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## KCTS Applies For Federal Grant

KCTS operates  
20 Vehicles to  
Various  
Locations

BY DARIA  
ANDERSON-FADEN  
The Observer

KCTS is in the process of requesting two years of financial assistance from the Federal Transit Act.

In an effort to educate the residents and citizens of the southern panhandle, KCTS held a town hall earlier this month, which the public could attend in person or via Zoom. Although only one person attended the town hall, anyone is still able stop in and get answers from Administrator Christy Warner.

The purpose of the town hall was to provide information on how the grant works, answer people's questions, and get public feedback. The grant is complex and requires an in-depth conversation to explain how it operates. KCTS put together a booklet that goes through the service and answers many common questions which is available to the public.

The \$1,334,995 in local funds listed in the application notice covers two fiscal years and is split between several sources. One of the larger sources is administrative services, which is when KCTS supplies transportation for other government entities or businesses and pays the matching funds for said services, such as the City of Chappell, Deuel County, and Clean Harbors.

Another important revenue source is the money from the advertising on the vehicles. KCTS also receives matching dollars for taking Medicaid trips, delivering meals, and rides for DHHS.

Most people want to know how many Kimball County tax dollars are requested. When KCTS was small and couldn't make matching funds through administrative services, advertising, and such, it all came from property tax. However, now KCTS pays almost \$148,500 a year in rent for the main transit building plus \$529,591 in vehicle leases to the county. The profits from those things allow the commissioners to fund the Kimball County match without using property tax. These profits also put money back into the county pot to compensate for the money they have previously transferred or loaned to KCTS.

KCTS has 20 vehicles that they operate throughout the southern Panhandle including Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Chey-

Please See KTCS  
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Sentinel ICBM: The United States most advanced nuclear missile.

## Sentinel Missile Meeting Fires Off

Air Force Town Hall April 1, Tuesday at 6:00 P.M.

BY DARIA  
ANDERSON-FADEN  
The Observer

Details emerge about the Sentinel Program Town Hall, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, at Kimball Jr/Sr High School, hosted by the U.S. Air Force.

According to Glenn Robertson, Chief of Media Relations for the

90th Missile Wing Public Affairs, Maj. Gen Colin Connor, Director of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Modernization, Site Activation Task Force, will attend the town hall. The Commander of the 90th Missile Wing, Col. Johnny Galbert, will also attend. Three other officials include Mr. Steve Kravitsky, Director of Sentinel SATAF Detachment 10, Col.

James Rodriguez, Acquisitions Program Manager, Nuclear Warfare Center, and Lt. Col.

The focus of the meeting is to provide updates to the Sentinel program. Robertson said there will "likely be some repeated information, just because of the nature of these types of events, but this isn't a "repeat" per se."

After the welcome message,

the meeting will address why to modernize, the status of Sentinel, on-base construction, and the claims process. The meeting will have an area with a map set up for landowners.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., with 30 minutes for the presenters and another 30 minutes of Q&A from the audience.

## The Bourliers Continue Larry Browers Legacy

BY DARIA  
ANDERSON-FADEN  
The Observer

The legacy of Larry Brower's Choice Gas Program continues as local CPA Ryan Bourlier and his wife, Ruth have taken over the Choice Natural Gas Selection Program for Kimball consumers.

Brower saved area natural gas customers thousands of dollars and the Bourliers intend to continue with the savings.

Ryan wants people to watch their mail because on March 27 Black Hills Energy sends out the Choice Program packets to customers that contain information about all the participating Certified Natural Gas

Providers and your customer number.

Simplifying the process, Ryan said a box at Nebraska Coffee will be the drop off spot for people to drop off their form. Ryan will negotiate on our behalf. His goal is to represent "over a million therms, not sure if we can get it but the earlier we can get the forms in the

better." The selection period is from April 3 through April 23.

Like Brower's program, Bourlier Gas Group saves you time, money, and hassle! Ryan explained, "We're compiling a list of those who would like to be part of the group to get the best rate during this year's Choice Gas Program." Please See Bourliers, Page A6

## KIMBALL COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY



DARIA ANDERSON-FADEN / THE OBSERVER

Kimball students attending County Government Day in Kimball were able to see the spike strips up close as Kimball County Sheriff Dave Hottell shows them the tiny nail like pieces that go into the tire. The spike strips can extend across both lanes of traffic on Highway 71 or Interstate 80.

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 Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

## Kimball Area Upcoming Events Calendar

**The Observer Upcoming Events Calendar shows you what's going on in Kimball and nearby communities.**

**Wednesdays during Lent** – Lenten Luncheons sponsored by the Kimball Ministerial Association from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, 700 Cedar St., Kimball. See ad on this page for more details.

**Ongoing** – Sundays, 2-4 p.m. The Banner County Museum in Harrisburg open for folks to drop in, put puzzles together, play cards or enjoy some history. Everyone is welcome.

**Ongoing** – Kimball Concert Association membership drive. Ticket information: Karen Morrison at (308) 235-5788, Susie Abramson at (308) 235-6927 or Meg Strauch at 308-235-4871.

**Ongoing** – Kimball Public Library offers mobile internet hotspots, a virtual headset, movies to borrow, classes with WNCC, craft making and lots of reading material.

**Ongoing** – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at New Hope Assembly of God Church, 413 E. 3rd, Kimball. The Christ-centered Celebrate Recovery program helps people recover from any kind of hang-up, hurt or habit. Details: 308-235-2854.

**Ongoing** – Second Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m., Prairie West Church in Potter hosts food pantry and garage sale tables. Items available for freewill donation. To donate, call 785-772-7098.

**Third Saturdays** – Helping Hands Food Ministry of Kimball Baptist Fellowship distributes free food to any resident of Nebraska who meets a few financial qualifications on the third Saturday of every month at 507 S. Oak St, Kimball, from 9 to 11 a.m. Bring your own container.

**First Tuesdays** – 9:15-11:30 a.m. Kimball Food Pantry open at 519 W 5th St.

**Second, third and fourth Thursdays** – 5:15-6:30 p.m. Kimball Food Pantry open, 519 W 5th.

**Through March** – Shoe Drive at Clothes Minded Laundromat to benefit Kimball parks and folks who need footwear. See ad on this page.

**Wednesday, March 26** – Kimball County Sheriff's

Office to begin weekly testing of tornado sirens at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

**Friday, March 28** – through March 30. "Paddington in Peru" showing at the Goodhand Theatre in downtown Kimball. See ad on this page for times and more.

**Tuesday, April 1** – The Air Force will host a Sentinel missile town hall update meeting at Kimball Jr/Sr High, 6-8 p.m. Public invited.

**Saturday, April 12** – Spring Carry-In Supper at Banner County Museum.

**Saturday, June 14** – Banner County Historical Day.

**Email event info to editor@westernnebraskaoobserver.net, call 308-235-3631 or deliver it to our office at 118 E.2nd St., Kimball, NE 69145.**

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## ART SHOW AT KIMBALL HIGH SCHOOL



DARIA ANDERSON-FADEN / THE OBSERVER

For the fourth year Art Instructor Mark Jefferis has hosted an Art Show featuring artist from the Kimball Public School. In addition to the Art Show, the One Act, and Speech teams performed on Tuesday. Other teachers have art work display from their classrooms including Mr. Walker's and Mrs. Schutz's classes. Laural Norberg has a special display entitled Apple Study. Mr. Jefferis mentioned other highlights such as the High School Art Still Life Drawings, a special project with crayons and watercolors with the Kindergarten classes. Elementary students created masks to protect them from their make believe monsters, a cardboard city, and Pop Art Selfies.

## LIBRARY LINES

### Friends of the Kimball Library first in Nebraska

BY AMBER SWEETLAND  
 Kimball Library Director

The of the Kimball Library are once again planning their organization's annual meeting. The Friends of the Kimball Library was the very first friends' group in the state of Nebraska. That is a very big feather in their cap. The current members of the Friends of the Kimball Library are hard at

work to continue this legacy of support for the library. Every year the Friends work hard to fundraise to support the library. They step in whenever it is needed. Sometimes they assist with the costs of children's programming. Most of the children's preloaded educational tablets were provided by the Friends. Every year they provide the food for the Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party at the city pool.

They also provide funding for the many performers the library has hosted for summer reading over the years. We are very grateful to have the support of such a well-rounded nonprofit group. This year the Friends of the Kimball Library Annual Meeting will be held at the library on April 5th at 2 pm. This meeting will provide a financial statement for the year, a summary of what the friends

have worked on this year, and an open house for the library. The library staff will provide tours and details of the services we provide. There will be refreshments. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, the Friends of the Kimball Library is a great way to give back to the community. Join us on Saturday, April 5th @ 2 pm.

## DINING ROOM NOW OPEN!

We're thrilled to announce that our dining room is now open to the public for lunch. Join us 11 am to 1 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Kimball Health Services 255 W 4th St. [kimballhealth.org](http://kimballhealth.org)

## Social Security Increases Transparency and Accountability

Shares More Information Online

The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced today several new initiatives and resources to promote greater transparency and accountability.

"President Trump has been clear that good government must serve the People. This begins with being transparent in how its government makes decisions and operates as good stewards of the resources entrusted to it," said Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "With this guiding principle in mind, Social Security is taking several important steps to increase transparency and accountability in order to help others understand our agency's work and the complexities we navigate."

What to Know about Proving Your Identity: SSA re-

cently announced it is strengthening identity proofing requirements for people who do not use a personal my Social Security account to apply for cash benefits or to change direct deposit information for benefits. To help the public understand the new policy, SSA today published a new webpage, What to Know about Proving Your Identity | SSA.

Weekly Operational Report Meetings: Acting Commissioner Dudek meets with his senior leadership team throughout the week to tackle a range of challenges facing the agency. During the Weekly Operational Report (WOR) meeting, leaders focus on specific topics, the options presented to the acting commissioner, and the resulting decisions

made during these meetings. Beginning March 14, 2025, each WOR is recorded and published to SSA's YouTube channel. The WOR Playlist is available here: SSA Weekly Operational Report Meetings

Agency Actions: Acting Commissioner Dudek also published online a summary of select agency challenges, options presented, and the Acting Commissioner's ultimate decisions. SSA plans to update this page periodically to include notable matters the current Administration is solving. Agency Actions | SSA

National 800 Number Wait Times: The American people do not receive the prompt customer service they deserve when calling the agency's 800 number. Despite the knowledge, dedication, and experience of SSA's telephone representatives, customers wait too long to speak with a representative. People deserve to know the wait time challenges they will face if unable to use the agency's secure and convenient online services. Acting Commissioner Dudek is increasing the level of

detail shared with the public to provide an honest and transparent view of wait times. Social Security Performance | SSA and Contact Social Security By Phone

Efficiencies and Cost Avoidance: SSA works closely with the General Services Administration to identify unused and underutilized office space. SSA published its Efficiencies and Cost Avoidance webpage that lists soft-term lease terminations, including an explanation for each location and whether any change affects the public or not. For nearly all locations, the space being terminated is only a small room within the larger Social Security office location.

Workforce Update: SSA identified opportunities to optimize its workforce by offering voluntary opportunities to depart the agency or move to a frontline customer service position. The Workforce Update | News | SSA webpage briefly explains each voluntary option and how many employees accepted that option.

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## Reframing The Story Of Nebraska Newspapers

There is a common perception that newspaper media is struggling. We know. Newspapers tend to be the ones reporting on it.

Part of the challenge the industry faces is its own making because we keep looking back at what newspapers used to be. We long for the days of 80% weekly PRINT market penetration and being the only game in town. But the truth is, the world has changed – not just for newspapers.

It used to be that media meant newspapers, television, and radio. Today, if you ask someone to list the various mediums, the list grows ever more expansive, incorporating not just traditional news media but also social media, blogs, podcasts, vlogs, video shorts, and now even AI-driven content.

In short, the media market has more players and is much more fragmented.

