



Dept. of Transportation hosting meeting about Hwy 12/81 roundabout

The Nebraska Department of Transportation will be hosting a community engagement meeting in Crofton next Monday, May 11 to address the proposed roundabout on the intersection of Highway 12 and Highway 81.

The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a presentation planned for 5:30 p.m. at the Crofton City Auditorium in downtown Crofton.

From the mailer: “Join the NDOT to learn about roundabouts, how they work, why they improve safety and traffic flow and what they mean for your community. We invite you

to this community engagement event to ask questions and get facts about rural single lane roundabouts. The proposed project ... would reconstruct the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 and Nebraska Highway 12 in Cedar County into a roundabout.”

The intersection lies just east of Crofton on Highway 12, and has been estimated by the NDOT to cost around \$7.4 million.

Questions can be directed to ndot.publicinvolvement@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4567.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made

available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/32409. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502. For further information contact Kevin Domogalla, NDOT District 3 Engineer, (402) 3 7 0 - 3 4 7 0 , kevin.domogalla@nebraska.gov.

From the website about the project:

“The purpose of this proposed project is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes, improve the reliability

of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public.

The need for roundabout installation on this project is based on crash trends present on this intersection of US-81 and N-12 that are deemed significant enough to warrant a mitigation strategy. Proposed improvements would also consist of lighting, culvert work, curb and gutter/storm sewer. Reconstruction of the intersection into a roundabout would include removal and replacement of pavement.

Grading would be required for the entire length of the project. The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established.

Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated and compensatory wetland mitigation may be required.

The majority of the project would be completed under traffic with the use of a temporary road; however, the west portion of N-12 would be temporarily closed due to roundabout construction. While the west portion of N-12 is temporarily closed, a designated detour would be provided utilizing US-81, Nebraska Highway 121 (N-121), and N-12.

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as summer of 2027 and be completed by fall of 2027.”

District Court dismisses lawsuits against county

Two lawsuits that were filed against the Knox County Supervisors by former Knox County Attorney John Thomas were dismissed in the District Court of Knox County this week.

Thomas had filed the lawsuits challenging decisions made by the Supervisors at a meeting in August of 2025.

In both cases, Thomas requested that the decisions made were considered void as a result of what he alleged were violations of the Open Meetings Act.

The requests were ruled unfavorably to Thomas's position for mainly two reasons:

1. The violation as reported outside the required 120 days to make said complaint, as Thomas filed a second, amended request in November of 2025, determined to be outside the 120 day window.

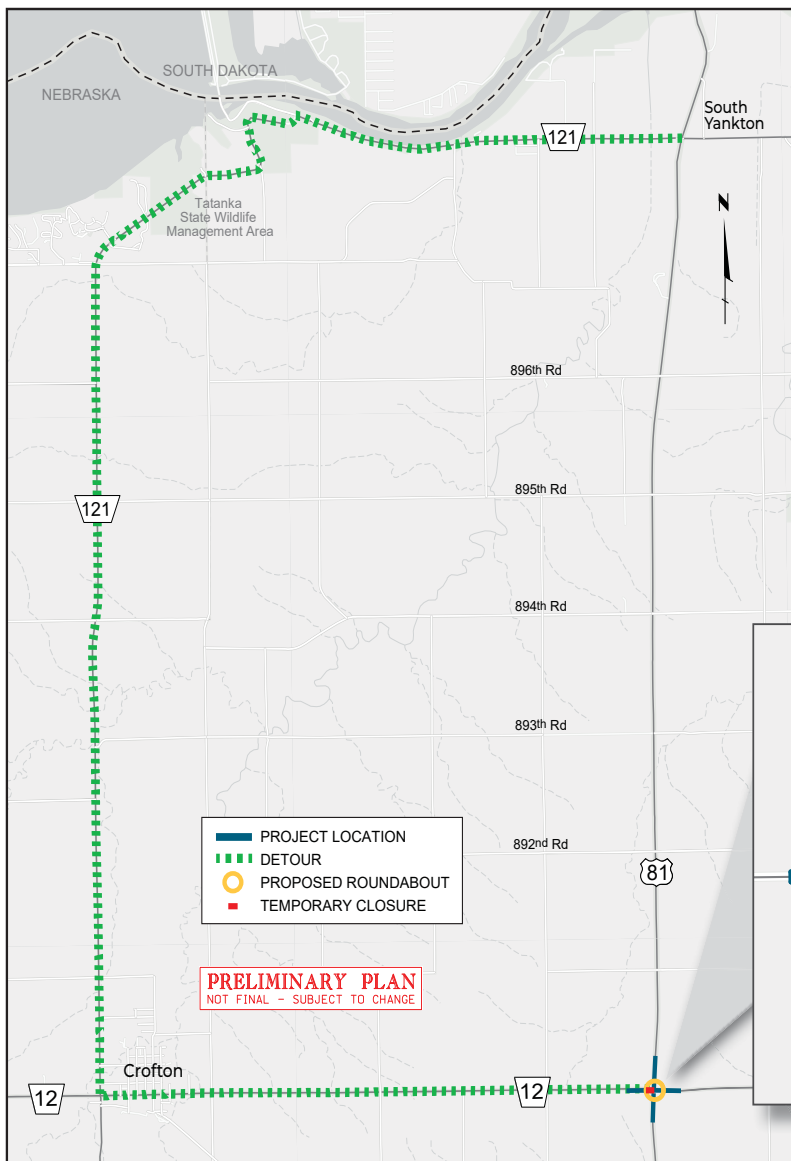
2. Reportedly, the Board of Supervisors, on November 26, 2025, voted to rescind the actions that they made in August of their own volition, and Nebraska law requires that if the fundamental reason for the lawsuit changes then the original motion is “rendered moot.”

Since the Supervisors had already rescinded their action, which was what was challenged, the court rendered Thomas's objection “moot” and dismissed because the allegation was corrected by the Supervisors already – which would make it impossible for the court to rule for relief requested by Thomas.

Via an email received following the decision, Thomas said he was disappointed in the court's decision and was considering an appeal.

In a press release sent to the media, the Board of Supervisors said “Knox County appreciates the Court's careful consideration of these matters,” said Chairman James Sokol, Jr., “The Board acted promptly and transparently, and the Court correctly determined that John Thomas' lawsuits were without merit.”

According to the release from the Supervisors, “Knox County remains committed to full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, and to conducting the public's business in an open and transparent manner.”



Comments will be collected through March 19, 2026

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Additional information about the project

Fliam appointed as County Judge

Governor Jim Pillen announced his appointment of Danielle J. Fliam as county court judge in the Seventh Judicial District earlier this week.

That district includes Antelope, Cuming, Madison, Knox, Pierce, Stanton, and Wayne counties. Fliam's appointment is effective May 15.

Currently, Fliam is an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Nebraska in Lincoln, where she handles the prosecution of federal crimes including sex and human trafficking, weapons and narcotic violations, child exploitation and other criminal offenses.

Before joining that office in 2022, Fliam was an attorney for Legal Aid of Nebraska, overseeing domestic and sexual violence cases, divorce proceedings, child custody matters and protection orders. Prior to that, she was with the Scottsbluff County Attorney's office from 2015 to 2021.

Fliam received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She earned her juris doctor at the University of Nebraska College of Law.

The vacancy is due to the retirement of Judge Donna Farrell Taylor.



Wortmann qualifies for National History Day

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, was the site of the Nebraska History Day competition on Saturday, April 25.

Five St. Rose School students competed at the state contest with entries connecting to this year's theme, “Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.”

Eighth grader Meredith Wortmann won second place with her Junior Individual Performance, “Rheta Childe Dorr: A Born Debater.”

Also competing at the state contest were eighth graders Jake Jackson, Alexis DeRoos, and Emma Arens and seventh grader Ella Pokorny.

Worthmann will represent St. Rose School and Crofton as part of the Nebraska contingent at the National History Day Contest in June at the University of Maryland/College

Park, near Washington, DC.

Students from St. Rose School have advanced to the national level with their History Day projects each year since 2016.



Meredith Wortmann

Mueller crowned in Hoop shoot

Nealy Mueller, daughter of Ben and Tierney Mueller, was named state champion in the 9 year old girls division of the Knights of Columbus free throw hoop shoot.

The event was held in Grand Island, where she made 19 of 25 free throws which tied her for first place with another individual. They then had a shoot off where Mueller came out on top and took the championship title.

In the front row of the picture to the right is Nealy Mueller holding her trophy. Left to right in the back row are Ben Mueller, Dan McFarland, Grand Knight of the St. Rose Knights of Columbus chapter and Kieth Goeden also a member of the St Rose Knights and district deputy the local Knights of Columbus chapters.

Primary election next Tuesday, May 12th

The 2026 Knox County Primary Election is less than a week away.

