

Cozad Elks Lodge Hosts Inaugural Ball

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Elks Lodge held its prestigious inaugural ball on April 19, drawing a strong turnout in support of Brian Messersmith becoming Exalted Ruler, the organization's officers and the dedicated mission. The event recognized members moving up in chairs and showcased the community's commitment to keeping the Elks Club and Lodge active in Cozad.

Brian Messersmith, the exalted ruler of the Cozad Elks Lodge, emphasized the significance of the evening. "This ball was a chance to highlight the good happening inside our Lodge and celebrate those who continue to step up," he said.

The Elks Lodge serves two distinct functions. The Lodge, as a nonprofit organization, handles community outreach efforts including youth shoe drives, veterans support, and other charitable events.

The Elks Club, which is the bar and restaurant side, is currently facing challenges. "I'm worried that if we lose the Club side, we will probably lose the Lodge side as well," said Messersmith. Without steady support through food and drink sales, the organization risks losing the infrastructure that helps fuel its mission.

The Elks encourages everyone—not just members—to stop in for dinner or take-out. Open Wednesday through Saturday, the restaurant offers burgers, wings, a salad bar, and prime rib on Saturdays. The space is also available for rental for parties, graduations, and other events.

While membership dues are \$80 annually, only \$50 stays with the Cozad Lodge. The rest goes toward national dues, insurance, the Elks magazine, and the Nebraska state office. Members can also contribute additional funds earmarked for specific causes like the Youth Shoe Drive. Being a member also allows the Lodge to apply for grants through the Elks National Association. These grants provide vital support for veterans and community projects. Messersmith stressed that membership isn't just about access to a club—it's about investing in Cozad.



The Cozad Elks Lodge B.P.O.E #2250 members, back row from left, Chris Albright, Derek Wolfe, and Brian Jewett, all Trustees. In the middle row from left Brian Woldt, Secretary; Kristen Wilkins, Esquire; Seth Vlasak, Treasurer; and Benjamin Guthard, Chaplain. In the front row from left, Blake Osborn, Leading Knight; Brian Messersmith, Exalted Ruler; and Rylee Woldt, Lecturing Knight. Not pictured, Kaleb Pohl, Loyal Knight; Brandon Shultz and Mark Montgomery, Trustees. (LOCAL Photo)

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Pedestrian Shuttle Service to Begin for Cozad Viaduct

PRESS RELEASE

Weather permitting, on April 23, the N-21 Cozad Viaduct pedestrian sidewalk at reference post 13.83 will close for bridge construction, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Lobato Construction, LLC, of Brighton,

CO., is the contractor for this project. The ADA compliant shuttle service will transport pedestrians from East 7th Street to 2nd Street. Pick-up and drop-off locations will be at the intersection of 2nd Street and N-21

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Railside Livestream – Cozad is New Location for Train Enthusiasts

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A young train enthusiast from Massachusetts is helping put Cozad on the map for train fans across the country. With support from the Cozad Charitable Fund, 17-year-old Jack Hutchison, founder and CEO of Railside Live, installed a live-streaming camera on the 100th Meridian Museum building to broadcast Union Pacific train traffic on YouTube.

The Railside Live Cozad feed launched on March 17—Hutchison’s 17th birthday. The channel has nearly 5,000 subscribers and regularly sees 20 to 50 viewers at any given time. A live chat feature allows viewers to discuss passing trains and share their interest in railroads.

“I’ve been on the live stream a few times and people are always on the channel commenting on trains and talking about how excited they are,” said Cozad Mayor Marcus Kloepping.

The Cozad location is one of five Railside Live feeds now operating in the United States. Other streams are located in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Florida. Hutchison originally considered placing the camera near the sports complex off Highway 30 but gladly accepted the 100th Meridian Museum’s location to



(Railside Live Feed - https://www.youtube.com/live/Gw6vWi_LX0)

provide a better viewing angle of the tracks.

The goal of the project is to support community engagement, highlight Cozad’s railroad heritage, and attract both tourism and interest from train watchers.

The stream also serves as an educational tool, promoting interest in transportation history and rail technology.

The installation was completed by professionals, poses no security risks, and came at no cost to the city. The camera—a high-quality Axis P5644-e PTZ—delivers 1080p video at 30 frames per second and features 32x optical zoom.

“While Jack is only 17, he is a very driven person and pushed hard to get this camera placed in Cozad,” Kloepping added.

To watch the stream or join the conversation, visit the Railside Live YouTube channel.

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from FRONT - Elks

With 575 members, Cozad is home to the largest Elks Lodge in Nebraska. As other lodges have closed across the state, Cozads remains active—but not without effort.

Looking ahead, the Elks have plans to

do events once a month. "We plan on doing a fundraiser banquet on May 17," shared Messersmith. Noting that if anyone is interested in buying a table or to donate, you can reach out to any officer or call the club. The Elks have plans to stay visible and engaged with a potential Turkey Banquet, and the annual HayDays

activities to include pig wrestling and a new kids tractor pull.

"A few years back, we were one of the few restaurants in town. Now, with more options available, we've felt the impact," Messersmith said. "I want people in the community to understand that the Elks is for all of us."

For updates on events and menus, the Cozad Elks encourages residents to follow their Facebook page and consider attending a meal or hosting an event at the Club.

"If individuals just come in for supper, that's what's going to help the Elks survive," Messersmith added.

ELKS LODGE ELEVEN YEARS OLD; BIGGEST CHARTER

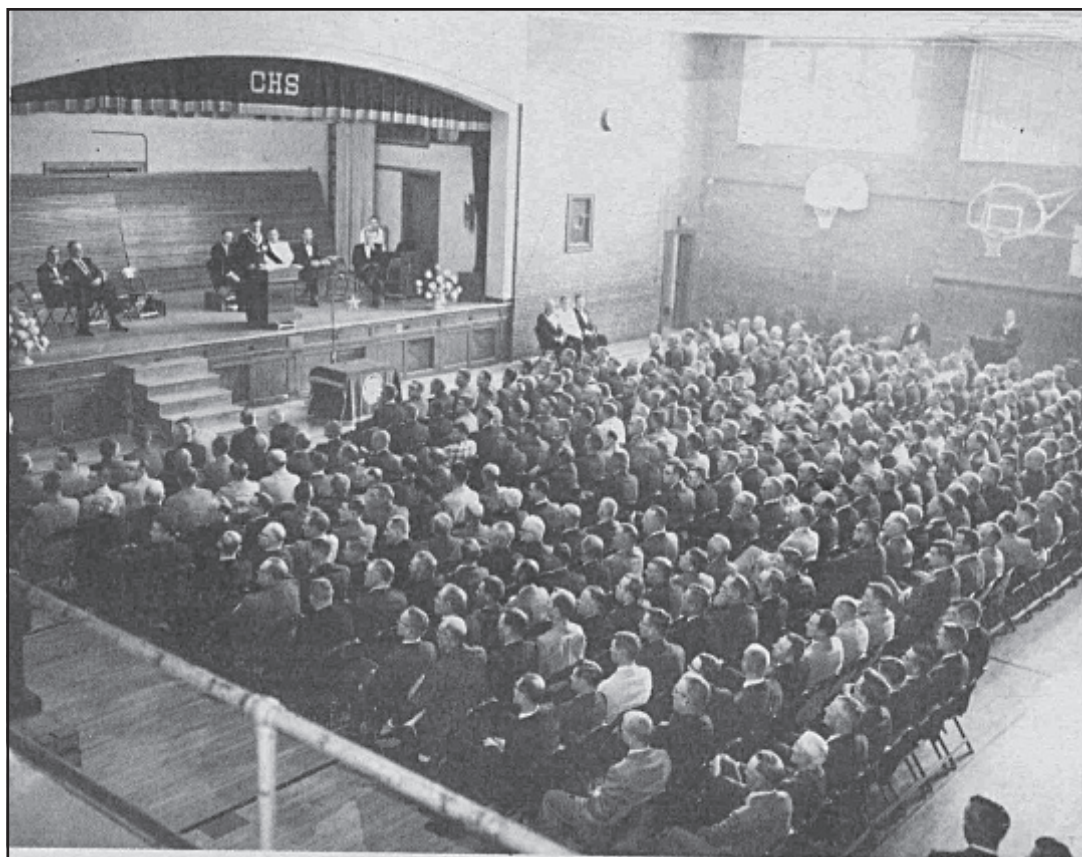
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The Cozad Lodge No. 2250 of the B. P. O. E. was chartered March 15, 1962, with an original initiation class of 513 brothers and now supports a membership of 890 members. The Cozad Lodge came about by the hard work of several good men of the area. The district deputy Grand Exalted Ruler was Brother Don Bond of the Kearney Lodge, who along with Merral Herring of Kearney. Who was on the state new lodge committee, were responsible in helping the local men get an Elk's lodge located in Cozad. They held meetings in the Cozad City Hall and in Bill Trusdale's office along with meetings in coffee shops and in their own homes.

The first set of selected officers were Ken Muirhead, Exalted Ruler; LaVern Fisk, Leading Knight; Herman Hart, Loyal Knight; Hugo Winter, Lecturing Knight; Fred Meyer, Esquire; Willard Crandell, Chaplain; Wilbur Kloepping, Inner Guard; Jack Mundell, tiler; R.A. Kyle, Secretary; Richard Hansen, treasurer; Doug Gruber, Organist; Miles Hart, Glen Rose, Bill Sloan, Trustees; and Bill Trusdale, Lodge Attorney.

Meetings were held above what is now Dodd's Department Store and then on Sep. 11, 1963, the lodge dedicated their present lodge and club home, with the Grand Exalted Ruler Johnny Walker of Roanoke, VA and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hope Blackledge of Kearney in attendance, along with many other state officials. The dream of this fine Elks' Lodge came after many hours of hard work of the lodge officers and other brothers of Cozad Lodge. The brothers themselves bought bonds amounting to excess of \$43,000 and borrowed \$100,000 from the Lincoln Bank of Commerce. Many felt it couldn't be done but the hard work and the spirit of those who had faith in the good people of our community made it come true and those who follow owe these fine brothers a big thank you.

Brother Ken Muirhead served as the first Exalted Ruler of the Cozad Lodge in 1961-62 and served a second year in 1962-63.



Membership total has soared near total of 900.....513 initiated in 1962. (Photo Courtesy of Cozad Centennial Edition)

Brother LaVern Fisk was exalted ruler in 1963-64, followed by Brother Herman Hart, 1964-65; Brother Hugo Winter, 1965-66; Brother Fred Myer, 1966-67; Brother Willard Crandell, 1967-68; Brother Roger Loibl, 1969-70; Brother Carl York, 1970-71; Brother Howard Wolf, 1970-72; Brother Dean Baalhorn, 1972-73; and Brother Arlyn Obsorn, 1973-74. Brother LaVern Fisk was also exalted ruler at Monroe, MI, and Brother Hugo Winter was also exalted ruler at Chadron.

Cozad youth have received many awards through efforts of the Cozad's Lodge sponsored leadership and scholarship contests.

