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'Elvis' entertains in Wilber

ABOVE LEFT: The Nebraska Happy Camper, Pathfinder group parked 14 camper rigs at the Wilber Legion Park last week. The group of about 50 campers and guests enjoyed a performance by Elvis Presley impersonator Kevin Bartholomew of Omaha from Omaha at the Wilber Legion Hall on June 28. All guests received a scarf from Elvis. ABOVE RIGHT: Bob and Lorine Mares of Wilber visit with Elvis impersonator Kevin Bartholomew of Omaha after the performance. Bob Mares and the real Elvis Presley were both in the same army battalion, but different posts, 20 miles apart near the Black Forest, Germany in 1958-59. Elvis filmed part of the movie "G.I. Blues" while stationed in Germany. Bob Mares and Elvis Presley shared January, 1935, birthdays.

Stay safe with fireworks this Fourth of July

BY KEATON BURGESS
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With the Fourth of July right around the corner, towns will be filled with booms and bangs as fireworks light up the night sky. Although fireworks can be enjoyable, it's important to stay safe using them and know the city's ordinances on them.

According to the Crete city website, fireworks can be shot off from June 28-July 2 from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and July 3-4 from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Fireworks cannot be launched from or onto any motor vehicle; onto any street, highway or sidewalk; at or near any person; into or upon any building; into or at any group of people or at the city park.

In Friend, citizens can shoot off fireworks from the hours on 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight on Friday-Sunday. No fireworks can be shot off in the park or an area around it.

In Wilber, there are no times or strict ordinances.

Staying safe is another part of shooting off fireworks. On the Fourth of July, it is important to make sure pets are

in a safe and secure place and are tagged if possible in case they run off.

According to the Crete city website, with fireworks, try not to light them off next to dry vegetation or combustible materials, keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of fires. Be cautious when lighting fireworks when it's windy. The wind can blow sparks which can cause fires. Never let young children play with fireworks or lighters. Light fireworks one at a time and move away quickly. Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs. Store fireworks in a cool, dry area to prevent an accidental ignition. Leaving trash on the street after your fireworks display is littering. Collect cooled fireworks left-overs and place them in the trash - hot embers will start fires, so let them cool first.

Enjoying fireworks is a big part of the Fourth of July, and knowing your cities ordinances and following proper firework safety is important to making sure the day stays safe.



COURTESY PHOTO

A 2026 Chevrolet Trailblazer is up for grabs at this year's Wilber Chamber of Commerce car raffle.

Start your engines: Wilber's car raffle is back

BY HANNA CHRISTENSEN
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A \$100 ticket could drive you home in a shiny new SUV while helping to uplift Wilber's downtown.

Ticket sales for the Wilber Chamber of Commerce's car raffle are underway, and the grand prize winner will get a red 2026 Chevrolet Trailblazer.

The money raised from the raffle will go toward the beautification of Wilber. Chamber President Jennifer Reedy said the chamber plans to use it to replace benches downtown.

"It's just fun that we're doing something for the betterment of the Wilber community, and that's just what we like to continue to strive towards," she said.

The car was paid for in full by the chamber. Reedy said the chamber tells a car dealership its budget, gets its car options based on that and votes on which car to purchase for the raffle.

Tickets have been on sale for about a month and more than 100 have already sold. There are 400 available for purchase, and Reedy said they typically sell out before Czech Days.

"It's kind of cool that you can win a brand new car for 100 bucks," she said.

After the grand prize drawing, nine other names will be drawn. Those people will win \$100 back. Chamber members can also participate.

Wes Brickner of Wilber won a Jeep Compass in last year's car raffle. He said leading up to the raffle he joked to his friends that they didn't even need to attend



Scan this QR code to buy a ticket for the car raffle.

because he was going to win. When his name was actually announced, he was shocked.

"It was pretty exciting," he said. "You never expect it."

Brickner said he has participated in the raffle for the past nine years. In that time, he has won his money back once and won the car once.

He enjoys participating in the raffle each year because not only do participants get a solid chance of winning a car or their money back, but their ticket money goes to something positive for the community.

"The money you give goes to a good cause, so if you ask me it's just a win-win situation all the way around," he said.

Tickets are available at First State Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Barnas Drug, Karpisek's Market, Frank's Smokehouse and through Reedy at (402) 540-4604. They can also be purchased through Clover Go with the QR code pictured.

This year's drawing will be Sunday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. at the bandstand. Participants do not have to be present to win.

"It was a good time, and it's well worth it for the cause, regardless of if you win or not," Brickner said.



COURTESY PHOTO

More than half of the kids who attended last year's Wilber Czech Cultural Day Camp are set to return for the 2025 camp.

Wilber Czech camp connects kids to culture

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At the Wilber Czech Cultural Day Camp, kids do not just learn about Czech heritage – they cook it, sing it, dance it, speak it and wear it proudly on handmade brooches.

This will be the third year of the camp. It will be Tuesday, July 8, to Friday, July 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sokol Hall. It will serve kindergarten through eighth graders, and all 40 spots are already filled.

At the beginning of each day, kids will recite the United States and Czech Republic anthems. A Czech language cartoon will play in the background throughout the camp.

This year's theme is Czech innovators. The camp will highlight eight Czech innovators and their inventions, including blood typing, sugar cubes, print-making, lightning rods, the steam engine, Semtex and more.

The kids will learn about the inventors and how the innovations impacted the Czech Republic. They will then participate in an engaging, often science-related, activity related to the inventions.

Campers will also break into groups and make art, including stained glass brooches and paper airplanes. They will use beads from the Czech Republic to make the brooches and wear them throughout the camp. The kids and volunteers typically also wear them during Czech Days, and camp committee member

Susan Senft said she enjoys seeing all the different brooches each year.

The campers will spread the Czech spirit by placing planter stakes with Czech and Sokol designs in planters downtown for Czech Days and hiding painted rocks throughout town.

They will get to embrace Czech music by making horse tail jugs, practicing maypole dancing and learning the accordion. And, they will get to participate in Czech cooking and language classes.

There will be a program open to the community at the end of the camp on Friday at 2:15 p.m. At the program, kids will showcase all that they learned. There will be groups that play accordions, dance, perform a skit, say Czech words, speak about their cooking class and more.

Camp committee member Elaine Burda said she enjoys witnessing how greatly the kids progress from Tuesday to Friday.

"It's so fun listening to the accordion players on Tuesday when they first practice, and it's like, 'How are they going to play a song?' but by Friday, they got that song figured out," she said. "It's just like that with the dancing and everything else, too. The kids learn so fast."

Back when she was a camper, junior leader Matilda Koll loved the different groups she got to be part of, such as the cooking, language and skit groups. She said the groups allowed her to dive into Czech heritage based on her interests.

Burda said every camper has

a different aspect of camp that is their favorite.

