

Opening the evening was Cozad's own DJ Bobby Devine who has performed from 5–6 p.m. at Music Mondays since the event began in 2018. "Bobby D", who will turn 62 in November, has been a disc jockey since he was 14 years old, with junior high dances being his first gigs.

"In the last month I've performed at three Music Mondays, at the Grand Generation Center's monthly fundraiser meal, and at two weddings. Two years ago I traveled to Mitchell, S.D., to perform at a friend's wedding. I still enjoy DJing and hope to continue to do these Music Mondays in the future. I'm thankful to the Wilson Public Library Foundation for sponsoring me," Devine said.

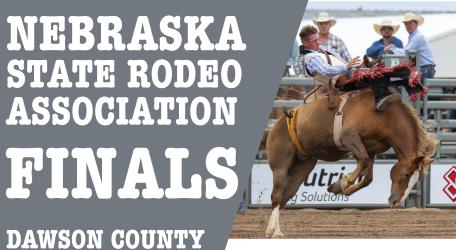
Formerly Three has been together for 18 years and have played for several years at Cozad's Music Mondays.

The Cub Scouts sold out of their meatball meals. Learning Adventures Child Care Center sold root beer floats, and the Elks Club sold drinks.



Bobby Devine, aka DJ Bobby D has been providing music at Music Mondays since their inception in 2018. He is shown taking a break before the Aug. 18 Music Monday. He also assists the groups with any of their set-up and sound systems prior to each Music Monday. Bobby D performs at numerous events and venues in Cozad and the area including wedding receptions. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)





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Obituaries

Stephen Andersen, of Cozad, passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning, Aug. 20, at Meadowlark Pointe at the age of 90. Steve has been a resident at

Meadowlark Pointe in Cozad for the past seven years and will be dearly missed by his Meadowlark friends and family

Steve was born on Dec. 3, 1934, in Cozad to Danish Immigrant Marius (Swede)
Andersen and Dorothy (Huntley) Andersen. He was named after his mother's father and her two brothers. He grew up in Cozad, where he accepted his fate as the younger brother of his dear sister Mary Kay. His childhood was full of family, adventure, and discovery. While he was a

tall youth, athleticism was not his gift. A recent story shared with us is of him holding a secure spot on the end of the bench for most of his high school football career – cheering others on. A talent he possessed until his last breath.

He was passionate about creating a positive and humorous environment for others and loved using humor, music, and song to connect with friends and strangers alike. At the age of 17, Steve joined the Navy and began his worldly adventures, including Italy, Turkey, and Denmark. He loved sharing stories of the people he met and how it expanded his mind and understanding of the world, and how most people are good and are open to new ideas. His love of photography and learning expanded while in the Navy and was the basis for his ultimate career path through teaching, news reporting, and eventually the owner of a wonderful photography business.

Steve met his young bride, Doris, while she and her friends were bowling in Cozad, and they were united in Marriage on Aug. 3, 1958, on a very hot summer day in Central City. They resided in both Kearney and Lincoln to complete Steve's education before settling in Arapahoe, where they began their family with son Greg and daughter Jennifer. Shortly after, they moved to Denison, IA, where Susan was born, and 4 years later they moved home to Cozad to raise their family with the support and love of Steve's parents, MG and Dorothy Andersen.

In 1971, with the encouragement and support of several local businessmen, Steve and Doris joyfully opened Andersen Studio, where together they worked side by side for 36 years. It was at Andersen Studio that Steve thrived both behind the camera and next to his life partner and wife, Doris. Steve had an uncanny ability to draw out the best in everyone. He is well known for the "penny on his forehead trick" and other mischievous tricks to draw out a smile or twinkle in

an eye. To this day, our family loves the stories we are told about their experiences through school, sports, activities, and wedding pictures that were taken.

Throughout his life, Steve was committed to faith, family, and friends. It has been said repeatedly, Steve never met a stranger. Family meant everything to Dad. He is survived by his loving son, Gregory Jon of Oxford, and daughters Jennifer (Jim) Smith of Highlands Ranch, CO, and Susan (Scott) Kuhlman, of Sidney. Steve and Doris worked endless hours at the Studio and traveled across the Nation recording the memories of others' lives. Our early years together didn't reach

far beyond Cozad, a local fishing hole, or meals around the family table. However, as time passed and resources allowed, Steve was the beneficiary of traveling the world with his daughters and family. A trip to Hong Kong with Jennifer and trips to Italy with Susan remain highlights of all our travels. Dad was committed most especially to his son Greg, who to this day claims to be an accomplished fisherman. They spent countless hours at favorite fishing spots that most often yielded little or no fish but created Greg a lifetime of memories with his dad.

Steve will be most dearly missed by his amazing grandchildren, Ellen and (Kevin) Cunningham of Bloomington, MN; Audrey (Dutch) Vap of North Platte, and Matthew Smith and Stephen Smith (his namesake in both name and many traits) of Highlands Ranch, CO. Steve's great grandchildren, Henry and Wilhelmina Cunningham and Hattie Vap were constant sources of joy and delight for Steve and our entire family.

Steve is preceded in death by his wife Doris, his father and mother, Swede and Dorothy of Cozad, and older sister Mary Kay and her husband Hal Schafer of Broomfield, CO. He leaves behind many special nieces and nephews who have always held a special place in his heart.

One of Steve's greatest joys was the art of music. Many of you may remember when he sang Amazing Grace at his daughter Susan's wedding, or you have received a special call on your birthday when he and Doris would share a birthday duet. Later in life, he was asked to visit folks in the hospital, and he would take a wooden bluebird he had carved and painted. He would sit by their bedside, share faith stories, and sing "The Bluebird of Happiness." Over the years, many people received one of these cherished bluebirds. We were all encouraged to take it on our travels and send him photos of the bluebird on a great adventure. If you were a recipient of one of these special bluebirds,

please bring it with you to the service and enjoy the memory of when Steve shared his gift of song with you.

Steve was a lover of the pursuit of knowledge, and his relationship with God and Jesus Christ was one he was fully secure in. He was the greatest non-cooking chef we know, his intense desire to know about his own health and natural healing was amazing, and his intelligence and acceptance of technology and how it could better his daily life is a testament to his continual quest for knowledge. His daughters are committed to pursuing longevity and ways to ensure quality of life, and Steve was all in! All of us were recipients of daily tips, and his most recent area of expertise was all things baby. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren beyond measure. Steve's last family moment was holding his youngest great-grandchild, Hattie, high in the air while singing, and racing young Henry down the hall in his scooter while Henry looked back to be sure the old man was not going to beat him. Well, the joke's on us, dad beat us all. He beat us to the Heavenly finish line with grace, humor, faith, and the anticipation of holding his dear wife's hand once again - while she beats him in another game of King's on the Corner.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." Timothy 4:7-8

Memorials are suggested to Central Plains Home Health & Hospice. Celebrations and stories may be shared at berrymanfuneralhome.com. Steve's wishes were to have his body donated to the NE Anatomical Board to continue the pursuit of knowledge on aging and longevity. The service of Celebration will be held Friday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at Cozad Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jill Boyd presiding. Please join the family following the service for a dessert reception and time to connect and share stories. Berryman Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



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Linda L. Bubak passed away on Aug. 19, 2025, in Cozad at the age of 80, following a tragic accident. She was born on Feb. 20, 1945, in Smith Center, KS, and spent her formative years in Cozad.

Linda graduated from Cozad High School with the class of 1963. Following her graduation, she began her career as a babysitter and worked at the Dixie Inn during high school. She then joined Ford's Pharmacy, where she remained through several name changes to Sloan's



Pharmacy and S & S Pharmacy. Linda later went on to work at Cozad Medical Clinic and Cozad Hospital, where she was involved in various roles in the kitchen, as a nurse aide, in the office, and most notably, as a caregiver, which brought her immense joy.

In June of 1963, Linda married her high school sweetheart, Robert Bubak. Their union was blessed with two sons, Todd and Mick. As a family, they cherished each moment together, and Linda's heart expanded further when she became the guardian of her cousin Ryan, whom she and Bob considered their third son.

Linda had a passion for nature and enjoyed working in her yard. Her family was very special to her, and she found great joy in attending her sons' school events. In later years, her grandchildren became the light of her life, and she treasured the moments spent with them.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially her family, who brought her so much happiness. Linda's spirit lives on in the hearts of her family and friends who will remember her kindness, dedication, and unwavering love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Mildred Gibson, and In-laws, Jerry and Dorothy Bubak; brothers, Larry 'Hoot', Dale and Vic Gibson;

and sister-in-law, Judy Gibson. Survivors include her husband, Robert Bubak; sons, Todd (Lisa) Bubak, Mick (Jill) Bubak, and Ryan (Shay) Holbrook. grandchildren, Chase (Brittany) Bubak, Blake (Tori) Bubak, Macy Bubak, Blake Becher, Tenley Bubak, and Kooper, Konner and Adeline Holbrook; stepbrother, Danny Wiley; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Gardner and Carol Gibson; her very special friends, Sandy Sheets Keiswetter and Carol Carson Gerk; and many other extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. A memorial service will be held Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Berryman Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Kathy Gundell officiating. The family invites everyone to dress casually. Burial w will be private. Memorial book signing with family present will be Aug. 29.





