



Celebrate National Newspaper Week with the Cozad LOCAL

COZAD LOCAL

“Don’t you know the newspaper industry is fading away?”

That’s a question the Cozad LOCAL hears often. But let’s get real—fast-forward 10 or 20 years, and when you want to research the hailstorm that hit Cozad in July or look up the year the Cozad High School cross country team brought home that long-awaited plaque, wouldn’t you rather read a well-documented article than jump from one social media post to another, and still not get all the information?

That’s the magic of newspapers, and this National Newspaper Week, we’re celebrating the unique role the Cozad LOCAL plays in recording our community’s history. We live in the present, but we’re always preparing for the future. And it’s all thanks to you—our loyal readers and local businesses who advertise with us—that we’re able to do what we do.

A Peek Inside the LOCAL

Our small but spirited office at 201 W 8th Street is home to a team dedicated to bringing Cozad’s stories to life. Correspondent Mel Nutt, marketing director Joy Heckenlively, and editor Liz Romero are at the heart of the operation. We’ve also got local business owner Mark Lewis helping with layout, and Kelly Aden handling billing. It’s a whirlwind of deadlines, but our love for local news keeps us going.

Mel Nutt: Correspondent Extraordinaire

Mel, a former teacher who dived into the newspaper world after retiring in 2010, has been a vital part of the Cozad LOCAL since it launched in 2022. She’s everywhere—whether she’s substitute teaching, working in the city gardens, or writing articles about Cozad’s school events and community happenings. With her vast knowledge of the town and her ability to recognize almost everyone, Mel is an irreplaceable asset.



Mel Nutt, Joy Heckenlively, and Liz Romero celebrate National Newspaper week, Oct. 6-12. (LOCAL Photo)



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Weather Forecast

Oct. 4: 77/52	
Oct. 5: 87/52	
Oct. 6: 81/45	
Oct. 7: 82/48	
Oct. 8: 85/50	
Oct. 9: 84/51	
Oct. 10: 83/50	



Letter to the Editor

Last October the Cozad Library had a banned books display, with the heading Let Freedom Read, right as you enter the main entrance to the library. It is my hope this year that whoever oversees the library will discourage that display this year.

The display had thirteen books on display, the title of number one was Gender Queer. I invite any adult to check out this book and determine if they think it is appropriate reading for minors. It has graphic illustrations and questionable topics.

There are libraries in the area that will not participate with the banned book display, and it is my hope Cozad's decides not to also.

- Richard Ristine

Cozad's Chloe Donahey Honored at College of Saint Mary's OTD Inauguration

PRESS RELEASE

The College of Saint Mary celebrated 13 occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) students during an Inauguration Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 21, in Gross Auditori-

um. The event recognized the students who will begin the clinical care portion of the curriculum. Of those 12 students, Cozad's own Chloe Donahey was celebrated.



The Occupational Therapy Doctorate Class of 2026 from College of Saint Mary. Front row, from left: Chloe Donahey, Jasmine Ramos, Emily Reis, Morgan Faust, Ava Dross, Haylie Wong, and Haley Vredenburg. Back row: Liliana Alfaro, Anna Shelite, Emma Riedel, Sam Homan, Grace Souerdyke, Catherine Wilson. (Courtesy Photo)

Donahey will be a part of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Class of 2026.

"Today marks the next step in your path by taking an oath that turns those desires to help into a promise," said Tara Ruppert, OTD, OTR/LT, CHT, director of CSM's occupational therapy program and associate professor. "You have promised to embrace our client-first philosophy, our drive to advocate, our dedication to compassionate and effective care, and our commitment to following evidence-based practice to achieve positive outcomes."

Ellie Cusic, OTD, OTR/L, assistant professor of occupational therapy, presided over the ceremony. Morgan Faust D'26 and Grace Souerdyke D'26 provided the opening reflection. Mary Smith, EdD, associate professor of occupational therapy, was the guest speaker, while Haylie Wong D'26 gave the student speech.

"One of the best parts about occupational therapy is that we help people find meaning in their lives based on how, where, and with whom they spend their time," Wong said. "These occupations form our identities and the shape of our lives. No matter what twists or turns our stories take, we can create our own happy endings by choosing and changing our attitudes and behaviors. As future occupational therapists, it is our responsibility, privilege, and honor to serve those around us, providing them with the means and the support they need to find their new normal and live their best lives."

The students received certificates and recited the occupational therapy student oath before Ruppert provided the closing remarks.

Cozad Forestry Board Receives Free Trees

MEL NUTT, CORRESPONDENT

Thanks to the Ten Free Trees program, a collaborative effort of the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, the Cozad Forestry Board received eight trees to be planted in the Cozad Cemetery, Munny Park and the Wilson Public Library by Cozad Parks and Cemetery Foreman Zach Priel. According to Priel, due to the large number of communities applying for the trees, each received eight instead of ten trees.

Chas Berke of SunValley Landscaping delivered two Prairie Expedition Elms to Sportsman Park, and one each Indian Summer Crabapple, Royal Raindrops Crabapple, Burgundy Belle Maple, Bur Oak, Celtis, and Canada Red Chokecherry on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Despite providing a wide range of social, economic, and environmental benefits, most Nebraska community forests have been in steady and sometimes drastic decline. Many challenges contribute, including extreme weather, insects, disease, and lack of diversity. The Emerald Ash Borer is the latest major challenge added to the list.

In an effort to stop this decline and increase community forest resilience, the Ten Free Trees program grants up to 10 high quality trees per project for tree-related educational events and community celebrations promoting trees and fall planting.

In addition to simply planting more trees, the program goals include increasing appreciation and awareness of the significant value of community forests in Nebraska. Special emphasis is placed on species diversity and higher impact projects, especially street tree planting and projects in neighborhoods of highest need.



Cozad City Parks and Cemetery employees Zach Priel (left) and Josh Morse planted a Royal Raindrop Crabapple tree on the north side of the Wilson Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 25 as part of the Ten Free Trees Program, a collaborative effort of the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. The trees were awarded to the Cozad Forestry Board, of which Priel serves as a member. (LOCAL Photo by Bob Nutt)

Ten Free Trees is supported by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's Trees for Nebraska Towns Initiative, funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, the USDA Forest Service's Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act funding received by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, and the USDA Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration funding received by the Nebraska Forest Service.

Birth



Dakota and Mathew Moon of Gothenburg announced the birth of a son on Sept. 18, 2024, at Gothenburg Health. Nikodemus Ray Moon was born at 5:41 p.m. weighing 6 pounds 12.5 ounces and measuring 19 inches in length. Nikodemus is welcomed by his brother, James, and sisters Genevieve and Penelope. Grandparents are Mary and Charles Moon of Gothenburg, and Sheila Hintz of Glendale AZ.

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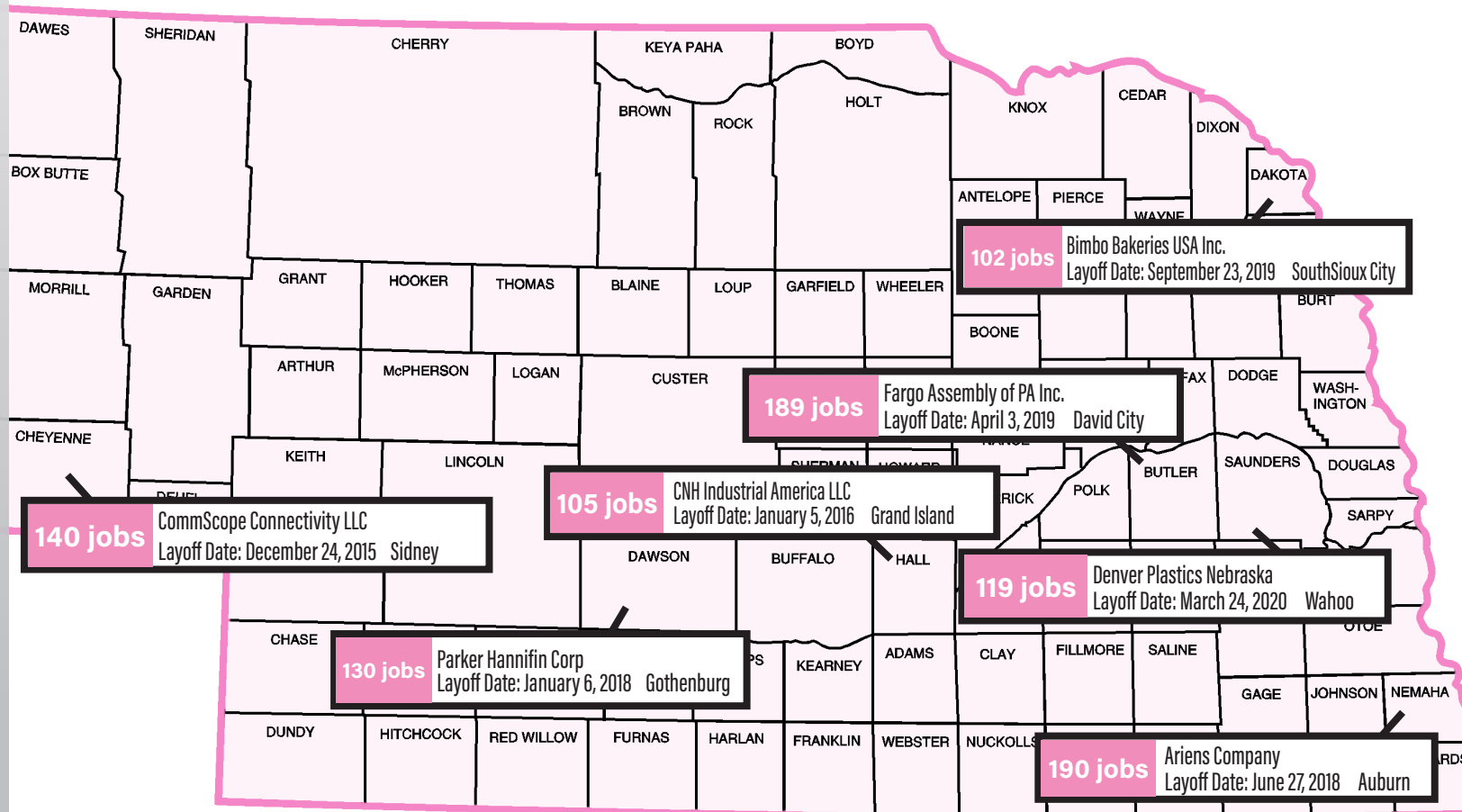
Senator Deb Fischer TURNED HER BACK ON PINK SLIPPED NEBRASKA WORKERS