Newspaper media organizations need to stop focusing on yesteryear. Instead, it's time to reframe our perspective given this new market. And when we do that – when we truly analyze where newspaper media in Nebraska stands in comparison to all other media – we find that Nebraska newspapers are in a strong position in a fragmented market.



**JERRY RAEHAL**  
NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIATION

ship: 991,000+ and growing – more than 50% weekly market share between newspaper print and websites. And that's not even counting newspaper social media channels.

- Monthly Newspaper Media Reach: 70-80% of Americans engage with newspaper media (print, digital, social) monthly (America's Newspapers report).

### Readership Trends In 2024

While overall print/digital replica readership in Nebraska declined by 10%, there are promising signs of growth:

- More than a third of Nebraska newspapers saw print and digital subscriber growth of 5% and more.

- Nebraska metros saw the biggest drops (21% decrease in print/replica subscribers), but they also have the largest digital audiences and growth in digital replica subscribers. They also have more news competition than community markets.

- On a weekly basis, newspaper media (both print and digital) are reaching half of Nebraskans – and that's not even including newspaper social media channels, e-newsletters, or other forms of engagement.

That's a remarkable achievement in today's fragmented media landscape.

### Newspapers As A Pillar Of Community Well-Being

Beyond audience numbers, we need to recognize the deeper role newspapers play in their communities. The data is clear: communities with newspapers tend to have lower taxes, less government corruption, better-performing schools, and healthier communities.

Subscribing to a newspaper – whether in print or digital – isn't just about staying informed. It's an investment in the well-being of your community.

Likewise, when advertisers use the diverse marketing options that newspaper media provides, they are not only running effective, brand-safe, and trusted campaigns – they are making a positive impact on their local economy.

### The Outsized Role Of Newspapers In The News Ecosystem

Why do newspaper make such a difference to their communities?

Newspapers don't just serve their readers – they serve the entire news ecosystem. While they make up only 25% of the media landscape, they account for 50% of all original reporting. That means when a newspaper closes, all other forms of media – including other legacy outlets, digital and social media – lose one of their primary news sources.

Part of the reason for this is that newspaper media has been, and remains, one of the most trusted media sources, consistently ranking first or second across various studies. Readers turn to newspapers for credible, in-depth reporting, which is why newspapers continue to play such a critical role in shaping the news that other media outlets rely on.

### Time To Reframe The Narrative

Newspaper media needs to reframe how it tells its story – to stop defining themselves by what they used to be and start owning the role they still play today. Newspapers must stop looking backward and instead build for the future – based on changing audience needs and evolving media habits.

It's time to rebrand newspaper media – not as a struggling industry, but as an indispensable, evolving, and still dominant player in Nebraska's media landscape.

*The writer, Jerry Raehal, is chief growth officer of the Nebraska Press Association.*

## LETTERS TO EDITOR INVITED

The Observer welcomes your letters to the editor and opinion pieces, so why not give it a try to express your thoughts about something you care about?

Please submit letters by 8 a.m. on Mondays for that week's paper. Letters can be emailed to [editor@westernnebraskaobserver.net](mailto:editor@westernnebraskaobserver.net) or delivered to the office. Letters should be signed and include contact information. No anonymous or slanderous letters.

The Observer honors opinions of writers, but reserves the right to edit or reject letters due to length, content or clarity. Political endorsement letters, political campaign letters and thank you letters will not be considered for letters to the editor.

## Securing American Agriculture

Nebraska farmers and ranchers produce the safest and most abundant food supply in the world. Agricultural inputs have further increased efficiency, improved resiliency to disease and drought, and reduced impacts on the environment. Nebraska producers have led the way on all those fronts. They feed and fuel the world.

This month, I introduced bipartisan legislation to secure our food and agricultural supply chains. Communist China is the single greatest foreign threat we face. A Communist

supply chains. This month, I introduced the Securing American Agriculture Act with Democrat Elissa Slotkin of Michigan. Our bipartisan, bicameral bill will bolster and protect our food and agricultural supply chains. It will also reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries.

Specifically, our bill does two things. First, it requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct an annual threat assessment. This would examine food and agricultural supply chains. It would look at current domestic production capacity for critical inputs. The assessment would also examine current and potential bottlenecks in our supply chains.

Second, our bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend solutions to mitigate threats from Communist China. This would mean recommending new rules or laws to encourage diversifying our supply chain away from China.

That way, we can onshore more production and protect our supply chains. Our bill is bipartisan and bicameral. Iowa Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and Illinois Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi are leading the legislation in the House. We're working to get this common-sense bill over the finish line.

China's strategic control over crucial sectors of our food and agricultural supply chains poses a serious national security threat. Food security is national security. Losing access to key inputs could reduce productivity, increase food prices, and undermine food security.

My Securing American Agriculture Act will bolster and protect these supply chains. It will reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries. It will protect Nebraska farmers and ranchers. I'll keep fighting until we pass it.



**PETE RICKETTS**  
NEBRASKA U.S. SENATOR

## Farm Bureau Welcomes Waters Of U.S. Changes

Nebraska Farm Bureau President Mark McHargue made the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced March 12 that it is taking steps to revise the Biden administration's 2023 "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule.

"Through 10 years and three U.S. presidents, Nebraska farm and ranch families

have lived with the back and forth of federal rules and regulations when it comes to federal Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules. Today's announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency to both clarify and simplify federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act is welcome news.

"We applaud EPA Administrator Zeldin and the Trump administration

for again working to ensure farmers, ranchers, and other landowners don't need a team of attorneys and consultants to know what bodies of water and land features fall under federal water regulations.

"We look forward to providing detailed comments to the EPA and continuing our work to ensure farmers and ranchers can continue to feed, fuel, and clothe our country and the rest of the world."

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## SPEECH TEAM MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR STATE

The Banner County School Speech Team competed March 17 in Sidney in the Class D2 District Meet. Seven kids qualified for State in Kearney on March 28th. Isaac Olsen earned 1st in Informative. Oral Interpretation of Drama – consisting of Isaac Olsen, Karleigh Leslie, Makynna Boettcher, Keira Bolander and Lydia Wenger – earned 1st. The duet team of Keira Bolander and Lydia Wenger earned 3rd. Abby Jones earned 3rd in Serious and Kemera Palu earned 2nd for Poetry. Medaling but not qualifying for state was Sofiah Villigrana for Humorous. “All 9 members of our Speech Team did an awesome job,” said Coach Rick Caudillo. “They worked very hard all season. I am very proud of them! I would like to thank parents and family for their support.” Coach Caudillo said he has been coaching Speech at BCS for 6 years and this is the 4th time students have qualified for state. Pictured in the back row are Kesmera Palu, Karleigh Leslie, Isaac Olsen, Keira Bolander and Abby Jones. Front Row: Makynna Boettcher, Sofiah Villigrana and Lydia Wenger



FOR THE OBSERVER

### Skillet Seared T-Bone Steak

### Recipe



#### Ingredients

- 1½ pound T-bone steak, about 1-inch thick
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1-2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasonings
- Fresh herbs for garnish

#### Directions

- Remove steak from the refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
- Pat steak dry with a paper towel, then season generously with 1 teaspoon Kosher salt, 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper, and 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasonings.
- Add 1-2 tablespoons olive oil to a large cast iron skillet and heat over high heat. Make sure to coat skillet well.
- Place steak into hot skillet and sear for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown.
- Once steak is browned on both sides, place skillet in oven.
- Cook until steak temperature reaches your desired doneness. It takes about 6-8 minutes to reach 130 degrees, which is medium-rare.
- Transfer steak to cutting board and let it rest 10 minutes. Cut steak from the bone and carve meat across the grain.

## Spring is Coming to Banner County

BY BARB CROSS  
Observer Columnist

Good morning! Spring is definitely in the air, hip, hip hoorah! Last week of March and the folks at the Gering Library are offering help in the planting of your garden, ‘Planning Your Garden’ at the Library at 10 a.m. today, March, 27th. Today is also the first day of the weekend movie at the Midwest Theater. The movie Nickel Boys will play today and Sun-

day at 1:30 p.m. and tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. This one is rated PG-13 and is about a couple of boys in a brutal reformatory in the Jim Crow South. Friday the 28th is Kids Night Out at Elodies Oddities, 102 E Overland, and since there is No School at Banner on that day you might want to check that out, the time is 6 p.m. The Speech students will be in Kearney on that day and the following day will be All State Band, also at Kearney, so many of those students will have a

full weekend. Saturday the 29th will find the high school track team in Morrill and a Women’s Self Defense Strategy course will be offered at One More Rep Fitness in the Uptown Scottsbluff Mall. If you are 16 years old or plus you are eligible and the class will begin at 9 a.m. The final Winter Farmer’s Market will run between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. out at the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering. Two events at 2620 College Park begin at 1 p.m. One is a Copper Wire Jewelry making class and the other one is a Beginners Sourdough Bread class. The Leid Library

in Scottsbluff will host a program on Japanese Immigrants of the North Platte Valley at 2 p.m. Vicki Sakurada Schaepler and Diane Sakurada Mercer will present “A Legacy Saved: Japanese Immigrants of the North Platte Valley and the Impact of WWII. Just a little side note here, if you have not had a chance to go see the Japanese Hall out at the Legacy of the Plains Museum you are missing out on a big piece of local history. These two ladies were instrumental in that project. There will be a Pot Luck at 900 O Street in Gering on Sunday the 30th at 11:30 a.m.

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## Welcome

### Kyle Fowler, PA-C

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Kyle Fowler, PA-C, earned a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree at Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska. Fowler is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

As the area’s only neurosurgery practice, Fowler and his colleagues provide comprehensive neurosurgical care for diseases of the brain, spine, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves, including chronic pain and degenerative diseases of the neck and lower back.

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- \_\_\_\_-been
- Trots and canters
- And others, for short
- Shred of clothing
- Aptitude test, acr.
- a.k.a. sodium carbonate
- In ignoble manner

- One behind plate, for short
- Patrick Swayze/Demi Moore movie
- George Lucas’ warrior-monk
- \*Egypt’s famous queen
- Capital of Tunisia
- Military status
- “High” time
- River in India
- Rainbows, e.g.
- Al Capone, e.g.
- Difficult situation
- Striped stinger
- Biblical paradise

### DOWN

- Ho-hum
- Indian royal
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Plane road
- “Sometimes a cigar is just a \_\_\_\_\_”
- She turned to stone
- Not yet final, legally speaking
- \*Second-longest reigning British monarch
- Spaghetti aglio and \_\_\_\_\_
- Do like bees?
- Go wrong
- Top of a mountain, e.g.

- #8 Down’s headdress, e.g.
- Untwist a rope
- Third degree
- Lawyers’ loads
- Informed of latest trends (2 words)
- Homeric epic
- Exterminator’s target
- Liquorice flavor
- Based on number 8
- Rash
- \*Mohammad Reza \_\_\_\_\_ Pahlavi
- Get calories
- \*Robert Graves’ “I, \_\_\_\_\_”
- Comprehend

- Medicinal amt.
- Kindle editions
- Not quite right
- Posture
- Unfriendly stare
- From this time
- Equinox month
- Concludes
- Underwater hermit
- Arnold Lobel’s “Frog and \_\_\_\_\_”
- Tug-of-War equipment
- Soon, to a bard
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# FARM & RANCH

## Maybelline & Scoot



**BRYCE ANGELL**  
A WRANGLER'S RECKLESS WRITINGS

Maybelline was a pretty blonde with four white stocking feet. And Scoot, an older gelding whose good sense was hard to beat.

Well Maybelline and Scoot were down in Goblin Valley way. The trail was long and winding. They'd be gone most of the day.

Maybelline said, "Scoot I'd like to make a small request. I see it's almost lunch time and these cowboys need a rest."

Then Scoot replied, "I guess you're right. These cowboys like to eat. We'll stop here

for an hour; get them off the saddle's seat."