The Lodge has sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 189 for the past 10 years and have recognized the Scouts of our area who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

The lodge has held many crippled children's clinics and helped

on many other youth befitted projects. Such as basketball free throw contests, teenager dances, father and son banquets, newspaper delivery boy's and girls' recognition dinner and others.

The lodge has placed high in many state Elks' Association projects, placing as high as third in the ritual contest. Winning the state Elks' National Foundation award. Placing second in the public image contest and have received other awards throughout the past 10 years.

Brother Ken Muirhead, our first exalted ruler, served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Nebraska West and is now serving as third vice-president of the Nebraska Elks Association.

The lodge has had several brothers serve on State Elks Association committees. Brother Carl York is now chairman of the State Eagle Scouts Recognition Committee.

The lodge has grown in the past 10 years and will continue to grow as long as men have faith in each other.

R.E.D. Day Raises Over \$50,000 for Cozad Sports Complex

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The annual R.E.D. Day fundraiser drew a crowd of 125 to the Cozad Elks Club on March 29, bringing in more than \$50,000 for the Cozad Community Foundation and its efforts to complete the city's new softball and baseball complex.

Topping the list of auction items was a golf package at Payne's Valley with an overnight stay, donated by Security First Bank, which brought in \$4,200. Another highlight was the live auction sale of a Louisville Slugger bat, that is donated back to the Cozad Community Foundation each year, which drew a winning bid of \$4,100.

The wine and beer tasting proved to be a crowd favorite, with Daou Sauvignon Blanc named the most popular wine and Pint 9's Farmer's Tan leading the way among beers.

"The food provided by Studio 6, The Frontier Frau, and the Cozad Elks was amazing and enjoyed by all who attended," said event chair Robyn Geiser.

Geiser credited the success of the event to broad community support.

"This event is not possible without all the donors—from those who gave auction items, to those who made purchases, to everyone who came out. It takes everyone's support to make this event possible," she said.

With the fundraiser complete, the foundation now sits less than \$100,000 away from its goal to fund the sports complex. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Scott Zimbelman or Robyn Geiser directly.



This aerial view showcases the four fields, concession stands, fencing, and walkways, with parking now taking shape. (Courtesy Photo)

National Librarians' Week

Wilson Public Library celebrated Drawn to the Library: National Library Week April 6 – 12, from left, Klaylee Revelo, Library Aide (started in January 2025); Killian Kostman, Library Aide (2nd year); Laura Rody, Assistant Director (7th year); Laurie Yocom, Director (16th year); and Jennie Smith, Youth Director (8th year). Not pictured: Kim Hartman, Library Aide (18th year). The Wilson Public Library staff collaborate to provide a plethora of programs and activities year-round for all ages. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)





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School Board Hires Interim Special Ed Directors

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The Cozad Community Schools Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 14. Providing the month's Haymaker Highlight were three of Kyle Vincent's theatre tech students, Dakota Cook, Carolyne Cook, and Layla Leahy. They are using the swing room next to Dawn Beans's business classroom to restore, catalog, and archive 105 pieces of artwork in the building. Most of the artwork was donated by senior classes when they graduated and was hung throughout the school. Former CHS English teacher Jann Kloepping had kept an inventory of the artwork, artist, the class that donated it, and original location.

In addition to the three students who presented at the meeting, theatre tech classmates have been assessing the condition of all the paintings for stains and water damage caused when they were stored in the library, which sustained significant roof damage and leaking. "At the present time, we have 40 works cataloged, and they will be rehung with a new title card and QR code card so that the artists may be researched and the background of the painting explored," Vincent stated. CHS Principal Corey Fisher is hoping that some of the artwork may be hung in the area near the auditorium, where the trophy cases were removed. He saluted Vincent and his students for taking on this project.

With the acceptance of Special Education Director/CEEC Principal Jessica Edeal's resignation, replacements had to be sought from a limited pool of applicants. Board members received good news that two experienced and respected educators have agreed to team up for the position for the upcoming school year. Teresa Schneider, a retired Special Education Director from Gothenburg who served as interim director in Cozad prior to Edeal, will return to the position. Jackie Anderson, a retired Special Education Director from Ogallala and former Superintendent at Dundy County Stratton, will work alongside Schneider. "Mrs. Edeal is well-educated and has done an exceptional job for CCS, and we are thankful that Schneider and Anderson will continue to provide this essential position in our school system," Superintendent Dr. Dan Endorf said.

Dr. Endorf reported that enrollment has remained steady this year, with a current total of 958 students. He also shared a tracking document that outlined general fund expenditures. While line items were similar to past years, maintenance costs were elevated this year due to end-of-construction expenses.



Cozad High School students Dakota Cook, Carolyne Cook, and Layla Leahy presented the Haymaker Highlight at the Monday, April 14 CCS Board of Education meeting. The trio and their classmates in Kyle Vincent's Tech Theatre class are restoring and cataloguing all of the artwork at CHS before it is rehung in the building now that the construction and renovations have been completed. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

Board member John Peden questioned whether the greenhouse will be used again. "According to my math, we have spent \$551 per month heating the greenhouse over the past five years, which totals \$30,000," Peden noted. It was reported that the FFA plans to organize the facility and begin using it again, but the heat has been turned off for now. "We will either use it or not heat it in the future," CMS Principal Brian Regelin stated.

The resignations of third-grade teacher Hannah Ballmer and Jayce Dueland were officially accepted by the board. Alyce LeBlanc, a current teacher in Bertrand will replace Ballmer.

The board approved Baer Photography for a three-year photography contract beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. Other RFPs for the contract were submitted by Pictures with Class (Barksdale), Nebraska Portraits, and Lifetouch Photography.

A guaranteed maximum price for the elementary school classrooms project was set at \$318,404.90. Dan Schwartz will continue as supervisor, and the rooms will mirror other new classrooms with consistent flooring, wall colors, and design.

Paulsen Inc. was hired as the Owner's Representative for the auditorium project at a rate of \$65

per hour, with a maximum of six hours per week. Dr. Endorf was directed to sell or dispose of surplus school property this summer.

Four snow days were taken during the 2024-2025 school year. The board directed the superintendent to have certificated staff members make up one contract day prior to July 1. Science curriculum work and Canvas technology training will be the focus of that day.

Board members approved a classified wage increase of 75 cents per hour, establishing a minimum wage of \$15 per hour for new employees, and \$15.25 for returning classified staff.

A three-year contract with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. was also approved for district food service.

Building principals shared a list of upcoming events related to the end of the school year. Dr. Endorf reviewed the timeline for all summer projects, including new roofing, the new auditorium, grades 1 and 2 classrooms, new welding booths, vocational wing painting, relocating Ethan's Park to the elementary school, terrazzo floor refinishing, spot painting, and purchasing new furniture for a fourth-grade classroom, band room, technology classroom, and various student seating throughout the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Elementary Principal Justin Dowdy outlined plans for the "Jump Start" summer school program, scheduled for July 14-31 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. with a focus on reading, math, and social skills. CHS Principal Corey Fisher noted a significant reduction in the number of students needing credit recovery compared to prior years. However, the program will be offered four days per week for four weeks by one staff member at the high school.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.



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CCHS Launches New Website: A One-Stop Resource for Local Healthcare

KARLIE ROSE BUSS, CCHS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Cozad Community Health System (CCHS) is excited to announce the launch of its newly redesigned website, a comprehensive online hub designed to connect the community with the healthcare services you need right at your fingertips.

This updated digital presence brings together important information in one easy-to-use, accessible platform.

The new website offers an intuitive

layout with clear navigation, ensuring users can quickly find the information they're looking for. Visitors can now access details about all CCHS facilities, from the hospital to specialized services, including physical therapy, imaging, and wound care.

Additionally, the site provides information about CCHS's leadership and the various programs that help enhance patient care, such as the

Cozad Hospital Foundation.

For those looking to connect with local healthcare providers, the site features a directory of physicians, including visiting specialists, allowing users to learn more about available care options.

Patients can also easily find general information on services and support resources.

One of the most exciting new features of the site is the ability to stay up to date with local healthcare developments through articles, press releases, and a monthly e-newsletter. The e-newsletter will deliver important updates, service spotlights, and special announcements directly to subscribers' inboxes.

Whether you're interested in learning more about new services or simply staying informed about the latest healthcare trends, the CCHS website ensures that the community

has access to accurate, timely information.

In addition to serving patients and families, the new website also includes a dedicated section for those interested in joining the CCHS team.

Career opportunities at CCHS are highlighted, allowing prospective employees to easily explore available roles and apply online.

We're thrilled to offer a modern, user-friendly website that reflects the high-quality care and services we provide for our community.

This website is an essential tool for improving access to healthcare information, fostering stronger connections between CCHS and our community, and enhancing the patient experience.

Stay connected, informed, and engaged with the latest in local healthcare. Visit cozadhealthcare.com today!

April / May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28.	29.	30. Dr. Jeffrey Merz: General Surgery	1. Dr. Kevin Hall: Cardiology	2. Dr. Burt McKeag: Pain Management Dr. Michael Simonson: General Surgery
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Planting During Drought Conditions

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Planting season is one of the most critical times of the year for farm operations. One key element that determines effective planting is current environmental conditions. The on-going challenges with drought will impact nearly every operation across the state during planting this year. The Nebraska Drought Monitor had 76% of Nebraska in a moderate to exceptional drought on April 10. With this in mind, Nebraska Extension highlights some of the best management practices in a CropWatch article titled, "Considerations for Planting in Dry Conditions".

Soil conditions are among the most important and impacted while planting in drought conditions and depending on equipment there may be planter adjustments required to improve stand. It is very likely that when planting into dry soil that down pressure will need to be increased. However, when pressure on the soil is increased, be aware of the potential to cause sidewall compaction. This can restrict root growth after the seed germinates and result in a poor stand. Compaction can also occur when there is excess moisture. Irrigation systems may be used to increase soil moisture; however, this is only recommended if the planter needs higher soil moisture to work properly. If surface moisture is variable, changing rapidly from dry to wet, remember to adjust down pressure to each region's specific planting conditions.

During planting, seed needs to be dropped in a place of adequate moisture and temperature. Soil temperature has less daily variability than air temperature but takes much longer in increase. Based on Nebraska Mesonet, most soils have reached levels above 50 degrees F. These temperature levels are considered safe for planting and have little risk of causing harm to the seed. Temperature may be a concern when soybeans are planted first or when attempting to achieve higher yields with early planting. Once the seed is in the ground, corn must absorb 35% of its weight in water, while soybeans imbibe 50% for proper germination. Recent research shows that this process occurs anywhere from eighth to 24 hours in soybean or 48 hours for corn. Therefore, adequate moisture must be available to the seed during that time.

One way to find this moisture when planting in dry conditions is to increase seed depth. Research shows that corn is best planted at two inches deep, and UNL researchers achieved the best soybean yields with one-point-seventy-five-inch seed depths. However, achieving a uniform stand in corn is of paramount importance, and

consequently means that increasing seed depth to two-point-five or three inches to find adequate moisture may be appropriate. There are examples from 2023 and 2024 of growers within the state of Nebraska having successful emergence when planting corn at depths down to three-point-five inches. It is not recommended to plant soybeans deeper than two-point-five inches. Optimal seeding rates depend heavily on hybrid when planting corn, and it may be best to consult a seed dealer. Using high flex corn hybrids at a lower plant population may be useful in dryland or irrigation limited fields. Soybeans tend to produce similar yields with seeding rates as low as 120,000/acre.