The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, started by President John F. Kennedy, is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor and allows workers and companies to apply for training and temporary income assistance for workers who have been laid off due to rising imports or offshoring.

Source: Public Citizen, Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Consolidated Petitions Database, Washington, DC

1,547 Nebraskans lost their jobs at 22 companies between May 2015 and December 23, 2020 and were eligible for TAA benefits, including:



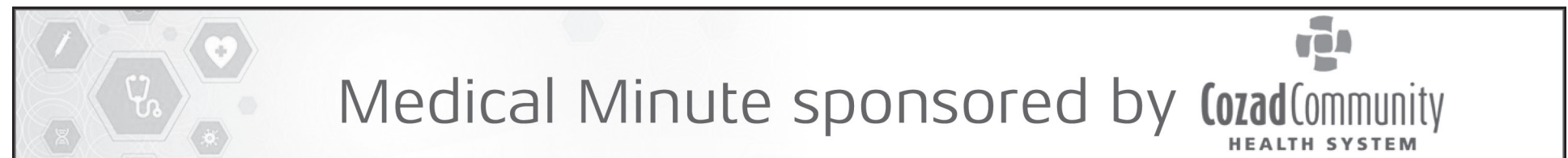
On November 5, vote to PINK SLIP Deb Fischer

Fischer voted **against** an amendment restoring funding for the TAA program to approximately \$575 million, the level established by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011.

Source: H.R. 1314, 5/18/15, Roll call 181

Fischer voted **for** an amendment to strike the extension of the TAA program.

Source: H.R. 1314, 5/22/15, Roll call 190



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Think Pink with CCHS

KARLIE ROSE BUSS, CCHS MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to educate, support, and inspire women in the fight against breast cancer. This year, Cozad Community Health System (CCHS) invites you to our Think Pink Trivia Night on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Meridian Tap House, from 5:15 to 7:00pm. Bring your mom, daughter, and gal pals, for a fun-filled evening of a charcuterie-style meal, delightful drinks, and a friendly trivia competition—all while learning life-saving facts about breast cancer.

The event is brought to you by the CCHS Radiology Team and the Cozad Hospital Foundation, with special guests from

Chemo Comfort Totes and the Dawson County Care Fund. These organizations will be on hand to educate attendees about the local support systems available to individuals and families affected by cancer. Whether you're currently navigating breast cancer or want to support others, this event is designed to empower and inform.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, observed every October, serves as a reminder of the importance of education, early detection, and support.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, making it the second most common cancer

among women worldwide.

The goal of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is not only to encourage women to take proactive steps in protecting their health but also increase understanding of the disease, and support those currently battling cancer.

Early detection is key, and mammograms are one of the most effective tools in catching breast cancer early. Mammograms can detect abnormalities in breast tissue long before physical symptoms appear. Today's digital mammograms provide clearer, more detailed images, allowing radiologists to detect even the smallest abnormalities. With early detection, the five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer—cancer that hasn't spread beyond the breast—is as high as 98%, according to the American Cancer Society.

In addition to enhanced imaging, newer technologies like 3D mammography offer a more accurate view of breast tissue, increasing the chances of detecting cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage. Studies have shown that 3D mammograms can detect up to 40% more invasive cancers compared to traditional 2D mammography, making them a crucial tool in

saving lives.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, women are encouraged to schedule their mammograms, especially those aged 40 and above or those with a family history of breast cancer.

A mammogram is a quick and simple procedure. During the exam, each breast is compressed between two plates for a few seconds while X-rays are taken. This allows the radiologist to capture detailed images of the breast tissue. While the compression may cause slight discomfort, the procedure is typically completed in about 20 minutes. Mammograms are safe, with minimal exposure to radiation, and they can detect breast cancer years before symptoms appear.

At CCHS, our patients are at the center of everything we do, and we believe every woman should feel empowered to take control of her health. This month, we're encouraging women to prioritize their well-being by making an appointment for a mammogram, and as a special incentive, the first 50 women who get their mammogram will receive a special gift from our Radiology Department. It's a small token of appreciation for making a potentially life-saving decision.

October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7. Dr. McGowan 8:30 Cardiology Dr. Lukens 1pm Orthopedic	8. Dr. Wray 12:30pm Podiatry	9. Dr. Merz 8am General Surgery Dr. Moore 9am Podiatry	10. Dr. Brown 8am Urology Dr. Hall 1pm Cardiology	11. Dr. Wiesen 8am General Surgery
14. Dr. Lukens 8am Orthopedic	15. Dr. Islam 12:30pm Nephrology	16. Dr. Merz 8am General Surgery	17. Dr. Botros 9am Cardiology	18. Dr. Simonson 8am General Surgery

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Dawson County 4-H State Fair Static Exhibit Results

The Nebraska State Fair is the Premier opportunity for 4-H members to showcase what they have learned and worked on throughout the year. Dawson County 4-H exhibitors had 98 static exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair. The following are the ribbon results, according to the UNL Extension Office official link. The Rainbow Ribbon indicates that they received special recognition.

2024 Results:
 Jenna Anderson (G) – Red – Cooking 301 – Shortened Cake; Red – Visual Arts – Original Acrylic Painting; Red – Original Pencil Drawing
 Kadie Anderson (G) – Blue - Horticulture - red potatoes; Purple - Cooking 301- Shortened Cake
 Lyndsay Anderson (G) – Purple – Cooking 401 – Ethnic Food Exhibits; Blue – Visual Arts – Original Mixed Media

Kathryn Bartruff (G) – Blue – Cooking 401 – Family Food Traditions
 Terrence Bliven (L) – Purple - General Foods - Basics Recipe File; Blue - Photography Unit II – Expression Through Color Display or Print
 Gabby Caraway (L) – Blue – Quilt Quest – Level 1 Quilted Exhibit - Large
 Josue Casanova (L) – Purple - STEAM Clothing 2 - Simply Sewing – Top

Tucker Dailey (L) – Blue – Cooking 201 – Biscuits or Scones
 Anna Dillon (L) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon – Photography Unit II – Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print
 Lysa Duryea (L) – Purple – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simple Sewing - Dress
 Maggie Duryea (L) – Blue – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simple Sewing – Dress; Blue – Cooking 201 – Coffee Cake; Purple – Cooking 301 – Specialty Rolls

Tanner Fairley (B) – Purple – Cooking 301 – White Bread
 Baylor Gruntorad (L) – Blue – Veterinary Science – Small Animal/Pet Poster, Notebook or Display.
 Carter Gruntorad (L) – Purple – Environmental & Earth Sciences – Wildlife Habitat – Feeders & Waterers

Barrett Hunke (L) – Purple – Cooking 201 – Loaf Quick Bread
Hailey Jensen (C) – Blue – Cooking 201 – Loaf Quick Bread
 Ty Kennicutt (B) – Red – Welding – Welding Joints
 Bodee Klemm (L) – Blue – Forestry – Design Your Own Exhibit
 Bristol Kubert (JL) – Purple - Cooking 201 – Creative Mixes

Kylee Kubert (JL) – Purple - Cooking 201 - Non-Traditional Baked Product
 Jordan Lans (L) – Purple – Cooking 301 – White Bread; Purple – Welding – Welding Art

Joslynn Lans (L) – Blue – Cooking 201 – Healthy Baked Product
 Levi Linsenmeyer (O) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon - Aerospace Rocket - Any skill with wooden fins, painted using commercial application

Emma Luther (O) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon - Food Preservation - Unit 2 - Drying - Dried Vegetables; Purple – General Foods – Basic Recipe File; Purple – Photography Unit II – Abstract Photography Display or Print; Purple – Photography Unit II – Candid Photogra-

phy Display or Print
 Bristol McConville (L) – Red - STEAM Clothing: Beyond the Needle - Embellished Garment with Original Design
 Elena McFarland (L) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon – Simply Sewing - Dress
 Melissa Montano (K) – Purple – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simply Sewing - Dress

