



NEWSLETTER

October 2026

BUTLER  COUNTY

— Chamber of Commerce —



**THE CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS FOR
THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE
HOPE TO CARRY THAT SUPPORT INTO
2027. MEMBERSHIP FORMS FOR
2027 WILL START GETTING MAILED
OUT SOON!**



Important Dates

- October 4th - Abie Duck and Ham Dinner
- October 4th - David City Fire and Rescue Open House
- October 22nd - State Farm Stuff the Truck
- October 25th - Downtown Trunk or Treat
- October 27th - Ace Hardware Ladies Night

Halloween Fun Facts

- THE FIRST JACK-O'-LANTERNS WERE CARVED FROM TURNIPS AND POTATOES.
- CANDY CORN INVENTED IN THE 1880'S WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED "CHICKEN FEED"
- A GROUP OF BATS IS OFFICIALLY CALLED A CAULDRON
- THE FEAR OF HALLOWEEN IS KNOWN AS "SAMHAINOPHOBIA"
- U.S. FARMERS GROW 1.5 BILLION POUNDS OF PUMPKINS A YEAR



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Business of the month



Genesis Personal Development Center— Genesis House

Restoring hope. Rebuilding lives. Strengthening our community.

For 25 years, Genesis Personal Development Center— Genesis House has been a source of hope, safety, and support for women and children throughout Butler and Polk Counties who are experiencing or recovering from domestic abuse, sexual assault, and dating violence.

*Genesis House was founded by Patricia Lostroh, whose own experiences inspired a passion for helping women and children in need. Patricia later shared more of her journey and the story behind that passion in her book, *Rising from Ashes: Rape and Recovery*. What began with one woman's desire to help others rebuild their lives has grown into an organization that continues serving local families 25 years later.*

Today, Genesis Personal Development Center is led by Directors Sherri Nielsen and Alexis Buresh and supported by a dedicated nine-member Board of Directors: Roberta Christiancy, Maxine Gælz, Dawn Grooms, Leah Hayes, Brenda Janak, Tony Novak, Denise Robeson, Eileen Rock, and Annette Snyder.

Our Mission

Genesis Personal Development Center's focus is the restoration of wholeness to women and children recovering from domestic abuse, sexual assault, and dating violence. Areas of service include community education and empowerment for vulnerable women and families.

Domestic abuse does not always leave a visible bruise. Abuse can be physical, emotional, mental, sexual, or financial, and every survivor's circumstances are different. Genesis House has assisted mothers and children who have suddenly found themselves without a home, money, food, clothing, or basic necessities—even when physical violence was not involved. In moments when someone may feel as though they have nowhere else to turn, our goal is to help provide safety, resources, support, and a path forward.

Genesis House assists survivors with needs including emergency housing and safety planning, rent assistance, food, clothing, personal necessities, and other immediate resources. We also provide educational programs and group discussions focused on preventing and addressing domestic abuse, recognizing unhealthy relationship patterns, and building healthy, safe, and respectful relationships.

We Depend on Our Community

Genesis Personal Development Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and community support is essential to everything we do. Our programs are partially funded through private foundation grants, but we currently receive no federal or state funding. We rely heavily on the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations, churches, and communities throughout Butler and Polk Counties to help cover the costs of operating our programs and maintaining Genesis House.

We are proud to be an organization that knows how to make a little go a long way. With a small staff and the support of dedicated volunteers, board members, donors, and community partners, every contribution matters.

Community members can support Genesis House through monetary donations or by donating items such as non-perishable food, gas cards, grocery gift cards, personal hygiene products, toiletries, kitchen utensils and dishware, and new or gently used clothing for men, women, teens, children, toddlers, and babies in all sizes.

For 25 years, Genesis House has been here because our communities have chosen to care. Every donation, volunteer, conversation, and act of support helps remind survivors that they are not alone and that a safer, brighter future is possible. We are incredibly grateful to the Butler County Chamber of Commerce for recognizing Genesis Personal Development Center as Business of the Month and for giving us the opportunity to share our mission with the community we are so proud to serve.



PUMPKIN DECORATING

**CONTEST
WITH THE
BUTLER COUNTY
CHAMBER**

PUMPKINS WILL BE PROVIDED!
SEND IN A PICTURE OF YOUR PUMPKIN
TO THE BUTLER COUNTY CHAMBER!
SUBMISSIONS DUE **OCTOBER 27, 2026!**

Chamber Winner and People's Choice
Email: director@DAVIDCITYCHAMBER.COM
(402) 270-9608

STUFF THE TRUCK

HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER IN BUTLER COUNTY

OCTOBER 22 | 9 AM - 3 PM



HELP US
FILL THE
TRUCK!