"They just enjoy having a fun day of learning new stuff," she said. "We don't have much time in between activities, it's kind of like a school day, but the kids are learning different things."

There are 28 volunteers, including Sokol Hall members and camp volunteers of all ages who will work together to make the camp happen. The York, Lincoln and Wilber Czech Queens will also help with the camp, and each day one of them will speak about their heritage and why they became queens.

Koll attended the camp in 2023 and will return this year for her second year as a junior leader. She said she has always loved the opportunity to learn more about her Czech heritage and now enjoys working with children and helping them have a good experience at camp, too.

"It's a place to learn more about where you came from and stuff because I never really had that otherwise," she said.

Senft said 26 of this year's campers are returning from a previous year. The experience teaches kids about the Czech Republic's past, present and connection to Wilber. And, the kids have fun while learning.

Senft said she, too, enjoys learning about Czech history and culture while planning the camp.

"It's fun to be able to take that information and teach the next generation," she said. "They love it, and just seeing them every year, I know for some kids it's their favorite part of summer."

The day I accidentally witnessed a no-hitter

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On June 16, I went to the College World Series game between Arkansas and Murray State with my boyfriend, Ely, and our friend, Jack.

I enjoy the atmosphere and all the fun activities (especially the Ferris wheel and face paint) that the CWS brings, but I honestly do not know much about baseball. I do not keep up with the sport, and I always get confused when it comes to anything more than just the basics.

Ely loves baseball, so he has taught me about some of it, although I don't always remember.

It was extremely hot out, especially in the over-head sun. I already had a sunburn from spending time outside with my family on Father's Day, so the heat felt doubly scorching.

So, when we were halfway through the game and Murray State still had zero points, I went and got myself a snow cone for something fun to do and cold to eat. I poured about seven different flavors on it and it melted before I could get to the bottom, but it was worth the fun.

As the seventh inning started, Ely mentioned

that the Arkansas pitcher had been the same throughout the entire game, and Murray State hadn't gotten any hits or reached a base. If this continued, it would be a perfect game.

There had never been a perfect game in CWS history, and as the game progressed, I could feel the excitement growing in the crowd.

However, the Arkansas pitcher hit the foot of a Murray State player, taking away the possibility of a perfect game. Since there were still no players who had gotten a hit, there was still the chance that the pitcher, Gage Wood, would throw a no-hitter.

We did some quick Googling and found that there had not been a no-hitter at the CWS in 64 years and 364 days. There were only two in CWS

history.

When the last inning came, I could almost feel everyone in the ballpark holding their breath. The pressure was on, and Wood delivered. He pitched a no-hitter to close out the game and all of his teammates ran onto the field to congratulate him.

As everyone left Charles Schwab Field, Ely, Jack and I kept repeating that we could not believe we had witnessed history. The people around us seemed to be doing the same.

Later, we watched an interview with Wood on the field right after the game. He spoke highly of those around him, even those on the opposing team. When the interviewer asked how he felt about his no-hitter, he simply said he "shouldn't have hit the guy," so he could have had a perfect game.

It was nice to see that the person who made history that day was gracious to those around him and down-to-earth.

When we left for the game that day, we had no idea that we would be witnessing CWS history. But, I discovered that's the thing with baseball – you never know what will happen!

Local officials urged to set responsible budgets

BY SEN. TOM BRANDT
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Legislative Update
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If you're a property owner, you've probably received your notices of valuation change, and I know many of you were surprised by how much they increased.

I have seen reports of 15 to 40 percent jumps, with some even higher. That kind of spike naturally raises concerns about the impact on your property tax bill.

The important thing to remember is that higher valuations do not automatically result in higher property taxes. The total amount you owe is a function of your property's assessed value multiplied by the levy set by local governments.

These levies are determined by various local political subdivisions, including counties, cities, school districts, natural resource districts, fire districts, and others.

While the real estate market drives property values, the decision to raise or lower levies rests with local elected boards. This is where you need to voice your opinion. If your valuation increases 20 percent and your local government keeps the same levy, your property tax bill goes up 20 percent.

But if local officials reduce the levy to match the rise in valuation, tax bills can remain stable or

even decline.

Over the past few years, the Legislature has taken meaningful steps to ease the burden on property taxpayers. One of the most significant changes is that community colleges no longer collect a general fund levy. Their core operating expenses are now funded by state income and sales tax revenue.

This change, which I supported, has lowered the statewide property tax load by more than \$300 million each year. Community colleges still retain a small levy authority for capital improvements and bond repayment, but the shift in operating costs to the state has made a real difference.

In addition, legislation passed during last year's special session placed new limits on how much cities and counties can increase their property tax collections. Their growth is now capped at the rate of inflation or zero percent, whichever is greater.

Still, lasting proper-

ty tax relief will require ongoing responsibility at every level of government. A major portion of local property taxes continues to go toward public schools. Although schools receive state aid, Nebraska's school funding formula, known as TEEOSA, has not been updated to meet today's realities.

As a result, more of the financial burden has shifted to local property taxpayers.

I remain committed to addressing the property tax issue from every angle. That includes reducing unfunded mandates on local governments, advocating for a fairer school funding system, and protecting taxpayers from automatic increases tied to market-driven valuations.

At the same time, I urge local officials to do their part by setting responsible budgets and adjusting levies to reflect actual needs rather than seizing on higher valuations as an excuse to spend more.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or my legislative staff at (402) 471-2711, or tbrandt@leg.ne.gov. You can also stay up to speed on all bills by subscribing to the Unicameral Update by sending an email to uio@leg.ne.gov or calling 402-471-2788. The Unicameral Update is free of charge and is a great resource.

Letters to the editor

The Wilber Republican welcomes your letters to the editor. Letters should be 500 words or less and must be submitted before noon Friday. All letters may be edited for content and should be free of libelous statements. All letters must be signed and include a phone number to verify authenticity.

COURT

Information taken from records filed with the Saline County court.

Tanya Merriman Keller, 53, Crete, disturbing the peace, 30 days jail and 18 months probation, and criminal mischief \$0-500, 30 days jail and 18 months probation.

Justin W. Dalebout, 35, Wilber, DUI-alcohol second offense, \$500 fine, 30 days jail, revoked license 18 months and ignition interlock device ordered.

Tanya Merriman Keller, 53, Crete, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, 18 months probation, attend AA meetings/revoked license 60 days, 15 days jail and ignition interlock device ordered.

Quinton Johnsen, 30, Beatrice, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$150 fine and six months probation.

Ariel Trujillo Rodriguez, 57, Crete, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$150 fine and six months probation.

Stanley W. Johnson, 87, Shickley, reckless driving first offense, \$500 fine.

Max Enrique Sosa De Leon, 26, Crete, DUI .15+, \$500 fine, seven days jail, revoked license one year and ignition interlock device ordered.