Laela Nitsch (L) – Red – Environmental & Earth Sciences – Forestry – Parts of a Tree
 Karsyn Nichols (ED) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon - Taxidermy
 Keeley Nichols (ED) – Blue – STEAM Clothing Beyond the Needle – Fashion Accessory

Kollyn Nichols (ED) – Blue – Taxidermy; Purple – Photography Unit II – Abstract Photography Display or Print
 Griffin Owens (L) – Blue – Food Preservation – Unit 1 – Freezing – Baked Item Made with Frozen Produce; Blue - Food Preservation - Unit 2 - Drying - Dried Fruits; Blue – Design Decisions - Accessory - Unit 2 – Recycled/Upcycled Item for the Home; Purple & Rainbow Ribbon

– General Foods – Physical Activity & Health Poster, Scrapbook or Photo Display; Red – Aerospace Rocket – Any Skill with wooden fins, painted using commercial application; Purple – Food Preservation – Unit 2 – Drying – Dried Vegetables
Brooklyn Reiman (C) – Purple - Cooking 401 – Double Crust Fruit Pie; Blue – Photography Unit III – Portrait Print
Cassidy Reiman (C) – Blue – Floriculture – Fairy or Miniature Garden; Blue – Visual Arts – Original Watercolor Painting
Mckenna Reiman (C) – Blue - Photography Unit II – Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print; Purple – Photography Unit II – Candid Photography Display or Print; Purple – Horticulture – Basil
 Josiah Rhea (L) – Purple - Wood Science - Woodworking Article
Kamrynn Rhoades (C) – Blue – Cooking 201 – Coffee Cake; Red – Quilt Quest – Barn Quilt Less than 4x4
Matthew Rhoades (C) – Blue – Quilt Quest – Barn Quilt Less than 4x4

Alexandra Rickertsen (L) – Purple – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simple Dress; Purple & Rainbow Ribbon – Science & Technology – Electricity – Electrical Display/Item
 Greta Rickertsen (L) – Blue - Aerospace Rocket- Any Skill with wooden fins, painted using commercial application
 Lorelai Rickertsen (L) – Purple – STEAM Clothing 2 – Simply Sewing - Dress
 Sydni Ringenberg (L) – Red – Plants – Weed Science – Weed Identification Book

Mollie Spradlin (C) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon – Cooking 401 - Candy; Purple – Food Preservation – Unit 3 – Boiling Canning – 1 Jar Tomato Exhibit; Purple – Healthy Lifestyle Education - Safety – First Aid Kit; Blue – STEAM Clothing Beyond the Needle – Color Wheel; Purple – Floriculture – Rudbeckia/Black-Eyed Susan
Rieker Spradlin (C) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon - Welding – Welding Article
 Wesley Thompson (L) – Purple – Shooting Sports – Storage Case;

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 Parker Walahoski (O) – Purple & Rainbow Ribbon – Heritage – Level: Beginning – Book Review about Local, Nebraska or Regional History
 Krystal Venegas (L) – Blue – Crochet - Level 2 Crocheted Clothing
 Lillie Voss (L) – Blue – Cooking 401 – Ethnic Food Exhibit

CITY CODES:
 B = Bertrand
 JL = Johnson Lake
 C = Cozad
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 L = Lexington
 G = Gothenburg
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Market Report

For the Week Ending Sep. 27, 2024

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for Sep. 30, 2024

STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Wt. Range – 851-898; Avg Wt - 872; Price Range – 236.00-259.25; Avg Price – 247.27

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Wt. Range – 856-898; Avg Wt - 865; Price Range - 222.00-235.75; Avg Price – 229.49

from FRONT - LOCAL

One of her favorite roles? Decorating the office and windows for every season. "I have a blast doing it!" Mel says. When she's not behind the scenes, Mel takes pride in covering local events, particularly in the fine arts. "I feel honored when people say they enjoy my articles," she adds.

Mel also appreciates the power of print. "Many of us prefer holding a newspaper in our hands instead of reading it online," she explains. "You can cut out articles and photos, put them in scrapbooks, and save them for future reference—something Facebook posts can't offer." Mel's dedication to the LOCAL is clear, and she's grateful for the community's support.

When she's not busy writing or decorating, Mel and her husband Bob, to whom she's been married for almost 40 years, are juggling the activities of their four adult children, Amber (Joey) Cochran, Brandon (Kelsey) Ross, Michaela (Mark) Bradshaw, and Mallory Nutt, and their nine grandchildren. She's also involved in so many local organizations that keeping track of them all is a feat! She is always on the go.

"We do enjoy attending our grandchildren's sporting events and concerts and are thankful that our moms (mine is 93 and Bob's is 94) live in Seward and Lincoln so we can spend some time with them almost every weekend. I enjoy substitute teaching in Cozad, Eustis-Farnam, Gothenburg, and Lexington. My husband and I also umpire USA and High School softball, I am a Parish Ministry Associate in the ELCA and supply preach whenever possible. I teach Word

on Wednesday for 3rd - 5th graders at American Lutheran Church, and I mow lawns (half paid and half volunteer)."

"I take care of 10 blocks of flower beds around town for BID, and the 50 States Barn Quilt bed, the Robert Laier Memorial bed, the Robert Henri beds, and the Green Space bed. I serve as secretary for the Robert Henri and Art Museum Board, the Cozad Tourism Committee, and the Cozad Association of Churches. I'm president of the Cozad Forestry Board, I am a member of the Cozad Fine Arts Booster Club, I am a member of the Cozad VFW Post #890 Auxiliary. I also am a chair the Sunrise Parish Music Committee, and recently joined the Cozad Community Leaders," exclaimed Nutt.

Fun Fact: Did you know that Mel has never dyed her hair in her 70 years? That beautiful head of hair is her natural color.

Joy Heckenlively: The Sunshine of Marketing

Joy Heckenlively, our marketing director, has been with the LOCAL for almost a year. While she spends plenty of time out in the community, Joy admits that much of her work involves being at her desk. "People are surprised to learn that I'm actually an introvert," she laughs. Still, her sunny personality shines through as she connects with businesses and community members alike. She often mentions how she loves getting to know people and reaching the goals she sets for herself.

When Joy isn't promoting the LOCAL, she's enjoying time with her husband Jay of 27 years, their four children, Nathan, Cerina, Liz (her bossy boss), and Rhett, and their 12 grandchildren. She

has a love for gardening, and shopping. It's a running joke that Joy needs to leave her purse at the office when she goes out to businesses, she's always supporting our town.

Fun Fact : Did you know Joy can sometimes be found in the court report section due to her "lead foot"?

Liz Romero: Editor with a Passion
 Liz has been with the LOCAL since it opened,

Obituary

Gary Ray Buehner, 69, passed away at his home in Cozad on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. Gary was born on May 10, 1955 in Gothenburg, to Raymond and Norma (Hueftle) Buehner. He grew up on his family farm, seven miles west of Eustis. He was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Eustis. Gary graduated from Eustis Public School in 1973. He continued his education and graduated from Kearney State College, where he was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

After graduation in 1977, Gary returned to Eustis, a community that he loved. He worked at Farmers State Bank, which later transitioned to First State Bank and Trust, for 32 years. He continued his career at Farmers and Merchants in Kearney, Great Western Bank in Norfolk and Holdrege, and Homestead Bank in Cozad, before retiring in 2023. Gary held many different titles in his banking career, including Branch President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Loan Officer, Senior Vice President, and Market President.

Gary was united in marriage to Laura Gronstal on June 7, 1981 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis. Gary and Laura were blessed with three children: Angela Marie, Christopher Sean, and Amanda Jayne. Gary was always so proud of all of them. He was such a patient,

supportive, and loving father who will be deeply missed.

Gary was heavily involved in his communities and always believed in giving back. If you ever needed a community key, Gary was the man you needed to find. If you couldn't find him in the evening, he was probably down at the Fair Grounds mowing or taking care of something there. Gary was involved in the Eustis Lions Club, Eustis Chamber of Commerce, Wurst Tag Committee, Centennial Committee, Eustis Agricultural Society Inc, (formerly known as the Fair Board) in which he was secretary-treasurer for 35 years, St. John's Lutheran Church Council Member, Eustis/Farnam School Improvement Committee, Kearney First Lutheran Church Pastor Call Committee, Kearney Sertoma Club, Kearney Lions Club, Norfolk Rotary Club, Kearney Chamber of Commerce where he was on the Executive Board, Secretary- Treasurer, and Vice Chairman. In 2011, Gary was honored by being the Grand Marshall at the Nebraska State Fair, and he also received the Aksarben Good Neighbor Award.

The number of hours that Gary volunteered in his community and church in his lifetime can never be measured. Gary had many titles throughout his

volunteering and career, but his favorite title of all was Grandpa Gary! His Grandchildren that will forever miss him, the Smarties candy that he always seemed to magically have in his front pocket, and the fun they had together are Will, Evie, Lucas, Vivian, Owen, and Von.

Gary is survived by his children and their spouses; Angela and Patrick McKee of Montgomery, TX, Chris and Lindsey Buehner of Lincoln, and Amanda and Andy Barner of Lincoln; their mother, Laura Buehner; his mother, Norma Buehner Lauer and her husband, Roland Lauer of Cozad; sisters Sharon (Roger) Bryant of Curtis and Barb (Dave) Margritz of Lexington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews that will miss their fun Uncle Gary or "Uncle Geezer" as he was fondly called.