Two cowboys stepped on down and moseyed over to the rocks. They pulled out fish and crackers from an overstuffed lunch box.

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot, do cowboys always eat canned fish? It's all I've ever seen 'em eat. Must be their favorite dish."

Well Scoot said, "Maybelline a cowboy is a different lot. There's no predicting what they'll eat. Their stomachs must be shot."

"And cowboys must be bashful, quite unlike both you and

me. Each time that Mother Nature calls they go behind a tree."

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot you're right. Sometimes they're quite absurd. But my rider tells a story better'n any song I've heard."

Scoot then smiled. "Well Maybelline, does he stretch it just a bit? I heard my rider say to him, 'I think you're full of @#&\*!'"

Both horses gave a belly laugh. The riders looked their way. Each rider shrugged his shoulders. Said, "That was a funny neigh."

Then Maybelline said, "Scoot

those cowboys really have no clue. 'Cuz if they knew what we'd just said for sure we'd both be glue."

Scoot said, "If it weren't for us those cowboys would be lost. The best thing they've seen happen is when our paths were crossed."

Maybelline said, "Scoot those cowboys move just like a snail. Let's get 'em in the saddle 'cuz it's time to hit the trail."

Then Scoot said, "Maybelline I've sure enjoyed our ride today. We'll get these cowboys back to camp. That's where they keep the hay!"

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# WELCOME, MCKYNNA

## McKynna Deeds, 4-H Aide, Joins Extension In Kimball & Banner Counties

### NEBRASKA EXTENSION

With a passion for 4-H and agricultural education, McKynna Deeds will join the Nebraska Extension team in Kimball and Banner Counties as the 4-H Aide and Office Manager at the beginning of May.

McKynna studied at Eastern Wyoming College at Torrington earning an Associate's degree in May of 2023 and will graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May with a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Education.

A native of Dix, she attended Potter-Dix Public schools, where she was active in the FFA program serving as the president for two years. In 4-H she was a Colts and Fillies club member, serving as the president for two years and promoted the Kimball-Banner County Fair as the Rodeo Queen from 2018-2021.

McKynna is excited to continue to develop the traditional 4-H program as well as bringing new opportunities to youth in the counties through partnerships with the schools.



NEBRASKA EXTENSION

McKynna Deeds has a local homegrown background that helped her land her new job with the Nebraska Extension in Kimball and Banner Counties as the 4-H aide and office manager. The Dix native has been active in FFA and 4-H, was the rodeo queen here, and has been studying ag education in college.

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# Consider Securing Feed Supplies In A Dry 2025

### BY AARON BERGER

Nebraska Extension Beef Educator

Dry conditions have persisted across much of Nebraska throughout the winter. While there is still time to get significant precipitation this spring, many locations will need above-average moisture between now and grass turnout to return to a long-term average.

Even with good spring moisture, ranges and pastures would benefit from delayed turnout to allow stressed grasses to grow and develop root reserves before grazing.

Currently, hay, distillers grains, and corn are readily available across much of Nebraska at prices that are below the average of what they have been for the last three to four years.

With cattle prices being strong, there is a desire by many cow-calf producers to hold on to the cow-

herd to capitalize on the predicted strong calf and feeder cattle prices that are expected to occur over the next few years.

It is important for those who desire to retain the cowherd to review or develop a drought plan for the upcoming growing season.

Key things to consider:

- Inventory feed amounts and quality on hand. Identify what will be needed for feed to delay grass turnout or to dry lot cows into the summer if adequate precipitation doesn't occur.

- Review options for an extended period of feeding the cowherd and the logistics and costs of doing that.

- Choose a sacrifice area to feed cows/pairs on later in the spring and into the summer to keep cows off drought-stressed pastures.

- Consider purchasing or securing a portion of needed feed supplies now,

when these feeds are readily available.

- Evaluate the options of planting annual forages this spring on dryland or irrigated acres as a source of grazing or harvested feed.

- Identify cows that should be the first to leave if feed is short, to reduce feed needs.

- Plan for early weaning (and the feeding of calves off the ranch) to reduce forage demands on pastures.

Should drought conditions persist, those who consider options early and are prepared to act will be in the best position to utilize the opportunities available. Nebraska Extension has specialists and educators who can help evaluate options and develop rations utilizing available feed resources.

Planning and acting now will provide the best chance to make the most of a difficult situation.



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Before planning to retain your cowherd, develop a feed plan.



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# OBITUARIES

## Derald Albert Janicek

Derald Albert Janicek, 91, of Hot Springs, AR passed away February 28th, 2025. Following his wishes cremation has been held and a Memorial Service is being planned for this summer in Kimball. Derald was born June 21, 1933 in Kimball NE to Albert and Helen (Kirchner) Janicek. He graduated from

Kimball High School in 1952 and went on to serve in the Army from 1953 - 1955, during this time he was stationed in Munich, Germany. Following his military venture, he returned to the Kimball area and started a long career in farming, ranching and custom combining. During this time, he also worked as a Service Manager for the local Ford dealership. In the early 1980s he changed his career path all to-

gether and purchased the Jan-D Bar and Restaurant in Kimball. After several years in business, he sold the Jan-D and in 1990 started work as a Corporate Chef with Holiday Retirement Corp. where he worked until retirement. As testament to his hard work and dedication he was recognized as Kimball's Farmer of the Year in 1976, joined in the 1979 Tractorcade in Washington DC to protest the 1977 Farm Bill, and was named

Holiday Retirement Corps. Corporate Chef of the Year in 2001. His legacy will live on in the countless memories shared by those who were fortunate enough to know him. Survivors include his companion Ruth, (Madeline) Burke of Hot Springs AR, son Tom Janicek of Kimball NE, Daughters Barbara Janicek of



Evanston WY, Jennifer (Thomas) Simpson of Ray ND and Jill Janicek of Gilbert AZ, brother Duane (Fran) Janicek of Kimball NE. 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Daniel, Donald, Dale, David and Dick and sisters Alberta, Carolee, Patricia and Betty.

## Elinor Lee Pirnie

Elinor was born, along with her identical twin sister, Elaine, on March 3, 1929 outside of Greeley, Colorado to Everett L. and Irene M. Hostick. The sisters grew up working with their parents on their family farm learning the values of family and agriculture. Elinor was par-

ticularly enamored with country life and dedicated her life to pursuing a life of farming and ranching. The girls attended College High School in Greeley. Elinor was active in student government, girls basketball and social activities. She enjoyed her studies and both she and Elaine graduated in 1947. Elinor embraced life with vigor and a positive attitude,

loving to have fun with most everyone she knew. She met, and subsequently married Arthur (Art) Pirnie on January 1, 1951. With a shared desire to raise cattle, they embarked on a life building their dream of owning a ranch and raising a herd of prime cattle. After years of hard work on their ranches in Colorado, they moved to the ranching community near Kimball, Nebraska in the early 2000s. They

successfully ran a substantial herd of black angus cattle, enjoying close relationships with their family and many friends. Art passed away in 2011. Elinor continued to raise cattle for many years after his death. Elinor passed away at 96 years old on March 13, 2025 in Longmont, Colorado and is survived by her younger sister, Janet Piper and nieces Sue Alexander and Amanda Piper along

with their children. Elinor's final resting place is at Linn Grove Cemetery, 1700 Cedar Avenue, Greeley, Colorado along with her parents and husband. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a humane society or local animal shelter. Elinor loved animals including wildlife, her cats, dogs, horses and, of course, cattle. She was a lifelong supporter of animal welfare.



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Kimball: March 10, 24

**Nicole Kershaw APRN-FNP**  
*family practice*  
Kimball: March 1, 4, 12, 18, 24  
Pine Bluffs: March 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, 27

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**Ben Nagel PA-C**  
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Kimball: March 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

**Ellen Otto APRN, FNP-C**  
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-enne, and Deuel counties. The transit often extends to Cheyenne and the Fort Collins, Loveland, and Denver areas. There are three options for acquiring vehicles. The main way is to order them from NDOT. KCTS only has to pay 10% of the cost when we do it that way due to state and federal picking up the remaining 90%. However, KCTS has had

an order for seven replacement vehicles since January 2021 and recently received three of them last month. An additional method to purchase vehicles in the past was to use the dollars earned to pay for them outright. The newest and most beneficial way to obtain KCTS vehicles is to lease them from the county. The county takes

out a car loan and then charges KCTS the cost of the loan plus an administrative fee and mileage to give them a profit. Thus, Kimball County is making money through the lease program. When citizens and residents travel around the area and see KCTS vehicles, they can understand the complexities of the state and federal grant programs.

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And the best news is there is no charge to participate in the group. According to Ryan, the original plan was for Ryan

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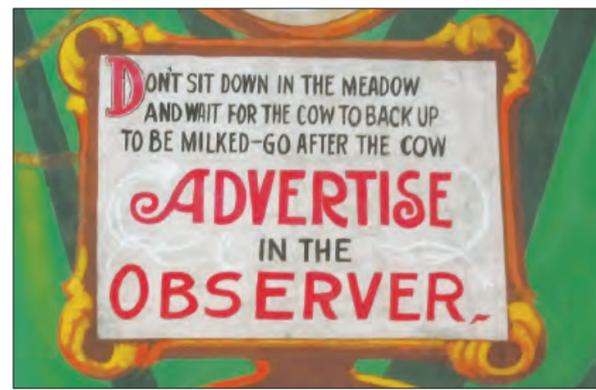
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to work with Larry Brower for this cycle of the selection but with Brower's death, Ryan and Ruth have stepped right into the program.

In 2023, Larry Brower negotiated a two year natural gas deal saving people from Kimball to Alliance to York thousands of dollars, yet the saving began over 25 years ago when Brower initiated the collective program to provide the money saving service to residents, businesses, and eventually churches, the hospital and the manor. In 2023, Brower negotiated a deal for Kimball of 45 cents a therm while most others paid 60 cents a therm. The organization of the program is a huge community asset, and Ryan and Ruth are excited to get as many customers as possible, get quotes and find the best deal possible from one of the eight different providers. Reminder-When you get your supplier selection form in the mail, drop it off at Nebraska Coffee and save money courtesy Bourlier Gas Group.

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- April 2025
- Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:00pm U.S. Air Force Sentinel Town Hall – Kimball High School
- Monday, April 7, 2025 5:00pm Planning Commission (City Council Chambers)
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 7:30 AM Loan Advisory (City Council) As needed 5:00 PM Board of Public Works (City Council Chambers)
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025 5:00PM Community Redevelopment Authority (City Council Chambers) As needed
- Tuesday, April 14, 2025 5:15pm Library Board Meeting (Library Cultural Room)
- Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:00PM City Council Meeting (City Council Chambers)
- Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:00AM Heartland Expressway (NE/WY) Monday, April 21, 2025 5:45PM KKB Board Meeting (Vista Villa) 6:00PM Airport Authority (Kimball Flight Center)
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:00PM Park & Recreation Meeting (City Council Chambers)
- Monday, April 28, 2025 5:00PM Housing Agency Meeting (Park Terrace)

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# SPORTS & OUTDOORS

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## NEBRASKA OUTDOORS

### Spring Turkey Season Begins

NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS

Spring wild turkey season begins March 25 for archers in Nebraska.

The youth shotgun season opens April 5, with the regular shotgun season starting April 12. All spring turkey seasons close May 31.

Turkey hunters must use archery equipment March 25-April 11 and may use either archery equipment or a shotgun April 12-May 31. Youth turkey hunters must use archery equipment March 25-April 4 and may use either archery equipment or a shotgun April 5-May 31.

Hunters are limited to two turkey permits in the spring (one for landowners). The bag limit during the spring season is one male or bearded female turkey per permit per calendar day.

Permits are available at OutdoorNebraska.gov. Nonresident permits are sold out.

Hunters will find a resource in the Public Access Atlas, which identifies and consolidates Nebraska's public access opportunities for the benefit of hunters, trappers and anglers. It displays more than 1.2 million acres of publicly accessible lands across Nebraska, including state, federal, and conservation partner lands as well as privately owned lands enrolled in the Open Fields and Waters program.

