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Newsletter - Sep 25th, 2026

Arrival: 7:50-8:20 Dismissal: 3:20 Early Dismissal Days: 1:00

Principal's Update

🍦 **Ice Cream Truck Reward – Monday, September 28**

Bennet Families,

We did it! After surpassing our **$25,000 Panther Fun Run goal**, all PreK–5th grade students have earned our **Ice Cream Truck Reward** on Monday!

Students will have the opportunity to choose from **six different treats**, including **two "school-safe" options** to help accommodate common dietary and allergy needs.

If your child has a **dietary restriction/allergy** that we need to be aware of OR you **do not want your child to participate**, please complete the form below by **Sunday, September 27**.

If your child can participate and choose their own treat, you do not need to complete the form.

🍦 **Ice Cream Truck Dietary Restriction/Opt-Out Form:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Lr0bVHPiuwuy88Ut_jrfA6Fyo1v2oL1CWaaNwF_oEtOFLg/viewform?usp=dialog

We can't wait to celebrate with our Panthers! Thank you again for helping us absolutely crush our Fun Run goal!













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🐾 Panther Fun Run – Final Results & Rewards!

The Panther Fun Run fundraising has officially concluded, and our Bennet community raised **more than $25,000** to help fund the purchase of **new student chairs!** Thank you to our families, students, and community for making this year's fundraiser such an incredible success!

🏆 Final Fundraising Winners

🥧 **Top Student Fundraiser: Judson** — who has earned the honor of **pieing Mr. Haag in the face!**

🍩 **Top Fundraising Class: Mrs. Wusk's Class** — they'll celebrate with **Donuts & Juice with Mr. Haag!**

🍧 **Top Fundraising Grade:** This one came down to the wire! **First and Fifth Grade were separated by only about $30**, so we're calling it a **TIE!** Both grades will celebrate with a **Popsicle Party!**

🎉 Schoolwide Rewards We Earned

Our Panthers absolutely crushed their fundraising goals, which means we have several celebrations coming up!

$10,000 – Pajama Day 💤Wednesday, September 30th
Students can wear their favorite school-appropriate pajamas to celebrate!

$15,000 – Music in the Lunchroom 🎶Friday, October 2nd
We'll turn up the music and make lunchtime a little more fun!

$20,000 – Panther Picnic at Bennet Park 🧺
Date TBD — we'll keep an eye on our lovely Nebraska fall weather. 😊

$25,000 – Ice Cream Truck 🍦Monday, September 28
All PreK–5th grade students will have the opportunity to enjoy a treat from the ice cream truck!

🎁 Individual Student Prizes

To the best of our knowledge, **all individual fundraising prizes have now been delivered.** If you believe your child is missing a prize or there was an error, please email Mr. Haag so we can get it corrected. Thank you again for the tremendous support of our Panther Fun Run. **More than $25,000 raised, every schoolwide reward unlocked, and a whole lot of fun along the way!**Now it's time to celebrate our Panthers and put these funds to work making Bennet Elementary even better!

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Panther Paw Winners



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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September:
- Sep 28- Ice Cream Truck Day
- Sep 30- Pajama Day

October:
- Oct 2- Music at Lunch Day
- Oct 2- 1st Grade Apple Party
- Oct 7- No School/ Teacher PD
- Oct 14- End of First Quarter
- Oct 15- No School/ Teacher PD
- Oct 16- No School
- Oct 30- Halloween Parties and Parade

November:
- Nov 17- No School/ ECNC One Act
- Nov 25-27- No School/ Thanksgiving Break

December:
- Dec 18- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Dec 18- End of First Semester
- Dec 19-Jan 3- No School/ Winter Break
- Jan 4- No School/ Teacher PD

District Calendar

26-27 District Calendar

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How to Access our School Programs from Home

This document is to help our students reach their academic school programs from home. **This includes AR, Boost, and IXL.** Please follow this step by step guide to access these programs.

Important information to login:

Student email address:_____

Student email password: _____

Step 1: Go to https://www.districtor1.org/

Step 2 Click on this dropdown menu on the webpage.



