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COZAD SHINES BRIGHT FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST



Ashley Smolik and Amanda Daily, the 2024 Cozad Christmas Light Contest winners, added new features to their display at 1519 and 1521 Meridian Ave. as part of their 2025 entry. This year's winners will be announced on Dec. 19. (LOCAL Photos)

KRYSTLE RHOADES, CORRESPONDENT

Cozad is glowing a little brighter this season as residents and businesses once again deck their homes, storefronts and yards for the annual Cozad Christmas Light Contest, hosted by the Cozad Chamber of Commerce.

The contest itself is still fairly new to the community. Cozad's 150th Committee first launched the Christmas Light Contest in 2023, and it was so well received that they asked the Chamber to take it over and continue it beginning in 2024.

That makes this the third year of the contest overall, but the second year for Chamber Director Jordan Starman and her team to coordinate it. Starman said the event has grown since last year, with more



entries in both the residential and business categories.

Participants were required to register online or by calling the Chamber office by Nov. 30. The only eligibility requirements were that the property must be located within city limits, and lights must be turned on by Dec. 1.

Starman noted that there are many impressive displays just outside the city boundaries as well and said a rural category may be considered for next year. "The point is to get people out driving around looking at the lights," she said. "It gives

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Weather Forecast

Dec. 19: 50/36	
Dec. 20: 59/27	
Dec. 21: 50/29	
Dec. 22: 53/30	
Dec. 23: 54/28	
Dec. 24: 53/29	
Dec. 25: 50/29	

Slippers On, People Off

My husband forgot who he married. I don't mean a small slip, like forgetting my coffee order or where the tongs belong. I mean full amnesia. Like he woke up one morning, looked at me, and thought, this woman probably loves spontaneous social gatherings.

We have been together for many, many years. In all those years, I can count on one hand the number of times I have said, "Do you want to invite some people over?" or "Let's go do this." That number might even rival the number of dogs I currently have, which should tell you everything you need to know. My house is my humble abode. I decorate it for me. I arrange furniture for comfort and dogs. I choose throw pillows based on nap potential. I do not decorate for company.

I like people. Truly. I just prefer them from a distance. A friendly wave, a quick chat, maybe a comment section interaction. Then I want to go home, close the door, and put my slippers back on. Real shoes irritate my mind. I don't know how else to explain it. The minute I lace up something structured, my anxiety goes on high alert and starts plotting ways to keep me awake at night. Slippers mean safety.

I am happily medicated, and I am grateful for it. The medication doesn't erase my anxiety. It just turns the volume down enough that I can function, mostly, day-to-day. Anxiety still lives here. It still makes me forget everything. Names, sentences, why I walked into a room, and sometimes how to act like a normal human being.

Being a journalist suits me for a reason. I stay behind the scenes. I observe. I listen. I write. I don't need to be part of the scene, and I like it that way. My husband, on the other hand, missed his calling. He should have gone

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like I am at 2 a.m.

I have grown. I really have, and I am extremely proud of myself for that. I put myself into uncomfortable situations on purpose now. I can't become the person I want to be if I let anxiety run the show. I try to have normal conversations that don't include oversharing things like the fact that I brushed my teeth that morning. I still prep myself with conversation starters or things I should ask about. I try to ask questions about other people. I don't always succeed, but I try. I even text myself reminders in case I freeze, which feels ridiculous and not at all childish.

Even while my mind worries about tripping, slipping on ice, or wondering if I have something on my face, I've learned that effort matters. I feel happier when I try, even if I replay the conversation later and cringe a little. I feel like a better person afterward, even if it was a no-big-deal gathering or a business-after-hours.

Anxiety doesn't always look dramatic. It shows up in small, everyday ways, like social and mental overload, and the need for quiet after too much interaction. Or at 2 a.m., when you remember you walked into the flagpole outside the post office, and it dawns on you that someone sat in their car and absolutely saw it.

Which brings me back to the moment my husband forgot my personality entirely. We did something on Friday. We did something on Saturday. Then he suggested doing something on Sunday. I looked him straight in the eye and told him I was grounding myself. Friends were not allowed to come over. I was peopled out.

Slippers on. Door locked. Permanently closed for the day.

This week is about knowing yourself and respecting your own limits. That it's okay to work on yourself and still need slippers, silence, and a closed door. Loving people doesn't require constant availability, and needing rest isn't a failure.

Next week might be about how my black light fixture is so dusty that it looks grey. We'll find out together. Just stick around. I want you here. Merry Christmas!

Your anxious friend, Liz

City Council Approves SWAN Sculpture at Veterans Memorial Park

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The Cozad City Council approved the consent agenda including a \$775 reimbursement payment to The Crossing Fellowship for façade improvements at the Dec. 8 meeting that took place following the opening Pledge of Allegiance which was led Randy Adams of The Crossing Fellowship. Council also approved a \$12,500 payment for general administration to West Central Development District (WCNDD), a \$5,000 reimbursement for construction management to WCNDD, and the revised Drawdown #2 in the amount of \$18,934.03.

Bonnie Hubbard, Coordinator of the Haymaker Creative and Historic District, presented a request to place a sculpture at Veterans Memorial Park for 2026. Eight rural Nebraska communities will participate in Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska (SWAN) in 2026 that includes Norfolk, Grand Island, Columbus, Valentine, North Platte, Ogalala, Fremont and Cozad. Cozad's SWAN committee includes Hubbard, Laura Rody, Jordan Starman, Kent Ross, and Mel Nutt.

Hubbard noted that SWAN rotates sculptures annually, with each piece displayed in a host community for one year and selected through a draft process. Hubbard expressed interest in adding more sculptures over time and in time expanding partnerships with local businesses. All displayed works are available for purchase, with the Haymaker Creative and Historic District receiving a commission on any sale made during the exhibit.

The SWAN committee requested permission to place a sculpture in the grassy space between the Pony Express Station and F Street. On Dec. 3, Cozad received approval for its first-choice sculpture for that location: 'Lumenfly' by Maryland artist Kirk Seese, who has public installations in 36 states. Cozad will host two sculptures in 2026, with the second piece approved for placement in the Wilson Public Library's sculpture garden.

Hubbard asked the council for permission to use the requested space, approval to continue securing sculptures each year, and confirmation that the pieces would fall under the city's liability insurance. City Clerk Brandi Kloepping confirmed that the sculptures would be covered. Public Services Commissioner Jimmy Weinmaster will ensure the sculpture base is padded concrete with steel for welding. The council unanimously approved

Hubbard's request.

Ordinance 1578, Municipal Water and Sewer Rates, passed after its third and final reading.

Resolution 2025-16 was approved, authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent by the Mayor. The council also approved the appointment of Miller and Associates as the 2026 City Engineer, the appointment of Chris Miller as the 2026 Street Superintendent, and the 2026 City Maintenance Agreement #44.

Cozad resident Sherry Orozco appeared to request changes to the city ordinance regarding barking dogs. Ordinance 90.08 states that it is unlawful to allow animals to bark, howl, or yelp in a way that disturbs neighbors. Orozco said she feels harassed and stated that her dogs are being reported even when outside briefly. She noted that construction near her home increases noise that causes her dogs to bark. Council President Jordan Curtice told her that the council will consider her concerns during a future retreat meeting.

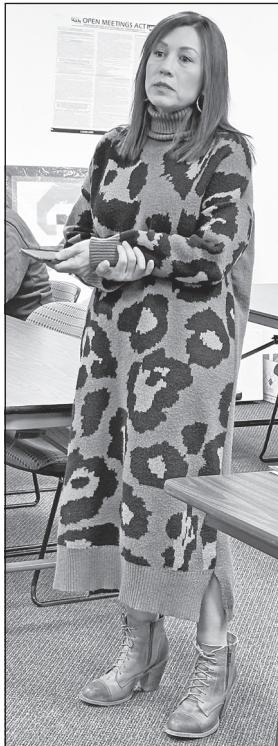
The CATR Program Coordinator Alex Oberg submitted a written report on Round Four of the Cat Cleanup Project, completed Oct. 27. Forty cats were collected and transported to the Beatrice Humane Society for full veterinary care. The project has trapped, neutered, and released 128 feral cats and surrendered 25 for adoption, totaling 153 interventions. Round Five was scheduled for Dec. 4-8. Donations of money, supplies, or equipment remain essential for the program.

