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Giving continues through FOOF Golf Tournament

Curt Hineline
Editor

More than 80 participants took advantage of the beautiful weather to play a round of golf for Oakland-Craig graduates. The Friends of Oakland Foundation (FOOF) Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Aug. 27th and offered family friendly games in addition to the annual tournament.

Also contributing to funds raised were a basket raffle, BINGO, and Split the Pot.

Several 2023 scholarship recipients returned to play and help raise money for the next group of recipients of a

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE BECKNER

Recent Oakland-Craig grads participate in the annual Friends of Oakland Foundation Scholarship Golf Outing as a way to give back. Pictured are (from left) Maycie Johnson, Trevor Weitzenkamp, Kara Peterson, Shea Johnson, Dawson Rhodes, Connor Guill, Reese Johnson, and Charli Webster.

BURT COUNTY TO UNITE *in cancer fight*

Abi Coonrod to share need for community in each battle

Curt Hineline
Editor

Relay For Life of the Burt County Area event will take place on Sunday, September 10 at the Brink Park in Lyons, Nebraska. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community celebration.

Cancer Survivors are the VIPs among whom are Abi Coonrood, granddaughter of Mike and the late Kathy Uhing of Craig. Abi, a graduate of Logan View, will share her deeply personal and encouraging story as the honored guest speaker at the event in Lyons.

"Relay for Life is so important to me for numerous reasons," Abi shared. "Relay allows me to feel like I have a community fighting beside me and I'm not taking this battle on alone."

The excitement of the birth of her second child came with the news no one wants to hear. Abi had a premature baby girl on January 16, 2022. Abi and her husband, Cody, were excited to bring Baby Preslee home after 4 weeks in NICU, as was her older sister, Harper. About a month later, on March 28 to be exact, Abi was diagnosed with breast cancer.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ABI COONROD

Cody and Abi Coonrod with their daughters Preslee (in her mother's arms) and Harper.

Abi's First Burt County Relay Event was September 11, 2022, her 33rd Birthday. Her aunt, Alisa Uhing said she was so happy to be celebrating her birthday with other survivors.

"Abi has always been a spitfire, telling you how it is, maybe bluntly," Alisa said. "But she always kept a positive attitude! I never saw it grow dim. The attitude, in my opinion, is huge for any survivor to start the battle. Keep a positive attitude!"

Alisa said that Abi has been an inspiration to many. "I hope someday her girls see her as an inspiration, as well."

Since her diagnosis, Abi has taken treatments (chemo, radia-

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Hurricane Idalia hits close to home for former Nebraskans

Curt Hineline
Editor

When hurricanes are forecasted to make landfall in the United States, most Midwesterners don't give it a second thought. Though not in its direct path, former Nebraskans Tri and Whitney (Storie) Tran said that Hurricane Idalia brought them concern as others felt its destructive force.

Tornadoes? Sure. Flooding? That, too. When it comes to hurricanes, the Trans relied on their new friends and neighbors in Lakeland, FL as Idalia approached last week.

Born and raised in the Cornhusker State, Whitney wasn't sure what to expect as it became evident that the first Atlantic hurricane of the season was forecasted to cross Florida.

Whitney, a 2007 grad of Oakland-Craig and 2011 grad of Wayne State College said that she and her husband Tri had been contemplating moving south on and off for a while now. "When I decided to leave the job I was at, we decided to go ahead and move where we wanted. We really wanted something new and wanted to do it while our kids were young."

Having received her master's degree in human services from Bellevue University in 2018 she knew there would be some sort of job for her in Florida.

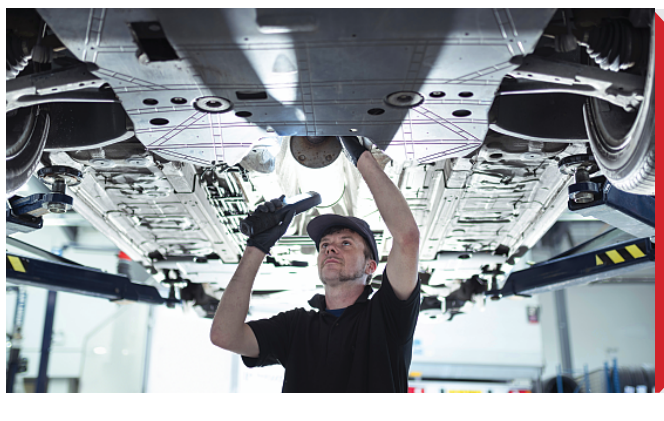
Whitney discovered that with the new home came new threats. "I guess I was a bit ignorant, as I did not even

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Former Nebraskans, Tri, Whitney, Penelope, Rowen and Willow now call Lakeland, Florida home.



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The dance continues in Nebraska

In My Humble Opinion



Curt Hineline, Editor

Over the past couple of years, Oakland-Craig Volleyball has become a sensation enjoyed by many new fans such as me. As the new season gets underway, it has been exciting to see a continued drive and determination among the student-athletes to fight and claw their way to victory.

As a huge football fan, volleyball has always been on the backburner for me. That has changed. Football will always be one of my favorite sports to watch. Volleyball now shares that spot for me.

Like the O-C teams of the past, the current squad has had moments on the court where the best description of their movement is that of a dance. Carefully choreographed, each member plays a selfless role in order to score the point. It is quite impressive to see.

Unfortunately, I was among those left watching Nebraska's Volleyball Day in Lincoln on television. To be among the world-record setting event at Memorial Stadium on Wednesday would have been a real treat. It is unprecedented to have 90,203 people to gather for a volleyball match. The record actually applies to any women's sporting event and to think it happened right here in Nebraska for a college competition.

As the event became the talk of the state the next day, I learned that I wasn't the only guy that got misty eyed contemplating what had just taken place.

I was reminded of an interview I did with Volleyball Olympian Jordan Larson after her first gold medal about her journey from a small town grade school student with a dream to play volleyball. The Logan View grad said that playing her best volleyball had been her passion since she was a little girl.

I am proud to live in a state that seeks to encourage every young athlete, boy or girl, to reach for the stars.

Congratulations to Coach Becky Rennerfeldt of Oakland-Craig and Coach John Cook of University of Nebraska Lincoln on your successful start to the season. May your girls find continued success throughout this fall.

Dry fields, uncertain yields — How crop insurance can help

Kelsey Willardson
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Before long, harvest will be upon us. For farmers across the state, this year has been marked by weather events and strains, including drought. Despite their hard work, some farmers may see a decrease in their yields due to these conditions. If this is the case, they may need to rely on their crop insurance to account for the loss.

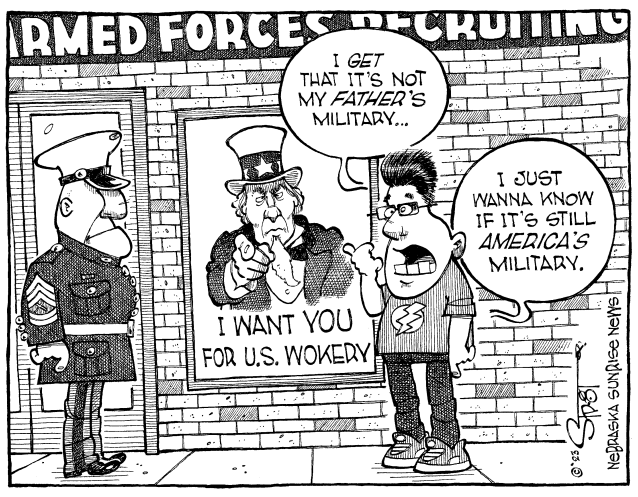
According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the entirety of Nebraska has been in a drought, with more than 80% of the state experiencing severe drought, and more than half experiencing extreme drought.The continued heat and lack of rain can endanger the livelihoods of farmers, making risk management tools like crop insurance a necessity.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, crop insurance programs—available for more than 100 commodity and specialty crops— offer protection for crop, livestock, or revenue loss. Prior to planting, farmers can work with crop insurance agents to choose coverage that best suits their operation, with policies available to cover from 50 to 100% of their expected crop value.

If yields are low—from events such as drought, flooding, frost, or wind—crop insurance will guarantee income. Some policies also protect against market fluctuations, which pose their own risk to farming operations.

To help farmers better understand their options, the Center for Rural Affairs has released a new educational resource. Crop Insurance 101 can be downloaded at cfra.org/publications. The resource is especially helpful for beginning farmers and those operating small or specialty farms. Producers with questions are welcome to contact me at kelseyw@cfra.org.

No farmer wants to face drought, especially year after year, but crop insurance can help ease that burden by protecting the finances of their operation.





The Reality of Electric Vehicles



Pete Ricketts

Out-of-touch Washington, D.C. bureaucrats are trying to impose their preferences on the entire country. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced burdensome new emissions requirements on American-made vehicles, including both light cars and heavy-duty trucks. These standards require up to two-thirds of new cars and trucks sold in the U.S. to be electric vehicles (EVs) in just eight years. That's practically an EV mandate. These mandates will increase costs for not just American drivers, but also every American consumer and business.

The EPA's attempt to force a rapid transition to EVs is setting our energy and transportation infrastructure up to fail. It disregards the way of life in rural parts of our country. It eliminates consumer choice. It stifles private-sector innovation in favor of big government regulation. All of this will cause prices on everyday goods and services to increase. As businesses struggle to keep up with increased production and operating costs, customers will be forced to pay more as well.

To fight this, I will be co-introducing Congressional Review Act legislation to overturn this detached-from-reality rule. I also co-introduced the Flex Fuel Fairness Act to ensure Nebraska consumers maintain choice in what vehicle they want to purchase. I will also continue advocating for the proven solution of biofuels that save consumers money at the pump, clean our environment, and support American energy independence. We also need to make sure our fellow Americans know the truth about what this would mean for our country, our state, and our people. That's why this week, I hosted stakeholders from across Nebraska and policy experts from across the country to share the reality of Biden's EV mandate. We discussed the realities of EVs and the significant problems this burdensome mandate would create or exacerbate.

One of the primary dangers of a forced, rapid transition to EVs is the strain it would place on our power grid. We lack the generation capacity to handle the increased demand caused by a switch to EVs. An American Transportation Research Institute study found that full electrification of the U.S. vehicle fleet would utilize 40% of our current electric generation capacity. Some states would need to increase their electricity generation capacity by as much as 60% to meet the demand. All this, while President Biden and the EPA attack American energy production at every turn. They can't have it both ways. Without increased baseload power generation, this EV mandate will lead to rolling blackouts and increased energy prices for American families and businesses. That's unacceptable.

Another challenge of a forced switch to EVs is the lack of charging infrastructure, especially in rural areas. Many Nebraska communities are hundreds of miles from the nearest charging station. In northern Nebraska, a Department of Energy map shows not a single EV charger for 340 miles of U.S. Highway 20 from Allen to Hay Springs. Charging speeds will also need to improve dramatically. It's not workable for a truck hauling cattle to spend hours at a charging station in the summer heat instead of 10 minutes at a gas station.