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Wolfe Claims Champion Honors in Market Lamb Evaluation

PRESS RELEASE

Kori Wolfe of Cozad took top honors in the Market Lamb Evaluation Contest, receiving the champion trophy. The reserve champion trophy went to Taylor Kramer of Elm Creek for her market lamb.

In the Swine Muscle Evaluation Contest at the 2025 Dawson County Fair, Riggs McConville of Lexington earned the champion title, while Owen Fairley of Brady received the reserve champion spot.

In the 2nd Annual Goat Muscle Evaluation Contest, Keeley Nichols of Eddyville won the champion trophy, and Kamrynn Rhoades of Cozad brought home the reserve champion honors.

The 118-pound champion 4-H market lamb, owned by Kori Wolfe, daughter of Derek and



Keri Smith, Lexington; displays the Grand Champion banner Kori Wolfe, of Cozad; won in the sheep carcass contest at the 2025 Dawson County Fair. (Courtesy Photo)

Brooke Wolfe, had 0.12 back fat, 3.63 square inches of loin eye area, and a 49.896 percent lean reading. Taylor Kramer, daughter of Dave Kramer, recorded a 49.527 percent lean reading. Thirteen lambs were entered in this ultrasound contest. This marked the 38th annual Dawson County 4-H Market Lamb Muscle Evaluation Contest.

The champion 4-H market hog, owned by Riggs McConville, son of Derek and Paige McConville, yielded the highest percent muscle. His pig had a 63.84 percent lean reading, 0.78 back fat, and 8.91 square inches of loin eye area. The reserve champion market hog, owned by Owen Fairley, son of Jake and Erin Fairley, had a 63.60 percent lean reading. Seventeen hogs were entered in the contest, which was held for the 48th year.

The 58-pound champion 4-H market goat, owned by Keeley Nichols, daughter of Brandyn and Sara Nichols, had 0.07 back fat, 2.21 square inches of loin eye area, and a 49.614 percent lean reading. The reserve champion goat, owned by Kamrynn Rhoades, daughter of Kaye Dean and Krystle Rhoades, had 0.07 back fat, 2.55 square inches of loin eye area, and a 49.514 percent lean reading. Thirteen goats were entered in the contest. This is the second year for the goat carcass contest; two years ago, goat carcasses were evaluated only for educational purposes.

2025 Market Lamb Percent Muscle Contest Ribbon Placings

Purples: Kori Wolfe (C); Taylor Kramer (EC) x2; Trina Pearson (B); Jackson Armstead (C); Gus Barnes (G). Blue ribbons: Samuel Winter (C) x2; Cadey Wolf (C). Red ribbons (lightweight lambs): Kori Wolfe (C); Grant Walahoski (O); Paige Walahoski (O); Bodee Klemm (L).

2025 Market Swine Percent Muscle Contest Ribbon Placings

Purples: Riggs McConville (L); Owen Fairley (B) x3. Blue ribbons: Greta Rickertsen (L) x2; Riggs McConville (L); Alex Rickertsen (L); Paige Walahoski (O); Bristol McConville (L); Grant Walahoski (O). Red ribbons (lightweight hogs): Megan Walahoski (O); Bristol McConville (L); Parker Walahoski (O); Gus Barnes (G) x3.

2025 Market Goat Percent Muscle Contest Ribbon Placings

Purples: Keeley Nichols (E); Kamrynn Rhoades (C) x2; Matthew Rhoades (C); Natalee Rhoades (C). Blue ribbons: Matthew Rhoades (C); Keaton Bebensee (G); Aleigha Negley (G); Lucille Cool (G); Halleigh (Kai) Bebensee (G); Karsyn Nichols (E). Red ribbons: Daniel Dailey (G); Kollyn Nichols (E).

The carcass data was collected by Allen Hines with Nebraska SPF of Lincoln using ultrasonic equipment. 4-H members could view the back fat and loin eye on the TV monitor as the data was recorded. Special premiums will be awarded by donors to the 4-H Livestock Premium Fund. Expenses were sponsored by the Dawson County Agricultural Society.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE ESSENTIAL for SAFE HUNTING

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is offering a Hunter Education Course in September, aimed at ensuring the safety and preparedness of new hunters. The class will be held on September 8, 10, 17, and 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Paulsen's Office, located on the east side of Highway 30.

Tim Wolf, the course instructor, emphasizes the importance of proper hunter education. "This course is crucial for anyone who plans to hunt in Nebraska. We focus on safety, responsibility, and ethics, which are key to ensuring a positive experience in the field," Wolf said.

Participants must register online at [www.HuntSafeNebraska. org] (http://www.HuntSafeNebraska.org). For any questions, Wolf can be reached at 308-325-9025.

This course is a great opportunity to learn essential skills and knowledge before the hunting season begins.

Jensen Earns Reserve Champion in Beef Carcass Contest

PRESS RELEASE

Showing cattle is only part of the 4-H Beef Project. Once the livestock show ends, the Beef Carcass Contest begins, giving 4-H members the chance to see how their projects measure up to industry standards for meat quality and yield.

Hailey Jensen of Cozad earned the Reserve Champion title in the 2025 Dawson County 4-H Beef Carcass Contest. Her steer recorded a yield grade of 3.5, graded low choice, and measured a 15.068 square inch ribeye area with 0.732 backfat.

Taking home the champion honors was Alexandra Rickertsen, daughter of Curt and Holly Rickertsen of Lexington. Her steer earned a yield grade of 3.4 and graded high choice with a 14.072 square inch ribeye area and 0.61 backfat.

Five market beef were entered in this year's contest, with no prime grades awarded. Blue ribbons went to Rickertsen (L), Jensen (C), and Trina Pearson (B). A red ribbon went to Dallee Barnes (G), and a white ribbon to Greta Rickertsen (L).

The contest results were tabulated with the cooperation of Tyson's meat staff,



along with 4-H Beef Carcass Superintendents Paul and Shannon Peterson of Gothenburg and Scott Aden of Gothenburg. Special premiums are provided to all participants by donors to the 4-H Livestock Premium Fund.

Hailey Jensen of Cozad proudly holds the Beef Carcass Contest Reserve Champion banner she earned with her steer with a live weight of 1,544 pounds as part of the 2025 Dawson County Fair.

4-H Static Exhibit Clover Four Displays

PRESS RELEASE

The 4-H Static Exhibit "Four Leaf Clover" Display at the 2025 Dawson County Fair showcased the top four entries within six Clover Four project areas. The 4-H Council committee determined the project areas and classes. These exhibits serve as examples of the types of projects younger 4-H members may bring to future fairs. All green-rosette ribbon Four Leaf Clover exhibits were on display in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

The judges' choice for the top four Photography Clover Four exhibits were awarded to Bodee Klemm (L) for his Level 1 'Bugs or Bird's Eye View' display; Anna Dillon (C) for her Level 2 'Creative Techniques' display; Wesley Thompson (L) for his Level 3 'Still Life Print'; and Seth Wahlgren (G) for his Level 3 portfolio.

The top four Family and Consumer Science Clover Four exhibits went to Griffin Owens (L) for his heirloom treasures restored saddle; Jacob Lans (L) for his welded lamp; Jackson Dowdy (C) for his patriotic pallet; and Gabrielle Caraway (L) for her teal, blue, and yellow lap quilt.

The top four Science and Technology Clover Four exhibits were Levi Linsenmeyer (O) for his wooden toolbox; Parker Walahoski (O) for his taxidermy cedar stand; Taylor Kramer (EC) for her belt buckle holder; and Jamie Dowdy (C) for her Arctic diorama.

The top four Horticulture Clover Four exhibits were Brooklyn Reiman (C) for her tiger lilies; Brynlee Reil (O) for her ghostly garden; Mollie Spradlin (C) for her curled parsley; and Kimberly Duryea (L) for her banana plant.

The top four Clothing and Textiles Clover Four exhibits were Elena McFarland (L) for her Level 2 wool dress; Mollie Spradlin (C) for her 'Beyond the Needle' – embellished jeans; Greta Rickertsen (L) for her Level 3 wool tailored royal blue coat with gray plaid pleated skirt; and Wesley Thompson (L) for his Level 3 wool military greatcoat and coordinating pants.

The top four Food and Nutrition Clover Four exhibits were Briarr Anderson (G) for his Cooking 101 cookies; Bristol Kubert (E) for her Cooking 201 creative mix cookies; Carter Gruntorad (L) for his Cooking 301 cinnamon rolls; and Lillee Voss (L) for her Cooking 501 campfire cake.

Market Report

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for Aug. 4, 2025

STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Wt. Range - 900-947; Avg Wt - 922; Price Range - \$329.00-366.00; Avg Price - \$348.59

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Special Education records will be destroyed on <u>September 30, 2025</u> for any former Cozad Community Schools' student who received special education services and has not received services for at least five years prior to May 23, 2025.

Former students or parents may request copies of their Special Education records by calling the Cozad Special Education Department at (308) 784-3381 prior to September 23, 2025.

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house is not on fire, but I smell smoke!" He presented several possible ways to minimize expenses.

Putting on his "Teacher's Hat," Dr. Endorf discussed contract hours, student issues, "those danged cell phones," computers and social media, supervision in locker rooms, recess, events, guest speakers, surveys, professional attire, the Golden Rule, and the final week of 2024-25.