The council approved Resolution 2025-17, allowing Mayor Marcus Kloepping and City Clerk/Treasurer Brandi Kloepping to execute a lease for the 2025 Freightliner M2 with a 2024 Elgin Broom Bear street sweeper through Kinetic Leasing, Inc. The lease payment is \$50,000 with a \$499

documentation fee. "We have been waiting three years for this street sweeper to arrive, and it is a nice machine," Weinmaster said.

Wilson Public Library Director Laurie Yocom reported ongoing work on brick repairs and grout replacement. She plans to contact Dan Niles to examine the roof and gutters.

Weinmaster reported that snow fence installation is complete and that the limb pile has been hauled away. His department is spending time trimming trees and



Bonnie Hubbard, Coordinator of the Haymaker Creative & Historic District, appeared at the Monday, Dec. 8 Cozad City Council meeting to request permission for a SWAN (Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska) sculpture to be placed at Veterans Memorial Park in the grassy area west of the Pony Express Station in 2026. Council members unanimously approved Hubbard's request. (LOCAL Photo by Mel Nutt)

filling street cracks.

Electric Department Lineman Zeb Knackstedt reported on behalf of Electric Commissioner Chris White. The department is assisting Premier Power with junction pole replacements, hot pole changeouts, and tree trimming. Knackstedt also noted that CDC Housing Director Robyn Geiser has taken over Grid Grant duties following the resignation of former CDC Executive Director Jen McKeone.

Police Chief Nick Reynolds reported that Officer Ariel Rose completed her FTO class; one new hire has started, and another will begin closer to Christmas. Reynolds said he looks forward to presenting at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

City Clerk Brandi Kloepping reported that an open City Office position has been offered to a candidate and that interviews are underway for a position that will combine zoning administrator, building inspector, and code/nuisance officer duties. Those responsibilities are currently shared by Kloepping, Building Inspector Doug Adkisson, and Chief Reynolds.

Kloepping also reported on behalf of Water/Sewer Commissioner Troy Franzen that crews repaired several water leaks and that a few residential meters will be replaced next spring.

Cozad Rescue Chief Jennifer Schneider shared that the Fire and Rescue Department is selling 2026 calendars for \$20 to raise funds for its new facility. "Liz Romero at the Cozad LOCAL did an outstanding job taking photos and creating the calendar, and we hope it will be a successful fundraiser," Schneider said.

The next Cozad City Council meeting will be Monday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Residents are encouraged to attend. Time is reserved at the end of each meeting for public comment.

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Tips for Parents to Minimize Stress, Maximize Joy During the Holidays

FAMILY FEATURES

Stress and parenting go hand in hand, but during the holiday season, many parents find their stress levels rising to new heights.

Between coordinating schedules, shopping, traveling and managing children's expectations - plus the disruption to the school routine that everyone had finally settled into - the season can feel more like mayhem than merry.

However, by thoughtfully planning and implementing a few practical strategies, parents can protect their well-being and support their families.

Early childhood experts from The Goddard School share guidance to help parents stay grounded and make the

most of their meaningful family moments this holiday season.

Clarify Priorities

One of the most empowering steps is to decide in advance what truly matters to your family. Consider:

- Which traditions or gatherings are nonnegotiable?
- Are there holiday events you can skip this year without regret?
- What obligations are you taking on out of habit rather than genuine desire?

By reducing the number of "must-do" activities, you can avoid overextending your family. It's OK to decline invitations when your calendar is already full.

Establish a Budget

Holiday spending can weigh heavily on your mind. Create a family holiday budget that includes gifts and activities, then stick to it. Use the opportunity to teach your children about responsible spending and gratitude. Remember, the most meaningful gifts are often those made with time, attention, or creativity, not the highest price tag.

Set Boundaries

Stress often arises when family dynamics, expectations, or traditions clash. You can reduce this by setting boundaries and communicating with them early. Speak openly with the relatives and friends you'll see about what's comfortable for your family and what isn't (e.g., physical space, travel, topics to avoid). Let your children know what to expect, as the lack of routine during this time can be particularly challenging. Modeling clear boundaries helps your children learn to express their own needs, too.

Prioritize Your Physical and Emotional Health

Amid the hustle, your own basic care often slips, but your well-being is key to being present for others. Consider establishing routines, such as:

- Sleep: Aim for 7-8 hours per night whenever possible.
- Nutrition: Keep healthy staples in the mix, even if treats abound.
- Movement: A short walk, stretch breaks, or gentle exercise may help reset your nervous system. Stepping outside can be especially helpful.
- Also, if illness strikes, listen to your body and give yourself permission to pause. Pushing through tends to backfire.

Design a Stress Rescue Plan

Even the best-laid plans don't prevent tension or unexpected emotional

triggers. Anticipate stress by creating fallback strategies. For example, plan to use a playlist, a quick breathing exercise, or a sensory object to help you regroup when your stress escalates. These strategies work for children as well.

If you're worried about unwanted questions - such as a family member asking about politics or your plans to have another child - rehearse your response in advance with a friend. When these stressful moments arise, having a toolkit gives you a sense of control.

Unplug and Be Present

Screens are omnipresent. While they serve a purpose, they can be an unwelcome distraction, especially when you're spending time with loved ones you don't get to see often. Try to designate screen-free times, such as during meals, after dinner, or when gifts are being exchanged. Use screens intentionally, such as video calling out-of-town family members, rather than passively scrolling. Focus on in-person connection by playing games, telling stories, making crafts, or taking walks. Remember to lead by example, as your children are watching. Being fully present at key moments is the one gift your family will remember above all else.

As the holidays approach, the pressure to do it all can loom large. By clarifying priorities, setting boundaries, and safeguarding your health, you can minimize stress and maximize joy. That said, even with careful planning, things can go off course, and that's OK. Practice self-compassion and allow for imperfections. Enjoy every laugh, surprise and even the occasional moment of calm.

For more parenting guidance and insights, including a blog and webinar series, visit the Parent Resource Center at GoddardSchool.com.



DECEMBER VISITING SPECIALIST SCHEDULE

CARDIOLOGY Dr. Bassent Botros - Dec. 18 th Dr. Kevin Hall - Dec. 4 th Dr. Rick Heirigs - Dec. 3 rd Dr. Daniel McGowan - Dec. 15 th	ORTHOPEDIC Dr. Scott Lukens - Dec. 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Dr. Mandip Singh - Dec. 2 nd	PULMONOLOGY Melissa Hoferer, APRN - Dec. 2 nd , 16 th	GENERAL SURGERY Dr. Jeffery Merz - Dec. 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th Dr. Michael Simonson - Dec. 5 th & 19 th Dr. Jacob Wiesen - Dec. 12 th	GYNECOLOGY Dr. Jesse Loeffler - Dec 18 th	NEPHROLOGY Dr. Imtiaz Islam - Dec. 16 th	ONCOLOGY Dr. Laxmi Buddharaju - Dec. 18 th	UROLOGY Dr. Jose Q De Guzman - Dec. 11 th	PAIN SPECIALTY Bryan Messbarger, APRN - Dec. 17 th Dr. Burt McKeag - Dec. 5 th
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AGRICULTURE



Ag Outlook Meeting Prepares Producers for 2026 and Beyond

KRISTLE RHOADES

Farmers and ranchers from across central Nebraska gathered in Kearney last Thursday, Dec. 4, for the Cornhusker Economics Ag Outlook meeting, the first in a series of statewide events designed to help farmers and ranchers prepare for another year marked by shifting policy, financial pressure and market uncertainty. Hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Agricultural Profitability, the session brought together experts in agricultural policy, markets, and farm financial management to offer a clearer view of what lies ahead in 2026.

Although statewide net farm income has improved, speakers emphasized that changing conditions in ag policy, interest rates, commodity prices, and input costs are keeping many operations on edge. "Nebraska agriculture is facing a mix of opportunity and uncertainty," said Jessica Groskopf, extension agricultural economist for UNL. "With a new farm bill in development, it's an important time to assess where markets, policy and financial conditions are headed and how they fit into each operation."

