

Students Honored at NHS Induction and CCSA Awards

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

A large audience attended the Cozad High School National Honor Society Fall Induction and CCSA Awards held in the CHS auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 23. CHS staff members Woody Blackmore and Amanda Rossell serve as advisors for the CHS chapter of the National Honor Society.

Current NHS members conducted the induction ceremony. Senior members include President Olliver Davis, Vice President Gage Strauss, Secretary Lucha Olvera, Historian Braiton Snider, Clatyn Fleharty, Dagyn Buss, Abby Negley, Bryson Snider, and Camryn Yilk. Junior members are Aubrey Hammerlun, Brayden Barber, Mathew Arndt, Braelyn Malcom, Morgan Mraz, Addison Howerter, Owen Ross, and Gabriela Vazquez.

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. No honor given by the school exceeds that represented by this society. It represents the fundamental objectives for which our schools are instituted and recognizes those who have most nearly attained these objectives.

No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student — one who excels in character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Other honors are awarded by the school in recognition of specialized ability, skill, or talent. This society looks upon education as a total production of diversified abilities or skills. The purpose of the society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, promote leadership, stimulate a desire to render service, and develop good character in students of secondary schools.

CHS Principal Corey Fisher introduced the new members, who received lighted candles. Inducted into the prestigious Cozad High School chapter of the National Honor Society were seniors Rebeca Htoo and Talyn Propp and juniors Ethan Atchison, Josie Bowers, Braedon Groteluschen, Eh Hser, Myles Ide, and Kellen Shoemaker. The inductees also received pins and certificates from Lucha



Eight new members were inducted into the prestigious Cozad High School National Honor Society during a ceremony held in the CHS auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 23. Inductees included front row, from left: Josie Bowers, Eh Hser, and Rebeca Htoo. Back row: Braedon Groteluschen, Myles Ide, Kellen Shoemaker, Ethan Atchison, and Talyn Propp. The impressive and formal induction ceremony was led by senior members of the NHS chapter. Advisors for the chapter are Woody Blackmore and Amanda Rossell. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)



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Nov. 4: 59/35



Nov. 5: 56/36



Nov. 6: 58/35



No Buns, No Fun, All the Problems

We’ve been on this diet. And when I say “we,” I technically mean my kid, but really, if one person in the house is dieting, everyone is dieting, especially where no one volunteered to diet. It’s technically a prescription plan from his neurologist, but to me, it feels like punishment for ever enjoying French fries, or you know, life.

We were a proud meat-and-potatoes family. I’m talking a dash of meat with an extra side of buttery, salty, mouth-watering mashed potatoes. Now? We’re meat and vegetables, meat and vegetables, and sometimes, if I’m forced to cook, just meat.

Did I mention that my dear husband is the cook in my house? Anywho, the junk food is gone, the snacks are gone, and happiness has left the building. But my husband has a “what I eat at work, stays at work” mentality. The kid was forced to be with me 24/7, so I didn’t get that... luxury. Don’t check the cupboard in my laundry room, though.

If I had to describe this diet, I’d say it’s like having an ingrown hair, every day, all day. Not enough pain to cry about, but just enough to remind you life used to be more enjoyable on the couch with brownie batter and a spoon.

This diet has turned grocery shopping into a part-time math class I never signed up for. You can find me standing in the aisle, squinting at food labels, mumbling fractions under my breath like a lunatic.

English was always my subject, okay. I could write a ten-page essay about To Kill a Mockingbird in one night, but one serving of cauliflower rice throws me into a full breakdown.

Eighty-five percent of what’s allowed on his plan can’t even be found in Cozad. Not just Cozad, but Lexington,

Liz Romero



either. You’d think I was hunting for Bigfoot instead of raw, non-seasoned macadamia nuts.

His neuro-nutritionist gave me a 200-page food dictionary with brands and approved ingredients. Two hundred pages. I’ve had shorter novels on my nightstand. I understand that his diet is medical and not something most families do, but come on, eating healthy shouldn’t require a degree in logistics.

My kid is allowed 15 carbs a day. Fifteen. For comparison, one banana has 27 carbs. One potato, just one delicious, comforting, perfect potato, has 37. Two cans of Coke would be his entire carb count for a week!

He also has to consume a lot of healthy fats. So, every morning he takes four tablespoons of olive oil like it’s orange juice. I’d be gagging, but he just shrugs and keeps going. Champion behavior.

My mom, bless her, comes over every Wednesday and makes a weeks worth of “fat bombs”, basically healthy peanut butter cups made with expensive peanut butter, lots of butter, and chocolate chips that cost more than gas. But she makes them with love, and that’s one ingredient that’s still free.

Eating out has gotten easier as we learn what’s what. Basically, he can have a cheeseburger, no bun, with a side of pickles. That’s it. Or at least all he is willing to eat. Sugar-free ketchup is not a thing most places have, and

you would be surprised at how hard it is to remember to bring your own condiments sometimes. Most ketchup has 5 grams; ours has 1.

After a very hungry boy went to lunch without his trusty ketchup bottle in his bag and used up his remaining carbs, I decided I would shoot for the moon and ask if the restaurant would allow him to keep his own bottle there. Without hesitation, she said yes.

No one will ever be able to convince me to move, ever. Living in Cozad is like the TV show Cheers. “Where everybody knows your name”. Sometimes people know too much information, yes, but most of the time, it’s just one person helping another person live an easier life.

Anyways, this weeks column is about more than a stupid diet or a ketchup bottle. Maybe when someone offers me something I can’t have, I’ll just say, “Oh, I’ll eat that in heaven.” Because I know God’s serving up mashed potatoes, bananas, and garlic bread with zero carbs up there.

Next week might be about how my husband’s been looking for a paper I threw away four months ago. Stick around and we’ll figure it out together. Just stick around. I want you here.

A miserable potato-lover, Liz



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City Council Approves Bid Letting for Substation Transformer

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Electric Commissioner Chris White asked the Cozad City Council members during the meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to let out bids for furnishing and setting in place one 7.5 MVA substation transformer at the Monroe site. "This is something that has been in the works for two or three years, with the substation from the Monroe site moved to replace the one at the warehouse that is in worse shape," White explained. The request was approved unanimously.

Water/Sewer Commissioner Troy Franzen reported that his department continues to change meters and that two staff members recently attended school for additional training. "Johnson Services is in town cleaning out the sewers prior to the winter months, and I'm happy to report that our annual lead and copper testing has been completed and we passed," Franzen stated.

White also reported that his crew has been changing out three large-power customers' meters from NPPD, working on the procurement for the Monroe 7.5 MVA transformer, and rebuilding the line by Hi-Gain Feedlot. "Our new employee, Ajay Ambrose, will be starting tomorrow, and we are working on switching our load control SCADA system due to Stan Reinke retiring at the end of December," White said.

Wilson Public Library Director Laurie Yocom reported that her staff continues to address building issues. Yocom and her staff attended the Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference at the Holthus Convention Center in York on Oct. 22.

Cozad Police Chief Nick Reynolds reported that he had completed organizing all 2025 training records and that his officers will attend range training during the



The popular tornado slide at Frenchy's Park in Cozad was recently removed and placed on the City of Cozad's surplus auction site. It was removed when inspection by Park Foreman Zach Priel and Park Board members deemed it to be unsafe. (LOCAL Photo)

first week of November. Reynolds and his officers have been contacting homeowners about moving campers and trailers off city streets before winter.