As part of his welcome back, Dr. Endorf invited Larry Paulsen, Dan Niles, and six other employees from Paulsen Inc. onto the stage in the renovated auditorium. Larry Paulsen, President and Owner of Paulsen Inc., held up a sign that read, "Thank you for your trust and patience!" Staff responded with a standing ovation for Paulsen and his team.

Dr. Endorf's final slide explained his role district:

- 1. I am the only employee of the Board.
- 2. I work for and with the Board.
- 3. I am responsible for the Strategic Plan, budget, and related items.

4. You should expect me to follow the chain of command, communicate openly, tell the truth, work hard, make informed decisions, ensure school safety, and, first and foremost, "Hold Haymaker Pride High — Total School People."

The August Haymaker Highlight recognized High School Counselor Jordan Haarberg and Middle School Counselor Lyndee Koch. They attended the workshop Psychological First Aid for Schools (PFA-S) at ESU 10 in Kearney on June 18. Facilitated by school psychologists Meghan Schneringer and Kelly Simmons, the workshop focused on the eight core actions of PFA-S, integrating them into crisis response plans, and preparing for and recovering from school crises. The eight core actions are: contact and engagement, safety and comfort, stabilization, information gathering, practical assistance,

connection with social supports, coping support, and linkage with collaborative services. Haarberg and Koch will share one core action each month with staff via email until more staff members are able to attend the full training.

Following discussion on adopting a resolution to increase the district's base growth percentage, Joel Carlson moved, and Stacey Mundell seconded to set the increase at five percent. Carlson, Mundell, Will Geiger, Kiley Goff, and Michele Starman voted in favor, with John Peden casting the lone vote against.

Dr. Endorf also reviewed budget changes designed to save money and discussed certified property tax request authority. He explained that while the board would vote to increase authority for future years, "this has no impact on the levy or tax asking in 2025-26 but gives the board leverage and more local control with budgeting into the future."

On summer projects, Dr. Endorf reported, "The auditorium renovation project is almost complete with a few final details to fix. The elementary classroom renovations were completed, and the roof project is moving over to the wellness center soon. Welding booths are underway in the industrial arts wing and should be finished within a couple of months. Ethan's Park has been successfully moved and is a great addition to the elementary."

Board members approved Policy 5414, the High Ability Learner policy. Taylor Jenner provided an outline of upcoming updates from the Nebraska Department of Education and her plan to improve the program throughout the school year.

The board also approved the 2025-26 Alternative Education Handbook and the Faculty and Staff Classified and Certified Handbooks. The Faculty and Staff Handbook was created by Perry Law Firm.

Salary advancement applications were approved for Karmen Keith (3 hours) and Sierra Maginnis (18 hours).

CHS Principal Corey Fisher spoke about student orientations, progress on the school improvement goal regarding students passing courses, enrollment numbers, and student mobility.

CMS Principal Josh Asche reported strong attendance at middle school orientations, updated the board on testing plans, and outlined goals to increase rigor and accountability while reducing missing assignments. "Some efforts toward these goals include increased course offerings and accountability for students who are failing a class or missing assignments," Asche said.

Elementary Principal Justin Dowdy noted that the elementary open house was well attended and shared enrollment totals by grade level. He also reported success with the summer Jumpstart program. "The three focus areas at the elementary will be improving student attendance, strengthening school climate and culture, and raising reading scores," Dowdy said.

Activities Director/Assistant HS Principal Jeremy Yilk shared participation numbers for fall activities, outlined opening events, and explained the process for beginning middle school sports.

Director of Teaching and Learning/Assistant EL & CEEC Principal Taylor Jenner reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Council's first meeting, where members discussed the curriculum adoption calendar and staff feedback on tackling strategic plan goals.

Technology Director Patty Wolfe reported on enrollment changes, device distribution for the school year, fall collection of Adviser data for NDE, and the rollout of new tools to support academic integrity and copyright compliance.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the District Office conference room.

UPCOMING EVENTS: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd 28 THUR 29 FRI 30 SAT 31 SUN 1 MON 2 TUES 3 WED

9a- Varsity XC @ NPlatte 9a- Girls Varsity Golf @ Kearney

1p- (FREE) Tai Chi @ Cozad GGC 5p- Girls Volleyball @ Home

6p- Varsity Softball @ Gothenburg 7p- MUSIC BINGO @ Meridian Tap House NO SCHOOL CEEC ONLY 11a- Story Time @ WPL

29th & 30th- Festival Near You Book Walk @ 1401 O St 8p- LIVE MUSIC @ Nautical Rose -Johnson's Lake



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Fleharty Presents on Community Resources

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Central Plains Home Health & Hospice hosted its third Monthly Coffee Chat on Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Cozad Grand Generation Center.

Dranoel Fleharty, a Certified Social Worker with the agency, spoke on community resources available in Cozad and surrounding communities. Ten people attended the session, some of whom were recruited by GGC Director Tamie Thurn at Tuesday's Friendly Coffee.

Fleharty, who will mark 27 years with Central Plains Home Health & Hospice in September, previously served two years in the same role at Lexington Regional

She provided attendees with several handouts, including information on Medicare Basics, the A, B, Cs of Medicare coverage, the difference between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage, and Medicare resources such as the Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and CCHS staff.

Additional material from the Cozad Community Health System outlined housing options in Cozad, food resources such as local food pantries, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, and Thursday grocery deliveries by the Charitable Fund of Cozad. It also listed utilities, rent, and prescription assistance programs through the Charitable Fund and the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska in Lexington, as well as transportation options provided by the Grand Generation Center and RYDE Transit in Dawson County.

A three-page CCHS handout explained patient rights under Nebraska law, advance directives, living wills, and healthcare power of attorney. "If you want assistance in becoming a power of attorney for healthcare for a loved one or have questions regarding advanced directives, you just need to visit my office at the hospital, and I will be glad to help you. We can also notarize the POA document for you," Fleharty said.

Most of the session followed a question-and-answer format, with Fleharty providing clear explanations about steps people should take for themselves or loved ones before a crisis arises.

Fleharty can be reached at Cozad Community Hospital at (308) 784-2261.





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Certified Social Worker Dranoel Fleharty with Central Plains Home Health & Hospice was the guest at the monthly coffee chat held at the **Grand Generation** Center on Thursday. Fleharty focused on the topic of community resources. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)



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PULMONOLOGY

Melissa Hoferer, APRN-September 2nd, 16th

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Robert Henri Art Gallery Hosts Grand Opening

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Cozad Mayor Marcus Kloepping opened the Robert Henri Art Gallery's ribbon cutting and grand opening on Aug. 16 by welcoming the crowd and recalling the project's beginnings. "In November 2023 we stood across the street and watched a dilapidated building come down. Now, 21 months later, we are here at the new art gallery," he said. Kloepping shared how he grew to appreciate Henri's work later in life, noting the artist's belief that art was for everyone, whether royalty or everyday people. He thanked those who devoted their time and resources to the project and added, "This museum is for the world, and it just happens to be in Robert Henri's childhood home." He then introduced RHM Museum and Art Gallery President Marlene Geiger.

Geiger recognized the late Shirley Paulsen and other women who saved and restored the Hendee Hotel in 1983, now home to the Robert Henri Museum. She thanked Larry and Tammy Paulsen, all the donors who made this art gallery possible, the Board of Directors past and present, and Executive Director Peter Osborne for his seven years of leadership. Geiger also credited volunteers, interns Ally Goad and Brooke Brockman, and Tammy Paulsen for designing the new gallery's interior spaces.

Geiger then introduced board member and historical researcher Andrew (Andy) Cozad. His parents, Marie and Braden, first brought him to Cozad in 1988. In June 2020, he returned to conduct historical research on his ancestors. He has since contributed to the museum by setting up kiosks, assembling benches, constructing the photo-op frame, and writing a children's book, 'Robert Henri: The Boy Who Painted Life', published in January and available at the gallery and on Amazon. All profits benefit the gallery.

"What an incredible day for Cozad and for the arts. As a relative of Robert Henri and the town's founder, John Jackson Cozad, I am honored to stand here at the opening of the new Robert Henri Art Gallery. This moment brings together heritage, creativity, and a shared love for storytelling through art," Cozad said. He thanked the Paulsens, Osborne, board members, donors, and volunteers. He also expressed gratitude to his wife, Missy, and daughters, Kaelyn and Alexa, for supporting his research and time away from home. "This gallery is not just a tribute to an extraordinary American artist. It is a living space, one where people can connect with bold brushstrokes, challenging ideas, and the spirit of Henri, who once wrote in 'The Art Spirit': '...the object is not to make art, but to be in the wonderful state which makes art inevitable.' That is the spirit we want to inspire here, a place where art, history, and humanity converge," Cozad said.

Architect and artist John Lillyman of Kearney said he was honored to design the gallery, calling it "monumental for our state and nation." He credited the UNK internship program, his firm, and input from Peter Osborne and Tammy Paulsen. Lillyman noted the exterior was inspired by a fire station he saw in Ireland.

Other dignitaries in attendance included Sydney Green, co-founder of the internship program at the Robert Henri Museum and Art Gallery; Lisa Leftakes, daughter of the late William Lord, the other program co-founder; and John Groesser, who served as Artist in Residence in 2014 and continues to contribute to the museum and gallery.