In 2024, the Voter I.D. process was implemented where Knox County voters had to write their driver's license or state i.d. numbers (these licenses/permits can be expired) on the ballot return envelope along with signing the envelope. The same holds true for the 2026 elections.

If the voter does not have a driver's license or state ID, the voter could enclose a copy of a Nebraska college ID (public or private), Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, public school, etc.); United States Passport; Military ID and Tribal ID.

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New Crofton Farmers market discussed
for summer at recent ECAP meeting

By: Taylor Arens
Journal Staff

Tourism has been a topic of con-
versation for the city of Crofton.
During each ECAP meeting, bring-
ing people to Crofton seemed to
be a common theme.

One of those tourism ideas was
a farmer's market.

The farmer's market committee
met on April 30 at 5 p.m. to discuss
plans for a weekly farmer's market
in the summer, Market in the Park.

Areas needing attention in-
cluded vendors needing proper
permits with food vendors need-
ing food safety licenses and other
vendors needing a Nebraska sales
tax permit on taxable items. Both
are factors important for a farmer's
market. There was also a need to
gather names and contact infor-
mation of vendors who'd be will-
ing to sell at the market. A couple

committee members both said
they were going to a market and
would gather business cards of
possible vendors. Due to different
states having different require-
ments, the focus was mainly on
Nebraska vendors so they'd have
all needed permits and licenses.

Getting the word out is impor-
tant. Ideas to get the word out in-
cluded: banners, signage on both
ends of town, digital sign, etc. It
was also suggested to put up a
sign near the lake so it'd direct traf-
fic to town. All would help get the
word out.

It was also discussed on where
it would be located in Crofton's
South Park to ensure the most
traffic to the market. There was an
energy for a need for people from
the lake to come to Crofton for
more than just to fill their vehicles
with gas.

They also spoke about the Face-

book page and to include those in
the committee as admins so not
one person has to run it.

The goal is to get started and
get people to attend, and to in-
crease and improve Crofton's
tourism. Another ECAP project
coming into fruition.

The plan is to start the market
on the third Friday of June, June
19, 5-7 p.m. It will run each Friday
through the summer months.

If you want to be a vendor or
know someone who wants to be a
vendor, contact Susie Hillman.

The community coming to-
gether to ensure Crofton is around
for years to come is proof that
members of the community care
about the town they love.

The next meeting will be on
Wednesday, May 27 at 5 p.m. to
discuss final details of the market
and to look at where vendors will
be set up.



Crofton had outstanding performance
at District Music Contest in Laurel

By: Darin Babcock
CCS Journalism

The Crofton Band and Choir
both showed up and showed
outstanding performances at the
2026 District Music Contest on

Friday, April 24 in Laurel.

The band scored as high as
they could with a rating of 1 in
every category. Categories in-
clude performance, interpreta-
tion, and musicianship.

The Crofton Choir also per-
formed extremely well scoring as
high as they could with straight
1's in each category. Categories
include technique, diction, and

musicianship.

Senior, Sophia Wortmann, has
been a part of both the Band and
Choir for four years. She states "I
think that both performances at
district music were satisfactory. I
am happy with how I played and
sang as an individual and as a
group. I would not have asked for
a better performance to end my
high school career."

Corrections &
Fixes

Correction: In addition to the
Crofton Community Foundation
Fund and Main Street Treasures,
the Sons of the American Legion
and the American Legion also
made substantial donations to-
ward the senior center's convec-
tion oven earlier this year.

"We were unaware of their
contributions at the time of pub-
lication and sincerely apologize
for the oversight. It is wonderful
to see so many organizations
working together to keep our
community strong."

Irma Arens, Chairman,
Crofton Com Foundation Fund

Letter to the
Editor

May 12 we will be voting on a very important office, that of a mem-
ber of the Nebraska "Board of Education.

This sounds like a not so important job, however, it is Very Impor-
tant.

It affects our children, grandchildren & our neighbor's children, the
future leaders of our state. Sherry Jones is running to keep her seat on
this board.

She is a retired educator,. Believes life begins at conception, a for-
mer member of the Association of American educators, a non-union
association. She believes we need education which is protective of
children's hearts minds and bodies congruent with the will of parents.
She is a conservative voice right now on this board.

We need her to stay on the Nebraska Board of Education. I urge you
to vote for Sherry Jones for Nebraska Board of Education.

Lois Keck

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results will be posted on the
Crofton Journal, Niobrara Tribune
and Verdigre Eagle social media,
the Knox County's website of knox-
countyne.gov and on the home-
page there is a yellow button that
says "County Election Results" that
you can click on. There you can se-
lect Knox County and see the unof-
ficial results that will be uploaded
after ballots are counted on May 12
after 8:00 p.m. Also, voters can call
the Knox County Clerk's Office at
402-288-5604 Election night for un-

official results.

The Canvassing Board will con-
vene on May 20 and will count pro-
visional ballots and the ballots from
those voters who had to bring in a
photo ID to "cure" the voter identi-
fication requirement. After the Can-
vassing Board adjourns, the official
totals will be uploaded to the web-
site.

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Crofton

Thursday, May 7

Life Serve Blood Drive, Fordyce Fire Hall 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Evening Meal, Crofton Senior Center 5:30 p.m.

Record Attempt, Missouri River Speed Record Paddlers, Riverside Park Amphitheater, Yankton 6 p.m.

Special Meeting of the Crofton City Council, Crofton Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Graduation, St. Rose Parrish Hall 7 p.m.

Friday, May 8

Last Day of School, St. Rose of Lima School

\$4.00 Frozen Fridays, Crofton Senior Center

Exercise Class, Crofton Senior Center 10:30 a.m.

Track and Field Day, St. Rose of Lima School 12:30 p.m.

Bingo Crofton Senior Center 1 p.m.

Community Service Day, Crofton Community Schools 1:00 – 3:30

8U Baseball vs. Hartington, Crofton Volunteer Fields

Saturday, May 9

Market at the Meridian, 2nd & Douglas, Yankton 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Commencement Crofton High School Gym, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

8th Graduation mass, St. Rose of Lima Church 8 a.m.

Husker Men's Baseball vs. Iowa, Hawks Field at Haymarket Park 2 p.m.

Monday, May 11

Students' Last Day, Crofton Community Schools

Warrior Golf, Randolph Golf Course 9 a.m.

JH Track, Creighton 12 p.m.

Bingo, Crofton Senior Center 1 p.m.

10U Baseball vs. Fordyce/Wynot, Crofton Volunteer Fields 6:00 p.m.

12U Baseball vs. Vermillion, Crofton Volunteer Fields 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Community Engagement Event for US-81/N-12 Inter-section, Crofton City Auditorium, 5:00 – 7:00, Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Crofton Community Schools, Board of Education Meeting, Crofton High

School 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

Life Serve Blood Drive, City of Crofton Auditorium 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Husker Men's Baseball at Creighton 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Regular Meeting, Knox County Board of Supervisors, Knox County Courthouse 9:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting, Knox County Board of Equalization, Knox County Courthouse 10 a.m.

Caregivers Support Group, Crofton Senior Center 1:30 p.m.

Exercise Class, Crofton Senior Center 3:30 p.m.

10U Baseball vs. Crofton, Crofton Volunteer Fields 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Advisory Committee meeting, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project, Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington 10 a.m.

District C-5 Track Meet, West Holt 10:00 a.m.

Evening Meal, Crofton Senior Center 5:30p.m.

Crofton 14 U Baseball at Hartington 6 p.m.

Husker Men's Baseball at Minnesota 6 p.m.

Crofton City Council Meeting, Crofton Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

Crofton City Council Meeting, City Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

Crofton Blue Jays at Freeman 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15

\$4.00 Frozen Fridays, Crofton Senior Center

Exercise Class, Crofton Senior Center 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, Crofton Senior Center 1 p.m.

8U Baseball vs. Hartington, Crofton Volunteer Fields 6:00 p.m.

Husker Men's Baseball at Minnesota 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Armed Forces Day

Nebraska Game and Parks Free Fishing and Park Entry Day

Market at the Meridian, 2nd & Douglas, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Niobrara

Thursday, May 7: Cougar Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m. at Niobrara

Tuesday, May 12: Westward Road City of Light Tour at 7 p.m. at Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 16: Niobrara Mini Golf, 5-7:30 p.m. Register at Jimmy Dean's

Niobrara EMTs, third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Village Board, first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

School Board, second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Niobrara Promoters, second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

American Legion, fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Niobrara Senior Citizens, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at noon at Lutheran Fellowship Hall



St. Rose holds annual campus clean-up

Many hands made light work of big projects as St. Rose of Lima School held their annual campus clean up Friday, May 1st.

St. Rose of Lima school has partnered with the local Catholic Order of Forester's Court for a campus-wide cleanup effort since 2015.