Dr. Brad Lubben, UNL Extension policy specialist,

outlined the major adjustments included in the new One Big Beautiful Bill (OB3), the farm bill that extends federal commodity program authority through 2031. Lubben explained that the legislation raises PLC reference prices, increases ARC guarantees, and boosts marketing loan rates—changes that strengthen the safety net at a time of softening commodity prices. The bill also opens the door for producers to add new base acres in 2026, though additions will be capped nationally. Disaster assistance programs and crop insurance incentives are also enhanced, making risk management decisions even more central for next year's planning. Lubben reminded producers that no ARC or PLC election is required for 2025, but the annual choice will resume in 2026 under these new rules.

Financial management was another major focus of Thursday's session. Shannon Sand, UNL Agricultural Economics Extension Educator, stressed that despite stronger statewide income numbers, many individual operations continue to feel day-to-day financial stress. She walked producers through the importance of maintaining accurate balance sheets and realistic,

month-to-month cash flow budgets—tools she said are essential for navigating tight margins. Sand cautioned about common mistakes, such as overestimating yields or commodity prices, overlooking current liabilities, misusing lines of credit, or mixing personal and business finances. She encouraged producers to regularly review their financial position, negotiate where possible, delay large purchases if needed, and consider refinancing options when they improve cash flow. For those in more difficult situations, Sand noted that Chapter 12 bankruptcy offers a structured repayment plan, with free monthly consultations available through the state's legal and financial clinics.

Other presenters also shared insights on topics relevant to 2026 and beyond, offering producers guidance on emerging challenges, long-term planning, and key decisions shaping the future of their operations.

Thursday's Ag Outlook meeting was the first of four scheduled across Nebraska, with other sessions offered in Scottsbluff, Lincoln, and Norfolk. Each event is led by experts from UNL's Department of Agricultural Economics and Nebraska Farm Business, Inc., covering topics including market trends, cost of production, tax provisions from the new farm bill affecting 2025 returns, and long-range financial planning.

For producers who missed the event, more information and resources can be found at cap.unl.edu.

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Wt. Range - 650-699; Avg Wt - 669; Price Range - \$371.00-420.00; Avg Price - \$409.52

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Wt. Range - 550-595; Avg Wt - 573; Price Range - \$382.50-457.00; Avg Price - \$411.42

from FRONT - Contest

the community something to engage in and involve themselves with."

This year's contest features the two categories: Residential and Business. A total of 13 homes and 6 businesses officially entered, showcasing everything from classic holiday charm to dazzling displays filled with movement, music and synchronized lights.

Although Starman hasn't received much direct feedback, she said engagement on Facebook has been encouraging. The two voting posts have already surpassed 20,000 views, and each "like" on an entry photo counts as a vote. Voting for the busi-

ness category ended Dec. 15, but residential voting continues through tomorrow, Dec. 19. Winners will receive cash prizes of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Starman said she hopes to see even more entries and voter participation next year and would love to be able to increase prize amounts as the contest continues to grow.

The official entries represent only a portion of the festive displays found across town. Cozad seems to be glowing from every direction, with countless families and businesses adorning their properties with lights, inflatables and decorations that didn't make the contest list but still add to the holiday magic.

A printable map is available on the Chamber's Facebook page to help families plan their own Christmas lights tour around town.

The Cozad Rotary's Polar Express ride will also weave past all registered entries this year. The event is scheduled for Dec. 22, with rides departing from the Wilson Public Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the final ride at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office.

Winning properties will be announced on the Chamber's Facebook page as well as in next week's newspaper.

So, bundle up, grab some hot cocoa and take a drive through Cozad to enjoy the lights.

Lexington Grand Generation Center

WEEKLY MENU

Thur., 12/18	Mushroom Steak in Gravy, Boiled Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Fresh Fruit
Fri., 12/19	Christmas Dinner - Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Pineapple, Dinner Roll, Dessert
Mon., 12/22	Bacon Wrapped Pork Kebobs, Candied Yams, Spinach, Apricots
Tues., 12/23	Chicken Breast or Fish, Cali Blend Veggie, Wild Rice, Cold Veggie Salad, Mandarin Oranges
Wed., 12/24	Closing at Noon - Donuts & Coffee in the morning

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Thur., 12/18	Liver & Onions, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas, Peaches, Ice Cream
Fri., 12/19	Cream Chicken Over Biscuits, Hominy, Red Applesauce, Brownies
Mon., 12/22	Potato Soup, Jam Salad Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Pears, Cookies
Tues., 12/23	Beef Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Jello Salad, Peaches, Ice Cream
Wed., 12/24	CLOSED

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Obituaries

Patricia A. Brand of Cozad passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, at Emerald Care Nursing at the age of 75. Pat was born on Sept. 8, 1950, in Gothenburg to Delmar and Alice (Miles) Maaske. She was a dedicated and loving individual known for her caring spirit and compassion, particularly during her long career in nursing.

Pat earned her nursing degree after attending Clarkson College of Nursing in Omaha, where she graduated in 1971. She worked diligently in various locations, including Brighton, CO, Kearney, and Cozad. She then spent six years as a state surveyor for the State of Nebraska until her return to the Cozad Hospital and her eventual retirement. Her dedication to her patients earned her a place in the Cozad Health Hall of Fame in 2015.

She cherished her time with family and loved creating memories, especially fond moments spent coloring with her grandchildren. Family was everything to her, and she took great pride in working on family's genealogy, making beautiful floral arrangements, and crafting. In her later years, Pat enjoyed traveling south, exploring new places and experiences.



In addition to her professional accomplishments, Pat was known for her wonderful sense of fashion; she always looked nice and carried herself with grace.

She married Terry Brand on July 24, 1982, and through this union, welcomed his three children into her heart and family.

Pat will be remembered for her kindness, dedication, and the love she shared with all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delmar and Alice Maaske; sisters, Cynthia Maaske and Marie Maaske; in laws, Alvin and Mavis Brand.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Brand of Cozad; children, Jason Brand of Elkhorn, Amanda (Justin) Snyder of Lincoln and Nicholas (Lisa) Brand of Yutan; brothers, Les (Tammie) Maaske of Cozad and Kent (Jackie) Maaske of Goose Creek, SC; grandchildren, Samantha, Dylan, Katelyn, Taytum, Cynch, Aubrey, Raygen, Hudson, Amelia, Claire and Augustus; great grandchildren, Melody, Westin, Maylyn, Willow, Thatcher and Braxton; and many other extended family and friends.

DeEtta Caryle Hartman, formerly of Cozad, died Dec. 6, 2025, at Aviva Woodlands in Lincoln. She was four days shy of her 86th birthday.

DeEtta was born Dec. 10, 1939, at Paxton to Frederick and Alvina (Hahn) Stahl.

She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Paxton and graduated from Paxton High School in 1958.

She married her high school sweetheart, Charles "Chuck" Hartman, on Aug. 30, 1959, at Trinity Lutheran Church. They farmed for eight years, during which time they welcomed two sons, Douglas Charles in 1960 and Mitchell Lee in 1963. She received her cosmetologist license in 1965.

The family moved to Cozad in 1967.

They were members of American Lutheran Church and DeEtta was active in Cozad Mrs. Jaycees. She first worked as a legal secretary for Berreckman and Nelson Law Firm in Cozad; in 1972, she began a 15-year career as Executive Director of Cozad Chamber of Commerce.

From 1987-1990 she was a development consultant in the business recruitment division for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln.

DeEtta became the Executive Director for Dawson County Area Economic Development Council, retiring in 2005. In 2018, she retired as Executive Director of the Nebraska Economic Developers Association after being with the organization since 1978.

Honors and other positions included Nebraska Dip-



lomat, Admiral Great State of Nebraska by Governor Robert Kerry and Governor Pete Ricketts, former member of Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, former member of the American Economic Development Council, past president of Nebraska

Chamber of Commerce Executives, past president of Mid-American Chamber Executives-5 state region, Board of Regents of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce INstitute for Organizational Management, former member of the International Economic Development Council, Board of Directors for the Nebraska Economic Developers Association, chair of the Membership Services and Education Committee for the Nebraska Economic Developers Association, and former board member of the Robert

Henri Museum and Historical Walkway.

DeEtta was known for her impeccable style, attention to detail, and delicious cooking. Christmas gatherings featured homemade krautkühe (runzas) plus at least three and sometimes six desserts as she wanted everyone to have their favorite.