The ribbon was cut by Larry and Tammy Paulsen, joined by family members, RHM board members, and members of The Cozad Ambassadors.

The new Robert Henri Art Gallery houses the largest collection of Henri's works,

or those attributed to him, in the United States. The three-building museum complex is open March 1 through Dec. 15, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Robert Henri Art Gallery celebrated its official grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday, Aug. 16, with about 175 people in attendance. Tammy and Larry Paulsen, whose \$2 million gift made the project possible, cut the ribbon alongside board members, project architect John Lillyman, summer interns, members of the Cozad Ambassadors, and Executive Director Peter Osborne. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)





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August Yard of the Month



Members of the Cozad Petals Garden Club awarded Gloria and Glenn Franzen August Yard of the Month. The Franzens reside at 1708 Papio Lane where they have lived for 49 years. The yard has colorful perennials, annuals, vard ornaments and other decor, including ladybugs and a bee painted by their daughter, Michelle, on three of Glenn's old bowling balls. The Yard of the Month being sponsored by the Petals Garden Club, the Cozad LOCAL, and the Cozad Chamber of Commerce. Nomination forms for September Yard of the Month are available at the chamber office or at Sonny's. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

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Growth and Dedication Define Girls' Golf Upcoming Season

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymaker girls' golf team is gearing up for an exciting season under the leadership of Head Coach Jordan Haarberg, entering her second year at the helm. With a dedicated coaching staff, including volunteer coaches Chad Atchison and Jeff Howerter, the team is ready to make significant strides in the upcoming season.

The team had a challenging 2024 season, with only a partial varsity roster, which limited their ability to achieve major team accomplishments. However, there was a bright spot in the form of Ella Atchison, who came incredibly close to qualifying for the state tournament as an individual. Coach Haarberg is optimistic for this season, citing a larger and more experienced roster as a key factor in their potential for success. "With a stronger group of athletes this year, we are looking forward to making a meaningful impact both individually and as a team," Haarberg shared.

The Haymakers return several seasoned players, including seniors Abbie Albrecht and Ava Joyce, both of whom have multiple years of experience under their belts. Junior Ella Atchison will return for her third year, joined by juniors Morgan Mraz, Emma Howerter, and newcomers Baylee Eldridge and Mollie Spradlin, both freshmen. "Our returners bring a wealth of experience, and our newcomers are making great strides. They've been learning quickly, and I'm proud of the dedication they've shown already," shared Haarberg.

This season, the team has a clear set of goals in mind. First and foremost, Coach Haarberg emphasized the importance of team unity and building a strong character foundation, both on and off the course. "It's about more than just improving our swings, it's about becoming confident, well-rounded athletes who lead with purpose and pride," Haarberg stated.

Coach Haarberg highlights the advantages of returning players and coaches. "We've had some turnover in coaching staff in the past, so the consistency this year is a huge benefit," she explained. She is confident that she understands the players' strengths and weaknesses, allowing the team to hit the ground



Front Row: Emma Howerter, Ava Joyce, Abbie Albrecht, and Morgan Mraz. Second row: Mollie Spradlin, Ella Atchison, and Baylee Eldridge. Back row: Assistant Coach Chad Atchison, Head Coach Jordan Haarberg, and Assistant Coach Jeff Howerter. (Photo Courtesy of Katie Arndt Photography)

running. Integrating the three newcomers, two of whom are new to the game, will present a challenge. "It's a tough sport to learn, but the girls have shown incredible commitment," Haarberg excitedly epressed.

The offseason was marked by dedication and hard work, with the team hosting open sessions twice a week. Coach Haarberg and Coach Howerter worked with the athletes on the driving range and putting green. "Morgan Mraz is a great example of the dedication we've seen. She started playing last year and faced challenges, especially as a left-handed golfer. But through her persistence and hard work, she's made impressive progress," Haarberg noted.

A highlight for the team this year is their acquisition of new equipment thanks to a grant from the 'Clubs for Youth' program. Cozad was one of only 10 schools in Nebraska to receive the grant, which provided the team with five sets of Callaway golf clubs, five Sun Mountain push carts, and three sessions of PGA training. In June, the team traveled to Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney for a PGA Reach training session, where the girls received personalized instruction to improve their skills. "The new equipment has made a huge difference, and the girls are thrilled with the Callaway clubs," Coach Haarberg said.

With a promising roster, new equipment, and a commitment to personal and athletic growth, Coach Haarberg is excited about what the future holds. "I'm heading into year two with more knowledge and confidence, and I can't wait to see what this group accomplishes."

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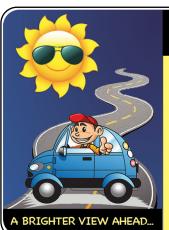
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Asche Focuses on Experience For Haymaker Volleyball Season

The Cozad Haymaker volleyball team enters the 2025 season with a solid foundation of returning players, a focused work ethic, and a clear set of goals. Head Coach Trysta Asche, along with Assistant Coaches Lexie Anthony and Amanda Rossell, are in their second year leading the program and are looking to take the next step forward.

The Haymakers return a strong core of letterwinners, including seniors Abigail Negley, who earned the SWC Sportsmanship Award, and Lucha Olvera who earned an Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention. Junior Braelyn Malcom brings leadership and academic excellence after earning the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Academic All-State award.

A promising freshman class also joins the roster of sophomores Briley Fisher, Emalyn Geiger, Emersyn Propp, and Whitney Regelin already making their mark. Propp and Regelin each earned OWH All-State Honorable Mention last season, and Geiger also received SWC All-Conference Honorable Mention recognition.

The team's goals focus on three main areas: communication, effort, and culture. "We want positive communication on every drill, play, and game," Asche said. "Effort means giving 100% in everything we do, and culture means standing together in every situation while supporting one another."

One of Cozad's strengths this year will be its experience. With several returning







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starters and letterwinners, the team hopes to use its familiarity and chemistry to its advantage. Asche noted that the players understand their best results come from a "we vs. me" mentality. The main challenge will be building depth throughout the roster.

The Haymakers put in significant work during the off-season. They logged hours in the weight room, attended agility and quickness training with BJ Malcom, played club volleyball, participated in team camps, held open gyms, and competed in summer league matches.

The team has adopted the motto, "Success isn't given, it's earned," for the 2025 season. "The countless hours and time they have invested during the off-season are truly incredible," Asche said. "The overall atmosphere of positivity and competitiveness in our gym has made us extremely excited to see what's in store this season."

Front row: Ava Osborn, Abigail Negley, Lucha Olvera, Braelyn Malcom, Emalyn Geiger, and Rebecca Burns. Second row, Adeline Joyce, Brooke Dyer, Aleigha Negley, Emersyn Propp, Briley Fisher, Whitney Regelin, and Laura White. Third row: Andrea Huntsman, Ashlynn Propp, Diana Hernandez, Rylee Nelsen, Nevaeh Harvey, Jannessa Morrison, and Nelly Tirado. Back row: Assistant Coach Amanda Rossell, Student Managers Lucy Hanna, Kelsey Favinger, Mallory Geiger, Josslyn Propp, Jersey Asche, and Head Coach Trysta Asche. (Photo Courtesy of Katie Arndt Photography)





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Haymaker Softball Builds Strong Mentality for Upcoming Season

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymakers softball team, led by Head Coach Brent Dinslage in his second year at the helm, is gearing up for an exciting 2025 season. Coach Dinslage, who has been with the team for five years, is joined by assistant coaches Sammy Higgins, Courtney Hanson, Travis Munster, and Grace Boller, all of whom play a pivotal role in guiding the team forward.

Last season, Cozad finished with an 11-19 record, showing determination despite the challenges. While the team did not qualify for state, they have set their sights high for the upcoming season, aiming to improve on their performance and compete for a conference championship.



The Haymakers have several key returning players who will be critical to the team's upcoming success. Senior Clatyn Fleharty earned an All-Conference selection last year and will provide leadership both on and off the field. Fellow senior Aubrey Hammerlun, also an All-Conference selection, will be a key contributor as well. Other returning players include juniors Sara Howell, Addison Howerter, and Mallory Munster, as well as sophomores Brittlin Bussinger and Bailey Hyatt.

Cozad is also welcoming a talented group of sophomores Lola Bennett and Mia Richie, along with freshmen Isabella Hernandez, Makenna Broz, Brooklynn Beavers, and Henessy Cargill, will look to make their mark and help the Haymakers achieve their goals this season.

The Haymakers' team goals are simple yet focused: take it one game, one inning, and one pitch at a time. Coach Dinslage is pleased with the improvements the team made over the summer and the commitment to getting better.

"We need to continue with that goal in mind," he said. "We want to be competitive and compete for a conference championship this year."

"Our strength this year is our attitude. The girls have embraced a mindset that will set them up for success if they continue down this path," said Coach Dinslage.

According to Dinslage, one challenge the team will face this season is their youth and inexperience. With several underclassmen stepping into key roles, the Haymakers will need to adjust quickly to the demands of varsity competition. However, their attitude and commitment to improvement will be crucial in overcoming this weakness. "If they continue to embrace this approach, we will see progress throughout the season."





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The Haymakers' off-season work has been a highlight heading into the new year. The team has made a commitment to the weight room and off-season conditioning like never before. Coach Dinslage is confident that this dedication will pay off as the season unfolds. "If we can stay strong mentally through adversity, we will see some great progress this season," he added.