Preschool through eighth grade students are separated into groups and assigned tasks, such as cleaning up sticks and branches, raking rocks, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, planting flowers, and mulching. One year, students even repainted the outdoor statues.

The students' participation is registered as a Feeding God's Children (FGC) event, a Catholic Order of Foresters' year-round community service effort. It responds to the call to service described in Matthew 25. Through FGC, members (and non-members) are encouraged to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked. FGC events can be small or large, and last one hour or one month!

Forester court supports each participant with a free T-shirt, and purchasing mulch and flowers for church.



Historical

Niobrara

Compiled by the Niobrara Historical Society

May 8, 1879

Bruns and Kounts brick yard is full of business. They intend making 100,000 brick for the present kiln and commence another kiln, equally as large immediately after this begins burning.

Miss Katy Miller has opened a private school for boys and girls since there is not a fit school house for the number of scholars in Niobrara.

May 6, 1926

The Juniors entertained the Seniors at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on Friday evening. The room was decorated in the style of a Japanese Tea Garden.

The Northern Nebraska Power Company is contemplating new construction of a hydro-electric generating plant on the Niobrara River near Spencer in Boyd County

The is considerable pneumonia in town. Miss Flossie Fry died Sunday of it and the funeral was held yesterday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fry. Mr. Fry is now in the hospital having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

May 6, 1976

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, a Mother-Daughter Tea was held at the Lutheran Church. 86 signed the guest book. Mrs Robert Crosley of Verdel was awarded "the most here from one family"; most great grandchildren, Mrs. Emil Hanzlik; most grandchildren, Mts. Elmer Tishendorf.

May 2, 1996

The Niobrara girls track team attended the Butte Invitational April 23. Holly Tingelhoff earned a second in the high jump with a 4'11" jump and Lindsay Hanzlik received a second in shot put with a throw of 32feet, 21/2 inches.

Niobrara State Park is offering a new activity for the 1996 season. Our float tour will be guided by local historian, Charles Mulhair. The 19.6 foot raft will accommodate 12 people.



River

Report

April 30: Gavins Point Dam, 25,000 cubic feet per second flowing in; 24,500 cubic feet per second flowing out; -0.0 weekly change.

Fort Randall Dam: 26,000 cubic feet per second flowing in, 21,000 cubic feet per second flowing out. 0.1 weekly change.

The Missouri River at Niobrara was at 16.53 feet. Flood stage is 21 feet.

The Missouri River at Verdel was 21.15 feet. Flood stage is 24 feet.

Blood Drive
May 12th

A community blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at the Crofton Auditorium downtown.

The event will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. with walk-ins welcome.

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Caleb Guenther

CVF teams begin season with tournament, scrimmages



Isaac Guenther

Crofton 8U teams hosted a scrimmage on Monday, May 4th at Crofton Volunteer Fields. The teams open their season in the Cedar Knox League on Friday, May 8th.

The Crofton baseball teams participated in their opening tournaments during the weekend of May 2nd through May 3rd in Sioux Falls and Mitchell.

This started with the 12U and 11U teams who played in the Great Plains Bash in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

This tournament is notorious for its tough competition. In fact, the teams that the 12U and 11U competed against were probably the most difficult they will play all year.

This, coupled with the idea that it was the first three games of the season for all involved.

With this being said, the two teams went a combined 1-5.

The 12U played greatly against the Harrisburg Tigers, enjoying a 2-1 lead going into the fourth inning. However, fatigue settled in

and the Tigers scored three more in the sixth inning to give them a 6-1 win.

They then played Sioux Falls Boss (14-3 L) and a third team on Sunday.

The 11U team did not perform majorly better, but got to play some really strong competition. They fell 10-0 against Sioux Falls Boss and 11-3 versus Brandon Valley Sticks.

They did play well in their third game, winning 18-3 versus the Sioux Falls Lobos.

The 10U and 9U both played in the Mitchell tournament.

The 10U team played some excellent competition and were defeated by Pierre 16-3, by the Mitchell Avengers 15-2, and by the Mitchell Maize 5-2.

Earning tournament runner-up, the 9U team won 13-1 versus Harrisburg, defeated Mitchell 11-7, and lost to Parkston 4-2.

This week, the teams will split and participate in their Cedar-Knox League schedule.



Jaxstin Heine and Jett Panning



Braxton Hames pitching to Levi Kolterman



11u team at Sioux Falls TOP ROW (L-R)-Shon Kolterman, Scott Morrison, Braxton Hames, Isaac Guenther, Carter Morrison, Tatum Gowery, and Ben DeBlauw. BOTTOM ROW: Dominic DeBlauw, Ryker Schmidt, Oliver Lenzen, Levi Kolterman, and Axtyn Wortman.



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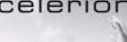
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Crofton's 18u team for the 2026 season.

18u team kicks off season with pair of wins over Yankton

Crofton 18U Spring Ball earned a pair of wins over Yankton Bucks Freshman/Sophomore on Monday, highlighted by a dominant no-hitter on the mound.

In game one, Crofton used an early offensive surge to secure a 7-4 victory. Josh Palensky and Jarrett Johnson helped ignite a first-inning rally, while Max Guenther and Ty Nielson added to the lead in the second.

Johnson earned the win on the

mound, striking out five over three innings, with Nielson providing relief. Crofton batters drew 10 walks in game one.

Game two belonged entirely to Crofton's pitching staff. Blake Connot set the tone with a clean first inning, striking out three, before Logan Guenther took over and delivered four no-hit innings, striking out seven and allowing just one walk. Together, the duo combined for a no-hitter and 10

total strikeouts in a 2-0 shutout victory.

Offensively, Nielson led the way with a perfect 2-for-2 performance at the top of the lineup, while Crofton applied constant pressure on the bases, swiping seven total steals.

Crofton's pitching staff, led by Connot and Guenther, stole the show on the night, anchoring a sweep with a no-hitter.

Bluejays open 2026 campaign

It was the perfect afternoon for baseball when the Crofton Bluejays opened their 2026 campaign at home Sunday afternoon, May 3 against non-league opponent, Dimock-Emery.

The Raptors took the game, 5-3, but the outing helped the Jays hone their skills as they enter into the tough South Central League schedule in the coming weeks.

The Raptors kicked things off with a solo homer to right field in

the first inning.

The Jays didn't get on the board until the bottom of the fifth inning when Zach Clark took a lead off walk, eventually scoring. They tacked on single runs in the sixth and the ninth, but it was too little too late.

Clark went 1-4 on the day. Tyler

Potts also collected a hit for the Jays. Dimock-Emery scattered five runs on nine hits, although a combination of five Jays pitchers struckout 12 Raptors batters and only gave up five walks on the day.

The Jays begin SCL play on May 14 at Freeman, taking on the

Bluejays season schedule

Thursday, May 21
- at Menno, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24
- Home vs. Lesterville, 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 31
- Home vs. Irene, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 4
- Home vs. Tabor, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 7
- Home vs. Lakers, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 11
- at Lesterville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 14
- Home vs. Freeman, 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 21
- at Wynot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24
- at Yankton Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 28
- Home vs. Menno, 6 p.m.
Friday, July 3
- Home vs. Wynot, 7:30 p.m.
Fireworks following game
Sunday, July 4
- at Irene, 6 p.m.
Sunday, July 12
- at Tabor, 6 p.m.

Warrior golf competes at Pierce and Tatanka Invites

By: Brooklyn Wiebelhaus
CHS Journalism

Tatanka Invite
Junior Layne Schieffer led the team, placing 17th at the Tatanka High School Invite on Wednesday, April 29, which led the team to an eighth place finish.

Devin Brummer placed 25th with a score of 80. Following up behind him was Justin Heimes placing 49th scoring 90, right up

behind him was Emersyn Guenther placing 79th with a score of 98. Carter Hans was next with a score of 102 placing 82nd.

Pierce Invite
Senior Devin Brummer led the team placing 19th at the Pierce Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 2, which led the team to a tenth place finish.

Junior Layne Schieffer placed

35th with a score of 93. Following up behind him was Carter Hans placing 43rd scoring 95, and Emersyn Guenther placed 56th with a score of 103.

The next meets will be on Wednesday, May 6 at the Niobrara Valley Golf Course; Thursday, May 7 at the Wayne Country Club; and Monday, May 11 at the Randolph Community Golf Course.

Crofton competes at Archangels Catholic

By Cole Miller
CHS Journalism

The Crofton Warriors competed at the Archangels Catholic on Tuesday, April 28 in Humphrey despite holding back a lot of their varsity athletes due to two upcoming meets in the same week, the Norfolk Classic and the conference meet.