EVs are also unaffordable for too many people. One of the experts from the Breakthrough Institute at my event this week shared data revealing the average low- and middle-income families spend approximately $12,000 to purchase a vehicle. The average price of an EV was over $65,000 last year. That's not only significantly more than families are spending on a vehicle, it's also $10,000 more than the average Nebraska worker makes in an entire year.

The story is the same for battery-electric heavy trucks. According to the American Trucking Association, a new, traditional long-haul tractor typically costs between $180,000-$200,000. A battery-electric version costs nearly $480,000. This cost difference will likely push smaller carriers that can't afford the increased costs out of business. It will also make the products we consume more expensive as the cost to transport them increases. As businesses struggle to keep up, those costs will again be passed on to consumers.

EV mandates will also increase our dependence on adversaries like the People's Republic of China (PRC). The PRC generally controls around 80% of the world's production of rare earth elements needed to make EVs, including graphite and neodymium. America lacks the domestic production to handle a rapid increase in demand for these minerals. At a time of rising threats around the world, America should be focused on policies that reduce, not increase, dependence on our adversaries.

I will continue to sound the alarm on the dangers of Biden's reckless policies both in Washington and here at home in Nebraska. Only by raising our voices together will we be able to fight these radical, detached-from-reality mandates.

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A Visit with Yesteryear

120 YEARS AGO

Peter Palmer and his son are at work on the foundation of the C.J. Johnson residence.

Theo Anderson bought the Lund Grocery Store.

110 YEARS AGO

The girls in the Oakland school have organized a basketball team.

The revival meeting at the Lund Theatre started. A choir of 75 voices adds much.

100 YEARS AGO

Eight Carloads of feeder cattle were shipped here this week and fifteen car loads were shipped out.

90 YEARS AGO

The rural carriers of the local mail were reduced from 4 to 3 and the routes were revised. Joe Langford has retired on full pension.

70 YEARS AGO

New elected president of Oakland High School classes are Jim Peterson, senior; Gerald Groene, junior; Raymond Bundy, sophomore; and Jim Johnson, freshman.

Four baton twirlers will perform with the marching band. They are Lila Larson, Chloine Lane, Joan Peterson and Lois Hedell. Bob Oberg is a drum major.

For the third consecutive year Bob Anderson emerged as golf champion.



OAKLAND INDEPENDENT ARCHIVE

(September 2003) Heavy equipment is transforming the vacant lot catty-corner from the orange Oakland water tower into a satellite facility for First National Bank Northeast. Operating the machine in foreground is Oaklander Butch Anderson. The new bank will compliment the existing downtown bank in Oakland and is scheduled to open next spring (photo by Stacey Elsasser).

60 YEARS AGO

Jack & Jill is celebrating their new location.

Rev. C.F. Weideman, minister of the Westside Methodist Church, accompanied by the church choir, will present the vesper service in Claire Memorial Methodist Church in Omaha Sunday.. Mrs. Elmon Enstrom is director and Mrs. Ervin F. Smith is accompanist.

Nearly 1,000 persons enjoyed an evening of fun along with Western style barbeque beef plus the trimming at the third annual VFW barbeque at the auditorium.

Class presidents elected so far at the Oakland High School are Jerome Anderson, senior; Galen Johnson, junior; and Larry King, sophomore.

50 YEARS AGO

Members of the Oakland-Craig Dramatics Club were planning the first dinner theatre production.

The Knights opened the 1973 campaign with an avenging 26-6 win over the Lyons Lions, who had won openers the previous two years.

40 YEARS AGO

Oaklander Amy Nelson, daughter of Harlan and Marlene Nelson, showed the reserve champion crossbred barrow at the Nebraska State Fair's 4-H market swine show. Brother Steven showed the reserve lightweight crossbred gilt.

The Oakland Garden Club held its 50th anniversary.

Angie Johnson of Craig showed the champion breeding heifer at the Nebraska State Fair.

30 YEARS AGO

Oakland 1993 Community Improvement Program entry has been sent to state headquarters in Lincoln. The 60 page report book documents 10 improvement projects undertaken in Oakland during the past year. Co-chairmen are: Bernice Persson and Dewaine Gahan.

Mutual Insurance Company of Oakland will have an open house at its new home on main street, 312 N. Oakland Ave.

Three state senators will be featured at a banquet in Oakland on Tuesday night, Sept 21. The featured senators are: Scott Moore, District 24, of Seward, Ray Janssen, District 15, of Nickerson; and Bud Robinson, District 16 of Blair.

20 YEARS AGO

The Oakland bank will have an additional facility, this one to be located on Highway 77, catty-corner from the orange water tower. Construction work began last week.

Oakland-Craig lived up to its billing as a volleyball force by going 4-1 in the Season-opening Northeast Nebraska Classic last weekend.

10 YEARS AGO

Bottles from the Oakland Bottling Works from around the turn of the 20th century were recently unearthed. Some pieces of Oakland history were accidentally found this last summer when Jeff Frahm began digging a trench for Vern's Plumbing to install new water lines to the fair barns with his backhoe. They suddenly found pieces of glass bottles as well as some intact bottles in the hole.

Britney Stevenson of Oakland, NE was Senior FFA Showman and Supreme Overall-All Grades FFA Showman at the NE State Fair. Her sister Rylee Stevenson earned Reserve Champion AOB lamb.

Polka Sunday Mission Offering to be Directed to Area Fire and Rescue

Pastor Judy Johnson
Elim and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17, when St. Paul's and Elim Lutheran churches will host 'God's Work. Our Hands'/Polka Sunday. The day will begin with a polka worship service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1843 County Rd. E, Hooper.

This will be the tenth anniversary of the ELCA-sponsored day of service, which the congregations have held each September except for the COVID-19 years.

Lonnie Piitz and members of his Leo Lonnie Polka Band of Brainard will again lead music for the worship service. Last year, the children of the congregations added kazoo music to the service. Children are invited and encouraged to attend—each one will receive something special.

The special offering will be directed to area fire and rescue departments: Scribner, Hooper, Winslow and Uehling, to show our appreciation for their faithful service to our communities. We are grateful for their expertise and willingness to help all of the communities in emergencies.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for lunch in the church basement. We'll have barbecue pork sandwiches, side dishes and dessert. A free-will offering will be taken. The public is invited to attend.

For more information about Polka Sunday, please contact Pastor Judy Johnson at 402-380-1990.



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Children's time during the 2022 Polka Sunday service.

Golden Oaks News

Jam Session time changed to 2:00 p.m.

Jami Method
Golden Oaks

Greetings from Golden Oaks!

Labor Day is over and the weather is somewhat cooling down so now I imagine everything will be all about the Pumpkin Spice!

Our monthly board meeting will be on Sept. 11th at 1:30 p.m.

and this is open to the public. Dr. Ryan Wolken will be here on Sept. 11th at 12:30 for the stretch therapy.

Our monthly foot and vitals clinic will be on Sept. 12th and Sept. 13th so please call ahead if you cannot

make your scheduled time.

Jam session will be on Sept. 14th and we will start at 2:00 instead of 1:30.

Happy birthday wishes this week go out to Marcia Anderson on Sept. 11th.

School Menus

LOGAN VIEW

MON., SEPT. 11

BREAKFAST: Waffles, Milk, WG Cereal, WG Bars, and WG Bagels
LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit, Vegetables, Milk
PRESCHOOL: B-Cereal, Fruit, B-Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

TUES., SEPT. 12

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Milk, WG Cereal, WG Bars, and WG Bagels
LUNCH: Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick, Fruit, Vegetables, Milk
PRESCHOOL: B-Cereal, Fruit, L-Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Pears, Milk

WED., SEPT. 13

BREAKFAST: Eggs, Toast, Milk, WG Cereal, WG Bars, and WG Bagels
LUNCH: Philly Sandwich, Fruit, Vegetables, Milk
PRESCHOOL: Muffin, Fruit, B-Philly Slider, Corn, Applesauce, Milk

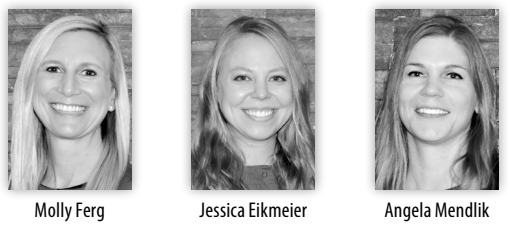
THURS. SEPT. 14

BREAKFAST: French Toast Tornado, Milk, WG Cereal, WG Bars, and WG Bagels
LUNCH: Breakfast for Lunch, Fruit, Vegetables, Milk
PRESCHOOL: Oatmeal Round, Fruit, B-Ham/Cheese Rollup, Fresh Veggies, Peachers, Milk

FRI., SEPT 15

BREAKFAST: Donut, Milk, WG Cereal, WG Bars, and WG Bagels
LUNCH: Sub Sandwiches, Fruit, Vegetables, Milk
NO PRESCHOOL

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AA and NA

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Narcotics Anonymous on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry

Contact Kim Mayberry at (402) 429-1577 for more information on the Oakland Food Pantry held at the Oakland Evangelical Free Church – 821 E. Fulton Ave.

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CCF Coed Winners: Rod and Diane Christenson / Gil Johnson



CCF Men's 1st Flight Winners: Mark Bender, David Eriksen, Keith Eriksen, and Michael Eberly.



CCF Men's 2nd Flight Winners: Mike Borer, Don Anderson Brad Osterloh, and Ken Taylor.



CCF Women's Flight Winners: Katie Eriksen, Ellen Eriksen, Becky Rennerfeldt, and Sarah Smith.

Money raised for student scholarships

The 15th annual Craig Community Foundation Golf Outing was held on Saturday, August 5th, at the Oakland Golf Club. Over 110 people participated in the outing with funds raised for continuing education for Seniors in the Craig area.

2023 Scholarship recipients Maycie Johnson, Johnna Peterson, and Garret Lindberg helped serve lunch.

The Foundation Board wishes to thank area participants, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters of the outing.

Next year's outing is anticipated to be on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Decatur mother arrested in death of 15-month-old

Curt Hineline
Editor

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 8th in Burt County Court for 22-year-old Josephine Boschult. The defendant was arrested for the Aug. 24th drowning of her 15-month-old toddler.

Boschult faces one count of child neglect resulting in death.

That on or about, August 14, 2023, in Burt County, Nebraska, Josephine M. Boschult, did then

and there negligently cause or permit a minor child to be placed in a situation that endangered his/her life or physical or mental health; and such negligence resulted in death of said child.

According to the arrest warrant, Officer Townsend was on duty for the Decatur Police Department when dispatched to 1203 4th Ave. in Decatur for a drowning baby. Officer Townsend witnessed Josephine Boschult performing CRP on the child. After an hour of CPR on scene by the mother and Officer Townsend, by the Decatur Fire and Rescue, and at Bergan Mercy Hospital, the child was pronounced deceased.