Irrigation is a tool that can be used in many different facets of planting other than increasing soil moisture. One example is the use of irrigation to activate herbicides. Herbicides are activated with 0.5-0.75 inch of precipitation. Some herbicide products can remain in the soil in an inactive state for up to 14 days, but high winds and blowing soil may impede weed control in the future. PPO inhibitor herbicides should not be applied on soybeans if the seed is exposed. This may occur if the seed vee did not properly close, seed trench is cracking, or soybeans are starting to emerge. Planting soybeans at depths less than one-point-five inches may also result in injury if the seeds were to imbibe water with PPO herbicide in it.


A different option may be to consider applying a group 15 herbicide (acetochlor, pyroxasulfone, etc.) for weed control after the emergence of the soybeans.

In some conditions, irrigation may reduce nitrogen losses. Dry or liquid urea that is surface applied without a nitrogen stabilizer, may benefit from a 0.5-inch irrigation event to incorporate fertilizer into the soil. Make sure to monitor for signs of deficiency to determine if nitrogen losses have occurred. Nitrogen losses tend to be less when soils are cool and dry. A small irrigation event may also help disperse anhydrous ammonia, and prevent ammonia burn on corn roots. This will often only occur when more than 180 lbs/ac of anhydrous ammonia has been applied, and less than two inches of precipitation has been accumulated since the application. These, however, are very targeted specific events and it is generally not recommended to irrigate until after planting has occurred.

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Wt. Range – 600-648; Avg Wt - 619; Price Range – 317.00-383.50; Avg Price – 353.78

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Dear Mr. Kennedy,

My child with Autism did not "destroy my family."

I typically refrain from talking about politics, but you stepped on the wrong topic with the right girl.

Not only do I have a child with Autism, I also am highly educated in the field...but you don't seem to think education, research, and facts are important as you allow words to leave your mouth.

I personally have a doctorate in Special Education and am an 18-year veteran teacher of sweethearts with disabilities as well as future teachers of special education, and what I know about Autism is that there is an awful lot of misinformation out there.

Yes, diagnoses have increased dramatically.

Why, you ask?

Because we now understand more about the spectrum of ability and effects regarding an Autism diagnosis.

We know an individual may display social challenges



Dr. Bailey Koch

or struggle with emotional regulation at times while being highly intelligent in one or a few areas...my own child, for example, who is an incredibly talented bonsai artist about to move across the country to begin a full-ride apprenticeship with an internationally known artist.

Autism did not ruin my child's life...it's his superpower.

We also know an individual may display extreme behaviors when overstimulated, be nonverbal, or require near-constant supervision in order to keep him or her safe...yes, a sweetheart displaying these characteristics

would be placed far away from my own child on the spectrum, which is why there is such a HUGE range of diagnostic materials.

These individuals' lives, and the lives of their families, are not destroyed; there is strength and love found for one another in the challenges greater than you will ever know.

Autism is not an epidemic, sir, and don't you ever speak about these individuals as though they have no worth in society.

In fact, I feel you could use more instruction in social/emotional skills than they.

I would love the opportunity to speak with you about the harm your words are causing to the people I, and millions of other advocates like myself, love beyond measure.

They are worthy of respect, of life, and of simple decency. Do better.

Bailey J. Koch, Ed.D.

Letting go of Chopsticks: What am I mentally rehearsing?

I played the piano and the clarinet when I was a kid. These days that skill is mostly forgotten – except for a handful of memorized songs I can still peck out on a piano. If I picked up a clarinet now, I'm not sure I'd even remember the finger positions for the notes on a page. After decades without practice, whatever ability remains is either deeply buried or mostly gone.

As a child, I practiced often. My parents required 30 minutes of daily practice. At the time, I didn't enjoy sitting on that hard wooden bench, running through scales while the metronome ticked relentlessly beside me. I don't remember playing the piano beyond sixth grade, but I kept up the clarinet through high school. Marching band was my favorite. It demanded early morning hours of practice – playing the clarinet and the precision of marching.

Recently, an early morning reading made me reflect on what I'm practicing now. These days, it's not the



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piano or clarinet, but the practice is just as real. The question that landed in my heart was this: Am I practicing the problem or practicing the presence of Love?

When I get stuck in my head, circling the same issue again and again, I call it circling the drain. It feels like a slow, spiraling descent. I mentally rehearse conversations, revisit what was said, wish for a different outcome, imagine better endings, and sometimes, I just wallow in self-pity. It's a mental practice that feels as familiar as playing "Chopsticks" – easy, repetitive, and entirely unhelpful.

Practicing the presence of Love is something else entirely. It lifts me. It encourages and softens. It inspires forgiveness and peace. I remember my worth – and the worth of others. It shifts the goal from being understood to being understanding. It brings a gentleness toward others and a grace for myself. This kind of practice feels more like practicing a complex classical piece – beautiful but demanding.

Just like I've forgotten how to play the clarinet, I hope to forget how to practice the problem. This past week, I watched a pianist, violinist, and cellist perform. Their music left me in awe – not just because of their talent but because of the hours, the dedication, the practice that led to that moment. Their performance was seamless, not because it was easy, but because it had been practiced with care.

That's how I want to be in practicing the presence of Love – disciplined, consistent, and wholehearted. A life shaped by daily, intentional practice.

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CHS Prepares for “Enchanted Forest” Prom on April 26

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The Cozad High School Junior Class, along with class sponsors Kristen Wilkens and Jennifer Walls, and the juniors’ parents and guardians, are finalizing plans for this year’s prom, Enchanted Forest, which will take place on Saturday, April 26.

The public is invited to an open house in the high school commons from 2 to 3 p.m. to view the dance decorations.

From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., junior and senior students and their dates are encouraged to visit Emerald Care Center and Meadowlark Pointe to show off their formal attire to residents at each facility.

The Cozad Country Club will host the Punch Party from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Following the Punch Party, students will eat dinner on their own from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Cozad High School graduate and photographer Corbey Dorsey will take individual and group photos in The Barn from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The senior class photo will be taken at 7 p.m., and the junior class photo at 7:10 p.m.

The Red Carpet Walk and Coronation, open to the public, will take place in the Haymaker Arena (the new gym) from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Prom queen candidates are seniors Kinley Armagost, Isabella Jewett, Mara Smith, Erica Weatherly, and Jorja Yocom. Prom king candidates are Titus Freeman, Boston Irish, Brayan Lozoya, Brock Malcom, and Lane Wright. Prom court candidates include juniors Taryn Chytka, Clatyn Fleharty, Lucha Olvera, Koang Deng, Gage Strauss, and Bryson Snider.

The dance will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Students attending post-prom are



Prom king candidates are from back left, Brock Malcom, Boston Irish, Brayan Lozoya, Titus Freeman, and Lane Wright. Prom queen candidates are in the front row from left, Mara Smith, Erica Weatherly, Kinley Armagost, Isabella Jewett, and not pictured Jorja Yocom. (Courtesy Photo)

asked to bring a change of clothes to store in the locker rooms, as they will not be allowed to leave after the dance.

A hypnotist will perform in The Barn from 11 p.m. to midnight.

Buses will then depart for Kearney, where students will

enjoy arcade games, laser tag, bowling, mini-golf, video games, and more at The Big Apple Fun Center from 1 to 4 a.m.

Prom-goers, sponsors, and parents will return to the high school at 5 a.m., wrapping up an enchanted evening filled with lasting memories.

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Haymakers Take Sixth at Lexington Golf Invite

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad boys golf team placed sixth at the Lexington Golf Invite on April 15, held at Lakeside Golf Course. The Haymakers posted a team score of 341 in a 12-team field. McCook took first with a 309.

Ethan Atchison led Cozad with a score of 77, good for seventh place individually. Owen Ross followed with an 82, while Asher Koch carded an 88. Harrison Edeal finished with a 94, and Titus Freeman shot a 96.

The Haymakers return to action on April 22 at the McCook Invite, teeing off at 9:30 a.m.

They will then compete in Gothenburg on April 24, with a 9 a.m. start.



LEFT: Asher Koch ready's himself for a swing at the Lexington Golf Invite.
ABOVE: Surrounding the Haymakers seventh place finisher Ethan Atchison are from left, Titus Freeman, Harrison Edeal, Atchison, Owen Ross, and Asher Koch. The Haymakers as a whole finished sixth place. (LOCAL Photos)



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Boys Claim Second Straight Team Title at Dutch Zorn

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad boys track and field team earned its second consecutive team title with a dominant showing at the Dutch Zorn Invite in Gothenburg on April 17. Coming off a team win in Broken Bow on April 11, the Haymakers put up 123 points to secure first place, well ahead of host Gothenburg, who finished second with 75. Bryson Snider was recognized for his outstanding performance with the Danny Nichols Award.

“Everyone is excited about winning a meet and wants to do their best to contribute to the team. The boys are starting to have a mindset that “the team needs me to score these points”. No one wants to let their teammates down, shared boy’s head Coach Jacob Brummer. “It is fun to see the team’s mindset shift from an individual aspect to a team aspect.”

Coach Brummer noted his acknowledgement of a resilient team at the beginning of the year. “I knew we would be in the hunt to win a couple meets this year, but didn’t realize we would be able to win the team title at Gothenburg’s Dutch Zorn track meet which is one of the most prestigious meets we attend. The kids have definitely surpassed my expectations,” added Brummer.

Snider led the way on the track, taking first place in the 200m dash with a time of 22.64 and finishing second in the 100m dash at 10.91. Teammate Boston Irish finished fourth in the 100m at 11.25, while Ollie Davis placed fourth in the 200 with a personal best of 23.73. In distance events, Koang Deng claimed fourth place in both the 1600 (4:58.31) and the 3200 (10:35.60). Lorenzo Levario added a ninth-place finish in the 300m hurdles, clocking 43.94.

Cozad’s relay teams also contributed valuable points. The 4x100m relay team of Snider, Chayden Hoffmaster, Davis, and Osiel Ramirez took second with a time of 44.52. The 4x400 team of Levario, Braiton Snider, Ramirez, and Hoffmaster set a new PR of 3:39.11 for fifth place. In the 4x800 relay, the team of Levario, Gavin Guerra, Julien Davis, and Chase Smith ran a 9:03.16, also placing fifth.

In field events, Cozad scored heavily. Noah Shoe-maker won the discus with a throw of 153’4” inches, and Davis took second with 135’5”. The high jump trio of Davis, Gage Strauss, and Jared Merced all cleared 5’11”, securing second and two third-place finishes, respectively. In pole vault, Irish vaulted 15’ to earn second place, and Braiton Snider finished ninth at 12’6”.

Hoffmaster had strong results in the long jumps, taking third in long jump at 21’7.25” and winning the triple jump with a personal best of 42’6” inches. Merced placed sixth in triple jump at 38’5.25”, and Camden



Ollie Davis has a personal record of 6' in the high jump from the Holdrege Invite on March 28. (LOCAL Photo)

Bussinger added an eighth-place mark of 37’5.5”.