Step 3: Click on students from the dropdown menu



(check back page)

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Step 4: Click on Clever login

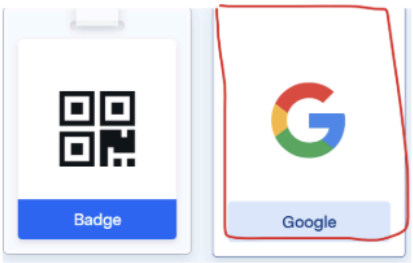
Elementary Links

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Clever Log In
Accelerated Reader Log In
Accelerated Reader Book Finder
Library World (Bennet)

High School Links

PowerSchool
Library World (Palmyra)

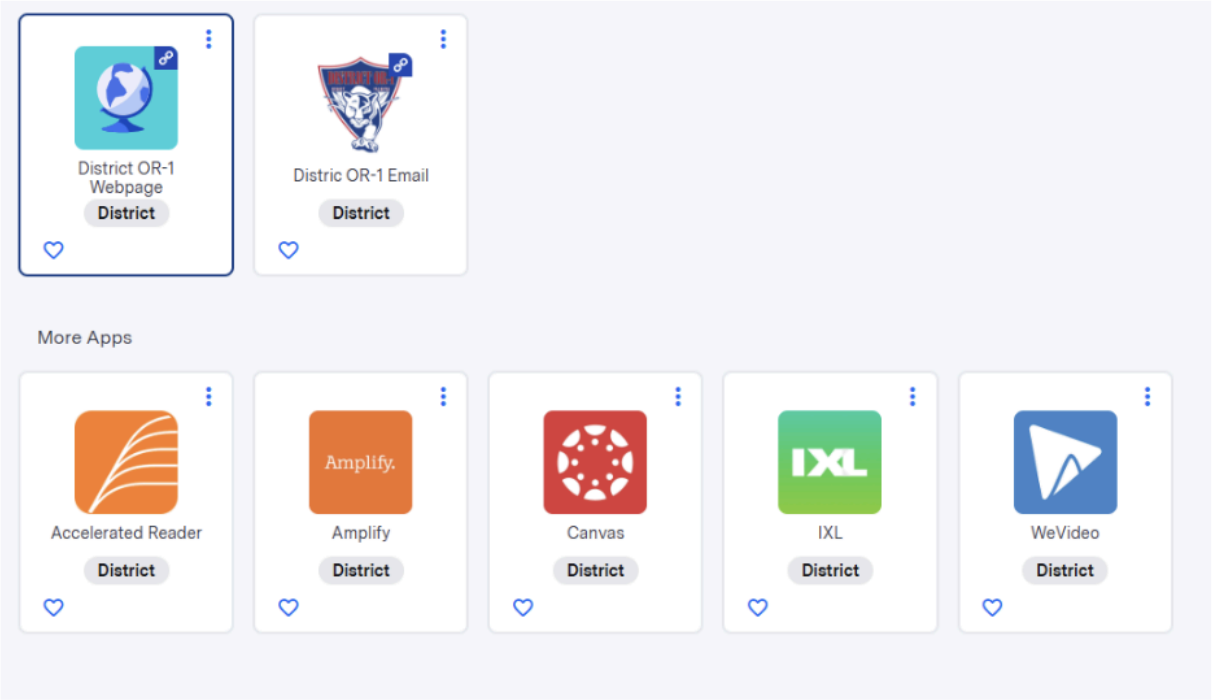
Step 5: Click on Google log in



Step 6: Enter in student email address and password:

Step 7: Click on desired program

***** Please note the Amplify option will get you to Boost. *****



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CHAMPIONS

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- STEM skills galore
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- Independent and curious
- Inside (and outside!) play
- Help with homework
- Snacks included!

Our before-and-after school programs start when school stops so your child can extend their education in a new way every day.

SPACE IS LIMITED...ENROLL TODAY!

Programs	Hours	Weekly Tuition Part Time 1-2 days I Full Time 3-5 days
Before School	6:30am - School Start	$30.00 I $45.00
After School	School Dismissal - 6:00pm	$40.00 I $65.00

Enroll Here!

Area Manager: Jessica Shafer-Coburn
Phone: (682) 371-8864
Email: jessica.shafer@discoverchampions.com

Call or email us for more information, or to schedule a tour today.

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CHAMPIONS

HOW TO ENROLL

Follow these steps to register your family and enroll in a Champions® program. This can only be done on the website, not in the app.

- Register once per location if your child attends more than one school.
- If you want to enroll in a program at a different school, make sure to use the same email so we can link accounts. Enroll at Multiple Locations.
- Complete registration steps for each child.!

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to **my.discoverchampions.com.**
2. Search by Zip Code or choose your location, then click "Enroll."
3. Enter your child's information. Click "Continue."
4. Fill in parent/guardian information. Select the Primary Caregiver. Click "Continue."
5. Add at least three contacts: Family Member, Authorized Pick-up, and Emergency. Click "Continue."
6. Choose your program, select attendance days, and pick your Monday start date. Click "Continue."
7. To add any discounts, click "+Add Discount," select Coupon Code or Subsidy from the drop-down options, and then enter eligibility information or coupon code.
8. Review your order and click "Continue."
9. Click "Pay Now," enter payment info, and confirm.
10. Check your email for confirmation. Follow the link to set your password, and finish setting up your account.