Affidavit for Arrest Warrant revealed that Boschult reported that she was bathing her three kids. After they finished their bath, they got out, and she left the tiny infant in the bathtub while the water drained. Ms. Boschult advised that she got a phone call about the older two boys not behaving. She further reported that she went outside to take the phone and 5 to 10 minutes had passed, and she completely forgot about her infant child in the bathtub. She said the infant was lying upside down in the bathtub when she returned.

While performing CPR, Officer Townsend also noted that the child was hot and had burns on his body. Ms. Boschult advised the child had to have turned the hot water on. The affidavit also shared that the Iowa Medical Examiner advised that the child suffered from 1st and 2nd degree burns.

Boschultz posted 10% of a $50,000 bond on Sept. 1st and is expected to be arraigned in Burt County Court on Sept. 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Final week to view BC Museum Black and White Photo Display



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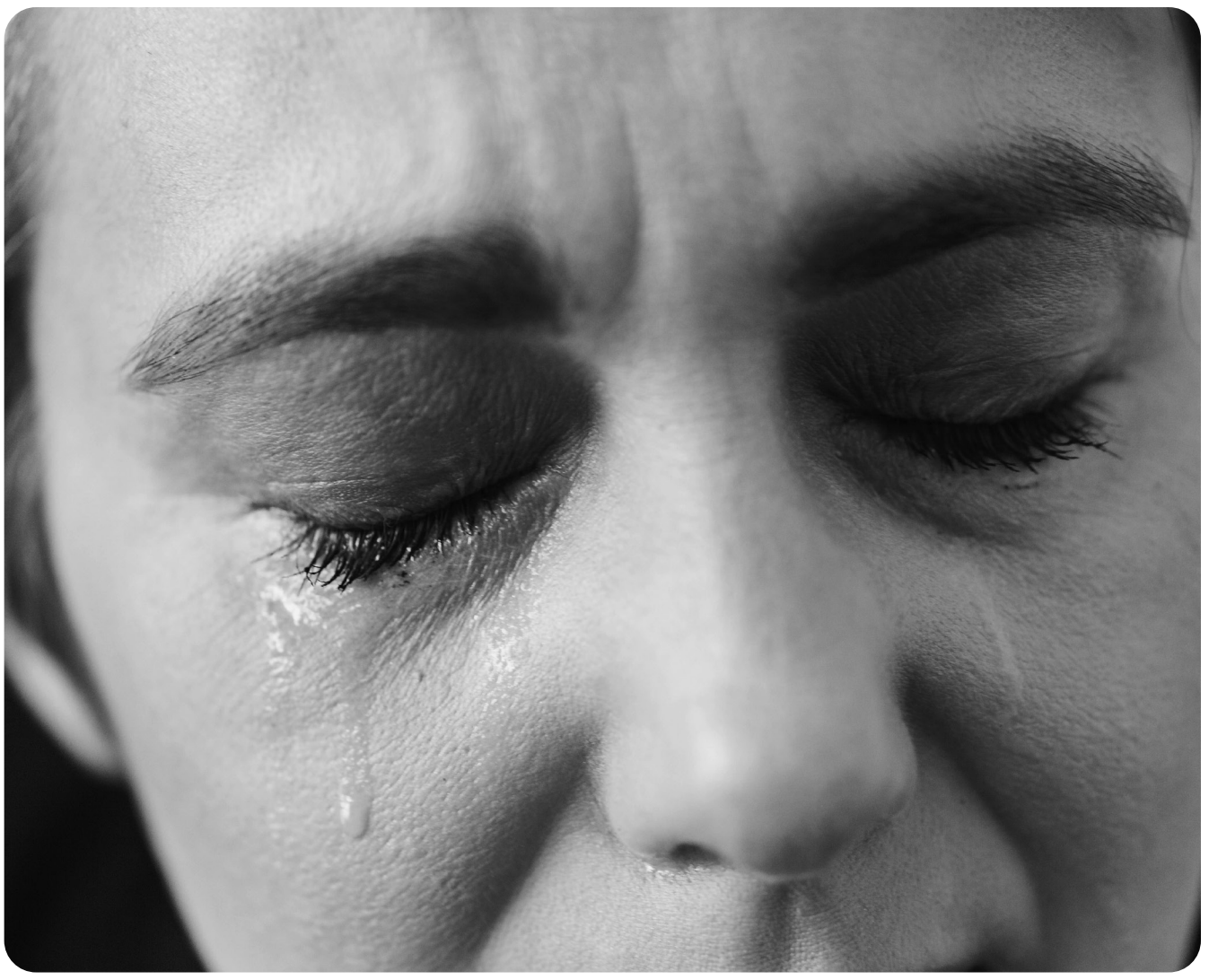
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Colossians 1:15-17

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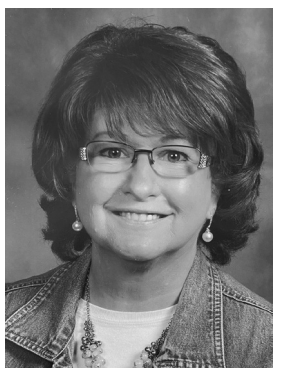
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From the Pastor's Pen





Pastor Toni Meyer
Walthill, Rosalie, Lyons and Oakland Methodist Churches

The Tragedy Olympics

Blessed are you who have realized that life is hard. Your awesomeness came at a cost. Blessed are you who gave up the myth that the good life is one of happiness, success, perfection, you know, the life that looks so beautiful on Facebook, but isn't real. Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company and we will never walk alone.

Tragedies can sometimes be life-altering events, but sometimes, we see on Facebook or other social platforms where siblings are fighting or we see a picture of someone's broken toe, or their flight was cancelled numerous times, or maybe they missed the latest episode of On Patrol Live, (that's me!).

These things may seem like tragedies at times, but sometimes I just secretly shake my head and wish they could walk a day in the life of someone who is truly suffering.

As a pastor, you see a lot of brokenness and suffering, but seeing and being a part of brokenness in your own life gives you the opportunity to grow in love and compassion. Even though this life is not shiny, it does come with some awesome superpowers!

Superpowers of empathy and courage that get you back up after another fall and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found in the midst of the rubble. It's like flowers or trees that grow in the cracks of the sidewalk or the mounds of rocks. These virtues blossom in us. Pain and suffering can unite us and draw us together.

I think of Corrie Ten Boom who suffered greatly in the Nazi prison camps, seeing so much suffering, but as fellow sufferers, she shared Christ with all the 1400 women in her barracks, women of all faiths, who became one. Corrie was one of the greatest leaders in the Tragedy Olympics who showed great faith and courage in her walk amongst sufferers.

So maybe cut your very irritable neighbor some slack, or your Facebook friend who shows you another booboo they just gained. When people enter the Tragedy Olympics, life becomes very real. It's real life, and we are all, for better or worse, players who need each other.

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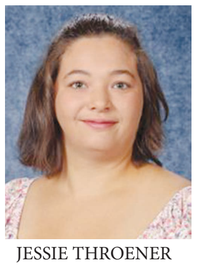

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Dawson Meyer captures 2nd at The Hill in Beemer



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The Hill 2023 is in the books for Oakland-Craig. The monstrous climb at the West Point-Beemer cross country meet is the stuff of legend. Making the climb for O-C were Carolyn Magnusson, Brooklyn Richards, Ashlynne Gramke, Brennan Ahrens, Ella Martindale, Madison Enstrom, Elinor Johnson, Dawson Meyer, Landon Ehlers, Max Bures, and Elijah Gahan.

Megan Unwin
O-C Cross Country

The OC Cross Country runners battled wind, heat, the infamous "hill", and almost 250 runners (143 boys and 100 girls) at the Wisner-Pilger invite Thursday. The meet was held on the challenging Beemer Indian Trails golf course and featured many of the states top small school teams.

OC was led by Dawson Meyer's impressive runner-up finish in the boy's division and Carolyn Magnusson's 8th place medal in the girl's competition. Elinor Johnson and Ella Martindale also brought home the 5th and 6th place medals from the girls JV race.

Coach Unwin indicated that while the other runners' overall placings were a little lower than expected, their times were all significantly better than last year's times on the Beemer course.

In the boys varsity division Elijah Gahan placed 65th and Max Bures placed 79th out of 107 varsity runners. Returning runners Dawson and Max's times improved by an average of over 1.5 minutes.

The girls varsity race featured 83 runners. Madison Enstrom placed 34th, Brooklyn Richards 41st, and Brennan Ahrens 43rd. Their average improvement was more than 2 minutes over last year. Coach stated that the team needs to continue their hard work and she looks forward to their continued improvement.

The girls finished 9th as a team.

H.S. Girls	Times	Placings
Carolyn M.	24:36	8
Madison E.	26:51	34
Brooklyn R	27:32	41
Brennan A.	27:50	43
Ellinor J.	29:19	5th JV
Ella M.	29:41(SB)	6th JV

H.S. Boys	Times	Place
Dawson M.	18:40(SB)	2
Elijah G.	24:32	65
Max B.	24:58	79
Landon E.	39:36	36 JV

13-minute drive puts Knights on top of Pioneers



Sylas Nelson carries the ball for O-C as the defeat the Pioneers in Ft. Calhoun.



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Through the air and with his legs, Braylon Anderson lead the team in total yardage with 169 in Friday's game.



A perfect throw from Braylon Anderson to Isaak Maxwell resulted in a touchdown that was unfortunately brought back on a holding penalty.

Curt Hineline
Editor

Oakland-Craig Knights top Ft. Calhoun in unusual fashion as stout defensive, ball security and clock management all needed to beat the Pioneers.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
O-C	16	6	0	0	22
FC	0	14	6	0	20

In what was thought to be a closer game than it was, the Knights found a way to best the Pioneers of Fort Calhoun. Oakland-Craig went into the locker room at halftime with a one score lead, 22-14. Jaxen Jorgensen was knocked out the game in the first half with a knee injury after 7 carries for 20 yards.

Scoreless in the second half, the Knights held the Pioneers to 6 points after a failed two-point conversion.

It was the very impressive drive by the Knights offense that began with 1 minute left in the third period and continued until the end of the game. Reminiscent of old school Cornhusker football, O-C ran the ball and when need be, would push the D-line back on their heels to get the first down.

Kevin Mendez stepped into the role of ball carrier and took a pounding of continual yard-eating attempts in the second half. The young man made a name for himself racking up 110 yards on 10 carries. Although he never reached the endzone, the senior from Lyons was a key component in stopping the Pioneer offense by keeping them off the field.



Jesse Droescher clears a path for Keven Mendez. A steady diet of Mendez led to a 13 minute drive to eat up the fourth quarter against the Pioneers.

Quarterback Braylon Anderson also had 20 attempts rushing for 71 yards. He is credited for 98 yards passing completing 13 of 27 for 98 yards.

His leading receiver, JT Brands, caught 5 for 52 yards. Emmet Johnson hauled in 3 for 23 yards, Jeremiah Druckenmiller caught 3 for 11, and Sylas Nelson had 12 yards on two receptions. Isaak Maxwell went upstairs to hall in a touchdown pass that was brought back on a holding penalty.