The boys ended up placing sixth in the 4x100 relay with Easton Schendt, Knox Hegge, Gavin DeShazer, and Asher Haberman with a time of 48.88 seconds. Charlie Steffen placed third in high jump with a height of 5-08

feet.

For the girls Claire Marsh finished second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:07.03. Jaylen Panning took home first in the high jump with a height of 5-02

feet, which is a new personal record. Panning said, "It feels great to get a personal record and hope to place in districts and get a new personal record."

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Senior Spotlight



Pamela Dennis

Pamela Joana Dennis is the daughter of Erin and Andrew Dennis and sister to Fred Dennis. She was involved in FCCLA, Band, Chorus, One-Act, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Pamela's favorite memory from Crofton was being on Homecoming Court with some of her closest friends. Her advice for underclassmen is to try anything and everything that interests you. Don't be afraid to try new things, take new opportunities, and meet new people.

Pamela plans to attend the University of South Dakota in Vermillion to major in Dental Hygiene.



Emily Guenther

Emily Rose Guenther is the daughter of Tony and Kim Guenther and sister to Caitlin, Brady, Logan, Isaac, Jordyn, and Monica Guenther.

Her favorite high school memory was getting ready for Junior Prom at District Speech in Hartington. Her advice to underclassmen is to listen to the upperclassmen, they've already gone through what's happening to you, and can offer some sound advice, but still be your own person.

She will be attending South Dakota State University for Secondary English Education.

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Lauren Loecker

Lauren Jean Loecker is the daughter of Ryan and Janel Loecker and the sister of Brianna, Madelyn, and Ashlynn Loecker.

Her favorite high school memory was making ad videos in Mr. Doerr's government class and whenever the track kids were gone. Her advice is don't take criticism from those you wouldn't take advice from.

After high school she will be attending Mount Marty University to major in nursing with hopes of becoming a nurse anesthetist.



Lukas Schantz

Lukas R. Schantz is the son of Charity and Dwayne Schantz, and the brother of Devin Schantz.

His favorite high school memory was Junior year of one-act, where he was recognized as an outstanding actor for a role without a single line of dialogue. His advice to underclassmen is don't care about what other people think, they only have power over you if you believe what they say.

After high school he will be entering the workforce.



Jace Panning

Jace Jerrad Panning is the son of Jerrad and Tiffany Panning and brother to Jaylynn, Jaren, and Jett Panning. He is involved in Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, Yearbook, and Journalism.

Jace's favorite memories from Crofton are going to state football, and going to Homecoming and Prom. His advice for underclassmen is to get your work done early.

Jace plans to attend Briar Cliff in Sioux City to major in Biology while continuing his football career.



Kaydence Nielsen

Kaydence Brylee Nielsen is the daughter of Cammi and Jason Wavrunek and Byron Nielsen. She is the sister to Araya and Ty Nielsen and Cayden, Corbin, and Caryssa Wavrunek. She was involved in Chorus, FCCLA, and One-Act.

Kaydence's favorite memory from Crofton was senior English class when Addi Saul kept eating the plants. Her advice for underclassmen is everything happens for a reason.

Kaydence's plans on working at People's Grocery Store in the Bakery section after graduation.

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Jaylynn Panning high jumps at the conference invite



Avery Arens runs the last leg of the 4x800 relay

Crofton girls compete at Mid States Conference Invite

CHS Journalism
By: Addison Hames

The Crofton Girls Track and Field Team competed at the Mid-State Conference invite on Saturday, May 2 in Wayne, placing 4th place as a team with 53 points.

One of the champions was Addyson Ostermeyer placing first in pole vault and even breaking the school record previously held by Jayden Jordan at 10-06.00. Ostermeyer said, "I feel very happy because that was my high school goal!" Ostermeyer broke it at a new mark of 10-06.50. Avery Arens won the 1600m run and broke the conference meet record, previously held by her sister Haley, with a time of 5:03.91.

Other medalists included:
Pole Vault - 1st - Addyson Ostermeyer, 10-06.50
1600 meter run - 1st - Avery Arens, 5:03.91
High Jump - 2nd - Jaylynn Panning, 5-02
4x800 - 2nd - Cecilia Wortmann, Sophia Wortmann, Brooklyn Guenther, Avery Arens, 10:09.68
Shot put - 3rd - Seanna Pinkleman, 38-02.00
400 meter relay - 3rd - Brooklyn Guenther, 1:03.96

Triple Jump - 5th - Hudsyn Stout, 33-03.50
200 meter relay- 5th - Brooklyn Guenther, 27.56
800 meter run - 6th - Cecilia Wortmann, 20:30.10
Long Jump
10th - Hudsyn Stout, 15-03.00
12th - Madelyn Buschkamp, 14-08.00
17th - Collyns Stout, 14-00.00
Triple Jump
5th - Hudsyn Stout, 33-03.50
12th - Collyns Stout, 30-09.50
15th - Madelyn Buschkamp, 29-01.75
Discus
9th - Seanna Pinkleman, 92-05
13th - Emily Guenther, 82-04
26th - Ella LaCroix, 54-04
Shot Put
3rd - Seanna Pinkleman, 38-02.00
14th - Ella LaCroix, 28-09.50
24th - Shaun Anderson, 24-00.50
High Jump
2nd - Jaylynn Panning, 5-02
9th - Elizabeth DeRoos, 4-06
Pole Vault
1st - Addyson Ostermeyer, 10-06.50
9th - Baileigh Sailer, 8-00
4x800 meter relay - 2nd - 10:09.68

Cecilia Wortmann, Brooklyn Guenther, Sophia Wortmann, Avery Arens
100 meter dash
17th - Jaylynn Panning, 14.04
21st - Ella Reifenrath, 14.39
400 meter dash
3rd - Brooklyn Guenther, 1:03.96
21st - Keisha Strunk, 1:08.87
22nd - Elizabeth DeRoos, 1:11.72
3200 meter run
8th - Sophia Wortmann, 13:01.87
11th - Claire Marsh, 13:51.65
200 meter dash
4th - Brooklyn Guenther, 27.56
13th - Lillian Earley, 29.82
14th - Hudsyn Stout, 29.90
200 meter dash finals
5th - Brooklyn Guenther, 27.34
800 meter run
6th - Cecilia Wortmann, 2:30.10
21st - Keisha Strunk, 2:49.24
1600 meter run
1st - Avery Arens, 5:03.91
16th - Claire Marsh, 6:19.96
24th - Ashlyn Loecker, 8:01.08
4x100 meter relay - 10th - 55.55
Addyson Ostermeyer, Jaylynn Panning, Ella Reifenrath, Seanna Pinkleman
4x400 meter relay - 7th - 4:30.26
Hudsyn Stout, Cecilia Wortmann, Jaylynn Panning, Brooklyn Guenther



Preston Foxhoven and Porter Bartels

Crofton Track and Field Team took 16 to Classic

By: Seanna Pinkelman
CHS Journalism

The Crofton track team took 16 qualifiers to compete against the top athletes in the region at the Norfolk Classic on Thursday, April 30.

Avery Arens had yet another amazing day winning the 1600m and 3200m runs. Along with winning the race she set a new meet record for both with times of 5:01.49 in the mile and 11:02.69 in the 2 mile.

Brady Thoene secured second in the triple jump with a jump of 44-03.00 and fourth in long jump with a jump of 21-00.00.

Addyson Ostermeyer earned a third place finish in the pole vault

with a vault of 9-04.00. Trey Tramp also medaled in pole vault with a vault of 11-06.00 earning him fourth place. Addyson Ostermeyer said, "It was really nice competing at a higher level, and even though it didn't go as planned I'm happy with how the day went."

In the 200m dash Preston Foxhoven battled his way to a fourth place finish with a time of 23.37. Porter Bartels also qualified for the 200m and had a time of 23.67.

Seanna Pinkelman finished sixth in shot put with a throw of 36-10.05. The girls 4x800 team also placed sixth with a time of 10:14.61; the team consisted of Cecilia Wortmann, Brooklyn Guenther, Sophia Wortmann, and A. Arens.

S. Wortmann ran in the 3200m and had a time of 12:48.66. Hudsyn Stout, C. Wortmann, Lillian-Bosak Earley, and B. Guenther ran the 4x400 and had a time of 4:24.12. Jaylynn Panning qualified for high jump and cleared 4-06.00. H. Stout qualified for triple jump, with her best mark of 32-09.50.

Kaden Arens ran in the 3200m and had a time of 10:53.77. Breckin Jansen, Charles Steffen, P. Bartels, and Jackson Lynde ran the 4x400 relay in 3:38.56. C. Steffen also qualified for high jump(6-00).

The Warriors Track and Field team had the Mid-State Conference meet on Saturday, May 2 at Wayne.



Brady Thoene triple jumps his way to first.



Charles Steffen leaps over the bar at conference.