Read more information on turkey season in the 2025 Turkey Guide at OutdoorNebraska.gov.

### Third/Fourth Grade Boys Basketball have 16-1 Season

Last week the third and fourth grade winning basketball team was pictured with boys from Kimball, Banner County, along with homeschooled kids as well.

The team was composed of Trey Griebel, Selldon Behrend, Theo Perry, Decker Culek, Daniel Nunley, Jude Elder, Whitley McNeese, and Jamison Martinez.

According to coaches Garrett and Meighan Maronde the team finished runner-up in the Bridgeport Tournament with a two point loss in overtime, they came back to force an over time and lost by two, finishing second; never gave up and fought hard the entire weekend of games. They finished their season in a 16-1 record!

The boys won 1st place at the Sutherland Tournament on Feb. 22 (1 day Tournament). That day they had to start playing at 9:00 central time, playing a total of 6 games and won the last game in a double over-time!

The Marondes are looking to grow multiple youth programs and give the kids something to look forward to! They said, "We are trying to grow the community and culture for elementary-age athletics."



Rachel Berger signs her Letter of Intent to the University of Sioux Falls. Surrounding Rachel are her parents Aaron and Elise Berger, coaches Katie Culek and Beth Brown, other members of Kimball's inaugural wrestling team are Noley Brower, Barbara Earley, Becca Koski, McKenzie Howard and coach Bob Culek.

## Berger Signs with University of Sioux Falls

BY DARIA ANDERSON-FADEN  
The Observer

Kimball senior Rachel Berger is making history in the high school and college women's wrestling world.

Kimball's inaugural girls' wrestling program featured Rachel, who had a 15-7 record. She lost in the heartbreak round at districts and missed going to state by one loss.

Rachel played basketball her first three years of high school, but "I fell

in love with wrestling because of the mental toughness element. It's definitely the most psychologically demanding sport I've ever done because you use all your muscles, and it takes endurance." She continued, "Plus, you have to be mentally tough for a sport that is so physical and involves all the pressure being on you since you don't have a team to rely on."

During volleyball season Rachel broke her foot and was sidelined the rest of the volleyball season, but her attendance at wrestling camps during the summer prepared her for her

delayed season. Rachel explained that the camps helped her learn the basics, and she tried to learn a lot of new moves and skills, although, "I usually ended up just doing basic moves in matches and winning with strength and speed over technique."

Her weight room strength and experience made her want to try wrestling.

Rachel's journey in wrestling is about to take a new and exciting turn. She will be attending the University of Sioux Falls, a D2 school, and joining the USF Wom-

en's Wrestling team. The 2025-26 wrestling season at the University of Sioux Falls marks their first wrestling season, and Rachel is thrilled to be a part of this historic moment. In addition to her athletic pursuits, Rachel will also be participating in the university's choir and receiving an academic scholarship. She is eager to begin her studies in Early Education.

Rachel signed a Letter of Intent to wrestle at USF on Thursday afternoon.



Senior Kyler Lusche hits a jumper against Bayard early in the basketball season. Kyler was the MVP of the WTC and top vote getter for SPVA All-Conference.

## Lusche WTC MVP and Top Vote Getter for SPVA

BY DARIA ANDERSON-FADEN  
The Observer

Kimball's Kyler Lusche was voted by the WTC coaches as MVP, highlighting his senior basketball season. Kyler, Ryker Behrend, and Braxton Miller were All-Conference selec-

tions. Trevor Fuss and Greg Bingham received WTC's honorable mention.

On the Girls' side of the WTC, All-Conference went to freshman standout JaLeigh Bohac. Honorable Mention selectees were Kimball girls Addy Olson and Faith Bohac.

Cameron McGinnis and Peter Russell were the Kimball wrestlers who received WTC

All-Conference awards. Mason Holmes and Cody Brinkman were honorable mention WTC award winners.

On the girl's side of WTC wrestling, Rachel Berger and Noley Brower were voted All-Conference, two Kimball wrestlers received Honorable Mention, Barbara Earley and McKenzie Howard.

SPVA All conference selec-

tions were also announced, and freshman JaLeigh Bohac received an honorable mention.

Once again, Kyler Lusche received the top spot in the SPVA Boys Basketball All-Conference, while three Kimball players were honorable mention, Ryker Behrend, Trevor Fuss, and Braxton Miller.

## Track Team Starts Season at UNK with Success

BY TIFFANY JOHNSON  
Longhorns Track Coach

The Kimball Track Team kicked off their season with an impressive showing at the UNK Indoor B/C Invite! Our athletes came ready to compete, and it paid off with some incredible accomplishments.

Derek Russell had a standout day, shattering not one, but two records! He broke the sophomore discus record of 132'—a mark that had stood since 1967 held by Rich Wallin—by launching an unbelievable throw of 170'6". That throw also broke the school record of 156'3" set back in 1982 by Mitch Daum! His huge effort earned him 1st place. Derek

wasn't done there—he also broke the sophomore shot put record with a throw of 50'9", surpassing the previous record of 45'5" set in 1995 by JD Broskey. That throw earned him a strong 3rd place finish.

JaLeigh Bohac made history as well, breaking the freshman girls' discus record with a throw of 119'2", beating the previous mark of 113'4" set in 2012 by Jessica Hanks. She secured 3rd place in the event and also took 5th in the shot put with a throw of 31'7".

In the pole vault, Rachel Berger and Clarika Hottell tied for 3rd place, both clearing 8'. On the boys' side, Brayden Fuss vaulted 11'6" to claim 2nd place, and Trey Cook took 5th, also clearing

11'6" with more attempts.

Conrad Kaminski opened his season with a solid run in the 1600, placing 4th with a time of 5:10. Linken Hottell also ran the 1600m, finishing in 5:41, and later jumped 5' in the high jump. The boys' 4x800 relay team of Linken, Wyatt Cook, Eddie Duran, and Conrad crossed the line at 10:58.

In sprint events, Derek Russell ran a 7.81 in the boys' 60m, while Brayden Fuss clocked an 8.05. For the girls, Rachel Berger ran the 60m in 8.71, and Faith Bohac finished the 200m in 31.15. Charlotte Bremer posted a 70.28 in the 400m, while Landen Nunley ran 69.12. Landen also competed in the 60m hurdles, finishing in 11.93.

On the girls' side of the hurdles, Hannah Kilgore ran an 11.63, and Paige Frederick finished in 13.26. In the high jump, Addisyn Olson cleared 4'8", and Kendall Cords jumped 4'6".

In the long jump, Emmaline Tabor led the way with a leap of 14'8.5", followed by Kylie Wendt at 13'6.5", and Paige Frederick at 13'3". Charlotte Bremer also competed in the triple jump, landing at 27'6".

What a fantastic way to start the season! The team's hard work is already paying off, and we can't wait to see what's next. We'll be back in action this Saturday at the Morrill Early Bird Meet. See you there—go Longhorns!

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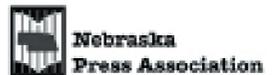
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The Observer

110 Years Ago  
March 25, 1915

## KIMBALL ASKS UNION PACIFIC FOR FIREPROOF DEPOT

W. S. Rodman is in communication with Chas. Ware, general manager of the Union Pacific, in regard to the building of a depot of brick or stone at this place. The latter part of last week Mr. Rodman wrote to Mr. Ware and in connection sent a request signed by a number of prominent business men asking that the company give us a permanent building. Yesterday Mr. Rodman received a reply from Mr. Ware stating that they would give the matter consideration. The people of Kimball appreciate the many favors the Union Pacific has granted them. The company has it all times been in favor of progress and the people of Kimball will be glad to cooperate with them on the building of a depot that will be a credit to both the company and the town.

100 Years Ago  
March 26, 1925

## POWER IN GOOD CLOTHES

When a man goes in for better clothes, he courts higher things. A change of suits may mean a change of luck. A clean shirt tickles the ribs. Good clothes make a good impression and good impressions when the day. The right man with the right suit makes the pump of emperors seem ridiculous. Good clothes are the bootstraps by which a man pulls himself up in life. Personality is a great deal, but personality plus clothes is a pat hand.

90 Years Ago  
March 28, 1935

## CARL STAHLA MARRIED AT LARGE CHURCH WEDDING

A large church wedding took place Sunday when Miss Fern Wilhelm of Greeley, Colorado, and Carl Stahla of Kimball were married at the Lutheran Church with Reverend C. P. Pebler performing the ceremony at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Stahla is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Stahla and is well known in Kimball, having attended the Kimball schools. The bride has been a resident of Greeley, Colorado, for many years. They will reside on the farm west of Kimball known as the Kinney ranch.

A three-day celebration at which many Kimball people were guests was held at their home.

80 Years Ago  
March 29, 1945

## BUILDING TELEPHONE LINE N.E. KIMBALL COUNTY

Some of the citizens in the northeast corner of Kimball County were building an extension to the old Potter telephone line running north from Potter, last week. How many subscribers there are on the new line I do not know, but it appeared to me the construction of the line extended five or six miles west from the Cheyenne County line and one mile south from the Banner County line. The post holes were dug with an auger powered by a tractor. Quite a change from the hard work of digging by hand.

This reminded me how wells were bored, when it was not over 50 feet deep to water and the soil was not too hard to be penetrated with an auger. The auger was 8 or 10 inches in diameter and turned by two



REHEARSING - From left, Jamie Sherman, Mark Schnell and Jeremy Huston rehearse their roles in the upcoming operetta "The Jungle Book."  
- Observer photo by Jeff Stahla, March 23, 1995

men an auger and loose soil was pulled up with a windlass and derrick - all hard, muscle wearing hand work. We should appreciate the fact that we do not have to do this hard work anymore but have mechanical power to do it for us.

70 Years Ago  
March 24, 1955

## FORTY CANDIDATES REPORT FOR TRACK; WEATHER OBSTACLE

Weather has put a damper on the start of track practice at the Kimball County High school. Coach Leo McKillip has 40 candidates out for the squad, but hasn't had much of a chance to see what they can do yet.

Five letterman are among those working out. They include Leo Pickett, Roger Hoke, Bob Randall, Terry Pedrett, and Charles Baley. Other promising material includes Grant Bissey, Lambert Sobon, Don Hein, Gary Schneider, Bob Bickel, Dale Lockhart,

Bob Rasgorshek, Larry Burns, Clayton Winters, Gene Strassheim, Jerry Dolcater, Leonard Romero, Wes Strasheim, Tom and Don Molloy, John Copelin and Dick Siewert.

The schedule isn't waiting on the weather though. The Longhorns will open the season Friday in a dual meet with Sidney. The squad will be short though as some will be at Chadron for the dramatics contest. The next week is the Scottsbluff relays and the following week the Sidney invitational.

Kimball will have an Invitational meet here April 20. They will go to the Bayard Invitational April 22, the North Platte Valley Conference meet at Bayard April 27 and the Panhandle B and District meet at Bayard the following week.

60 Years Ago  
March 25, 1965

## MUSICAL TO OPEN FRIDAY

The Kimball County High

School vocal department will open the curtain tomorrow night on its first production of a Broadway musical, "Annie Get Your Gun", to be presented at 8:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday night.

Doors will open at 7:15, at the new high school auditorium.

Key figures in the musical are competitive Annie (Anita Hickman), and Frank Butler (Dick Dinsdale), star marksman for the Wild West Show of Buffalo Bill (Steve Knutsen). Complications in her romance with Frank arise when Annie is persuaded to put on a sensational new act, completely overshadowing his.

A few of the shows many songs are, The Girl That I Marry, There's No Business Like Show Business, They Say It's Wonderful, I

got The Sun In The Morning, and Anything You Can Do.

Some 109 vocal students are in the program, directed by Jon Peterson, vocal direc-

tor, and William Durham, speech instructor. Margaret Mackie is accompanist.