Edith X. Banos Rivas, 32, Crete, domestic dog-inflict injury, \$100 fine, and rabies vaccination required, \$100 fine.

Rudy A. Cruz Perez, 31, Crete, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, \$50 fine.

Emily G. Ehlers, 20, Wilber, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine, and possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.

Brenden S. Hooper, 25, Wilber, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine, and no proof of insurance, \$100 fine.

Marisol Gomez, 35, Crete, theft-shoplifting, \$50 fine.

REAL ESTATE

Information taken from records filed with the Saline County clerk.

June 16 – 26
Partner Investment Holdings, LLC, to Elizabeth Ortiz Guiza, N1/2 Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 53 in Crete. DS \$486

Lamont C. Wiksell and Diane R. Wiksell to Paula J. Schmidt and Dwayne C. Ridgway, Lot 7 and the S1/2 Lot 8, Block 219 in Crete. DS \$666

Dittmer & Dittmer to Crete Lumber and Farm Supply Company, Lot 18, East Ridge First Addition to Crete. DS exempt

ALOR, LLC, to Arendy Rueda Cruz and Erick Estuardo Ruano, Lots

545-546 in Dorchester. DS \$225

Gay L. Whitman and David A. Whitman, Joy R. Petracek, Timothy Coffey and Lisa Coffey, Todd Coffey and Jamie Coffey, Teri Rozelle and Jonathan Rozelle and Travis Coffey and Shailla Coffey to Lubisleidys Perez Pavon and Luis C. Batista Perez, Lo 4 and the N1/2 Lot 5, Block 53 in Crete. DS \$360

Shannon L. Erdman to Colton Lippold, Lots 562-564 in DeWitt. DS \$393.75

2042 Eastgate Drive, LLC, and Double Y Enterprises, LLC, to Cynthia J. Martinez, Lot 12, Pine Ridge Second Addition to Crete. DS \$1,192.50

TRAFFIC

Information taken from records filed with the Saline County court.

Riley A. Todd, 29, Wilber, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Mario A. Navas Hernandez, 57, Crete, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Barbara J. Fowler-Crosby, 76, Wilber, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine, and no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Jonah J. Geiger, 17, Fairmont, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Julio Juarez Lopez, 19, Crete, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Pascual E. Ramirez Garcia, 19, Crete, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Salvador Alarcon Juarez, 62, Crete, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Catarina E. Nicolas

Francisco, 17, Crete, fail to yield right-of-way after stopping/parking, \$25 fine, and no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Alejandro Velazquez Perez, 35, Seward, speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine.

Jakolbe C. Atkins, 19, Fairbury, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Guillermo Almanza Lemus, 21, Crete, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Asterio Fernandez Cardoso, 65, Crete, disobey stop lights, \$75 fine, and no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Rosa M. Ramirez Loarca, 42, Crete, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Zaylyn I Enamorado Morales, 20, Crete, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

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Wilber juniors, seniors fall

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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June 25 was a tough day for the Post 101 Legion baseball teams. Wilber was at Sutton and lost the juniors game 11-1 and the seniors game 10-2.

The seniors were tied 1-1 after the first inning, and Wilber added another in the top of the third. Sutton, however, scored two in the third, one in the fourth and six in the fifth to end the game via the run rule.

Each team recorded three hits,

with Wilber's coming from Grayson Vlean, Aven Smith and Lexand Baker. Aven and Owen Smith each drove in a run.

Allen Roger and Owen Smith each pitched for Wilber, with Smith striking out two.

The seniors (3-6) were to play at Friend July 1 and at Tri County Wednesday, July 2, at 8 p.m. Their next scheduled game is Friday, July 18, at home against Hebron.

The juniors trailed Sutton 10-0 after three innings and scored their one run in the fourth. Karson Inderlied was 2-3 with a double, and

Aven Smith had the team's other hit. Ty Roesler drove in a run.

Collin Kohout and RJ Klaassen saw time on the mound for Wilber in the loss.

The juniors (1-5) were to play at Tri County Wednesday, July 2, at 5:30 p.m. and host Milford Monday, July 7, starting at 5:30 p.m. The regular season ends Tuesday, July 8, at home against Utica/Beaver Crossing for a 6:30 p.m. game. The area tournament starts Friday, July 11, with Wilber hosting the Area 3 bracket that includes defending champion Malcolm.

Swim season ends for Ryby

The Wilber Ryby swim team finished the 2025 season in the Champs meet June 28 at Fairbury. Results include:

Brinley Fahrenbruch, girls 8U 50 fly, first, 1:05.74; 25 back, second, 26.44
Madelynn Nicholson, girls 9-10 50 free, sixth, 45.47; 25 fly 28.71; 25 back 28.18
Delilah Whitten, girls 9-10 50 free, 55.95; 25 fly 33.08; 25 breast 45.07
Charles Koll, boys 9-10 25 back, third, 24.5; 50 breast 1:04.2; 25 free 22.63
Franklin Koll, boys 9-10 25 back 34.21; 25 free 36.53
Elise Mischnick, girls 11-12 50 free, 38.01; 50 back, third, 43.43; 100 back, first, 1:42.3
Cooper Huls, boys 11-12 50 free, 38.99; 50 back, sixth, 52.19; 50 breast 1:00.34
Rohan Sullivan, boys 11-12 50 free, 40.67; 100 breast, fifth, 2:03.37; 100 IM 1:57.19
Alex Fahrenbruch, boys 11-12 50 free, 44.0; 50 back 56.59; 50 breast 58.0
Ethan Orozco, boys 11-12 100 breast, first, 1:47.51; 100 free, second, 1:24.2; 100 IM, third, 1:42.51
Skylar Hartman, girls 13-14 50 free, 36.7; 60 fly, fifth, 50.12; 100 back, third, 1:40.49
Mary Klabenes, girls 13-14 50 free, 39.45; 50 back 57.86; 100 free 1:42.88
Henry Koll, boys 13-14 50 free, 37.28; 50 back, sixth, 47.48; 100 back, sixth, 1:56.7
Jenna Woitalewicz, girls 15&O 50 free, sixth, 33.18; 100 fly, fourth, 1:29.02; 50 breast, third, 42.85

