



Cozad City Council Debates Cell Phone Tower

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The Cozad City Council meeting began with a public hearing that lasted nearly an hour to consider a recommendation from the Cozad Planning Commission for the installation of a wireless communication tower at US-NE-5174-DT, Cozad, on Monday, April 7.

The proposed site for the 125-foot tower is located on property owned by Smoke Cornelius. Representing Verizon's request for the new tower were Adam Charlsen with Husch Blackwell and Woody Krog with Buell Consulting Inc. The two had previously met with the Planning Commission and visited with the Cozad Airport Authority. They provided color-coded maps to council members and Mayor Marcus Kloepping showing current Radio Frequency usable levels (cell phone service) and projected improvements with both 80-foot and 120-foot towers. Their proposed 125-foot tower, topped with a 10-foot lightning rod, would improve service to the new school addition, Cozad Hospital, and the new ballfield complex. The tower would be painted in alternating red and white and equipped with lighting.

Allison and Luke Johnson, owners of Mid-State Aviation II, attended the meeting. Allison voiced her concerns about safety, stating the proposed site lies within a three-mile radius of the airport's runway. "I would like to see them either relocate the site of the new tower or lower it to 80 feet, like the new towers in Gothenburg and Lexington," she said. "My biggest concern is when weather conditions are less than ideal. Towers are nearly invisible in adverse weather. This tower would create an unnecessary obstacle, and I don't think we can compromise safety for additional cell phone coverage." She also noted that the airport is one of Cozad's largest investments and needs protection.

Both Allison and Luke are licensed, experienced pilots. Several others also voiced safety concerns, including pilots Justin Morris and David Lahm, and citizens Leland Spanjer and Rickey Maendale, all of whom spoke against the recommendation.

Mayor Kloepping allowed time for questions, including



Chris White was sworn in as the new Electric Commissioner for Cozad by City Clerk Brandi Kloepping on Monday, April 7. White was unable to attend the City Council meeting that evening, so the ceremony was held in the City Chambers that afternoon. (Photo Courtesy of Mayor Marcus Kloepping)



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Woldt Named 2024 Emergency Manager of the Year

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Brian Woldt has been named the 2024 Emergency Manager of the Year, honoring his more than 20 years of leadership, service, and commitment to public safety in Dawson County.

Woldt has served as Dawson County's Emergency Manager since March 2001. In that time, he has become a key figure in coordinating the county's response to a wide range of emergencies, including wildfires, severe weather, and cybersecurity incidents. His ability to lead during high-pressure situations and bring together multiple agencies has consistently ensured effective and timely responses.

One of the most notable examples of Woldt's leadership came during Dawson County's recovery from a cyberattack. He worked quickly to restore critical systems and minimize disruption to county operations. He also played a central role in managing wildfire responses, coordinating with local fire departments to contain and control fast-moving threats.

In addition to emergency response, Woldt keeps the public and local officials informed through platforms like Code Red and regular storm updates. His communication with the public, county commissioners, and media outlets ensures that Dawson County residents stay aware and prepared in all situations.

Woldt's responsibilities extend beyond emergency management. He also serves as



Brian Woldt was recognized for more than two decades of service in Dawson County, earning Emergency Manager of the Year. (LOCAL Photo)

the county's IT technician, maintains the courthouse and jail facilities, checks road conditions during storms, and organizes snow removal for county buildings. He is available 24/7, always ready to respond when the county needs him.

County commissioners say Woldt brings reliability, experience, and initiative to every task he takes on. He works independently, stays ahead of potential problems, and keeps leadership informed every step of the way.

"He knows his job and gets it done without direction or supervision," said Commissioner Bill Stewart. "With Brian in charge, we don't have to worry. Every county would be fortunate to have someone like him."

Woldt is also widely respected across the state. Emergency managers from other counties often look to him for advice and guidance, and he frequently volunteers his time and expertise on statewide efforts to improve emergency response.

This award recognizes not just Woldt's accomplishments, but the steady presence and service he provides day in and day out. His work has had a lasting impact not only on Dawson County, but on emergency preparedness across Nebraska.

Please join us in congratulating Brian Woldt, the 2024 Emergency Manager of the Year.

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City-Wide Garage Sale Set for June 7

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The Cozad Chamber of Commerce will host its annual city-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 7. Residents who want their sale listed on the official map can register by scanning the QR code or contacting the Chamber. The cost is \$15, and the deadline to be included is May 16.

The complete map will be printed on the back page of the June 5 edition of the Cozad LOCAL. Printed maps will also be available at Brew'd Awakening, Mickies, Sonny's, and Pump & Pantry.



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several from Council President Jordan Curtice and other council members.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Curtice made a motion, seconded by Council Member David Hernandez, to table the approval or denial of the recommendation until the next meeting on Monday, April 21. The motion carried.

Mayor Kloepping reported that Chris White had been sworn in that afternoon as the new Electric Commissioner. White could not attend the meeting and wanted to make his appointment official.

Cozad Area Chamber of Commerce Director Jordan Starman presented three requests. The first was to block off F Street between 8th and 9th Streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for vendors and activities at the Green Space during the Hot Air Balloons Event at the Cozad Golf Course on May 31.

The second request was for street closures for Bands, Brews and BBQs, from 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, through the morning of Sunday, July 13. The third request required a resolution for a State Highway closure for Bands, Brews and BBQs for the 200 block of East 8th Street and F Street from 8th Street to Highway 30.

After consulting with Chief of Police Nick Reynolds and Public Services Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster, who had no objections, the council unanimously

approved all three requests, including Resolution No. 2025-6 for the temporary State Highway closure.

Weinmaster reported that the City-Wide Clean-Up is underway. His department is also turning on water in the parks, sweeping streets, and blading alleys and streets.

Water Commissioner Troy Franzen could not attend the meeting but submitted a report stating he had received a GIS mapping grant for infrastructure.

He noted that residents will soon see extensive street marking work. His crew has nearly completed water meter replacements.

City Clerk Kloepping reported that the audit had been submitted.

Wilson Public Library Director Laurie Yocom gave an update on activities planned for National Library Week.

Fire Chief Jason Schneider reported that the Fire and Rescue Department responded to 41 rescue calls and 12 fires in March. "We are counting on the police department for help with the overpass now as we respond to calls," Schneider stated.

The next Cozad City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 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.

Fun and Laughs at Frontier Frau



The Frontier Frau hosted their Comedy Night on Saturday evening, April 12. Three stand-up comedians from Colorado entertained the audience as they enjoyed pizzas, salads, pretzels, and beer. From left: David Delgado, Frontier Frau owner Amara Block, host Matt Gabriel, and Shanae Ross. It is so wonderful for the Frontier Frau to host these events which bring people from Cozad and other towns together to share good times in an amazing venue. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)

Cub Scouts Donated Their Time



Cub Scout Pack #187 cleaned up their two miles of adopted roadway south of Cozad on Hwy 21 amidst breezy conditions on Sunday, April 13. They picked up nine full bags of trash and felt good about cleaning up the roadside now that spring is here. Those involved in the clean-up included front, Arlin Morris, second row left to right, Behren Richie, Dillon Morris, Lilly Morris, and Sage Porter; back row: Adult volunteers Curtis Porter and Brenna Richie, and Cub Scout leaders Jill Arnold and Karen Morris. Dillon Morris is a Boy Scout from Troop #1189. (Photo Courtesy of Justin Morris)

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Mark McKeone peacefully left this world on April 5, 2025, in Denver, CO. It is with extremely heavy hearts that we announce the passing. Mark was born on Oct. 13, 1960, in Cozad to Joe and Elizabeth (Betty) McKeone. He was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Mark was an avid outdoorsman, a passion that originated from family trips in their school bus converted to a camper, which was affectionately dubbed the "Fool Bus." He treasured memories of hunting, fishing, camping, travelling, and skiing with his parents, brothers, sister, and extended family and friends. At a young age, he began working at McKeone Honey Farms alongside his family in the honey business, although he always claimed he worked the hardest of them all.

Mark graduated from Cozad High School, with the infamous ornery class of '79. He was an excellent student and athlete, particularly excelling at basketball, and went on to play basketball at Kearney State College. After graduating from college, he married Julie Roland.

They were blessed with two beautiful children: a daughter, Alexandra, and a son, Austin. Mark and Julie made their home in Omaha, where he graduated from Creighton Law School in 1987. Their marriage later ended in divorce. While in Omaha, he practiced law with Mayor Gene Leahy.

In the early 90's Mark returned to Cozad to practice law and soon opened his own practice. He devoted his time to serving on various boards and volunteering in the community, including over 20 years on the Dawson Area Development and Cozad Development Board of Directors. He truly enjoyed being a Cozad Ambassador. He was a member of the Cozad Elks Lodge #2250 and the Dawson County Bar Association.

In 1997, he married Cindy Lundstrom, and this union blessed him with another daughter, Julie. Mark and Cindy spent lots of time with family and friends at Midway Lake and were very happy until

her passing in 2010.

In 2016, he married Jennifer Wolf in a small ceremony at Camp Comeca. The couple enjoyed many adventures, traveling to various places and creating lots of special memories. They loved spending time with their blended family and volunteering in the community.