Serving on the lighting crew will be Dale Hoke, Ed Everson, Steve Hickman and Steve Richardson.

Gail Atkins and Grayce Hall made large posters of Annie and Frank. Art students working on the musical included Robin Atkins, June Broder-son, Sharon Hall, Stella Maestas, Brenda Wilson, Carol Beard, Vickie Anderson, Ken Buterbaugh, Dick Dinsdale, Maurice Lacy, Norman Mahlb-urg, Neva Malson, Dan Peterson, Melvin Steward, Bill Van Brunt, Vic Walker, Nancy Farley and Jim O'Nele.

30 Years Ago  
March 23, 1995

## THE JUNGLE BOOK OPERETTA WILL HIT HIGH SCHOOL STAGE THURSDAY

Tigers, snakes and bears, oh my! Elementary School students will be performing the operetta "The Jungle Book" Thursday at the Kimball High School auditorium.

Based on the Rudyard Kipling book, the operetta focuses on the adventures of a young boy lost in the jungle.

Curtain time is slated for 7:30 p.m.

For Kimball Public Schools instructor Bonnie Kath, the operetta will be her last from the conductors seat. After the end of the school year, Kath will retire from teaching.

She said her retirement will occur while she still has enthusiasm. Although she has been working for the past 39 years to put on at least one, sometimes two, operettas per year and a Christmas program, she said she has no regrets in retirement.

In the next year she said she will spend more time with her grandchildren, three of whom live in Tucson, Arizona. She will be a "Professional

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BY TOM JUODAITIS  
For The Observer

#### The Parable of the Vineyard and the Husbandmen, Part 2

Let's look at Matthew 21:35-39: "And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him." Last week, we looked at Matthew 21 verses 33 and 34, where Jesus began another parable about a landlord leasing out his vineyard to husbandmen who did not give him the fruits when he sent his servants at harvest time, which con-



tinued His answer to the Jewish leaders demonstrating their refusal to hear God's prophets sent to them throughout their history, and now refusing to believe His Son, but rather killing Him. This week, we look at Matthew 21 verses 35 through 39, where Jesus continues His parable about a landlord leasing out his vineyard to husbandmen who do not give him the

fruits when he sends his servants at harvest time, demonstrating their refusal to hear God's prophets sent to them throughout their history, and now refusing to believe His Son, but rather killing Him.

The first thing to notice is that the husbandmen (Jewish leaders) took God's servants (prophets), beat, kill, and stone them, and they do this repeatedly throughout their history. Read the books of Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and the prophets themselves, and you will see the history of how Israel and Judah treated the prophets God sent them. Hebrews 11:36-38 summarizes that history: "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." The history of Israel is

wrought with rejecting God and His messengers, the prophets, sent to them.

Next, notice the change: "But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son." God had prophesied that He would send His Son to be the Savior of mankind, the Messiah of Israel, often using the prophets to do so. Now Jesus, the Savior, the Messiah came, and the Jewish leaders and the people reject Him, and call for His crucifixion at the hands of the Romans. Jesus prophesied this when he says, "But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him." Jesus is making clear what will happen to Him as He draws near the end of His earthly ministry. As the God-Man and as the Scripture prophesied, He says what will happen even before it does.

What about you, Dear Reader, will you trust in God's Son, or will you continue in your rejection of Him?

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Kimball Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, Kimball City Hall, 223 South Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska regarding proposed changes to the City of Kimball Zoning Ordinance. The amendments are to update the subdivision regulations regarding administrative plats.

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025,

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The City of Kimball Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska, regarding a request to rezone the following property from General Commercial C-2 to Residential Estates RE:

29 15 55 PART OF SE ¼ S OF UPRR IN SECTION 29-15-55 (1209 E 3RD ST)

The City Council will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, on the above-described request to rezone at the

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The City Council will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, on the above-described request to rezone at the

### PUBLIC NOTICE KIMBALL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REGULAR MEETING 8:30 A.M. - TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

The Board of Equalization of Kimball County, Nebraska, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse, 114 East Third Street, Kimball, Nebraska. An agenda of

on the above-described amendments at the Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, NE. A copy of the changes are on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska. Written and oral comments may be submitted and will be considered if received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025. The written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

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Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, NE. A copy of the request to rezone is on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska. Written and oral comments may be submitted and will be considered if received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

#105195 March 27, April 3, April 10, 2025 ZNEZ

Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, NE. A copy of the suggested amendments is on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut, Kimball, Nebraska. Written and oral comments may be submitted and will be considered if received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025. The written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

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the matters to be considered at such date, time and place is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Kimball County Clerk on the second floor of the Courthouse.

Cathleen A. Sibal  
County Clerk  
#105186 March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### PUBLIC NOTICE KIMBALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

9:00 A.M. – TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Kimball County, Nebraska, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse, 114 East Third

Street, Kimball, Nebraska. An agenda of the matters to be considered at such date, time and place is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Kimball County Clerk on the second floor of the Courthouse.

Cathleen A. Sibal  
County Clerk  
#105199 March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DENNIS CLEVELAND, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-3

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 2025, in the County Court of Kimball County, Nebraska the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claim

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the Company is Safe Path Technology, LLC. The address of the initial designated office is 601 S. Burg Street, Kimball, Nebraska 69145. The Registered Agent is Kendra A. Strommen whose address is 907 Jackson Street, P.O. Box 316, Sidney, Nebraska 69162. The general nature of the business to be transacted is any lawful business for limited liability companies in Nebraska, the purpose for which the Company is organized is to engage in all lawful businesses, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, including to engage generally in the business of computer repair service and support specialist, including installation, virus removal, software issues, data recovery and to engage in the general business of technology and that helps maintain, repair and protect the computer; and to sell, convey, lease, acquire, use, exchange, mortgage, deed in trust, turn to account or otherwise deal in

with this Court on or before May 26, 2025 or forever barred.

Katie Samples Dean (Bar I.d. 25743  
Samples Dean Law, LLC  
1013 Main Street  
Bridgeport, NE 69336  
308-262-7213  
katie@samplesdeanlaw.com  
Michele Woods, Clerk of the District Court  
114 E. 3rd Street  
Kimball, NE 69145  
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any lawful manner in real and/or personal property or any interest therein and to make and obtain loans on real estate, improved or unimproved, and on personal property, giving or taking evidence of indebtedness and securing the payment of loans by mortgage, trust deed, pledge or otherwise and to enter into contracts to buy or sell, lease, use or exchange any property, real or personal. The Company commenced on March 20, 2025, and the duration is perpetual. The affairs of the Company will be conducted in accordance with the Operating Agreement.

Kendra A. Strommen, Registered AgentKendra A. Strommen, NSBA No. 24324

For: Mattoon, Martens & Strommen, L.L.C.  
907 Jackson Street  
P.O. Box 316  
Sidney, Nebraska 69162  
(308) 254-5595

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2025 ZNEZ

### MINUTES OF THE KIMBALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Education of Kimball Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Kimball County Transit Service Meeting Room, 233 South Chestnut Street, Kimball, Nebraska 69145.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The secretary for the Board maintains a list of the news media, of the time and place of the meeting and the subject to be discussed at the meeting. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education except as may be hereinafter noted were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

The meeting was called to order by President Travis Cook at 6:30 p.m. At the beginning of this meeting the President announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public to its location. Board Member Smith read the mission statement of Kimball Public Schools.

The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent.

Present: Taylor Brown, Travis Cook, Jennifer Griebel, Tom O'Brien, Landon Smith, Britni Toth.

Motion was made by Britni Toth, seconded by Jennifer Griebel to approve the agenda. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Britni Toth to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting February 10, 2025. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Britni Toth to approve the current bills. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Britni Toth to approve the current bills. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

109411 CARD SERVICES \$ 4,303.19;

### PUBLIC NOTICE BANNER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING AT 8:30 A.M., APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING AT 8:30 A.M., APRIL 15, 2025

The Banner County Board of Equalization Meeting of Banner County, Nebraska will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. and Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the courtroom at

PREPAID \$4,303.19; REGULAR MONTHLY EXPENSES 109046 BERGANKDVL 223.78; 62964 BLACK HILLS ENERGY 6,550.18; 62965 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. 140.04; 62966 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. 998.29; 62967 CENTURY LINK BUSINESS SERVICES 296.16; 62968 CHANEY ELECTRONICS, INC. 270.50; 62969 CITY OF KIMBALL 17,299.51; 62970 CPS DISTRIBUTORS 8.42; 62971 CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE, INC 9.69; 62972 CSC DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC 260.00; 62973 CULLIGAN 129.70; 62974 DAS STATE ACCOUNTING - CENTRAL 318.11; 62975 ECO-LAB PEST ELIMINATION DIVISION 137.91; 62976 ESU #13 21,160.45; 62977 ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL 248.00; 62978 FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, INC 565.00; 62979 FRANK PARTS COMPANY 105.71; 62980 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP 2,235.80; 62981 FRESH IDEAS 212.00; 62982 GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS 820.63; 62983 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 1,138.75; 62984 ITSADV LLC 123.83; 62985 J.W. PEPPER & SON INC. 309.29; 62986 JOHNSON CONTROLS 2,512.12; 62987 KIMBALL ACE HARDWARE 841.94; 62988 KIMBALL AUTO PARTS CO 73.77; 62989 KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 713.85; 62990 KIMBALL SERVICE CENTER 50.00; 62991 LEGACY COOP 2,783.47; 62992 MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC 265.52; 62993 MENARDS - SCOTTSBLUFF 129.11; 62994 MONUMENT CLEANING COMPANY 7,475.00; 62995 NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS 180.00; 62996 NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL 120.00; 62997 NEBRASKA RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 220.00; 62998 ONE SOURCE 69.00; 62999 PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE & GESSFO 2,127.00; 63000 PINE BOWL 256.00; 63001 PITSCO 32.50; 63002 R & J SIGN SUPPLY 465.10; 63003 RACK PERFORMANCE, INC 1,000.00; 63004 SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY 242.00; 63005 STATE CHEMICAL MFG CO 685.98; 63006 VINCE'S CORNER 19.00; 63007 VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. 1,312.23; 63008 WPCI 38.00; GENERAL FUND TOTAL 75,173.34; 6385 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 8,747.02; 6386 HILAND DAIRY FOODS COMPANY, LLC 2,159.32; 6387 JOHNSON CONTROLS 1,529.80; 6388 PEPSI-COLA OF WESTERN NEBRASKA 1,474.75; 6389 SYSCO DENVER 6,344.31; 6390 US FOODS - GRAND ISLAND 1,364.61; NUTRITION FUND TOTAL \$ 21,619.81; DEPRECIATION FUND TOTAL \$ - ; BUILDING FUND \$0.00; TOTAL MONTHLY BILLS \$96,793.15.

Motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Jennifer Griebel to approve the Treasurer's Report. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

the Banner County Courthouse, 204 State Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. An agenda of the matters to be considered at such date, time, and place is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Banner County Clerk in Banner County Courthouse, Harrisburg, Nebraska.

Katie West  
Banner County Clerk  
#105191 March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

March 10, 2025  
Treasurer's report is as follows:

	Feb-25	Feb-24
Amount received from County Treasurer	148,915.97	190,878.40
Bank Balance February 28, 2025	278,256.61	158,315.43
Savings Account General Funds February 28, 2025	1,626,756.59	2,059,973.49
Depreciation Fund February 28, 2025	418,655.70	396,536.33
Building Fund February 28, 2025	197,648.32	350,000.86
Nutrition Fund February 28, 2025	68,976.58	77,543.27
Activity Fund February 28, 2025	35,727.95	77,296.58
Total Available Funds	2,626,021.75	3,119,665.96
Payroll Gross	363,738.67	345,430.43
Amount of Bills	96,793.15	168,587.97
Blue Cross Blue Shield/HSA Pmt/UNUM Life	89,715.97	89,264.72
Nebraska School Retirement	33,721.57	31,754.82
FirsTier Bank (FICA)	27,029.80	25,791.05
Total Amount of Expenses	610,999.16	660,828.99
Balance Remaining after Expenses	2,015,022.59	2,458,836.97

The Board reviewed written reports of Mrs. Danielle Reader, Jr-Sr High School Principal and Mrs. Amanda Culek, Mary Lynch Elementary Principal.