When her grandchildren were young, she planned and hosted "Grandkids' Vacation" in Cozad. She and Chuck enjoyed a 25th anniversary trip to Hawaii, and they cherished their trips to Branson, MO, with their dear Cozad friends, Jerry and Carolyn Sharp, Gary and Carol Morrow, and Bill and Sandy Gettman.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Doug (Sharon) Hartman of Columbus and Mitch (Sandy) of Lincoln; grandchildren Jeff (Ashley)

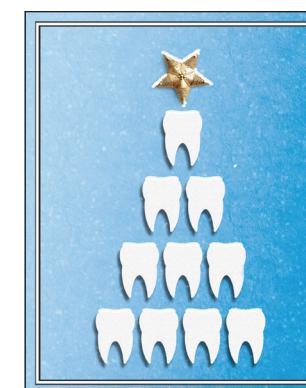
Hartman of Columbus, Melissa (Lukas) Fenton, Derek (Sarah) Hartman, and Susan (Phillip) Halsted, all of Lincoln, and Beth (James) Goodenberger of Marion, IA; great-grandchildren Finley and Riley Hartman, Brooklyn and Haiden Fenton, Jamie and Benny Goodenberger, Jaxon and Cooper Hartman, and Clara Halsted; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 2016, parents Fred and Alvina Stahl; father- and mother-in-law Walt and Opal Hartman, brother and sister-in-law Verlyn and Donna Stahl, nephews Mike and Steven Stahl, brothers- and sisters-in-law Bob and Maxine (Hartman) Perlinger and Al and Shirley (Hartman) Tompkins, and good friends Carolyn Sharp and Gary Morrow.

DeEtta did not want a viewing or funeral.

She requested to be cremated; her ashes will be interred at a later date at the Paxton Cemetery.

She asked that memorials be directed to the Robert Henri Museum, 207 E 9th St, Cozad, NE 69130.



Here's to comfort, joy, and holiday smiles that sparkle.

Merry Christmas!

IDE FAMILY DENTAL

Dawson PPD Board Approves Rate Increase, Effective March 2026

COZAD LOCAL

At their December meeting, Dawson Public Power District's board reviewed and approved an average 5.5% increase to all rates, to take effect in March 2026. It is projected to generate approximately \$3 million in revenue. In addition, the district will use \$2 million of rate stabilization funds plus bond proceeds to balance the 2026 budget and continue infrastructure improvements for reliability.

With the new rate, residential customers will pay an average of \$8 more per month. The current residential rate has been in effect since 2021.

"DPPD held rates steady for as long as possible before considering an increase," said DPPD General Manager Alyssa Clemsen Roberts. "We strive to find a balance of electric grid reliability through system improvements, keeping rates low for our customers,

and being financially stable."

The board set a portion of margins aside in 2021 and 2022 to create a rate stabilization fund. Today, DPPD is using those funds to help minimize the effect on ratepayers."

CFO Carmen Ackerman presented the District's October financial data. Revenue and the cost of power were 96% of monthly budget and the year-to-date net margin is \$944,000 under budget. Irrigation energy charges were collected in November, which will be reflected in financial reports presented in January.

A preliminary 2027 work plan was presented with grid improvements and updates projected to cost \$5 million.

The 2026 work plan is \$4.3 million. The 2024 and

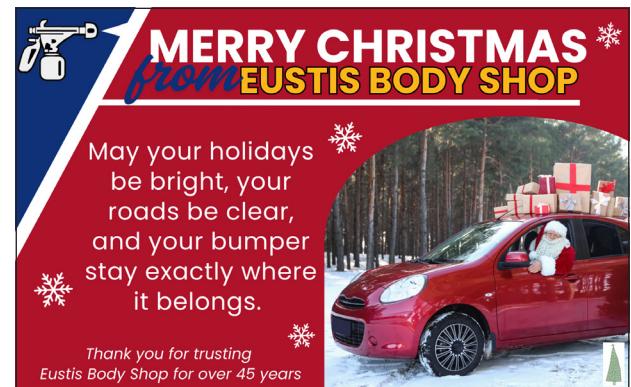
2025 work plans each topped \$7 million. Projects in the plan ensure that DPPD can continue to serve current and future customer needs.

Board members were recognized for their service to the board. Bob Kennicutt of Eddyville has been a board member for 40 years. Dan Muhlbach of Kearney has served for 30 years. Page Peterson of Gothenburg and Craig Wietjes of Riverdale have served for 10 years.

Other topics included the annual inventory that was completed in October and approved by the board. Engineering Manager, Cole Brodine, summarized the irrigation season. There were only 23.5 hours of load control in the summer of 2025, over the course of six days.

The five-year average is 78.3 hours per season over the course of 10 days. The board reviewed and updated the employee leave policies before the meeting was closed.

The next DPPD meeting is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2026.



UPCOMING EVENTS: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 th - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 th						
18 THUR	19 FRI	20 SAT	21 SUN	22 MON	23 TUES	24 WED
3 p.m. - GWR @ McCook 4 p.m. - Santa @ WPL 4-7 p.m. - G&BBB @ Home 4-7 p.m. - Sip & Shop @ Rustic & Red	11 a.m. - Storytime @ WPL 	1 p.m. - Santa @ Green Space 2 p.m. - Free Movie @ Fox Theater 10 a.m. - BWR @ Valentine 3:30 p.m. - G&BBB @ Home		No School 5:30 p.m. - Cozad Rotary Polar Express @ WPL 10 a.m. - Free Groceries	No School 3:30 p.m. - G&BBB @ Cross County 4 p.m. - Santa @ Green Space	

Amanda Spradlin Prepares for National Finals in Nevada

ANDREA NISLEY

Greta Rickertsen of Lexington in the Junior Division, Dakota Vrbas of Stratton in the Senior Division, and Amanda Spradlin of Cozad in the Adult Division will be Nebraska's delegates to the National Finals of the Make It with Wool Contest. They were chosen Nov. 22 by judges at the state contest conducted by Make It with Wool State Director Andrea Nisley of Elwood. Contestants participated at the Lexington Middle School in Lexington.

The National Make It with Wool Contest is scheduled for Jan. 29–31, 2026, in Reno, NV.

In the Junior Division, first place went to Greta Rickertsen of Lexington. Second place went to Lorelai Rickertsen of Lexington, who received a Bernina

sewing machine.

Other contestants earning honors were third-place winner Wesley Thompson, Lexington; fourth-place winner Elena McFarland, Lexington; fifth-place winner Mollie Spradlin, Cozad; sixth-place winner Ella Brennemann, Valentine; and seventh-place winner Maya Soria, Kearney. Other junior participants were Hunter Creech, Mitchell; Maggie Duryea, Lexington; Dayton Jons, Lincoln; Bristol McConville, Lexington; Julia Nicholson, Chadron; Millie Pepplitsch, Lexington; Mollie Spradlin, Cozad; and Tristan Taylor, Broken Bow.

First place in the Senior Division went to Dakota Vrbas, Stratton.

In the Preteen Division, first place went to Eden Ochsner, Aurora, who re-

ceived a sewing basket with sewing notions. Second place went to Augustine Hanson, Aurora; third place to Cassidy Goertzen, Hampton; fourth place to Eva De La Cruz, Hampton; fifth place to Claire Hunke, Lexington; sixth place to Barrett Hunke, Lexington; seventh place to Keziah Galster, Funk; eighth place to Melissa Montano, Kearney; ninth place to Scarlett Andrews, York; and tenth place to Harlow Rickertsen, Lexington.

Other preteen contestants were Corbin Anderson, Mitchell; Silas Andrews, York; Josue Casanova, Lexington; Milenzy Casanova, Lexington; Evelyn Conejo, Lexington; Brooklyn Creech, Mitchell; Gage Creech, Mitchell; Kimberly Duryea, Lexington; Lysa Duryea, Lexington; Kanaan Galster, Funk; Zoey

Gimpel, Aurora; Augustine Hanson, Aurora; Leah Ochsner, Aurora; Zipporah Ochsner, Aurora; Asher Regier, Aurora; Alex Rickertsen, Lexington; Arista Scott, Thedford; Emery Scott, Aurora; RyDell Scott, Thedford; Charlee Vrbas, Stratton; and Jaspen Vrbas, Stratton.

In the Adult Division, first place went to Amanda Spradlin, Cozad; second place to Rachelle Anderson, Mitchell; and third place to Melissa Nicholson, Chadron.

In the Made for Others Division, the winner was Krystal Galster, Funk, who constructed a jumper for her daughter, Kaia Galster. Second place also went to Krystal Galster, Funk, for a pair of overalls she constructed for her son, Kaleb Galster.