With a mix of experienced players, promising new-comers, and a positive attitude, the Cozad Haymakers are poised for an exciting season. The team's focus on improvement and their commitment to each game will be key to achieving their goals of competitiveness and striving for a conference championship. Fans of the Haymakers can look forward to an exciting and promising season ahead!

Front row: Addie Howerter, Clatyn Fleharty, Aubrey Hammerlun, and Sara Howell. Second Row: Makenna Broz, Lola Bennett, Bailey Hyatt, Brittlyn Bussinger, Mallory Munster, Mia Richie, and Riley Peck. Third row: Isabella Hernandez, Saryah Carter, Brooklyn Beavers, Henessy Cargill, Bristol Eldridge, and Adlei Groteluschen. Back row: Assistant Coach Sammy Higgins, Head Coach Brent Dinslage, Assistant Coach Travis Munster, Assistant Coach Courtney Hanson, and Assistant Coach Grace Boller. (Photo Courtesy of Katie Arndt Photography)





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Coach Brummer's Confident in Cross Country's Potential

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymakers cross country team will enter the 2025 season with a mix of experienced returners and promising newcomers, led by Head Coach Jacob Brummer, now in his seventh year at the helm. He is joined by assistant coaches Nick Auwerda and Anne Burkholder, both in their ninth year, and first-year assistant Daniel Revelo.

Last season, the boys earned the Runner-Up plaque at the Broken Bow Invite and qualified two athletes for state, including one state medalist.

Returning letterwinners include:

Girls – Crystal Hernandez (12), Audrey Baker (10, state qualifier, 200 Mile Club), Arleth Casillas (10), and Andrea Saravia Rios (10).

Boys – Koang Deng (12, 200 Mile Club, state qualifier, 10th place at state), Gavin Guerra (11, 200 Mile Club), Chandler Kaup (11, 200 Mile Club), Elias Morris (11), Chase Smith (11), Jaxson Arndt (10, 200 Mile Club), and Carson Favinger (10, 200 Mile Club).

Brummer shared that a few new freshmen could help with team scoring this fall. For the boys, the season goal is clear. "We were close enough last year (5th at districts) that they remember how much it stung looking in from the outside,"

Brummer said. "They have worked hard in the offseason and hopefully will have a chance to make it happen this year."

The girls' focus will be on personal improvement. "If they can do that, they will surprise themselves this season," he added.

Brummer sees strong leadership as a key asset. "We have great leadership from our juniors and seniors this year. An awesome group of kids who want to work hard to get better." The main challenge will be full team buy-in. "There are a couple cogs that are just not sure they want to turn but if they do, this team could really start ticking," he said.

The team increased its summer conditioning and weight training efforts, which Brummer expects to pay off in performance. Returning state qualifiers Koang Deng and Audrey Baker have already broken their personal records in a summer road race.

While the graduation of Jorja Yocom and Lorenzo Levario left gaps in leadership and scoring, Brummer believes there's strong potential in the roster. "There is more potential on this team than last year," he said.



Front row: Audrey Baker, Arleth Casillas, Andrea Saravia Rios, Crystal Hernandez, and Reagan Chrisinger. Second row: Koang Deng, Carson Favinger, Chandler Kaup, Rieker Spradlin, Gavin Guerra, Jaxson Arndt, Chase Smith, and Taegan Dexter. Back row: Jared Flores, Cayden Schwarz, Kenneth Hernandez Alvarado, Dilan Orellana-Medina, Hayden Revelo, and Elias Morris. (Photos Courtesy of Katie Arndt Photography)





Haymaker Football Looks to Build on Playoff Success

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymaker football team is gearing up for an exciting 2025 season under new head coach Jared Crick. The Haymakers are setting their sights high, aiming for a state championship while overcoming challenges along the way.

The team returns three key seniors, including Bryson Snider, Braiton Snider, and Ollie Davis, all of whom have been integral to the team's success in previous seasons. Quarterback Ethan Atchison also returns, bringing his experience and leadership to the offense. The Haymakers are welcoming a group of 12 incoming freshmen, many of whom Crick believes will make an immediate impact. "There's a lot of talent in the incoming freshmen. I believe they'll find their marks and be key contributors to the team," said Crick.

The coaching staff, led by Crick, includes assistant coaches Dreu Young, Conor Young, Kaleb Lussetto, Chris Tvrdy, Trey Botts, Scott Adkisson, and Cale Osborn. With such a strong and experienced coaching group, the team is confident in their ability to develop players both on and off the field.

Crick highlighted the team's strengths and areas for growth as they look toward

a championship run. "We have smart kids who have the courage to try hard things." This will be key as the Haymakers aim to push through any adversity and achieve their ultimate goal of a state title.

The Haymakers' off-season approach has been one of hard work and belief in the new direction set by their coaching staff. "The kids are working hard, and we appreciate the support from the community," Crick added.

In terms of accolades, the 2024 season was a solid year for the Haymakers. They finished with a 7-3 record, going undefeated in the C1 District with a 4-0 record, a district championship title, and ranked first in the district. The team made it to the playoffs, with one of their most thrilling season victories coming in an overtime win against Central City, 56-55.

Looking ahead, the Haymakers are excited about what the future holds. The team is prepared to battle through the competition and work toward their ultimate goal: a state championship. As Coach Crick put it, "We're focusing on the prize. Our goal is to win a state title, and we're working hard every day to get there."



Front row: Julien Davis, Ethan Atchison, Mathew Arndt, Ollie Davis, Ashton Osborn, Brayden Barber, Braedon Groteluschen, and Ryder Armagost. Second row: Maddux Young, Osiel Ramirez, Braiton Snider, Evan Olivas, Brenner Thayer, Deivys Hernandez, Mathew Keith, Bryson Snider, Koehn Baker, Josh Stephens, and Braxtyn Barber. Third row: Caine Osborn, Matthew Rhoades, Manny Castillo, Harrison Edeal, Brantley Malcom, Blake Conroy, Austin Feik, Myles Ide, Collin McFall, and Owen Ide. Fourth row: Gabe Bazata, Baylor Crick, Tanner Barnes, JD Buhring, Ezequiel Mejiamartinez, Joey Doudney, Brecken Barber, Ben Ide, and Lexi Barnes. Assistant Coaches Cale Osborn, Kaleb Lusetto, Chris Tvrdy, Head Coach Jared Crick, Assistant Coaches Drew Young, Conner Young, and Trey Botts.





Council Hears Library Concerns Over Ongoing Roof Leaks

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

A public hearing was held during the Cozad City Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 18. The meeting started with approval of the adoption of Resolution 2025-12, the long-range plan for a 1- and 6-year street improvement program.

The Consent Agenda was approved, including reimbursement to James Brown DBA City Barber Shop in the amount of \$659.04 for façade improvements (CDBG 23-DTR-004).

Wilson Public Library Board members Kevin Gilbert, Jann Kloepping, and Mike Marshall attended to express concerns about the ongoing roofing project at the library. The board submitted a resolution request urging the mayor and city council to hire an outside inspector to ensure the library roof is installed correctly, does not leak, and carries an express warranty.

"Two weeks ago, we were told that cracked bricks were causing the leaks, and there seems to be more damage with the delay from the subcontractor. It seems hodge-podge as we go back and forth with the contractor, and we would like to have someone independent inspect the roof and tell us what is good and what isn't. There have been a number of issues, and since the library is a tremendous investment, the roof replacement and repair need to be done correctly. We continue to experience damage inside every time it rains, and we want to ensure that everything is repaired correctly," Gilbert stated, noting that the snow guards have been installed on the roof, but the gutters haven't arrived.

Mayor Marcus Kloepping noted that he speaks weekly with a contractor representative and that an inspection before project completion would be a problem. "My whole thought is to hold onto it until it is completed, and they haven't been paid yet. I would recommend not passing this tonight. I do know the subcontractor has struggled," Kloepping stated.

"The library board's ultimate goal is to ascertain what is and what will happen from here on out,"

Gilbert said. "With leaks from even light rains in the library, books continue to be damaged." Kloepping reiterated that he wants the project completed correctly as well.

Cozad Chamber of Commerce Director Jordan Starman received approval to use Veterans Memorial Park for the Hay Days Haymarket in the Park on Saturday, Sept. 6. A request from Brandon Schultz on behalf of the Cozad Elks Club to block off the area between the Elks Club and Cozad Auto Supply from 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, through 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, was also approved.

Council members accepted the resignations of Brandon Brill and Brennon Malcom from the Business Improvement District (BID) Board and approved new members Donna Robb and Julie Skala.

Resolution 2025-13, the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance, was approved. Approval was also given to the Community Football Club to conduct practices and games at Muny Park again this year. According to CFC President Eric Ide, practices will begin Aug. 26, and games will begin Sept. 14. Ide noted in his request letter that the CFC carries \$1,000,000 liability insurance and \$3,000,000 aggregate limit insurance coverage, with the City of Cozad listed on the certificate.

The final item discussed was approval for HVAC Unit 2 from Frae, Inc. for a Daikin/Rezner unit at a cost of \$28,118.97, as recommended by the Wilson Public Library Board.