Ainsley Boggs, girls 15&O 50 free, 36.29; 50 fly, sixth, 46.74; 100 free 1:22.47
BriAnna Hartman, girls 15&O 50 free, 39.93; 100 back, fifth, 1:43.45; 100 breast 1:48.22
Myra Zimmerman, girls 15&O 50 free, 1:06.26; 50 fly 1:21.56; 50 back, sixth, 1:21.23
Evelyn Woitalewicz, girls 15&O 100 back, second, 1:25.33; 100 breast, second, 1:24.35; 100 free, third, 1:12.24
Coby Huls, boys 15&O 50 free, 31.62; 100 back, sixth, 1:40.02; 100 free 1:14.57
mixed 11-12 200 medley relay, Team A 3:56.27 (Alex Fahrenbruch, Charles Koll, Madelynn Nicholson, Delilah Whitten)
mixed 11-12 200 free relay, Team A 3:25.69 (Charles Koll, Delilah Whitten, Madelynn Nicholson, Alex Fahrenbruch)
mixed 13-14 200 medley relay, Team A 3:18.36 (Cooper Huls, Rohan Sullivan, Henry Koll, Mary Klabenes)
mixed 13-14 200 free relay, Team A 2:44.25 (Cooper Huls, Rohan Sullivan, Mary Klabenes, Henry Koll)
girls 15-18 200 medley relay, Team A, first, 2:38.16 (BriAnna Hartman, Evelyn Woitalewicz, Jenna Woitalewicz, Ainsley Boggs)
girls 15-18 200 free relay, Team A second, 2:19.75 (Jenna Woitalewicz, BriAnna Hartman, Ainsley Boggs, Evelyn Woitalewicz)
mixed 15-18 200 medley relay, Team A 2:54.87 (Elise Mischnick, Ethan Orozco, Skylar Hartman, Coby Huls)
mixed 15-18 200 free relay, Team A 2:24.89 (Skylar Hartman, Ethan Orozco, Elise Mischnick, Coby Huls)

TC juniors tie, seniors drop game

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Tri County's junior and senior baseball teams were at Adams June 28 and brought home a tie and a loss.

The TC Seniors struggled to get the bats going with just three hits in the game, while Adams recorded 15 in a 16-1 loss. Adams scored 10 runs in the third inning to put the game out of reach.

Drew Siems, Tayden Gronemeyer and Jay-ton Jones hit the three

singles for Tri County, and Gronemeyer drove in the run.

He was also the pitcher of record, going 3.1 innings before the run rule kicked in.

Up next for the TC Seniors (5-5) was Wymore Diller Odell July 1 and a visit from Wilber Wednesday, July 2, at 8 p.m. The team is to host Friend Wednesday, July 9, and then is off until Thursday, July 17, when it hosts Elmwood-Murdock.

The two juniors teams combined for 35 hits – 18

for Tri County and 17 for Adams – in a game that ended in an 8-8 tie.

Adams led 4-3 after the first inning. TC took the lead with four runs in the fourth, then Adams scored four in the sixth. Tri County tied the score with a run in the seventh.

Siems and Jason Wehrman recorded three hits each, with Wehrman doubling twice and Siems once.

Maddox Haake, Jones, Trevor Kapke, Alex Bartolome and Grady Schwisow had two hits each in

the game, and Haake stole four bases.

Wehrman started on the mound and struck out six in 5.2 innings. Jones finished the final 1.1 innings.

Up next for the juniors (10-3-1) was Wymore Diller Odell July 1 and a home game against Wilber Wednesday, July 2, at 5:30 p.m. The team is at Milford Thursday, July 3, for a 6 p.m. game and hosts South Central Tuesday, July 8, starting at 5 p.m. The area tournament starts Friday, July 11.

Legion Juniors area tournaments start Friday, July 11.

UN-L's Bureau of Sociological Research helping steer ag policy research

BY DEANN GAYMAN
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The expanses of land across farms and ranches are wide, but the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Bureau of Sociological Research has years of experience gathering perspectives from producers — no matter the geography — helping inform agricultural research, practices, and state and federal policymaking.

Research conducted in partnership with BOSR over the last year explored women in agriculture, grazing, soil health, precision agriculture practices, social networks and grain marketing.

Simanti Banerjee, professor of agricultural economics, has relied on the BOSR team's expertise for three major research projects she has led (and others she has partnered on). This includes a recent completed survey that sought information from ranchers in Montana, South Dakota and North Dakota about new policies regarding grassland conservation in the Conservation Reserve Program.

The research was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

"Once published, this is going to be one of the very first studies to look at the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program, because this is a relatively new program under the Conservation Reserve Program," Banerjee said. "The nuanced information is very valuable, both from a research perspective, but also from a practical contract design perspective for the policy-maker."

"In terms of policy, it's important to know producers' attitudes toward that policy and preferences for different policy features. Are they willing to make changes to their decisions on their operations? We want to make sure we're reducing bar-



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Cattle take a dip in a pond south of Gothenburg.

riers to behavior change for those producers in the context of new policies."

Banerjee said getting a suitable data set from agricultural producers can be more challenging than surveying the general public and that the survey methodological expertise of BOSR was invaluable.

The experiences have also grown her capacity as a researcher.

"They bring their own survey methodological expertise to the table, and they will guide us," she said. "Their openness to impart that knowledge to us also builds my own capacity and helps me deploy projects in a timely fashion."

In the 2024-25 project year, BOSR worked with investigators to deploy a variety of modes, reaching four agricultural producer

populations:

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Trout in the Classroom is sponsored by the Nebraska Trout Unlimited Chapter 710 and coordinated by Nebraska Game and Parks.

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Trojans improve marks at state meet

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Day one of the two-day state track and field championships was the busy one for Tri County athletes, Coach Reese Hennerberg said.

Cooper Stokebrand was part of a loaded field in the Class C shot put and finished out the finals with a throw of 49-3.5.

"We knew it would be a steep hill for a medal," Hennerberg said.

Kennadee VanWinkle cleared 10-0 in the pole vault to place sixth, improving her performance from last year's state meet.

On the track, both 4x800-meter relay teams just missed medals in ninth place. The girls' team of Sage Holtmeier, Isabelle Peters, Ashton Schwisow and Aubrey Siems finished in 10:06.2, a season best time. The boys' team of Drew Siems, Devon Rasmussen, Henry Kapke and Sammy Holsing ran an 8:15.13, also a season best time, Hennerberg said.

"It's hard to be too upset with that," he said.

Holtmeier, Peters and Holsing ran the 3,200 later in the day. Holtmeier and Holsing improved their lifetime best times, Hennerberg said. Holtmeier placed fourth in 11:54.07, and Holsing was fifth in 9:51.99. Peters finished the race in ninth in 12:15.18.

On day two, Stokebrand was back in action in the discus, where he finished third with a throw of 158-5. While it was not his best throw, Hennerberg said, he did what he needed to do to place.

Holtmeier and Holsing were on the track for the 1,600-meter run and finished ninth and 11th, respectively, with times of 5:28.81 and 4:32.58. Both were personal best times, Hennerberg said.

"We were right there in a lot of areas," he said.

Looking ahead, the Trojans graduated Stokebrand, Aubrey Siems and Schwisow from the state qualifiers. Hennerberg said Stokebrand will be tough to replace, but "the rest look good. They'll be back stronger and with more experience."