Mark leaves behind many friends who will miss his smile, wisdom, and grilling skills. He shared countless laughs with the Red Neck Card Club. Mark enjoyed any outdoor activity and was the best boat captain, teaching many how to water ski and wakeboard; however, he was happiest when he had a fishing pole in hand. He was passionate about college volleyball and enjoyed watching all sports, especially the Huskers. We apologize to anyone who had to sit next to him at a Haymaker sporting event, as well as to any referees he may have offended over the years.

We will be lost without him, especially


since he was the only one who could back up the boat trailer correctly. He is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer; his children, Julie (Jake) Fecht of Gothenburg, Alexandra McKeone of Omaha, and Austin (Megan) McKeone of El Paso, Texas; stepchildren, Taylor (Derek) Hill of Omaha, Hanna (Connor) Beer of Omaha, and Zach Wolf (Bailey DeVall) of Kearney; and four grandsons, Gunnar Fecht, Beau Fecht, Brooks Beer, and Camden Hill. He is also survived by three siblings, Kert (Lorre) McKeone of North Platte, Tod (Michele) McKeone of Lexington, and Barbara (Kent) Wichelt of Blue Grass, Iowa, as well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Betty McKeone; his late wife, Cindy McKeone; and great-nephew Oaks Wiedeman.


Memorials are suggested to the Cozad Community Foundation to be distributed to the community or to the Robert Henri Endowment. Services were held on Monday, April 14, at Cozad United Methodist Church with Pastor Bellarmee Milosi officiating.




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 <div>YARETZI ALVAREZ Yaretzi is always helpful, kind and willing to do things without being asked. She has a positive sunny outlook. She will help me when I can't speak to a student and never complains. She is a great Haymaker!</div>	 <div>SAMUEL BAUER Samuel helped a classmate get organized and find some of his missing work.</div>	 <div>TRIPP CHYTKA Tripp was an exemplary students in class by helping other students understand the difficult math concept in today's IXL and giving one-on-one tutoring to help those other students complete the IXL.</div>	 <div>AVIAN HERRERA Avian is an exceptional student. He works very hard at all of his assignments. He is respectful to his teachers, and listens to what they say. He has grown in wonderful ways this year academically because of all of his hard work.</div>	 <div>ISABELLA KOLLARS Two new students were able to join the HAL program this week. Isabella took the time to sit with them and walk them through the process in order to make a project. She even helped them get started. She did this without even being asked.</div>	 <div>NOLA SCHMECKLE No matter where I am when I see Nola, she is always happy to see me. That makes an old teacher feel good.</div>
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Oscar Blaine Peterson, passed away on April 10, 2025, just two weeks shy of his 103rd birthday, at Gothenburg Health.

Born in Ingham on April 23, 1922, to parents Oscar and Josie (Brown) Peterson, he attended school in Ingham and graduated in 1941 from Gothenburg High School, missing a year of school due to illness. He was working in California in the shipping industry when Pearl Harbor occurred. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942, where he went through flight training, ultimately becoming a C-47 Pilot. Blaine enjoyed recounting his times in the Air Corps during WWII and held a very high respect for the military and all veterans.

After the war, Blaine came back to Gothenburg where he married Arlene Adris Aden on May 5, 1946, at St. John's Lutheran Church and had five children.



Being the great businessman and entrepreneur that he was, Blaine owned and operated multiple businesses in the Gothenburg community in addition to his duties as mayor, library board, school board and other various leadership positions. Blaine and his father Oscar Peterson opened Petersons' Lockers, Inc. in the late '40s which eventually transitioned him into the grocery business where he was active until December of 2021 at 99 years of age. Blaine was active in the 1980s government cheese program that benefited dairies and food programs around the country. Blaine was also active in raising cattle throughout his life.

Blaine is survived by his children, Kent (Krystal) Peterson of Anchorage, Alaska, Kelly Schmeeckle of Cozad, Gregg (Deb) Peterson of Lyons, Colorado, Kristi Combs of London Mills, Illinois, and estranged

son, Steve Peterson and family; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Larry Peterson of Coffman Cove, Alaska and Brian Peterson of Winter Park, Colorado; two sisters-in-law, Vicky Peterson of Gothenburg and Barb Peterson of Loveland, Colorado; special friend, Cathy Simon; dear friends, Kandace, Jayton, and Jonathon Davis, and Jo Ostendorf; along with many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 78 and a half years, Arlene Aden Peterson; brothers, Harold, William (Bill), Lloyd, Glenn, and Douglas; sister, Dorothy; and four infant siblings, Stanley, Veryl, Marjorie, and Marion.

Online condolences may be shared at berryman-funeralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Services are pending for April 22.

Berryman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Linda B. Love of Cozad passed away on April 5, 2025, at Meadowlark Pointe Assisted Living at the age of 84. Linda was born on March 4, 1941, in Fremont, to Otto and Dorthea (Kielstrep) Tanke. She attended Fremont Public Schools and worked at Campbell's Soup Company in Fremont.

Linda's journey truly began when she married Larry Love on October 2, 1960, in Julesburg, CO. Together, they moved to their farm in Cozad, where they built a life and raised their two children, Rick and Jody. Linda was deeply devoted to her family and created a warm, welcoming home supported by her dedication to gardening, canning, baking, and cooking for those she loved. Her home was always spotless, reflecting her meticulous nature.

Throughout her life, Linda was known for her gen-

erous spirit and eagerness to help anyone in need. She enjoyed attending events for her grandchildren, finding joy in each milestone and memory made with them.



In her leisure time, she cherished various hobbies, including crafts, ceramics, crocheting, fishing, playing marble games, and card games. She even had a passion for gambling in Las Vegas, where she enjoyed the thrill of the game, often with a margarita in hand.

Linda loved her dog, K.C., who was her faithful companion, joining her on many car rides and adventures. She was also a proud member of the Cozad United Methodist Church and became part of the vibrant community at Meadowlark Pointe Assisted Living in 2022, where she made many friends and found a new sense of home.

Her legacy of kindness, generosity, and devotion to

family will be remembered fondly by all who knew her. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry; two sisters, Virginia Fullerton and Janet Salak; and five brothers, Tommy, Jimmy, Keith, Kenny and Rollie Tanke. Survivors include her children, Rick (Anngie) Love of Cozad and Jody (Mike) Henry of Cozad; grandchildren, Erin (Zach) Horse of Cozad, Eric (Gretchen) Love of Gretna, Ryan (Aaron) Henry of Cozad, Justin (Tylyn) Henry of Cozad, Jordan (Audrey) Henry of Gothenburg; great grandchildren, Liam, Reid and Coye Horse, Adley, Evan, and baby on the way Love, Emerson, Parker, Braxton and Adler Henry, Blakeleigh Henry; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Online condolences may be shared at berryman-funeralhome.com. Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Services were held Saturday, April 12, at the Berryman Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Robert Litzenberger officiating. A burial will follow at Cozad Cemetery.

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Common spring allergens include tree pollen, grass pollen, and mold spores. Tree pollen is particularly high during the spring months, with birch, oak, and cedar trees releasing large amounts of pollen, which can trigger sneezing, congestion, and itchy eyes. Grass pollen follows closely behind, peaking in late spring. Additionally, as the weather

warms up, mold spores from rotting leaves and grasses increase, which can also contribute to allergy flare-ups.

If you're one of the many people who suffer from seasonal allergies, it's important to prepare and take action to manage your symptoms.

Cozad Community Health System (CCHS) offers allergy testing and relief



services at both our Cozad and Eustis medical clinics to help you find the relief you need. Our experienced providers are here to help you identify triggers and develop a personalized treatment plan to keep you feeling your best during allergy season.

Monitoring pollen levels with apps like WeatherBug or The Weather Channel can also help you stay informed about when to expect high pollen counts in the air. These apps provide allergy alerts and pollen forecasts to help you plan your outdoor activities and manage your symptoms accordingly. A proactive approach can make all the difference in enjoying the season more comfortably.

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Monday: 8 AM – 5 PM

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Cozad FFA Alumni Toolbox Drawing Set for May 5

KRYSTLE RHOADES, CORRESPONDENT

The Cozad FFA Alumni and Supporters are currently selling raffle tickets for a high-quality toolbox, generously donated by Flat Water Tools. This fundraiser is an excellent opportunity to support the Cozad FFA Chapter, with all proceeds going toward programs and activities that benefit local students involved in agricultural education.

Tickets are being sold for \$25 each, or five for \$100. The drawing will take place on May 5, 2025, during the Cozad FFA Chapter Banquet. Supporters do not need to be present to win, making it easy for anyone to take part and support the cause.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can contact Shane Schukei at 308-529-8082, Alison Feik at 308-529-1052, or Sarah Dillon at 308-325-1297.

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Wt. Range – 700-741; Avg Wt - 715; Price Range – 294.00-330.50; Avg Price – 315.06

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Wt. Range – 601-648; Avg Wt - 625; Price Range – 277.00-325.00; Avg Price – 313.90

Dawson PPD Honors General Manager

PRESS RELEASE

The Dawson Public Power District Board of Directors held its April meeting, marking a significant transition and outlining plans for future infrastructure investments.