Gary was preceded in death by his father Raymond Buehner, his brother Gerald Buehner, father and mother-in-law, Harold and Edith Gronstal, and nephews, Patrick Blake and Bryant Keller.

Memorials are suggested to go to Eustis Fair Board Committee. Online condolences may be shared at berrymanfuneralhome.com. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Sept. 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis with Pastor Kathy Gundell officiating. A burial followed at East Cemetery. Berryman Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



The Hidden Treasure of Joy

Fall is my favorite season, and recently, I took advantage of the beautiful weather to enjoy a walk during my lunch break. The sun bent down to kiss my face, and the trees waved in greeting as I passed by. A smile spread through me as the wind gently caressed my hair. I basked in the beautiful moment of pure, simple joy.

These moments of joy are like treasures scattered along life's journey. I found another one while sitting at a volleyball game, watching my grandson giggle at his



papa making silly noises. Delighted by his laughter, his papa repeated the noise, turning a small giggle into an infectious belly laugh. They were lost in the moment of shared joy.

Another treasure came during our town's celebration, where I volunteered at a bubble party. The joy radiating from the children was mesmerizing as they danced and played in a sea of bubbles. Giant wands dipped into pools of soapy water released iridescent spheres that floated through the air. The children's faces beamed like rays of sunlight, caught up in the sheer magic of the moment, with no other care in the world. They had found the treasure of joy.

Reflecting on the scene, my dear friend mentioned that as a young mom, she would have been upset with the mess the bubbles created. "Me, too," I admitted. Back then, I would have only seen the soapy clothes, ruined shoes, and cleanup it required. I would have missed the joy in the chaos. As I looked around, I saw some parents, like my younger self, focused on the inconvenience rather than the joy on their children's faces. Others were fully present, savoring the joy of the fleeting moment.

Joy is simple, yet it's easy to overlook or rush past. It often arrives in a moment, and then, just as quickly, it's gone. While joy is a treasure, it is not always valued as such. I'm reminded of Ferris Bueller's words in the 1986 movie, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." I don't want to miss the magic in the moments of joy.

So, let's slow down and savor these treasures hidden in the everyday. Let each day be a treasure hunt, searching for the simple joys that make life truly beautiful.

Roxanne's writing can also be found at roxannesreflections.com and on social media.

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Lady Haymakers Set Personal Records in Back-to-Back Golf Meets

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad girls' golf team competed in back-to-back meets on Sept. 23 and 24, showing continued improvement and setting personal records.

On Monday, the Lady Haymakers participated in the Dawson County Triangular against Gothenburg and Lexington. Due to the event's Play-8-Score-5 format and Cozad only fielding four golfers, the team did not qualify for a team position. However, individual performances shone.

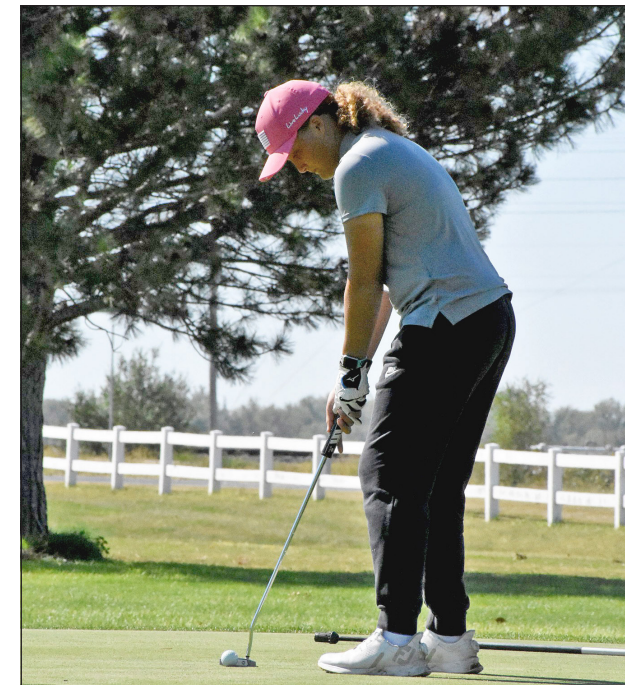
Ella Atchison led the team with a third-place finish, shooting a 51 on the front nine and 53 on the back, totaling 104. Abbie Albrecht followed with a seventh-place finish, scoring a 60 in the front and 58 in the back for a total of 118. Ava Joyce took eighth with a consistent performance, shooting 61 on both the front and back for a total of 122. Morgan Mraz rounded out the squad with a total score of 135, shooting 69 on the front nine and 66 on the back.

Tuesday's meet was a high point for the team, as all four golfers set new personal records (PRs). Atchison finished seventh, Albrecht shot a career-best 90, Joyce broke 100 for the first time with a 98, and Mraz set her new PR with a score of 113.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Jordan Haarberg praised the team's growth. "I am incredibly proud of all the girls this season. They've each put in the effort to improve their golf skills, and at every meet, they impress me with outstanding shots. I wish I could watch each of them throughout the entire event. They've all set new personal records and continue to break them. With only three meets remaining, I'm eager to see what they accomplish next and have no doubt we'll see more PRs."

The Lady Haymakers hosted a meet on Sept. 30 at the Cozad Country Club with 10 teams attending. Their next stop is the Southwest Conference in Ogallala on Oct. 1, followed by Districts in Cambridge on Oct. 7.

Make sure to hit the greens and cheer on the team as they finish out their season.



LEFT: Morgan Mraz set a new personal record on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Ogallala invite. RIGHT: Ella Atchison finished with third place and a seventh place finish last week at the Dawson County Invite and the Ogallala Invite. (LOCAL Photos by Barry Mraz)



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Haymakers Face Mixed Results Over Busy Stretch of Games

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymakers softball team endured a challenging stretch of games over three days last week, going 2-3. While the squad displayed flashes of brilliance, the Lady Makers allowed bad innings to ultimately hinder their momentum. Head coach Brent Dinslage emphasized the team's need to eliminate costly mistakes as they head toward the postseason.

"Chadron and Scottsbluff were better competition, so that was probably the biggest challenge," Dinslage said. "Overall, we played alright, but we had one bad inning that really hurt us in both games. That's been something we've struggled with in multiple games. We just have to continue to be confident in those situations and be able to get out of an inning."

The Haymakers kicked off the week on Sept. 24, with an offensive explosion in Imperial, routing Chase County

24-7. Cozad's bats came alive, highlighted by Clatyn Fleharty's perfect day at the plate. Fleharty went 3-for-3, with 2 doubles and a single, while the team collected 16 hits overall.

Cozad opened the game with a 4-run first inning, capitalizing on Chase County errors. By the fourth inning, the Haymakers blew the game wide open, scoring 10 runs on 5 hits to put the game out of reach. Madison Sayer's 2-RBI doubles and Fleharty's 2-run doubles were key blows in the inning. Cozad takes the huge win 24-7.

Cozad faced a tougher test against the Chadron Cardinals, on Sept. 26, falling 11-7. The Cardinals jumped on the board early and never let the Haymakers catch up, despite a late rally attempt.

Sara Howell provided a solid performance in the circle, going 4 innings and surrendering only 1 earned run, but



Cozad Haymaker shortstop, Aubrey Hammerlun, was ready for any ball to come her way. (LOCAL Photo by Barry Mraz)

the Haymakers couldn't keep pace as Chadron racked up runs in the second and fourth innings.

At the plate, Kinley Armagost led Cozad with two hits, while five players—including Howell, Sayer, and Fleharty—each drove in a run.

Later that day, Cozad struggled in another tough matchup against the Scottsbluff Bearcats, losing 11-0 in a game defined by a disastrous third inning. Scottsbluff scored 9 runs on 5 hits during that frame, burying Cozad's hopes for a comeback.

Hammerlun and Armagost managed Cozad's only 2 hits, as the Bearcats' pitching stifled the Haymakers' offense.

In their most dramatic game of the week on Sept. 28, the Haymakers suffered a heartbreaking 8-7 walk-off loss to Highway 6. Cozad had built a strong 7-2 lead entering the sixth inning, but a costly error in the seventh allowed

Highway 6 to complete their comeback.

The game started well for Cozad, with Sayer driving in a run in the first inning and Hammerlun adding 2 more RBIs in the second. But Highway 6's rally, capped by a game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh, sent Cozad back to the dugout disappointed.

Sayer and McKenzie Munster each collected 2 hits, while Howell and Hammerlun drove in 2 runs apiece.

Cozad closed out the weekend with their final game later that day, with a commanding 13-4 victory over Ord. Fleharty delivered the highlight of the game, launching a 2-run homer in the fifth inning to cap a four-RBI day.

The Haymakers jumped out to an early 5-0 lead after 2 innings, thanks in part to a 2-run double by Armagost and a pair of errors by Ord. The win saw Fleharty and Armagost lead the offense with 2 hits each. Cozad took advantage of Ord's defensive miscues and collected 7 stolen bases in the game.

The Haymakers will look to build on their strong offensive showing as they prepared for their next game that was on Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Centennial against the Broncos and Souther/Diller-Edell Thunder. With the postseason looming, Coach Dinslage stressed the importance of focus and fundamentals.