DOUG CARROLL/WR

Cooper Stokebrand of Tri County competes in the final of the Class C boys' discus competition at the state track meet. The TC senior finished third in the event.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/WR

Sage Holtmeier of Tri County rounds the corner in the 3,200-meter run May 23.



KEATON BURGESS/WR

Kennadee VanWinkle of Tri County clears the bar at the Class C Nebraska State Meet on May 23.



Stephanie Croston/WR Sammy Holsing of Tri County leads a pack down the stretch of the Class C 3,200-meter run May 23.



KEATON BURGESS/WR

Ashton Schwisow of TC keeps her pace during the 4X800m relay at the Class C Nebraska State Meet on May 23.



KEATON BURGESS/WR

Aubrey Siems of TC keeps her eyes on the runner ahead at the 4X800m relay at the Class C Nebraska State Meet on May 23.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/WR

Tri County's Isabelle Peters holds her position in the 3,200-meter run May 23.

More pictures from state track can be found on our website, www.wilber-republican.com.

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Swanton ALA elects new chaplain for the group

The monthly meeting of the Swanton American Legion Auxiliary was June 23, 2025 at the Swanton Legion Hall. The meeting opened with a prayer, the pledge and reciting the preamble.

Present were President Susie Homolka; Treasurer Mari-Ann Pesek; Secretary Linda Kastanek, and Barb Vales and Judy Dittmer.

The minutes of the April 28 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

There were no bills presented. Kastanek sent cards to the family of Pam Brinkman and a get-well card to Jim Peterson.

Homolka discussed the communications she had received. A letter was

received requesting a donation for the Children's Miracle Mile Network. A motion was made and approved to send \$25.

Since there was no longer a chaplain, Kastanek nominated Barb Vales as the new chaplain, which was voted on and approved.

The group's meeting time was discussed and was voted on to change the time to 7:30 p.m., starting with the August meeting.

Group members discussed the legion birthday party planned on July 13. Hot dogs, salads, chips, and ice cream sundaes, and ice tea will be served.

The next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Musicians to perform July 5 at Wilber Cultural Center

Jaroslav Škuta, clarinetist, and Šárka Stehnová, pianist, will perform a concert of classical Czech music at the Wilber Cultural Center on Saturday, July 5, at 4 p.m.

The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted at the door.

The concert is sponsored by the Czech Culture and Education Foundation of Nebraska.

Škuta is based in Prague, Czech Republic, and is a member of the Bohemian

Symphony Orchestra Prague. He maintains a competitive clarinet studio at Prague School of Music Nad Aleji, where he leads the clarinet ensemble and teaches other clarinetists.

Stehnová has taught piano in both Europe and the United States. She is a faculty member of Marble Music, instructing students, as well as collaborating with faculty at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

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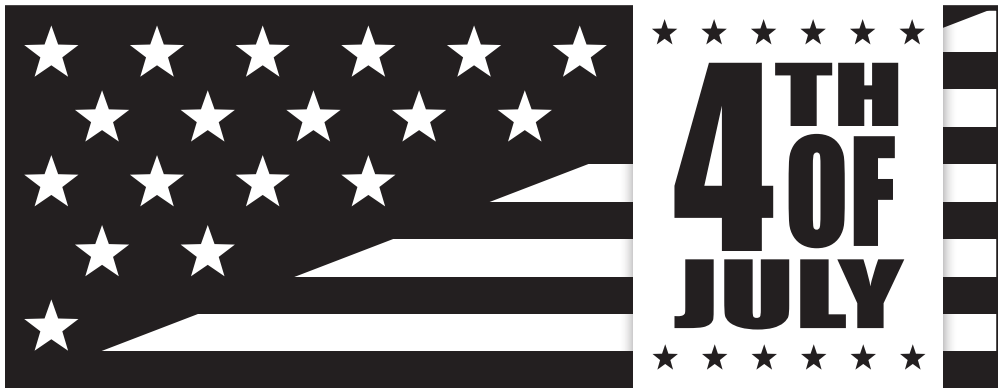
The Saline County Extension office will be closed beginning Monday, July 14, through Monday, July 21, due to the Saline County Fair.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 10126 SW 72nd Rd • (402) 683-4645 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship <hr/> Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 209 N. Quince (402) 683-3225 <i>Pastor Travis Panning</i> Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Holy Communion - 4th Sunday of the Month	To add your church or to update existing info, please contact 402-643-3676 or office@sewardindependent.com	



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SALINE COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The special meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:02 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, by Chairperson Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Phil Hardenburger, Brian Pribyl, and Russ Karpisek Commissioners and County Clerk Diann Nettifee. Commissioner Ray Rohrig was absent.

Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office and 3 public locations on June 25, 2025, in compliance with State Statutes; Krivohlavek advised those present we will abide by the open meetings act posted at the back of the room, all proceedings are electronically recorded and please silence your phone;

Approved Agenda;
Approved Resolution #2025-050; There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:
Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Chairperson
Russ Karpisek, Vice Chairperson
Phil Hardenburger
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SALINE COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, by Chairperson Stephanie A. Krivohlavek. Present were Krivohlavek, Phil Hardenburger, Russ Karpisek, Ray Rohrig, and Brian Pribyl Commissioners, County Attorney David Solheim and County Clerk Diann Nettifee. Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's Office and published in all three county newspapers on June 18, 2025, in compliance with State Statutes; Krivohlavek advised those present we will abide by the open meetings act posted at the back of the room, all proceedings are electronically recorded and please silence your phone;

Approved Agenda;
Approved the minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting;
Clerk presented correspondence; Commissioners reported on various meetings attended; Amber Lovitt, Executive Director, CASA of Gage County – Thrive Mentoring Program; Bryce Horak, Saline County Ag. Society;

Approved MIPS to print pink postcards;
Approved Aging Partners Subaward with City of Lincoln;
Approved May Sheriff Fees;
Approved Treasurer's Unpaid Delinquent Tax List;
10:00 a.m. Budget Reviews with Officials;
10:21 a.m. Meeting in Recess;
11:00 a.m. Meeting Reconvened;
11:00 a.m. Approved all Gravel bids for the 2025-2026 year;
11:05 a.m. Approved all Crushed Rock bids for the 2025-2026 year;
Approved Resolution #2025-047;

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Approved Resolution #2025-049;
1:03 p.m. Meeting in Recess;
1:14 p.m. Meeting Reconvened;
Approved Certificate of Completion, Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Rural Roads;
Approved Windstream request to Occupy Right of Way;
Approved Interlocal Agreement with City of Friend;