The meeting featured a heartfelt farewell to retiring General Manager Gwen Kautz, who served the district for 29 years, including 13 as General Manager.

A round of applause filled the board room as Board President Dan Muhlbach expressed gratitude for Kautz's dedicated service.

The newly appointed General Manager, Alyssa Clemens Roberts, joined the board and staff in recognizing Kautz's contributions.

The Board dedicated considerable time to discussing both current and future infrastructure needs and updates essential for enhancing reliability, capacity, work efficiency and safety for

Dawson PPD's customers.

These projects may be financed through bonds, enabling the district to distribute the costs over several years and reduce the impact on current rate-payers. Dawson PPD boasts a strong financial position and a high Standard & Poor's A+ bond rating.

In other business:

- The board approved a \$641,000 bid from Altitude Electric for the South Highway 83 Nebraska Department of Transportation project, which involves rebuilding sub-transmission and distribution power lines.
- The board also passed resolutions recognizing Lineman Appreciation Day and Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day, honoring the dedicated employees who keep the district running smoothly.

The next Dawson PPD Board Meeting is scheduled for May 6.

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The 151 Kids of the Kingdom students presented the program, "Believe On Jesus" to a packed sanctuary at the Cozad United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 9. Most of the 27 adult teachers, nursery and kitchen helpers were there to assist, as were the 14 youth helpers. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

Kids of the Kingdom Presents "Believe On Jesus"

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

On Wednesday, April 9, 151 Kids of the Kingdom students, wearing "Believe On Jesus" T-shirts and WWJD pink caps, filed into the Cozad United Methodist Church sanctuary to present their annual program entitled Believe On Jesus.

In past years, KOTK presented a program the first Wednesday in December prior to a holiday break. However, this year, Co-Leader Tammy Paulsen and two staff members had surgeries that week, so Paulsen and Co-Leader Cheryl Nemeth decided to postpone the program until spring.

Musical selections included "WWJD," "I Love Jesus," "We Believe," "Psalm 23," "Young David," and "Believe On Jesus."

The program's title was fitting, as Paulsen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2024 and has undergone chemotherapy, radiation, and a double mastectomy. She still faces reconstructive surgery in July. Paulsen has faced the past months with strong faith in her Lord and

with support from KOTK students and staff.

"One Wednesday in December, when the kids came in, they were all wearing the caps, and tears came to my eyes when I realized it was in honor of me dealing with my cancer," Paulsen said. "Cindy Kinnan had the idea, and the students and staff rallied behind her to show their continued love and care for me. Their sincere hugs and innocence were so touching, and the love of Jesus shined through them," Paulsen continued. "And you should have seen how excited some of them were when my hair started growing back," she added with a smile.

This year's curriculum had three sections: Act Like Jesus, Be Like Jesus, and Think Like Jesus. The WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) theme fit perfectly, and bracelets were available for all students and attendees.

KOTK is open to all students in kindergarten through 5th grade, and this year's total of 151 children was a new record.

Classroom teachers, nursery staff, and kitchen helpers

included Ellen Adkisson, Amanda Barnes, Michelle Brodd, Shandra Brown, Gayle Brownfield, Judy Cumming, Brent Gibson, Amy Hoehner, Kathy Jacob, Kenny Johnston, Sandy Keiswetter, Cindy Kinnan, Sheena Kinnan, Amanda Kollars, Pastor Bellarmee Milosi, Stacy Munster, CeCe Rutkowski, Sasha Rutkowski, Carolyn Sheets, Ann Smith, Tami Sturgeon, Roz Trusdale, Wendy Waller, Kelly Worrell, Kem Zook, and Nickole Zook.

Youth helpers this year were CHS senior Will Doudney, CHS freshman Mallory Munster, Samuel Brown, Rihana Griffis, Lexi Barnes, Morgan Florke, Parker Henry, Meyer Kinnan, Brenna Fisher, Max Bazata, Brantly Buss, Maison Larsen, Rylee Nelsen, and Abbie Waller.

There were 29 5th graders in KOTK—a new record. "What's so neat about this is that at this age they aren't told they have to come by their parents. They make the decision to come on their own and provide leadership," Paulsen noted. The 5th graders were recognized at the beginning of the program with a slideshow and included:

Alex Beavers, Aryiah Allbright, Asher Freeman, Ava Sturgeon, Averie Kinnan, Ayvah Freeman, Boston Edeal, Braelynn Costanza, Dillon Morris, Ira Rutkowski, Karson Hinkle, Kinzie Britt, Kori Wolfe, Kristina Burns, Leyla Anderson, Lily Brown, Macy Munster, Maecyn Chrisinger, Nakita Griffis, Nixon Hendricksen, Olivia Anderson, Pailzie Bevard, Reinie Robertson, Riley Cook, Taft Gengenbach, Tag Craig, Trevor Hardin, Tripp Chytka, and Weston Zook.

Fourth graders: Autumn Twine, Bailey Brill, Barrett Peden, Braylynn Kappes, Faith Henrickson, Gabe Bazata, Hadley Carlson, Halsey Nelsen, Harper Osborn, Hazel Crawford, James Ross, Kamden Kugler, Korben Waller, Margaret Kinnan, Mariah Florke, Noah Lopez, Owen Ide, Paisley Ackman, Palmer Wilkins, Quinn Smith, Reid Horse, Sage Porter, Serenity Carter, and Wyatt Schneider.

Third graders: Aiden Hyke, Avery Stark, Benjamin Ide, Brantley Baal, Brecken Barber, Charli Gengenbach, Cruz Olvera, Daniel Anderson, Diego Hernandez, Drake Hoffman, Gary Hall, Hailey Sladek, Holden Zook, Izzy Kollars, Jaina Brummer, Kennedy Simpson, Khloe Lozar, Lilliana Rascon, Lily Morris, Mia Jackson, Oaklea Maloley, Olivia VanOss, Porter Kinnan, Rico Olvera, Riggs Chytka, Rosalee Hardin, Rosalie Craig, Sawyer Rutkowski, Sherri Sanders, Timothy Ostendorf, Valeria Melendez, Zaryah Hagan-Benash, and Zayleigh Bevard.

Second graders: Aaron Henrickson, Addilynn Zimbelman, Andy Maurico Cruz Enamorado, Audrey VanOss, Ayden Hubbard, Behren Richie, Blakely Garretson, Braxton Henry, Braxtyn Barber, Brooklyn Hoehner, Caine Osborn, Daisy Poppert, Daniel Wagnon, Emerson Ong, Faith Haines, George Bueno Kraft, Hayden Chrisinger, Henry Sturgeon, Hunttyr Bevard, Huxley Griffis, Jaxon Daniels, Jaxon Beavers, Jaziel Melendez, Joseph Pittman Jr., Kayleigh Kappes, Kenneth Spradlin, Landon Gomez, Maddux Young, Mya Ventura, Remlee Nelsen, Rosie Walker, Sutton Ackman, and Tuff Roseberry.

First graders: Adalyn Goff, Anthony Buss, Blakelyee



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Peterson, Braxton Wagnon, Carson Lamphear, Colt Roseberry, Coye Horse, Eli Ide, Ella Shafer, Hawken Chytka, Jaxson Gomez, Jensen Worrell, Jersey Asche, Josie Brummer, Kollin Kugler, Layla Rascon, Lazarus Hall, Lesley McCann, Luke Bazata, MacKenzie Allbright, Maverick Bellamy, Robert Keating, Sawyer Buss, Seyerson Smith, Tanis Reicks, Tucker Parker, Wyatt Woltemath, and Zak Sanders.

Kindergarten students enjoying their first year of KOTK were, Arlin Morris, Bayler Crick, Benjamin Kappes, Carl Bueno Kraft, Dean Wolfe, Emma Ventura, Everly Cisneros, Grayson Gerken, Grayson Hans, Hailey Swartwood, Harmony Redbear, Hayzlee Cullers, Jaxson Mathews, Jordan Simpson, Kenzie Sladek, Knox Munster, Landon Hoehner, Lauren Stithem, Kori Sanders, Lennyx Wilkins, Leumas Alejandro, McKenna Hendricksen, and Wyatt Brandt.

In the Nursery were Aspen Hoehner, Lily Kollars, and Maeleigh and Mataya Munster.

On Wednesday, April 16, the students and staff walked to the Fox Theater, where they were treated to the movie The King of Kings and a free Kids' Pak, which included popcorn, pop, and a bag of M&M's. The kindergarten students were in the little theater, 1st and 2nd graders in the main theater, and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the upper theater.

"Our main goal at KOTK is to demonstrate God's love to these children and to light a spark in them so that they, in turn, will show His love to others. After spending this year with them and hearing them sing at the program, we know that our mission has been accomplished. We hope they will continue learning to act, be, think, and love like Jesus," Paulsen concluded.

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Elks Lodge to Host Annual Inaugural Ball April 19

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Elks Lodge 2250 will hold its annual Inaugural Ball on Friday, April 19, and invites the community to help welcome Brian Messersmith as the new Exalted Ruler.