Warriors hit Wayne for EHC

By: Jaylynn Panning
CHS Journalism

The Crofton Warriors boys track and field team took to the road on Saturday, May 2 to compete in Wayne at the Mid-State Conference Invite.

With the best placing of the day, Brady Thoene won Triple Jump with a jump of 44-00, and he also placed 4th in long jump with a jump of 20-03.

High jump was successful for Charles Steffen who jumped 6-02, placing him third. He said, "I was happy with my performance at the

Conference Invite." He also shared that his season has had some hard moments, but he's hoping to get down to the State Track Meet in Omaha.

The boys 4x400 got 5th (Preston Foxhoven, Steffen, Porter Bartels, and Jackson Lynde) and finished with a time of 3:39.05.

Trey Tramp vaulted 11-06.00 and got 5th in pole vault. Overall the boys placed 8th in the meet with 27 team points.

4x400: Foxhoven, Steffen, Porter Bartels, Jackson Lynde, 3:39.05, 5th
100m: Foxhoven 11.95, 15th; Panning 11.70, 9th; Kolton Vorn-

hagen 12.09, 18th
200m: Foxhoven 23.90, 6th; Bartels 24.08, 8th; Vornhagen 24.74, 14th
Finals: Foxhoven 23.72, 5th; Bartels 23.79, 6th
400m: Lynde, 54.42 8th; Steffen 54.55, 9th
800m: Darin Babcock, 2:17.80, 12th
1600: Kaden Arens, 5:06.26, 12th
3200: Arens, 10:54.95, 8th
High jump: Steffen 6'2"; 3th; Connot Blake 5'4"; 10th
Long jump: Thoene, 20-03.00, 4th; Panning, 19-10.00, 7th, Asher Haberman, 18-08.00, 14th
Triple Jump: Thoene, 44-00.00, 1st
Shot Put: Bartels, 44-10.0, 7th
Discus: Bartels, 84-01, 26th
Pole vault: Tramp, 11-06.00, 5th; Foxhoven, 10-06.00, 9th



Addyson Ostermeyer



Charles Steffen takes off for the 4x400m relay.



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MRS. JOHN HEICK SERVICES TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Georgia L. Heick, 72, Crofton, were conducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, in Trinity Lutheran Church at Crofton by the Rev. Kenneth Franzen. Burial was in the Crofton City Cemetery.

Organist was Mrs. Cecil Pold who accompanied a quartet including Mrs. Art Safford, Steve Sufficool, Mrs. Noel Bass and Mrs. Norman Miller. They sang "Amazing Grace" and "Nearer My God To Thee."

Prebearers were nephews Alvin Raymond and Ernest Schuman, Wm. Cook, John Eckman, Harlan Halvorson, Norman Thompson and Raymond Jensen.

The body lay in state from 5 to 9 p.m., Monday at the White Funeral Home in Crofton.

Born Sept. 7, 1900 at Ashton, Nebraska she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stearns. She died Friday afternoon at the Lundberg Memorial Hospital in Creighton.

On Sept. 11, 1923 she married John F. Heick at Yankton. She had been a resident of the Crofton-Bloomfield area since 1923, moving to Crofton in 1954. Mrs. Heick was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, extension club and ALCW.

Survivors include five sons, Vernon of Tacoma, Wash., Donald and Darrell, both of Chula Vista, Calif., Wayne of Crofton and Lloyd of Anchorage, Alaska; three daughters Mrs. Gordon (Shirley) Mischke of Crofton, Mrs. Gordon (Joyce) Hoopes of El Paso, Tex., and Mrs. Donald (LaVonne) Koehler of Wausa; a brother Frank Stewart of Bay City, Tex., a sister, Mrs. Laura Harsh of Niland, Calif., and a foster sister, Mrs. Maude Olson of Yankton; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in June 1972.

NOTICE

The Legion Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday evening, May 9, at 8:00 p.m. in place of May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Rissler, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beran and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Strunk were in Omaha Sunday and Monday where the men participated in a golf benefit for retarded children.

Knox Fair Gets \$1000 From AkSarBen

The Knox County Fair at Bloomfield has received \$1000 from AkSarBen, according to the president and secretary of the Fair Board, Dr. Veryl Walstrom and Paul Jacob. Half of the money will be used for painting and repair of buildings on the fair grounds, and the balance will be spent on the rest rooms being built this year.

Mrs. F. Buschelman Held Monday, Fordyce

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Frank (Anna) Buschelman, 90, 718 Capitol, who died in Sacred Heart Hospital Friday was held Monday 10:30 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fordyce.

Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Rosary was recited Sunday evening 7:30 p.m. in the Kostel-McLeod Funeral Home followed by a Scripture at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Buschelman was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Steffen and was born in Constance, Neb., Jan. 4, 1883. She was married to Frank Buschelman May 26, 1908 at Constance and farmed west of Fordyce until retiring and moving to Yankton five years ago.

She was a member of the Christian Mothers of her parish.

Surviving are three sons, Harold, Hartington; Siegfried, Fordyce and Jerome, North Brook, Ill.; five daughters, Lucille, Mrs. Les Aspen, Hastings, Neb.; Viola, Mrs. Alphonse Schulte, Fordyce; Mary Ann, Mrs. Orie Barnes, Yankton; Berniece Buschelman, Washington, D.C.; Annette, Mrs. George Fillian, Creston, Ia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, eight brothers and sisters.

Girl's Track Wins 3rd Place at Plainview

On April 24, the Girls' Track Team went to the NENAC meet held at Plainview. Pierce won first place, Neligh received second and Crofton came in third.

The girls who placed were: Charlotte Bartz, first in the discus; Roberta Johnson, third in the 80 yard hurdles; and Joan Bogner, fourth in both the 50 yard dash and the 100 yard dash. Those receiving fifth places were GERALYN HAMES in the shot, and Mary Ann Hegge in the high jump. The team's 440 yard relay came in second.

Fellowship Tea Slated For May 4, Friday

The May Fellowship Tea will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lindy, Friday evening, May 4, 1973 at 8 p.m. All women from the Bloomfield, Crofton, and Niobrara communities are invited to take part in this fellowship.

This year Church Women United all over the United States and 168 foreign countries will celebrate with the program "As Hand Touches Hand". It salutes volunteers from local units who have initiated programs in health care, education for children and adults, in services to the aging, and the imprisoned. Together as Christian women we are reaching out in service "As Hand Touches Hand."

Take A Walk Today For Health Benefit

How fast should you walk, jog or run when you use one of these forms of exercise to help maintain yourself in good health?

Doctor Frank P. Stone, President of the Nebraska Medical Association, today urged Nebraskans put their speed at the bottom of their priority list when they walk, jog or run.

"The important thing in either of the 3 exercises is to move at a speed fitting your physical condition and your ability," Dr. Stone said. "In any case, no one should begin any exercise program without a check-up to make sure their body is capable of demands they expect to put on it."

"A 12-minute mile may be an excellent time for many people, while a seven-minute mile would be slow for others. The important thing is to pace yourself, not expecting more of your body than it is capable of delivering."

THE LUCKY LIVEWIRE

The Lucky Livewire 4-H club held their monthly meeting April 16 at 8:00 p.m. at the Ray Wilken home. Vice president Dale Van Heek called the meeting to order. We all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge. Mike Jackson took roll call and found two absent. Discussed were the 4-H projects and books. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held at the Duane Jackson home on May 15th at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Wilken served lunch after the meeting.

Mary Anne Hegge Reporter

Mabel Ross No Longer CPPD Bill Collector

For the past 33 years local patrons of NPPD Company have paid their light bills to Mrs. Mabel Ross. She has discontinued this service as of May 1. Light bills will now be paid at the Corner Drug Store.

Mrs. Ross brings to a close a span of 59 years of business in Crofton and is now in complete retirement. She is remembered by many who as children and teenagers spent much time in her place of business when she operated a confectionery store.

Plaques Given Firemen For Years Of Service

At a get-together of firemen and families Tuesday evening of this week, three firemen who were honored some time ago were presented plaques.

Plaques were presented to Edwin Liewer and Don Jackson. The plaques represent 30 years of service. Ed Liewer 40 years and Don Jackson 30. Mr. Harvey Collins will also receive his 30 year service plaque upon his return from an Illinois trip.

ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Miss Carol Marie Pinkelman of Wynot and Harold J. Goeden of Wells, Minn., are announcing their engagement.

Carol is the daughter of Leonard Pinkelman of Wynot and the late Marjorie Pinkelman. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goeden of Fordyce.

Miss Pinkelman is a 1970 graduate of Cedar Catholic High School and is presently employed at John H. Stockwell and Associates of Hartington. Mr. Goeden, a 1966 graduate of Crofton and a 1972 graduate of the University of South Dakota at Springfield, is a teacher at the Southern Minnesota Vocational Center, Wells, Minn.