The Board reviewed the written report of Mr. Trevor Anderson, superintendent.

Mr. Travis Terrill, district Technology Director, updated the Board on technology, hardware, and software for the district.

Motion was made by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Britni Toth to approve the purchase of the elementary math curriculum from Heinemann in the amount of \$51,489.01. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

Motion was made by Britni Toth, seconded by Tom O'Brien to approve Draft 1 as the 2025-26 school calendar. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Taylor Brown: Aye; Travis Cook: Aye; Jennifer Griebel: Aye; Tom O'Brien: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye; Britni Toth: Aye

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Jennifer Griebel to approve the classified salaries/ administrative salaries/

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Banner County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 8:45 A.M., April 1, 2025 Meeting at 8:45 A.M., April 15, 2025 The Banner County Board of Commissioners Meeting of Banner County, Nebraska will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. and Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the courtroom at the Banner County Courthouse, 204 State

Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. An agenda of the matters to be considered at such date, time, and place is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Banner County Clerk in Banner County Courthouse, Harrisburg, Nebraska.

Katie West  
Banner County Clerk  
#105180 March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A SECRETARY/CLERICAL POSITION

The South Platte Natural Resources District is accepting applications for a Field Office Secretary, to serve in the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Kimball, NE. This is a Regular Part-Time (24 hours per week) position, whose principal

duties will include receptionist, carrying out day-to-day administrative matters, clerical, and maintaining records and reports. The preferred educational requirements to qualify for this position would be a high school education or equivalent plus completion of two-year Administrative Secretarial Program. Beginning salary to be determined

based upon education and experience. The District offers an excellent benefits package that includes single health, dental insurance coverage, and a retirement program. Persons interested in the position may obtain an application and job description by calling 308-254-2377, emailing Don Davis at dda-

vis@spnrd.org or writing to: South Platte Natural Resources District, P.O. Box 294, Sidney, NE 69162. Closing date for receiving applications and resumes is Thursday, April 10, 2025, or until an acceptable candidate is identified. The South Platte NRD is an equal opportunity employer.  
#105170 March 20 and 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Board of Education of Kimball Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Kimball County Transit Service Meeting Room, 233 South Chestnut Street, Kimball, Nebraska 69145.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The secretary for the Board maintains a list of the news media, of the time and place of the meeting and

the subject to be discussed at the meeting. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education except as may be hereinafter noted were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Toth at 6:00 p.m. At the beginning of this meeting Board Member Toth announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public

to its location. Board Member Toth read the mission statement of Kimball Public Schools.

The roll was called and all committee members were present.

Present: Britni Toth. Present: Taylor Brown, Landon Smith.

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Landon Smith to approve the agenda. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Taylor Brown: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye  
Britni Toth: Aye

The committee nominated Britni Toth to chair the American Civics Committee for 2025.

The committee discussed Nebraska State Statute 79-724 as it relates to the American Civics Committee duties.

Motion was made by Taylor Brown, seconded by Landon Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. After discussion and upon roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Taylor Brown: Aye; Landon Smith: Aye  
Britni Toth: Aye

ATTEST:  
TRAVIS COOK, KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THOMAS O'BRIEN KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
#105180 March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE – ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
**CASE NUMBER: CI-25-15**

In Regard of the name change Stephanie Jo Kitchens. Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of March, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Kimball County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which for the change of petitioner's name from Stephanie Jo Kitchens to Stephanie Jo Robinson. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Derek Weimer in Courtroom No. 71D01, 114 E. 3rd St., Ste

10, on the 6th day of May, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will change from that of Stephanie Jo Kitchens to Stephanie Jo Robinson.  
Stephanie Jo Kitchens, Petitioner  
800 Nadine St.  
Kimball, NE 69145  
308-241-0893.  
**#105178** March 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 2025 ZNEZ

**LEGAL NOTICE – ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
**Case Number: C125-12**

In regard of the name change of Angela Kay Haun. Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of February, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Kimball County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Angela Kay Haun to Angela Kay Stander.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Weimer in court-

room number 71D01, 114 E 3rd St., Kimball NE on the 6th day of May, 2025, at 9 a.m. or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name shall be changed from that of Angela Kay Haun to Angela Kay Stander.  
Angela Kay Haun, Petitioner  
702 S Burg Street  
Kimball NE 69145  
308-230-0093.  
**#105148** March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2025 ZNEZ

claims with this Court on or before May 19, 2025, or be forever barred.  
Pamela Epp Olsen - #20980  
Counsel for Personal Representative  
Pamela Epp Olsen Law, PC, LLO  
416 Valley View Drive, Suite 304  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
308.635.1020  
polsen@pamelaolsenlaw.com  
/s/ Michele Woods  
Clerk of the County Court  
114 E. 3rd Street  
Kimball, NE 69145  
**#105176** March 20 and 27 and April 3, 2025. ZNEZ

26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kimball County Manor. An agenda for such meeting is available for public inspection at the Manor.  
**#105177** March 20, 2025. ZNEZ

of process is Jodelle Keeler.  
The street address of the initial agent for service of process is 1408 S. Oak Street, Kimball, NE 69145. The mailing address is P.O. Box 501, Kimball NE 69145.  
/s/ Jodelle Keeler, Organizer  
**#105129** March 13, 20 and 27, 2025 ZNEZ

of Kimball County, Nebraska, in Case No. CI 24-58 therein against each of you, and others, as defendants, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose the county treasurer's tax sale certificate numbered P21-065X sold to plaintiff, covering delinquent taxes, and to foreclose subsequent taxes on the real estate specifically described above. Plaintiff prays for an accounting of the aggregate amount due under said certificates, including taxes, interest, attorney's fees and costs, for determination that the aggregate amount found due under each of said certificates is a first lien on the property described in the certificate, for a foreclosure of the lien, for sale of the property in satisfaction of the lien, and for general equitable relief.

You, and each of you, are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of May, 2025, and if you fail to do so, your default will be taken and judgment entered accordingly.  
DAVID P. HAGSTROM, TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,  
/David L. Wilson/  
David L. Wilson NSBA # 16082  
116 W. 2nd Street  
Kimball, NE 69145  
(308) 235-3678  
His Attorney  
**#105183** March 27, April 3, April 10, 2025 ZNEZ

is to foreclose the county treasurer's tax sale certificate numbered P2 I-002X sold to plaintiff, covering delinquent taxes, and to foreclose subsequent taxes on the real estate specifically described above. Plaintiff prays for an accounting of the aggregate amount due under said certificate, including taxes, interest, attorney's fees and costs, for determination that the aggregate amount found due under each of said certificates is a first lien on the property described in the certificate, for a foreclosure of the lien, for sale of the property in satisfaction of the lien, and for general equitable relief.

You, and each of you, are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of May, 2025, and if you fail to do so, your default will be taken and judgment entered accordingly.  
JESSICA ROCHA,  
Plaintiff,  
/David L. Wilson/  
David L. Wilson NSBA # 16082  
116 W. 2nd Street  
Kimball, NE 69145  
(308) 235-3678  
Her Attorney  
**#105179** March 27, April 3, April 10, 2025 ZNEZ

Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:00AM Heartland Expressway (NE/WY)  
Monday, April 21, 2025 5:45PM KKB Board Meeting (Vista Villa)  
6:00PM Airport Authority (Kimball Flight Center)  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:00PM Park & Recreation Meeting (City Council Chambers)  
Monday, April 28, 2025 5:00PM Housing Agency Meeting (Park Terrace)  
The meetings will all be held at the Kimball City Hall, 223 S. Chestnut Street, Kimball, NE unless otherwise specified and will be open to the public and an agenda for such meetings is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.  
Paula Tarango, City Clerk  
**#105185** March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

Potter site. An updated agenda will be kept current in the office of the superintendent.  
**#105172** March 20 and 27, 2025 ZNEZ

St. Kimball, NE 69145, which meeting will be open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be available for public inspection at Vista Villa and Park Terrace.  
**#105189** March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

**BANNER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS**

The Banner County Board of Equalization met in regular session, in the courtroom of the Banner County Courthouse on March 4, 2025. This is in accordance with the adjournment of the February 18, 2025, meeting and published in the Western Nebraska Observer, posting notices in Harrisburg, Nebraska at the Post Office, Banner County School, Clerk's Office, and the front window of the Banner County Courthouse. Proof of publication is on file of the County Clerk and made part of the proceedings by reference.

The agenda for the meeting is kept current and is available during the regular business hours at the office of the County Clerk. A copy was emailed to each Board member on February 28, 2025.

Chairperson Darnall called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. on March 4, 2025. Katie West, County Clerk, did roll call. Roll call: Don Lease II, absent; Robin Darnall, present; and Laif Anderson, present. Chairperson Dar-

**BANNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

The Banner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 8:45 A.M. in the courtroom of the Banner County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Notices were also posted in the Harrisburg, Nebraska Post Office; the Banner County Public School; the office of the County Clerk; and the front window of the Banner County courthouse.

The agenda of the meeting is kept current and is available during the regular business hours in the office of the County Clerk. A copy of the agenda was sent to the Commissioners on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Chairperson Darnall called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M. Chairperson Darnall stated the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted by the back door of the courtroom. County Clerk Katie West took roll call showing: Don Lease, absent; Robin Darnall, present; Laif Anderson, present.

Anderson led prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The agenda was examined. Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Darnall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 18, 2025, meeting were examined. Darnall moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:  
Notice of Data Breach – North Platte NRD – The Board reviewed the information. Kathy Natale stated that she had called Bytes to inform them on the data breach.

Private Property Rights – Beth Salmans – The Board Reviewed the information.

2024 Annual Report – Panhandle Public Health District – All Board members received the same report in the mail.

Applied Connective Managed IT Services – Kathy Natale – Discussed in items of business.

Public Comments:  
No public comments

Reports:  
Highway/Weed Department – Jay Dove gave a report. Discussion was had. Tim Grubbs gave a report.

Sheriff – Sheriff Zane Hopkins was not present.

County Attorney – Attorney Mark Kovarik gave a report.

Treasurer – Treasurer Kathy Natale gave a report. Discussion was had.

Clerk – Clerk Katie West gave a report. Discussion was had.

Assessor – Assessor Kacy Krakow gave a report. Discussion was had.

Surveyor – Carl Gilbert not present.

Commissioners –  
1. Don Lease – Not present.  
2. Robin Darnall – Discussion was had.  
3. Laif Anderson – Discussion was had.

Items of Business Before the Board:  
Stop/Yield Sign Survey – Jay Dove - Discussion was had. Tabled until March 18, 2025, meeting.

Road Superintendent Position – Commissioners - Discussion was had. Darnall moved to have Chelsea Mossberg advertise for the Banner County Road Superintendent full time with benefits in the Western Nebraska Observer from March 13, 2025, to April 3, 2025, and run a separate ad for the Banner County Road Superintendent part time position with salaried hourly wages of \$25.00 to \$29.00 per hour based on experience for 20-34 hours per week in the Western Nebraska Observer from March 13, 2025 to April 3, 2025. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall,

**LEGAL NOTICE – ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KIMBALL COUNTY**

In regard of the name change of Ti Reagan Gaasch. Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of January, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Banner County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Ti Reagan Gaasch to Ti Reagan Dove.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Derek Weimer in

nall stated the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is posted by the back door of the courtroom.

The consent agenda items were examined. Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda. Darnall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Items of Business before the Board:  
No items of business.

Public Comment: None

Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Darnall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 A.M.

A full agenda of matters to be considered at such date and time is kept continually current. This is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Banner County Clerk in the courthouse in Harrisburg.

