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## In favor of energy efficiency

Council asked to authorize C-PACE program to help in JBS expansion project

By Robert Pore

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JBS, Grand Island's largest employer, asked members of the Grand Island City Council Tuesday to consider approving an ordinance to authorize the Commercial — Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program to allow the company to make a \$95 million expansion and improvement project.

At the council meeting, JBS Plant Manager Zachary Ireland; Keirstin Beck, consultant for Integro; and Cindy Johnson, president of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, informed council members about the C-PACE program, how JBS will use it, and the benefits the improvement and expansion project will have for Grand Island.

Beck told the council that C-PACE was established to provide industrial and agricultural property owners a financial incentive to install energy-efficient, renewable and conservation measures. The program allows a property owner to finance the up-front cost of energy or other eligible improvements on a property and then pay the costs back over time through a voluntary assessment.

She said the Nebraska Legislature passed a law creating C-PACE in 2016, with amendments in 2017 and 2018. Municipalities are authorized to create a C-PACE under the statute. Omaha, Lincoln and La Vista have created C-PACE programs.

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## Man dies in daytime shooting at Lincoln Chick-fil-A

By Reece Ristau and Martha Stoddard

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LINCOLN — A lunchtime shooting just outside at a busy Chick-fil-A restaurant left a Lincoln man dead Tuesday afternoon, according to the Lincoln Police Department.

Chief Jeff Bliemeister said the man was shot by a senior special agent for BNSF Railway Co., a commissioned law enforcement officer. The agent was in uniform and driving a marked BNSF vehicle and was in the drive-thru lane of the restaurant.

Bliemeister declined to talk about several details of the event, including the man's identity, saying those matters were still under investigation.

He said the man had a weapon. He would not say what the weapon was, other than that it was not a gun and that it had been recovered.

According to the chief, Lincoln police responded to the fast food restaurant at SouthPointe Pavilions, a popular shopping center near South 27th Street and Pine Lake Road, about 1:05 p.m. Initial reports were of a disturbance inside the restaurant and a vehicle driven into the building.

Upon arriving, police found the BNSF agent attempting lifesaving measures on a man, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

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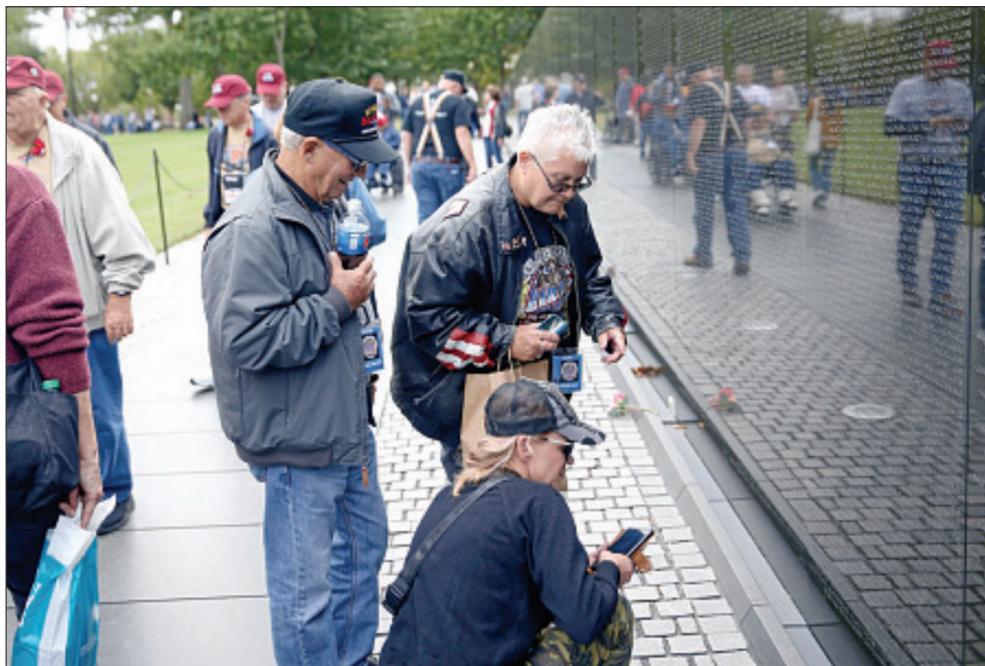
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## HALL COUNTY HERO FLIGHT

# Seeing it together



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Kayleen Riley, a volunteer on the Hall County Hero Flight in Washington, D.C., helps two members of the group find a name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tuesday.

## Veterans treated to nighttime tour of Capitol

By Carissa Soukup

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WASHINGTON — Sometimes experiences are better when you bring a family member.

Korean War veteran Harold Gustafson brought his son Greg on the Hall County Hero Flight as his escort.

Greg Gustafson said the honor flight has been a special experience with his dad.

"This was a trip for dad and son to share together and remember for the rest of our lives," he said.

Along with visiting the memorials in Washington Tuesday, the veterans and their escorts were able to visit the Caisson at Fort Myer and received a night tour of the United States Capitol, a treat that is Harold Gustafson's favorite part of the trip so far.

"I told Greg, it's hard to believe we're at the United States Capitol. We're right in the middle of it," he said.



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Rick Badura and his brother and escort, Larry Badura, look at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Tuesday in Washington, D.C. The veterans and their escorts on the Hall County Hero Flight also visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Fort Myer and the U.S. Capitol.

The tour guides took the members of the Hero Flight to the House of Representatives chamber, where they were able to sit where

the congressmen and women sit while the House is in session.

"As I sat in the chair, I wondered who had sat in those chairs prior to me," said Greg Gustafson. "When he said the presidents all walked to the left, I realized they would have walked right by where I was sitting."

On Wednesday, the veterans and their escorts will visit the World War II Memorial as well as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier before returning home to Grand Island.

Four members of the Hall County group will get to lay the wreath at the tomb.

Harold Gustafson said he is most looking forward to seeing the wreath laid at the tomb.

The Hall County Hero Flight will then wrap up, with the group set to return to Grand Island at about 6:15 p.m. A special welcome home is planned when the final Hall County Hero Flight touches down at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport.



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With the help of local companies, such as New Holland and Case IH, returning Hall County Hero Flight participants and their families will notice patriotic decorations along Sky Park Road when they return on Wednesday.



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