Approved Claims as presented;
Atty Kalkwarf & Smith 3,329.00; J Kuntz 1,339.50; C Thornton 541.50; Bldg Maint; Wilber Plmb 2,505.00; Brandt Carpet 6,126.02; Cntrct ; Assoc Psychologists 750.00; Bluepearl Vet 4,613.15; Capital Bus 168.00; Celledrite 6,585.00; CAMC 9,185.05; Culligan 50.50; W Cutting 570.00; Ecolab 572.43; B Epp 1,925.00; Gworks 6,086.00; Idemia 3,257.00; Jefferson Co Em Mgt 10,134.52; M Karel 290.00; Language Line 32.29; Microfilm lmg 150.00; Midwest Card 562.50; MIPS 28,193.39; NE Em Med 169.09; NE Gov 42.50; NIRMA 305,402.00; Quadiant 3,928.42; Region V 9,281.00; Sei 2,938.67; Soarin Grp 19,900.30; Spylglass 2,100.12; Applied Cnpts 575.00; Stanard Appraisal 2,500.00; State of NE 242.00; Thomson Reuters 197.42; Univ of NE 8,571.31; Redwood Toxicology Lab 50.00; Boldplanning 2,700.00; Prochaska & Assoc 8,602.60; Comm ; UPN 6,577.10; Windstream 1,558.96; Dues ; NACO 2,775.91; Teamsters 364.00; Equip ; First Wireless 8,826.40; Hometown Leasing 2,153.52; Kramer's Wrecker 60.00; RDO 72,760.00; Saline Co Treas 10.00; State of NE 9,592.00; Equip Rpr ; Lee's Ref 367.90; Salina Blue 337.17; Sid Dillon 88.99; TK Elevator 366.90; 41 Auto 5,298.72; NKC 32.99; NMC 1,449.46; Pomp's Tire 106.50; Powerplan 2,457.45; Fuel ; Farmers Coop 29,871.42; Sapp Bros 10,333.26; Shop Qwik 113.35; Farmers Union Coop 2,022.58; Garnish ; Saline Co Crt 910.74; Lancaster Co Crt 256.80; Gravel ; Beatrice Concrete 61,800.08; Rock On 2,613.57; SW Gravel 12,692.01; Vogt Trkng 35,374.28; Hlth Sv Acct ; Point C 12,110.09; Ins ; Principal 3,429.27; Madison Nat'l 986.39; AFLAC 985.06; Colonial Supp Ins 177.43; New York Life 93.95; Lbr ; S Johnson 24.00; S Schmidt 1,500.00; Maint ; Jindra Irr 121.39; Mlg ; A Bartels 372.40; D Drake 183.40; P Hardenburger 215.66; J Hermsmeier 196.00; S Krivohlavek 190.40; I Lindal 35.00; A Mulbery 721.00; D Nettifee 182.00; B Pribyl 177.80; R Rohrig 154.00; K Schwisow 124.60; B Vales 16.38; K Homolka 411.60; L Moldenhauer 96.60; A Fanning 302.40; P&P ; Sweet Tea Media 392.28; Prgm ; D Collins 730.75; D Mazza 1,545.00; S Moldenhauer 342.00; Purfoods 167.44; Wilber Care Center 570.00; A Stougar 1,500.00; Pstg ; USPS 4,500.00; Pysl & Txs ; iSolved 281,801.69; Reimb ; M Blackman 149.99; Saline Co Atty 58.60; Saline Co Crt 209.00; Saline Co Dist Crt 110.00; Saline Co Sheriff 1,249.12; Retire ; Ameritas Life 34,337.79; Empower 1,965.44; Spls ; Am Aluminum 252.00; Asphalt Kingdom 3,490.00; Axon 3,276.05; Barnas 2,270.76; Benchmark 148.45; Charm-Tex 254.70; Crete Ace 446.81; Crete Auto 152.94; Eakes 7,003.36; Food Mesto 67.72; Heritage Water 508.19; Horwath Laundry 436.58; Kiner Supply 411.85; Mallory 3,671.50; PIP 1,569.04; Quill 2,283.13; Sack Lumber 313.34; SoS 20.00; State Ind 1,057.72; Summit 18,503.92; Visa 8,770.44; Voss 162.36; Walker 185.13; Warne 1,445.82; Ace Irr 107,945.25; AKRS 693.64; All Roads 1,081.38; B's Ent 12,750.00; Beaver Hardware 22.63; Crete Lmbr 458.94; Dollar Gnrl 45.55; Filtercare 137.20; Linde Gas 108.91; Medical Ent 180.00; Orschelns 152.98; Shaffer Comm 1,009.75; Vigilnet 180.70; Trng ; Courtyard 328.00; Crowne Plaza 1,304.55; Natl Ext FCS 175.00; Unif ; Galls 217.81; The Fort 706.21; Utly ; Black Hills 602.57; Wilber 12,585.86; Friend

46.70; NPPD 536.14; Dorchester 95.66; Swanton 79.09; Western 168.25; Waste Conn 179.67

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber, NE.

ATTEST:
Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Chairperson
Russ Karpisek, Vice Chairperson
Phil Hardenburger
Brian Pribyl
Ray Rohrig
Diann Nettifee, County Clerk
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

This is a synopsis of the Saline County Board of Equalization's June 24, 2025, meeting proceedings. A complete set of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Equalizations' Journal, is of public record in the Saline County Clerk's office and on our website www.salinecountyne.gov.

SALINE COUNTY

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
The meeting of the Saline County Board of Equalization opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, by Chairperson Stephanie A. Krivohlavek. Present were Krivohlavek, Brian Pribyl, Ray Rohrig, Phil Hardenburger and Russ Karpisek Commissioners, County Attorney David Solheim and County Clerk Diann Nettifee. Notice of said meeting was posted in the County Clerk's office and published in all three county newspapers on June 18, 2025, in compliance with State Statutes. Krivohlavek advised those present we will abide by the open meetings act posted at the back of the room, all proceedings are electronically recorded and to please silence phones;

Approved agenda as presented;
Approved minutes of June 10, 2025 meeting;
Approved 2025 Change of Valuation notices;
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:15 a.m., in the Saline County Commissioners' Room, Court House, Wilber NE.

ATTEST:
Stephanie A. Krivohlavek, Chairperson
Russ Karpisek, Vice Chairperson
Phil Hardenburger
Brian Pribyl
Ray Rohrig
Diann Nettifee, County Clerk
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Saline County Board of Equalization will meet on July 8, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. in the County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Wilber NE. Agenda items for said meetings are kept current and can be reviewed in the County Clerk's office during regular office hours. Agenda item requests must be in the County Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. The Board of Equalization will hold a Public Hearing to consider motor vehicle exemption requests at 9:25 a.m. A list of organizations seeking an exemption is available in the office of the Saline County Treasurer.