On the defensive side of the ball, Emmet Johnson led in tackles with 4, Brady Johnson and JT Brands with 3 each, Kyler Case with 2. Braylon Anderson, Winston Wilkey, Nolan Magnusson, and Jesse Droescher each accounted for 1 apiece.

Brady Johnson punted 3 times averaging 42 yards a kick.

Druckenmiller and Nelson both reeled in an interception 13 and 46 yards respectively.

The failed two-point conversion in the third period proved to be the difference in the final score as the Knights move to 1-1 on the season with a 22-20 victory in Ft. Calhoun.

The Knights (1-1) will now prepare for their game against Malcolm (Malcolm, NE). The Clippers come into the non-league game with a 2-0 record. In their last game, Malcolm nipped Raymond Central (Raymond, NE), 49-13, in a non-league game.



Cutting the route, Jeremiah Druckenmiller goes up for the interception against Ft. Calhoun. Sylas Nelson also stole one in the air.

Lady Knights top Northeast Nebraska Jean Groth Volleyball Classic

Curt Hineline
Editor

Seen as a great opportunity to find out where a team stacks up at the beginning of the volleyball season, the NEN Jean Groth Volleyball Classic featuring ten of Northeast Nebraska's toughest volleyball teams. At the end of the tourney, it was the Lady Knights of Oakland-Craig that topped the Gold Division.

Archbishop Bergan took runner up falling to the O-C in the final match. Guardian Angels defeated Wisner-Pilger to secure the top spot of the Silver Bracket. In the Bronze, Wayne led the way defeating Tekamah-Herman to finish the bracket.

The Lady Knights defeated West Point-Beemer and Bancroft-Rosalie on Friday in Wisner. They suffered a defeat against Wakefield on Saturday morning. Wakefield had bested Tekamah-Herman and Guardian Angels CC on Friday. Wakefield would go on to fall to North Bend Central and Fremont Bergan.

Oakland-Craig defeated NBC and and Bergan to finish on top moving the Lady Knights record to 5-1.

West Point-Beemer

O-C	25	25
WP-B	20	21

The Lady Knights struggled early to catch the Lady Cadets in scoring. Although the point spread was never more than 3, it was not until the score tied at 12 did O-C matchup with WP-B. Their first lead came at 16 as the second half of the first set was marked by four ties. The Lady Knights would then go on to win 25-21.

Brandi Helzer came alive in the second set which saw a more manageable matchup. Briar Ray would slam home the set winning return, her first of several in the tourney.

Bancroft-Rosalie

O-C	25	25
B-R	9	10

A young team looking to gain experience for B-R found it an uphill battle that was hard to overcome. O-C jumped to a 9-3 lead pretty quickly and didn't look back in the first set. The second set was similar with the Lady Knights up 19-3 at one point.

Wakefield

O-C	17	17
Wake	25	25

Wakefield seemed to be playing on a different level than Oakland-Craig on Saturday morning. Pep and energy driven, the Trojans went up midway on O-C to start the first set. The Lady Knights just couldn't seem to get things going their way.

The second set was much of the same. Wakefield was ready to play and it showed. The latter games would prove more successful for the Lady Knights who seemed to be firing on all cylinders to finish the tourney.

North Bend Central

O-C	25	25
NBC	19	19

As if the left side of the net was a little higher than it should have been, the Lady Knights struggled with their play when Adi Rennerfeldt set the ball in that direction. Of course, the net was fine, the Lady Knights needed to fine tune their returns which they did. The first set was a pretty even match but the Lady Knights would go on a run to put them up in the end.

The second set in another tough match with the Tigers. By this time in the day, the Lady Knights were playing the game they are known for defeating the Tigers in 2 sets.

Fremont Bergan

O-C	23	25	25
Berg.	25	22	20

Volleyball fans were treated to a great match to conclude the tournament as O-C and Fremont Bergan met in the title game. Both schools' teams are known for their quality programs and it showed. Bergan came off of a big win against Wakefield setting up an opportunity for O-C to redeem themselves from the earlier loss.

It was Bergan that would take the first set 25-23 with the hometown Lady Knights needing to gain some ground to keep it as close as it was.

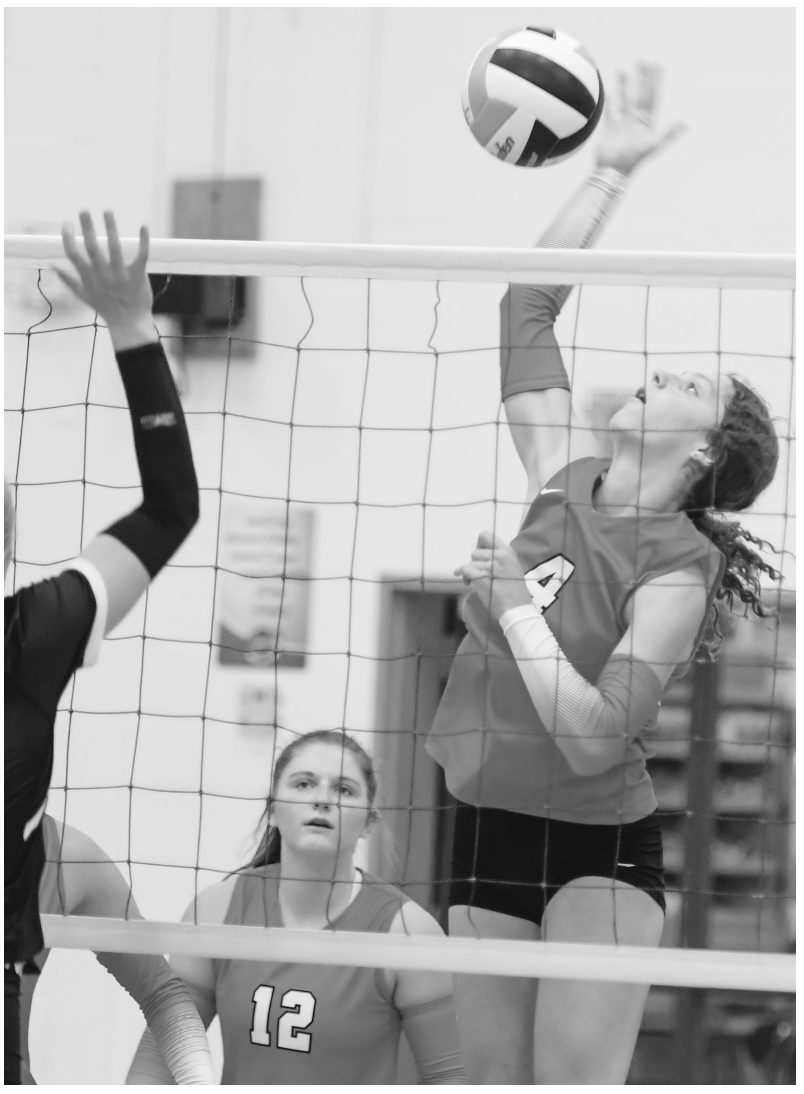
The second and third set went to Oakland-Craig, 25-22 and 25-20.

Several teams rose to the top and demonstrated that it is going to be a very competitive season. The Lady Knights will play against Wisner-Pilger on Thursday evening in Wisner.

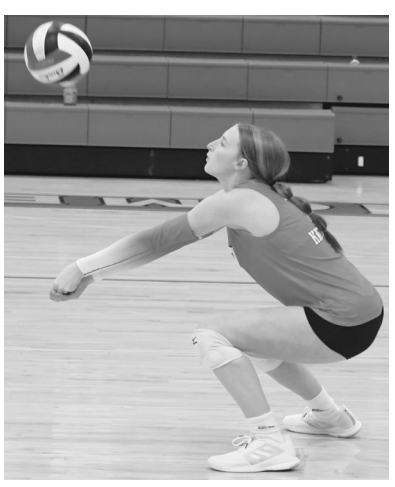


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Topping the Gold Division at the NEN Classic are the Oakland-Craig Lady Knights – (front from left) Karley Eriksen, Adi Rennerfeldt, Mia Thomsen, Briar Ray, Reagen Johnson; (back from left) Bailey Denton, Brandi Helzer, Anisten Rennerfeldt, Morgan Ray, and Bailey Pelan.



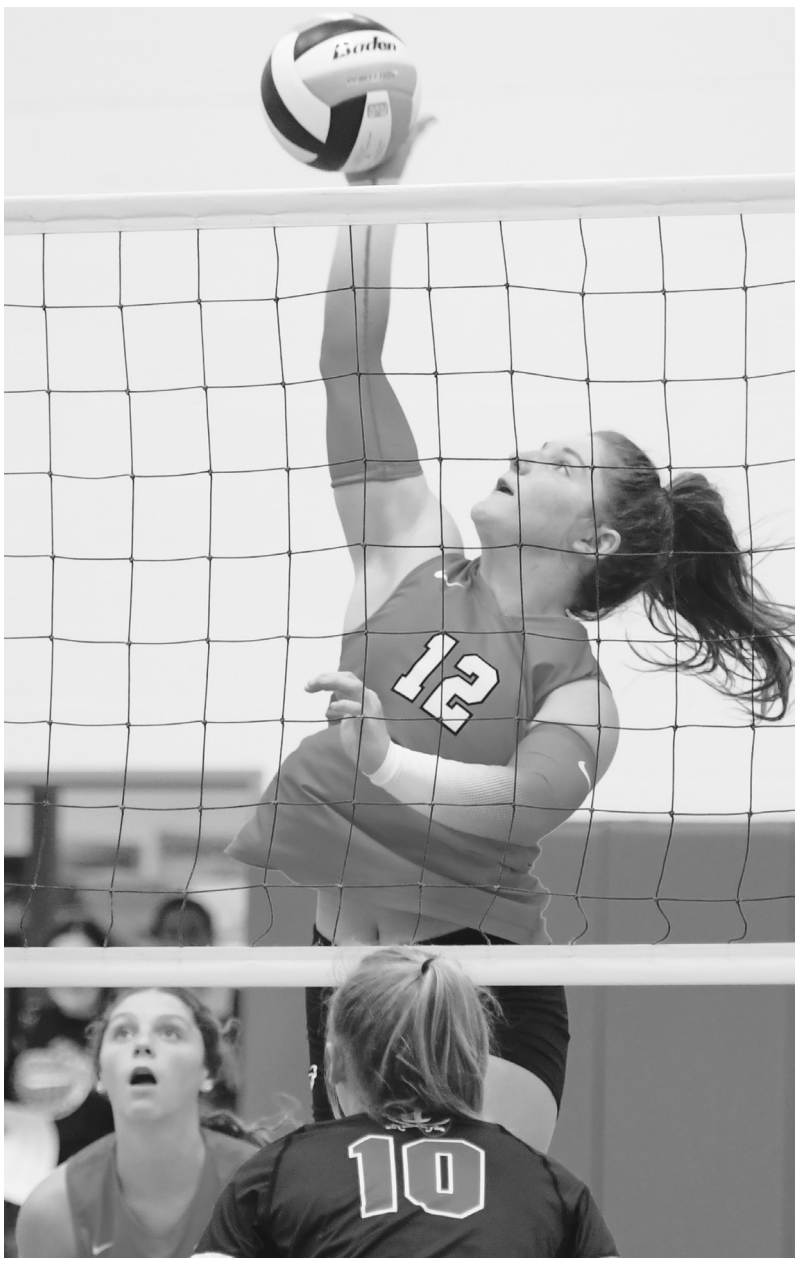
Getting the perfect spike against West Point-Beemer, Briar Ray does her share to help secure the victory.