The evening begins with cocktail hour at 7 p.m., followed by the Grand March at 8 p.m. Dueling Pianos will entertain from 9 p.m. to midnight, with the Inaugural Hour taking place at 11 p.m.

The Elks are also encouraging members to leave their worries at the door by paying past and current year dues by May 31. Member dues help support veterans, invest in youth programs, and strengthen the local community.

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Electroconvulsive Therapy

Well, our family has a whole new direction we are heading where mental health is concerned, so I'd like to tell you a bit about it. I doubt you know much about Electroconvulsive Therapy, or ECT, so here I am to educate you.

If you've read any of my previous LOCAL submissions, you know my husband, Jeremy, has fought mental illness since 2009. He has survived multiple suicide attempts, most recently just a month and a half ago in March. During that attempt, Jeremy experienced a moment of clarity when he was able to wake me up and explain something was wrong in his brain. I thank God for that moment, because shortly after, I was able to talk my husband into accepting help and driving to our safe place, Richard Young Hospital, in Kearney. Jeremy stayed four nights and five days in-patient while doctors adjusted his mental health meds and detoxed him from a severe allergic reaction to a new medication. I will always be thankful for Richard Young and the incredible people there who dedicate so much of themselves to helping families like our own achieve safety and hope for mental health.

During the time Jeremy was in the hospital, he met his new psychiatrist, Dr. Keller. Because Jeremy has



Dr. Bailey Koch

survived so many attempts and is both medication sensitive and medication resistant, Dr. Keller felt my hubby would be a good candidate to try a different treatment option...enter ECT. For now, medications remain the same and we stop throwing new drugs his way. Instead, we focus on resetting the brain. If all else fails...perform a factory reset. So that's what we are doing.

We learned this past week that our insurance approved 20 ECT treatments for Jeremy. On Friday, we arrived at Good Samaritan Hospital at 6 a.m. and Jeremy underwent his first procedure. Essentially, Jeremy was given an IV of fluids and caffeine; these help to counteract the brain from responding to the seizure they induce in order to target the part of the brain they want to. During the first treatment, the

seizure targeted the right side of the brain. Jeremy experienced a 42 second seizure, which we are told is excellent for a first treatment. He woke up to body pain, stiffness, and a bit of a headache, but it wasn't too bad. On Saturday, he experienced more body pain, but that is to be expected. Jeremy will undergo 19 more ECT treatments over the next few months, first 3x/week for four weeks and then 1x/week for eight weeks. All this is in hopes of "resetting" the parts of the brain damaged or firing incorrectly due to Bipolar II Disorder and suicide attempts.

Yes, it's invasive. Yes, it's a huge commitment. But this is our new hope for my husband who simply needs medical intervention for his health, as we all do at some point. We feel no shame or stigma associated with our need for help. I, for one, am beyond thankful my husband is so very willing to accept help for his illness.

He is the strongest person I know and the most dedicated husband, father, and business owner I've ever met. Now that is strength. Join our family as we work to fight the stigma associated with mental illness and simply try to live...not just stay alive. I love you, and goodbye. See ya next week.

Seeds, Weeds, and Weights: What Grows from Grit

Warm weather nudged me outside to tackle some long-overdue yard work. A garden spot I created during the pandemic had begun demanding some attention. I needed to plant grass seed early this spring to prevent weeds from taking over once the summer heat rolled in. But with weekends packed full of trips and travel plans—the very reason the garden had to be repurposed in the first place—it was hard to find the time.

So, one evening, after a full day of work, I begrudgingly began the work. Logic's voice pushed me out the



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door. I knew it needed to be done. I pictured the soft, plush green grass of summer and reminded myself how much better that would be than fighting weeds or mud every time the sprinklers ran.

A bit of effort now would reap large benefits down the road. Still, I wrestled with myself the whole time. I didn't want to be out there. It was windy and dirty, and the physical exertion felt like too much at the end of the day. I had to mentally demand that I stick with the task, reminding myself how satisfying it would feel once I finished.

That's when it dawned on me: I've been having the same internal struggle with exercise. I know that my body needs it. At this stage of life, strength training helps to preserve muscle mass, and cardio keeps my

heart healthy. The choices I make now will impact how I live in my 60s, 70s, and 80s. I've witnessed that truth lived out by my aunt, who changed her eating and exercise habits later in life and is thriving well into her 80's.

Yet, I fight it. I struggle to get to the gym, to pick up the weights at home, or to simply take the dogs for a walk. Logic's voice speaks up, pushing me to be more active, to make the effort. And yet, resistance lingers.

Recently, I heard someone share his story about overcoming a health challenge. He spoke with confidence about willpower and self-discipline, emphasizing the importance of choosing to do it for yourself. Maybe that's the key: making the choice. Not because it's easy, or because you feel like it, but because you're worth the effort and no one else can do it for you.

So, I'll keep listening to that quiet, persistent voice of logic. Perhaps I will start choosing what I need, even when I don't feel like it. Because the life I want later depends on the choices I make now. And a little effort today just might grow into something beautiful.

Read more of Roxanne's writing at roxannesreflections.com.



Daddy Daughter Dance Huge Success



ABOVE: A Daddy Daughter Dance was held in the Cozad United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday evening, April 10. Meridian Tap House owner Kristen Bennett, who had taken a lead role in organizing these dances when she was employed by the CCHS decided it was time to do so once again. Bennett collaborated with Waypoint Bank to bring joy to the dads and daughters who spent the evening enjoying snacks, cookies decorating and dancing. Waypoint Bank employees assisting with the arrangements and the evening's events were front row, from left, Jessica Beisner, Meggan Bowers, Josie Bowers, Sheri Hladky, Kristen Bennett (Meridian Tap House), Andrea Hernandez, and Erin Buhning. Back row: Misti Maddox, Cristy Vollenweider, Tim Sladek, Audrey Stark, Mandy Swanson, and Katrina Kappes. **RIGHT:** The Cozad United Methodist Church Fellowship was filled to the max with kindergarten through 5th grade daughters and their dads on Thursday, April 10. The Daddy Daughter Dance was sponsored by Waypoint Bank and the Meridian Tap House. Libby and Lola Bennett served as DJs, playing a wide variety of dance tunes including the Cha Cha Slide. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)



Over 400 Children Attend Easter Egg Hunt



ABOVE: An estimated 400 children were in attendance at the annual Cozad Community Leaders Easter Egg Hunt held at Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon. There were four divisions: 0 -3 years; 4 - Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd graders; and 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. 4,000 eggs were "hidden" with one special egg in each age group giving the winner a big prize. **RIGHT:** Elijah Pittman had to show his collection of Easter eggs to the Easter Bunny (Rick Esslinger) after his age group had finished their hunt on Sunday, April 13 at Veterans Memorial Park. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)



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Boys Team Takes Title, Chytka Takes Gold for Girls

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad boys track and field team won the team title at the Broken Bow Invite on Friday, April 11, finishing with 123 points. Gothenburg followed in second with 100. The win is the first team championship for the Haymakers since 2014, following a runner-up finish earlier this season at Holdrege.

Bryson Snider led the team and was named the meet's Most Valuable Performer. He won the 100m, 200m, and the 4x100m relay, and placed fourth in the 4x400m relay. Snider ran a personal-best 10.88 in the 100 and a 22.25 in the 200, which earned him the Kent McCloughan 200 award. Boston Irish finished second in the 100 with a PR of 10.97. In the 200, Chayden Hoffmaster placed third with a PR of 22.95, and Ollie Davis took fourth with a PR of 23.02.

Osiel Ramirez placed fourth in the 400 with a PR of 52.71, and Braiton Snider finished sixth with a 53.47. Koang Deng ran 4:56.79 to take sixth in the 1600, and placed second in the 3200 with a PR of 10:30.28. Lorenzo Levario finished sixth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 43.73.

The 4x100m relay team of Bryson Snider, Chayden Hoffmaster, Ollie Davis, and Osiel Ramirez took first



The Cozad boys track team took first place at the Broken Bow invite on April 11. From left, Coach Trey Botts, Julien Davis, Braiton Snider, Lorenzo Levario, Noah Shoemaker, Olliver Davis, Gage Strauss, Jared Merced, Bryson Snider, Boston Irish, Chayden Hoffmaster, Camden Bussinger, Coach Scott Adkisson, Kolton Goff, Koang Deng, Osiel Ramirez, Coach Mason Held. (Courtesy Photo)

with a PR of 44.38. The 4x400m relay team of Levario, Braiton Snider, Ramirez, and Bryson Snider placed fourth in 3:31.90. The 4x800m relay team—Levario, Gavin Guerra, Julien Davis, and Chase Smith—also placed fourth with a PR of 8:46.88.

In the field events, Noah Shoemaker placed seventh in shot put with a PR of 42'7.75", and won the discus with a throw of 160'6". Ollie Davis placed fourth in discus with a throw of 131'5". In high jump, Gage Strauss placed second with a jump of 5'11", Ollie Davis was third at 5'9", and Jared Merced took eighth at 5'7". Boston Irish won pole vault with a vault of 15'4".