City Clerk Brandi Kloepping reported that she continues to prepare for the audit and had submitted her required annual continuing education hours as the city's treasurer after attending Clerk School and the Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference earlier

this year. She also reported that an office position has been vacated and that applications are being accepted to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Marcus Kloepping provided Public Services Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster's report. "There has been some angst about the tornado slide being removed from Frenchy's Park. For legal reasons, Park Foreman Zach Priel and the Park Board inspect playground equipment at all parks annually to assess which items have aged out or are deemed unsafe for various reasons. The slide is being auctioned off for safety reasons and will make someone a nice addition in their backyard," Kloepping stated.

The next Cozad City Council meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Residents are encouraged to attend, with time reserved for public comments at the end of each meeting.

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30 THUR	31 FRI	1 SAT	2 SUN	3 MON	4 TUES	5 WED
5p- Think Pink & Trivia Night @ Meridian Tap House		ALL DAY- Girl's V VB District Finals 9a- Mingle on the Meridian 5p- HALLOWEEN PARTY @ the Elks		11/03- 11/21 Food for Fines @ WPL 11/03- 11/19 Wicked Drawing @ WPL 7p- City Council	ELECTION DAY 9:50a - Jennie Outreach @ WPL 1p- Meadowlark Point Book Club @ Brew'd Awakening 6p- Writing Society @ WPL	EARLY DISMISSAL PK-12th @ 2:00p ALL DAY- Girl's V VB STATE TOURNAMENT 2p- Knit Hat Ornaments @ WPL 7p- Books on Tap @ WPL

from FRONT - Students

Olvera and Braiton Snider before forming a congratulatory line to end the ceremony.

Following the NHS induction ceremony, Cozad Community Scholastic Awards President Caroline Valenzuela and Secretary Brooke Barber came to the stage to present the annual CCSA Awards. Other CCSA officers include Shayla Canas, Jenny Nelson, Sheri Hladky, and Ramona Priel.

The CCSA was founded in 1958 by Bill and Mary Young, Grace Burkholder, and Dorothea Jo Stevens with the sole purpose of honoring CHS students who excel academically. The CCSA began honoring students who excelled in math and science and later expanded to include language arts and reading. The awards were based on the MAP testing conducted in early September at CHS.

According to longtime CCSA officer Sheri Hladky, "The students at CHS must be getting smarter, as we had so many of them place in the 95th percentile and above this year, with several in the 98th and 99th percentiles in some areas."

Seniors receiving 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards received \$100, \$75, and \$50, with those achieving the 90th percentile or above receiving a certificate. Reading honorees were Olliver Davis, 1st; Elliott Blackmore, 2nd; and Klaylee Revelo, 3rd. Braiton Snider, Emma Lindekugel,



Nominations for the 2025-26 Believers & Achievers statewide program sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association and Currency from Cozad High School included Olliver Davis, Camryn Yilk, and Braiton Snider. Each NSAA school may nominate up to four students, with a total of 697 nominations made this year. Camryn was notified on Oct. 23 that she was selected one of the 48 students who will be recognized at NSAA State Championships beginning in November and continuing through April. A complete story about Camryn's nomination and achievements will be published in the Nov. 6 Cozad LOCAL. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

Crystal Hernandez, and Gustavo Benavente received reading certificates. In math, Olliver Davis placed 1st; Bryson Snider and Braiton Snider tied for 2nd; and Talyn Propp was 3rd. Math certificate winners were Brooklyn Kraft, Gustavo Benavente, Abby Negley, Elliott Blackmore, Lucha Olvera, Betzaida Utrera, Crystal Hernandez, Klaylee Revelo, Drake Hasbrouck, Edward Bravo, and Chayden Hoffmaster. Elliott Blackmore received 1st place honors in language arts; Olliver Davis, 2nd; and Emma Lindekugel, 3rd. Receiving certificates were Crystal Hernandez, Abby Negley, Klaylee Revelo, Gustavo Benavente, and Abbie Albrecht. Science awards went to Olliver Davis, 1st; Elliott Blackmore, 2nd; and Abby Negley, 3rd. Certificates were awarded to Gustavo Benavente, Bryson Snider, and Chayden Hoffmaster.

Juniors received \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively, for finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Reading awards were presented to Myles Ide, 1st; Chandler Kaup, 2nd; and Jacob Brooks, 3rd, with Brayden Barber and Morgan Mraz receiving certificates. In math, Carolyne Cook placed 1st; Jacob Brooks, 2nd; and Myles Ide, 3rd. Receiving math certificates for being in the 90th percentile (all were 94 and above, with three scoring 98) were Chandler Kaup, Morgan Mraz, Aubrey Hammerlun, Brayden Barber, Mathew Arndt, Ethan Atchison, Addison Howerter, Rieker Spradlin, Kellen Shoemaker, Owen Ross, Braedon Groteluschen, and Elijah Graves. In language arts, Chandler Kaup received 1st place; Myles Ide, 2nd; and Jacob Brooks, 3rd. Certificates were awarded to Addison Howerter, Morgan Mraz, Mathew Arndt, Aubrey Hammerlun, Brayden Barber, and Carolyne Cook. Rieker Spradlin received 1st place honors in science, with Chandler Kaup 2nd and Jacob Brooks 3rd. Mathew Arndt, Myles Ide, Elijah Graves, and Morgan Mraz received certificates.

Sophomores placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd were awarded

\$50, \$25, and \$15. In reading, Hayden Revelo and Audrey Baker tied for 1st; Miles German and Brooke Dyer tied for 2nd; and Whitney Regelin was the 3rd place winner. Arleth Casillas received a reading certificate. Math honorees were Jaxson Arndt, 1st; Julien Davis, 2nd; and Emersyn Propp, 3rd. Recipients of math certificates were Charles Baker, Audrey Baker, Miles German, Hayden Revelo, Emalyn Geiger, Whitney Regelin, Clinton Carlson-Costanza, Aleigha Negley, Hadley Kloepping, Lola Bennett, Bailey Hyatt, Austin Feik, Dilan Orellana-Medina, Collin McFall, Brooklyn Wingrove, Carson Favinger, Mia Richie, and Raiden Heuck. Whitney Regelin earned 1st place honors in language arts, followed by Charles Baker, 2nd, and Dilan Orellana-Medina and Emalyn Geiger tying for 3rd. Brooke Dyer, Miles German, Audrey Baker, Mia Richie, Julien Davis, Lola Bennett, and Marley Fochtman received language arts certificates. In science, Miles German and Audrey Baker tied for 1st; Collin McFall and Jaxson Arndt tied for 2nd; and there was a four-way tie for 3rd between Hayden Revelo, Brooke Dyer, Julien Davis, and Clinton Carlson-Costanza. Certificate winners in science were Arleth Casillas, Charles Baker, Raiden Heuck, Manny Castillo, Lola Bennett, Dilan Orellana-Medina, and Aiden Albright.

Freshmen winners received \$25, \$15, and \$10 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. In reading, Reagan Chrisinger captured 1st place, followed by Matthew Rhoades and Raegan Love, who tied for 2nd, and Brantley Malcom received 3rd. Isabella Hernandez and Taegan Dexter received reading certificates. Adlei Groteluschen was the 1st place winner in math, followed by Koehn Baker in 2nd and Raegan Love and Chase Hasbrouck, who tied for 3rd. Recipients of math certificates included Reagan Chrisinger, Matthew Rhoades, Brantley Malcom, Isabella Hernandez, Ashlynn Propp, Ashton Osborn, Jayden Wills, Nolan Yilk, and Daniella Moss. In language arts, Reagan Chrisinger placed 1st; Matthew Rhoades and Brantley Malcom tied for 2nd; and Kyrie Eveland received 3rd. Taegan Dexter received a language arts certificate. In science, Reagan Chrisinger earned 1st place, followed by Koehn Baker, 2nd, and Matthew Rhoades, 3rd. Science certificates were presented to Chase Hasbrouck, Bryson Barela, Jayden Wills, Ashton Osborn, and Brantley Malcom.