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Monthly Fundraiser at GGC Provides Holiday Spirit

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The monthly fundraiser meal at the Grand Generation Center on Thursday, Dec. 8, provided not only a delicious and nutritious meal but also a visit from Santa and entertainment for those choosing to dine in.

The December meal included ham balls, cheesy potatoes, peas, red hot Jell-O salad, a roll, an apple tartlet, and coffee, water, and tea. Festive tables welcomed patrons with holiday placemats, napkins, and décor.

Each month's fundraiser meal has included a free produce and grocery giveaway since 2020. About 20 volunteers assist with distributing the grocery tote bags and serving meals each month. On Dec. 8, FCCLA members Raegan Love and Kaydience Martin Jackson donated their time to help with the drive-thru while dressed in snowman attire. This month's grocery totes contained 17 nonperishable items and a pound of frozen ground beef.

The monthly fundraiser meals began with Coni Bratton in 1984, and the tradition has continued through the years. Present Director Tamie Thurn, who has been with the center for many years, continually explores new ways to draw in a crowd, including honoring Dawson County's Finest (law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel) and hosting a Farmer and Rancher Evening. She also hires various entertainers, including local DJ Bobby Devine, Cozad's own Elvis Presley (Larry Allen), and others. One of her favorite performers during her tenure was the late Junior Dishman, who often sang to a full center.

Thurn asked Kiley Barwick and Co. to perform at Thursday evening's fundraiser meal, and they delivered. "I asked Kiley and Blaine to perform as they are really good and have been the entertainers that we sponsor for Rotary for our Music Mondays," Thurn said. Barwick, a Nebraska native, lives in Cozad, and Blaine Garrelts lives north of Brady. In addition to Barwick's performance schedule, she works three



Santa was a special guest at the grocery giveaway/monthly fundraiser meal drive thru held at the Grand Generation Center on Thursday, Dec. 8. He handed out candy canes to everyone in the vehicles as they drove through the drive thru and greeted patrons as they entered the center to dine in. (LOCAL Photos by Mel Nutt)

mornings a week at the Community Wellness Center from 5:30 to 8 a.m., works at Malcom, Nelson, and Windrum, LLC Law Office during the day, and then heads to Dairy Queen to work several evenings a week.

The fundraiser meals vary throughout the year, including burger nights during the summer months. "Our most popular meal is November's turkey dinner with all of the trimmings," Thurn said.

The center uses the proceeds from the dinners to keep the facility open and appreciates the patronage of those who come through the drive-thru or dine-in each month.



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SPORTS

Negley, Saravia Lead Haymakers During Busy Week

LIZ ROMERO

The Lady Haymaker wrestlers faced a challenging week on the mat, showing determination and skill despite tough competition.

In a Dec. 11 dual against McCook, Cozad fell 18-42 but had bright spots to build on. Abby Negley (120) secured a second-period pin over Peyton Cock, and Andrea Saravia (145) dominated Stormi Knight with a first-period pin. Betzaida Ultera (105) earned a win by forfeit. The Haymakers tied the Bison in takedown points and scored the most reversal points, proving their strength even in defeat. Audrey Osburn (110), Daniella Moss (125), Nevaeh Allen (170), and Graciah Roberts (190) all fought hard but came up short, while Cozad did not field wrestlers in four weight classes, giving McCook 18 points by default.

Two days later, the team traveled to the Sandhills Valley Girls Invitational, competing against 30 schools. Negley continued her dominance, winning all four of her matches by pin. Saravia went 3-1, pinning three opponents and falling only to Lanica Zimmerman. Ultera earned a first-period pin over Bayler Clay and added a second win before losing to McKenna Hernandez. Moss had five matches, picking up two wins, while Allen, Granay, and Roberts each recorded victories in a tough field. Osburn faced stiff competition in three matches but battled hard throughout the day.

Head Coach Tim Negley shared, "Everyone is working hard and getting better every day little by little. This is still pretty new for many of them." He is proud of the work the girls have put into the season so far and looks



Nevaeh Allen works for a takedown during the Lady Haymakers dual against McCook on Dec. 11. (LOCAL Photo by Barry Mraz)

forward to seeing where the rest of the season goes.

Despite the losses, the Lady Haymakers showed resilience, finishing the week with several standout performances. The team will travel to McCook for the

Bison Invitational on Dec. 18 with a 3 p.m. start before breaking for the holiday season. The Lady Haymakers return to action Jan. 8 at the Norm Manstedt Invite in Columbus at 10 a.m.



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Haymakers Earn Key Wins Amid Tough Duals

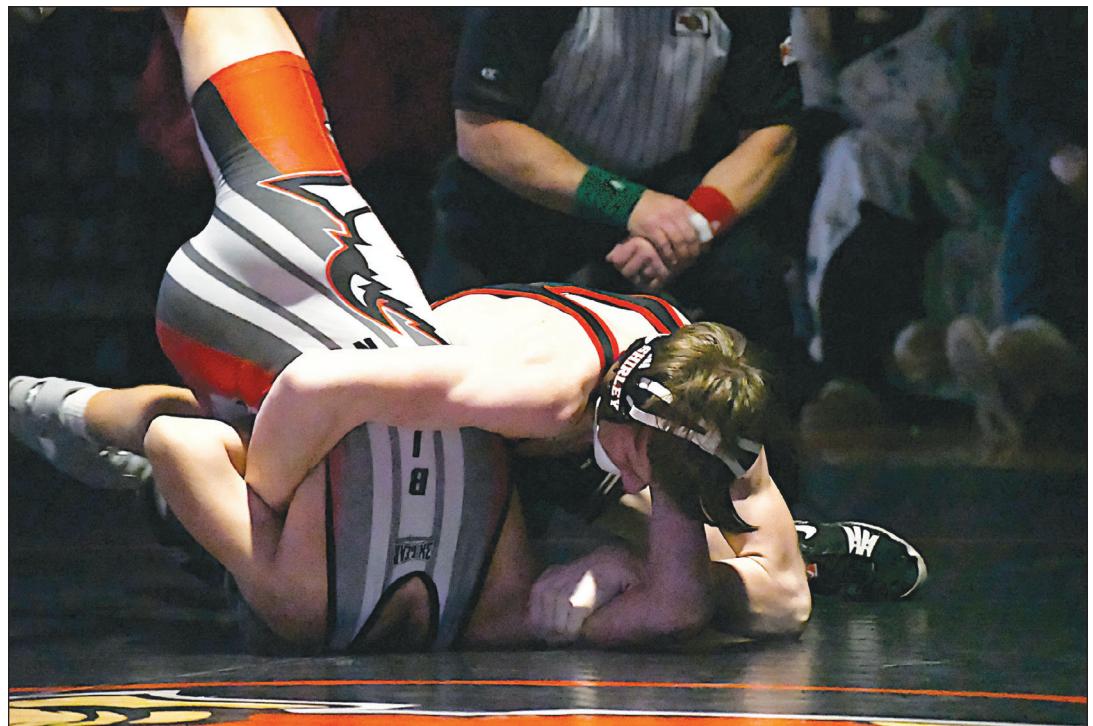
LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymakers wrestling team faced a challenging week, beginning with a dual against the McCook Bison on Dec. 11. Wyatt Hueftle (106) earned six points with a forfeit win, and Kaden Shirley (144) dominated 16-1 over Calvin Schaffert. Landon Baker (157), Brenner Thayer (165), and Marcus Ruano (heavyweight) added pins, but several other Haymakers fell short as McCook took the dual.

Cozad then traveled to the Colby, Kansas Invitational, featuring 20 teams from Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas. The Haymakers opened with a 42-29 win over Goodland, Kansas, and followed it with a 39-29 victory over LaCygne-Prairie View, Kansas. Other duals proved more difficult, including losses to Hutchinson, Liberal, Oakley, Pine Creek, Effingham-Atchison Community, and Phillipsburg. Hueftle, Hasbrouck, Hernandez, Inek, Thayer, Baker, Shirley, Ventura, and Ruano all contributed standout performances throughout the invitational.

Noting the timing of the holiday break, Coach Derek Hammerlun said, "The break will hopefully allow us to get several of our injured athletes into the practice room and their wrestling seasons started as we enter January and February." Hammerlun plans to focus on situational work to address areas that need improvement from December's competition.