Bailey Pelan goes down to dig up a serve from Fremont Bergan.



Adi Rennerfeldt does what she does best and sets the perfect ball for her teammates against North Bend Central.



Over the net and to the floor, Morgan Ray returns one to the Lady Cadets.



Brandi Helzer is a force to be reckoned with as she drives one home against West Point-Beemer.

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MEETINGS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Oakland-Craig, in the County of Burt, in the State of Nebraska, a/k/a School District No. 014, has been scheduled on September 11, 2023 immediately following the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request. This meeting will be held at the Oakland-Craig Elementary Building at Oakland, NE, in the Board meeting room, which meeting will be open to the public. Public access to the Board meeting is also available by clicking on the link posted on the district's website at https://striv.tv/channel/oakland-craig/.
The agenda is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent or on the district's website at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5epgyF4XIc2X1pvUEZOU2Z2c3M.

Secretary
Julie Ehlers
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OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with provisions of State Statute Sections 77-1601.02, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September 2023, following the budget hearing at the City of Oakland, Nebraska, Municipal Building, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

The entire agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, NE.

Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be enlarged after 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
Kayla Eisenmenger, CMC
City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
CITY OF OAKLAND, NEBRASKA
PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission of the City of Oakland will hold a public hearing and meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 12th, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Oakland Avenue, Oakland, NE, to consider the following: permitted conditional use permits pertaining to Section 5.06.03 and Section 7.10.02 regarding S3/4SW4 (4.94RD) 35-22-8 OAKLAND TWP Parcel # 423204700. Also regarding L1-2 & ½ Vac Ave, BLOCK 1, BREWSTER ADDITION, OAKLAND, NEBRASKA, BURT COUNTY commonly known as 604 East Third St.
At said time and place all interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the Planning Commission will recommend to the City Council whether the foregoing building permit and permitted conditional use permit.
Kayla Eisenmenger, City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
CITY OF OAKLAND, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Oakland will hold a public hearing and meeting following the budget / final tax levy meetings on September 18th, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Oakland Avenue, Oakland, NE, to consider the following: permitted conditional use permits pertaining to Section 5.06.03 and Section 7.10.02 regarding S3/4SW4 (4.94RD) 35-22-8 OAKLAND TWP Parcel # 423204700. Also regarding L1-2 & ½ Vac Ave, BLOCK 1, BREWSTER ADDITION, OAKLAND, NEBRASKA, BURT COUNTY commonly known as 604 East Third St.

At said time and place all interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the City Council will receive the advice and recommendation of the Planning Commission, and the City Council will determine whether the foregoing building permits and permitted conditional use permits.
Kayla Eisenmenger, City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
CITY OF OAKLAND, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Oakland will hold a public hearing and meeting following the budget / final tax levy meetings on September 18th, 2023, at the Municipal Building, 401 N. Oakland Avenue, Oakland, NE, to consider the following: Discussion of Lot Split of TR NWN4NE4 1-21-8 PERSHING TWP, ALL IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, BURT COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

At said time and place all interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, and the City Council will receive the advice and recommendation of the Planning Commission, and the City Council will determine whether the foregoing building permits and permitted conditional use permits.
Kayla Eisenmenger, City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Burt County, Nebraska, will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 following the Burt County Budget Hearing that will start at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Nebraska, and will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Burt County Clerk at the Burt County Courthouse, Tekamah, Nebraska. The agenda may be modified at such meeting.

Sarah J. Freidel, Burt County Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

Notice of Meeting

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee monthly meeting will be held Monday, September 11th, 2023 at the Logan East RWS office 206 N Oakland Avenue Oakland at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda available for public inspection at the LERWS office
Logan East Rural Water System
Equal Opportunity provider and employer
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OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Oakland, Nebraska, will be held at Monday, September 18th, 2023 following the Open Public Hearing for Budget / Budget Hearing / Final Tax Levy Hearing at the Municipal Building, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, Nebraska.

The entire agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, NE.

Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be enlarged after 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
Kayla Eisenmenger, CMC
City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September 2023, around 6:45pm at the City of Oakland, Nebraska, Municipal Building, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget details are available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours.

The entire agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, NE.

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Kayla Eisenmenger, CMC
City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18th day of September 2023, following the Open Public Budget Meeting at the City of Oakland, Nebraska, Municipal Building, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, Nebraska for the purpose of budget hearing, hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget details are available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

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Kayla Eisenmenger, CMC
City Clerk

OI 09-07-23

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Burt County Museum, Inc., will beheld Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, 9:45 a.m., at the Museum East House (Annex), 322 North 12th, Tekamah, Neb.
Business will consist of annual reports, election of two members to the Board of Directors, and transaction of other business.
All members and friends of the museum are invited.

Gloria Breckenridge, Secretary
Board of Directors
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OI & LMS 09-07-23

MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Six Year Road and Street Plan for the City of Oakland, Nebraska as required by NEB. REV. STAT. Sec. 39-2119 et seq. R.R.S. has been recommended for approval by the Mayor and City Council, and that a Public Hearing be held on said Six Year Road and Street Plan on the 18th day of September, 2023, following the Budget Hearing and Final Tax Levy Hearing, at the City of Oakland, NE Auditorium - Rosen Room at which time objection to or recommendations for said Plan will be heard.

The entire agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 401 North Oakland Avenue in Oakland, NE.

Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be enlarged after 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
Kayla Eisenmenger, CMC
City Clerk

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Oakland-Craig Public Schools (11-0014) in Burt County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of, September 2023 Immediately Following the Budget Hearing , at the Oakland-Craig Elementary Choir Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Change
Property Valuations	668,928,758	619,796,188	9%

	2022-2023 Budget Information				2023-2024 Budget Information				
Fund	2022-2023 Operating Budget	2022-2023 Property Tax Request	2022 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2022-2023 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2023 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	9,083,198.00	5,657,576.00	0.994426	0.912812	9,323,559.00	5,574,372.00	0.899388	-10%	3%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	821,451.00	459,596.00	0.080783	0.074153	715,512.00	477,899.00	0.077106	-5%	-13%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	1,343,925.00		0.000000	0.000000	1,434,474.00	185,939.00	0.030000	#DIV/0!	7%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	11,248,574.00	6,117,172.00	1.075209	0.986965	11,473,545.00	6,238,210.00	1.006494	-6%	2%

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OI 09-07-23

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Oakland-Craig Public Schools (11-0014) in Burt County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of September, 2023 at 7:30 P.M., at the Oakland-Craig Elementary Choir Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2021-2022 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2022-2023 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 6,514,574.00	$ 7,155,800.00	$ 9,323,559.00	$ -	$ 3,804,931.00	$ 5,574,372.00
Depreciation	$ -	$ 41,500.00	$ 438,533.00		$ 438,533.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ 15,489.00	$ -	$ 15,489.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 371,989.00	$ 406,555.00	$ 472,508.00	$ -	$ 472,508.00	
School Nutrition	$ 239,087.00	$ 241,372.00	$ 370,798.00	$ -	$ 370,798.00	
Bond	$ 417,582.00	$ 628,867.00	$ 715,512.00	$ -	$ 242,392.00	$ 477,899.00
Special Building	$ 239,671.00	$ 120,000.00	$ 1,434,474.00		$ 1,316,194.00	$ 185,939.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ 1,012.00	$ -	$ 1,012.00	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 7,782,903.00	$ 8,594,094.00	$ 12,771,885.00	$ -	$ 6,661,857.00	$ 6,238,210.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 477,899.00	$ 5,760,311.00	$ 6,238,210.00

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OI 09-07-23

Village of Craig
IN
Burt County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2023, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Craig Fire Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2021-2022 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 225,103.73
2022-2023 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 179,456.10
2023-2024 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 818,420.00
2023-2024 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 281,406.71
2023-2024 Total Resources Available	$ 1,099,826.71
Total 2023-2024 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 42,091.73
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 44,886.44
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 28,046.73
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ 14,045.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2023, at Approximately 7:30 o'clock P.M., at Craig Fire Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Regular monthly meeting to be held immediately following Special Hearing.

	2022	2023	Change
Operating Budget	1,004,545.00	818,420.00	-19%
Property Tax Request	$ 38,419.69	$ 42,091.73	10%
Valuation	5,419,862	6,374,256	18%
Tax Rate	0.708868	0.660339	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.602732		

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OI 09-07-23

City of Oakland
IN
Burt County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 18 day of September 2023, at 7:00 o'clock PM, at Rosen Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2021-2022 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 2,709,211.88
2022-2023 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 2,380,309.00
2023-2024 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 5,652,504.00
2023-2024 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 109,697.73
2023-2024 Total Resources Available	$ 5,762,201.73
Total 2023-2024 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 560,838.36
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 337,720.41
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 400,213.36
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ 160,625.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 18 day of September 2023 to follow budget hearing, at Rosen Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2022	2023	Change
Operating Budget	2,803,110.00	5,652,504.00	102%
Property Tax Request	$ 462,230.54	$ 560,838.36	21%
Valuation	59,153,604	80,042,684	35%
Tax Rate	0.781407	0.700674	-10%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.577480		

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OI 09-07-23

MINUTES

Minutes of the Burt County Board of Supervisors

The Burt Co Board of Supervisors met August 28, 2023 in the Boardroom of the Burt Co Courthouse in Tekamah, NE. Notice was given in the Oakland Independent, on courthouse bulletin board and on the Co's Website. Proof of publication is on file with the Co Clerk. The following members were present: Gary 'Bird' Swanson, Jeff Kutchera, Paul Richards, Carl Pearson, Sam Titus, Ted Connealy and David Schold. Connealy had to leave after the 10:00 a.m. break.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Schold informed the public that the Open Meeting Act was posted. The agenda was approved… motion Connealy, Richards, all Ayes. Minutes of 8/9/2023 Bd of Supervisors meeting were approved… motion Titus, Swanson, all Ayes. August claims of $618,232.20, including $154,269.61 for payroll, were approved… motion Richards, Pearson, Roll Call: Ayes – 6. Nays – Swanson.