Wilson Public Library Board members Mike Marshall, Jann Kloepping, and Kevin Gilbert appeared at the Monday, Aug. 18 Cozad City Council meeting to express concerns about the roofing project taking place at the library. Additionally, they requested that an independent inspector be contracted to inspect the work being done. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)







Police Chief Nick Reynolds reported that Officer Tyler Earl completed Fire Instruction School and that officers are taking online classes. Reynolds continues to work on budget numbers for the upcoming year.

City Clerk Brandi Kloepping reported that another resident called with concerns about the alley on East 19th Street. While Sandy Bice has stepped back from requesting it be made one-way, she still asks that buses not use the alley. "Alleys are not meant to be streets but are there for utilities," Mayor Kloepping said. He is preparing to schedule a budget meeting to account for COL and other items.

City Water/Sewer Commissioner Troy Franzen reported fewer than 150 meters remain to be changed, with meters for the parks on order since March. "We have also been conducting end-of-the-year state water samples and had 28 locates in one day, so we are a bit behind on maintenance," Franzen said.

Wilson Public Library Director Laurie Yocom reported that author Carla Ketner will visit 3rd-5th grade students at Cozad Elementary. Ketner wrote 'Ted Kooser: More than a Local Wonder', which is the August StoryWalk book at Muny Park. It is also the 2025 Nebraska selection for the National Book Festival this fall. "We had 25-30 damaged books from

the last roof leakage, which have been reordered," Yocom said. She and her staff are planning another event to utilize their biodiversity grant.

Public Services Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster reported that the swimming pool has been closed, and his crew is painting crosswalks and repairing garbage trucks. He presented a new lighted stop sign, one of four purchased to replace the blinking red lights at 8th and Meridian. "People continue to blow through those lights, and we cannot get the parts to make them red, yellow, and green again. The stop signs will have blinking lights at night, and the stop on them during the day should help alleviate the problem. They usually cost \$1,200-\$1,600, but I found them for \$750," Weinmaster said.

Jason and Jennifer Schneider, representing the Cozad Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, reported receiving 299 calls in the first half of 2025, an increase from 2024. They also reported roof leaks at the fire hall, though plumbing repairs have been completed.

The next Cozad City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the City Office Building. Residents are encouraged to attend. Time is reserved for public comments at the end of each meeting.

Birth



Dalton and Tori Goodwin of Gothenburg announce the birth of their daughter on Aug. 20, 2025, at Gothenburg Health. Madisin Kayt Lynn Goodwin was born weighing 8 pounds, 8.5 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length. Madisin is welcomed by brother Nathan and sisters Grayson, Emersyn, and Teagen. Grandparents are Ryan and Becky Kort of Blue Hill, Chad and Camille Budd of Hartwell, GA, and Terry and Chrystal Preitauer of Gothenburg. Great grandparents are Elaine (Kent) Cole of Callaway, Judy Goodwin of Gothenburg, David Kort of Blue Hill, and Joe and Nancy Budd of Ottawa, IL.

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Ten New Teachers Begin 2025-2026 in Cozad Schools

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Continued from our last issue of the Cozad LOCAL where Tylyn Henry, Calleigh Osmera, Trevor Galas, Grace Boller, and Lunden Groene were highlighted, This week's edition highlights new teachers Brianna Ryan, Ryan Zoucha, and Tessa Throckmorton, along with interim special education co-director Teresa Schneider. New teachers Erika Brown and Alyce LeBlanc and special education co-director Jackie Anderson will be spotlighted in the Sept. 4 edition.

Brianna Ryan is the new elementary resource teacher. She grew up in Ansley and graduated from AHS in 2020. Ryan attended the UNK, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She is certified to teach K-12 Special Education.

"I knew I wanted to pursue a career in special education after growing up having positive experiences working with children with exceptionalities. Based on these experiences, I knew I wanted to be an advocate in helping all children succeed in their day-to-day lives," Ryan said.

This is Ryan's first full year of teaching. She graduated from UNK in December 2024 and finished the school year with long-term substitute teaching assignments at Ansley Public Schools and Kearney Public Schools before coming to Cozad.

"I chose Cozad because it was the size of district I was looking for and wasn't too far from my family. I also had a great interview experience where Cozad seemed to have a lot to offer first-year teachers in terms of support," Ryan said.

Cozad Grand Generation Center Weekly Menu: Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

Aug. 28 - Smothered Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches. Ice Cream

Aug. 29 - Cabbage Rolls, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Cake

Sept. 1 - CLOSED - LABOR DAY

Sept. 2 - Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Ice Cream

Sept. 3 - Fish or Cooks Choice, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Ice Cream

Lunch served Daily 11:30-12:30

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201 W. 8th Street, Cozad 308.784.4747 cozadlocal.com She comes from a big family and loves spending time with them. "I especially love being a fun aunt to my nieces and nephews," she added.

Ryan Zoucha will be teaching high school woods classes. He grew up around Malcolm near Lincoln and graduated from Malcolm High School. He earned his degree from Wayne State to be an STS teacher and later completed his MSE in administration there as well.

"I figured out that I wanted to teach high school industrial technology classes when I was in high school myself. I was heavily influenced by my passion for the material as well as my love for working with people," Zoucha said.

This will be his fourth year of teaching, with previous experience at South Sioux City High School. "Cozad seems to have a community with a lot that I'm looking for, but my decision was mostly made by wanting to be closer to my fiancée, who lives in Elwood," he added.

Tessa Throckmorton is the new high school resource teacher. She was born and raised in Lexington and graduated from LHS in 2020. Throckmorton earned her bachelor's degree in Special Education K-12 from the UNK. She is currently working on her master's in psychology at Fort Hays State University, which she will complete in spring 2026, before moving on to an Education Specialist degree in school psychology in fall 2026.

"From a very young age, I always dreamed of being a teacher, to the point that I regularly played school with my younger siblings and cousins. My inspiration to become a special education teacher came from my youngest brother, Riley, who has multiple disabilities and has always been the source of my passion. Watching teachers pour so much love and passion into my brother made me realize I wanted to do the same for the children I would serve in my future role," Throckmorton said.

This fall marks her third year of teaching. She began her career at Cozad, then moved for a short time to North Platte, where she taught K-5 special education.

"Leaving Cozad at the end of my first year of teaching was an extremely hard decision to make. What brought me back, however, was the community and my genuine love for Cozad. During my short time here, I felt loved, supported, and seen by my colleagues, my students, and the community. I am excited to return to Cozad and pour back into a community that has poured so much into me," she shared.

Outside of teaching, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Wesley, their 6-month-old son, Oliver, and their dog, Gunner. She also loves to read, travel, bake, and play the occasional video game with her husband, though she admits she is not very good at them

Teresa Schneider will serve as the interim special education co-director. She grew up in Gordon and graduated from Cozad High School in 1977. Prior to graduation, she attended high schools in Mitchell, Wahoo, and Ainsworth.

Schneider attended Kearney State College, where she earned degrees in special education and elementary education. She later received a specialist degree in school psychology and two master's degrees from UNK, one in special education and one in administration.

"I wanted to be a teacher at a very young age. I was a student aide in high school in a classroom for children with special needs, and that is when I discovered my passion was special education," Schneider said.

This is her 41st year in education. She has taught for ESU #10 and Eustis-Farnam Public Schools, served as special education director for Gothenburg Public Schools, and was student services director at Lexington Public Schools. Most recently, she worked as interim special education director for Cozad Community Schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

When asked why she returned to Cozad, Schneider replied, "I enjoyed my previous year here and am impressed with the administration and staff and their collective vision of seeing students succeed."

Schneider has been married to her husband, Bruce, for eight years. She has four grown children and three grandchildren. Her greatest joy comes from spending time with her family. She also loves to travel and enjoys getting lost in a good book. Above all, she loves working with children and their families.



When Anxiety Knocks, Love Answers

Panic caused cold chills to rush down my body. Fear disguised itself as anxiety, and within seconds, I broke out into a sweat. In that moment, I was convinced I wasn't going to be okay.

Have you ever felt that way? Maybe your chest tightens, your thoughts race, and you wonder how you'll ever make it through. For me, these moments usually come when I slip back into a mindset of scarcity, the belief that I won't have enough of what I need. This fear shows up in unexpected places: while organizing an event, when I get lost in a new city, when I'm faced with a difficult task, or even when I'm trying to fix something broken around the house.

Yet every single time, my fear is proven wrong. I remember standing on a crowded street in a foreign country, fumbling with a parking meter that refused to accept my payment. Panic started to rise. Then, out of nowhere, a kind couple walked by. They spoke perfect English and patiently explained how to use the parking app. To me, they were angels in disguise.

Other times, reassurance comes in subtler ways. Once, in a moment of panic, a feather appeared on my path. For me, feathers have long carried spiritual



meaning, reminding me that I'm not alone and that God has sent His angels to watch over me. In seasons of grief, I've glanced at the clock and seen 11:11 glowing back at me, a simple but powerful reminder that there is a higher purpose at work, even when I cannot see it.

These reminders help me anchor myself to two truths. The first is that life is an adventure. When I frame it this way, wrong turns, frustrating challenges, and difficult obstacles become less threatening. They are part of the journey, shaping me in ways comfort never could. The second truth is that I can't possibly do life "wrong." Every choice I make opens a door to learning or growth, and if I don't like where I've ended up, I can always choose again. This perspective frees me from the grip of perfectionism that so often fuels



my fear.