The Haymakers will travel to Valentine on Saturday, Dec. 20, for an invitational and will use the holiday break to prepare for the Manstedt Invite in Columbus on Jan. 9.



Kaden Shirley (144) turned in a standout performance against McCook on Dec. 11, earning a decisive 16-1 victory over Calvin Schaffert. (LOCAL Photo by Barry Mraz)



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Haymakers Keep Their Win Streak Alive

JAYDEN WILLS

The Haymaker boys' basketball team hosted the Hershey Panthers in a home game on Dec. 12, where they claimed a huge 71-41 victory.

In the first quarter, the Haymakers were able to operate a strong offense and score 21 points while keeping their defense strong as well, holding the Panthers to 9 points. Cozad was able to keep their steady pace, finding the net for 15 points and keeping Hershey to only 10, making the score 36-19 going into the locker room at halftime.

The Haymakers continued to use their momentum coming out after the half. They found the basket in the third quarter for another 18 points while only allowing Hershey to score 10. The fourth quarter Cozad wrapped up the game by adding another 17 points while making sure the Panthers could only get 12. At the buzzer, the Haymakers took the win 71-41.

Olliver Davis scored 20 points, followed by Chayden Hoffmaster and Gage Strauss, 15 and 13 points, respectively.

The win propelled the Haymakers onto the court on Saturday, Dec. 13, hosting another home game against the Holdrege Dusters in a matchup that ended with a final score of 73-51 in favor of the Haymakers.

Following the tip off, the Haymakers were ready to play; they scored 17 points and held Holdrege to only 11. The second quarter mirrored the first when they found the net to add 23 points while only allowing 15 from the Dusters, making the score 40-26 going into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Haymakers put up 15 points and kept Holdrege to 13. Cozad found the basket for 18 more points in the fourth quarter, ending the game 73-51.

Junior Kellen Shoemaker, had an outstanding game with 20 points and 8 rebounds, followed by Chayden Hoffmaster who had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Cozad will host back-to-back home games on Dec. 18 against Cambridge and Dec. 20, Alma.



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Tough Back-to-Back Losses for Lady Haymakers

COZAD LOCAL

The Cozad girls basketball team dropped two home contests last week against Hershey and Holdrege.

Cozad hosted the Hershey Panthers on Dec. 12 and played even through the opening quarter, with both teams scoring six points. Hershey gained control in the second quarter, scoring nine points while holding the Haymakers to three to take a 15-9 lead at halftime.

Hershey continued to build momentum after the break, scoring 18 points in the third quarter and limiting Cozad to three.

The Haymakers showed renewed energy in the fourth quarter, scoring 15 points, but Hershey matched them point for point to seal a 48-27 win. No individual statistics were reported.

The following night, Dec. 13, Cozad faced Holdrege and fell behind early. The Dusters pushed the pace in the first quarter, scoring 21 points and allowing just three. Cozad responded in the second quarter with improved ball movement and 12 points, but Holdrege continued to score efficiently and took a 35-15 lead into halftime.

The second half followed a similar pattern. Holdrege added 22 points in the third quarter and 13 more in the fourth. Cozad struggled to keep pace, scoring seven points in the third and five in the fourth in a 70-27 loss. No statistics were reported.

The Haymakers return to action tonight, Dec. 18, when they host Cambridge, then Alma on Saturday, Dec. 20.



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Cozad Elementary 4th graders perform "Around the World at Christmas Time," sharing songs and traditions from several countries. The students closed the program with a reprise of the title piece after an evening of singing, narrating, and recorder music. (Courtesy Photo)

"Around the World at Christmas Time"

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The 4th grade students at Cozad Elementary kicked off the holiday concert season on Monday, Dec. 8, with their program "Around the World at Christmas Time." The program was directed by elementary music teacher Senja Stephens and assisted by teacher's aide Camryn Yilk. Yilk, a senior at CHS, has served as a teacher's aide in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades during the first semester of the 2025-26 school

year. The sound technician was Mercedes Guerra.

Student narrators included Sawyer Rutkowski, Brantley Baal, Zayleigh Bevard, Diego Hernandez, Zaryah Hagan-Benash, Natalee Rhoades, Reymundo Nunez-Brunick, Lilliauna Rascon, Layni Breazeale, Adelynn Delaserna, Olivia Vanoss, Isabella Kollars, Rosalie Craig, James Rima, and Felicity Graves.

Following the opening selection, "Around the World at Christmas Time," the students performed pieces representing several countries: "Jingle All the Way" (United States), "The Piñata Song" (Mexico), "Patapan" (France), "O Christmas Tree" (Germany), and "Deck the Halls" (England and beyond).

Featured percussionists on "The Piñata Song" were Rosalee Hardee, Cabhan Twyford, Brecken Barber, and

Quinn Coble.

The program also included three selections played by students on their recorders: "Fantasy on an Old French Carol," "Hot Cross Cocoa," and "Gently Falling Snow."

The students stayed engaged throughout the program, including part-singing on several selections. The evening closed with a reprise of "Around the World at Christmas Time."

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Cozad Elementary 5th graders pose for a group photo following their performance of 'The Nutcracker Suite' on Dec. 8 at the CHS auditorium. The students presented the classic holiday production under the direction of music teacher Senja Stephens. (Courtesy Photo)

Cozad 5th Graders Present 'The Nutcracker Suite'

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

The 5th grade class at Cozad Elementary took the stage at the newly renovated CHS auditorium on Monday evening, Dec. 8, to perform the classic Christmas favorite 'The Nutcracker Suite'. 'The Nutcracker Suite', Op. 71, is an 1892 two-act classical ballet by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, set on Christmas Eve and centered around a child's imagination and a Nutcracker doll. Composer and arranger Sally K. Albrecht adapted the piece for this performance, which played to a full auditorium of parents, grandparents, families, staff, and community members.

Elementary music teacher Senja Stephens directed the performance, with Mercedez Guerra serving as sound technician.

Narrators for the performance were Baylee Brill, Mariah Florke, Gabe Bazata, Dalari Morales Gonzalez, and Annabelle Davis.

Cast members included Palmer Wilkins as Clara, Aaron Mustard as the Nutcracker, James Ross as Fritz, Wyatt Schneider as Godpapa, Quinn Smith as the Sugarplum Princess, and Kamden Kugler as the Mouse King.

Reed Flutes were portrayed by Wyatt Liebhart, Poe Hser, and Cooper Richter.

Hazel Crawford performed as the Arab Dance soloist, with Nola Schmeeckle, Lexi Davis, Cammi Elliott, and Faith Henrickson as Arab Dancers.

Chinese Dancers included Jonathan Liwes, Braylynn Kappes, Hynlee Peterson, and Margie Pethoud. Russian Dancers were Cole Osborn, Lucas Groteluschen, and Dalyla Canas.

Sugarplum Dancers were Josie Bazata, Serenity Car-

ter, Harper Osborn, Jamie Dowdy, and Paisley Ackman.

Flower Dancers were Brayley Snyder, Cora Adkisson, Arely McFall, Raelynn Carlson, Margaret Kinnan, and Halsey Nelson. Members of the Flower Chorus included Stevi Wagner, Autumn Twine, Alvina Roberts, Ellery Love, Mariana Gomez Penaflor, Nicol Diaz, Chaylie Albrecht, Maddison Clevenger, and Maranda Bishop.

Mice Chorus members were Alex Orona, Bentley Hild, Reid Horse, Noah Lopez, Ryker Bartlett, Zayden Walker, Sawyer Schukei, Hadley Carlson, Grettel Lima Macias, Amanda Mead, and Aeran Schneider.

Members of the Soldier Chorus included Leland Maudlin, Adrian Lugo Castro, Zeke Hernandez, Owen Ide, Nathaniel Osburn, Lakota Leaf, Hunter Taylor, Barrett Peden, Helix Wolfe, Adyn Zuniga, and Mark Dean.