"The season is winding down. We won't know where we go or who we will play until next week," Dinslage said. "We have to raise our focus level in practice and make sure we're getting the most out of each drill. We're young, so we just need to keep building our softball IQ and continue working on our fundamentals."

Cozad now sits at a critical point in their 9-18 record season, hoping to iron out the inconsistency that plagued them during this busy stretch of games before sub-districts start on Monday, Oct. 7.

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Cozad Volunteer Fire Department: Dedication, Teamwork, and Community Support

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD), established in 1888, has a long-standing tradition of serving the community. With a team of dedicated volunteers, the CVFD responds to emergency calls and helps educate the public on fire safety and prevention. CVFD's leadership provided insights into the operations, training, challenges, and community involvement as they prepare for Fire Prevention Week, which takes place from Oct. 6-12.

At the heart of the CVFD is its commitment to maintaining high standards in both fire response and rescue operations. Every member of the department undergoes rigorous and ongoing training throughout the year. The department participates in monthly training sessions, alternating between fire and rescue topics to keep their skills sharp and up-to-date. Additionally, individual members attend advanced training sessions at the Holdrege Mid-Winter Fire School and State Fire School, as well as online courses



Deb McGee and Trevor Munster captivated the Cozad elementary students during last years fire safety demonstration. (Courtesy Photo)

and webinars.

"Training is vital to ensuring that we're ready for any situation," explained Fire Chief Jason Schneider. All members of the CVFD are trained in CPR, and fire ongoing training efforts ensure that every volun-

teer is equipped to handle any emergencies in the community. The department has added specific low frequency, high risk situations to their resume. From water rescue to grain bin and grain trailer rescues.

Safety is a core focus at the CVFD, both for the firefighters and for the residents they serve. The department adheres to the standards set by the National Fire Protection Association and the Insurance Service Office. This involves regular testing of hoses, air packs, and other gear, as well as monthly inspections of trucks and equipment. Outdated gear is replaced as needed to ensure that all equipment is functioning properly.

One of the ways the department ensures safety during calls is through a strict accountability system. "We track each member from the moment a call goes out until the scene is cleared," shared CVFD. Each firefighter's baseline vital signs and any medical conditions are logged, and accountability is maintained

Cozad Volunteer Fire and Rescue Members

With 34 Fire Fighters, 18 of those are also EMTs.

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- Gary Banzhaf, Assistant Fire Chief & EMT
- Brian Woldt, Rescue Chief & EMT
- Jennifer Schneider, Assistant Rescue Chief & EMT
- Alison Feik, President & EMT
- Dave Cullers, Vice President and Training Officer
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- Melissa Baal, Treasurer & EMT
- Chris Allbright, EMT
- Jake Baal, EMT
- Sharol Banzhaf, EMT
- Kent Bartlett, Longest-Standing Member
- Steve Bihlmaier
- Kelli Cullers
- Nick Cullers, Newest Member
- Colton Derr
- Brenna Earl, EMT
- Tyler Earl
- Camren Maaske
- Deb McGee
- Travis Munster
- Trevor Munster, EMT
- Brad Peltier, EMT
- Laura Peltier, EMT
- Brett Sassali, EMT
- Scott Schmidt, EMT
- Austin Spotanski
- Josh Stallbaumer
- Travis Stithem, EMT
- Cody Tockey
- Steve Walker
- Lindsay Wells, EMT
- Marlene Williams, EMT
- Riley Woldt

on the scene to monitor the well-being of every member. This comprehensive system helps reduce risk and ensures that everyone returns home safely after volunteering their time.

The department also practices a "scene size-up" upon arriving at an emergency site. This critical first step helps identify potential hazards and ensures that both the firefighters and the public are kept safe during an operation.

When it comes to response times, the CVFD operates with urgency. Firefighters typically take between four and 10 minutes to respond to an alarm. However, these precious minutes can sometimes be extended by factors beyond the department's control. One critical factor is the cooperation of the public.

"We rely on the community to do their part when we're responding to a call," said Schneider. "When our vehicles are coming down the street with lights flashing, we need everyone to move to the side to let us pass. Seconds can make the difference in the outcome of an emergency, and those seconds matter."

Residents are also asked to stay clear of the scene and respect the privacy of those involved in the emergency. Giving the firefighters and EMTs space to work is essential for both efficiency and safety.

The CVFD's greatest strength lies in its team of committed volunteers. Firefighters of all experience levels work together, and those with more years on the job often mentor newer recruits. This mentorship creates a cohesive and collaborative atmosphere within the department.

However, like many small-town fire departments, the CVFD faces challenges. One of the most pressing issues is the size of their current fire hall. The department's equipment has changed significantly over the years, with modern trucks and gear requiring much more space than in the past.

"We've outgrown our fire hall," explained Schneider. "When a call comes in, members have to weave between trucks to get their gear on, and the locker space is very limited. This makes it harder to gear up quickly, and it's not as safe as we'd like it to be."

In addition to space constraints, communication within the hall is often difficult, and storage has become a problem. These challenges have led the department to consider plans for a new fire hall

that will meet the needs of both the CVFD and the community. The proposed fire hall would offer better space for training, gear storage, and quick access to equipment.

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the CVFD is ramping up its efforts to educate the community on fire safety. During the month of October, CVFD firefighters visit local daycares, the early education center, and elementary schools to teach children about fire prevention. The department's Junior Fire Patrol program offers students a hands-on experience. Teaching fire safety, introduction in CPR, and first aid. They teach students how to use a fire extinguisher, how smoke alarms work, and the importance of planning an escape route and meeting place at home.

"We host a day at the fire hall during the Maker Fair as well, where half of the day is spent on fire safety and the other half on EMS training," shared Schneider. The department also uses social media, specifically their Facebook page, to share fire safety tips and public education content throughout the year.

The CVFD operates a fleet of vehicles that includes two ambulances, one equipment truck, three pumper trucks, one tanker truck, two grass rigs, and one UTV. Maintaining these vehicles requires both time and effort from the volunteers. After each call, firefighters report any issues with the vehicles, and truck captains perform inspections to ensure that everything is in working order.

Though call volume can vary throughout the year, certain seasons see an increase in emergency calls. The harvest season, in particular, brings an uptick in fire calls, often related to dry conditions and high winds. In 2023, the department responded to 74 fire calls, which included vehicle accidents and mutual aid requests. This number is down from 2022, which saw a record 98 calls due to the drought and increased wildland fires.

Despite the demands of the job, the CVFD is grateful for the support they receive from the community.

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Local businesses and residents contribute to the department's fundraising efforts, with one of the most popular events being the free-will donation Drive-Thru BBQ. The department is also a recipient of funds from the annual Give Big Cozad event, set to take place on Nov. 7 at the Cozad Elks Club.

For Kent Bartlett, the longest-standing member of the CVFD, firefighting has changed significantly since he first joined the department in 1984. Then, the training consisted of just 84 class

hours, now when a member first joins the department, they are required to do a six-month training period, during that time they are on a probation period. Once a member completes their training and is cleared by a training officer, a report is given to the members of the department and the members then vote on accepting the member to the department.

Bartlett also noted how much the department's equipment and safety protocols have improved over the years. "When I started, we didn't have our own gear. It was first come, first

served. Now, everyone has their own gear, and that makes a huge difference."

The advances in equipment and training have helped make firefighting safer and more effective, but the job still comes with its challenges. The CVFD's volunteers remain committed to serving their community, no matter the difficulties they face.

As Fire Prevention Week approaches, the CVFD encourages all residents to take fire safety seriously.

By following basic fire prevention tips, such as installing smoke alarms and practicing escape plans, residents can help keep themselves and their families safe.

The Cozad Volunteer Fire Department is more than just a team of first responders—they are a group of dedicated Cozad community residents who care deeply about their neighbors. Through their efforts in training, fire prevention, and public education, they continue to make Cozad a safer place for everyone.



The CVFD went above and beyond for low frequency, high risk situation training where they rescued a dummy from a grain trailer. CVFD ensures they are ready for any call they may receive. (Courtesy Photo)



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CVFD member Travis Stithem assisted the 5th grade students in learning CPR last year during fire prevention week.



The 2023 Pre-School class from Little Disciples was excited to see all that Trevor Munster (right) had to show them on the fire truck. Accompanying Munster was Deb McGee, Jennifer Schneider, and Lindsey Wells. (Courtesy Photos)



Alison Feik, CVFD President (left), and Fire Chief Jason Schneider represented the Cozad Volunteer Fire Department during the 2023 Give Big Cozad.



Members of the Cozad Volunteer Fire Department practice ice water rescue techniques during a winter training session, preparing for emergencies in frozen water conditions.

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Practical Tips to Help Prevent Fires in Homes

Fire Prevention Week serves as a reminder to the community about the importance of fire safety. Some practical tips to help prevent fires in the home include:

Install smoke alarms: Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home. Test them monthly and replace batteries as needed.

Practice safe cooking: Unattended cooking is a leading cause of house fires. Always stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep flammable items away from the stove.

Create an escape plan: Families should create

a fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room and a designated meeting place outside the home. Practice the plan regularly.

Properly dispose of cigarettes: If you smoke, make sure to extinguish cigarettes fully and never leave them unattended. Consider smoking outside to reduce the risk of indoor fires.

Check electrical cords: Frayed or damaged electrical cords are a fire hazard. Replace any damaged cords and avoid overloading outlets.