The NHS inductees, CCSA award winners, and their families were treated to a cookie and punch reception in the CHS Commons after the presentation of the CCSA awards, hosted by the CCSA officers.

In addition to monetary awards, the CCSA promotes the academic accomplishments of students at CHS through scholarships and low-interest student financial aid loans. The CCSA will be represented at the Give BIG Cozad event at the Cozad Elks Club on Thursday, Nov. 6. All funds raised go directly to CCSA scholarships, the monetary awards night, and student financial aid loans.



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Cozad Community Health Systems Upcoming Events

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The Cozad Community Health System's Radiology and Women's Imaging team, in collaboration with the Cozad Hospital Foundation, will host its annual Think Pink event tonight, Oct. 30, at Meridian Tap House.

The evening focuses on raising awareness for breast cancer and highlighting the importance of early detection. Tammy Paulsen, along with Nicole Buettner, MPAS, PA-C, and Kristi Fullmer, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, will

share information about breast health and screening options.

Guests can enjoy a night out with friends that includes a sharp mind for trivia, a complimentary pink drink, and charcuterie. The first 50 women through the door will receive a keepsake wine glass. The event runs from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

Following Think Pink, CCHS and the Cozad Hospital

Foundation will turn their attention to the Foundation's 20th annual Fall Ball, themed "Fly Me to the Moon." The event will take place on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Cozad Elks Club.

Nebraska astronaut Clayton Anderson will serve as the guest speaker for the evening. Attendees can look forward to an elegant night of dinner, dancing, and celebration, beginning at 5 p.m.

An advertisement for local advertising solutions. It features a close-up of two hands shaking in a firm grip. To the right of the hands is a smartphone and a newspaper, both with a red banner that says 'YOUR AD HERE'. Below the image, the text 'WE MEAN BUSINESS.' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath that, in a smaller black font, it says 'Talk to us about strategic local advertising solutions for your small business!'. At the bottom, in large, bold, black capital letters, it says 'Call Lisa Today! (308) 784-4747'.

An advertisement for Cozad Community Surgical Services. It features the CozadCommunity logo at the top, which consists of four green squares arranged in a cross pattern, followed by the text 'CozadCommunity SURGICAL SERVICES'. Below the logo is a quote from Juli Wetovick, Director of Surgical and Infusion Services, in a white box with a light blue border. The quote reads: "I'm Juli Wetovick and I'm the Director of Surgical and Infusion Services. I'm a Registered Nurse and have been with the organization for over 2 and a half years. I chose CCHS because the location allowed me to stay close to home while still pursuing my career. I love that I can work directly with patients and fellow staff while still advancing my leadership skills. Working here provides a place where I can contribute to improving the lives of patients right here in my community." Below the quote is a circular portrait of Juli Wetovick, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. At the bottom of the quote box, it says '-Juli Wetovick, BSN, RN'.

An advertisement for Cozad Local subscription. It features the 'COZAD LOCAL' logo on the left, which includes a stylized sunburst graphic behind the word 'COZAD'. To the right of the logo, the text 'SUBSCRIBE TODAY' is written in bold, black capital letters, followed by the phone number '308-784-4747' in a large, bold, black font.

November Events at the Cozad Senior Center

TAMIE THURN

The Cozad Senior Center has a full month of activities and community events planned for November.

Give Big Cozad takes place Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Elks Club. This event offers a great opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations, including the Senior Center. The Center's fundraising goal is \$10,000 to help maintain its programs and services. A list of participating organizations will be available for those wishing to donate.

Foot Clinics will be held Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11. Appointments are required—please call Central Plains Home Health at 784-4630 to schedule.

Join us Thursday, Nov. 13, for our Turkey Trot Car Hop Turkey Dinner. The meal includes turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad, a dinner roll, and dessert. "No hunting allowed" for the Turkey Trotters that night, but plenty of good eating! Free grocery boxes will also be distributed that evening through our partnership with Food Bank for the Heartland. If you know someone who could use a bag of groceries and fresh produce, please spread the word.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m., Angels Care will host a

free blood pressure clinic at the Center.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, join us for our Monthly Coffee Chat sponsored by Cozad Community Health System. Nurses and therapists will be on hand to visit, and the first 12 attendees will receive a free cinnamon roll and coffee.

The Center serves lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No reservation is needed, just stop in for a great meal, complete with salad bar, drink, and dessert.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Burger Night fundraiser on Oct. 9. The dine-in and drive-thru event was a success thanks to the hard work of our volunteers: Vicki and Rob Prilliman, Russ Bessmer, Lily Corder, Claude Berreckman, PJ Jacobson, Mike Neill, LaVonne and Dail Vetter, Mike Peters, Brenda Lambert, Diana Toner, Milan Anderson, Kelly and Lannie Kvasnicka, Tony and Dana Mroz, Tim Fink, Rick Esslinger, Ricardo Banuelos, Kerry Thurn, and the Cub Scouts. Special thanks to our staff, Cecilia McBride, Ileana Macias, Elianet Gutierrez, and to Food Bank for the Heartland.

Free groceries are available every Monday and

Wednesday at 10 a.m. in front of the Center through our partnership with Food Bank for the Heartland and Walmart. Please bring your own sack, wear gloves, and sign in. Many thanks to Tim Fink, Mike Erickson, Larry Allen, and Bob Nutt for their help.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, the Center will host the 13th Annual Holiday Food and Gift Festival. Local vendors will offer a variety of holiday items, and the Center will have a table featuring homemade baked goods and noodles for sale. Donations of baked goods are welcome, all proceeds benefit the Center.

Our Mitten Tree will also be up again this year, our 13th year running. We welcome donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, and blankets to help community members in need. The Cozad Rotary will also be collecting toys at the Center. Together, we can make this Christmas a little brighter for everyone.

Please note, the Center will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends, and thank you for continuing to support the Cozad Senior Center.

Cozad Grand Generation Center

Weekly Menu: Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Oct. 30 - Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit, Ice Cream

Oct. 31 - Spaghetti, Broccoli Salad, Carrots, Pineapple Chunks, Garlic Bread, Fruit Bars

Nov. 3 - Pork Tenderloin, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Apple Tartlets

Nov. 4 - Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Jello Fruit Salad, Pears, Ice Cream

Nov. 5 - Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Ice Cream

Lunch served Daily 11:30-12:30

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Lexington Grand Generation Center

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Oct. 30- French Onion Pork Chops, Hashbrown Casserole, Wax Beans, Apricots

Oct. 31- Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Buttered Beets, Fresh Fruit

Nov. 3- Beef Pizza, Red Diced Potatoes w/ Veggies, Peas, Apple Slices

Nov. 4- Lemon Pepper Chicken, Cali Blend Veggies, Rice w/Veggie, Cold Veggie Salad

Nov. 5- Apple Cider Pork Chops, Potato Casserole, Tomato Medley, Peaches

Daily menus are subject to change.