Diann Nettifee,
Saline County Clerk
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
JULY 16, 2025
SALINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Saline County Agricultural Society will hold a special budget meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Exhibition Building at the Saline County Fairgrounds, Tuxedo Park, Crete, Nebraska. An agenda for said meeting is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Saline County Extension Office in Wilber. Wess Kohout
Secretary
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE

The Saline County Historical Society will have a special meeting on Saturday, July 12th at 1pm at the museum in Dorchester.
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

In accordance with Section 84-1411, Nebraska Rev. Stat. 1943, the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District will hold a public meeting on Thursday July 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at its office at 805 Dorsey Street, Beatrice, Nebraska. The 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 said district office.
WR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE

The Saline County Planning Commission will meet on July 15th 2025, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the assembly room of the Saline County Courthouse in Wilber, Nebraska. A current copy of the agenda is available for review at the County Courthouse in Wilber.
Lyle Weber
Zoning Administrator
CR/FSWR — July 02, 09, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Saline County Board of Commissioners will be held on July 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Wilber, NE. Agenda items for said meetings are kept current and can be reviewed in the County Clerk's office during regular office hours. Agenda item requests must be in the County Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
Diann Nettifee,
Saline County Clerk
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

JULY 9, 2025
SALINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Saline County Agricultural Society will meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building at the Saline County Fairgrounds, Tuxedo Park, Crete, Nebraska. An agenda for said meeting is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Saline County Extension Office in Wilber.
Wess Kohout
Secretary
CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF LEGAL HEARING PROCEEDING

ARANGO LAW LLC, 4546 S. 86th Street, Suite A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68526, (402) 853-6360, Notice of a Legal Proceeding in the District Court of Saline County, Nebraska TO: Melbia Aracely Felix Vasquez,

whose whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and who is the mother of the minor child, Robin Moises Rodas Felix, in the said proceeding: You are hereby notified that on or about August 9, 2024, Christina Thornton, then, Attorney at law with Arango Law LLC, filed a Complaint for dissolution of Marriage between the to parties, and addressed the minor child against you in the District Court of Salina county, Nebraska, indexed under CI-24-155, the object of which is to dissolve the marriage between the plaintiff and defendant and award sole legal and physical custody of the child to Robin Roberto Rodas Lopez. You must attend the July 7th, 2025, hearing at 9:00 a.m. in the Saline County Courthouse, 204 South High Street, Wilber, NE 68465, or a default order will be entered.
WR — July 02, 09, 16, 2025
ZNEZ

protests on the following dates:

Thursday, July 10, 2025:
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025:
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, 2025:
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025:
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24, 2025:
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(If needed for final decision day)

Purpose of the special hearings is to review and decide the protests filed pursuant to Sections 17-1502 and 77-1507. All hearings will be held in the Saline County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room, 2nd Floor, Wilber, NE. Saline County Clerk
Diann Nettifee
CR/FSWR — June 25, July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

HEARINGS

SALINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Saline County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on July 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Saline County Courthouse, 204 S. High Street, Wilber, Nebraska at which any interested party may appear and speak for or against the sale being considered of certain real property owned by Saline County, Nebraska, and described as follows:
Lots 11-12, Block 8, Second Addition, Village of Tobias, Saline County, Nebraska
Saline County Board of Commissioners
CR/FSWR — June 25, July 02, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARINGS

The Saline County Board of Commissioners will convene as the Saline County Board of Equalization for the purpose of hearing 2025 property valuation

ESTATES

KALKWARF AND SMITH

NOTICE

CASE NO. PR25-38

ESTATE OF

PAMELA K. BRINKMAN,

DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 2025 in the County Court of Saline County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Dorlene C. Trembly, 508 E. York, DeWitt, NE 68341 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of the Estate must present their claims on or before the 2nd day of September, 2025 or be forever barred. You have the right under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 30-2413 to demand notice of any order or filing pertaining to the Decedent's estate or the right under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 30-2221 to waive such notice.
Joshua K. McDougall /s/
Clerk of the County Court
WR — July 02, 09, 16, 2025
ZNEZ

NOTICE

The Saline County Courthouse will be closed Friday, July 4th, 2025 to observe Independence Day.

Diann Nettifee

Saline County Clerk

CR/FSWR — July 02, 2025

ZNEZ

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & BUDGET SUMMARY

State of Nebraska-Budget Form NBH-1

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

CITY OF WILBER, SALINE, COUNTY, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Municipal Proprietary Function Act, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of July, 2025 at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., at the Czech Cultural Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary.

Lori Rezny /s/

Clerk/Secretary

	Proprietary Function
	Care Center Fund
<i>Actual Expense:</i>	
1 Prior Year 2022-2023	\$ 5,198,833
2 Prior Year 2023-2024	\$ 5,260,473
<i>Budgeted Expense:</i>	
3 Current Year 2024-2025	\$ 5,748,302
<i>Requirements:</i>	
4 Ensuing Year 2025-2026	\$ 6,868,710
5 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 4,593,040
6 Cash on Hand & Estimated	
Other Revenue	\$ 11,461,750

WR - July 2, 2025

ZNEZ

STATEWIDE

THE SUN-TELEGRAPH in Sidney, NE seeks FT general assignment reporter. Great opportunity to hone skills covering local news, government, and sports. Experience helpful. Send resume, & 3 of your work to: wood.saratogasun@gmail.com.

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THE LOCAL LOOP

JULY 2

FREE SUMMER MEAL: Free grab and go meals are available through Crete Public Schools on Wednesdays during July. Registration is required by noon the Monday prior to pick up. Meals are to be picked up between 4 and 5 p.m. in the back parking lot of Crete Middle School (enter off Iris Ave.). Pick up dates are July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

FIREWORKS: Fireworks permitted in Crete: June 28 - July 2 until 10 p.m. & July 3 & 4 until 11 p.m. Fireworks cannot be launched from or onto any motor vehicle; onto any street, highway, or sidewalk; at or near any person; into or upon any building; into or at any group of persons. Fireworks are not allowed in City Park. Leaving trash on the street after your fireworks display is littering.

JULY 3

GLOWRUN 5K OR 1 MILE: Friend's Fourth of July celebration will begin with an all ages glow run or walk, starting at 8 p.m. in the City Park. For information contact Julie Bartels at ja_sudie@hotmail.com.

JULY 4

CAR SHOW IN DORCHESTER: Show and Shine Car Show begins at 1 p.m. as part of the Village of Dorchester's Fourth of July Celebration. Other attractions include the Saline County Museum tours beginning at 10 a.m. and a kids pedal pull at 3 p.m.

POKER RUN/ SCAVENGER HUNT: Registration 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Red Zone Bar & Grill. Participants will travel between stops, collecting cards and completing tasks. The evening wraps up with awards and live entertainment at 11 p.m. at R.J.'s Bar & Grill.

JULY 5

DEWITT DAYS: DeWitt Civic Board on Facebook lists full day of family activities, including Firecracker Run, car show, cornhole, parade, live music, free swimming and firework show.