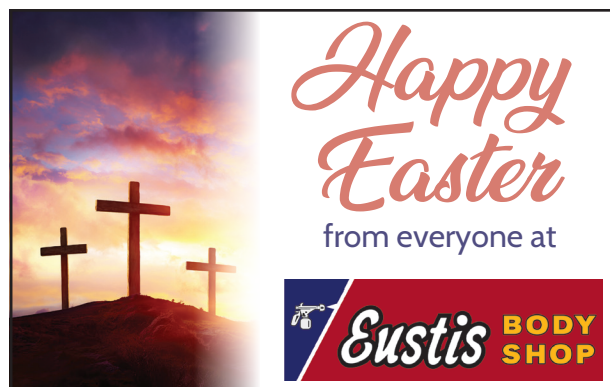
In the long jump, Chayden Hoffmaster set a PR of 21'9.75", while Jared Merced placed fourth with a PR of 19'9". Camden Bussinger took eighth in triple jump with a mark of 37'9.5".

The Cozad girls track and field team turned in several strong individual performances at the Broken Bow Invite on Friday, April 11.

Whitney Regelin led the sprints, finishing ninth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.61 and placing fifth in the 200-meter dash at 28.11. In the mid-distance races, Audrey Baker ran a 2:43.78 in the 800 to finish tenth and recorded a personal-best time of 6:01.98 in the 1600 to place seventh.

Lucha Olvera posted two top-five finishes in the hurdles. She took fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a personal-best time of 17.24 and placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at 50.03. In the 4x100-meter relay, the team of Aleigha Negley, Lucha Olvera, Carolyne Cook, and Whitney Regelin finished seventh, clocking a season-best time of 53.93.

In field events, Taryn Chytka earned Cozad's lone gold medal, winning the discus with a personal-best throw of 128'10". Emersyn Propp added points in the high jump, clearing 4'11" to take fifth.



Irish and Snider Take First Place at Ed Moore Invite in Ogallala

The Cozad Haymaker track and field teams traveled to Ogallala on Monday, April 7, to compete in the Ed Moore Invitational. Both the girls and boys teams earned multiple top-10 finishes, with several athletes setting new personal records (PRs).

GIRLS RESULTS

Whitney Regelin had a strong showing in the sprints, finishing fifth in both the 100m dash (13.81) and the 200m dash, where she set a new PR of 27.86.

In the 800m run, Abby Negley placed seventh with a PR of 2:44.94, and Jorja Yocom followed closely in eighth with a time of 2:45.07.

Lucha Olvera had a solid day in the hurdles. She placed fourth in the 100m hurdles (17.47) and third in the 300m hurdles (49.22).

In field events, Taryn Chytka finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 111'11". She also placed eighth in high jump, clearing 4'6". Emersyn Propp cleared 4'10" in high jump to place fifth.

Negley added a sixth-place finish in the pole vault with

a height of 8'3".

BOYS RESULTS

Bryson Snider led the boys with a first-place finish and new PR in the 200m dash (22.45). He also took second in the 100m dash with a time of 11.25.

In the 400m, Braiton Snider ran a PR of 54.73 for seventh. Chase Smith (56.58) and Kolton Goff (56.81) followed in ninth and 10th, respectively. Julien Davis earned sixth in the 800m with a PR of 2:22.47.

Koang Deng ran a PR of 4:55.16 in the 1600m for eighth and placed sixth in the 3200m (10:54.87). In hurdles, Lorenzo Levario finished seventh in the 110m (17.80) and set a PR in the 300m with a fifth-place time of 43.41.

The 4x400 relay team of Ollie Davis, Osiel Ramirez, Braiton Snider, and Levario took third with a PR time of 3:33.34. The 4x800 team of Ramirez, Julien Davis, Gavin Guerra, and Smith placed fourth, also with a PR (9:13.24).

In throws, William Hayes placed 10th in shot put with a PR of 37'1.5". In discus, Noah Shoemaker took second with

a mark of 161'4", and Davis was third at 141'6".

In high jump, Davis and Jared Merced tied for fourth (5'10"), while Gage Strauss was sixth, also clearing 5'10".

Boston Irish won the pole vault with a height of 15'6". Braiton Snider placed ninth (11'3").

In long jump, Chayden Hoffmaster finished third with a jump of 21'3.75", and Strauss placed ninth (19'0"). Merced added a third-place finish in the triple jump (40'1.25"), while Austin Priel set a PR of 38'5" for ninth.

The Haymakers will continue their season with more opportunities for improvement and state qualifications in the coming meets.




Julien Davis is one of four runners in the 4x800 relay who finished his relay in 2:20.5, helping the team finish with a PR of 9:13.24 at the Ed Moore Invite on April 7. (LOCAL Photo by Barry Mraz)



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Golf Teams Compete at Kearney and South Loup Invites

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymaker varsity and junior varsity golf teams split up for competition on Thursday, April 11, taking on separate invites in Kearney and South Loup.

The varsity squad traveled to Kearney for the annual Meadowlark Hills Invitational. Top leaders Owen Ross and Asher Koch each posted a team-best round of 96. Both players recorded two pars and one birdie during their 18-hole rounds, setting the pace for the Haymakers on a competitive course.

Harrison Edeal followed with a 103 and showed consistency by sinking five pars throughout the day. Titus Freeman ended his round with a score of 114, tallying two pars. Rounding out the varsity lineup, Myles Ide finished with a 122.

With the challenging course of Meadowlark, the Haymakers hope to use that



Owen Ross, Myles Ide, Harrison Edeal, Asher Koch, and Titus Freeman attended the Kearney golf invite on Friday, April 11. (LOCAL Photo)

to their advantage for the upcoming tournaments.

The junior varsity team headed to the South Loup Invite at Arnold Golf

ten individual scores at the event.

Brayan Lozoya finished with a 123, Drake Hasbrouck shot 125, and Manny Castillo wrapped up the day with a 143. The event gave JV players an opportunity to gain tournament experience and develop their skills in competitive play.

Both teams will continue to build on these early spring performances as the season progresses. The Haymakers are scheduled to compete next in McCook at the Heritage Golf Course on April 22 and the Gothenburg invite on April 24 at Wildhorse Country Club, where they'll look to lower scores and sharpen execution across the board.

The junior varsity team attended the Minden invite on April 14 at the Minden Golf Course and the varsity team attended the Lexington invite at Lakeside Country Club that will be in our next edition.

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“Chalk is Cheap” won the Tuesday 8-Ball title, including from left, Rich DeRockbraine, Juliska DeRockbraine, Bud Linder, Betty Jolliffe, Jahn Robinson, Kylee Wengler, and Michael Jolliffe. Not shown is Carmen Morse. (Courtesy Photo)

Local Pool League Champions Crowned

PRESS RELEASE

Local pool players were recently recognized for winning the Fall Session of the American Pool players Association (APA) 8-Ball and 9-Ball Leagues.

Winning the Tuesday 8-Ball title was “Chalk is Cheap” out of Big E’s in Cozad. Players are Rich DeRockbraine, Juliska DeRockbraine, Bud Linder, Betty Jolliffe, Jahn Robinson, Kylee Wengler, Michael Jolliffe, and Carmen Morse.

8-Ball MVP awards went to Stacy Everett, Kenny Kenning, and Taylor Walker.

Taylor Walker from Gothenburg was also the top male 8-Ball player in the entire Western Nebraska APA region.

The Thursday 9-Ball championship went to “FOCUS!!!” out of Overton Golf Club in Overton including Raebecca Coover, Dale Coover, David Rich, Jeremy Shubert, Allan Frink, and Brandon Hinkle, Sean Larson, and Jeff Wells.

Earning 9-Ball MVP honors were Jessa Thompson, Jeremy Shubert, and Kedwy Vasquez.

Jory Wood from Lexington was the top male 9-Ball player in the entire Western Nebraska APA region.

Conrad Pacheco from Cozad earned the APA milestone certificate to commemorate surpassing 500 matches played in the 8-Ball League.

Winning teams each session advance to the Western Nebraska APA World Qualifiers to compete for trips to the APA World Pool Championships in Las Vegas.

For more information or to register a team, call the APA at 308-350-8697 or text 402-287-4815. Follow the Western Nebraska APA Pool Leagues on Facebook and Instagram.

Koang Deng to Attend Boys’ State

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Scott Schmidt, Commander of American Legion Post 77, is pleased to announce that Koang Deng of Cozad was generously sponsored by the Post and will join nearly 340 other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys’ State Program, June 1–7, at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln downtown campus. Schmidt worked with CHS Counselor Daniel Revelo to arrange for Deng to apply for the program. Deng is the son of Garang Deng and Nayniy Wiyo.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys’ State is set up as a “51st state,” and each participant learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in athletics, and be involved in other activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders from across Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State for special appearances at this year’s program. Nationally acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

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Cozad High School junior Koang Deng has been accepted to participate in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys’ State Program. Deng is the son of Garang Deng and Nayniy Wiyo. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

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Quiz Bowl Team Competes at Regional Event

Fourteen members of the Cozad Middle School Quiz Bowl team competed Saturday, March 22, at the Central Nebraska Regional competition, hosted by International Academic Competitions at Walnut Middle School in Grand Island. Students participated in individual contests by grade level in Science, History, and Geography. Along with testing their knowledge, competitors had the opportunity to qualify for the National competition in Orlando, Florida, in May. Top performers could also qualify for international events, with each event held in a different location. The International History competition is scheduled for July in Paris, France, while locations for the other subjects are still to be determined.