Lunch prices: 60+ - \$5 Suggested Contribution Under 60 - \$7

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Obituaries

Willard Peter Jensen of Cozad passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025. Willard was born Nov. 30, 1930, to his loving parents Art and Florance Jensen, where he joined his older brother, Warren.

Willard (aka Will, W.P., Willie) grew up in a civic minded family who enjoyed devoting time to their beloved community. The affection stayed with him for life as he seldom missed an opportunity to reconnect with his friends and class of 1948. He last attended his 75th reunion in September 2023.

Willard was a loyal University of Nebraska football fan after attending the school for a year following high school.



From there he joined the Army to proudly serve his country for several years while being stationed in Germany. After the service Willard relocated to Lubbock, TX, where he met and married the love of his life and wife of 70 years, Louise Hargis.

They raised three remarkable children. As a career, Willard worked for ACDelco in sales and management in Texas and California, where he was known for his friendliness, reliability, and leadership. Top sales awards earned him many trips, enhancing his love of travel and site-seeing. He retired at 55 years and embraced the next chapter with the same exuberance.

Willard enjoyed spending time on the golf course, often traveling with senior golf groups. He was also a talented craftsman who enjoyed building and creating in his woodworking shop making beautiful furniture and a plethora of intricate Christmas ornaments. He shared many of them through the season and they are now a special keepsake.

Willard was caring and devoted to his immediate and extended family. He was immensely proud of his children and in-laws Jina (Jack) Kasel, Steve (Heather) Jensen and Stewart (Monique) Jensen, eight grand children, Melissa, Charles, Lauren, Laura, William, Brent, Dane and Rory and their partners along with his six great grandchildren, Sloan, Owen, Lucas, Alaina, Paige and Evan who reside between Texas and California.

Willard, who fostered and promoted many wonderful celebrations, was honored on Nov. 24 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, with full military honors.

His name will join his brother Warren Jensen's on the monument wall at Veterans Memorial Park in Cozad.

Steven M. Griffis of Cozad passed away on Oct. 19, 2025, in Omaha. Steve was born in Lincoln to Elton and Adelle Griffis and grew up in Cozad, where he graduated from Cozad High School in 1984. During his time through high school and at Kearney State, he built lifelong friendships and cherished many memorable moments with his cousins and friends. He went on to attend both Kearney State College and Milford Community College, earning a degree in Architectural Drafting.

After college, Steve began his career with the Department of Roads before returning home to Cozad to help his father with the family farming business. His love for the land and for his community was evident in everything he did.

Steve was a man of many passions. He enjoyed brewing craft beer and, in recent years, took great pride in growing and harvesting his own hops. He was an avid hunter and gun collector, always eager to share stories and knowledge with others. Steve had a special gift for bringing people together, he loved introducing friends and family to new foods, sharing meals, and creating moments of laughter and connection around the table. He loved to talk and spark conversation with everyone he met, and truly never knew a stranger.

Steve married his high school sweetheart, Julie, and together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and devotion. They were blessed with three wonderful children, Cory, Kylee, and Cameron, who were the pride and



joy of Steve's life. He was the biggest fan of his children and loved watching them compete in sports, cheering them on at every opportunity. In recent years, his greatest joy came from spending time with his cherished grandchildren, Beau and Dru Lienemann, who brought him endless

laughter, pride, and happiness. Whether attending their activities or taking them for adventurous rides across the farm on his side-by-side, Steve's love for his family was boundless and deeply felt.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Julie Griffis; sons, Cory Griffis and Cameron Griffis; daughter, Kylee Lienemann (Griffis); son-in-law, Burke Lienemann; and daughter-in-law, Natalie Griffis (Kennicutt). He is also survived

by his cherished grandchildren, Beau and Dru Lienemann, along with his extended Miller, Griffis, and Adle families and cousins, who held a special place in his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Adelle Griffis, and his sister, Lynn Griffis, and is now reunited with them in eternal peace.

Steve will be remembered for his warmth, humor, and the way he made everyone feel welcome. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the family he loved so deeply.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Online condolences may be shared at berryman-funeralhome.com. A celebration of Steve's life was held at Berryman Funeral Home in Cozad on Oct. 24 with a graveside service that followed.

Ricky G. Henry of Eustis passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 20, 2025, at the age of 70. Rick was born on May 26, 1955, in Lexington, to Daniel B. and Norma (Clark) Henry, Jr. He graduated from Cozad High School with the class of 1973 and later attended Central Community College in Hastings.

Rick had a fulfilling career in construction, working alongside his father for nearly a decade before starting his own venture, Rick Henry Construction. He devoted himself to this work until his retirement in 2020.

Beyond his professional life, Rick was known for his love of family and friends, cherishing the bonds he built in his community. His passions included woodworking, hunting, and fishing. An avid outdoorsman, he excelled at fur trapping and found joy in his morning walks with his dog Ruby. To him, the great outdoors was his church. Rick was also a past member and president of the Eustis Lions Club.

Rick's heart was full of love, especially for his wife, Wen-

dy, whom he married on Feb. 21, 1976, in Cozad. He leaves behind memories of laughter, warmth, and a dedication to those he cared about deeply.



Rick was preceded in death by his parents; brother Danny; grandparents Dan Sr. and Evelyn Henry, Ray and Geraldine Phillips and Harold Clark; father and mother-in-law, Oscar and Estaleen Weissert; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Beverly Maxon; and other numerous family members.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy of Eustis; brothers, Jon (Denise) Henry of Deshler and Chris (Nancy) Henry of Lincoln; sister-in-law Linda Frazier of Cozad; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Eustis Fire and Rescue Squad or the Nebraska Fur Harvesters Association. A graveside memorial service was held on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Eustis East Cemetery with Pastor Elmo Herman officiating. Berryman Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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Pumpkins, Games, and Fun at Frontier Fall Festival



Frontier Home Medical and Frontier Family Pharmacy sponsored their annual free Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 23. An estimated 550 people were in attendance for the pork sandwiches/hotdogs, chips, beans, and dessert; BAH drink booth, popcorn and cotton candy, hayrack rides, inflatables, kids' games, and entertainment by Spencer Hansen. The event was organized by Tyler Sturgeon, Katie Sturgeon, Deb Cornelius, Smoke Cornelius and Jack Cornelius. The Cornelius family, the Sturgeon family, and the 20 employees from the two businesses once again hosted a successful evening of food, fun, and fellowship for the Cozad community.



A popular attraction at the annual Fall Festival was the free cotton candy manned by rockIT event pros. Long lines existed throughout the evening, with Siddlee Jesseph, held by Hadlee Shirley, receiving a bag of cotton candy for both of them to enjoy.



Brandon Schultz provided at least 15 hayrack rides for people of all ages who attended the annual Fall Festival sponsored by Frontier Home Medical and Frontier Family Pharmacy. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)

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**Eustis** BODY SHOP

Cozad's Fox Theater Gains New Partner: The Hubbard Family

LIZ ROMERO

On Oct. 12, the Fox Theater in Cozad welcomed a new chapter in its storied history. The Hubbard family, Jason, Bonnie, Jeremy, and Charlie joined the Watch the Fox partnership group, becoming investors and managing partners of the Cozad location. The Watch the Fox group also includes theaters in Broken Bow and Central City, with Stuart Fox, Penny Goodman, and Kyle Stringham continuing as fellow partners.

For the Hubbard family, the decision to join the Fox Theater wasn't just a business move, it was a heartfelt commitment to their community. "It feels a little like the movie, 'We Bought a Zoo,'" Bonnie Hubbard shared with a smile. "Only it's a movie theater."