ADAM TRIPP; ATTY FEES; 1,330.00
ANDY'S QUICK SHOP; FUEL; 263.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH; SUPPORT/SOFTWARE; 5,089.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY; UTILITIES; 174.06
BOMGAARS ; SUPPLIES; 157.65
BRANIFF SERVICE; FUEL/ REPAIR; 8,307.03
BRUCE NATHAN; MILE; 42.58
BRUMMOND DISPOSAL; GARBAGE; 225.00
BURT CO COURT; NON WAIVERABLE; 307.00
BURT CO DIST COURT; NON WAIVERABLE; 289.00
BURT CO PPD; UTILITIES; 261.82
BURT CO SHERIFF; SERVICE FEES; 307.54
BURT CO TREASURER; WAGON RD TAXES; 31,433.88
BURT CO TREASURER ; TITLE; 14.00
BURT CO 4-H ; FAIR EXPENSES; 183.00
CANON FINANCIAL ; COPIER; 42.26
CENTURY BUSINESS; EQUIP; 600.00
CENTURY LINK; 911 SYSTEM; 323.04
CHRONICLE CAP MGMT; TOWER RENT; 73.90
CITY TEKAMAH; UTILITIES; 176.00
CC CARWASH; MISC EXPENSES; 72.98
CUBBY'S; FUEL; 1,761.27
DAS STATE ACCTG; TELE TYPE; 350.00
DAS STATE ACCTG -CENTRAL FINANCE; SOFTWARE; 343.25
DAVID SCHOLD; MILE; 41.92
DECATUR EXPRESS - KB'S MINI MART; FUEL; 1,905.21
EAKES OFFICE; OFFICE SUPPLY; 381.01
ELISE ANDERSON; MILE; 83.19
ELLA BOOTH; MILE; 39.30
EMILY HEDLUND; FUEL; 40.33
FASTWYRE; INTERNET/ PHONE; 1,563.31
FIRST CONCORD ; ADMIN FEE; 1,257.48
FIRST NATL BANK OMAHA; SUPPLIES; 1,364.34
FUTURITY IT; SOFTWARE; 1,500.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB; SERVICES; 15.00
GARY SWANSON; MILE; 89.08
GREAT AM FINANCIAL ; EQUIP; 247.63
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS; SUPPLIES/EQUIP; 94.00
HOMETOWN LEASING; COPIER; 57.10
JEFF KUTCHERA; MILE; 120.52
JENKINS LAW ; ATTY FEES; 858.80
JENNIFER HANSEN; MILE; 225.32
JENNIFER PETERSON; ATTY FEES; 39.15
JOHNSON & MOCK; ATTY FEES; 1,444.00
JULIE FLEISCHMAN; MILE; 110.04
JURY DUTY; JURY DUTY; 2,757.30
KATHY RAY; OFFICE; 110.50
MADISON NATL LIFE; EMPE PD ADDL; 63.02
MARILYN ANDERSEN; OFFICE; 110.50
MCH HEALTH ; JAIL MED; 222.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS; INS; 248.25
MIDWEST SERVICE; SUPPLY/ EQUIP; 1,070.00
MILLS LAW ; ATTY FEES; 1,140.00
MIPS ; SOFTWARE; 2065.01
NACO ; ANNUAL CONF; 450.00
NACO ; DIST MEETING; 140.00
NE DHHS; LODGING/ SERVICES; 556.00
NPPD; UTILITIES; 1,187.40
NEBRASKA.GOV ; SUBSCRIPTION; 2.00
OAKLAND INDEPENDENT/ LYONS MIRROR; PUBLISHING; 389.60
OFFICE WAREHOUSE; SUPPLIES; 193.83
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION; OFFICE SUPPLY; 1,279.64
PENDER MED CLINIC; JAIL MED; 146.00
PENNY WARREN; MILE; 132.31
PLAINDEALER; PUBLISHING; 139.04
ROMAN QUINTERO; MILE; 24.29
SAVE MORE ; SUPPLIES; 63.43
STACEY KEYS; MILE; 148.03
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC P.C.,L.L.O.; CH SUPP ENFORCE; 2,002.93
STREET CRIMES; LAW ENFORCE SCHOOL; 1,200.00
THE APOTHECARY SHOP; JAIL MED; 762.70
TED CONNEALY; MILE; 45.20
THURSTON CO SHERIFF; JAIL ; 26,940.00
TK ELEVATOR; MAINTENANCE; 303.78
TRI-STATE COMM; EQUIP; 358.50
UNL-HASKELL AG LAB; 2023 FORUM; 95.00
USPS; POSTAGE; 4,000.00
VANGUARD ; SOFTWARE; 3,653.75
VERIZON ; SERVICES; 819.17
VISUAL EDGE IT; EQUIP; 151.54
WASHINGTON CO DRUG COURT; DRUG COURT FEE; 530.00
WASHINGTON CO SHERIFF; JAIL; 15,600.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL; COPIER; 60.22
WENDY REXROAD; COURT COSTS; 91.46
ANDREW BRANIFF; PARTS; 139.09
ARVEST EQUIP FINANCE; EQUIP RENTAL; 8,150.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL ; SUPPLIES; 327.53
BLUFF AGGREGATE ; SUPPLY ; 7,810.20
BOMGAARS ; SUPPLIES; 355.18
BRUMMOND COUNTRY DISPOSAL; GARBAGE; 90.00
BUDDIES MINI MART; FUEL; 262.00
BUXNDUX LUBE SPECIALISTS; SUPPLY; 207.00
CITY LYONS; UTILITIES; 106.39
CITY OAKLAND; UTILITIES; 23.53
FARMERS PRIDE; FUEL/ SUPPLY; 4,722.36
FIRST NATL BANK OMAHA; SUPPLIES; 79.89
GINI, LLC; FUEL; 105.00
GLUP PIPE SALES; SUPPLY; 11,303.75
HAMPTON INN; WORKSHOP; 170.05
K-C PARTS & REPAIR; PARTS; 44.03
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSO; ENGINEERING; 63,229.43
MARTIN MARIETTA; GRAVEL; 3,273.66
MIDWEST SERVICE AND SALES; SUPPLY/EQUIP; 9,364.20
MIDWEST SERVICE ; SUPPLY/ EQUIP; 4,740.70
NACO; ANNUAL CONF; 150.00
NMC CAT; RENTAL; 11,738.61
OMAHA SLING ; SUPPLY/ EQUIP; 133.46
RDO TRUCK CENTER; REPAIR; 223.77
SCOTT'S HARDWARE; SUPPLY; 140.53
SHAMBURG AUTO ; SUPPLY; 364.41
STALP GRAVEL ; GRAVEL; 22,631.94
STEINY'S GENERAL STORE; SUPPLIES; 25.94
TRUCK CENTER COUNTY; REPAIR; 470.44
VERIZON ; SERVICE PLAN; 388.56
VILLAGE CRAIG; UTILITIES; 68.24
VILLAGE DECATUR; UTILITIES; 146.15
WELDON PARTS OMAHA; SUPPLIES; 873.14
WOODHOUSE ; REPAIR; 534.75
WPCI; TESTING; 150.00
CLEARVIEW PET ; K-9; 293.65
BURT CO ECO DEVO; DUES; 36,000.00
CENTURY LINK - LUMEN; 911 EQUIP; 9,087.32
CENTURYLINK ; 911 EQUIP; 707.20
CITY FREMONT ; 911 SYSTEM; 2,786.66
NNTC; UTILITIES; 129.17
AFLAC; EMPE PD ADDL; 549.63
ALLSTATE; EMPE PD ADDL; 57.22
BCBS; INS; 53,464.09
CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE; GARNISH; 650.00
FIRST NATL BANK-NE-EFPTS; FEDERAL TAXES; 43,717.71
GLOBE LIFE ; EMPE PD ADDL; 466.77
NATIONWIDE; EMPE PD ADDL; 150.00
AMERITAS; RETIRE; 22,024.90
STATE TAX COMMISSION; STATE TAXES; 6,845.78
VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT); EMPE PD ADDL; 712.72
COLONIAL LIFE ; EMPE PD ADDL; 57.79
CREDIT MGMT ; GARNISH; 30.99
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAY; EMPE PD ; 830.00

Special Designated Liquor License: Approved for Oakland Express (Oakland) for an onsite tasting event on Oct. 7, 2023… motion Connealy, Pearson, all Ayes.

Interlocal Agmt. w/Cuming Co for Juvenile Diversion Program: The Co Attorney's office requested board Chairman signature on an interlocal agreement with Cuming Co to continue to co-op for the Juvenile Diversion Program; agreement runs through June 30, 2024.

ZONING: Ann Chytka, Burt Co Zoning and Floodplain Administrator

Lot Split: JOE MALLOY 17.88 ac. pt. SW4SE4 of 8-23-10.

Procedures for Lots Splits: Less than 3.01 acres: approved by Zoning Administrator & Co Board; only approved if split is to be combined with an existing adjacent parcel. Placed on agenda of Bd. of Supervisors and filed with Reg. of Deeds office.

Under 10 acres: approved by Zoning Administrator & Co Board. Placed on agenda of Bd of Supervisors and filed with Reg. of Deeds office.

Over 10.01 acres: administrative split- approved by Zoning Administrator only. Filed with Reg. of Deeds office.

More than 3 Lots: falls under subdivision – follow subdivision regulations.

Burt Co Floodplain Ordinance Amendments –Chytka explained that amendments to Burt Co's Floodplain Ordinances are necessary due to recommendations brought by the Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources (NeDNR) following a Community Assistance Visit (CAV); the amendments made will ensure Burt Co's continued eligibility for the National Flood Ins Program (NFIP). Public Hearing was held 9:41 A.M.- 9:42 A.M.; No Public Comment. Resolution 2023-08 -a Floodplain Management Ordinance was passed upon motions by Titus and Richards, All Ayes. Resolution contains amendments made to Resolution 2021-26 approved October 28, 2021; the floodplain district is a Zoning Overlay District within Burt Co's Zoning Regulations. The Resolution 2023-08 is too large to publish within the minutes; it will be placed on file in Burt Co's Zoning Book 2020.

ROADS: Ann Chytka, Highway Superintendent

One & Six Year Plan: A Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 One and Six Year Road Plan was held from 10:08 A.M. – 10:09 A.M. No Public Comments. Chytka shared a map and listing. Resolution 2023-10 was passed upon motion by Kutchera, seconded by Richards, All Ayes.

RESOLUTION #2023-10

"Whereas, the Burt Co Highway Department has prepared and presented a One-and- Six Year Plan for Highway Improvement for Burt Co, Nebraska, and; "Whereas, a public meeting was held on the 28th day of August, 2023 to present this plan, and all objections and recommendations said plan were considered; "Therefore, be it resolved by the Co Supervisors of Burt Co, Nebraska, that the plan and data as furnished and/or revised are hereby in all things accepted and adopted." Whereupon, the Resolution was declared passed by the Burt Co Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of August, 2023, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

CO ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE – 2023 Board Members moved for adoption of Resolution 2023-09 was approved… motion Swanson and Kutchera, Ayes -6, Absent - Connealy. RESOLUTION #2023-09

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and; Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the Co Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification. Be it resolved that the Co Board Chairperson of Burt Co is hereby authorized to sign the Co Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 28th day of August 2023 at Tekamah, Burt Co, Nebraska.