The freshman boys beat the Freshman 1600m Sprint Medley Relay record, 200-200-400-800. Julien Davis, Miles German, Charlie Baker, Osiel Ramirez set the record with a time of 4:00.30. The original record of 4:04.28 was set in 2023 by Braiton Snider, Bryson Snider, Olliver Davis, Landon Baker.

“We are very lucky to not be hampered by many

injuries, especially now that we start to enter the championship portion of the season. I credit that to a wise coaching staff who knows how to properly train our athletes,” finished Brummer.

Team results from the Midwest Nebraska Track Classic on April 22 will appear in the next issue. The Haymakers travel to Grand Island today, April 24, for the Dave Gee Invite at Northwest High School.



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Girls Record Strong Performances at Dutch Zorn Invite

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad girls track and field team turned in several strong performances Thursday at the Dutch Zorn Invite, highlighted by new personal records across multiple events. "This is a group that is fun to coach," shared girls head Coach Tret Botts. "I like that we are focused on improving every day and letting that work speak for itself when we get an opportunity to compete."

Whitney Regelin set a new personal best in the 200m dash, finishing third with a time of 27.86 seconds.

In distance events, Audrey Baker ran a 13:26.93 in the 3200m, placing seventh and setting a new PR.

Lucha Olvera posted two personal bests in hurdle events. She ran 17.12 seconds in the 100m hurdles to finish seventh, and 49.65 seconds in the 200m hurdles for a fifth-place finish.

In field events, Taryn Chytka placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 109'3". She also tied for ninth in the high jump with a clearance of 4'11".

Emersyn Propp cleared 5'1" inch in the high jump, earning sixth place and a new PR.

In pole vault, Abby Negley took ninth place with a height of 8'6".

"We have 3-4 more girls that are really close to making a final, or scoring on the track, so they are making gains. I think Tuesday will be a good day for us and I expect to see a lot of PRs that day," finished Botts.

Team results from the Midwest Nebraska Track Classic on Tuesday, April 22 will appear in the next issue. The Haymakers travel to Grand Island today, April 24, for the Dave Gee Invite at Northwest High School and will compete in the Southwest Conference meet in Ogallala on May 3.



Emersyn Propp set a new personal record at the Dutch Zorn Invite in Gothenburg on Thursday, April 17 in high jump. Propp has placed in the top ten at all track invites this year. (LOCAL Photo)

COZAD SCHOOL RECORD HOLDERS	
100m.....	Kelly Rhone, 12.0- 1998
200m.....	Kelly Rhone, 25.0- 1998
400m.....	Makaia Baker, 58.41a- 2021
800m.....	Lori Proctor, 2:23.8- 1980
1600m.....	Mallory Applegate, 5:26.93a- 2023
3200m.....	Whitney Applegate, 12:06.30a- 2017
100m/110m High Hurdles ..	Lisa Cornelius, 16.3- 1981
300m Low/Inter Hurdles...	Karyn Burkholder, 44.85a- 2023
4x100m Relay.....	K. Mitchell, S. Libich, L. Burkholder, M. Lawhead - 1992 and M. Dorsey, J. German, K. Parker, K. Rhone - 2000 both with 50.2
4x400m Relay.....	B. Aitken, K. Burkholder, M. Applegate, M. Baker, 4:07.39a- 2021
4x800m Relay	S. Yocom, K. German, M. McGinnis, A. Burkholder, 10:10.97a- 2016
Pole Vault	Megan Burkholder, 11' 3"- 2019
High Jump.....	Gretchen Clark (2007) and Kennedy Berreckman, 5' 5"- 2017
Long Jump	Lara Burkholder, 18' 7.25"- 1992
Triple Jump.....	Tessa Terry, 35' 9"- 2006
Discus	Carly Henry, 150' 9"- 2011
Shot Put	Carlie Pinkelman, 46' 5.50"- 2010

Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll for March

PRESS RELEASE

During the month of March 2025, sixteen people were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

These 16 fatalities occurred in 14 fatal crashes.

Eight of the thirteen vehicle occupants killed were not using seatbelts, two were using a seatbelt, and three had seatbelt usage marked as unknown.

Ten of the fatalities were in

rural locations.

There were four fatalities on the interstate, six on other highways, and six on local roads. One of the fatalities was a pedestrian. Two of the fatalities were motorcyclists.

For the daily count, visit this website: ndot.info/tollcompare Comparison with previous years:

There were 22 fatalities in March of 2024.

Only 12 of the 42 vehicle occupants killed during 2025 were

using seatbelts.

The Federal Highway Administration definition for urban is an area with a population of 5,000 or more.

This report includes information available through April 14, from the Highway Safety Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Transportation.

For additional information, contact NDOT Communications and Public Policy Division at (402) 479-4512.

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ABOVE: DTRA participants enjoyed free pizza, beer, water, and other liquid refreshments at the conclusion of the run. Each participant also received a cool DTRA shirt. Front row, from left, Carrie Elting, Olivia Young, and Melanie Perez. Back row, Erin Buhring, Jacque Kral, Deb White, Megan Koch, Chelsey Maendele, and Brenda Bliven. **RIGHT:** A large crowd gathered downtown in support of the Downtown Run Around hosted by Meridian Tap House. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)



Downtown Run Around Returns with Strong Community Support

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The Downtown Run Around (DTRA) made its return to Cozad on Saturday, April 19, as runners and walkers of all ages gathered between the Meridian Tap House and Big E's to kick off a morning of fun, refreshments, and community spirit.

Kristen Bennett, owner of Meridian Tap House, revived the event after previously helping organize it during her time with the Cozad Community Health System.

This year's DTRA offered participants a choice between a One Mile Run and a 5K. The run was noncompetitive, with stops at five local establishments—Big E's, Studio 6 Bistro, Cozad Elks Lodge #2250, The Frontier Frau, and Meridian Tap House—where participants

received small cups of beer, lemonade, or water.

The event also highlighted support from local retail businesses and was backed by the Chamber Retail Committee and Cozad Tourism. Participants ranged in age from infants in strollers to senior citizens, enjoying mild spring weather and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

At the finish line, participants were treated to free pizza, beverages, and a commemorative Downtown Run Around T-shirt. Kristen Bennett closed the event by drawing names for a series of prizes. Proceeds from the DTRA will be donated to a local cause, continuing the tradition started by earlier events.

Bennett and her team earned praise for organizing a

family-friendly event that celebrates community and supports local business, furthering Cozad's growing reputation as a daytrip destination.

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CHS SkillsUSA Students Shine at State Conference

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

SkillsUSA members from Cozad High School competed at the State Leadership and Skills Conference (SLC) April 10–12. Over 2,000 participants—including more than 1,600 students, teachers, and business partners—attended this year's SLC, held at the Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park in Grand Island. The theme of this year's conference was "Champions at Work".

The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, involve industry in directly evaluating student performance, and keep training relevant to employers' needs.

The Promotional Bulletin Board Team, composed of Betzy Utrera, Daygn Buss, and Evelyn Schroeder, won the championship and will travel to the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA, with adviser Dawn Beans from June 23–27.

The Community Service Team, with members Morgan Mraz, Brayden Barber, and William Hayes, narrowly missed a second championship for the Haymakers, earning the runner-up trophy with their Musical Barn project.

Other competitors included the Quiz Bowl Team—Braedon Groteluschen, Chandler Kaup, Ella Atchison, and Evelyn Schroeder; Crystal Hernandez in Baking; Ethan Atchison in Firefighting; Talyn Propp in Early Childhood Education; and Dakota Cook in Electrical.



Cozad High School SkillsUSA members Daygn Buss, Betzy Utrera, and Stephanie Schroeder proudly stand by their Promotional Bulletin Board which won the Championship at the Nebraska Leadership and Skills Conference held at the Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park in Grand Island April 10 - 12. The team and their advisor, Dawn Beans, will be competing at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA June 23 - 27. (Photo Courtesy of Dawn Beans)



Eight Haymakers Receive Arts Amplifier Awards

The Cozad Fine Arts Booster Club presented Arts Amplifier Awards to those students who were nominated during the 2024-2025 school year. Additionally, members of the CHS Band and the CMS Band students who performed during the fall music season will be honored this week with a donut party. Receiving awards for their dedication and perseverance in the Fine Arts were front row, from left Serenity Needham (Visual Arts); Olivia Anderson (Visual Arts); and Mallory Geiger (Band and Choir). Back row, Brock Malcom (Choir and One Acts); Libby Bennett (Visual Arts, Speech, and One Acts); Rieker Spradlin (Band); Apiphany Bowden (Choir and One Acts); and Mollie Spradlin (Band and One Acts). The Booster Club will be providing the refreshments at the CHS Fine Arts Night on Friday, May 2. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

Elementary Art Show to be Held at 100th Meridian Museum

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The annual Cozad Elementary Art Show will be held at the 100th Meridian Museum beginning Wednesday, April 30.

The elementary art shows have been a great success at the Robert Henri Museum in recent years, but a change of venue was necessary due to items currently being stored at the museum. These items will be moved to the new Robert Henri Art Gallery once that facility is ready. Elementary Art Para Stephanie Schroeder and 100th Meridian volunteer Mike Marshall will set up the display on April 28.

Artwork from students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be included and can be viewed April 30–May 9 from noon to 4 p.m. at the museum.

A public reception is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. to honor the students featured in the show. Cookies, Kool-Aid, and iced tea will be provided by the Cozad Fine Arts Booster Club.

Special thanks go to the 100th Meridian Museum Board of Directors for providing space to showcase the work of Cozad's youngest artists, and to Schroeder for keeping this elementary art show going in the community.

Class of 2025 Recognized at Honors Convocation

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Cozad High School's Class of 2025 students were seated front and center in the new CHS gym for the annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, April 16. Parents, grandparents, families, and community members attended to witness the presentation of scholarships and awards by businesses, individuals, and organizations to 31 students.

CHS Principal Corey Fisher addressed the crowd, saying, "Tonight is set aside to acknowledge and recognize many of our seniors who have earned academic awards, athletic awards, and local scholarships. I would like to thank Dawn Beans, Amanda Rossell, Jordan Haarberg, and Jennifer Walls, who have assisted our seniors throughout the school year as they worked to apply for post-secondary enrollment and scholarships." The listing below does not include college scholarships, which were not available at press time.