The Hubbards will oversee day-to-day operations at the Cozad location, including inventory, advertising, technical operations and staffing. "You'll even see us slinging popcorn from time to time," Bonnie added. Their goal is to ensure the theater remains a vibrant, welcoming space for all from long-time residents to first-time visitors.

Jason, Jeremy, and Charlie Hubbard each share deep roots in Dawson County. Charlie and Jeremy reside in Overton, while Jason now lives in Cozad with his wife Bonnie and their son Ayden, a third grader at Cozad Elementary. Jason owns several investment properties in town and remains actively engaged in the local business landscape. Bonnie serves as the Coordinator for the Haymaker Creative and Historic District and contributes her time and talents to both the Cozad Community Foundation and Cozad Tourism boards. Together, the Hubbard family brings a blend of hometown pride, entrepreneurial spirit, and community-minded leadership to their new role at the Fox Theater.

When asked why they chose to partner with the Fox Theater, Bonnie responded simply, "Why not?" She recalled growing up in south Louisiana, where the local theater was the heartbeat of the community. "It's not so different in a small town in Nebraska," she said. "This is where our youth work their first jobs. It's where people go to escape, to laugh, to make memories. It's where families reconnect and visitors feel at home."

The Fox Theater is the only first-run movie theater in Dawson County, and the Hubbards see it as more than a place to watch films. They envision expanding its use as a venue for office parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday celebrations, and even live performances. "Comedy shows, concerts, maybe even a spoken word slam poetry night if there's a need, there's a way," Bonnie said. "It just takes creativity."

The family is actively learning the theater's current operations and systems, with plans to assess where improvements or enhancements may be beneficial.

Above all, the Hubbards understand that the Fox Theater doesn't belong to them, it belongs to Cozad. "We're just stewards," Bonnie said. "This theater is a shared space, a community treasure, and we're honored to help care for it."

For questions or assistance regarding the Fox Theater, contact Bonnie Hubbard at (308) 293-7527 or via email at hubbard.b@icloud.com.



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Haymakers Round Out Season with a Road Win

JAYDEN WILLS

On Oct. 24, the Cozad Haymakers played against the Minden Whippets. The Haymakers had a good, hard-fought game against the Whippets, which resulted in a 45-28 win.

Coming out of the locker room in the first quarter, the Haymakers were ready to play. In the first quarter, they kicked off to Minden and quickly got a stop. When the Haymakers got the ball, they were able to score quickly, putting 7 points on the board, and kept the Whippets from finding the endzone in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Haymakers amped it up when they scored a touchdown. Unable to stop Minden from the endzone, they did stop the two-point conversion. The Haymakers got the ball back and marched down the field to score another touchdown, but ended up missing the PAT. The Haymakers got another stop and were able to get one field goal through the uprights to make the score 23-6, rounding off the first half.

Coming out of halftime, the Haymakers kicked it off to Minden, but weren't able to get the stop, which resulted in Minden scoring from the start. Cozad was able to regroup and ended up in the endzone and got the two-point conversion, tallying up another 8 points. Cozad defense struggled against Minden's powerful offense and let another touchdown past them.

In the fourth quarter, Cozad got the ball and marched right down the field to score another touchdown for 7 points. Minden wasn't able to out play Cozad's strong defense, which resulted in a punt. Cozad then stormed down the field for another touchdown for 7 points. To round out the game, Minden scored one last touchdown and a two-point conversion to add 8 to their total score. Cozad won their last regular season game, 45-28.

Many Cozad players showed flashes of excellence on the ground; for example, Olliver Davis had a total of 158 rushing yards, not to mention his 4 total touchdowns on the night, tagged on with Bryson Snider's 81 rushing yards and Ashton Osborn's 51 rushing yards.

With that being said, Cozad will end their season with a 5-4 record, but sadly, will not make it to the playoffs. Cozad showed hard work, determination, and every one of the players was all in the entire season.



The Cozad Haymakers gathered to pray before the game against Minden on Oct. 24. (LOCAL photo by Jayden Wills)



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Deng Takes 10th Place at State

LIZ ROMERO

Cozad seniors Koang Deng and Audrey Baker closed out their cross country seasons at the NSAA State Cross Country Championships in Kearney on Friday, Oct. 24.

Baker finished her season strong, improving her personal record by 22 seconds with a time of 21:35.2. Deng earned a 10th-place medal with a time of 16:41.7, tying the second-fastest time in Cozad Haymaker school history.

"It feels great being ranked fifth, but I'm not satisfied," Deng said before the meet. "I'm not too focused on the rankings because I feel that I am capable of competing with those other guys. I'm just excited to go run and push myself."

Head coach Jacob Brummer praised both runners for their dedication and growth throughout the season. "This is my seventh year taking athletes to the state meet. We have had a total of 20 qualifiers, including this year, and six individual medals," Brummer said.

Brummer reflected on what the sport teaches beyond competition. "Running teaches kids so many life lessons," he said. "You can do hard things, overcome fears, set goals, and learn how to handle both victory and defeat. It shows the importance of showing up

every day, mentally and physically, and what it means to be part of a team. Helping kids face these challenges prepares them for success later in life."

Brummer said he enjoyed watching both athletes finish their seasons on a strong note. "Hopefully seeing them put together a great race and improve from last year's state performance gives them confidence in how far they've come," he added.

For Baker, reaching state was both a reward and a reminder of what cross country means to her. "Making it to state was a big accomplishment, and I'm happy that I got the chance to compete against other incredible athletes," she said. "I've been doing cross country for so long that it has become a very important part of my life. It's taught me that even when things seem hard, having people you care about beside you makes it easier."

Baker said she was excited to test herself against top competition. "I was excited to run at state against people closer to my abilities so I could push myself and compete at my best," she said.

Both Deng and Baker represented Cozad with pride, closing out their high school cross country careers with strong performances and personal milestones.



Koang Deng accepted his tenth-place medal following State Cross Country in Kearney on Oct. 24. (LOCAL Photos by Phil Serrone)



ABOVE: Audrey Baker took off the start line with determination on Oct. 24 at State Cross Country in Kearney. **LEFT:** Cozad Haymaker Koang Deng (right) and Gothenburg Swede Bryson Neels congratulate each other after their State Cross Country finishes on Oct. 24. Deng placed 10th and Neels finished third. (LOCAL Photo by Charity Wyatt)

Haymakers Take Tough Losses at SWC

JAYDEN WILLS

On Monday, Oct. 20, the Cozad Haymakers hosted the Southwest Conference Invite. The Haymakers played two matches, losing both by a score of 2-0. Cozad faced the Minden Whippets in their first match of the day. In the opening set, the Haymakers kept the score close for a while but eventually fell 25-15. In the second set, Cozad was unable to rally and lost 25-8. In their second match, the Haymakers took on the Broken Bow Indians. The first set was competitive, but Cozad came up short, 25-21. In the second set, the Haymakers stayed within reach for most of the game but ultimately lost 25-19,



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closing out their day. Cozad showed grit and determination but couldn't find a win. Despite the losses, the Haymakers had strong individual performances. Emersyn Propp recorded 19 kills and 7 digs. Braelyn Malcom added 10 kills and 11 digs, while Lucha Olvera contributed 8 digs. Briley Fisher added another 10 digs to the team's total. The Lady Haymakers move to an even 14-14 on the season. Despite the setbacks, the team looked to bounce back and improve their record at sub-districts.