Liability Ins was discussed for situations of Law Enforcement mutual aid. Kevin Brenneis (Brenneis Ins. Agency), agent for Burt Co's Property and Casualty Ins recommended the County retain Certificate of Ins from any agencies the Burt Co Sheriff's department may be assisting with law enforcement. An interlocal Agreement for law enforcement between agencies of: City of Tekamah, Village of Decatur, City of Lyons, City of Oakland, and Burt Co Sheriff dated May 18, 2009 was noted and will be reviewed.

Board of Equalization:
10:51 AM - 10:57 AM

(a) Three Tax List Corrections approved: (1-3) all parcel #432103500 - ag building dimensions were corrected for tax years 2020, 2021, 2022. (b) Form 422 protest for parcel #112707300 – resulted in no change in value. See BOE minutes on County Website.

FY 2023-2024 Budget: As part of Burt Co Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget/Levy business, Resolution 2023-11 was adopted… motions Richards, Titus, Ayes -6, Absent - Connealy. Levy Limit Allocations

WHEREAS, under L.B. 1154 (1996) any property tax for political subdivisions will be included in the County's tax levy. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Burt Co Board of Supervisors that pursuant to law, the County has subdivisions levy authority as specified on the County Levy Limit Form hereby and by this reference incorporated herein. Fire Districts: up to 4 cents; Cemetery Districts: up to 2 cents; Townships: up to 9 cents; $100,000.00 of the County's five-cent miscellaneous levy will be allowed to the Ag Society under an Interlocal Agreement. DATED this 28th day of August, 2023, at Tekamah, Nebraska.

The Board discussed the 2023-2024 budget figures with the current valuation and discussed options to keep tax asking down; i.e. utilization of ARPA funds for large road project, and an Inheritance Tax Fund transfer. The Budget Hearing will be held September 13, 2023; the County will not have to participate in a Joint Public Hearing per LB644 this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

The meeting adjourned upon motions by Pearson and Swanson at 12:53 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M. Budget Hearing followed by regular Supervisors meeting.

SARAH J. FREIDEL, BURT CO CLERK

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	2022	2023	Change
Operating Budget	18,625,363.00	21,374,615.27	14.761%
Property Tax Request	4,610,306.00	4,690,990.97	1.750%
Valuation	1,878,981,669.00	2,175,738,440.00	15.793%
Tax Rate	0.245362	0.215605	-12.128%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.211896		

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 13th day of September 2023 at 9:00 o'clock AM at the Burt County Courthouse, 111 N. 13th ST, Tekamah, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2021-2022 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2023-2024 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	5,296,890.75	5,628,349.18	7,573,301.83	150,000.00	3,232,310.86	4,490,990.97
ROAD	4,330,405.31	3,293,264.95	6,213,679.00	0.00	6,213,679.00	0.00
PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS	75,265.40	87,963.46	142,870.86	0.00	142,870.86	0.00
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND/LODGING TAX	29,260.81	2,014.00	44,400.68	0.00	44,400.68	0.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRES & MAINT	2,231.64	10,697.66	12,796.17	0.00	12,796.17	0.00
JUVENILE DIVERSION	0.00	0.00	2,722.63	0.00	2,722.63	0.00
STOP PROGRAM	812.10	0.00	7,780.53	0.00	7,780.53	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
K-9	0.00	10,590.88	15,000.05	0.00	15,000.05	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE./FLOOD DISASTER	30,341.62	0.00	1,648,140.84	0.00	1,648,140.84	0.00
ARPA FUNDS	54,677.50	33,826.50	1,166,081.00	0.00	1,166,081.00	0.00
CDBG -MIDWEST VET_2021	189,692.21	157,307.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	76,227.26	18,904.03	2,954,121.08	0.00	2,954,121.08	0.00
911	11,564.25	3,989.28	110,063.25	0.00	110,063.25	0.00
E 911	29,964.78	45,943.31	92,452.24	0.00	92,452.24	0.00
SET ASIDE FUNDS (911)	94,378.29	0.00	144,206.54	0.00	144,206.54	0.00
BUILDING FUND	0.00	0.00	1,245,998.57	0.00	1,045,998.57	200,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	**10,221,711.92**	**9,292,851.04**	**21,374,615.27**	**150,000.00**	**16,833,624.30**	**4,690,990.97**
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Hurricane hits close to home, continued from pg. 1

know it was coming until we started receiving emails from the schools. To my defense, we hadn't hooked up our TVs and moved our service to have a local channel," she shared. "People talked with me about sandbags, charging up devices, bottled water, etc., to prepare but tried to ease my mind by stating that her path was north of us. I would say that due to their easement, I wasn't super worried. They said they would be more afraid of tornadoes, as I told them where I grew up! In true storm fashion though, nothing was supposed to hit our area until after 5:00 p.m, but of course, while my children were on the bus to me, the storm came in hard around 3:00 p.m. It did calm and did not come back until the middle of the night."

The couple's children, Penelope (8) Rowen (6), and Willow (4), were scared until Whitney and Tran showed them the path of the hurricane which tracked north of them. "The lightning and thunder while they were on the bus really freaked them out."

Area schools were used as shelters so Whitney had the next couple of days off from teaching. "The stores were bare when people told me to get bottled water and freeze them. People were filling up gas tanks and the traffic got a bit heavier."

Unlike a tornado, whose size is known to surpass a mile in overall size, hurricane force winds encompassed a 37.5 mile range with tropical storm winds extending 218 miles.

"The storms outside the hurricane are similar to those in the Midwest-dark clouds, heavy rain, lightning and thunder," Whitney said. "That is really all that happened. However, I have heard that hurricanes can change paths without warning, so we did download some apps to keep track. My husband and I were down here shortly after Hurricane Ian, and the heartbreak we felt for those in his path kept me humble enough to know that these storms can be very unpredictable and damaging."

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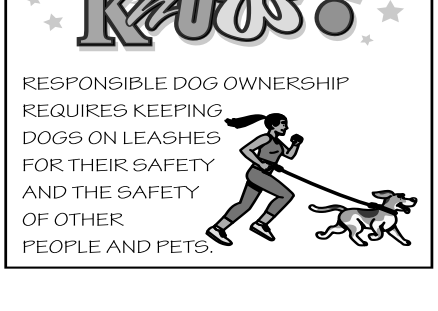
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Tick Probs: A new pest is making Nebraskans allergic to…red meat?

Michael Wunder
Flatwater Free Press

A roast beef sandwich sent Katie Voelker to the hospital in June 2022.

Six hours after dinner, she woke in the middle of the night with hives, an itchy throat, nausea and dizziness.

"I had no idea what was happening to me," the Lincoln resident said. "So I had my husband rush me to the hospital, worried my throat was going to close up."

Voelker's mind raced, eventually arriving at a memory of an incident from a month earlier while turkey hunting at nearby Pawnee State Recreation Area. She had been bitten by a tick, but it didn't look like Nebraska's most common blood-feeding arthropod, the American dog tick. Instead of a splotchy white band on its back, it had a single white dot.

Voelker identified it as a lone star tick, a carrier of a syndrome that can cause an allergy to red meat.

"I mentioned the lone star bite to a hunting buddy and joked about how ironic it would be if I, a hunting enthusiast, ended up with a meat allergy …" Voelker said.

She didn't give the bite another thought – until the sandwich incident a month later.

Until this summer, alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) was a relatively obscure disease known by scientists, researchers and a few doctors.

Then in late July, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that a five-year study determined up to 450,000 Americans may have been affected by AGS since 2010 – nearly the combined populations of Lincoln, Columbus, Kearney and Grand Island.

If testing trends continue alongside the geographic expansion of the lone star tick, researchers wrote, the number of AGS cases in the U.S. will increase.

The syndrome causes a hypersensitivity to a sugar molecule found in most mammals outside primates. Those affected must avoid beef, pork, lamb, venison, rabbit – basically any meat from a mammal.

Experiences vary. Some people's reactions may be mild and others' life-threatening. There is no cure, but mild reactions can be treated with antihistamines.

"The first few months were the hardest," said Voelker, who confirmed her infection with a blood test. "My sensitivity was highest at that point, and I not only had to cut out all red meat, but dairy and other foods with mammal-derived ingredients as well."

Central to this emerging illness is one of nature's most persistent pests. When ticks hop aboard a new host, they find a patch of skin – often behind the knees, the head or ankles – and cut into it with hooks that are just one part of a mouth adapted to parasitic life.

Their saliva can have anesthetic properties, preventing hosts from realizing they've been bitten.

It's also the vessel for disease, said Jody Green, an educator with Nebraska Extension. And it's getting more difficult to avoid tick spit when spending time outdoors.

"Nowadays, everywhere you go that's fun is a tick-infested habitat," Green said.

Lone star ticks appear to be on the move. The arachnid's historic range went as far north as extreme southern Iowa and as east as New Jersey.

In recent years, though, the tick has migrated to southeast Nebraska.

Research on the lone star tick and others has led some scientists to believe climate change is among the factors driving ticks into higher latitudes and elevations.

"Environmental conditions altered by climate change do indeed influence range expansion," said Nebraska state climatologist Martha Durr. "There are other factors at play as well. But this will likely be a concern for us locally."

Joseph Fauver, a professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health, said there are other factors likely contributing to the lone star tick's presence in Nebraska.

Increasing populations of host species, such as small mammals, rodents and white tail deer, give ticks more places to feed. Development on the outskirts of towns brings people closer to the habitats ticks call home.

"We're encroaching on wild spaces," he said. "Surely some part of that is happening here."

The University of Nebraska and public health officials conduct ongoing tick surveillance efforts in order to monitor potential threats to people and pets. One method, tick flagging, involves dragging a piece of white fabric over grass. Ticks latch to the fabric and are identified at a lab.

Fauver and his colleagues are surveying Nebraska health care providers, physicians and agricultural operators to grasp their level of awareness regarding tick-borne illnesses.

In its announcement, the CDC cited a survey of health care professionals that found nearly half of respondents had not heard of AGS.

"We're trying to gauge who knows about this," Fauver said. "Are they up to speed?"

The public is encouraged to report their findings to a UNL citizen scientist surveillance program, Tick Tag Go. If someone encounters a tick, they can take a photo with their phone and upload it to the site, along with location details. The submissions are then identified by local scientists.

American dog ticks lead the pack with 437 observations, but lone star ticks are not far behind at 113.

"It's been great to see what ticks are out there," Green said.

Scientists, educators and public health officials don't want people to be afraid of going outside, Green said. Instead they want to empower people through awareness, and that starts with safety measures.

She tells people to wear light-colored clothing when outside, making it easier to spot ticks before they have a chance to attach. Tucking pants into socks, shirts into pants and long hair up into hats adds another barrier to entry. She also encourages carrying tweezers and a lint roller to remove any ticks found while outside.

Full-body tick checks should be done after spending time outside, and clothes worn during those activities should be tossed into a dryer on high for 30 minutes upon returning home. If you have a dog, she recommends frequent checks and applying tick prevention treatments throughout the year.