By taking these steps, residents can help reduce the risk of fires in their homes and ensure their families' safety.

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Haymakers Battle Hard in Back-to-Back Triangular Showdowns

LIZ ROMERO

It was a busy week for the Cozad Haymakers volleyball team, as they took on four tough competitors in back-to-back triangulars. First, on home court, they faced the Ogallala Indians and the Holdrege Dusters. Although the Haymakers played with spirit and determination, it was the Dusters who emerged with the win, sweeping the triangular with a 2-0 win over both Cozad and Ogallala.



Talyn Sassali delivered strong serves at the service line for the Haymakers.

In their opening match against the Dusters, the Haymakers fought hard but struggled to find their rhythm. The first set started evenly, but Holdrege's outside hitter dominated, forcing Cozad out of system and keeping the Haymakers' defense on edge. Lucha Olvera and Talyn Sassali put up a strong fight at the net, managing to pressure the Dusters with some solid hits. Emalyn Geiger played a key role in defense from the back row, while Emersyn Propp and Braelyn Malcom stood out with their verticals, creating strong blocks. Whitney Regelin hustled all over the court and despite their efforts, the Dusters' offense ultimately overpowered the Haymakers, taking the first set 25-13 and the second set 25-14.

Cozad's next match against Ogallala was another hard-fought battle. The Indians jumped to an early lead and continued to build on it, but the Haymakers didn't back down. Olvera and Malcom worked tirelessly at the net, keeping the team in the game with their impressive blocks and attacks. However, the Haymakers serve receive was a struggle and service errors hurt Cozad's chances.

Despite trailing by 12 points, the Haymakers celebrated every point, going on a four-point run that brought energy from the bench. Briley Fisher's quick footwork saved several points, and her sneak attacks from the right side proved effective. Callie Kostrunek also provided help at the net during critical moments. Despite the Haymakers' best efforts, the Indians claimed both sets 25-12 and 25-12.



Whitney Regelin received a great pass, setting up the Haymaker hitters for an attack. (LOCAL Photos by Barry Mraz)

After regrouping from the home triangular, the Haymakers traveled to Sutherland for another triangular, this time facing off against the Maxwell Tigers and the Sutherland Sailors.

Against Maxwell, the Haymakers came out strong, with Propp turning attacks into kills and Regelin controlling the back row with precision. Cozad briefly held a one-point lead, but Maxwell's consistent play eventually took over. Sassali contributed with powerful kills and enthusiasm throughout the day, her excitement for each Haymaker point earned was remarkable, and Malcom's smart ball placement kept Maxwell on their toes. Despite their efforts, the Tigers won both sets 25-17 and 25-10.

Cozad's final match against Sutherland showed their resilience. Propp was a force at the net with hard blocks and powerful kills, while Malcom continued to shine with sharp reads, playing with the Tigers on the back boundary line and blocks that disrupted the Sailors' offense. Regelin and Geiger earned several aces from the service line, and Fisher added excitement with her well-timed sneak attack kills. Olvera also contributed with key attacks and an ace. Though the Sailors took the first set 25-13, the Haymakers regrouped and delivered an impressive second set, Erica Weatherly dominated the back

row on serve receives, winning 25-16. In a tightly contested third set, Cozad fought hard but fell 18-25 to close out the triangular.

While the results didn't go their way this week, the Haymakers showed determination and flashes of the potential that will serve them well in future matches.

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Wright, Davis, and Shoemaker Led Haymakers to Commanding Win Over the Indians

LIZ ROMERO

The Cozad Haymakers came out swinging on Friday, Sept. 27, when they faced off against Broken Bow. In the opening quarter, Cozad set the tone early with Noah Shoemaker's 14-yard touchdown pass to Mathew Arndt. Ollie Davis followed up with a successful extra point, giving the Haymakers a 7-0 lead. On their next possession, Shoemaker ran it in for a 4-yard touchdown, and with another solid kick from Davis, Cozad extended the lead to 14-0. Shoemaker wasn't done yet—he broke loose for a 31-yard sprint into the end zone, pushing the lead to 21-0 by the end of the first.

The second quarter slowed down, but the Haymakers stayed in control. Ethan Atchison made a 25-yard dash to the end zone, though the extra point was missed, leaving the score at 27-0 heading into half-time.

Cozad kept up the pressure in the third quarter. Ollie Davis caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from Shoemaker, followed by a successful two-point conversion. Later in the quarter, Davis snagged a 39-yard bomb from Shoemaker, and Cozad entered the final quarter up 42-0.

With the game well in hand, Coach Dueland rotated in some junior varsity players to gain experience. Although the Haymakers weren't able to score, they played hard despite allowing a touchdown run by Broken Bow in the fourth quarter, bringing the final score to 42-7 in favor of your Haymakers.

Statistically, Cozad controlled the game through the air, recording 151 passing yards to Broken Bow's 0. On the ground, Broken Bow outran Cozad 222-124, but it wasn't enough to close the gap. Both teams committed two turnovers, each losing a fumble and throwing an interception. Penalties hurt both sides, with Cozad flagged 6 times for 21 yards, and Broken Bow losing 40 yards on 9 penalties.

Individually, Noah Shoemaker had a standout performance again, throwing for 151 yards, including a long 41-yard pass to Boston Irish. Shoemaker also added 88 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns. Irish led the receivers with 66 yards, while Ollie Davis collected 65 yards and 2 touchdowns. Shoemaker's other target, Mathew Arndt, contributed 20 receiving yards and a touchdown.

On defense, "Night Train Lane" Wright led the charge with 5 solo tackles, 4 assists, and a fumble recovery. Jayden Smith chipped in with 4 solo tackles, a tackle



The Haymakers' traditional entrance into Haymaker Stadium never fails to give the crowd goosebumps. (LOCAL Photo by Barry Mraz)

for loss, and 2 sacks. Davis also made an impact on defense, racking up 4 solo tackles and 3 assists.

The Haymakers hold a 4-1 overall record and are 1-0 in district play. Their next district matchup is at home on Oct. 4 against Gothenburg, who sits at 2-3 for the season, with losses to Sidney, Chadron, and Adams Central.

The NSAA rankings show several Haymakers standing out within the top 15 of their respective stat categories. Lane Wright holds the 11th spot in total tackles with 51, while Noah Shoemaker ranks 15th in total yards with 1,097.

In the Nebraska C1 District 6 rankings, Shoemaker leads the passing category, ranking 1st with 791 yards, Holdrege's quarterback is close behind with 736 yards. Shoemaker also ranks 3rd in rushing with 306 yards,

trailing Holdrege's fullback, who has 353 yards. In receiving yards, Ollie Davis ranks 1st with 369 yards, followed closely by Boston Irish who holds 3rd place with 220 receiving yards, while Mathew Arndt is also ranked sixth.

The Haymakers dominate the total touchdowns leaderboard. Shoemaker, the only quarterback in the top 10, ranks 2nd with 8 touchdowns. Davis follows closely at 4th with 5 touchdowns. Boston Irish ranks 5th with 4 touchdowns, and Braiton Snider is 7th with 3 touchdowns.

Shoemaker also leads the district in total yards, holding 1st place with 1,097 yards, well ahead of Minden's running back, who sits in 2nd with 872 yards. Lane Wright ranks 2nd in total tackles with 51, just behind Fairbury's leader, who has 56. Additionally, Davis is ranked 1st in kick scoring with 16 points, doubling Holdrege's 8-point total in 2nd place.



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Haymakers Hit Their Stride in Ogallala, Set Sights on Districts

LIZ ROMERO

The Haymaker cross country team took to the Crandall Creek Country Club course in Ogallala last Thursday, facing tough competition from 22 other high schools and 21 middle schools. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished in 8th place, with the boys scoring 123 points and the girls close behind with 132.

Leading the way for the boys, Koang Deng placed 6th out of 99 runners, clocking in at 17:46.8 and setting a new personal record, shaving five seconds off his previous best. Lorenzo Levario followed with a 16th-place finish, posting a time of 18:17.5, just shy

of his seasonal best by 2.5 seconds. Rounding out the boys' top runners, Gavin Guerra crossed the line at 20:03.7, Chase Smith at 20:16.7, Jaxson Arndt at 20:45.1, and Carson Favinger at 23:09.8.

On the girls' side, Audrey Baker led the charge, finishing 13th out of 74 runners with a time of 23:03.3. Jorja Yocom followed, clocking in at 25:30.0, with Crystal Hernandez close behind at 25:53.7. Gabriela Vazquez came in with a time of 26:32.3, and Andrea Saravia Rios wrapped it up for the team with a time of 27:13.3.

The Haymakers competed at the UNK Invite on Monday, Sep. 30, and are preparing for their final meet before districts, set for Oct. 10 in Valentine. The shotgun start is scheduled for 4 p.m., giving the team one last chance to make their mark before the district championships.