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Emersyn Propp serves off to Broken Bow during a SWC match. Propp racked up 19 kills at the net. (LOCAL Photo by Jayden Wills)

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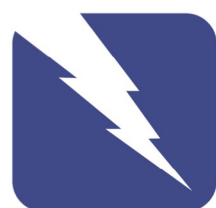
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Sniders End Post-Game Pancake Tradition with Final Flip

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

In 2022, Bri Snider saw a simple idea on TikTok that she and her husband, Clint, turned into a tradition during the last three Cozad High School football seasons. "I first asked our boys, Bryson and Braiton, who were sophomores that year, if they thought inviting the football team over after the first home game for pancakes and bacon would be fun, and they were all in," Bri said.

"That first Friday after the home football game, our house was packed with kids laughing, eating, and just being together, and my heart was so full.

From that time on, it became something we did after every home game. Most weeks we had around 50 kids, sometimes more, but every time was special. It didn't matter if they were football players or not; everyone was welcome, and fellow students and parents of the football players also came at times," Bri explained.

Eight pounds of bacon and a lot of pancake mix and syrup were used each week, with Clint and Bri's parents, Don and Peg Butler, preparing the bacon and pancakes on two Blackstone griddles in the Sniders' garage. "Of course, my husband, the master pancake flipper, insisted

on flipping every single pancake," Bri quipped.

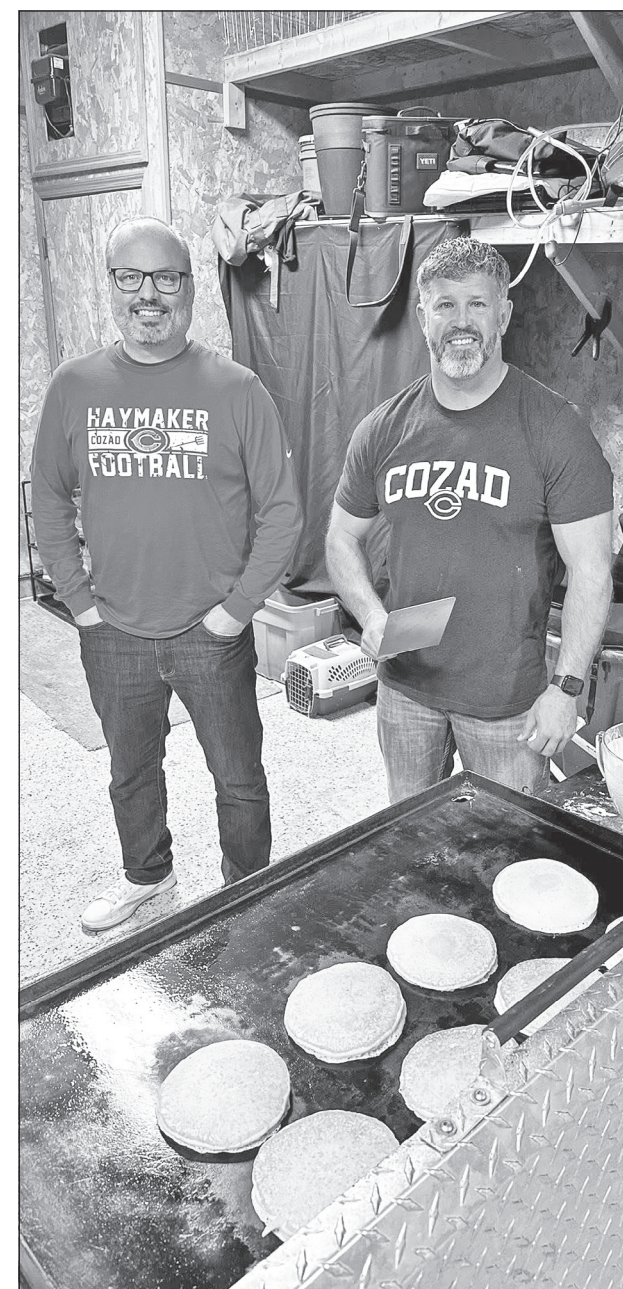
According to Peg Butler, "We had so much fun cooking bacon and flipping pancakes for the kids. It became a bonding time for the kids and adults and something we all looked forward to after every home game. We will miss it next year!"

Several parents helped throughout the years through monetary donations and by supplying drinks, bacon, and pancake mix.

"I was so blessed to have friends like Brooke Barber, Erin Buhring, Alison Feik, and Brian and Aimee Davis helping each time, in addition to my husband and parents," Bri noted.

"Pancakes at the Sniders was a great experience, not just for the players, but for everyone who attended. Many families helped, and the atmosphere couldn't have been better," senior football player Ollie Davis stated.

Bri concurred, "It truly became a community tradition that filled my heart to the max, and it's something I'll really miss."



ABOVE: Brian Davis and Clint Snider (aka Master Pancake Flipper) have been mainstays in the Snider's garage the past three years making the huge pancakes for a crowd of 50 plus students following each Haymaker home football game. **LEFT:** Football players, their friends, and fellow students enjoyed hanging out in the Snider's family room after the final home football game vs. Holdrege on Friday, Oct. 17 as they waited for the pancakes and bacon to be prepared on the Blackstone griddles in the Snider's garage. (Courtesy Photos)

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Learning to Tattle on Myself

When I was a little girl, I often tattled on my younger sister. "Mommy, she won't share her toys with me," I whined. Sometimes I got my way, and other times I got in trouble.

Years later, as a mother, I heard my own children tell on each other. My go-to response was usually, "Work it out." The hardest part was not knowing who was telling the truth. Since I hadn't witnessed the offense, I couldn't decide who needed to be punished. Honestly, it would have been so much easier if they tattled on themselves: "Mommy, I don't want to share my toy, so I hit her hand when she reached for my dolly."

Now, as an adult, I find myself wondering—when was the last time you told on yourself?

Recently, I was excluded from a work email to a group of people I'm part of. My first reaction was offense. The longer I thought about it, the more hurt I felt. I began spinning a story in my mind, complete with a villain and a victim. Deep down, I wanted to tell someone who could make it better, ensure I was included, or reassure me that I hadn't been dismissed. Then, I caught myself and decided to tattle—not on anyone else, but on me.

I called a trusted loved one and confessed, probably with a bit of whining in my tone: "I don't understand why I was left out. My pride is stung, and I feel hurt. I



want to be angry." That moment of honesty was freeing. By naming what was happening inside me, I saw the truth – I was upset because things hadn't gone my way. Life wasn't unfolding on my terms. Once I laid down my pride and resentment, the heaviness started to lift.

I reached out to the individual directly but didn't get much clarity. Still, with gentle support from loved ones, I began to see a possible reason for the exclusion. It made sense—and with that understanding, the offense lost its grip.

The truth is, I may never know the full story. But by telling on myself and sharing my honest feelings in a safe space, I could move forward. Keeping those feelings bottled up would have deepened the divide.

As humans, we misunderstand, misinterpret, and take things personally. We feel hurt, excluded, and betrayed. And sometimes—this human especially—for-



gets to believe the best about others. When I pause long enough to notice what's happening inside me, I can tattle on myself in a way that sheds light, restores connection, and brings peace.