A July 28th wedding date has been set.

STEFFENS' CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Steffen celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Friday, April 27th with a 1:00 o'clock mass at St. Rose Church followed by a family dinner in the parish hall with 48 guests present. Approximately 65 attended the invitational reception. They entertained at a dance in Crofton Auditorium with Corners Capers orchestra furnishing the music.

Lawrence Steffen and Frances Beesen were married April 26, 1933 at St. Rose Church in Crofton with Father Capius officiating. They have farmed in the Crofton Community their entire married life. They are parents of seven children, six sons and one daughter Marvalee, Mrs. Gary Richardson of Lincoln; Roger, Madison, Wisconsin; Keith, Kearney, Nebraska; Dennis, Chicago; David, Belden, Neb.; Loren and Paul, Crofton. Their children and families were present for the occasion.

Other guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meyer, Mrs. Dick Elliot, Sioux City, Ia.; Mrs. Emmet Cooney, Lincoln; Sister Harriet Gobel, of Yankton and Mr. Steffens mother, Mrs. Kate Steffen, of Bloomfield.

Mrs. Steffens bowling team assisted with the dinner and reception.

Winners Announced In Legion Raffle

- 1st Prize, 1/2 beef, Joe W. Schieffer
- 2nd Prize, Hind Quarter, Harold Thunker
- 3rd Prize, Front Quarter, Ralph Johnson
- 4th Prize, \$40 Groceries, Jerry Shelberg, Yankton
- 5th Prize 20 lb. Ham, Wilfred Hans, Wynot
- 6th Prize, 20 lb. Ham, Stannon Donner
- 7th Prize, 1 bushel seed corn, Mrs. Keith Kool
- 8th Prize, \$20 Grocery basket, Ed Pinkelman
- 9th Prize, \$20 Grocery basket, Roger Nohr
- 10th Prize, 1 rolled ham, Glen Harding

1st Communicants At St. Joseph's



Pictured here are those who received First Communion at St. Joseph Church at Constance Sunday, April 29.

Front row left to right: Robert Jansen, Marilyn Kueh-

ler, Marsha Kuehler, Gina DeBlauw, Matthew Lammers

Back Row

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And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

John 14:15-21

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

Psalm 66:8-20



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Sunday, May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

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Mass: 3rd Friday, 8:10 a.m.; 4th Friday, 12:05 p.m.

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Mass: 1st Friday, 8:10 a.m.; 2nd Friday, 12:05 p.m.

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Mass: 2nd Friday, 8:10 a.m.; 3rd Friday, 12:05 p.m.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

JAMES 1:27

Detail of "Mothers" by Kathe Kolbitz (1919)

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NOTICE AGENDA
City of Crofton City Council Meeting
May 14th 2026 6:30 PM
City Auditorium 1210 2nd
Call the meeting to order, Point out the Open Meetings Poster, Lead the Pledge of Allegiance, call roll.
Veto discussion for ball field fence:
Veto discussion for Hourly wage and hours for Media Manager:
Approve Meeting minutes for April 9th 2026
Approve Special Meeting minutes for May 7th 2026
Approve Claims for May 2026
Public Comment:
New Business:
Audit 2026 Report Kyle Overturf
Lakeview Golf Course update:
Lease with County for Mixing strip:
Five Rule Rural Planning
Flower Baskets for Poles
CD's at Farmers and Merchants:
Move Money to pay Sharon St Bond:
Betty Hamilton land:
Building Permits:
Elementary School water issue:
Old Business:
Walter House Clean Up:
Sidewalk in front of Office:
Bathhouse at pool update:
Streets repair update:
Brn update:
Tour NE. update:
Containers as storage units:
Committee Reports:
Planning and Zoning
Tree board
Administrative Reports:
City clerk
Maintenance
Code Enforcer
City Treasurer
Mayor
Possible Closed Session wage discussion or wage adjustments.
Adjourn Meeting: Agenda submitted by City Clerk Donna Benac
C19-M7
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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT
Monday, May 11, 2026; 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Crofton City Auditorium
1210 W. 2nd St. Crofton, NE 68730
The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will give a formal presentation starting at 5:30 PM with an open house to follow until 7 PM.
NDOT is hosting a community engagement event on Monday, May 11, 2026, regarding the proposed Jct. US-81/N-12 Intersection project. Join NDOT to learn about how roundabouts work, why they improve safety and traffic flow, and what they mean for your community.
The proposed project would reconstruct the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 (US-81) and Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) in Cedar County into a roundabout. Based on existing crash trends at this location, a roundabout has been identified as a preferred mitigation strategy to reduce crash and frequency and severity.
Following the event, meeting information will be made available online at ndot.info/32409. For questions, email: ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov or call: (402) 471-4567.