Applying insect repellents to the skin is important, but those have limitations, Green said. Among the most effective chemical prevention tools is something called permethrin, which can only be applied to clothes.

If you find a tick, Green encourages submitting an entry to Tick Tag Go for identification. If it's attached, remove it with tweezers, pulling it straight out to ensure the head is removed.

Experts discourage using heat to force ticks to detach, as it can cause the parasite to vomit any potential pathogens into your bloodstream. Afterward, pay close attention to your health and any odd developments.

"If you have something that cannot be explained, then you need to go to a doctor," Green said.

Fauver, an outdoor enthusiast, said vigilance is key in preventing debilitating vector-borne diseases.

"If you're going to be in these spaces, just be really diligent," he said. "They are here and we need to do our best to prevent them."

Voelker hasn't let AGS prevent her from hunting or spending time outdoors, but she does take more precautions. She read that people with AGS report more severe attacks after multiple bites.

"Permethrin has been a game changer. I can't overstate how grateful I am to have such an effective and relatively simple solution to my tick problem — without it I'd be stuck inside six months out of the year," she said.

And though she still avoids red meat, Voelker reported her reactions to dairy have become less intense.

"I was scared to eat out, scared to travel," she said. "Things have recently taken a turn for the better though … I tolerate dairy pretty well now. I still have the occasional reaction, but it's worth it to have cheese back in my life."

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The lone star tick may have infected nearly 500,000 Americans, experts estimate. The tick, which has made its way to Nebraska in part due to climate change and development, is now sickening some Nebraskans – and making some allergic to red meat.

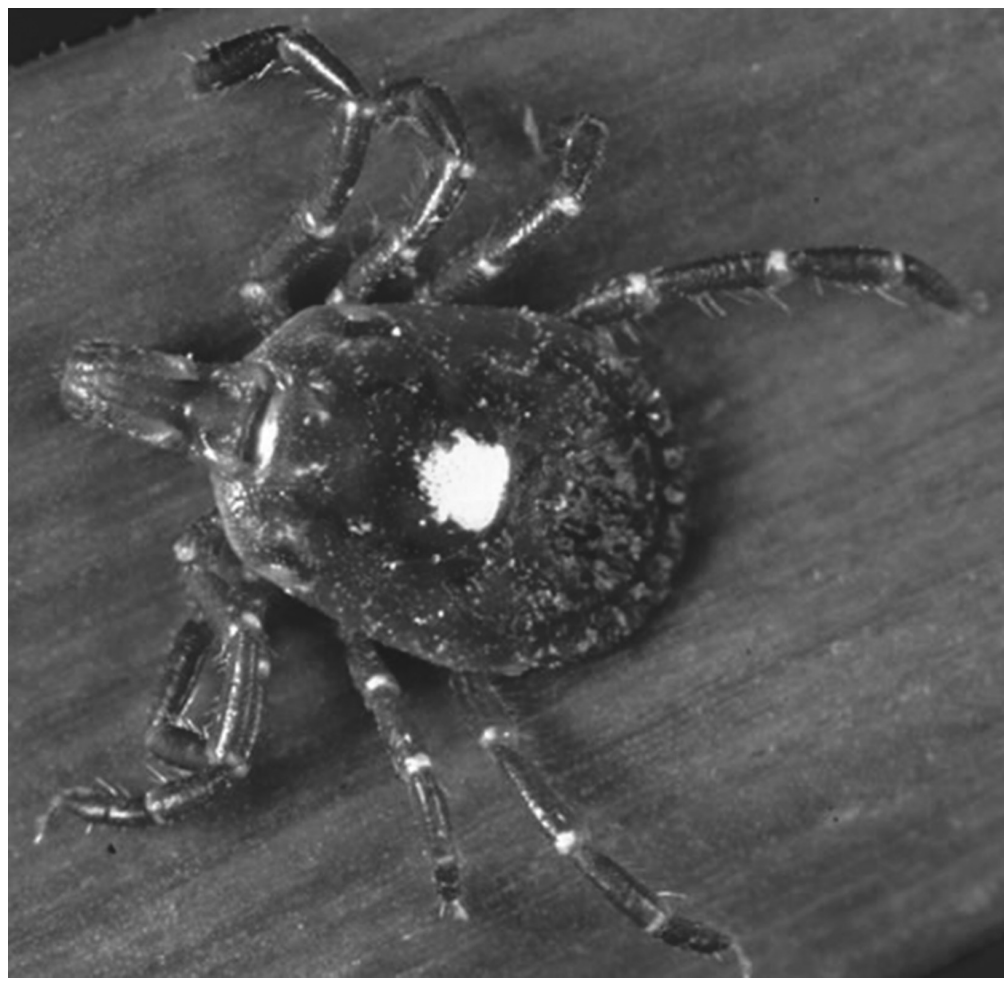


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Nebraskan Katie Voelker got bit by one of these tiny pests, a lone star tick. She is now unable to eat red meat, though she recently reintroduced some dairy products.

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Burt County to unite in cancer fight, continued from pg. 1

tion, & immunotherapy), is in remission and is scheduled for another surgery in the week after this year's Relay For Life event.

Grateful for the opportunity to participate once again in Relay For Life, Abi finds this year to be a special opportunity to share the importance of community.

"Relay is somewhere where I can celebrate alongside fellow survivors, remember those who have lost their battle, and show the ones who are currently fighting that they are not fighting alone," she shared. "Being a part of Relay means that you're choosing to be a part of something bigger than yourself. You're advocating for those who are too sick to have a voice or who lost their battle. You're standing up to cancer and relaying for a cure."

Sunday's event in Lyons opens at 12:30 p.m. with a cancer survivors meal provided by Burt County Cattlemen. Concessions will be available, live music by Daddy Mac & the Flak, Silent and Live Auctions and a special "mystery" photo op. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the afternoon with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about the event, please contact co-chairs Pam Leistra at 402-870-0241 or Leslie Greve at 402-870-0680. You can also call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.relayforlife.org/burtcountyne to learn more about Relay For Life.

FOOF Golf Tournament held, continued from pg. 1

FOOF Scholarship.

One of the 2023 Oakland-Craig graduates who returned to play was Maycie Johnson who joked that her grandma would've made her either work at it or play. So, she opted to play. "In all honesty, I love getting to give back to my community since it has provided and prepared me for my future," Maycie shared. "Especially when giving back included golfing with friends! I think it sounds good! This was the first opportunity to help someone else by supporting the scholarship that I was so lucky to have received."

FOOF President Sue Beckner always encourages scholarship recipients to find a way to give in whichever community they choose to call home. "Of course, we hope you choose to return to Oakland," she shares.

Joining Maycie from the Class of 2023 were Trevor Weitzenkamp, Kara Peterson, Shea Johnson, Dawson Rhodes, Connor Guill, Reese Johnson, and Charli Webster.

Hole sponsors included First Northeast Bank Of Nebraska, State Farm Ins. Aaron Arlt, Helena Chemical, Rennerfeldt Financial, Scott's Hardware, Corner Drug, Nelson Food Pride, Anytime Fitness, Christensen Electric, DPA Auctions NE, Nebraska Psych. Services, Pelan Funeral Services, Jennings' Heating, Air, & Plumbing, Nebraska Realty – Nikki Ray, J&K Webster Excavating, Farm & Home Ins., Brett & Shara Johnson Farms, Magnusson Farms, Richard's Ag Agency, Northeast Eye Care, Anderson Structures, KM Johnson, Inc, Kevin Anderson Farms, Wolken Therapy, Cornhusker Ag, Red Barn Vet Clinic, 77 Classic Clean Car Wash, Central Valley Ag, and In Honor Of Reece Johnson – Scholarship Recipient.

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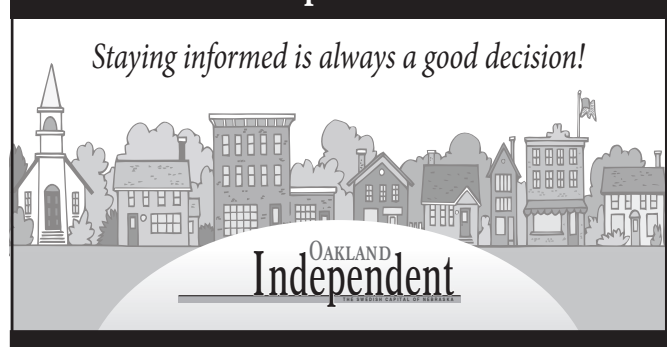
Chartered in 1987, FOOF strives to help public-spirited citizens find ways to achieve their charitable goals and make the Oakland area a better place to live, now and in the future.

The annual golf tournament benefits the Friends of Oakland Foundation scholarship program. All monies raised from the event go directly to our Dollars for Scholars initiative in which we award thousands of dollars in scholarships to Oakland-Craig seniors every year.

This year, we awarded $37,000 in scholarships to members of the Oakland-Craig senior class. Proceeds from the golf tournament as well as individual charitable gifts make this scholarship fund possible.

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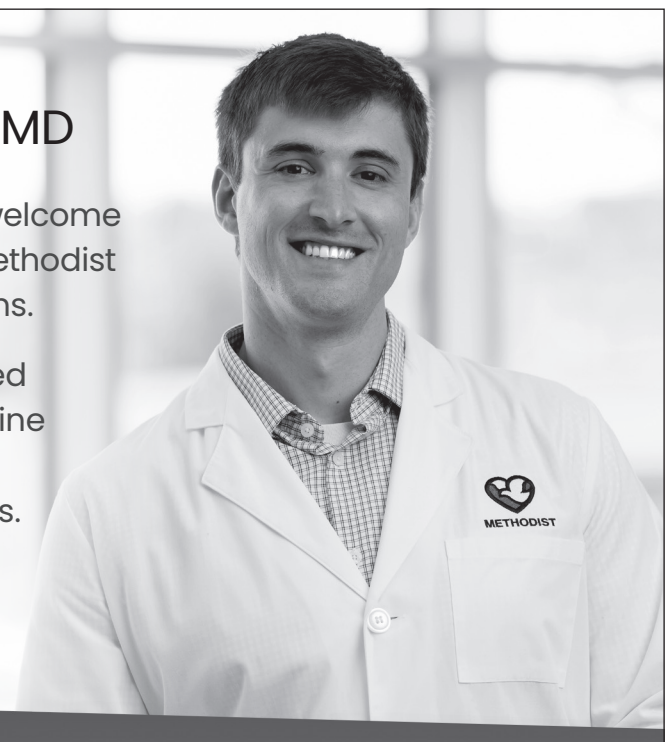


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2:00 pm – 5:00 pm — LIVE Music – Daddy Mac & the Flak

Times and activities may vary. If severe weather approaches, please listen for updates.

Please leave your pets at home for the safety of all.
This is a no tobacco & no alcohol event.

Make your donations for Luminaria Bags at WCB in Tekamah, at Helena Ag in Oakland and First National Bank in Lyons. They will be displayed at Relay For Life of Burt County Area on Sept. 10.

For information on cancer call 1-800-227-2345 or go to www.cancer.org