Local Students Recognized

PRESS RELEASE

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the Nebraska State College System (NSCS) have announced the recipients of the 2024–2025 Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Student Award. This year, 15,246 students across the state earned the honor, including several from Cozad High School.

The award recognizes high school students in grades 9–12 who participate in at least three NSAA-sanctioned activities during the academic year. Each qualifying student will receive a certificate of achievement from the NSAA and NSCS. Participation is tracked using eligibility lists submitted by each member school.

The NSAA and NSCS will also recognize the four Nebraska high schools with the highest percentage of multi-activity students in each class. These schools will receive banners to display on campus, with presentations set to take place during the NSAA State Soccer Championships in May.

The following Cozad students were named recipients of the 2024–2025 Multi-Activity Student Award:

Nevaeh Allen, Charles Baker, Manny Castillo, Brooke Dyer, Austin Feik, Elijah Graves, Chayden Hoffmaster, Chandler Kaup, Brock Malcom, Mallory Munster, Dilan Orellana-Medina, Osiel Ramirez, Andrea Saravia-Rios, Chase Smith, Kordillia Tena, Katelynn Williamson, Mathew Arndt, Gustavo Benavente, Julien Davis, Brynna Edeal, Briley Fisher, William Hayes, Rebeca Htoo, Layla Leahy, Larkyn Malcom, Abigail Negley, Riley Peck, Whitney Regelin, Evelyn Schrodner, Braiton Snider, Brenner Thayer, Camryn Yilk, Ethan Atchison, Elliott Blackmore, Olliver Davis, Harrison Edeal, Marley Fochtman, Crystal Hernandez, Myles Ide, Lorenzo Levario, Collin McFall, Aleigha Negley, Emersyn Propp, Hayden Revelo, Kellen Shoemaker, Taeh Soe, Betzaida Utrera, Jorja Yocom, Audrey Baker, Arleth Casillas, Koang Deng, Rachel Ewoldt, Emalyn Geiger, Latasha Heuck, Ava Joyce,

Brayan Lozoya, Ezequiel Mejia-Martinez, Lucha Olvera, Talyn Propp, Owen Ross, Noah Shoemaker, Rieker Spradlin, and Gabriela Vazquez.

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CHS Student Invited to AGs Youth Conference

PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Mike Hilgers hosted 52 students at the Nebraska State Capitol for this year's 2025 Attorney General's Youth Conference.

High school juniors and seniors from across the state were invited to the Youth Conference. Students submitted essays about the U.S. Constitution to be accepted to the conference. One of the students selected for this year's conference was Swaison Mroczek of Gothenburg, a student at Cozad High School.

Joining Attorney General Hilgers in addressing the students were Governor Jim Pillen, Senator Beau Ballard, and Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Jason Bergevin. Additionally, students engaged with Chiefs of several different bureaus in the Nebraska Attorney General's Office and members of the Solicitor General team.

"We had another great year with young Nebraskans from across the state,



Swaison Mroczek, a student at Cozad High School, pictured front row, sixth from left, was invited to the 2025 Attorney General's Youth Conference in Lincoln last week. (Courtesy photo)

who came together for a jam-packed day filled with learning and growth opportunities. I am excited to see how the futures of these energetic, conscientious, and bright Nebraskans unfold," stated Attorney General Mike Hilgers.

Students joined together in the

Warner Legislative Chamber, where they had the opportunity to debate a bill on social media use.

They spent the day immersed in various topics related to government, law, and consumer protection issues.

The Attorney General spoke to the

students regarding the importance of following their passions, choosing meaningful careers, and considering a career in Nebraska. The students left the conference with clear examples of different career paths within government and law.

CMS Choir Students Excel at Arapahoe Contest

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Cozad Middle School 7th and 8th grade choir students competed in the Arapahoe Junior High Vocal Music Contest on Saturday, April 5. CMS Choir Director Amanda Kidder has been working with the full choir, small ensembles, and soloists over the past few months to prepare for the contest. DeVere Larington, CCS band director, accompanied the students on piano. CHS senior Brock Malcom assists as a student aide for the choir.

Out of the 14 schools entered, the CMS Choir received a superior rating and was judged as first place overall.

Eighth grade choir members are Taegan Dexter, Rihana Griffis, Emerson Henry, Raelynn Jacobson-Reece, Serena Kniestadt, Meijen Kony, Daniella Moss, Matthew Rhoades, and Khloe White-O'Brien.

Seventh grade choir members include Loreayna Adkisson, Charlotte Ahrens, Emily Albrecht, Ella Baal, Remlee Bartlett, Journey Bazata, Lila Brooks, Braylee Carlson, Hayden Chytka, Kelsey Favinger, Addyson Kruse, Cadence Lee, Nakaiya Logan, Estefany Mejia, Maysen Melcher, Jacobi Mendoza, Alejandra Nunez-Brunick, Mekida Rong, Kollin Russell, LikeMe Shirai, Richardson Shirai, Adysen Stark, Abble Waller, and Raileigh Wolfe.

The Boys' Ensemble—composed of Maysen Melcher, Jacobi Mendoza, Kollin Russell, LikeMe Shirai, Richardson Shirai, Taegan Dexter, Emerson Henry, and Matthew Rhoades—also received a superior rating and first place overall.

Additional superior ratings and first place overall awards were earned by Cadence Lee with her vocal solo and the vocal duet of Taegan Dexter and Meijen Kony.

Superior ratings were also awarded to the Girls' Ensemble, featuring Charlotte Ahrens, Emily Albrecht, Ella

Baal, Braylee Carlson, Kelsey Favinger, and Mekida Rong, as well as to boys' vocal soloists Taegan Dexter, Matthew Rhoades, and Maysen Melcher.

Excellent ratings were achieved by boys' vocal soloist Emerson Henry, girls' vocal soloist Meijen Kony, and the girls' vocal duet by Lila Brooks and Cadence Lee.

The CMS Choir will present its spring concert on Friday, May 16. The public is invited to attend and enjoy performances by these talented students, along with the second semester 6th grade music classes.

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Cozad High School FCCLA Competes at State

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

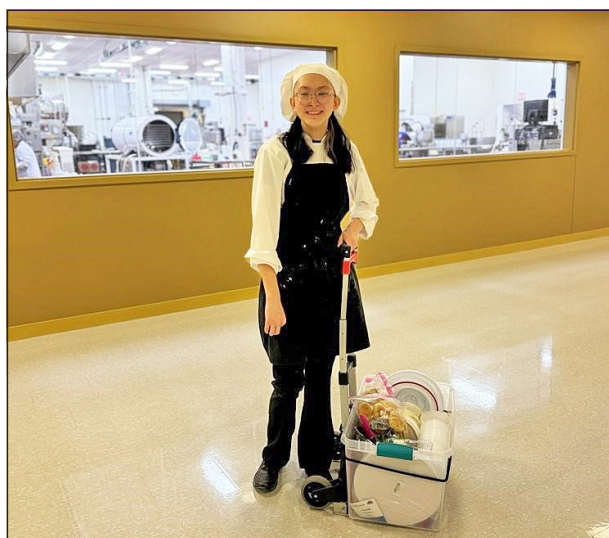
Four members of the Cozad High School FCCLA Chapter traveled to Lincoln for the State Leadership Conference, held April 6–8, under the guidance of Adviser Jessica DeLaTorre. Representing Cozad at this year's SLC were juniors Crystal Hernandez, Rebeca Htoo, and Layla Leahy, along with freshman EveLynn Schroeder.

More than 1,000 Nebraska members participated in the conference and were inspired at the opening session by keynote speaker Dr. Laymon Hicks, who reminded them, "Babe, when you fall down... YOU get back up!"

Throughout the three-day event, participants attended business sessions, competed in events, and networked with others to bring new ideas back to their chapters.

In their free time, the students and their adviser visited the Lincoln Children's Zoo, delivered a full wagon of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House Charities, shopped at the Gretna Outlets, and dined at various restaurants and specialty shops, including Korean BBQ and sushi at Koen, Voodoo Tacos, and Cold Stone Creamery.

According to DeLaTorre, the highlight of the trip was spending time with FCCLA Chapter President Destiny McFall, who is continuing to recover from a stroke she experienced earlier this year. "Her resilience, positivity, and strength are nothing short of inspiring, and we reminded her in person that her Cozad FCCLA family is cheering her on every step of the way and is anxiously awaiting her



FCCLA Chef Crystal Hernandez poses after competing in the STAR Event, Baking & Pastry, Level 3 at the Nebraska State Leadership Conference April 6 - 8 in Lincoln. (Courtesy Photo)

return to Cozad and CHS," DeLaTorre said.