STUFF THE PICKUP WITH PERISHABLE & NON-PERISHABLE GOODS

DALE'S FOOD PRIDE PARKING LOT

634 E ST | DAVID CITY

Donations go to Bridging Our Community / Butler County Food Pantry

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BRING FOOD. FILL THE TRUCK. HELP A NEIGHBOR.

DUCK & HAM DINNER

Sunday, October 4

S.S. Peter & Paul Church | Abie, NE

Serving 11AM-2PM

(a serving line will be used)

Meal includes: Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Corn, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salads, Pies, Kolaches, Rolls & Drink

\$25
Per Meal

\$10 Kids Plate (Dine-in Only)

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR DONATION!

Drive-Thru/Carry Out

Dine-in (limited seating)

Delivery - 11AM

(sign-up in the back of your church)

- Holy Trinity-Brainard
- St. Mary's-David City
- Assumption-Dwight
- Presentation-Marietta
- St. John's-Prague
- St John's-Weston

**Silent Auction
Quilt Raffle
Games
Country Store**

(Frozen Dumplings, Baked Goods & More!)

3:00 Kids Live Auction

3:30PM
Live Auction



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Talk to a friendly banker to learn more and open yours today!

*The Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is based on quarterly compounding. Withdrawals made during the 6 days after opening or 6 days after each subsequent withdrawal will be assessed a penalty, which may reduce earnings. Requires \$10,000 minimum to open. Available in-branch only from 9/8/2026-10/19/2026. Member FDIC

Threads of Wisdom: Vintage Czech Wall Cloths

*Beauty, Inspiration,
and Advice*



Janet Jeffries on far left

Doane University historian, **Janet Jeffries**, is a descendant of 19th century Czech immigrants. With ancestors from both Bohemia and Moravia, Janet has actively studied and promoted Czech heritage, culture, and genealogy at Doane and in Nebraska for more than 30 years. While now retired from full-time work at Doane University, she has supported and coordinated several Czech heritage activities held at the university over the years.

She served as Czech Studies Elderhostel director, and as organizer of annual Doane Czech collects featuring folk and classical music. She has hosted 20 tours to the Czech Lands since 1992, which have included many Doane alumni along for the ride. Janet is a member of the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau offering a program on Czech costumes, and also does musical performances featuring Czech vocals.

Learn about traditional costumes, textiles, and other aspects of Czech heritage.



WEDNESDAY,
October 21



NOON - 1:00

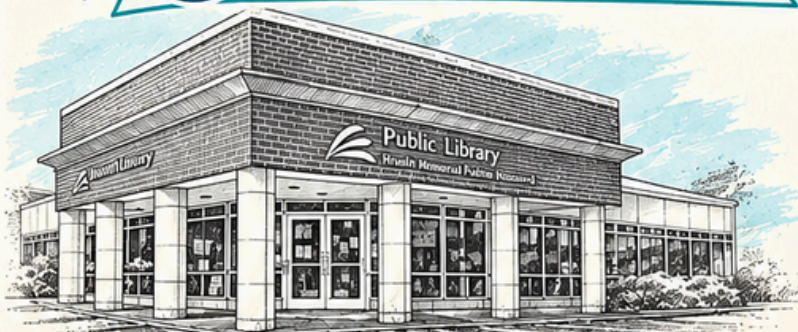


**HRUSKA PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

For reservations call
367-3100



*Lunch will be provided by
St. Joseph's Villa and Court.*



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HUMANITIES
NEBRASKA

*Funding for this program is provided
by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska
State Legislature, and the Nebraska
Cultural Endowment.*



DAVID CITY COMMUNITY

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 25, 2026

3:00-5:00p.m.

Starting location: Any corner along 5th street from C street to the railroad tracks. 5th Street will be closed for the safety of all participants.

Candy donations are essential for a successful event.
Donations can be dropped off at the Hruska Memorial Public Library.

Anyone is able to host a spot and all spots are on a first come basis.
No need to RSVP to host a spot.



VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE WALL

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

Join us as we pay tribute
to our heroes

**Do you have a photo of a
Veteran you would like to display
on our tribute wall?**

**Honor a Special Veteran!
Submit photos of a veteran who is
meaningful to you.
You can either:**

Email your photo to
HruskaLibrarian@davidcityne.gov, or
Bring your photo to the Library to have it copied.

**We look forward to celebrating the
heroes in our community!**

Photos will be displayed in the Library
throughout November

**Please have photos to the Library before
Thursday, October 29th**





Butler County Nebraska Historical Society Program

Monday, October 5, 2026 – Butler County Event Center, David City

Doors open: 5:30/Program begins 6:30

FREE TO THE PUBLIC. DONATIONS WELCOME.

Free bottle of water and kolache will be gone