- Kinley Armagost: Robert and Lillian Marshall – Parkview Methodist
- London Costanza: Cozad Alumni Memorial (alternate), Cozad FFA Alumni and Supporters (alternate), Hi-Gain Feedlot, Parkview Methodist, Ralph and Opal Anderson, Waypoint Bank (alternate)
- Jaslyn Crites: Cozad Fire & Rescue (alternate), Ervin and Grace Burkholder (alternate), Maline Family
- Devan Davis: Cozad FFA Alumni and Supporters (alternate), Cozad Chamber of Commerce Technical or Ag Scholarship
- William Doudney: Jim Klein Memorial Trade Scholarship
- Jason Dyer: Cozad Rotary, Juhl and Vera Smith Memorial, Patsy Koch Johns Speech/Theatre Scholarship, Waypoint Bank
- Mason Fales: Doris Swanson Memorial, Juhl and Vera Smith Memorial
- Kolton Goff: Parkview Methodist, Arlyn and Kay Osborn
- Latasha Heuck: Judy Smith Svajgr Memorial, CCSA – Cozad Community Scholastic Association
- Boston Irish: Cozad Alumni Association, Cozad Alumni Memorial
- Isabella Jewett: Teammates – Barb Lawson Memorial Scholarship (alternate), Teammates Scholarship
- Callie Kostrunek: Cozad Alumni Association, Jane Kinnan Memorial Robert Henri Scholarship, Ralph and Opal Anderson (alternate)
- Lorenzo Levario: Claude E. and Jane Berreckman Memorial Scholarship
- Brock Malcom: VFW Auxiliary Post #890, Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Charitable Fund of Cozad, Cozad Fire & Rescue, Cozad Hospital Foundation,

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- Larkyn Malcom: Claude E. and Jane Berreckman Memorial Scholarship
- Maddux Malcom: Breon Alumni, CCSA – Cozad Community Scholastic Association (alternate)
- Autum Maline: Cozad FFA Alumni and Supporters
- McKenzie Munster: Charitable Fund of Cozad (alternate), Claude E. and Jane Berreckman Memorial Scholarship, Cozad Community Leaders, Cozad Fire & Rescue, CHS Cheer Scholarship, Doris Swanson Memorial, Parkview Methodist, VFW/American Legion Scholarship
- Austin Priel: Ray Mundell Memorial, Waypoint Bank (alternate)
- Faith Pruner: Homestead Bank, Maline Family (alternate), Ray Mundell Memorial (alternate)
- Tallyn Sassali: Cozad Fire & Rescue, Cozad Hospital Foundation, Pepsi High Activity (alternate), Security First Bank – Cash for College, Tim Thrasher Strong Inspiration Award
- Madison Sayer: Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors (alternate)
- Caydon Scroggin: Claude E. and Jane Berreckman Memorial Scholarship, Teammates – Barb Lawson Memorial Scholarship, Teammates Scholarship
- Noah Shoemaker: Cozad Hospital Foundation, Hayrack Booster Club Scholarship, Homestead Bank, Robert and Lillian Marshall – Parkview Methodist, Pepsi High Activity, Tim Thrasher Strong Inspiration Award
- Mara Smith: Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, CHS Cheer Scholarship, Cozad Hospital Foundation, Hi-Gain Feedlot (alternate), Jane Kinnan Memorial Robert Henri Scholarship (alternate), PEO Chapter CO, Waypoint Bank
- Taeh Soe: Claude E. and Jane Berreckman Memorial Scholarship
- Erica Weatherly: American Lutheran Church, Charitable Fund of Cozad, Gary Morrow Memorial Scholarship, Homestead Bank, Judy Smith Svajgr Memorial
- Brilee Wiese: Breon Alumni, Juhl and Vera Smith Memorial (alternate), Tim Thrasher Memorial
- Aaron Wilson: Cozad Wrestling Club, Ervin and Grace Burkholder Foundation
- Lane Wright: Arlyn and Kay Osborn (alternate), CCSA – Most Improved GPA Award, Cozad Chamber of Commerce Technical or Ag Scholarship (alternate), Homestead Bank, Robert and Lillian Marshall – Parkview Methodist
- Jorja Yocom: American Lutheran Church, Charitable

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Elks Students of the Month were also recognized, including Austin Priel (September), Mason Fales (October), Erica Weatherly (January), and Mara Smith (February). Central Community College cords were awarded to students who completed 12 or more college credits before graduation. These students included Camden Bussinger, London Costanza, Mason Fales, Kolton Goff, Larkyn Malcom, Tallyn Sassali, Noah Shoemaker, Mara Smith, Erica Weatherly, Brilee Wiese, and Jorja Yocom.

Activities Director Jeremy Yilk presented the Senior Outstanding Athlete Awards to Tallyn Sassali (Two-Sport Outstanding Female Athlete), Boston Irish (Two-Sport Outstanding Male Athlete), and Noah Shoemaker (Three-Sport Outstanding Male Athlete).

Certificates and medals were awarded to members of the Cozad Chapter of the National Honor Society, including London Costanza, Mason Fales, Latasha Heuck, Sebastian Kniestadt, Callie Kostrunek, Brock Malcom, Larkyn Malcom, Maddux Malcom, McKenzie Munster, Austin Priel, Tallyn Sassali, Noah Shoemaker, Mara Smith, Taeh Soe, Erica Weatherly, Brilee Wiese, and Jorja Yocom. Top 10% certificates and medals were presented to Jason Dyer, Latasha Heuck, Maddux Malcom, Noah Shoemaker, Erica Weatherly, and Jorja Yocom.

Ranked at the top of their class and selected as graduation speakers were Jorja Yocom, Maddux Malcom, and Erica Weatherly. Each received medals to be worn at the commencement ceremony.

Cozad High School will host graduation on Saturday, May 10, at 4 p.m. in the new high school gym.

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Vasquez, Shayla - 22
Lexington, NE - 04/11/2025 - 11:27 - Drug Court Violation

Fotheringham, Matthew Wayne - 36
Lexington, NE - 04/11/2025 - 12:06 - Probation Sanction

Smith, Joshua Everette - 31
Rushville, NE - 04/11/2025 - 14:30 - Amphetamine (Possession), Theft by Shoplifting \$0-\$500, Possess Drug Paraphernalia

Hakimi, Nisar Ahmed - 33
Lexington, NE - 04/11/2025 - 14:39 - Probation Violation (Violate Protection Order)

Lambert, Drew Alan - 31
Cozad, NE - 04/11/2025 - 23:15 - Driving Under Influence Liquor (2nd)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

Ramos-Gonzalez, Mayra - 20
Lexington, NE - 04/12/2025 - 01:45 - Driving Under Influence Liquor Over .15

Raymundo-Lopez, Pedro - 34
Lexington, NE - 04/12/2025 - 03:37 - Driving Under the Influence — Liquor 1st +.15, No Operator's License

Sandoval Jr, Ronald Christopher - 40
Lexington, NE - 04/12/2025 - 07:32 - Driving Under Suspension

Stewart, Ashley Ann - 35
Saint Paul, MN - 04/12/2025 - 15:20 - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedule 1/2/3), Possession of Marijuana (1 Oz to 1 Pound)

Espinoza, Marcosn - 26
Lexington, NE - 04/12/2025 - 19:05 - Driving Under Revocation

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Ortega-Morales, Jorge Arturo - 27
Lexington, NE - 04/13/2025 - 02:17 - Driving Under Influence Liquor, No Operator's License

Torres-Damacio, Cruz Alberto - 32
Lincoln, NE - 04/13/2025 - 03:04 - Driving Under Influence Liquor, No Operator's License

Monterrosa-Panuceno, Elmer Adonias - 35
Lexington, NE - 04/13/2025 - 16:15 - No Operator's License

Diego-Andres, Miguel - 42
Lexington, NE - 04/13/2025 - 19:37 - No Operator's License

Ochao, Eliazar Miguel - 23
Lexington, NE - 04/13/2025 - 22:43 - Driving Under Suspension

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Ramirez, Andrew - 32
Lexington, NE - 04/14/2025 - 15:25 - Dawson County Warrant (Probation Violation)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

Abdulrahman, Abdulmunim I - 46
Omaha, NE - 04/15/2025 - 15:00 - Dawson County Warrant (Probation Violation), Deuel County Warrant (Failure to Appear – Driving Under Suspension)

Garcia, Roman Edward - 58
Lexington, NE - 04/15/2025 - 16:31 - Driving Under Revocation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Bonilla-Sanchez, Jesus Javier - 25
Denver, CO - 04/16/2025 - 00:33 - No Operator's License

Golter, Kaine Alen - 30
Gothenburg, NE - 04/16/2025 - 15:30 - Probation Violation (Assault), Probation Violation (Driving Under the Influence Liquor)

Wallace, Aaron Earl - 40
Sumner, NE - 04/16/2025 - 19:17 - Probation Violation (Theft - Shoplifting \$0 To \$500)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by RYDE Transit at the City of Cozad – Council Chambers, 215 West 8th, Cozad, NE on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, at 10:00am. for the purpose of notifying the public of discontinuation of a Nebraska Intercity Bus Service in which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to the Federal Transit Act (FTA), generally described as follows. Description of Project: The purpose of these hearing is to consider changes in transportation service for a project in which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration, pursuant to the Federal Transit Act (FTA). Elderly and Disabled: This Project will take into consideration the special needs of the elderly and/or persons with disabilities. General Public: At the hearing, RYDE Transit will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to these changes. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said Project. Written and verbal comments from the public will be accepted during the comment period from April 29, 2025 to May 29, 2025 at the RYDE Transit Offices located at 715 East 11th Street, Kearney, NE 68847.

Comments can also be mailed to the RYDE Transit office at: Intercity Bus Project
RYDE Transit
PO Box 2288
Kearney, NE 68848

Charles McGraw
Transportation Director
RYDE Transit

Apr. 10, 2025

Apr. 24, 2025

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Notice

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Por la presente, se notifica que RYDE Transit celebrará una audiencia pública en la Ciudad de Cozad – Sala del Consejo, 215 West 8th, Cozad, NE, el martes 29 de abril de 2025 a las 10:00 a. m. con el fin de notificar al público sobre la suspensión del servicio de autobuses interurbanos de Nebraska, para el cual se solicita asistencia financiera de la Administración Federal de Tránsito (FTA), de conformidad con la Ley Federal de Tránsito (FTA), que se describe a continuación. Descripción del Proyecto: El propósito de esta audiencia es considerar los cambios en el servicio de transporte para un proyecto para el cual se solicita asistencia financiera de la Administración Federal de Tránsito (FTA). Personas mayores y personas con discapacidad: Este proyecto considerará las necesidades especiales de las personas mayores y/o personas con discapacidad. Público en general: En la audiencia, RYDE Transit brindará

la oportunidad a las personas o agencias interesadas de expresarse sobre estos cambios. Las personas interesadas pueden presentar evidencia y recomendaciones, tanto oralmente como por escrito, con respecto a dicho Proyecto. Se aceptarán comentarios del público, tanto escritos como verbales, durante el periodo de comentarios, del 29 de abril al 29 de mayo de 2025, en las Oficinas de Tránsito de RYDE, ubicadas en 715 East 11th Street, Kearney, NE 68847. También pueden enviarse por correo a la oficina de Tránsito de RYDE: Proyecto de Autobuses Interurbanos
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Apartado Postal 2288
Kearney, NE 68848

Charles McGraw
Director de Transporte
Tránsito de RYDE

Apr. 10, 2025

Apr. 24, 2025

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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 Reve-

nue Code with no institution to receive more than 10% of such amount.