WELCOME TO CHAMPIONS!



Questions? Email us at ChampionsHelp@KC-Education.com or call 1-800-246-2154. Champions Family Support is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST.

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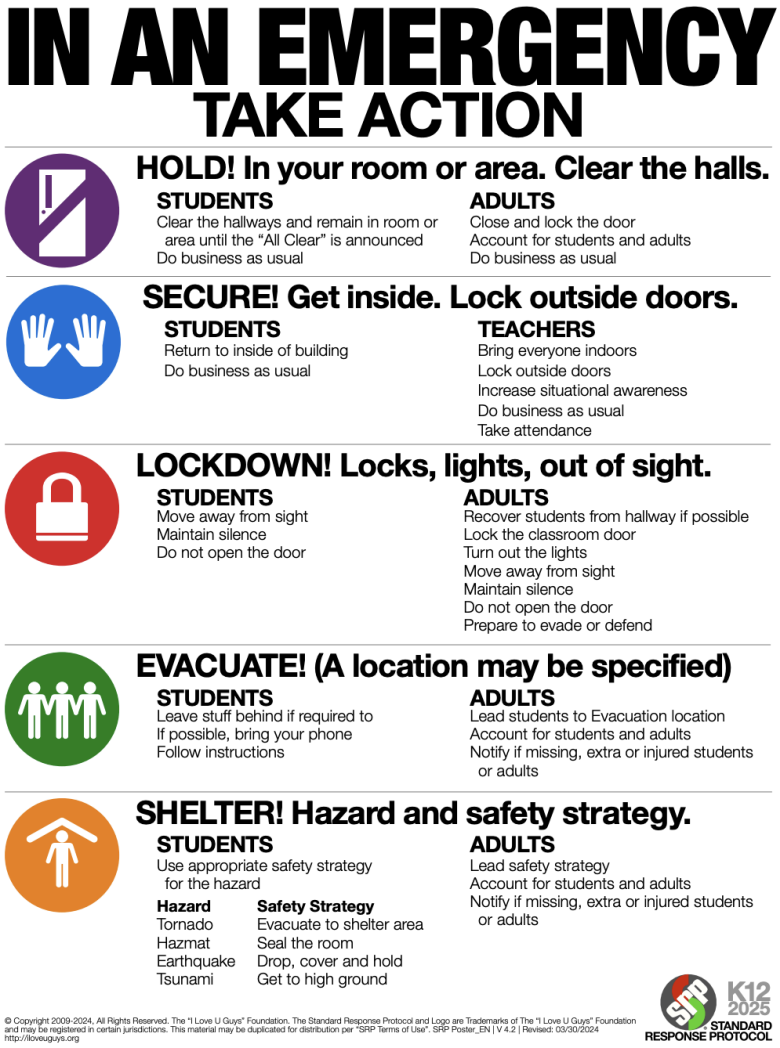
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Standard Response Protocol

Student safety remains our highest priority. Throughout the year, students will practice the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) which will teach them how to respond during different emergency situations. The SRP provides a standardized approach for responding to both threatening and non-threatening events that may occur in or around our school.

These protocols provide actions for the following situations:

- Hold (stay in classrooms due to a non-threatening event)
- Secure (danger is outside the school)
- Lockdown (danger is inside the school)
- Evacuate (leave the school building, often referred to as fire drill)
- Shelter (tornado or severe weather)



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WE'VE GONE DIGITAL!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL STUDENT FORMS ARE NOW DIGITAL THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

1. Click the link to be taken to the PowerSchool log in page
2. Click on "forms" on the left hand side. You will need to fill out forms for each child.
3. Continue clicking "forms" until all forms have been completed.

New users to Powerschool were mailed their log in information in July. If you need additional assistance, please email Melissa for the elementary: ostrander.mel@districtor1.net or Kristi for the high school: norman.kri@districtor1.net

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Complaint Procedures

As outlined in the District OR-1 Parent/Student Handbook, we ask families to follow the district's established complaint procedure when questions or concerns arise. In most situations, that means starting with the staff member who is most directly involved in the matter.

Our goal is always to address concerns as quickly and effectively as possible. The person closest to the situation is typically in the best position to provide information, answer questions, and work with you toward a resolution.

The Parent/Student Handbook outlines the following process:

Step 1: Contact the staff member most directly involved in the matter and provide them an opportunity to address the concern.