Musical selections included the Overture, performed by all 5th graders; March, performed by the Mice and Soldier Chorus featuring Kamden Kugler as the Mouse King and Aaron Mustard as the Nutcracker; Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy, performed by all 5th graders and featuring Quinn Smith as the Sugarplum Princess with Sugarplum Dancers Josie Bazata, Serenity Carter, Harper Osborn, Jamie Dowdy, and Paisley Ackman; Russian Dance (Trepak), featuring Dalyla Canas, Cole Osborn, and Lucas Groteluschen; Arab Dance, featuring soloist Hazel Crawford and Arab Dancers Nola Schmeeckle, Lexi Davis, Cammi Elliott, and Faith Henrickson; Chinese Dance, featuring Jonathan Liwes, Braylynn Kappes, Hynlee Peterson, and Margie Pethoud; Dance of the Reed Flutes, featuring Wyatt Liebhart, Poe Hser, and Cooper Richter; and Waltz of the Flowers, performed by the Flower Chorus and

featuring Palmer Wilkins as Clara, Aaron Mustard as the Nutcracker, and Flower Dancers Brayley Snyder, Cora Adkisson, Arely McFall, Raelynn Carlson, Margaret Kinnan, and Halsey Nelson.

Prop and stage manager duties were handled by Samuel Bauer, Korben Waller, and Randy Mejia.

Elementary Principal Justin Dowdy praised the students following the performance. "Our students shined once again under Mrs. Stephens' direction. The dedication and hard work of our 4th and 5th graders were clear throughout the evening. It was a strong showcase of their talent and teamwork."

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Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Curtice, Worthman, Howerter. No - None. Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve Resolution 2025-15 Cozad Fees. Roll call vote: Yea - Worthman, Hernandez, Howerter, Curtice. No - None. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15 OF THE CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF COZAD, NEBRASKA, that: Sec. 1. That the following fees for issuance of permits as hereafter set forth be and the same hereby are adopted. No permit shall be issued until such fees have first been paid. Building Permits: Fence/Sign/Animal Kennel or Pen/Deck or Porch/Carport/ Swimming Pool \$25.00. Sprinkler System/Pressure Vacuum Breaker Backflow presenter \$40.00. Accessory Building: under 10x12 \$75.00. over 10x12 \$100.00 Detached or Attached Garage \$150.00. New Construction: Residential \$300.00 Commercial \$500.00. Additions: Residential \$250.00. Commercial \$450.00. Moving \$200.00. Mobile Home (in court) \$250.00. Major and Minor Subdivisions \$215.00. Administrative Lot Splits \$150.00. Permit for Condition Use \$215.00. Zoning changes/variances/amendments \$215.00. Animal Control: (PET LICENSE JAN 1st - Dec 31st). Neutered/Spayed \$11.00. Non-Neutered/Spayed \$21.00. Delinquent/Impound \$31.00. Impound Fee \$35.00. Rabies Vaccination \$25.00. Boarding Fees/Day: All animals \$17.00. Administration Fees: Copies \$.25/ea. Fax In/Out \$2.00/\$1.00. Returned Check Charge \$30.00. Muny Park Campground: Daily Rate - 2-week maximum stay \$30.00. Pool: Season Pass Family \$125.00. Season Pass Single \$80.00. Day Pass \$3.00. Kiddy Pool only \$2.00. Cemetery: Resident Space \$250.00. Non-Resident Space \$350.00. Grave Opening/Closing \$400.00. Cremation \$300.00.

Saturday extra \$150.00. Sunday/Holiday extra \$200.00. Police Escort \$15.00. Weekend/Holiday \$50.00. Library: Overdue Books \$.20/day. Overdue Video \$1.00/day. Annual Licenses: Vendors: Daily \$40.00. Annually \$200.00. Plumbers/Electricians \$50.00. Tobacco \$30.00. Police: Accident Reports: Picked Up/ Emailed \$10.00. Mailed \$11.00. Street/Solid Waste: Mowing for weed nuisance: \$300.00 - 1st violation \$500.00 - 2nd violation \$700.00 - 3rd violation. \$900.00 - 4th violation** **Ongoing violations will be increased by \$200.00 in perpetuity for remainder of current season. Tree dump key (Tree Service Companies only) \$200.00/month. Permit for Right-of-Way \$125.00. Permit for cutting into paving, curb or Sidewalk: \$125.00. Deposit \$50.00/running foot. Construction Dumpster Rental: \$25.00/weekly rental. \$35.00/tipping fee. Big Roll-off Rental: Fifteen (15) day rental \$100.00 deposit. \$100.00 delivery \$100.00/dump + landfill fees. \$50.00 fee will be added for every 15 days past the initial 15-day rental. Ambulance/Fire: Mileage \$15.00/loaded mile. Non-Emergency \$600.00. Emergency \$800.00. Vehicles-Per Hour: Pumper Truck \$400.00. Tanker Truck \$250.00. Grass Rig \$200.00. Aerial Ladder Truck \$475.00. Utility Truck \$175.00. Heavy Rescue Unit/Water Rescue Unit \$225.00. Hazardous Material Unit \$200.00. Command Vehicle \$100.00. Ambulance -Standby Only \$125.00. Quick Attack Truck \$175.00. Watercraft \$175.00. Mileage-Per Mile \$8.00. Equipment-Per Use: Jaws of Life \$175.00. Power Saw \$125.00. Hydraulic Jack/Chisels \$125.00. Cribbing Blocks \$15.00. Winches \$15.00. Air Bags \$75.00. High Lift Jack \$25.00. Brooms \$15.00. Hand Tools/Shovels \$15.00. Ventilation Fan \$125.00. Bunker Gear-Replacement Cost \$4000.00. Supplies-Per Unit:

Class A Foam \$100.00. Class AFFF Foam \$175.00. Absorbent Pads \$15.00. Absorbent Material \$20.00. Salvage Covers \$55.00. Floor Dry \$15.00. Safety Flares \$8.00. Sec. 2. That the following deposit for the following permits be and are hereby established and no permit shall be issued until such deposit has been paid. PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2025. MARCUS KLOEPING, MAYOR ATTEST: (SEAL)

BRANDI KLOEPING,
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Howerter moved, Worthman seconded, to approve signing of One Solutions Agreements for ambulance billing. Roll call vote: Yea - Curtice, Hernandez, Worthman, Howerter. No - None. Worthman moved, Howerter seconded, to approve signing of Set Your Sites Agreements. Roll call vote: Yea - Hernandez, Curtice, Howerter, Worthman. No - None. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Marcus Klopping
ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer
Brandi Klopping

Dec. 18, 2025
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Notice

COZAD, NEBRASKA
DECEMBER 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Council Chamber on December 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Present: Young, Sladek, Jacob, and Neill. Absent: none. Also present: Electric Commissioner Chris White, Water Commissioner Troy Franzen and Council Member Howerter. Notice of the meeting was posted in advance at the City Office, Wilson Public Library and Post Office. Each member was notified of the meeting and the proposed agenda. Board Chairman Young informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted

in the Council Chambers. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Motion was made by Sladek, seconded by Neill to waive the formal reading for the minutes held on November 4, 2025, and approve as presented/amend the minutes to read: The Board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Young, Jacob, and Sladek. Nay: None Motion adopted. The Board discussed Monthly Activities. Commissioner White reported he is working on data center contacts. Setting Poles and trimming trees. Plastics closed Dec. 5- Jan. 4th to update power. They are working with the contractors. Commissioner Franzen reported that his meter project is almost done. The bid will open on January 29th for the 12th street project. 222 HARDWARE-su-204.04, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC-su-6631.08, BIG RED SUPPLY AND RENTAL-su-2434, ARK I CEI HoldCo, LLC-su-4797.63, AT & T MOBILITY-ut-276.37, BERNARD MORSE-RE-44.10, BLACK HILLS ENERGY-ut-1790.42, BOK FINANCIAL-ex-109711.25, CITY OF COZAD-ins-53355.14, CITY OF COZAD - RETIREMENT-ins-6877.01, CITY OF COZAD-TRANSFER OF FUND-tf-34764.77, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE-fu-3163.04, COZAD AUTO SUPPLY-su-43.90, COZAD TELEPHONE COMPANY-ut-747.64, CULLIGAN-su-71.02, DAWSON PEST CONTROL-se-415.70, DOUBLE EMBROIDERY-su-170.89, EFFREN AGUIORE-re-600.00, EMC INSURANCE CO-ins-152816.45, ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES-ex-2934.20, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP CO-su-270.98, FLASH ELECTRIC-su-2498.73, TREVOR GALSAS-re-66.00, HOMESTEAD BANK-se-74.60, HOMETOWN LEASING-su-379.78, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-ex-25903.56, ITRON INC-su-5944.02, JOE COLLINS COTT-re-1200.00, JK ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC-se-937.10, JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC-se-1389.00, JACK'S WELDING-se-2360.42, JOHNSON SERVICE CO-se-58336.00, LUIS NUNEZ-se-275.00, MEAD BUILDING CENTERS-su-201.22, MIKE MILLICAN-re-66.00, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE-su-4686.94, NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE-ex-25177.16, NE DEPT OF WATER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT-ex-115.00, NE GENERATOR SERVICE LLC-se-1596.39, NE DEPT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY-se-26793.28, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT-se-NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LABS-se- 720.00, NEONLINK-se-429.60, ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.-se-21.71, PETTY CASH-ex-140.88, PREMIER POWER, LLC-se-55675.00, PAULSEN, INC.-su-838.55, PROPRINTING AND GRAPHICS-ex-278.71, PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT-ex-126.65, QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.-su-1500.00, SONNY'S SUPER FOODS, INC.-su-3.38, SYNDICATE PUBLISHING LLC-se-143.98, TURNER TECHNOLOGY-se-2560.65, TYE & ROWLING, PC LLO-ex-2297.40, UPS-se-226.35, VESTIS-se-312.68, W BAR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS LLC-su-322.61, WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC-su-7711.82 Total - 1024119.97 Payroll total- 77268.63. Motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Sladek to approve the bills as presented. The board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Sladek, Jacob and Young. Nay: None. Motion adopted. Motion was made by Neill, seconded by Jacob, to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Neill, Sladek, Jacob and Young. Nay: None Motion adopted. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