Apr. 17, 2025

Apr. 24, 2025

May 1, 2025

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that Gibbens Family Counseling, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its registered office at 809 Meridian Ave., PO Box 174, Cozad, NE 69130. Its registered agent at such address is Bronson J. Malcom. Its designated office is 714 E. 17th St., Cozad, NE 69130. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska, except for banking or insurance, and for all other purposes authorized by law. The limited liability company was formed on the 7th day of April, 2025 and it shall have perpetual existence. The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Members pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

Malcom, Nelsen
& Windrum Law Office
Attorney for:
Gibbens Family
Counseling, LLC
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Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-2048

Apr. 24, 2025

May 1, 2025

May 8, 2025

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Notice

COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEXINGTON, NE APRIL 15, 2025

The Dawson County Board of Equalization of Dawson County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2025 in the Com-

missioners' Room, Lexington, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald. A copy of the Proof of Publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice and in the notice to members of the Board of County Equalization of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. County Clerk, Michaela Arndt called the roll with Commissioners PJ Jacobson, Bill Stewart, Rod Reynolds, Joe Richeson and Chairman Kevin Swanson present. Chairman Swanson announced that the current open meetings act was posted for the public and the location of the poster. Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for vehicle tax exemption as presented for Parkview Baptist Church. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Ashley Curtice, Deputy Assessor presented a request for reevaluation/tax correction received from Lee and Janice Koubek. Motion was made and seconded to approve reevaluation for clerical error. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. I, Michaela Arndt, County Clerk in and for Dawson County, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours prior to said meeting. That the minutes of the Dawson County Board of Equalization of Dawson County, NE., from

which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all media requesting notification concerning the meeting of said body were provided advance notice of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Michaela Arndt,
Dawson County Clerk
Kevin Swanson, Chairman
Apr. 24, 2025
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Notice

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AT THE COZAD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT OFFICE MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025 7:00 PM

Posted Locations: Cozad Local, Cozad Community Schools District Office, Cozad Post Office and Wilson Public Library. Posted Date: 4/10/2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM. All board members were present. Motion to approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Will Geiger and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Haymaker Highlight was given to the board. No community members provided public comment. Superintendent and Committee reports were given. Motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Stacey Mundell and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve the general, lunch, activities and depreciation financial report as presented, including monthly expenditures, which reflects the current financial standing of the District. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by John Peden. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve the building financial claims as presented, including monthly expenditures, which reflects

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the current financial standing of the District. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Dueland and Mrs. Ballmer effective at the end of the 2024-25 contract year. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve the resignation of Special Education Director Jessica Edeal at the end of her 2024-2025 contract. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by John Peden. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve the hiring of Alyce LeBlanc as an elementary teacher. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by Joel Carlson. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to hire Jackie Anderson and Teresa Schneider as interim Special Education Directors for the 2025-26 contract year. Passed with a motion by Will Geiger and a second by John Peden. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve Baer Photography for a 3-year photography contract starting with the 2025-2026 school year. Passed with a motion by Stacey Mundell and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to set the guaranteed maximum pricing on the elementary school classrooms project at \$318,404.90. Passed with a motion by Joel Carlson and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to hire Paulsen's as the Owner's Representative on the auditorium project as presented. Passed with a motion by Joel Carlson and a second by John Peden. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to direct the superintendent to sell or dispose of surplus school property. Passed with a motion by Michele Starman and a second by Stacey Mundell. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to direct the superintendent to have certificated staff members make-up one contract day prior to July 1, 2025. Passed with a motion

by John Peden and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve a classified wage increase of 75 cents per hour, a minimum of \$15/hour per law for new employees, and a \$15.25 minimum wage for returning staff. Passed with a motion by Kiley Goff and a second by Joel Carlson. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 food service contract with OPAA! Food Management, Inc. Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Kiley Goff. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Building principals shared upcoming events related to the end of the school year. Dr. Endorf communicated the plan and timeline for all items on the project list this summer. AGENDA SETTING AND FUTURE MEETINGS. - May 12, 2025- Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Dr. Dan Endorf,
Superintendent
Cozad Community
Schools District No. 11
APRIL 2025-GENERAL FUND-
222 HARDWARE-\$206.41; AMAZON.COM-\$811.56; Arends, Courtney-\$137.20; Awards Unlimited, Inc.-\$945.00; AXCENT BUILDINGS, LLC\$417.41; BLACK HILLS ENERGY-\$11,521.73; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS-\$17,129.12; BYTESPEED, LLC-\$7,903.00; CARDMEMBER SERVICES-\$3,430.98; Central Nebraska Science & Engineering Fair-\$30.00; COACH MASTER'S, INC.-\$1,257.55; COUNTRY PARTNERS CO-OPERATIVE-\$324.50; COZAD AUTO SUPPLY-\$930.33; COZAD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-\$3,306.42; COZAD SERVICES, INC.-\$5,300.16; COZAD TELEPHONE CO.-\$1,557.85; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL FINANCE-\$442.99; DAWSON PEST CONTROL-\$375.43; DHHS/DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH-\$50.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS - KEARNEY-\$15,637.35;

EARL'S AUTO GLASS-\$40.00; EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #10-\$16,682.33; Endorf, Daniel-\$147.50; Everyday Speech LLC-\$1,799.97; FLASH ELECTRIC, LLC-\$877.89; GOTHENBURG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-\$145.00; Gothenburg Public Schools-\$529.00; HAWK Recreation, Inc.-\$4,500.00; Haynie, Carrie-\$135.48; Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.-\$1,208.54; HOMETOWN LEASING-\$1,842.71; ICEV-\$2,850.00; INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC-\$177.00; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.-\$306.67; Johnny on the Spot-\$420.05; JourneyEd.com Inc.-\$7,394.33; JW PEPPER & SON, INC.-\$134.89; Kansas City Audio-Visual-\$130.00; KEARNEY QUALITY SEW & VAC, INC.-\$648.06; KNF CONSTRUCTION-\$1,160.00; KRVN-FM-\$100.00; Kuypers Consulting, Inc.-\$120.00; Marenem. Inc.-\$180.40; MATHESON TRIGAS, INC.-\$1,300.21; MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION HOLDINGS, LLC-\$7,342.40; MEAD LUMBER CO-\$222.84; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC.-\$787.75; Mohler, Amy\$7.70; Mystery Science-\$1,695.00; NE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS-\$2,368.63; NE CENTRAL EQUIPMENT, INC.-\$1,024.96; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION\$200.00; ONE SOURCE-\$340.00; PAPER TIGER SHREDDING-\$189.00; PERFORMANCE TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR-\$466.80; PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE & GESSFORD, P.C., L.L.O.-\$2,872.80; PLATTE VALLEY GLASS & TRAILERS-\$225.00; Plum Creek Laser Wash-\$144.25; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET BUICK-\$644.38; PUMP & PANTRY\$4,395.96; RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC-\$10,699.85; Richie, Brenna-\$98.40; SCCL, LLC-\$300.00; Software Unlimited, Inc.-\$398.00; Sonny's Super Foods-\$803.14; SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY-\$95.00; Syndicate Publishing-\$207.97; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.-\$201.95; Typing.com LLC-\$1,438.40; UNITED STATES POSTAL SER-

VICE-\$350.00; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN-\$465.00; VERIZON WIRELESS-\$160.04; Wolfe, Patty-\$99.97; WYEBOT INC.-\$700.00; Yilk, Jeremy-\$75.00 TOTAL: \$153,565.21. APRIL 2025-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.-\$13.16 TOTAL: \$13.16. APRIL 2025-NUTRITION FUND-CARDMEMBER SERVICES-\$1,231.06; COZAD SERVICES, INC.-\$583.22; Johnny on the Spot-\$2,408.75; OPAA! FOOD MANAGEMENT OF NEBRASKA, LLC-\$67,312.47 TOTAL: \$71,535.50. APRIL 2025-BUILDING FUND-PAULSEN, INC.-\$13,383.00; WILKINS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN PLANNING LLC-\$2,166.34 TOTAL: \$15,549.34. Apr. 24, 2025 (253) znez

Notice

REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 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 Kloepping, City Clerk Kloepping, Councilmembers Worthman, Howerter, Curtice, Hernandez, Chief Reynolds, Commissioner Franzen, Library Director Yocom, Commissioner Weinmaster. Absent and not present: City Attorney Trusdale, Foreman White. 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 Coun-

cil Minutes - February 17. Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No - None. Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve claims excluding none. BLACK HILLS ENERGY - 2647.27-EX-, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS - 6012.51-EX-, CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE - 58.63-SU-, CENTER POINT INC - 114.60-SU-, COLONIAL LIFE - 4170.86-EX-, COZAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 33159.46-EX-, COZAD TELEPHONE COMPANY - 1534.86-EX-, COZAD VETERINARY CLINIC - 277.00-EX-, DAWSON PEST CONTROL - 54.50-EX-, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - 448.72-SU-, EFTPS - 13730.55-EX-, Mary Edenburn - 630.00-EX-, Equitabe Financial Life Insurance Co of America - 81.40-ex-, HOMETOWN LEASING - 519.60-EX-, INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC - 1443.93-SU-, INTOXIMETERS - 210.25-SU-, Inovalon Provider, Inc. - 136.40-EX-, Integrated Security Solutions -540.00-EX-, Brandi Kloepping - 437.61-EX-, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS - 70.00-EX-, MacQueen Equipment- 415.00-EX-, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE - 2069.70-EX-, Luis A. Nunez - 440.00-EX-, OVER-DRIVE - 692.72-SU-, OVERHEAD DOOR OF KEARNEY - 80.35-SU-, Oak Creek Engineering - 750.00-EX-, Regional Care Inc. - 60757.86-EX-, Laura Rody - 22.46-SU-, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, L.L.C. - 146.91-EX-, Special-T Boxes LLC - 67500.00-EX-, T A S C - 1681.46-EX-, The Lincoln National Life Insurance

Comp - 222.75-EX-, Troy's Tire & Auto -4148.72-EX-, VILLAGE UNIFORM-115.84-EX-, VOYA FINANCIAL - 7843.48-EX-, VVS INC. - 234.72-SU-, Verizon Wireless - 80.02-EX-, Wilson Public Library - 23.28-SU-, LAURIE YOCOM -15.00-EX-, Total - 213518. Roll call vote: Yea - Howerter, Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman. No - None. Howerter moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve the renewal of 2025-2026 liquor licenses. Roll call vote: Yea - Curtice, Worthman, Hernandez, Howerter. No - None. Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to introduce and waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1577. Roll call vote: Yea - Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No - Hernandez. Clerk Kloepping read the Ordinance by title. Ordinance 1577. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF COZAD, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; DESCRIBING THE SAME AND INCLUDING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COZAD; DECLARING THAT SUCH LANDS ARE URBAN OR SUBURBAN IN CHARACTER; RETAINING THE INDUSTRIAL 2 ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREON; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Curtice moved, Howerter seconded, to adopt Ordinance 1577. Roll call vote: Yea - Worthman, Howerter, Curtice. No - Hernandez. There being no fur-

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ther business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Marcus Kloepping
City Clerk/Treasurer
Brandi Kloepping