Step 2: If the concern is not resolved, contact the building Principal.

Step 3: If the concern remains unresolved, contact the Superintendent.

Step 4: If the concern remains unresolved, it may then be addressed with the Board of Education.

We certainly want parents to communicate with us when they have questions or concerns. At the same time, please help us honor this process by beginning with the appropriate staff member and working through the established steps rather than skipping directly to a later level.

Following this process gives the individuals closest to the situation an opportunity to listen, gather information, and address the concern before it is elevated. It also helps us maintain open, respectful, and productive communication between our families and staff.

As always, certain matters—including discrimination, harassment, bullying, or disciplinary concerns—may have specific procedures outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook and should follow those procedures when applicable.

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Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked French Toast Syrup Bacon Hard Boiled Egg	Biscuit Sausage Patty Over Hard Fried Egg Cheese	Cook's Choice	Croissant Scrambled Egg Patty Ham Patty Cheese	Panther Funnel Waffle Yogurt

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Build Your Own Sub Potato Chips	Walking Taco Doritos Refried Beans Taco Toppings	Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Egg Patty Yogurt Bar	Sloppy Joe Bun Smiley Fries Carrots	Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Potato Chips

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, September 28th- FFA Meeting, 7:30 am.

JH Girls Basketball Meeting, West Gym Commons, 7:45 am.

FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference @ UNL East Campus.

Girls Golf @ Grandpa's Woods, 10:00 am. Van leaves at 8:45 am.

HS Cross Country @ Kearney Country Club, 12:30/ 1:30 pm. Bus leaves at 8:15 am.

JH Football vs. Auburn @ Olson Sports Complex, 4:15 pm.

JV Volleyball vs. Nebraska City @ Nebraska City High School, Reserve at 5:00 pm, JV at 6:00 pm. Bus leaves at 3:15 pm.

JV Football vs. Wilber-Clatonia @ Olson Sports Complex, 6:00 pm.

One-Act Rehearsal from 6:00 –8:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 29th– Softball vs. Auburn @ Auburn, JV at 5:00, Varsity at 6:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

HS Volleyball Triangular @ PHS. Palmyra vs. Elmwood Murdock at 5:00 pm, Palmyra vs. Syracuse at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 30th- Nebraska Wesleyan College Visit, bus leaves at 8:45 am.

FFA Land Judging @ Humboldt 9:00 am. Bus leaves at 7:15 am.

Thursday, October 1st- Girls Golf @ Hidden Valley, 9:00 am. Van leaves at 7:45 am.

HS and JH Cross Country @ Branched Oak, 10:00 am. Bus leaves at 8:00 am.

Softball vs. Malcolm @ Taggart Park, JV at 5:00 pm, Varsity at 6:30 pm. Softball Senior Night Recognition 6:25 pm.

One-Act Rehearsal from 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Football Team Meal in the East Commons @ PHS, 6:00 pm.

Friday, October 2nd- Football vs. Yutan @ Yutan High School, 7:00 pm. Bus leaves at 3:30 pm.

Softball @ David City Tournament (rescheduled) 10 am/ 12pm/ 2 pm. Bus leaves at 7:15 am.

Saturday, October 3rd- JH Volleyball Tournament @ Lincoln Christian, 9:00 am. Bus leaves at 7:45 am.

HS Volleyball @ Fort Calhoun High School, 9:00 am. Bus leaves at 6:45 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 5th– Softball, NSAA Class C Districts, TBA.

Girls Golf, NSAA Class C1 Districts, Hidden Valley Golf Course, 9:00 am.

JH Volleyball vs. Weeping Water @ PHS, 4:00 pm.

Volleyball vs. Crete @ Crete High School, Reserve at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity at 6:45 pm.

JV Football vs. Milford @ Milford High School, 6:00 pm.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 6th– Girls Golf, NSAA Class C1 Districts, Hidden Valley Golf Course, 9:00 am.

Cross Country, ECNC Meet @ Auburn Country Club, 4:00 pm.

JH Football vs. Fort Calhoun @ Fort Calhoun High School, 5:00 pm.

Volleyball vs. Weeping Water @ PHS, JV at 5:00, Varsity at 6:00 pm.

Volleyball Senior Recognition Night @ PHS, 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 7th– NO SCHOOL for students. Professional Development Day.

Bluez Marching Festival @ PHS, 10:00 am.

Thursday, October 8th– Be A Teacher Day, Dress like your favorite teacher @ PHS!