TOP: Koang Deng continued to set a new personal best in Ogallala last week, finished in 6th place. BOTTOM: Audrey Baker pushed herself to earn 13th place in Ogallala on Sept. 26. (LOCAL Photos by Barry Mraz)



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Corvelo-Ferreira, Nicolau - 31
Lexington, NE - 09/20/2024 - 06:19 - No Operator's License, Speeding

Montiel, Jesus Angel - 39
Lexington, NE - 09/20/2024 - 16:50 - Probation Sanction

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Ryan, Lara - 31
Cozad, NE - 09/21/2024 - 00:57 - Driving Under Suspension

Perez-Lopez, Carlos - 33
Lexington, NE - 09/21/2024 - 05:55 - Probation Sanction

Lueck, Robert Allen - 57
Lexington, NE - 09/21/2024 - 19:28 - Driving Under the Influence 1st Over .15

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Baltazar, Alonzo Felipe - 27
Loomis, NE - 09/22/2024 - 01:30 - Driving Under the Influence 1st (High Test), Driving Under Suspension, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Fugitive from Justice / Buffalo County Warrant

Johnson, Van William - 46
Lincoln, NE - 09/22/2024 - 01:37 - Driving Under Revocation

Pedroso-Cordero, Anestey - 41
Lexington, NE - 09/22/2024 - 02:23 - Driving Under Influence Liquor Over .15, Traffic Offenses

Amador-Recinos, Miguel Angel - 29
Lexington, NE - 09/22/2024 - 03:15 - 3rd Degree Sexual Assault, 3rd Degree Assault, Strangulation

Mendoza, Miguel Antonio - 39
Lexington, NE - 09/22/2024 - 16:50 - Failure to Appear - No Operator's License, Failure to Appear - Possess Marijuana 1oz or Less

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Hernandez, Manuel - 19
Lexington, NE - 09/23/2024 - 14:00 - Dawson County Warrant \ Failure to Pay \ Driving Under the Influence +.15, Criminal Impersonation

Gibbs, Jared Eugene - 34
Gothenburg, NE - 09/23/2024 - 14:30 - Driving Under Revocation, Fugitive from Justice Lancaster County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Acosta, David Ivan - 30
Eustis, NE - 09/24/2024 - 00:19 - Driving Under Influence Liquor (2nd), Driving Under Suspension 2nd

Woltemath, Michael Lorain - 37
Cozad, NE - 09/24/2024 - 01:09 - Driving Under Influence Liquor 1st Over .15

Teo-Acevedo, Lesvia Yanet - 40
Lexington, NE - 09/24/2024 - 05:10 - Aggravated Assault - Family - Strongarm, Assault by Strangulation or Suffocation

Johnson, Keith M - 53
Gothenburg, NE - 09/24/2024 - 12:39 - Dawson County Warrant \ Indecent Exposure

Juan-Ramon, Esteban - 40
Lexington, NE - 09/24/2024 - 17:16 - Dawson County Sheriff's Office Warrant - First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child

Smith, Dylan L - 18
Gothenburg, NE - 09/24/2024 - 19:19 - Driving Under Revocation

Cozad Grand Generation Center Weekly Menu: Oct. 3 - Oct. 9

- Thur. Oct. 3:** Chicken Fritters, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Spinach, Pears, Ice Cream
- Fri. Oct. 4:** Taco Burger, Tater Tots, Pork & Beans, Mixed Fruit, Brownies
- Mon. Oct. 7:** Hamburger Bake, Butternut Squash, Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Crisp
- Tues. Oct. 8:** Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries, Dressing, Green Beans, 7-Up Salad, Watermelon, Ice Cream
- Wed. Oct. 9:** Chili, Egg Salad Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Red Applesauce, Ice Cream

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Lexington Grand Generation Center October 3rd - October 9th

- Oct. 3rd** - Cubed Pork in Gravy, Baby Bakers, Cream Corn, Peaches
- Oct. 4th** - Taco Bar Meat Sauce, Tri Potatoes, Beans, Fresh Fruit, Dessert Tortilla
- Oct. 7th** - Cooks Choice Casserole, Fresh Yams, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit
- Oct. 8th** - Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Apricots
- Oct. 9th** - Parmesan Chicken, Diced Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit

Daily menus are subject to change. Lunch Prices 60+-\$5.00 Suggested Contribution Under 60- \$7.00

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Centeno-Perez, Elmer - 19
Lexington, NE - 09/25/2024 - 07:20 - No Operator's License

Rineair, Walter Lee - 37
Solomon, KS - 09/25/2024 - 13:24 - Dawson County Warrant - Probation Violation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Hernandez Vasquez, Manuel Antonio - 21
Lexington, NE - 09/26/2024 - 01:16 - Driving Under Influence Liquor Over .15, Traffic Offenses - No Operator's License

Johnson, Wyatt - 49
Gothenburg, NE - 09/26/2024 - 13:55 - Warrant - Probation Violation (Terroristic Threats)

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McLeod.Henry.E
Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Mountford.Michael.R
Speeding 21-35 MPH County/State | Guilty | \$200 fine

Schlueter.Timothy.J
Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Nadiyan.Rajnish.K
Use handheld mobile device | Guilty | \$200 fine

Pagan Amaya.Arnol.Josue.
Operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest | Preliminary Hearing Waived
Leave accident-fail to furnish | Preliminary Hearing Waived
Possess or use drug paraphernalia | Preliminary Hearing Waived
Improper/defective vehicle lights | Preliminary Hearing Waived
Drive on shoulder of highway | Preliminary Hearing Waived

Mejias Coroba.Harlem.J
Speeding 16-20 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$125 fine

Francisco.Andres
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine
Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State | Guilty | \$75 fine

Cain.Scott.E
Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Nations.Keely.C
Speeding 11-15 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$75 fine

Mandl.Nancy.E
Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Mejia Garcia.Luis.Rene
No operator's license/non-waiverable | Guilty | \$150 fine
Speeding 06-10 MPH County/State | Guilty | \$25 fine

Hernandez Gonzalez.Jose
Criminal mischief - \$501-1,499 | Guilty | \$1,000 fine, \$1,141.13 restitution

Reyes.Juan.A
Use caution-pass stopped emergency vehicle | Guilty | \$100 fine

Ornelas.Matthew.John
DUI - .08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 12 months probation, driver's license revoked for 60 days, interlock device

Viillagomez Cardoso.Jose.
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Mochalov.Vladyslav.
Drive CMV without obtaining CDL | Guilty | \$100 fine
Overweight capacity plates | Guilty | \$50 fine

Podolak.Larry.W
Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Powell-Braman.Michele.Mar
DUI - .15+ | Guilty | \$500 fine, 2 days jail, 1 day credit for days served, 12 months probation, driver's license revoked for 1 year, interlock device

Rima.Dakota.
Possess controlled substance | Preliminary Hearing Waived
DV Assault-3rd/Cause Bodily Injury | Preliminary Hearing Waived
Possess marijuana 1 oz or less | Preliminary Hearing Waived

Derr.Ezekiel.
Animals running at large | Guilty | \$25 city
Vicious animals | Guilty | \$25 city

Toman.Scott.T
Nonresident violate 30-day immigration | Guilty | \$25 fine
Violate stop or yield sign | Guilty | \$75 fine

Chestnutt.Austen.M
Speeding 21-35 MPH Municipal | Guilty | \$200 fine

Fonte Juanes.Genara.De La
Reckless driving-1st offense | Guilty | \$200 fine

Aguirre-Rivera.Irvin.A
Assault-Cause Bodily Injury | Dismissed

Abdi.Sadik.M
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Miranda Alvarado.Elodia.J
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Asebedo.Pedro.L.Jr.
Criminal Trespass-2nd degree | Guilty | Jail 1 day, 1 day credit for days served

Hernandez.Guzman.Maria.
No operator's license/non-waiverable | Guilty | \$150 fine

DAWSON COUNTY COURT REPORT

Becerra.Manuel.Jr.
Commit child abuse intentional | Preliminary Hearing Waived

Evertson.Stacy.J
Speeding 16-20 MPH Municipal | Guilty | \$125 fine

Ibarra.Santos.
Compulsory education-attendance | Dismissed

Farr.Carsen.M
Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State | Guilty | \$75 fine

Noor.Aden.Abdullahi
DUI - .08 blood-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 6 months probation, driver's license revoked for 60 days, interlock device

Flores-Lopez.Ruben.
Commit child abuse negligently | Guilty | 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 5 days jail, 1 day credit for days served
Attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor | Guilty | 30 days jail, 4 days credit for days served
DUI - .08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 30 days jail, driver's license revoked for 6 months, interlock device
Drive during revocation/im-poundment | Guilty | 30 days jail, driver's license revoked for 1 year

Toro Cruz.Deyvis.J
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Diaz Colocho.Hugo.G
DUI - .08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 9 months probation, driver's license revoked for 60 days, interlock device
Leave accident-fail to furnish | Guilty | \$200 fine, 9 months probation

Diaz Arredondo.Jesus.M
Misuse learner's permit - minor | Guilty | 42 hours PRCT, 15 hours credit for time served

Sandoval Quinonez.Astrid.
No operator's license/waiverable | Guilty | \$75 fine

Liess.Lauri.L
Careless driving | Guilty | \$100 fine

Gamaliel.Eber.
DUI - .15+ | Guilty | \$500 fine, 15 days jail, 15 days credit for days served, driver's license revoked for 1 year, interlock device

Flores-Lopez.Ruben.
DUI - alcohol-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 12 month probation, driver's license revoked for 60 days, interlock device, 10 days jail, 1 day credit for days served, driver's license revoked for 6 months, 60 days suspension

Lopez-Tejada.Erik.Yovanny
DUI - .15+ | Guilty | \$500 fine, 2 days jail, 9 months probation, driver's license revoked for 1 year, interlock device