Apr. 24, 2025
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opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included: City Council Minutes – March 3, March 11 Retreat. Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve claims excluding none. 222 HARDWARE – 1264.76-SU- ADKISSON DOUG – 143.59-EX-, AT & T Mobility – 136.08-EX-, Axxent Buildings LLC – 3495.00-SU-, Bizco Technologies – 14106.56-SU- CENGAGE LEARNING INC/GALE – 165.70-SU-, CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 51.00-EX-, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE – 7719.06-SU- COZAD LOCAL – 130.00-SU-, COZAD SERVICES – 723.15-EX, CULLIGAN – 93.26-EX-, Cozad Auto Supply – 547.96-SU, DANKO – 9390.13-SU-, DAS STATE ACCTG- CENTRAL FINANCE – 150.00-EX-, DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT – 254.04-EX-, EFTPS – 13344.96-EX-, Elan Financial Services – 3329.80-EX, Equitable Financial Life Insurance Co of America – 124.24-EX-, Jennifer Howerter – 247.80-EX-, INTOXIMETERS 210.25-SU-, ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO – 17.92-SU-, JJA WINDOW CLEANING – 175.00-EX-, LEXINGTON AREA SOLIDWASTE AGENCY – 8716.39-EX-, MEAD LUMBER CO INC – 62.52-SU-, NEBRASKA DEPT REVENUE – 1945.16-EX-, NMC – 407.64-XU-, Nebraska State patrol – 116.00-EX-, Oliver Consulting Services, Inc. – 147.76-EX-, PAPER TIGER SHREDDING

– 45.00-EX-, PAULSEN INC – 857.25-EX-, SERVICE DRUG – 622.60-SU-, SERVICE MASTER OF MID NE – 95.00-EX-, SGH Concepts – 94083.00-EX, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, L.L.C. – 57.26-EX-, Schumacher Fencing, LLC – 4669.00-EX-, T A S C – 1558.39-EX-, TED'S TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR – 204.95-EX-, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN – 35.97-SU, Troy's Tire & Auto – 642.64-EX-, Turner Technology – 1523.57-EX-, ULINE – 101.50-SU-, VOYA FINANCIAL – 10359.15-EX-, Wilson Public Library – 19.59-EX-, LAURIE YOCOM – 20.00-EX-, iREAD – 25.00-EX-, Total – 182135.60 Roll call vote: Yea – Howerter, Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman. No – None. Jen McKeone with Cozad Development Corporation (CDC) explained the REDLG Revolving loan fund and the REDLG Grant process. She stated that there are funds in the Revolving loan fund to be used. McKeone also stated the CDC will pay the match funding of \$60,000 on the grant side if the City agrees to the grant for the Cozad Community Health Systems. Curtice moved, Worthman seconded, to approve the recommendation from the REDLG Committee for a loan to the Cozad Community Health Systems for \$375,000. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Howerter, Worthman, Curtice. No – None. Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-5. Roll call vote: Yea – Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No – None. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT 2025-5. Whereas, the City of Cozad has been actively involved in economic development in order to improve the economic well-being of its membership as well as that of the Cozad's area as a whole; and Whereas, The Cozad Community Health System has proposed to make updates to the hospital to improve patient safety, care,

and privacy; and Whereas, the total project is estimated to be \$720,000 and the Cozad Community Health System is in need of an additional \$360,000 to fund the project, and the City of Cozad is willing to loan at 0% the amount of \$360,000 to Cozad Community Health Services with a 10-year term. Whereas, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service has available an economic development program of financial assistance to intermediaries in the form of grants to establish revolving loan funds; and Whereas, the project is in compliance with 7 CFR 4280 and specifically the project is for eligible purposes and is not restricted (per 7 CFR 4280.27 and 7CFR 4280.3); and Whereas, the City Council of Cozad has endorsed the proposed rural economic development project as described in the application and will commit 20% of the total grant funds approved, which complies with 7 CFR 4280.23 Requirements for Lending from Revolving Loan Fund and 7 CFR 4280.29 Supplemental Financing Required for the Ultimate Recipient project; and Whereas, the City Council of Cozad agrees to the provisions of the regulations 7 CFR 4280-A and the 4280-3 grant agreement; and resolves to carry out the proposed project with Cozad Community Health System according to 7 CFR 4280. Now therefore be it resolved, the City Council of Cozad authorizes its Mayor to submit an application of \$300,000 for a Rural Economic Development Grant; and Be it further resolved, that the City Council of Cozad authorizes its City Administrator to compile, complete, and execute the information and forms necessary to support this application including Form AD-1049 regarding a drug-free workplace program as required in 7 CFR 4280 Subpart A. I, the City Clerk of the City of Cozad, do hereby certify that the above

is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City of Cozad at its meeting held on September 7th, 2021 at which meeting a quorum was present, and that said resolution now appears in the records of the Cooperative's minutes book without changes or alterations. I, City Clerk of Cozad, do hereby certify that the City of Cozad has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement under this program. March 17, 2025. [Brandi Kloepping] City Clerk. The Council discussed having a city-wide cleanup. Commissioner Weinmaster thought the best week for his crew would be the week of April 7-11. Everyone gets a tag from the city office and has belongings out by the curb or in the alley for pickup that week. Rose Mapel of 1514 Avenue H, Cozad, NE made a public comment about her thoughts on the roll off dumpster and the trash dumpsters in the community. Mayor Kloepping thanked her for her comments and told her that there couldn't be any discussion from the council as this wasn't an item on the agenda. He stated she could fill out a formal request to be put on the agenda in the future. Worthman moved, Hernandez seconded, to approve city-wide cleanup during the week of April 7-11. Roll call vote: Yea – Curtice, Howerter, Hernandez, Worthman. No – None. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Marcus Kloepping
City Clerk/Treasurer
Brandi Kloepping

Apr. 24, 2025
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Notice

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
LEXINGTON, NE
APRIL 15, 2025**

The County Board of Commissioners of Dawson County, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025,

in the Commissioners' Room, Courthouse, Lexington, Nebraska, immediately following the Board of Equalization meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald. A copy of the Proof of Publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice and in the notice to member of the Board of County Commissioners of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., County Clerk, Michaela Arndt called the roll with Commissioners PJ Jacobson, Bill Stewart, Rod Reynolds, Joe Richeson and Chairman Kevin Swanson present. Chairman Swanson announced the current open meetings act was posted for the public and the location of the poster. Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 1, 2025 regular minutes as presented. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to file the Official's receipts as submitted. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Official Receipts: County Clerk; \$865.12 Register of Deeds; \$49,973.46 Clerk of District Court; \$14,346.29 and Surveyor; \$6,687.50. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Receipts as presented. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Treasurer's Receipts: \$9,817,248.37. Motion was made and seconded to approve the claims as submitted. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Total Claims: \$1,216,226.18. GENERAL VENDOR CLAIMS: Applied Connective Technologies, Maintenance, \$16,463.48. AT&T Mobility, Phone Service, \$1,807.78. Axon Enterprise, Instructor Course, \$1,790.00. B & B Veterinary Services, Boarding, \$125.20. Berreckman & Bazata, Legal Services,

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Malcom, Nelsen & Windrum, Legal Services, \$5,632.50. Mark McKeone, Legal Services, \$2,554.45. Mead Lumber, Supplies, \$328.55. Microfilm Imaging, Equipment Leases, \$376.60. Midwest Connect, Supplies, \$372.00. MIPS, Data Processing, \$4,811.49. Derek L Mitchell, Legal Services, \$1,400.00. Modern Samurai Project, Training, \$3,780.00. Motorola Systems, Equipment, \$1,265.06. NACO, Workshops, \$110.00. Nebraska Clerk of Dist. Court Association, Workshops, \$75.00. Nebraska.gov, Services, \$119.00. O'Reilly Automotive, Part, \$7.03. OPTK Networks, Internet, \$225.00. Overton Veterinary Services, Boarding, \$170.00. Platte Valley Auto Mart, Inspection, \$87.34. Platte Valley Communications, Maintenance, \$1,161.50. Presto-X, Pest Service, \$1,423.05. Prosource Specialties, Supplies, \$750.00. Red Willow County Sheriff, Service Fees, \$19.46. Maria Reutlinger, Deposition, \$140.00. S & W Auto Parts, Parts, \$52.86. Rebecca A Schroeder PHD, Assessment, \$750.00. Secretary of State, Certified Copy, \$20.00. ServiceMaster of Mid Nebraska, Janitorial Services, \$9,264.00. Shaw Law, Legal Services, \$7,519.13. Shred It, Shredding, \$36.28. Sign Pro, Vinyl Lettering, \$490.00. Heather Smith, MH Hearing, \$259.20. SOF Protection Security, Services, \$197.67. Streichers, Equipment, \$525.00. Summit Food Services, Meals, \$12,418.02. Sun Auto Tire & Service, Tires, \$885.99. SurvKap, Supplies, \$249.50. Teds Truck & Auto, Repairs, \$1,374.80. Thomson Reuters-West, Monthly Subscription, \$417.35. Transit Works, Maintenance, \$1,095.00. Transunion Risk & Alternative, Monthly Services, \$136.20. Troy's Auto & Tire, Repair, \$32.43. U Save Business, Supplies, \$121.62. US Bank, Subscriptions, Supplies, \$4,935.51. Verizon Wireless, Monthly Services, \$626.49. Verizon,

Monthly Services, \$171.64. VISA-Pinnacle Bank, Fuel, Meals, \$102.55. VISA-Pinnacle Bank, Meals, Equipment, \$1,195.81. VISA-Pinnacle Bank, Supplies, Equipment, \$2,194.72. Capital One, Supplies, \$62.64. Woods & Aitken, Professional Services, \$182.50. Zelle, HR Consulting, \$5,238.00. TOTAL: \$201,204.79. ROAD VENDOR CLAIMS: Black Hills Energy, Utilities, \$1,390.39. Board of Public Works, Utilities, \$209.05. City of Gothenburg, Utilities, \$399.82. Country Partners Cooperative, Fuel, \$21,896.38. Cozad Auto Supply, Supplies, Parts, \$108.54. Dan's Sanitation, Trash Removal, \$68.25. Dawson Public Power, Utilities, \$323.96. Eilers Machine & Welding, Steel, \$5.30. Gothenburg Tire Service, Repair, \$68.00. Lawson Products, Supplies, \$2,407.48. Matheson Tri-Gas, Supplies, \$46.55. MIPS, Data Processing, \$165.78. O'Reilly Automotive, Supplies, Parts, \$757.41. Paulsen Inc., Gravel, \$1,873.31. Primary Electric, Repairs, \$6,338.00. RDO Truck Center, Fuel, Supplies, \$2,785.60. S & S Auto Parts, Supplies, Parts, \$255.81. S & W Auto Parts, Grease, Supplies, \$7,594.88. ServiceMaster of Mid Nebraska, Trash Removal, \$520.00. Stengel Bros., Parts, \$1,844.84. Surplus Center, Tools, \$500.66. Village of Overton, Utilities, \$14.50. Village of Sumner, Utilities, \$42.90. Village Uniform, Supplies, \$120.59. TOTAL: \$49,738.00. VISITORS PROMO VENDOR CLAIMS: Cozad Tourism Committee, Expenses, \$91.50. Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce, Expenses, \$3,884.81. Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Expenses, \$2,147.88. TOTAL: \$6,124.19. VISITORS DEV-IMP VENDOR CLAIMS: Cozad Tourism Committee, Expenses, \$2,228.40. Robert Henri Museum, Expenses, \$10,000.00. TOTAL: \$12,228.40. ROD PRES-MOD VENDOR CLAIMS: MIPS, Data Processing, \$390.35. TOTAL: \$390.35. COUNTY INS VENDOR CLAIMS: Pinnacle