Crystal Hernandez took an online exam as an interested member in competing in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, Baking & Pastry, Level 3. Nebraska selects only the top eight members statewide to compete, and Crystal earned a spot in the "Elite Eight." She had 2.5 hours to complete a pâte à choux (cream puff with chantilly cream), chocolate chip cookies, buttermilk biscuits, and decorate an 8" cake with specific piping tips, three roses, and a prompt written on the cake. She placed 5th and received Silver for her expertise and effort.

Layla Leahy and Rebeca Htoo competed in STAR Events, Chapter in Review Portfolio, Level 3. They created a slideshow showcasing leadership opportunities, conferences, meetings, national programs, financials, and recognition strategies used within their chapter. Layla and Rebeca also gave a 15-minute speech based on a specific theme. The duo placed 4th and received Silver.

EveLynn Schroeder competed in Skills Demonstration, Speak Out for FCCLA, Level 2. She created a chapter



Cozad High School FCCLA freshman EveLynn Schroeder received Gold and 1st place for her Skills Demonstration, Speak Out For FCCLA, Level 2 speech at the State Leadership Conference in Lincoln April 6 - 8. Schroeder has the option of competing at the National SLC in Orlando, FL in July. (Courtesy Photo)

brochure and website and delivered a 5-minute speech to support her project. She received Gold and 1st place and has the option of competing at the national level in Orlando, Florida, this summer.

Overall, the Cozad Chapter received a Gold Chapter Award (red plaque), recognizing that, throughout the academic year, they attended five state or national conferences, created five communication projects, competed in five different events, and focused on member recruitment and recognition.

Additionally, DeLaTorre received a plaque recognizing her five years of service as the Cozad FCCLA adviser.

Congratulations to Crystal, Layla, Rebeca, and EveLynn for representing themselves, CHS, and the community the Haymaker Way.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

Cooper, Mario Armando - 48
Carrollton, TX - 04/04/2025 - 02:10 - Shoplifting

Phaby, Meghan P - 23
Cozad, NE - 04/04/2025 - 10:58 - Probation Sanction, Felon in Possession of Firearm Attempt

Fotheringham, Matthew Wayne - 36
Lexington, NE - 04/04/2025 - 11:43 - Probation Sanction

Shaw, Calvin Ellis - 36
Lexington, NE - 04/04/2025 - 16:30 - Sexual Assault of Child (1st Degree)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

Ramirez-Loarca, Manuel - 19
Lexington, NE - 04/05/2025 - 02:10 - Dawson County Warrant (Failure to Pay - False Reporting), Dawson County Warrant (Failure to Pay - No Operators License, Violate Stop or Yield), ICE Hold

Felix-Pardo, Roberto - 68
Lexington, NE - 04/05/2025 - 20:28 - Driving Under Revocation

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Villa, Jesus - 22
Lexington, NE - 04/06/2025 - 02:34 - Driving Under Influence Liquor Over .15, Shoplifting

Geiser, Kaitlin Taylor - 31
Lexington, NE - 04/06/2025 - 21:04 - Driving Under Influence Liquor +.15 3rd

Diaz-Rodriguez, Gustavo - 39
Morgan City, LA - 04/06/2025 - 23:09 - Operating A Motor Vehicle to Avoid Arrest, Driving Under Influence Liquor 1st Under .15, Obstructing Police, Resisting Officer, ICE Hold

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

Kpaw, Ehtha - 26
Cozad, NE - 04/07/2025 - 08:51 - Driving Under Suspension

Abdi, Farah - 42
Lexington, NE - 04/07/2025 - 09:05 - Failure to Appear (No Proof of Insurance)

Garcia-Raya, Felipe Isauas - 24
Lexington, NE - 04/07/2025 - 15:57 - Driving Under Revocation (2nd Offense)

Lexington Grand Generation Center

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Apr. 17th - Apple Cider Pork Chops, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Pineapple

Apr. 18th - Tuna Noodle Casserole, Diced Potatoes, Buttered Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit, Dessert

Apr. 21st - Easter Dinner-Ham, Candied Yams, Corn, Peaches, Dinner Roll, Dessert

Apr. 22nd - Chuckwagon Steak with Gravy, Baby Bakers, Hominy Casserole, Fresh Fruit

Apr. 23rd - French's Onion Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce

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TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

Alexander, Jarred Lawrence - 31
Moline, IL - 04/08/2025 - 14:52 - Driving Under the Influence (Drugs), Refusal to Submit Breath/Chem Test, Possession Controlled Substance (Schedule 1/2/3)

Bowden, Donald Alan - 55
Bartley, NE - 04/08/2025 - 21:14 - Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Police, Disturbing the Peace, Public Consumption of Alcohol

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

Aguilar-Garcia , Luis Felipe - 36
Omaha, NE - 04/09/2025 - 16:20 - Dawson County Warrant (Probation Violation / Driving Under the Influence Liquor 2nd), Dawson County Warrant (Probation Violation / False Reporting, Driving Under the Influence Liquor)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

Susman, Travis Christopher - 20
Kearney, NE - 04/10/2025 - 01:08 - False Reporting, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

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DAWSON COUNTY COURT REPORT

Christensen.Skyanne.M

Obstruct a peace officer | Guilty | 30 days jail, 21 days credit served, \$445.37 restitution
Theft-shoplifting | Guilty | 30 days jail

Lemuz-Garcia.Adali

Disturbing the peace | Guilty | 1 day jail, 1 day credit served

Diego-Baltazar.Juana

Animal running at large | Guilty | \$25 city fine

Mercado-Nuno.Claudia

Animal running at large-3rd offense | Guilty | \$100 city fine

Runyon.Sue.A

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

Perez.Jamie.D

Theft-shoplifting \$0-500/3rd | Preliminary hearing waived

Velasco.Rafael

Drive under susp/before reinstated | Guilty | Driver license revoked for 1 year
Attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor | Guilty | \$200 fine

Tilford.Mason.M

DUI-.08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 15 months probation, driver license revoked for 60 days, interlock

Grabenstein.Adam.M

Overweight capacity plates | Guilty | \$475 fine

Day.Anthony.J

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

Garcia.Jayme

No valid registration-car/pickup | Dismissed

Anno.Johnathan.D

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

Johnson.Van.William

Driver under susp/before reinstated | Guilty | driver license revoked for 1 year

Rhodes.Jordan.R

DUI-.08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 6 months probation, driver license revoked for 60 days, interlock

Garcia-Almanza.Javier

DUI-.08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | 10 days jail, 15 months probation, driver license revoked for 60 days, interlock
Driving during revocation/im-poundment | Guilty | 10 days jail, 15 months probation, driver license revoked for 1 year

Lawrie.Jamie.Leanne

Possess marijuana 1 oz or less | Guilty | \$300 fine

Millsap.Christina.G

Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State | Dismissed

Flores.Bridgette.A

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

Thumma.Siva.K

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Moenkemier.Michael.J

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

Heath.Kyle.D

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

Williams.Jasma.S

Speeding 21-35 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$200 fine

Johnson.Christopher.A

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

Cardiel.Roman

No proof of insurance | Dismissed

Kaminski.Marek

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

Aguilar.Mario.R

No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Martinez-Jimenez.Jose.L

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Calmo-Calmo.Mauricio

DUI-.08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 15 months probation, driver license revoked for 60 days, interlock

Runyan-Jacinto.Alexis

Possess marijuana over 1 oz | Guilty | \$500 fine

Herrera.Sabastian

Possess marijuana over 1 oz | Guilty | \$500 fine

Soto.Luiz.A

Possess controlled substance | Preliminary hearing waived

Castillo-Robledo.Gabriel

No operator's license/non-waiverable | Guilty | \$150 fine

Marroquin.Victoria.Y

Refuse to submit to test-3rd offense | Preliminary hearing waived
DUI-.15+ OR refusal (2 prior convictions) | Preliminary hearing waived

Ahmed.Abbas.Mohamed

Criminal trespass-2nd degree | Guilty | 60 days jail, 60 days credit served

Buss.Matthew.S

Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State | Guilty | \$75 fine

Forero-Martinez.Kristian

Speeding 21-35 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$200 fine

Bidwell.Mitchell.R

Fail to stop & render aid | Preliminary hearing waived
Leave accident-fail to furnish | Preliminary hearing waived

Tatum.Kayla

Theft-shoplifting \$0-500 | Guilty | 10 days jail, 10 days credit served, \$22.39 restitution
Theft-shoplifting \$0-500 | Guilty | 10 days jail, 3 days credit served

Seberger.Nicholas.A

Assault-2nd degree | Preliminary hearing waived
Fail to stop & render aide | Preliminary hearing waived
Terroristic threats | Preliminary hearing waived
Commit child abuse intentional | Preliminary hearing waived
Willful reckless driving-1st offense | Preliminary hearing waived

Borrayo.Jennifer

DUI-.15+ | Guilty | \$500 fine, 2 days jail, 15 months probation, license revoked for 1 year, interlock

Roe.Sarina.L

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Roberts.Jason.L

Leave accident-fail to furnish | Guilty | \$100 fine
No operator's license/non-waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Kasson.Jamie

Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle | Dismissed
Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle | Dismissed