Fear is the opposite of faith. Anxiety loses its power in the presence of love. Scarcity dissolves when I remember the abundance already in my life. I still stumble into moments of panic—I am human, after all. But the difference now is knowing I have a choice. I can spiral deeper into fear, or I can pause, breathe, and turn back toward faith, love, and abundance.

I choose the latter. And every time I do, peace finds its way back to me.

Frontier Frau Announces Expanded Oktoberfest

LIZ ROMERO

Frontier Frau is gearing up for another unforgettable Oktoberfest celebration, and this year promises more organization, new events, and extended hours for festivalgoers.

"We are a lot more organized this year because we know where we are going," said Amara Block, co-owner of Frontier Frau. "We now have a much better idea of what works, what doesn't work, and how to execute certain events. Oktoberfest is such a big event that it takes weeks of preparation, starting with scheduling and marketing, including our promo video, and getting the team fitted in their outfits. As we get closer, we'll begin decorating, launching our special beer, and preparing for the individual events."

One of this year's highlights will be Trinkspiele, a brand-new competition featuring five small but lively contests: the boot race, hammerschlagen, beer puppeteer, wurst toss, and quick liter carpentry. "It will be so much fun for

both participants and spectators," Block said. The competition will be limited to six teams of four, with a registration deadline of Sept. 5.

This year's Oktoberfest will run longer hours to allow more time for food, music, contests, and German beer.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Fridays & Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Times are approximate and may change.)

Saturday, Sept. 13

5 p.m. – Grand Beer Barrel Tapping After 8:30 p.m. – Steinholding Competition (Round 1)

Wednesday, Sept. 17

All day – Festive atmosphere, tasty food, and German beer

Thursday, Sept. 18

All day – Kids' Activity: DIY Bavarian Hat Making

Friday, Sept. 19

8 p.m. – Wurst Games After 8:30 p.m. – Steinholding Competition (Round 2)

Saturday, Sept. 20

6:30 p.m. – Trinkspiele Competition (pre-registration required)

Wednesday, Sept. 24

All day – Festive atmosphere, tasty food, and German beer

Thursday, Sept. 25

All day – Festive atmosphere, tasty food, and German beer

Friday, Sept. 26

6:30 p.m. – Happy Players Polka Band Intermission – Wurst

Saturday, Sept. 27

After 8 p.m. – The
Perfect Cut Game
9 p.m. – Steinholding
Competition (Round 3)
9:30 p.m. – Oktoberfest
King & Queen declared

Frontier Frau invites the community and visitors to join in the fun, food, and tradition. For more details, including registration for Trinkspiele, visit their social media pages or ask a Frau teammate.

Lexington Grand Generation Center Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

Aug. 28- Apple Cider Pork Chops, Baby Bakers, Green Bean Casserole, Tropical Fruit

Aug. 29- Baked Chicken, Hashbrown Casserole, BBQ French Green Beans, Fresh Fruit

Sept. 1- Closed for Labor Day

Sept. 2-. Hamburger on a Bun w/ Cheese, Fries, Baked Beans, Apricots

Sept. 3- Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Baby Bakers, Buttered Carrots, Fresh Fruit

Daily menus are subject to change. Lunch prices: 60+ - \$5 Suggested Contribution Under 60 - \$7

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COUNTY COURT REPORT AWSON

Dian Gonsiorowski, Sophia

Speeding 16–20 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$125 fine

Arredondo, Evelio

Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Stith, Caressa A

Speeding 16–20 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$125 fine

Martinez Carrascal, Laura

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty I \$75.00 fine Fail to use child passenger restraint | Guilty | \$25 fine

Colon Felix, Alejandro

Speeding 16-20 MPH County/ State | Dismissed

Wilcox, Heather A

Speeding 16-20 MPH County/ State | Dismissed

Cobos, Javier A

Assault - Bodily injury / mutual consent | Guilty | \$400 fine

Kruse, Kaden L

Speeding 16-20 MPH County/ State | Guilty | \$125 fine

Spalding, Jon W

No operator's license / non-waiver | Guilty | \$150 fine No proof of insurance | Guilty | \$100 fine

Malave Koprowski, Matthew Speeding 16-20 MPH Interstate

| Guilty | \$125 fine

Barkai, Ahmat Abakar Dolet

Speeding 06-10 MPH County/ State | Guilty | \$25 fine

Seve, Alioune B

UCR - No registration / payment | Guilty | \$100 fine CMV - HOS log false 395.8(e) | Guilty | \$200 fine

Jensen, Alisha

Drive under suspension / before reinstatement | Guilty | \$100

Neben, Cooper J

Careless driving | Dismissed

Warta, James S

No valid registration - car / pickup | Guilty | \$25 fine

Campos, Joshua Geoffery

Assault - Cause bodily injury | Guilty | 10 days jail | Credit for days served - 1 day credit | Disturbing the peace | Guilty | 10 days jail

Gonzalez, Irma

Theft - Shoplifting \$0-500 | Guilty | \$200 fine

Mendez, Luis M

DUI - .08 breath - 1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine | Driver's license revoked - 60 days concurrent | Probation - 15 months concurrent | Interlock Device Leave accident - Fail to furnish | Guilty | \$200 fine | Probation -

Ramirez Chavez, Eneas Dion

15 months

Commit child abuse negligently | Reduced | Jail 2 days concurrent | Probation - 12 months concurrent

DUI - .08 breath - 1st offense | Reduced | \$500 fine | Probation - 12 months | Driver's license revoked - 60 days | Interlock Device

No operator's license / non-waiver | Reduced | \$150 fine | Probation - 12 months

Thomas, Latoryia

Criminal trespass - 2nd degree | Guilty | Jail 6 days concurrent | Credit for days served - 6 days credit

Martinez, Jose A

DUI - .08 breath - 1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine | Probation - 6 months | Driver's license revoked - 60 days concurrent | Interlock Device

Vargas Barrera, Pedro Anto-

Drive under suspension / before reinstatement | Guilty | \$50 fine

Jacinto Camache, Eddy Abimael

DUI - .08 breath - 1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine | Driver's license revoked - 60 days concurrent | Probation - 9 months concurrent | Interlock Device Obstruct a peace officer I Guilty | Jail - 2 days concurrent Theft - Unlawful taking \$0-500 | Guilty | \$200 fine

Vallejo, Bryan O

Theft - Unlawful taking \$5,000+ | Preliminary hearing waived Possess marijuana 1 oz or less | Preliminary hearing waived

Ramirez Casiano, Ezequiel

Assault - Bodily injury / mutual consent | Guilty | Probation - 12 months

Assault - Cause bodily injury | Guilty | Probation - 12 months Criminal mischief - \$0-500 | Guilty | Probation - 12 months

Juarez-Vasquez, Diego

No operator's license / non-waiver | Guilty | \$150 fine Valdovinos, Maria Theft - Shoplifting \$0-500 |

Guilty | \$200 fine

Melroy-Evans, Kaden A Careless driving | Dismissed

Bidwell, Mistie Michelle

Abuse of vulnerable adult I Preliminary hearing waived Unauthorized use financial transaction device | Preliminary hearing waived

Brass, Bradley A

Attempt of a class 4 felony | Dismissed Criminal trespass - 1st degree | Dismissed Possess or use drug paraphernalia | Dismissed

Flores Vazquez, Yosvani

Drive under suspension / before reinstatement | Guilty | \$50 fine

Aldana Verdecia, Daysel

DUI - .08 breath - 1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine | Probation - 6 months | Driver's license revoked - 60 days concurrent | Interlock Device

Brindis, Abdala Murphy

Theft - Lost property \$0-500 | Guilty | \$200 fine | Restitution - \$72.76

Pollman, Alexander J

Theft - Unlawful taking \$5,000+ | Preliminary hearing waived Theft - Deception \$5,000+

DAWSON COUNTY JAIL BOOKINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

Sanford-Albertson, Charles H. — 46

Lexington, NE — 08/08/2025 - 18:19 — Failure to Appear / Possession of a Controlled Substance; Failure to Appear / Possession or Use of Drug Paraphernalia

Salinas-Avila, Orlando — 22

Lincoln, NE — 08/08/2025 - 22:34 — Driving Under Suspension

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

Montoya, Tristan Alexander — 36

Gothenburg, NE - 08/09/2025 - 00:15 - Driving Under the Influence of Liquor

Thorell, Jase O'Neil — 21

Cozad, NE — 08/09/2025 - 03:57 — Driving Under the Influence of Liquor (2nd Offense)

Elliott, Kristen Janan — 27

Hastings, NE - 08/09/2025 - 12:56 - 3rd Degree Assault Reyes-Serrano, Fernando J. — 26

Lexington, NE — 08/09/2025 - 19:07 — Gosper County / Driving **Under Suspension**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Gonzales Delgadillo, Franklin Jose — 22

Lexington, NE - 08/10/2025 - 01:31 - Driving Under the Influence of Liquor +.15 (1st Offense)

Garcia-Andrade, Jaime Alberto — 35

Lexington, NE - 08/10/2025 - 23:15 - Driving Under the Influence +.15 (2nd Offense); Open Container, Alcohol