Bank, Petty Cash, \$868,239.58. TOTAL: \$868,239.58. CASA VENDOR CLAIMS: Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease, \$97.05. Betty Koenig, Mileage, \$32.75. US Bank, Training Supplies, \$555.58. Capital One, Supplies, \$65.74. TOTAL: \$751.12. MW NE DRUG CT-LOC VENDOR CLAIMS: Taylor Chitwood, Supplies, \$36.24. Anne Power, Meal, Rental, Fuel, \$746.02. Stacy Sobolewski, Supplies, \$42.34. TOTAL: \$824.60. CASA 2 VENDOR CLAIMS: Capital One, Expenses, \$54.89. TOTAL: \$54.89. ARPA VENDOR CLAIMS: Yandas, Audio System, \$33,999.45. TOTAL: \$33,999.45. E-911 VENDOR CLAIMS: ATC Communications, E-911 Circuits, \$116.15. ATC Communications, E-911 Monthly Service, \$40.00. CenturyLink, Monthly Service, \$255.25. Frontier, Dawson County E-911, \$22.17. Great Plains Communications, E-911 Eddyville, \$383.46. Nebraska Regional Interoperability, Annual Fee, \$3,600.00. TOTAL: \$4,417.03. E-911 EW RESERVE VENDOR CLAIMS: APCO, Software, \$17,000.00. TOTAL: \$17,000.00. DISPATCH VENDOR CLAIMS: State of Nebraska-DAS, Network Service, \$1,151.99. VISA-Pinnacle Bank, Supplies, \$310.00. TOTAL: \$1,461.99. CED BLDG VENDOR CLAIMS: Black Hills Energy, Utilities, \$871.24. Dan's Sanitation, Trash Service, \$147.50. Great Plains Communications, Internet, \$520.00. HD Supply, Supplies, \$171.92. Lexington Utilities System, Utilities, \$1,061.94. Platte Valley Communications, Monthly Service, \$30.00. Presto-X, Pest Service, \$84.58. ServiceMaster of Mid Nebraska, Janitorial Service, \$2,884.00. TOTAL: \$5,771.18. NOXIOUS WEED VENDOR CLAIMS: Black Hills Energy, Utilities, \$150.36. Bomgaars, Supplies, \$48.93. Country Partners Cooperative, Fuel, \$230.81. Dan's Sanitation, Trash Service, \$47.75. Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging, \$375.00. Spectrum,

Monthly Service, \$150.90. TOTAL: \$1,003.75. INVENTORY MAINT. VENDOR CLAIMS: Bob Barker, Commissary Supplies, \$1,782.57. Charm-Tex, Commissary Supplies, \$131.70. Davis Energy, Fuel, \$1,429.50. Ideal Linen & Uniform, Monthly Service, \$268.68. Keefe Supply, Commissary Supplies, \$2,781.80. Lynn Peavey, Supplies, \$90.83. Office Depot, Equipment, \$1,299.94. Spectrum, Monthly Service, \$311.23. VISA-Pinnacle Bank, Commissary Supplies, \$763.34. VVS Canteen, Commissary Supplies, \$756.00. TOTAL: \$9,615.59. HISTORICAL SOC VENDOR CLAIMS: Dawson County Historical Society, Monthly Fee, \$3,401.27. TOTAL: \$3,401.27. Citizens comments: Brian Woldt, Emergency Manager thanked commissioners for nomination for Emergency Manager of the Year which was received by him. Committee Reports: ARPA Funds update: Commissioner Richeson indicated annual report due April 30, 2025. Courthouse Remodel update: Commissioner Reynolds gave brief report that

the old commissioners' room and Register of Deeds are under construction. Chairman Swanson thanked Commissioner Reynolds and Brian Woldt for all their efforts. Edd Albrecht, Chief Deputy Sheriff presented the March crime report. Vanessa Olmos reported on victim advocate position within the sheriff's office. Lindsey Tederman was present and spoke regarding her request for a Special Designated License. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Special Designated License requested by Lindsey Tederman of Charm Market for April 25, 2025 event. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Shane Tilson, Sheriff's Office and Brian Cronstrom of Integrative Health, M.D., were present and discussed jail medical. Matter was tabled until last agenda item in order to go into executive session. Autumn Goodwin, Payroll Clerk discussed proposed estrogen testing by Wellness Partners. Testosterone testing is presently done. Approximate cost per woman would be \$46.10. Motion was made and sec-

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onded to approve estrogen testing being added to the services provided by Wellness Partners. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Mark Christensen, Highway Superintendent, indicated that they have completed the upgrade of stop sign locations of rural roads. Motion was made and seconded to approve signing of Certification of Completion – Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Ru-

ral Roads – Resolution 2025-21. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve the following Conservation Easement Applications and Resolutions as presented: 2025-22 for Charles and Beverly Volk; Resolution 2025-23 for Thomas and Pamela Laird, and Resolution 2025-24 for Stitch Ranch, LLC. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Val Jansante of Congressman Adrian Smith's

Office was presented and gave a legislative update and will host a mobile office today from 11:00-12:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Motion was made and seconded at 9:57 a.m. to go into executive session at the request of County Attorney Darlene M. Shafer regarding jail medical and to protect public interest. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to go out of executive session

at 10:50 a.m. Aye: 5. Nay: 0. Motion carried. There was no discussion other than jail medical. No action taken and the matter was tabled to May 1, 2025. The members of the board visited the jail. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. I, Michaela Arndt, County Clerk in and for Dawson County, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were con-

tained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours prior to said meeting. That the minutes of the County Commissioners of Dawson County, NE., from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working

days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all media requesting notification concerning the meeting of said body were provided advance notice of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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42. A way to comprehend

43. Defraud

44. Sandwich type

45. Expression of disappointment

46. Popular Dodge truck model

47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

48. Soviet Socialist Republic

49. Songs to a beloved

52. Custom

55. Partner to cheese

56. West Indies trees

60. Member of a Semitic people

61. Plant that originated vegetatively

63. Squandered one's money

64. Ethiopian river

65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

66. Acquire by one's efforts

67. Irish goddess

68. Hungarian village

69. Cereal grasses
25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)

26. Droop

27. Away from one another

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29. A harsh scraping sound

32. Attaches to a wall

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34. German river

36. Disappointed

37. Star Wars character Solo

38. Supervises flying

40. Not mass-produced

41. Nonsense

43. Automobile

44. Hoghead (abbr.)

46. Soak in water

47. Flower cluster

49. Romanian city

50. A parent is often one

51. Fencing sword

52. Body part

53. Region

54. Farm building

57. Ali's surname at birth

58. Waxy bird beak covering

59. Stiff bristles

61. VCR button

62. Small amount
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1. Currency

2. Ceramic jar

3. Reagan's Secretary of State

4. God worshipped in Kanesh

5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

6. Semitic

7. About blood

8. Benign tumors

9. Move one's head

10. Hours (Spanish)

11. Hebrew calendar month

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MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The City of Cozad and its Forestry Board will host a celebration to commemorate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25. The event will take place at Veterans Memorial Park, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Forestry Board members are Zach Priel, Lorne Laird, Jeremy Koch, Jennie Smith, and Mel Nutt.

Nutt will serve as emcee for the program, which will begin with the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by members of Cozad Cub Scout Troop #187, under the leadership of Jill Arnold and Marie Neal. Cozad fifth graders Chloe Russell, Ivy Russell, Blakely Broz, Malory Geiger, Ava Sturgeon, Piper Sturgeon, and Kori Wolfe

will sing the National Anthem.

Cozad Mayor Marcus Kloepping will read the Arbor Day Proclamation, and the six winners of this year's fourth-grade Arbor Day Poster Contest will be recognized. Two were selected from each class: Baylee Brill and Palmer Wilkins from Mrs. Heimann's class, Annabelle Davis and Lexi Davis from Mrs. Lemmer's class, and Margaret Kinnan and Arely McFall from Mrs. Love's class. A special shout-out goes to fourth-grade teachers Kimberly Heimann, Theresa Lemmer, and Anngie Love for their support and encouragement, as well as to Principal Justin Dowdy for his assistance.

The winners will receive certificates, a chokecherry tree seedling from Natural Escapes, and two movie passes to the FOX Theater from Liz Romero and the Cozad LOCAL. The posters are displayed at The Cut Barn, the Green Apple Café, Daylight Donuts, Everything Chocolate & Confections, and Polished Hair and Nails Salon in downtown Cozad.

The featured speaker will be local tree enthusiast Steve Sparks. Sparks, Priel, and the six poster contest winners will plant a honey locust tree in the park.

A closing prayer will be delivered by Lay Pastor Harvey Pierce from the Church of God to conclude the program.

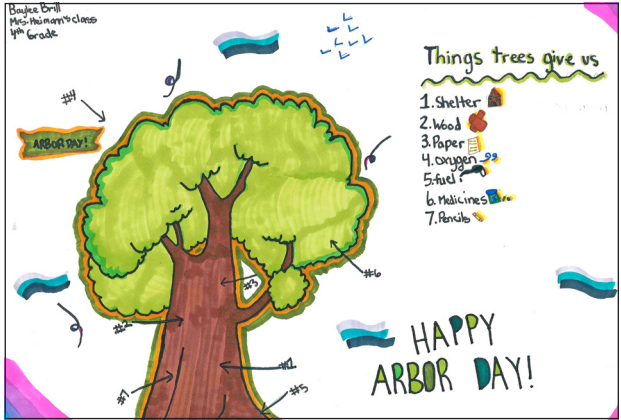
Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners



Annabelle Davis from Mrs. Lemmer's class explained in her drawing that "Leaves give us clean air and oxygen", "branches and leaves give us shelter", "roots to leaves give us clean water", "and lots more".



Palmer Wilkins of Mrs. Heimann's fourth grade class drew the four-weather season and how the trees look during each season.



Baylee Brill of Mrs. Heimann's fourth grade class colored a tree with numbered locations indicating what that area of the trees provides for us. 1. Shelter 2. Wood 3. Paper 4. Oxygen 5. Fuel 6. Medicine 7. Pencils.



Arely McFall from Mrs. Love's class explained in her drawing that trees are the longest living organism on earth and never die of old age. Tree rings can predict climate changes, planting trees can help reduce your energy cost, some trees have been to the moon! Trees are able to communicate and defend themselves against attaching insects, and trees have been with us our whole life.



Lexi Davis of Mrs. Lemmer's class drew a tree with apples and beehives, birds and spiders, and cats and dogs.



Margaret Kinnan from Mrs. Love's class explained why we need trees in her painting. "The first arbor was in Nebraska on 1872; Arbor Day is on April 25. Sterling Morton is the father of Arbor Day." Kinnan shared oxygen habitat for animals, makes food, carbon dioxide, water cycle and soil emotion.