DAWSON COUNTY JAIL BOOKINGS

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

- Carrizales, Laura H – 44**
North Platte, NE — Theft by Deception, Forgery (2nd Degree)
- Ferraris, Ryan Paul – 29**
Sterling, CO — No Operator's License
- Orozco-Felix, Reyna Isabel – 56**
Lexington, NE — False Reporting, Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- Gonzalez, Yusmel – 45**
Lexington, NE — Driving Under Revocation
- Johnson, Brianna R – 33**
Lexington, NE — Lincoln County Warrant – Possession or Use of Drug Paraphernalia
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025**
- Gutierrez, Tosh Joaquin – 45**
Kearney, NE — Driving Under Suspension
- Stevens, Maribel – 40**
Gothenburg, NE — Warrant – Failure to Pay – Compulsory Education – Attendance Required

- Gautier, Dusty Dwayne – 27**
Elwood, NE — Driving Under Suspension
- Ramirez-Rojas, Elmer – 42**
Lexington, NE — Probation Sanction

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

- Puok, Maker Stephen – 42**
Omaha, NE — Sexual Assault (3rd Degree)
- Kuol, Mark Gatkier – 44**
Lexington, NE — Texas Warrant – Failure to Appear (Domestic Assault 3rd Degree)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

- Williams, Cody A – 37**
North Platte, NE – 10/20/2025 – 15:00 — Threat – Terroristic – State Offenses
- Weaver, Gail Leigh – 55**
Cozad, NE — Theft – Shoplifting \$0-\$500
- Flores, Stephanie – 40**
Cozad, NE — Theft – Shoplifting \$0-\$500

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

- Del-Mao Garrido, Rolando Rafael – 25**
Lexington, NE — No Operator's License

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

No Arrests Reported

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

- Wade III, Alfred Royal – 20**
Kentwood, MI — Marijuana – Possession Over 1 Pound, No Drug Tax Stamp, Possession With Intent to Deliver
- Wade Jr, Dereck Tescanellis – 31**
Grand Rapids, MI — Marijuana – Possession Over 1 Pound, No Drug Tax Stamp, Possession With Intent to Deliver
- Dennis, Phillip Michael – 37**
Lexington, NE — Probation Sanction

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REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in an open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building at 215 West 8th Street. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Council Chambers. Present for the meeting were: Mayor Marcus Kloepping, City Attorney Jennifer Rowling, City Clerk Brandi Kloepping, Councilmembers Pat Worthman, Jennifer Howerter, Jordan Curtice, David Hernandez, Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster, Library Director Laurie Yocom, Electric Foreman Eli Bennett, WRRF Foreman Kris Seiberger, Fire Chief Jason Schneider, Rescue Chief Jennifer Schneider. Also present: Mel Nutt with

Cozad Local, Tamie Thurn with Cozad Grand Generation, Dail Vetter with Cozad Grand Generation Board. Absent: Chief Nick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris White, Commissioner Troy Franzen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publishing in the Cozad Local. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda was given to members of the City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was opened to the attendance of the public. Mayor Kloepping opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included: City Council Minutes – September 22, Retreats September 24, & Special Meeting September 22. Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No - None. Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve

claims excluding none: Above the Garage Studios - 99.99-EX, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - 1625.00-EX, COZAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 27417.39-EX, Capital One Trade Credit - 934.40-EX, DANKO - 956.56-SU, DAWSON COUNTY COURT - 311.75-EX, DOUBLE L EMBROIDERY - 1662.54-SU, EFTPS - 14326.58-EX, FLASH ELECTRIC, LLC - 342.07-EX, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL - 256.54-SU, MEAD LUMBER CO INC - 687.48-SU, MacQueen Equipment LLC - 1447.30-EX, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE - 2151.28-EX, PACCAR Financial Corp - 47676.86-EX, PAULSEN INC - 3244.93-SU, PONY EXPRESS - 450.66-EX, Tim Ryan - 740.00-EX, Sure Stay Plus Hotel By Best - 2047.00-EX, T & T Lawn Care LLC -4725.00-EX, T A S C - 3304.50-EX, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN - 729.96-SU, VOYA FINANCIAL - 8618.61-EX, BLACK HILLS ENERGY - 329.76-EX, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - 7845.45-EX, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/ GALE - 246.49-SU, COLONIAL LIFE - 3994.34-EX, COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-NEBR - 2100.00-EX, COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER - 20000.00-EX, COZAD TELEPHONE COMPANY - 1567.66-EX, COZAD VETERINARY CLINIC - 25.00-EX, CULLIGAN - 93.26-EX, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

- 236.81-EX, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - 188.96-SU, Mary Edenburn - 630.00-EX, Elan Financial Services - 541.17-EX, FAMILY ADVOCACY NETWORK - 1000.00-EX, FRAE INC - 22495.18-EX, HOMETOWN LEASING - 519.60-EX, Debra J Herbert - 220.00-EX, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC - 1551.61-SU, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERK - 195.00-EX, ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO - 58.88-SU, LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES - 11744.00-EX, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE AGEN - 12029.69-EX, MEAD LUMBER CO INC - 108.25-SU, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS - 70.00-EX, Luis A. Nunez - 440.00-EX, OVERDRIVE - 698.75-SU, PAULSEN INC - 60.30-SU, Plum Creek Laser Wash - 97.93-EX, REAMS SPRINKLER SUPPLY - 716.72-SU, SONNY'S SUPER FOODS - 49.81-SU, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, L.L.C. - 83.87-EX, Southwestern Equipment Company - 138.83-SU, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Comp - 233.55-EX, Troy's Tire & Auto - 813.69-EX, Turner Technology - 475.11-EX, VILLAGE UNIFORM - 120.13-SU, Verizon Wireless - 80.02-EX, WAYPOINT BANK - 23653.45-EX, Wilson Public Library - 24.88-EX, LAURIE YOCOM - 32.18-SU. Total - 239298.69 Roll call vote: Yea - Curtice, Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman. No - None.

Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works to sign the 2026 Wholesale Power Contract with Nebraska Public Power District as presented. Roll call vote: Yea - Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No - None. Curtice moved, Howerter seconded to approve blocking off Meridian Ave from 7th - 10th and Ave H - F for downtown trick-or-treating on October 27 for Spook Night. Roll call vote: Yea - Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No - None. Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve blocking 8th Street in front of both Frontier stores and Ave J from the intersection to the alley north for Fall Festival on Oct 23 from 2-9 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No - None. Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve James Applegarth and Kristyn Shellabarger as new members of the fire department. Roll call vote: Yea - Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No - None. Discussion was taken up with Tamie Thurn of Cozad Grand Generation Center about what can be done to help them keep moving forward as the amount of funding isn't keeping up for the day-to-day operations. Discussion

was taken up about the 3rd Round of the 2025 Cat Clean Up and how well things seem to be going. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Marcus Kloepping

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer

Brandi Kloepping

Oct. 30, 2025

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Cozad, Nebraska will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025, at the City Office Building, which meeting will be open to the public. The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. An agenda for such meeting kept continually current is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Brandi Kloepping
Cozad City Clerk

Oct. 30, 2025
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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Cozad Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the

Haymaker Haven Community Room (421 West 9th Street). A draft agenda is available to the public at the Housing Authority Office.