C19-M7
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MEETING NOTICE
SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1, KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 1 of Knox County has been scheduled at 9:00am Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at the residence of Lisa Timmerman, Kohles Acres Development Area, Crofton, Nebraska which will be open to the public.
An Agenda for such meeting is available for public inspection at the office of the Knox County Clerk, but the board of trustees may modify the agenda at said meeting.
Shannon Hildebrand
Knox County SID #1 Clerk
kohlesacres@gmail.com
C19-M7
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LEGAL NOTICE
In the matter of N.B. DOB: 09/19/2008, and concerning Santee Sioux Nation, Petitioner
AND
Feather Brown, Respondent Mother
AND
Unknown Father
to: Feather Brown AND Unknown Father
Take notice that a petition for Guardianship has been filed in the office of the clerk of the Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Court in the Village of Santee, County of Knox, Nebraska, naming you the Respondents. Upon your request, the Clerk will provide you with a copy of the petition in this matter. You must serve a motion or answer the petition within 30 days after the service of this original notice upon you with the Clerk of Courts.
If you do not, judgement by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Jamie James
RR 302 Box 5172
Niobrara, NE 68760
N06, A16-30, M7b
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NOTICE OF MEETING
Isanti Community School
PUBLIC MEETING POSTING & AGENDA
Agenda subject to change-Final posting Supt. Office
Isanti Community School
Village of Santee
206 Frazier Ave East
Niobrara, Nebraska 68760
Dakota Conference Room
Board of Education Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2026 @ 12:00pm
I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
II. Nebraska Open Meetings Law
III. Roll Call
IV. Public Comment & Recognition of Guests
V. Approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
VI. Treasurer Report
VII. Approve Outstanding Payables
VIII. Discussion and Action Items
VIII.A. New Hires / Resignations
VIII.B. Facility Advocates Summer Projects 2026
VIII.C. Technology NVR - Security Upgrade
IX. Reports
IX.A. Superintendent
X. *Closed Session: If, during the course of the meeting discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.
XI. Adjourn
N09, M7b
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Niobrara Public Schools - Board of Education Meeting
May 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
247 N. Hwy 12, Niobrara, Nebraska 68760
Opening the Meeting
Call to Order
Nebraska Open Meetings Law
Pledge of Allegiance
Board Member Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Public Comment
Reports
Superintendent
Principals
Board Committee Reports
Consent Agenda
Minutes of the April 13, 2026 meeting of the board
Bills
Financial reports
Action/Discussion Items
Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to the Findings and Recommendations of the Selection Committee for the position of Construction Manager at Risk for a new outdoor athletic complex and other facility addition and replacement project.
Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to the Special Building Fund use to complete tuckpointing on the South side of old gym area (Buildings and Grounds Recommendation)
Next Meeting Date
Adjourn
Closed/Executive Session: If, during the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.
Action Item: The board reserves the right to act on an item that is on the adopted board agenda.
N09-M7
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That a regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; however, the Board upon convening shall have the right to modify the agenda. The agenda is also available for viewing on the Knox County website at www.knoxcountyne.gov.
Joann M. Fischer
Knox County Clerk
N09-M7n/c
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That a regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; however, the Board upon convening shall have the right to modify the agenda. The agenda is also available for viewing on the Knox County website at www.knoxcountyne.gov.
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NOTICE OF MEETING
Crofton Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026
6:30 PM
Posted Locations:
-Crofton Locations:
-<https://www.croftonschools.org/>
Posted Date: 5/7/2026
Agenda:
1. CALL TO ORDER
1.1. Acknowledge placement of Open Meetings Act poster
1.2. Roll Call
1.3. Motion to legally convene
1.4. Approve Excusing Absent Board Members
2. CONSENT AGENDA
2.1. Approve previous minutes
2.2. Approve Secretary - Treasurer reports
2.3. Approve District bills
3. Public Comment
4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
4.1. Elementary Principal
4.2. High School Principal
4.3. Activity Director
4.4. Superintendent
5. NEW BUSINESS (Review, discuss, and take all necessary action)
5.1. Board Finance Workshop
5.2. Letters of resignation
5.3. Hiring Update
5.4. Curriculum and Instruction
5.5. Approve Track Improvement Project
5.6. Wrestling practice location
5.7. Replace HS gym light fixtures
5.8. Approve replacement of HS kitchen fire suppression system
5.9. Construction Update
5.10. Discuss, consider and take action with respect to the annual evaluation of the Superintendent (possible closed session)
6. ADJOURN
This agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution on May 7, 2026. A copy of the agenda reflecting any changes will be kept in the office of the superintendent and will be readily available for public inspection during normal office hours. Except for items of emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. The Board reserves the right to change the order of business discussed.
C19-M7
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
North Central Public Power District
Creighton, NE
Pursuant to Section 70-611 of the Nebraska Statutes, notice is hereby given that two Directors of the Board of North Central Public Power District are to be elected at the general election on November 3, 2026, one in Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3.
Subdivision 2 shall be composed and consist of Miller Township (including the corporate limits of the Village of Winnetoon); Creighton Township (outside the corporate limits of the City of Creighton and including the corporate limits of the Village of Bazile Mills); Cleveland Township (excluding Sections 1, 12, 13, and the North ½ of Section 24); the Southwest ¼ of Section 19 and the West ½ of Sections 30 and 31 of Columbia Township, all in Knox County, Nebraska. North Dry Creek Township (excluding Section 33 and the West ½ of Section 34); Sections 6, 7, 17 through 20 and 31 of Thompson Township; South Dry Creek Township (excluding the Northwest ¼ and the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 3 and those portions lying North of Highway 13 in Sections 4 and 5); Sections 6, 7 and 18 of Foster Township all in Pierce County, Nebraska. Bazile Township; in Antelope County, Nebraska.
Subdivision 3 shall be composed and consist of Niobrara Township (including the Village of Niobrara); Sparta Township, Sections 1 through 18 of Verdigre Township (including the Village of Verdigre); all in Knox County, Nebraska.
The incumbent directors are Brian Fanta in Subdivision 2 and Linda Jedlicka in Subdivision 3. Their terms of office in Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 3 are for the full term of six years.
Directors of the District whose terms do not currently expire are Mary Ketelsen, Brent Stagemeyer, Gregory W. Walmer, Terry Strope and James J. Kounovsky.
Filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates is August 3, 2026.
Gregory W. Walmer, Secretary
Published May 6, 2026
N09-M7
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
OF
ECKMANN 5, LLC
Notice is hereby given that Eckmann 5, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its designated office at 53944 892 Road, Bloomfield, Nebraska, 68718.
The name and street and mailing address of initial agent for service of process of the company is Reed G. Eckmann, 53944 892 Road, Bloomfield, Knox County, Nebraska, 68718.
Eckmann 5, LCC
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Bloomfield, NE 68718
(402) 373-4240
P08-A29, M6, M13
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING
The Cedar Knox Rural Water Project will hold its regular monthly Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, the 14th day of May 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington, NE. A copy of the agenda is on file at the District Office. This meeting is open to the public.
C19-M7
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ODDS AND SODS, LLC
Notice is hereby given of the formation of a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and that the name of the limited liability company is ODDS AND SODS, LLC. The address of the initial designated office is 208 6TH Avenue, Verdigre, NE 68783. The name and address of the registered agent is LDM Business Services, Inc., 10306 Regency Parkway Drive, Omaha, NE 68114. The general nature of the business to be transacted is all lawful business. The company commenced existence on March 10, 2026, and shall have perpetual duration. The affairs of the company shall be conducted by the Members, as prescribed by the Operating Agreement.
LDM Business Services, Inc.
4896-6617-3846, v. 1
N08 - A30, M7, M14b
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LEGAL
SANTEE SIOUX NATION TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL PERSONS-PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: CIVIL CASE 26-16
A PETITION FOR A CHANGE OF THE NAME: TRISTA RAYANN CAMEY whose date of birth is 03-31-08 has been filed with the Clerk of the Santee Sioux Tribal Court, Civil Case 26-16 CHANGED TO: TRISTA RAYANN CROWE
Any person who wishes to contest the Change of NAME shall appear at 1:00 p.m. on the 29th day of May, 2026 in the Santee Sioux Tribal Court, on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation, in Santee, Nebraska.
Kimberly Red Wing
Clerk of Courts
N08, A30, M7p
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LEGAL
SANTEE SIOUX NATION TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL PERSONS-PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: CIVIL CASE 26-15
A PETITION FOR A CHANGE OF THE NAME: Eliza lone Thomas, whose date of birth is 03-03-78 has been filed with the Clerk of the Santee Sioux Tribal Court, Civil Case 26-15 CHANGED TO: Eliza lone Moniz. Any person who wishes to contest the Change of name shall appear at 12:00 p.m. on the 29th day of May, 2026 in the Santee Sioux Tribal Court, on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation, in Santee, Nebraska.
Kimberly Red Wing
Clerk of Courts
N08, A30, M7p
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LEGAL NOTICE
Case No. CI 25-75
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
LANDMARK LAND, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY WILKINS, SILVIA WILKINS, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and ALL THOSE CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW,
Defendants.
TO: TIMOTHY WILKINS, SILVIA WILKINS, JOHN DOE, AND JANE DOE, named as Defendants in the above captioned action; and any and all persons who have, or who claim or appear to have some interest in, right or title to or lien upon the following described improvements to real estate, to-wit:
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Defendants, you and each of you, are hereby notified that on or about December 4, 2026, Plaintiff Landmark Land, LLC filed its Complaint in the District Court of Knox County, Nebraska, Case No. CI 25-75, against each of you and others, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a Tax Sales Certificate.
You, and each of you, are required to answer said Complaint on or before the 6th day of June, 2026.
LANDMARK LAND, LLC,
Plaintiff
By: Baylor Evnen Wolfe & Tannehill, LLP
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402/475-1075
rlannin@baylorevnen.com
By: /s/ Robert S. Lannin
Robert S. Lannin, #17941
C17-A23, A30, M7
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LEGAL NOTICE
In the Matter of I.B. (DOB: 07-01-2014), I.G.B. (DOB: 08-18-2017), I.G.B. (DOB: 07-03-2016), AND Concerning Santee Sioux Nation and Dakota Tiwahe Service Unit (DTSU), PETITIONER
AND
ARLICIA GODFREY, RESPONDENT
MOTHER
To: Arlicia Godfrey,
Take notice that a petition for Substitution Guardianship has been filed in the office of the clerk of the Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Court in the Village of Santee, County of Knox, Nebraska, naming you the Respondents. Upon your request, the Clerk will provide you with a copy of the petition in this matter. You must serve a motion or answer the petition within 30 days after the service of this original notice upon you with the Clerk of Courts.
If you do not, judgement by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
Kimberly Red Wing
RR 302 Box 5172
Niobrara, NE 68760
N07-10, A23-M14b
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NOTICE OF MEETING
The Eastern Township Library will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Library in Crofton.
C19-M7
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Court

News

Bookings
05-01-26: Rolando Jaimes, Santee, Neb – US Marshall picked up
05-02-26: Sophie Conklin, Lynch, shoplifting, \$0-\$500 – Knox County Warrant

On May 2 the Knox County Sheriff's office responded to a domestic assault in Verdigre.
After a confrontation, where the suspect fired a handgun inside the residence three times, the suspect was subdued by deputies, disarmed and handcuffed. There were no injuries during the confrontation. He was then transported to a mental facility and will later face charges for domestic assault.
On 5-2-26, the Knox County Sheriff's office investigated a 2-vehicle accident on Highway 12 near the 121 intersection in Crofton.