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

No Arrests

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

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Fonseca-Pena, Camilo — 37

Los Angeles, CA - 08/12/2025 - 21:10 - No Operator's License

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

Manns, Eric Daniel — 26

Cozad, NE — 08/13/2025 - 10:10 — Lancaster County Warrant

Wider, Devine - 28

Omaha, NE - 08/13/2025 - 23:36 - Dawson County Warrant: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Driving Under Suspension / Before Reinstated; Possession of Marijuana (1 oz or less, 1st Offense); Speeding 21–35 mph on Interstate

Legals

Notice

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEET-ING AT THE COZAD COM-MUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT OFFICE MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Posted Locations: Cozad Local, Cozad Community Schools District Office, Cozad Post Office & Wilson Public Library Posted Date: 7/7/2025 & 7/14/2025 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM All board members were present. Motion to approve the agenda Passed with a motion by Stacev Mundell and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Haymakers Highlight was presented by Lyndee Koch and Jordan Haarberg. There was no public comment. The Superintendent report was given. Motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented Passed with a motion by Stacey Mundell and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 6. Nav: 0 Motion to approve the general, lunch, activities and depreciation financial report as presented, including monthly expenditures, which reflects the current financial standing of the District Passed with a motion by Stacey Mundell and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion to approve the building financial report as presented, including monthly expenditures, which reflects the current financial standing of the District Passed with a motion by Will Geiger and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Board committee reports were given. Motion to adopt a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by 5% (\$741,800). Passed with a motion by Joel Carlson and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 5, Nay: 1 Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Alternative Education Handbook Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Joel Carlson. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion

to approve the 2025-26 classified and certified handbooks created by Perry Law Firm as presented Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Joel Carlson. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Administration gave reports on the start of school. Motion to approve the Perry 4000 series and retain existing policies 4009, 4051, 4056, 4062, 4141 as presented by the Policy Committee Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 Motion to approve policy 5414, High Ability Learner Passed with a motion by Stacey Mundell and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nav: 0 Future Agenda Special Budget Meeting with Carl Dietz -- August 26th at 7:00 pm Special Board Meeting about Gallup Strengths -- Sept 8th at 7:00 pm Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0 The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Dr. Dan Endorf, Superintendent Cozad Community Schools District No. 11 AUGUST 2025-GENERAL FUND: HARDWARE-\$483.95: 222 AAA Sprinklers-\$141.11; AM-AZON.COM-\$866.19; APPLE INC.-\$776.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY-\$572.73; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS-\$23.827.43: Brent Graves Tree Service **BUFFALO** LLC-\$3,000.00; OUTDOOR POWER, LLC-BYTESPEED, LLC-\$25.93; **CARDMEMBER** \$358.00; SERVICES-\$4.711.38:CDW Amplified-\$504.00; COACH MAS-TER'S, INC.-\$8,661.38; CORN-HUSKER PRESS-\$1,941.63; COUNTRY PARTNERS CO-OPERATIVE-\$237.67; COZAD **AUTO** SUPPLY-\$449.23; COZAD COMMUNITY HOSPI-TAL-\$701.37; COZAD SERVICES, INC.-\$8,418.63; COZAD TELE-PHONE CO.-\$1,418.00; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CEN-TRAL FINANCE-\$442.99: DAW-SON PEST CONTROL-\$207.43: EAKES OFFICE PLUS - KEAR-NFY-\$4.013.72: FARI'S AUTO GLASS-\$355.00: East Butler Public Schools-\$2,739.79; ED-UCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #10-\$1,821.50;ELECTRON-IC SYSTEMS, INC.-\$369.20; Endorf, Daniel-\$92.63; ESU COUN-COORDINATING CIL\$3,589.61; FLASH ELEC-TRIC, LLC-\$725.26; Haarberg, Jordan-\$128.15;Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.-\$2,373.03; HOME-TOWN LEASING-\$1,842.71; HUNT CLEANERS, INC.-\$78.74; Innovative Office Solutions LLC-\$6,802.69; Johnny on the Spot-\$115.65; JOHNSON, JournevEd. MICK\$230.00; com Inc.-\$2,500.00; Koch, Lvndee-\$80.37: LANDMARK IMPLEMENT, INC.-\$4,301.83; Level Data, Inc.-\$943.00; Mad-Scott-\$650.00:Marcia Brenner Associates\$3,000.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.-\$574.34; MID-STATES AUTO-MATION & CONTROL, INC.-\$1,397.50; MIDWEST FLOOR SPECIALISTS, INC.-\$8,000.00; Mohler, Amy-\$7.00; Mosyle Corporation-\$69.00; NASB ALICAP-\$197,147.00; NASSP RE-GION IV PRINCIPALS-\$40.00; NE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS-\$10,973.14: NE COUN-CIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRA -TORS-\$1,920.00; NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER-\$2,725.00;

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\$15.10; W Bar Fire Extinguishers LLC-\$976.14; Wolfe, Patty\$173.53; WYEBOT INC.-\$700.00; Yilk, Jeremy-\$75.00 TOTAL: \$371,114.31 **AUGUST** 2025-NUTRI-TION FUND: OPAA! FOOD MANAGEMENT OF NE-BRASKA, LLC\$17,473.95; TOTAL: \$17,473.95 AUGUST 2025-BUILDING FUND: DeMarco Brothers Company-\$56,570.00; Mid-States School Equipment Co.-\$162,186.68; PAULSEN. INC.-\$107,766.39; Pro-Tint-\$1,995.00; Walters Electric-\$350,000.00: WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN PLAN -NING LLC-\$518.00 TOTAL: \$679,036.07 Checking Account ID,8,"679,036.07" 2025-EMPLOYEE **AUGUST**

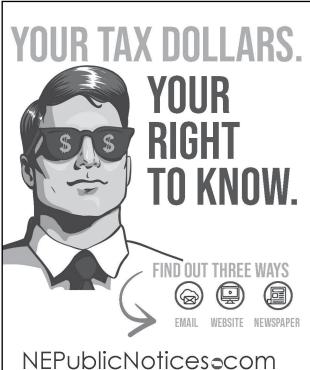
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Notice

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Minor Child shall be heard by the Dawson County District Court on the 16th day of October, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. At that time any person or persons objecting to such change of name may be present and present their objections to the Court.

Dalila Herrera Gomez, Petitioner Claire K. Bazata, #25461 of Berreckman & Bazata, P.C., L.L.O.

Attorney for Petitioner 801 Meridian Ave., P.O. Box Cozad, Nebraska 69130 (308) 784-2040 (308) 784-2043-fax cbazata@cozadtel.net

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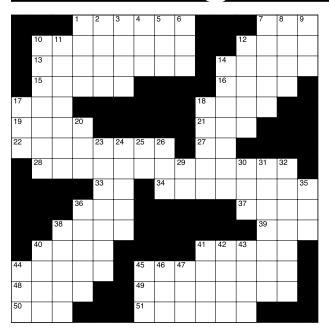
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Level: Intermediate

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Current unit
- 7. Reciprocal of an ohm
- 10. God of the sea
- 12. A way to disfigure
- 13. Positioned
- 14. Tall tropical American
- 15. Large deciduous trees
- 16. ___ and ends
- 17. Part of a machine
- 18. Brews
- 19. One who leads prayers in a mosque

21. Indian state

- 22. Partisans
- 27. Top lawyer in the land
- 28. Former Dodgers MVP
- 33. Title for women
- 34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- 36. Copycat
- 37. Sounds
- 38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
- 39. Part of (abbr.)
- 40. Hateful
- 41. Collide

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- 44. European football heavy-
- 45. One who works for you
- 48. Song
- 49. Ancient marvels
- 50. Bridge building degree
- 51. Delivery boys

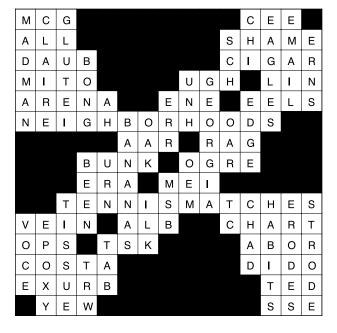
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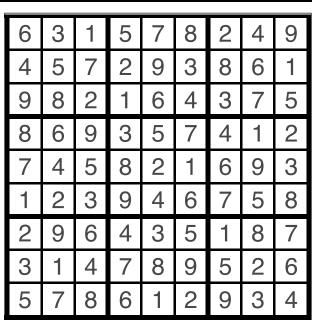
- 1. Continent
- 2. Submissive
- 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 5. Court decision v. Wade

- 6. Finish line
- 7. Young women
- 8. Hives of activity
- 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
- 10. Eastern U.S. river
- 11. Popular cooking ingredient
- 12. Greek mythological princess

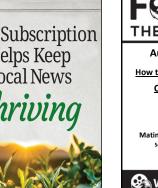
- 14. Scent for men
- 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 18. Once more
- 20. Irate
- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
- 24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Natural logarithm
- 30. Talk incessantly
- 31. Went by
- 32. Strives
- 35. Fall back
- 36. Manila hemp
- 38. Not easily explained
- 40. Former 'Double Dare'
- host Summers
- 41. Mollusk
- 42. Capital of Togo
- 43. Letter of Semitic scripts
- 44. Founder of Babism
- 45. Indicates near
- 46. Family of regulator genes
- 47. Indicates before

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