Avila-Arita.Elvin.O
DUI - .08 breath-1st offense | Guilty | \$500 fine, 9 months probation, driver's license revoked for 60 days, interlock device
Leave accident-fail to furnish | Guilty | 9 months probation, driver's license revoked for 1 year

Carter.David.W
Speeding 06-10 MPH Interstate | Guilty | \$25 fine

Aguirre-Rivera.Irvin.A
Disturbing the peace | Dismissed

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





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UPCOMING EVENTS: THURSDAY, OCT. 3rd - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9th

3 THUR	4 FRI	5 SAT	6 SUN	7 MON	8 TUES	9 WED
NO SCHOOL PT Conference 1pm - Tai Chi @ GGC 1:30pm - Movie Matinee @ WPL Oktoberfest @ Frontier Frau's	NO SCHOOL 11am - Storytime @ WPL 3pm - Bingo @ WPL 5pm - FFA Tailgate 7pm - Football @ Home Oktoberfest @ Frontier Frau's	Harvest of Harmony 8am -Farmers Market @ Veterans Park 8pm - Star Gazing @ Meadowlark Viewing Area Oktoberfest @ Frontier Frau's	Oktoberfest @ Frontier Frau 	SB Sub-Districts Golf District Away 5pm - Meridian Girls Meet 	SB Sub-Districts 5pm - Volleyball Away 	12pm - Community Chat (CCL) @ WPL 4pm - Farmers Market 

REPEAL LB1402

REFERENDUM #435

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Notice

NOTICE OF PARTIAL TERMINATION OF NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that a Termination of Notice of Commencement ("Partial Termination") was recorded with Dawson County Register of Deeds on September 11, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024-02293 terminating the Notice of Commencement recorded with the Dawson County Register of Deeds on October 20, 2017, as Instrument No. 2017-2773, it pertains to the real property legally described as: Lot Ten (10), Block Two (2), subdivision of Lota Sixteen (16), Darner's Second Subdivision to the City of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska ("Real Estate"). This Termination was filed by the contracting owners, Marty L. Munster and Lusia Munster, whose address is 202 W 16th Street, Cozad, NE 69130. The interest of the Company in

the Real Estate is an owner in fee simple title. The Notice of Commencement, with respect to the Real Estate described above, is terminated effective October 10, 2024 ("Termination Date") and all lien claims for which a notice of lien is not recorded by the Termination Date may be defeated by a transfer of the real estate.

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Sep. 19, 2024
Sep. 26, 2024
Oct. 3, 2024
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Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

COZAD TRAVEL CENTRE, LLC

Notice is hereby given that COZAD TRAVEL CENTRE, LLC a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 121 E. 8th St, PO Box

229, Cozad, NE 69130. Its registered agent is CNRA, LLC at 121 E. 8th Street, PO Box 229, Cozad, NE 69130.

Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O.
Attorneys at Law

Oct. 3, 2024
Oct. 10, 2024
Oct. 17, 2024
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Hart, Huyser & Miller, P.C., L.L.O.
Attorneys at Law

Oct. 3, 2024
Oct. 10, 2024
Oct. 17, 2024
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Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Cozad, Nebraska will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024, at the City Office Building, which meeting will be open to the public. The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. An agenda for such meeting kept continually current is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Brandi Klopping
Cozad City Clerk

Oct. 3, 2024
(21) znez

Notice

COZAD AIRPORT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is given that a meeting of the Cozad Airport Authority, will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the Cozad Airport, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting kept continually current is available for public inspection at the Cozad Airport Administration Building.

Oct. 3, 2024
(13) znez

Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

Wilson Public Library Board Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Wilson Public Library Board of the City of Cozad, Nebraska, will be held at 12 p.m., on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the Wilson Public Library, which meeting will be open to the public. The Wilson Public Library Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session as per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. An agenda for such meeting kept continually current is available for public inspection at the Wilson Public Library during normal business hours.

Laurie Yocom
Wilson Public Library Director

Oct. 3, 2024
(23) znez

Notice

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING AT THE COZAD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY

Monday, September 23, 2024 Following the Tax Hearing at 7pm. Posted Locations: Cozad Local, Cozad Community Schools District Office, Cozad Post Office, and Wilson Public Library. Posted Date: 9/19/2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Present: 5, Absent: 1. Motion to approve the agenda Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 5, Nay: 0. There was no comment from the public. After review of the budgets and having given at least five days notice of a special hearing with the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers, I make the motion to approve the General Fund, Bond Fund, Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Activities Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Building Fund, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Budgets for the 2024-2025 school year, as advertised and that Dan Endorf be authorized to implement the budgets Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Will Geiger. Yea: 5, Nay: 0. Motion to approve 2024-2025 Tax Request for Cozad Community Schools in Dawson Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

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reported information on the Nebraska Plastics Improvement Plans. He also discussed getting the final plans to proceed with Ash Grove new building projects. Commissioner Franzen reported that he has been working on the budget. He also discussed a plan for the WWTP Project. No action has been taken. 222 HARDWARE -su- \$99.45, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC -su- \$219.96, ARK I CEI HoldCo, LLC -se- \$34414.29, AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO -se- \$45.42, BLACK HILLS ENERGY -se- \$314.71, CITY OF COZAD -ins-\$35,495.79, CITY OF COZAD - RETIREMENT -ins- \$6,049.84, CITY OF COZAD-TRANSFER OF FUND -tf-\$74,650.61, COUNTRY PARTNER'S COOPERATIVE -fu-\$924.96, COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE -fu- \$570.30, COZAD AUTO SUPPLY -\$141.43, COZAD TELEPHONE COMPANY -se-\$564.00, CULLIGAN -su- \$55.56, Credit Bureau Services, Inc -se- \$560.22, DAWSON PEST CONTROL -se- \$49.76, DUTTON-LAINSON CO. -se- \$13585.31, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS -su- \$416.56, ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES -se-\$2434.80, ERIC NELSEN -reb- \$220.00, FAST FOWARD -se- \$1900.00, FLASH ELECTRIC -se- \$858.52, HOMESTEAD BANK -se- \$40.20, HUNT CLEANERS, INC. -se- \$78.74, IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM -se- \$468.84, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE -ex- \$7622.45, JACK'S WELDING, LLC se-\$1,590.96, MEAD BUILDING CENTERS -su- \$786.07, MU-

Oct. 3, 2024
(24) znez

Notice

COZAD, NEBRASKA SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Council Chamber on September 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Present: Young, Neill and Sladek. Absent: Jacobs. Also present: Electric Commissioner Jerry Fales, Water Commissioner Troy Franzen, and Council Member Kloppenborg, Curtice, and Trusdale. Notice of the meeting was posted in advance at the City Office, Wilson Public Library and Post Office. Each member was notified of the meeting and the proposed agenda. Board Chairman Young informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Council Chambers. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Motion was made by Neill, seconded by Jacob to waive the formal reading for the minutes held on July 10, 2024, and approve as presented. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Young, Jacob, and Neill. Motion adopted. Motion was made by Neill, seconded by Jacob to get some bids for sewer line improvements between 4th and 5th street. The Board voted as follows: Aye: Young, Jacob, Sladek, and Neill. Motion adopted. The Board discussed Monthly Activities. Commissioner Fales

Oct. 3, 2024
(79) znez

Notice

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TAX HEARING AT COZAD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY

Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 PM. Posted Locations: Cozad Local, Cozad Community Schools District Office, Cozad Post Office, and Wilson Public Library. Posted Date: 9/19/2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present: 5, Absent: 1. There was no comment from the public during the Tax Hearing Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm Passed with a motion by John Peden and a second by Michele Starman. Yea: 5, Nay: 0.

Dr. Dan Endorf,
Superintendent
Cozad Community Schools
District No. 11


Notice of Final Tax Request									
Cozad Community Schools (24-00011) in Dawson County, Nebraska									
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that at the September 23rd special Board meeting, the governing body of Cozad Community Schools reduced tax asking of the Building Fund levy by one cent in comparison to the proposed tax asking that was published in the September 12, 2024 <u>Cozad Local</u> as a means of lowering the tax burden on district stakeholders.									
	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change						
Property Valuations	913,302,544	1,012,731,521	11%						
2023-2024 Budget Information					2024-2025 Budget Information				
Fund	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	16,677,426.00	9,005,939.00	0.986085	0.889272	17,168,000.00	9,304,897.00	0.918792	-7%	3%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	1,587,208.00	1,780,970.00	0.231450	0.175858	3,698,298.00	1,919,192.00	0.224200	-3%	133%
Bond Fund	765,000.00	571,238.00	0.189435	0.056406			0.000000	-100%	-100%
Special Building Fund	13,198,763.00	297,980.00	0.032627	0.029423	6,967,408.00	449,495.00	0.044384	36%	-47%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	783,000.00	282,828.00	0.027927	#DIV/0!	0
Total	32,228,397.00	11,656,127.00	1.439597	1.150959	28,616,706.00	11,956,412.00	1.215303	-16%	-11%



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INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION AND Q&A BY CCHS & GREAT PLAINS HEALTH

GRAND GENERATION CENTER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9 6:00PM

PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH LOCAL & REGIONAL EXPERTS

PAULSEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM

email CCHS Social Services Coordinator
Dranoel Fleharty at
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