Bautista-Delgado.Kendre

Theft-shoplifting \$501-1,499 | Dismissed

Centeno-Perez.Elmer

No operator's license/non-waiverable | Guilty | 2 days jail, 2 days credit served

Bautista-Delgado.Kendra

Theft-shoplifting \$501-1,499 | Guilty | 30 days jail, 22 days credit served

Kadiye.Abdulahi.K

Violate no passing zone | Guilty | \$25 fine
Drive left of center | Guilty | \$25 fine

Gonzalez-Betancourt.Julio

Theft-shoplifting \$0-500 | Dismissed

Gonzalez-Betancourt.Julio

Theft-shoplifting \$0-500 | Guilty | \$200 fine, \$39.97 restitution

Reyes.Ernesto.IV

DUI-.08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 6 months probation, driver license revoked for 60 days, interlock

Aguirre-Rivera.Ruben

Obstruct a peace officer | Guilty | 10 days jail
Assault-bodily injury/mutual consent | Guilty | \$45 days jail, 12 days credit served

Kenny.James.J

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

Ellis.Johnathan.Richard

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Bond.Evan.R

Speeding 21-35 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$200 fine

Quintero.Erick

Speeding 21-35 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$200 fine

Kovensky.Ryan.P

Speeding 21-35 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$200 fine

Jones.Ricio.H

Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Corrigan.Kloey.Christine

Minor in possession – under 19 | Dismissed
Possess marijuana 1 oz or less | Dismissed
Possess or use drug paraphernalia | Dismissed

Diaz.Tainyshka.Lyann

Possess marijuana 1 oz or less | Guilty | \$300 fine

Behymer.Chandler.Rea

No valid registration-car/pickup | Guilty | \$25 fine
Possess or use drug paraphernalia | \$100 fine

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Notice NOTICE OF MEETING COZAD DISTRICT NO. 2 HOSPITAL BOARD DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Cozad District No. 2 Hospital Board of Dawson County, Cozad, Nebraska, will be held at 7:00 a. m., on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Meadowlark Pointe-Chapel, 2300 O Street, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting kept continually current is available for public inspection at Cozad Hospital offices.

Linda Benjamin,
Secretary/Treasurer
Cozad District No. 2
Hospital District
Apr. 17, 2025
(22) znez

Notice 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, April 21, 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
Apr. 17, 2025
(21) znez

Notice NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The Noel Cover Foundation, Inc., a Nebraska nonprofit corporation, filed Articles of Dissolution with the Secretary of State on April 3, 2025 which have an effective date of May 13, 2025. The corporation conducts no business

and the plan of dissolution calls for the complete liquidation of all assets of the corporation and the distribution of such assets. The terms of the dissolution provide for the payment of liabilities of the corporation and thereafter such distribution of its assets. Gerald N. Macken, Richard Krushenisky and Edward Boos are to wind up and liquidate the corporation's business and affairs and distribute its assets. The corporation has no liabilities and will distribute approximately \$9,250,000.00 to 10 or more charitable Protestant institutions as qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with no institution to receive more than 10% of such amount.
Apr. 17, 2025
Apr. 24, 2025
May 1, 2025
(34) znez

Notice COZAD, NEBRASKA APRIL 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Council Chamber on April 8, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Present: Young, Jacob, Neill and Sladek. Also present: Electric Commissioner Chris White and Water Commissioner Troy Franzen, and Council Members Jen Howert-

er and Jordan Curtice. Notice of the meeting was posted in advance at the City Office, Wilson Public Library and Post Office. Each member was notified of the meeting and the proposed agenda. Board Chairman Young informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Council Chambers. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Motion was made by Neill, seconded by Sladek to waive the formal reading for the minutes held on March 11, 2025, and approve as presented. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Young, Jacob, and Sladek. Motion adopted. The Board discussed Monthly Activities. Commissioners White and Franzen reported on what they have been working on. Miller & Associates Presentation. Miller and Associates came and did a presentation on the update of the water project they are working on. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Young, Jacob, and Sladek. Motion adopted. 222 HARDWARE-su-105.67, ARK I CEI HoldCo, LLC- su-21230.25, AT & T MOBILITY-se-233.50, AXXENT BUILDINGS, LLC-se-2488.00, BLACK HILLS ENERGY-su-2734.86, BRAD STATON-re-1300.00, CITY OF COZAD - ins-38608.04,

CITY OF COZAD - RETIREMENT-ins-8183.63, CITY OF COZAD-TRANSFER OF FUND-tf-56387.99, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE-fu-1368.29, COZAD AUTO SUPPLY-su-288.24, COZAD TELEPHONE COMPANY-se-777.21, CULLIGAN-se-38.68, Credit Bureau Services, Inc-ex-567.48, DALE & PAMELA REICKS-re-600.00, DAWSON PEST CONTROL-se-55.11, DJ'S TRUCK & AUTO-se-228.42, DUTTON-LAINSON CO.-su-7706.72, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS-su-90.31, ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES-ex-3092.32, FAST FOWARD-se-250.00, FYR-TEK-se-54.29, HACH COMPANY-se-1006.88, HOMESTEAD BANK-se-38.40, IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM-se-412.76, INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS-se-59.39, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-ex-18305.31, JACK'S WELDING, LLC-se-4855.14, JAYCE DUELAND-re-680.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.-se-4297.50, JOSE MIRANDA QUINTERO-re-1200.00, KELLY LEMMER -re-43.80, KUBWATER RESOURCES, INC.-se-7624.36, LUIS NUNEZ-se-220.00, MEAD BUILDING CENTERS-su-427.93, MERIDIAN RENTALS-su-172.22, MIKEL MCLANN-re-140.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE-su-360.42, NE DEPARTMENT OF REVE-

NUE-ex-2661.64, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LABS-ex-469.00, NE RURAL WATER ASSOC.-su-1335.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT-su-223766.79, NEOLINK-se-452.00, PAULSEN, INC.-se-1230.22, PLATTE VALLEY LABORATORIES, INC.-se-752.25, PLUM CREEK LASER WASH-se-182.36, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT-se-534.82, QUADIENTFINANCE USA, INC.-se- 1562.01, SONNY'S SUPER FOODS, INC.-su-6.76, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC-se-41.88, TURNER TECHNOLOGY-se-3102.26, USABlueBOOK-su-85.72, WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.-

su-4804.30
Total - 464969.36. Payroll total-51310.56. Motion was made by Sladek, seconded by Neill to approve the bills as presented. The board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Sladek, Jacob, and Young. Motion adopted. Motion was made by Sladek, seconded by Neill, to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Sladek, Jacob, and Young. Motion adopted. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.
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SECRETARY
Apr. 17, 2025
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17 THUR	18 FRI	19 SAT	20 SUN	21 MON	22 TUES	23 WED
4-7pm Rustic & Red - Sip & Shop	No School Good Friday	10:30am DownTown RunAround @ MTH		No School 1:30pm Movie Matinee @ WPL 7pm City Council	Earth Day 9:30am Boys Golf Away 4pm Track Away	12pm Women's Health Lunch @ The Elks



Game Page

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41. Dishwasher soap brand

45. Hall where military eats

46. Ancient Greek City

47. Speaks incessantly

50. Discuss again

54. Extreme greed

55. Adopt or support

56. Fantasy writer Russell

57. Seize

59. Early Mesoamerican civilization

60. Noted pet detective Ventura

61. Automobile

62. Georgia rockers

63. Color opposite green

64. Amount of time

65. Attempt
- onist

27. Popular sports league

28. Cologne

29. Partner to cheese

31. Constrictor snake

32. Not good

33. Supplement with difficulty

37. Hug with fondness

38. Enforced again

39. Small amount of time (abbr.)

40. Substance

41. Anterior parts of the brain

42. Brews

43. Where ships load cargo

44. Holiday season singer

47. "___ humbug!"

48. Monetary unit of Macao

49. Popular children's book elephant

51. Glutinous

52. Function

53. Old world, new

58. Swiss river

CLUES DOWN

1. Sheep sound

2. Some can be emotional

3. Inflammation of colon lining

4. Origins

5. Comedienne Gasteyer

6. Perceived by the senses

7. A place to play ball

8. Occur before

9. Animal body parts

13. Thanksgiving dessert

14. Root mean square (abbr.)

17. 1960s teen idol Bobby

18. Promotional materials

20. One point east of northeast

22. Piers Anthony protagon-

CLUES ACROSS

1. English TV station

4. It fuels cars

7. Where ships dock (abbr.)

10. Indigenous people of Thailand

11. Midway between northeast and east

12. Small Milky Way constellation

13. Fritz ___, Austrian chemist

15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city

19. Visualize

21. Charged

23. People's assets

24. Informative books

25. Jeer

26. You can do it with your horn

27. Agents of your downfall

30. Central Uganda city

34. Supervises flying

35. Type of tree

36. Alfalfa

GUESS WHO?

I am a country singer born in Texas on April 29, 1933. I grew up in the aftermath of the Great Depression and played music for money to avoid picking cotton. I wrote my first song at age 7 and had many country hits throughout my long career. I also am an activist and actor.

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The Amateur, PG-13

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Guess Who?

Answer: Jennifer Garner