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Dec. 18, 2025
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and weekly work logs. *Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds. *Special Requirements: Applicants MUST become a certified water operator and be able to obtain an applicators license for weed control. Certification is not required prior to hire; certification classes will be paid for by the Village. Applicants MUST be able to pass a background check and possess a valid driver's license; be reliable and punctual. In summary, the Village Superintendent plays a critical role in ensuring the safe, efficient, and effective operation of the Village's public works and infrastructure, while also serving as a key point of contact for residents and stakeholders. Experience with maintenance is preferred but willing to train. Positions shall remain open until filled. Job Type: Full-time; Monday through Friday; Weekends as needed and for emergencies. Pay: \$22.00/Hour; Increase immediately upon certification; Mileage Reimbursement.



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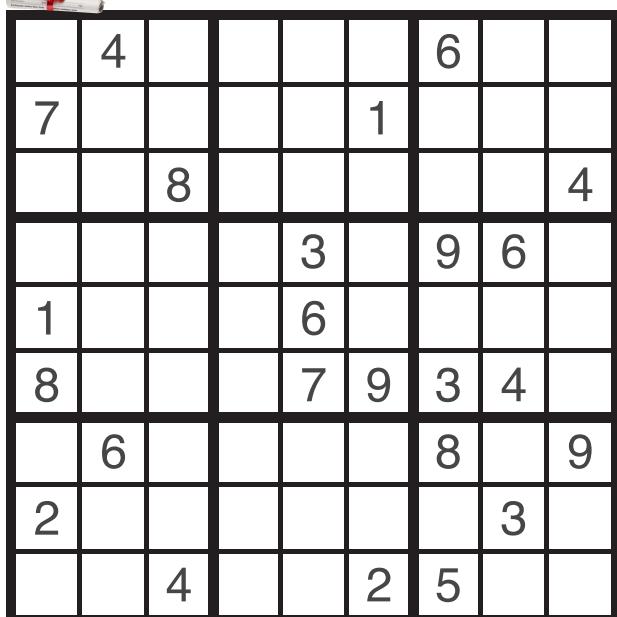
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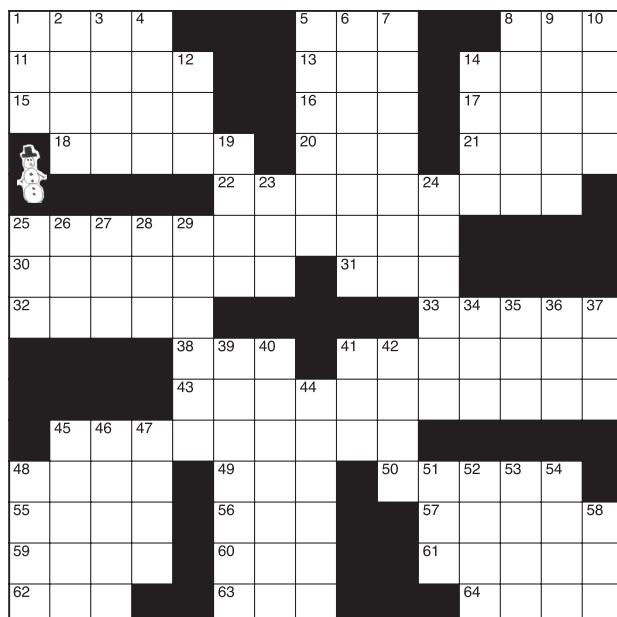
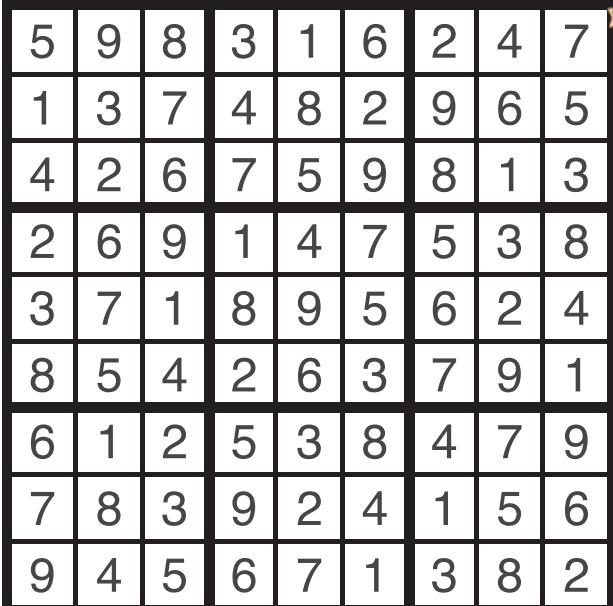
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Reiman and Winter Compete Strong at 4-H National Exposition

COZAD LOCAL

The Dawson County 4-H Quiz Bowl team competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY. Team members were Carson Reiman and Samuel Winter of Cozad and Greta Rickertsen of Lexington. Coach Shannon Peterson of Gothenburg and sponsor Cody Wolf of Cozad accompanied the group.

Reiman finished 7th overall, Winter 56th, and Rickertsen 70th out of 82 contestants. The team qualified for nationals by winning the Champion title at the Premier Animal Science Event at UNL this summer.

Illinois earned the team championship at NAILE, with Kentucky taking reserve champion. Nineteen states participated.

Dawson County's Reserve Champion team, Bristol McConville, Brooklyn Reiman, Matthew Rhoades, and Paige Walahoski, also earned recognition at the state level.

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation, Dawson County 4-H Foundation, and Dawson County Cattlemen helped support the team's trip. "It was fun to participate in this growing event and reconnect with past Dawson County 4-H'ers." Shannon Peterson said.

Past Dawson County members also competed in Livestock Evaluation. Greg Treffer, a member of UNL's

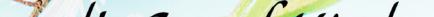


These three Dawson County 4-H'ers and their coach showed off their Nebraska knowhow on their recent trip to the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. (Left to right) Greta Rickertsen, Lexington; Samuel Winter, Cozad, Carson Reiman, Cozad, and coach Shannon Peterson, Gothenburg. (Courtesy Photo)

Livestock Judging Team, placed 94th. Helene Keiser, now judging for West Texas A&M, placed 46th out of 116 and received an Academic All-American Award.

NAILE is the world's largest all-breed, purebred live-stock event, featuring nearly 27,000 entries across several species. Participants came from 48 states, Canada, and several international locations.

Cozad's Cup of Kindness



Kristen Bennett

Kristen is a role model for our community. She is involved in many community events and organizations. She also has the biggest heart and organizes many events to give back to those organizations in our community and the great people in our community. One good example is the fundraiser she has planned for Saturday Dec. 3rd to raise donations for toys for tots and has added to that a fundraiser to help a local family in need. Kristen has a big heart and a warm smile and works hard to make Cozad a better place to live!

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