CLASSICAL CZECH MUSIC CONCERT: Jaroslav Škuta, clarinetist, and Šárka Stehnová, pianist, will perform a concert of classical Czech music at the Wilber Cultural Center, Wilber, NE, 110 W. Third St., on Saturday, July 5 at 4 p.m. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering is requested at the door. The concert is sponsored by the Czech Culture and Education Foundation of Nebraska.

JULY 12

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS LUNCHEON: Breast Cancer Survivors and their lunch is provided for. Check in is from 11-11:30 a.m. There were raffles and door prizes. To make a reservation, text or call Linda Gill at (402) 947-1487.

JULY 14 AND JULY 19

WILBER JR. CZECH DANCERS: The Wilber Jr. Czech dancers will

entertain in Crete on Monday, July 14, at the Garden at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. at Tabitha. Be at the Garden at 12:45 p.m. to line up. On Saturday, July 19, the dancers have been invited to entertain at the Western Picnic. Dancers should be at the Western Park at 7:45 p.m. to line up. Call director Sheryl Kastanek with questions.

JULY 15

THIRD TUESDAY BIRD OUTING: Join an experienced birding guide and fellow birding enthusiasts at Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center for an outing along the prairie trails on Tuesday, July 15, at 8 a.m. Learn the birds of the prairie during the summer breeding season. Great for beginners and experts alike. Binoculars will be available for use. Free admission. Registration preferred on the center's website.

JULY 17

VETERANS COFFEE AND ROLLS: Coffee and rolls for veterans, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the VFW in Crete.

Scan the QR Code to submit your event.



Wilber Czech royalty attend Clarkson festival

Wilber Czech Royalty 2025-26 are local students from Wilber-Clatonia and Tri County Schools.

They have been promoting their Czech Heritage at the Wilber Czech Kickoff, Sokol Hall (Stribrnanka), White Elm Brewing, Wilber Garden Club, Wilber Care Center, Tabor, South Dakota, Omaha, Lincoln, South Central Milligan and Clarkson Czech Festivals

Monica Zoubek was crowned in Clarkson on June 28 as Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen Runner-Up 2025-26. She won the Americanized Kroj award. She is a senior at Wilber-Clatonia High School and is 17 years old. Her school activities include FFA (President), FBLA (SLC chair), One Act, Jazz Band, TCBY, and National Honor Society.

Her community activities include 4-H Czecherettes (vice president), 4-H Council (vice president), 4-H 5 Clovers, Youth Action Board (co-president), Saline Center YELL! Group (president), Sokol Hall Czech Camp Counselor



COURTESY PHOTO

Wilber Czech royalty, from left, are Wilber Czech Prince Kasen Niemeyer, Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Runner-Up Monica Zoubek and Wilber Czech Princess Kenna Boggs.

(three years), and Senior Czech Dancer. Monica is employed at the Gingerbread House and helps on the family farm.

Her parents are Brian and Katie (Jelinek) Zoubek, twin sister, Kelsey, and brother, Phillip, are from Western. Grandparents are Randy and Shirley (Burda) Zoubek of Western, Sharon (Cervený) Jelinek from Wilber, and the late Dennis Jelinek.

Wilber Czech Princess

Kenna Boggs is 12 years old and in seventh grade at Tri County School. Her activities include band, Senior Czech Dancer, Wilber Ruby Swim Team, and Competition Dance at Live Love in Plymouth doing ballet, jazz, and contemporary.

Her parents are Tylor and Kristin (Kuzelka) Boggs, and sister, Ainsley, of DeWitt. Grandparents are Richard and Vicki (Eret) Kuzelka of

Crete, and Gene and Jayne (Kleiber) Boggs of McPherson, Kansas.

Wilber Czech Prince Kasen Niemeyer is 11 years old and is in sixth grade at Wilber-Clatonia School. His activities include band, basketball, baseball, and is a Senior Czech Dancer. He is a member of St. Paul (Soap Creek) Lutheran Church, 4-H Rolling Hill Club, and helps on the family farm.

His parents are Matthew and Lacey (Strouf) Niemeyer, brother, Brecken, and sister, Bristyl, of rural Cortland. Grandparents are Sharon (Homolka) and the late David Niemeyer of Cortland, and Lynn and Lori (Ahrens) Strouf of Swanton.

Dancers to perform in Crete, Western

The Wilber Junior Czech dancers will entertain in Crete on Monday, July 14, at the Garden at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. at Tabitha. Participants should be at the Garden at 12:45 to line up.

The dancers have also been invited to entertain at the Western Picnic on Saturday, July 19. Dancers should be at the Western Park at 7:45 p.m. to line up.

DeWitt Days

CELEBRATING THE U.S. MILITARY'S 250th ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

Trap Shoot - 11 am (Gun Club 1 Mile East of Dewitt)

Poker Run/Scavenger Hunt (Starts at Red Zone, registration at 5-6:30 pm, awards at RJs - 11 pm)

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

Lil Tugers Tractor Pull
Sand Volleyball • Free Swimming
Firecracker Run • Cornhole
Chicken BBQ • Car Show
Bounce Houses • Parade
Gigantic Firework Display
Quilt Of Valor Presentation
Street Dance

SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

Redneck Urban Golf - 1 to 5 pm (Main Ball Field)

For a full schedule of events, visit our website and Facebook pages:
dewitt.ne.gov • DeWitt Civic Board Homepage
Village of DeWitt, NE
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STUDENTS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Hannah Holtmeier of Plymouth, a Tri County graduate, has been named to the Deans' Commendation List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year. Holtmeier, a senior majoring in fisheries and wildlife, was named to the Deans' Commendation List for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The Commendation List recognizes students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, College of Arts and Sciences and/or College of Journalism and Mass Communications who met or exceeded a specified grade-point average and carried six to 11 graded semester hours.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

More than 6,700 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' list for the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' list for more than one college. Students on the list from this area include:

DeWitt—Grant Lewandowski, senior, College of Engineering, electrical engineering; and Nicole Vodraska, senior, College of Arts and Sciences, history and political science

Plymouth—John Wehrman, sophomore, College of Engineering, mechanical engineering

Western—Adam Kotas, senior, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, agronomy; and Paige McKenzie, senior, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, veterinary technology.

Wilber—Jamie Filipi, senior, College of Education and Human Sciences, child, youth and family studies; and Elsie Woerner, junior, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, animal science.

Iowa State University

More than 11,300 Iowa State University (Ames, Iowa) students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester Dean's list, including Zachary Binder of Wilber, Mechanical Engineering, B.S. Students named to the Dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of

graded course work.

Fort Hays State University

Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kansas) has named 1,841 students to the Deans' honor roll for the spring 2025 semester, including Erin Schmidt of Wilber. The Deans' honor roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its spring 2025 dean's list for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions of medical imaging and therapeutic sciences program and medical laboratory science. To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above. Students on the list from this area include Emerson Schultis of Plymouth, studying Radiography in the College of Allied Health Professions.

Seward County

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