Volleyball @ Johnson-Brock High School. Palmyra vs. Johnson-Brock at 5:00, Palmyra vs. Lourdes Central Catholic, 6:00 pm.

One Act Rehearsal 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Football Team Meal @ PHS East Commons, 6:00 pm.

Friday, October 9th– Softball NSAA Class C District Finals, TBA.

Football vs. Omaha Brownell Talbot @ Brownell Talbot, 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 10th– Elkhorn Marching Invitational, TBD.

Softball NSAA Class C District Finals, TBA.

JH Cross Country State Competition @ Papillion-La Vista South High School, 12:00 pm.

JH Volleyball Tournament @ Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, 9:00 am.

GO PANTHERS!

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TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
6:00 – 7:30 PM

FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE
OCTOBER 27

PARENTS MEETING
OCTOBER 20
6:00 PM
WRESTLING ROOM

INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

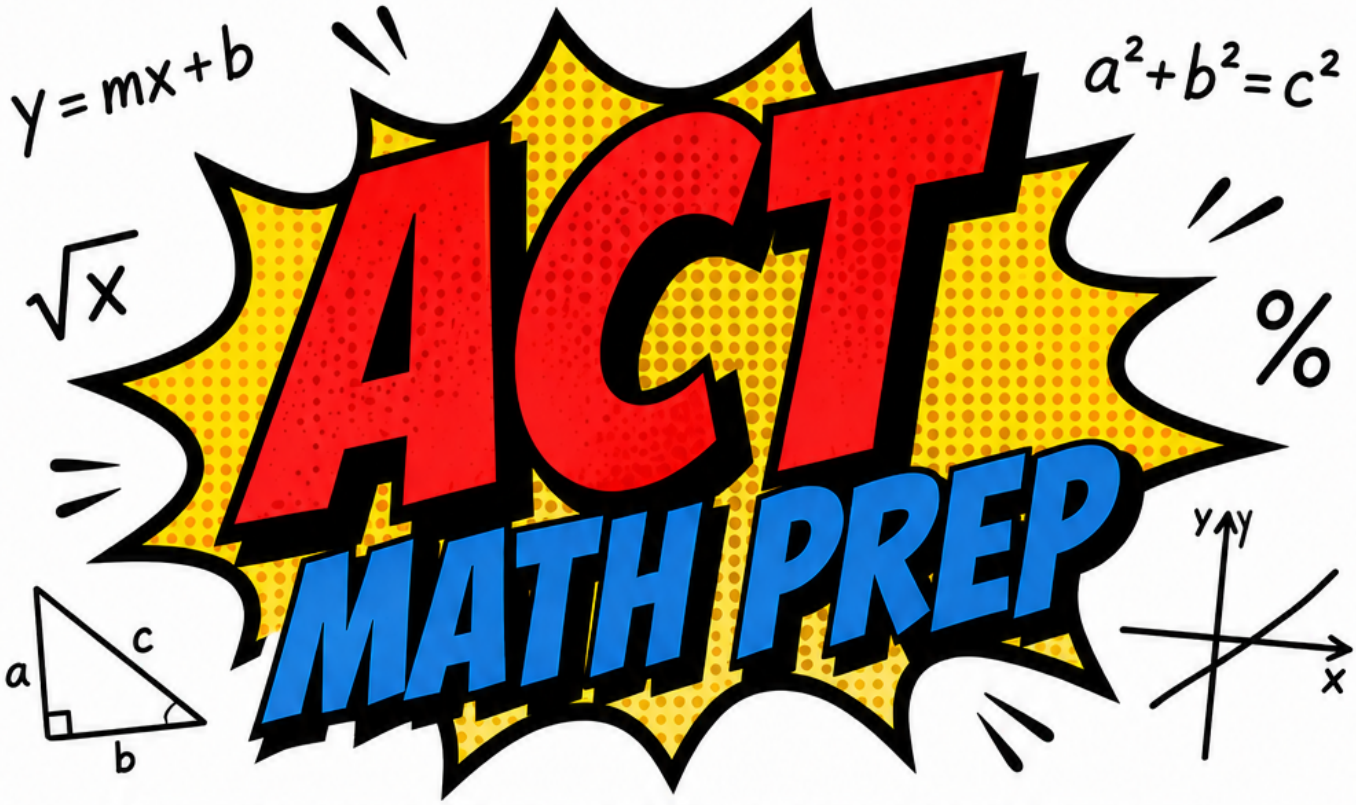
The club will pay for two tournaments this season.

Tournament details will be announced once the schedule comes out.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

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For more information, contact:
Allen K. - (402) 304-6460
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Or Message us on our Facebook page

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