Attest: Katie West, Banner County Clerk  
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yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Small Item Surplus – Commissioners – Discussion was had. Darnall moved to accept the highest bids on item number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 20, and 100, and declare the small item surplus as obsolete on item number 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, and 22. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Live Streaming Commissioner Meetings – Robin Darnall – Discussion was had. Anderson moved to approve the Livestream Policy, not to purchase equipment until we see if it works, livestream to commence as soon as possible, March 18. Darnall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Applied Connective – Managed IT Services – Kathy Natale – Discussion was had. Natale will contact a representative from Applied Connective to come and speak at a commissioner's meeting.

Resolution 25-09 Authority to Transfer Funds – Kathy Natale – Darnall moved to accept Resolution 25-09, Authority to Transfer Funds. Darnall read the resolution. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried. See attached.

Claims:

General: Aflac - \$497.33 – Employee Benefits; Aptive - \$10,828.51 – Health; Argus - \$710.70 – Dental; Banner Capital Bank - \$2,948.36 – HAS; Crowne Plaza - \$161.10 – Room; Hometown Leasing - \$138.64 – Copier; Integrated Pest - \$210.00 – Pest Control; Kimball County Treasurer - \$767.86 – Extension Office; MIPS - \$1,675.08 – Data Processing; Ashley Morris - \$16.26 – Janitorial Supplies; NE Dept of Revenue - \$75.00 – Certification; NE Weed Control - \$150.00 – Registration; Panhandle Association of County Assessors - \$125.00 – Dues; US Bank - \$264.38 – Office Supplies and Fuel; VSP - \$185.29 – Vision; Westco - \$44.52 – Fuel; Western NE Observer - \$684.65 – Advertising; Zulty's - \$640.36 – Phones; Total - \$ 20,123.04; Payroll - \$50,161.88

Sheriff: Westco - \$406.68 – Fuel; AT&T - \$171.60 – Cell Phone; NE State Patrol - \$95.50; Total - \$673.78

Road: Action Communications - \$135.86 – Radio Repairs; Crawley's Repair - \$207.81 – Repair parts; Jay Dove - \$22.45 – Shop Supplies; Kimball Auto - \$1,253.57 – Shop Supplies and parts; Rob Leaf - \$7.90 – Shop Supplies; MC Schaff - \$1,500.00 – Sign Study; Menards - \$2,257.54 – Shop Supplies and Building Repairs; Newman Signs - \$835.62 – Signs; NMC Cat - \$537.57 – Shop Supplies; Platte River Glass - \$30.00 – Urethane/Primer; Pumps Tire - \$5,595.00 – Tires; PT Hose - \$108.96 – Shop Supplies and Hardware; Scottsbluff Screen Printing - \$104.00 – Decals; Thompson Glass - \$177.87 – Repair Parts; Westco - \$2,882.95 – Fuel; VSP - \$60.77 – Vision; Colonial Life - \$29.48 – Dental; Banner Capital Bank - \$1,458.36 – HSA; Aptive - \$6,621.72 – Health; Aflac - \$589.39 – Employee Benefits; Total - \$24,416.82; Payroll - \$35,426.73

Anderson moved to approve the claims. Darnall seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lease, absent; Darnall, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Darnall called to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be held March 18, 2025, at 8:45 A.M. or at the call of the clerk. An agenda for the matters to be considered at such date and time is kept continually and is available for public inspection during the normal business hours at Banner County in the courthouse in Harrisburg, Nebraska.

Robin Darnall, Chairperson  
Laif Anderson, Vice Chairperson  
Don Lease II, Member  
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courtroom number 85D01, 204 State Street on the 1st day of May, 2025 at 1:30PM, or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Ti Reagan Gaasch, to Ti Reagan Dove.  
Ti Reagan Gaasch, Petitioner  
1425 Road 61  
Potter, NE 69156  
308-651-1512  
**#105200** March 27, April 3, 10, 17

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### KIMBALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The Kimball County Board of Commissioners of Kimball County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Kimball, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgment of the receipt of notice and the agenda are on record at the office of the County Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Flores called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. County Clerk Cathy Sibal was present and called the roll with Commissioners Rich Flores, David Hottell and Elyse Schlake Lukassen answering. Attorney Matthew Turman, legal counsel for the Board, was not in attendance, but was available via telephone. The media and public were represented during portions of the meeting.

Chairman Flores acknowledged the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster posted on the east wall of the meeting room and informed those present that any persons using recording devices must keep the device in their possession. Copies of the Open Meetings Act are available upon request.

Lukassen made a motion to authorize the Board's signatures on the acknowledgment of receipt of notice of meeting and agenda as presented and to approve the agenda as prepared and the minutes of the February 18, 2025, regular meeting as printed. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner reports: Commissioner Lukassen and Commissioner Hottell did not have any reports. Commissioner Flores attended the Kimball Health Services Board of Trustees and the City/County Park & Recreation Operating Board regular monthly meetings and the Heartland Expressway Association (HEA) meeting via telephone.

Reports received and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office: None.

The Board received and reviewed the correspondence to be placed on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Ben Sauter, County Highway Superintendent, gave his regular report updating the Board on Highway Department matters, which included road maintenance and personnel. He advised the Board he met with the Morrill County Highway Superintendent and is finishing the 2025 One and Six-Year Road Improvement Program for the hearing on March 18th.

Sauter had no Permit to Occupy County Right of Way applications to present for approval.

Kim Sharples, Secretary of the Kimball County Visitors Committee, gave an update on Visitors Committee matters and discussed laptop computers that are being serviced by Bytes Computer & Network Solutions. She reported she has delivered tourism information to local businesses and discussed conducting interviews for the Administrative Assistant/Tourism Liaison position.

Sharples discussed the domain for the Kimball County Visitors Committee website and stated it expires in April. She requested the domain be moved from Maly Marketing to Hollman Media, who manages the website, with a cost of \$25.00 annually. Lukassen made a motion to approve the \$25.00 annual fee with Hollman Media to handle the domain

for the Kimball County Visitors Committee website. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Following discussion with Sharples on welcome signs to be replaced at two locations, Lukassen made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Application for Outdoor Advertising Permit for one sign located at 3886 N. Hwy 71 on Parcel #530016656. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lukassen made a motion to amend and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Sign Lease Agreement between County of Kimball and Robert Snyder and Darrell Snyder to add Rebecca Snyder for the purpose of placing a sign on Parcel #530016656. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lukassen made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Sign Lease Agreement between County of Kimball and Ann K. Warner and James R. Warner for the purpose of placing a sign on Parcel #530011808. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Monica Todorov, County Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, gave an update on Building and Grounds matters. Discussion was held on repairing the sink hole located on the east side of the parking lot of the County Annex facility.

Dave Hottell, County Sheriff, met with the Board to request approval of employing his spouse, Joanna Hottell, in the Sheriff's Office and to discuss repair to the floor in the jail area. Tom McDonald, representing Sandhills Stucco & Paint, was present to review the estimate and answer questions regarding the process for the work. Following discussion, Lukassen made a motion to approve the proposal from Sandhills Stucco & Paint for repairs to the floor in the jail area in the amount of \$5,600.00. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried. Carinda McConnell, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant, and Monica Todorov, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, were present for the discussion. Sheriff Hottell requested a closed session for the discussion of Joanna Hottell's employment.

At 9:43 a.m., Lukassen made a motion to enter Executive (Closed) Session for the purpose of discussing employment of Joanna Hottell in the Kimball County Sheriff's Office, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1410, with the Board members, Attorney Turman via telephone, Clerk Sibal, and Joanna Hottell present in the closed session. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 9:53 a.m., Lukassen made a motion to adjourn from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lukassen made a motion to approve and ratify the employment of Joanna Hottell in the Kimball County Sheriff's Office. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Flores. Abstain: Hottell. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Sibal provided an update on the new phone system and stated that overall, it has been a smooth transition.

At 10:00 a.m., Lukassen made a motion to open the public hearing to receive comments for or against amendments to the Kimball County Zoning & Subdivision Regulations. The proposed amendments include the following: 1) Amend Section 13, Supplementary District Regulations; and 2) Amend Section

26, Conditional Uses. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sheila Newell, County Zoning Administrator, reviewed the proposed Amendments to the Kimball County Zoning & Subdivision Regulations and discussed the Special Event Application and the process for approving the application.

Clerk Sibal commented on the timeline and process for the Special Event Applications. Comments were heard from Jamie Bright concerning the timeline for Special Event Applications and suggested it be placed on the County's website.

At 10:09 a.m., Lukassen made a motion to adjourn the aforementioned public hearing. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lukassen made a motion to approve and adopt Zoning Resolution 2025-34 to approve the Amendments to the Kimball County Zoning & Subdivision Regulations, as presented and discussed. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lukassen made a motion to approve the Special Event Application and the fee of \$100.00. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Valerio Jansante, Community Liaison representing Congressman Adrian Smith, was not in attendance due to forecasted weather.

Public comments: Austin Garner, City Council member, commented on the billing by the City of Kimball for County residents for landfill and requested that the Board consider assisting with educating the Kimball County residents that the City of Kimball now bills for landfill fees, as of January 2024.

Hottell made a motion to approve the claims as presented and reviewed. Lukassen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Hottell, Lukassen, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried. Josi Morgan, Deputy County Clerk, was present to address any questions on the claims.

**CLAIMS**  
GENERAL FUND: Ameritas-Retirement-\$5,099.34; AT&T Mobility-Cell Phones-\$482.26; Black Hills Energy-Service-\$4,023.53; BCBS-Insurance-\$18,194.17; Canon Financial Services Inc.-Contract-\$95.00; CenturyLink-Service-\$131.93; Chevrolet of Kimball-Service-\$88.23; City of Kimball-Utilities-\$4,963.95; Devobal Technologies Inc.-Contract-\$600.00; Debra Diemoz-Service-\$15.00; EFTPS-Social Security-\$5,278.17; Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm-Legal-\$20.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites/Kearney-Lodging-\$139.95; First Concord Benefits Group-Admin. Fees-\$140.00; First Concord Benefits Group-Deductible Reimbursement-\$2,417.96; Rich Flores-Mileage/Meals-\$375.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services-Contracts-\$202.98; Greg's Auto Repair-Repairs-\$110.00; Hall County Department of Corrections-Inmate Boarding-\$1,922.00; Holyoke, Snyder, Longoria et al-Legal-\$200.00; Kimball County District Court-Docketing Fees-\$122.00; Kimball County Sheriff-Service Fees-\$650.52; Kimball Health Services Hospital-Service-\$134.40; Lincoln County Detention Center-Inmate Boarding-\$385.00; Marlin Leasing Corp.-Contract-\$211.58; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc.-Contract-\$100.00; Nebraska Assoc. County Extension Boards-Dues-\$50.00; Nebraska Health and Human Services-Inmate Boarding-\$93.00; Nebraska State Bar Assoc.-Publication-\$50.00; Nebraska Supreme Court-Publications-\$217.15; Nebraska Weed Control Assoc.-Registration-\$150.00; Points