Oct. 30, 2025

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Notice

SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for procurement associated with the "2025 2nd Street Substation Transformer for the Board of Public Works," JEO Project No. 220334.00, QuestCDN No. 9867455, will be received by the Clerk at 215 W 8th Street, Cozad, NE 69130, until 2:00PM on the 4th day of December 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud. The scope of the procurement is generally described as follows: Furnishing and setting in place one 7.5 MVA substation transformer. Opinion of Probable Cost \$1,200,000. All Proposals must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5%

of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Public Works as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith. Copies of the contract documents are on file with the Board of Public Works for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100 per set. Please contact Autum Filipi at afilipi@jeo.com to

coordinate your request and send your check to: 2000 Q St., Ste 500 Lincoln, NE 68503. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. The Buyer reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the Goods and Special Services that will, in their opinion, serve the best

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COZAD BOARD
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Marcus Young,
Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Brandi Kloepping, Clerk

Oct. 30, 2025

Nov. 6, 2025

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Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that Yosari Disus filed Petitions for Name Change of Minor Child in the District Court of

Dawson County, Nebraska, on the 24th day of July, 2025, the object and prayer of said Petitions being to change Adael Zayd Ramirez Rodas' name to Adael Zayd Disus and change Dael Mateo Ramirez Rodas' name to Dael Mateo Disus. You are further notified that said Petitions for Name Change of Minor Child shall be heard by the Dawson County District Court on the 8th day of December, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. At that time any person or persons objecting to such change of name may be present and present their objections to the Court.

Yosari Disus, Petitioner
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that JBAH, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The designated office of the company is located at 42860 Road 760, Cozad, Nebraska 69130. The registered agent of the company is Bonnie A. Hubbard, whose address is 42860 Road 760, Cozad, Nebraska 69130. The company filed

with the Nebraska Secretary of State on August 6, 2025. The nature of the business is to engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska. The affairs of the company will be conducted by its members.
JBAH, LLC
By: Bonnie A. Hubbard
42860 Road 760,
Cozad, NE 69130
Oct. 30, 2025
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ESTATE OF
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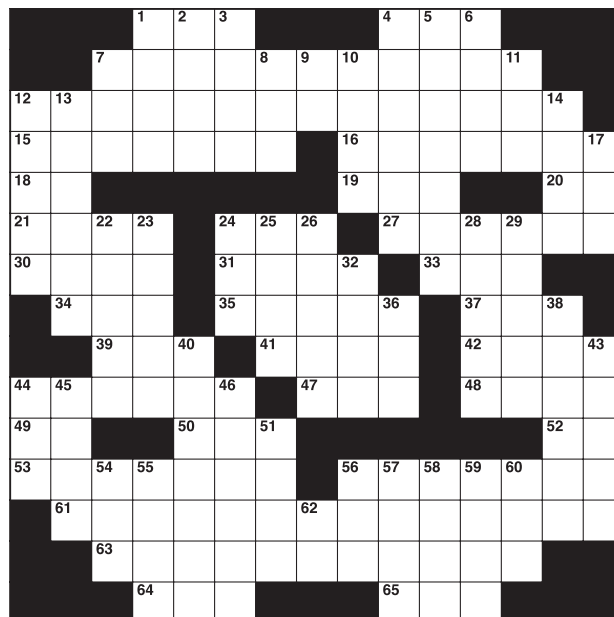
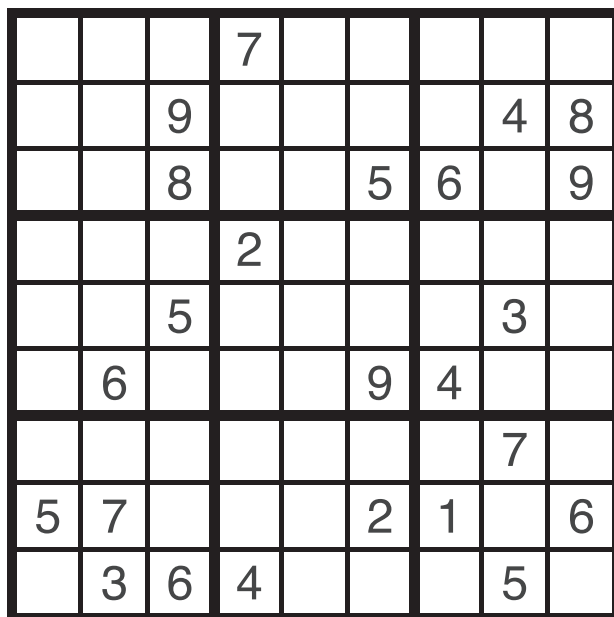
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48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need it
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public
61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
63. Hostilities
64. Speak aloud
65. River in NE Scotland
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet

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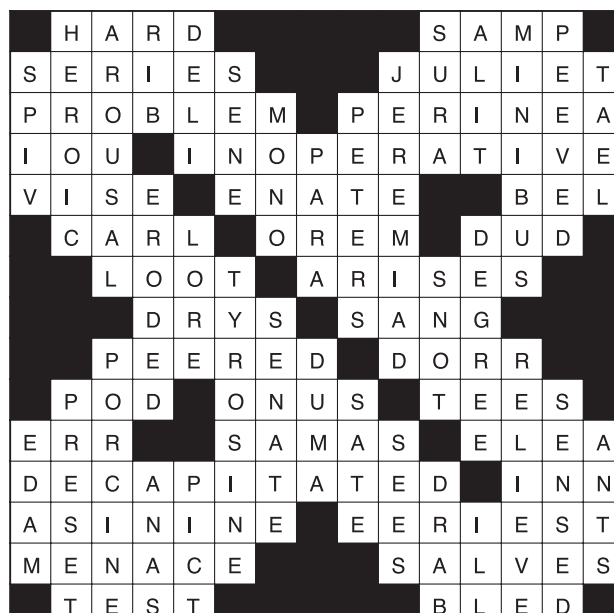
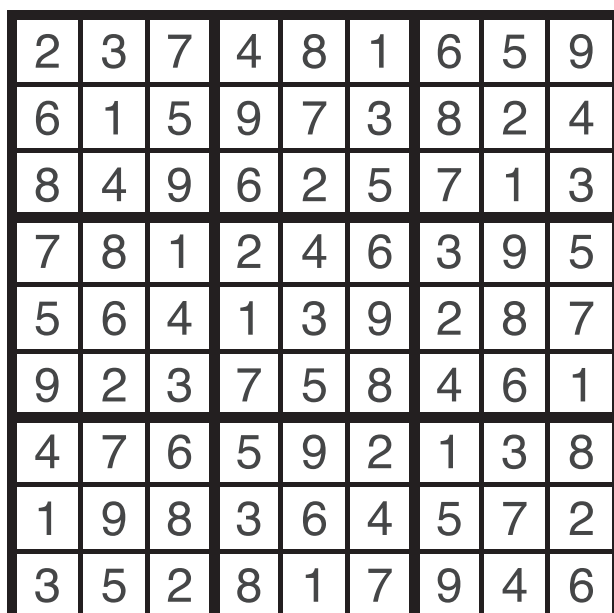
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| 1. Expression of surprise | 27. Asian garment |
| 4. Keyboard key | 30. Drench |
| 7. One who works on lights | 31. Expressions of pleasure |
| 12. Notable children's story | 33. Turf |
| 15. Fall back into a bad pattern | 34. UK trade union (abbr.) |
| 16. Eye parts | 35. Bleated |
| 18. Atomic #18 | 37. Fifth note of a major scale |
| 19. Of she | 39. Paddle |
| 20. Farm state | 41. Monetary unit of Italy |
| 21. One point south of southeast | 42. American classical pianist |

CLUES DOWN

1. Razorbill genus
 2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
 3. Performs on stage
 4. Supports a sentiment
 5. Rugged mountain ranges
 6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
 7. Snakelike fish
 8. Men's fashion accessory
 9. Hospital worker
 10. Something to scratch
 11. No (Scottish)
 12. Volcanic ash
 13. Of this
 14. American jazz drummer Watts
 17. Drop down
 22. English dialect
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 25. Fertility god
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