Knox County Board of Supervisors

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 9:58 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mladý District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.
Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by Affidavits of Publication and was simultaneously given to all members.
Chairman Schlote approved the minutes of the April 15, 2026 meeting.
County Assessor Beckmann informed the Board that 317 people have not filed their personal property schedules and the deadline is Friday, May 1, 2026. Also, the TERC hearing was held last week regarding the proposed valuations and Knox County does not have to do a show cause. One county must show cause because they did not follow the department suggestions.
The public comment session was held at 10:07 a.m. No one gave public comments.
Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:08 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 until Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. for a regular meeting.
Joann M. Fischer,
Knox County Clerk
N09-M7
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Board Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mady District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.
County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and sWausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by Affidavits of Publication and was simultaneously given to all members.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the April 15, 2026 meeting minutes.
Correspondence reviewed was the following: 1.) Letter from the City of Crofton informing the Board the mixing strip on Knox Avenue in Crofton will be an agenda item for their May 14, 2026 meeting; 2.) Letter from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice confirming on June 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., they will conduct the annual inspection of the Knox County Jail for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:41 a.m. Jon Sahagan, Director of Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Management, four members of the Bloomfield-Lindy Fire Department and Santee Police Officer James voiced their concern and questioned when the new paging testing would be implemented as the equipment has been received in the County Sheriff's Office. The new system provides a backup, is cellphone based, the page out shows who is responding, and this could free up dispatch. Platte Valley Communications will be coming on May 7 to install the testing equipment.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public comment session at 9:56 a.m.
All claims except Claim #26040252 were allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes.
Claim #26040252 payable to Elder Law and Estate Planning in the amount of \$9,639.00 from the Inheritance Fund was allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried.
Claims totaling \$595,892.65 are listed at the end of these proceedings.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 9:58 a.m.
The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:08 a.m. with all members present.
Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) The Board reviewed pictures of the Antelope/Knox County line CBMP project; 2.) Results of the items sold at the 2026 Hartington Spring Consignment Auction were reviewed; 3.) Bridge Crew update; 4.) Peoria Township Board members were scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss heavy traffic use but they were not able to attend this meeting and will reschedule; 5.) The current

A west-bound white 2025 Lexus owned and drive bey Daniel Schreck of Papillion was slowing to turn right onto 121 when a brown 2014 pickup, owned by Gary Guenther of Crofton, driven by Haligh Guenther of Hartington ran into the back of the Lexus.
There were no injuries.
On April 24, 2026, 16 law enforcement officers from across Knox County met at the Knox County Sheriff's Office firearms range.
The offers qualified with duty handguns and patrol rifles for the yearly State of Nebraska Firearms Qualification. The officers were from the Bloomfield Police Department, Creighton Police Department, Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Police and the Knox County Sheriff's office.

911 signs in the County were placed in 1999 except for those signs along the State system that were replaced. Signs along the County oil roads will be next to be replaced. It costs approximately \$110 per intersection for the new signage and there are 900 intersections in the County; 6.) Discussed road conditions and holes along the County oil roads; 7.) Road employee Jeremy Crosley has been operating the patch truck.
Placed on file was Receipts Revenue List of April 13 – 24, 2026.
Check #26030145 in the amount of \$6,659.50 payable to Reg 4 Behavioral Health System was canceled.
The Board voted to apply the Opioid Lawsuit Funds received towards the annual support payments to Region IV Mental Health Services and Region IV-ODD.
Attorney Ryan Cwach met with the Board regarding maintenance of the Kohles Acres entrance road. Complaints continue to be received about the condition of the entrance road and Mr. Cwach asked if the County would consider repairing and maintaining the road. The Board made no comments and no action was taken.
Candace Meredith for NACO updated the Board on recent legislation and upcoming NACO events and meetings.
Monda Kohles met with the Board regarding a recent SID #2 meeting where it was discussed vacating cul de sacs in the Devils Nest Subdivision. Civil County Attorney Myers-Noelle said that there is case law that says the roads may be SID maintained roads in the subdivision but the County still has the jurisdiction to vacate/abandon the roads and streets within the subdivision plus there is a process where the requestor would have to pay the costs for vacation/abandonment. No action was taken by the Board.
The Board went into closed session at 11:30 a.m. so as to protect the public interest to receive legal advice regarding the North Fork Wind litigation. The Board came out and closed the closed session at 12:10 p.m.
The Board went into closed session at 12:15 p.m. to review applications received for the Administrative Assistant position in the Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator/Floodplain Administrator Office. Also present during the closed session were EM/ZA Taylor, County Clerk Fischer and Senior Office Clerk Surface. The Board came out and closed the closed session at 12:58 p.m.
GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 98,302.88; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, ex, 3,333.00; Bomgaars, ex, 81.46; Brockhaus Funeral Home Inc., ex, 985.00; Center Garage, ex, 25.00; Classic Carpet Care, ex, 50.00; Clerk of District Court, ex, 39.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, ss, 7,664.93; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, ex, 187.00; Don Henery, inc, 51.09; Election Systems & Software Inc, ex, 3,984.21; First National Bank Omaha, ex, 6,094.77; Holiday Inn-Kearney, ex, 279.90; Knox County Sheriff, ex, 2,003; Knox County Treasurer, ex, 60,655.21; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, ex, 260.00; Quill Corporation, ex, 466.44; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret, 6,828.98; Schumacher Elevator Co., ex, 2,981.00; Verdigre Printworks, ex, 97.50.
ROAD FUND. Salaries, 41,053.10; Black Hills Energy, ut, 58.57; Bomgaars Supply Inc., ex, 1,616.15; Cedar Knox PPD, ut, 242.18; Cmart LLC, ex, 453.04; Collector of Internal Revenue, ss, 3,140.55; Creighton 59 LLC, ex, 402.84; Crowne Plaza Kearney, ex, 1,019.70; First National Bank Omaha, ex, 4,782.95; Freeman Oil LLC, ex, 1,596.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., ex, 11,591.21; Kimball Midwest, ex, 191.03; Medical Enterprises Inc, ex, 5.00; Nebraska Public Power District, ut, 149.34; Omaha Slings Inc., ut, 1,024.32; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret, 2,711.10.
FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Truck Center Companies, ex, 284,899.00.
CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, ex, 173.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems, ex, 81.00; Nebraska Clerks of District Court Assn., ex, 75.00.
VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, ex, 149.90; Flagship Publishing Inc., ex, 1,300.00; Growing small Town Nebraska Podcast, ex, 1,100.00.
VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,877.35.
C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, ex, 225.62; KBRB, ex, 150.00; KNLV Radio, ex, 150.00.
INHERITANCE FUND. Bloomfield Public Library, ex, 5,000.00; Cedar County Transit, ex, 2,750.00; Copple Rocky Schlecht Mason PC LLO, ex, 605.48; Creighton Public Library, ex, 5,000.00; Eastern Township Library, ex, 5,000.00; Elder Law and Estate Planning, ex, 9,639.00; Lincoln Township Library, ex, 5,000.00; Niobrara Public Library, ex, 5,000.00; Verdigre Public Library, ex, 5,000.00.
SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Bob Barker Company, ex, 310.03.
Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, until Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.
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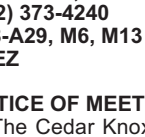
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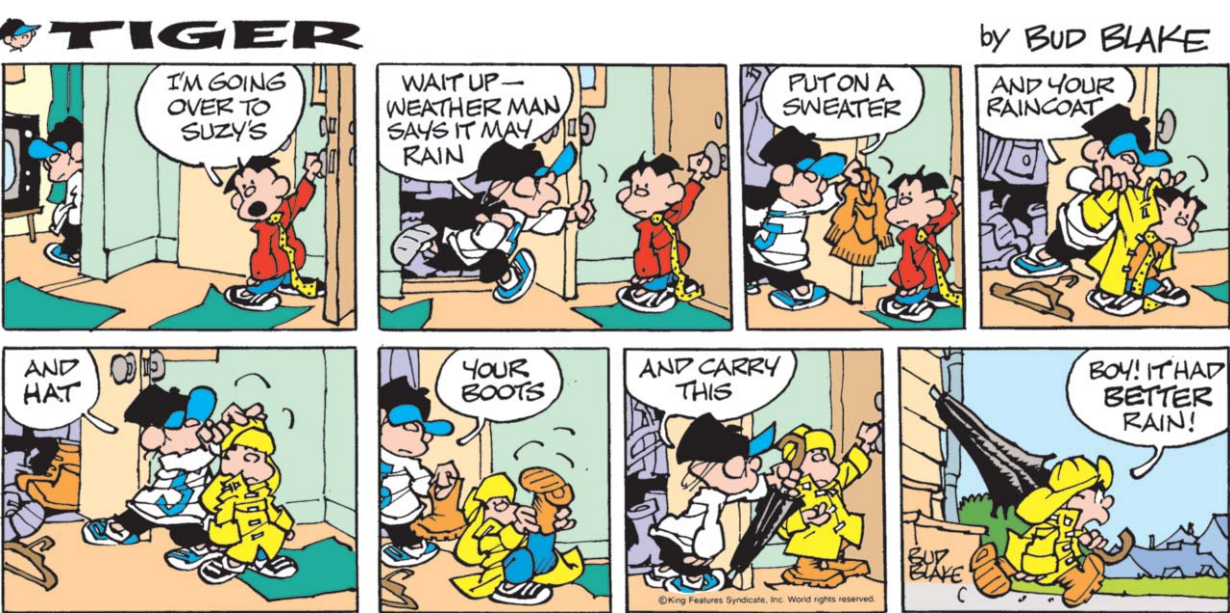
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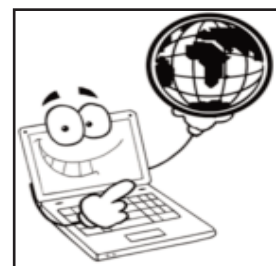
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