West Community Bank-Service Fee-\$10.00; Samples Dean Law LLC-Legal-\$500.00; Sandberg Implement Inc.-Repairs-\$622.72; Scotts Bluff County-VSO Contract-\$1,025.00; State of Nebraska Central Finance-Teletype-\$537.60; Tyler Technologies Inc.-Subscriptions-\$898.00; U. S. Bank-Sheriff Expenses/Fuel-\$2,228.44; Western Nebraska Observer-Subscription/Publishing-\$149.50; Payroll-\$71,915.27. ROAD FUND: Ameritas-Retirement-\$1,344.87; BCBS-Insurance-\$5,958.00; City of Kimball-Utilities-\$1,232.03; EFTPS-Social Security-\$1,512.72; Highline-Phone-\$97.40; Murphy Tractor & Equipment-Parts-\$1,750.00; Quill Corp.-Supplies-\$42.27; Riverstone Bank/Scottsbluff-Contract-\$3,142.52; Snell Services Inc.-Repair-\$6,595.00; Vistabeam-Service-\$129.90; Payroll-\$19,923.88. VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND: Hollman Media-Contract-\$70.00. VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND: Viera Wireless-Cell Phone-\$48.16. TRANSIT SERVICE FUND: Ameritas-Retirement-\$3,929.73; Black Hills Energy-Service-\$1,358.37; BCBS-Insurance-\$17,320.85; Chappell Municipal Utilities-Utilities-\$269.65; Chappell Senior Center-Rent-\$600.00; Chappell Super Foods-Supplies-\$26.27; Charter Communications-Service-\$184.98; City of Kimball-Utilities-\$1,373.53; Connecting Point-Copies-\$88.07; Creative Revolution-Contract-\$621.20; Dix Community Improvement & Awareness-Marketing-\$100.00; EFTPS-Social Security-\$4,497.68; Flood Communications West-Contract-\$9,500.00; Frank Parts Co.-Parts-\$351.19; Gering Valley Plumbing & Heating Inc.-Repair-\$1,050.00; GreatAmerica Financial Services-Contract-\$65.00; Fidele Electric & Woodcrafting-Repair-\$305.00; Hansen's Petroleum-Fuel-\$16.05; Antonio R. Hernandez-Service-\$425.00; Home-town Leasing-Contract-\$125.27; Kimball County Treasurer-Rent/Insurance/Leases-\$52,739.96; Kimball Service Center-Repair-\$1,399.00; Laramie County Community College-Training-\$436.00; One Source-Service-\$54.50; Premier Auto Parts & Service-Supplies-\$35.57; Presto-X-Contract-\$24.17; Reck Investments LLC-Rent-\$4,000.00; Right Impression-Supplies-\$20.00; U. S. Bank-Transit Expenses-\$6,585.32; Verizon Wireless-Cell Phones-\$595.05; Payroll-\$59,712.38. TRANSIT SERVICE SAVINGS FUND: Kimball County Transit Service-Match-\$4,419.26; Points West Community Bank/Torrington-Contracts-\$27,746.55. 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND: CenturyLink-Phone-\$13.77; CenturyLink-Phone-\$136.59; Dalton Telephone Co.-Phone-\$22.44; Frontier Communications-Phone-\$5.46. 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: CenturyLink-Phone-\$67.23; CenturyLink-Phone-\$666.89; Dalton Telephone Co.-Phone-\$109.56; Frontier Communications-Phone-\$26.63. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: Community Building Solutions LLC-Contract-\$20,437.00.

Discussion was held on items to be placed on the agenda for the March 18th Commissioners' meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners on the 4th day of March 2025, Lukassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse, or upon the call of the County Clerk. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
/s/ Rich Flores, Chairman  
/s/ Elyse Schlake Lukassen, Vice-Chairman  
/s/ David R. Hottell, Member  
ATTEST /s/ Cathleen A. Sibal, County Clerk  
**#105187** March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### KIMBALL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The Kimball County Board of Equalization of Kimball County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Kimball, Nebraska.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgment of the receipt of notice and the agenda are on record at the office of the County Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the

members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Randy Bohac, Worship Leader for the Cornerstone Community Church and First English Lutheran Church and representing the Kimball Ministerial Association, Chairman Flores called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. County Clerk Cathy Sibal was present and called the roll with Commissioners Rich Flores, David Hottell and Elyse Schlake Lukassen answering. County Assessor Sherry Winstrom was present. The Board's legal counsel, media and public were not in attendance.

Chairman Flores acknowledged the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster posted

on the east wall of the meeting room and informed those present that any persons using recording devices must keep the device in their possession. Copies of the Open Meetings Act are available upon request.

Lukassen made a motion to authorize the Board's signatures on the acknowledgment of receipt of notice of meeting and agenda as presented and to approve the agenda as prepared and the minutes of the February 18, 2025, regular meeting as printed. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.  
Tax list corrections: None.  
Public comments: None.  
There being no further business to come

before the Board of Equalization on the 4th day of March 2025, Lukassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m. to meet again in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse, or upon the call of the County Clerk. Hottell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Aye: Lukassen, Hottell, Flores. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
KIMBALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
/s/ Rich Flores, Chairman  
/s/ Elyse Schlake Lukassen, Vice-Chairman  
/s/David R. Hottell, Member  
ATTEST /s/ Cathleen A. Sibal, County Clerk  
**#105188** March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

### ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1 AN ORDINANCE OF BANNER COUNTY NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HARRISBURG, BANNER COUNTY NEBRASKA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BANNER COUNTY NEBRASKA THAT THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS ARE ENACTED IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

**SECTION I: Particular Street Speed Limits:**  
No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour upon the residential streets within the Unincorporated Village of Harrisburg, unless otherwise posted. Maximum speed limit signs shall be placed as follows by the Banner County Road Department:

1. At or near the intersection of CR 33 and Park Street, southbound - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
2. Park Street eastbound -Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
3. At or near the intersection of Park Street and 4A-Spur, westbound - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
4. At or near the intersection of CR 18 and Road 18, eastbound - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
5. At or near the intersection of School Street and Road 18, northbound - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
6. CR 35 southeast of Harrisburg, northbound - Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

**SECTION 2: Yield Sign Placement:** Yield signs shall be placed at the intersection of College Street and Missouri A venue to control the east-west traffic on College Street in the unincorporated Village of Harrisburg, Banner County Nebraska.

**SECTION 3. Enforceability:** Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and should any part or section of this Ordinance be declared void and unenforceable, such declaration shall not render any other part of this Ordinance void or unenforceable.

**SECTION 4. Effective date:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force fifteen days after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.  
Moved by Anderson, Seconded by Darnell that the foregoing Ordinance be approved and adopted.

Roll call vote:  
Yay: Anderson, Lease, Darnell.  
Nay: None  
Motion carried.  
Approved and adopted this 18th day of March, 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BANNER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**  
Robin Darnell, Chairman  
Attest:  
Katie West, Banner County Clerk  
**#105198** March 27, 2025 ZNEZ

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Grief Share** – Weekly grief support group after loss of a loved one, 4-6 p.m. Sundays, March to June 9, Cornerstone Community Church, 600 W 7th St., Kimball.

**Celebrate Recovery** – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at New Hope Assembly of God Church, 413 E. 3rd, Kimball. The Christ-centered program helps people recover from any kind of hang-up, hurt or habit. More details: 308-235-2854

**DivorceCare** – Help seminar and support for people experiencing divorce or separation meets 7 p.m. Mondays at First United Methodist Church, 2002 4th Ave., Scottsbluff. Call Marilyn at 308-632-8044.

**Kimball Promises Group** (Alcoholics Anonymous) –open meetings at 7 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 816 E. 3rd, Suite F. Parking behind old high school off Hwy. 30. Enter through the gates on High School Street.

**Circle of Friends** Single Parents Support Group meets 7 p.m. on first and third Fridays each month at Kimball Health Services dining room.

**Compassionate Friends** chapter 2217 meets periodically all year. More details: 308-249-5043.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group** meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Heritage Estates, 2325 Lodge Drive, Gering. More info: 308-436-5007.

**Grief Education Support** in Scottsbluff meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at

Suite 2300 RWMC Plaza North, Scottsbluff. Call 877-699-7794.

**DOVES** provides education, community resources, assistance and support group meetings to those experiencing domestic, dating, stalking and sexual assault. Hotline: 1-866-953-6837. You may also email doves@dovesprogram.com Visit the website at www.dovesprogram.com.

**Eastern Wyoming Safe-house**, 1813 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Call 307-637-7233. The 24-hour crisis line is 307-637-7233. Support groups meet 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Hotline for Disability Services** offers info and referral services. Visit www.cap.state.ne.us or call 1-800-742-7594.

**Kids for Kids** helps arrange for foster children to receive overnight necessities if they have to leave home hurriedly. Contact Jolie at 308-672-3658 for details. Organized through Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association. More details: call 1-877-257-0176 or visit www.nfapa.org.

**Parkinson's Support Group** for Western Nebraska meets at 10:30 a.m. on first Tuesday monthly at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 312 W. 16th St., Alliance. Use lower level, north entry/parking. More info: contact Dee Brauning at 308-763-1254 or brauning@bbc.net.

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SIDNEY, Neb. (March 25, 2025) - Western Nebraska Community College is excited to announce the first Class A Commercial Driver's License class in Sidney, starting on April 7. The expansion of the CDL program was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, to help address the growing demand for skilled commercial drivers in the region.

"We're very excited to launch the CDL class in Sidney," WNCC Workforce Training Director Doug Mader said. "This program will help fill the vital need for more commercial drivers in the southern Panhandle. We want to thank all of our industry partners, Adams Industries and Floyd's Truck Centers, for helping develop our CDL program and securing training locations for future drivers."

The class will go from April 7 to May 15, with classes scheduled from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 8:00 - 11:00 a.m., on Thursdays. Classroom theory and

simulator practice will be held on the WNCC Sidney Campus for the first two weeks, and the in-truck training will take place at Adams Industries (1655 Industrial Ave, Sidney) for the remainder of the class.

Tuition for the course is \$4,950. Nebraska residents are eligible to have the training paid for through Gap Tuition Funding or the tuition assistance made possible through the Department of Labor grant. The financial assistance allows individuals to obtain a CDL for free while funding lasts.

In addition, WNCC is seeking to expand both Class A and Class B courses to the northern Panhandle, allowing for additional opportunities for potential students.

For more information about the Class A CDL course in Sidney, financial assistance, and additional class dates, visit [go.wncc.edu/cdl](http://go.wncc.edu/cdl) or contact Deb Davis, Workforce Training Coordinator, at [david10@wncc.edu](mailto:david10@wncc.edu) or 308.635.6335.

U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts (R-NE) announced his constituent casework staff will be hosting Mobile Office Hours around the state. Stops are planned in Kimball, Banner and Cheyenne Counties. Here are the times.  
 Friday, March 28, 2025  
 Cheyenne County  
 Sidney Public Library  
 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm MT  
 1112 12th Avenue  
 Sidney, NE. 69162  
 Monday, March 31, 2025  
 Kimball County  
 KCTS Building  
 10:30 am – 11:30 am MT

233 S. Chestnut Street  
 Kimball, NE. 69145  
 Banner County  
 Banner County Courthouse  
 9:00 am – 10:00 am MT  
 204 State Street  
 Harrisburg, NE. 69345  
 At Mobile Office Hours, Ricketts' staff will be on-site to assist Nebraskans with their casework needs. If Nebraskans can't get an answer in a timely manner or feel they have been treated unfairly, Ricketts and his staff may be able to help resolve the issue or help them get in touch with the correct people.

**MEETING TIMES**

**Connect Kimball**, formerly Kiwanis of Kimball & Banner Counties, holds meetings every third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Sagebrush.

**Eagles Auxiliary #3889** meetings will be held every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Kimball Area Foundation** meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. at the Kimball Public Library, 208 S. Walnut St. To attend, call Nicole Snyder at 308-235-5449.

**Kimball Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday at the Eagles Club, 218 S. Chestnut. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner and program 6 p.m.

**Kimball Recycle Center** meets third Monday monthly at Kimball Recycle Center, at 6 p.m. Call 308-235-3202.

**Kimball Ag Society** meets the fourth Thursday every month at 7 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

**Kimball Lions Club** meets at noon on third

Thursday of each month at The Windbreak. 308-230-0761.

**Kimball Prevention Coalition** meets 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday each month at Kimball High gym.

**Kimball VFW** meets 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday monthly at VFW Hall, Chestnut Street. All veterans of foreign wars and their immediate families welcome.

**Kimball City Council** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Plains Historical Society** holds its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the old high school on East Third Street.

**The Quilt Club** meets the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Park Terrace community meeting room. Call Claude Jones at 308-241-2100.

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