

“The Husker Lovers Hub”

Featuring . . .

NE JCI Senate & NE Jaycees

Senate President Geneva Armbrust #72535

Greetings fellow Senators!

I am so excited for this upcoming Senate year. Why you ask? The board just recently gathered for a planning session and oh my! We had lots of great discussions and thoughts for the year. There is no doubt that the board is dedicated to work hard for you and the organization.

We have an exciting opportunity later this month that I hope you are able to participate in. The weekend of August 22nd-24th in North Platte there will be two celebrations. One celebration will honor the Nebraska Jaycees walking number 1 and the other celebration will be that of the North Platte Jaycees acquiring their own building. There is more information within this newsletter.

Please mark your calendar now for Saturday December 6th. That will be our next meeting/Christmas gathering (white elephant gift exchange, ugly Christmas sweater) in Lincoln.

Hope to see you all soon Gnomies!

Geneva Marie Broomfield Armbrust #72535
Nebraska JCI Senate President



Nebraska Jaycees—President Nick McNew

Greeting Senators & Jaycees,

Currently Nebraska has 65 members in the state between North Platte, Bennington, Falls City, and Nebraska City. Omaha and Imperial have folded. Currently Falls City is leading the charge with 17 members active going into quarter 4.

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Special Point of interest

The JCI Senate serves to recognize & celebrate the contributions of outstanding members of Junior Chamber International (JCI), formerly known as the Jaycees, by bestowing upon them the honorary title of Senator.

It also aims to foster fellowship among its members & provide support / guidance to JCI chapters.



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Vice President—Daryl Steinman #59574

Welcome to a new Jaycee Senate year! As your elected VP. I would like to see everyone try to attend at least one meeting and one project this year. I'm unable to attend the 1st Qtr. meeting in North Platte, but Reuben Ventris will be filling in for me. Everyone who attends at least 1 of each will get a special gift from me!

Our major fall fundraiser will be selling concessions in Nebraska City for Applejack weekend on September 20th & 21st outside Brown's Shoe Fit from approximately 11-3 both days. We will most likely have a Senate/Nebraska City Jaycees Social on Saturday night. If you can help contact me at 402-873-2667 or fatmansergeant@yahoo.com.

Daryl Steinman #59574
 Nebraska JCI Senate Vice President

Historian—Ruben Ventris #65469

Greetings from your NEJCI Senate Historian.

My name is Ruben Ventris # 65469 and I have a trivia question for you. Who was the very first JCI Senate President?

Come to our meeting in North Platte to win a prize. There will be more trivia questions at the meeting. See you there!!!

Ruben Ventris #64569
 Nebraska JCI Senate Historian

Treasurer—Dale TenEyck #57237

Hello Senators,

We are doing okay on finances but we still need to raise money for the further lifetime membership. Thank you to the senators that helped at Nebraska City fireworks raised \$300.

Dale TenEyck #57237
 Nebraska JCI Senate Treasurer

Gnome Notes from 6/7/25—Lynn Weiland #69824

2025/2026 Officer Elections

Each Officer motioned through acclimation, voted on & all passed.

President Geneva Armbrust #72535

Admin VP Daryl Steinman #59574

Secretary Lynn Weiland #69824

Treasurer Dale TenEyck #57237

Historian Ruben Ventris #64569

Region VI NVP Dan Badger #67974

Region VI NVP attended the meeting and swore in the newly elected Officers.

NE Senate By-Law Amendment

Article 7-5—"Quorum" was amended to count Exec Board Members as part of the 10 necessary members

Membership Info—Lloyd Mueller #57186

Membership

Five Members due in December:

Eldon Bowers Phyllis Bowers

Gary Loontjer Amy Taft

Christy Callendar

Membership dues are \$40 for the year. We have a payment plan that allows the member to pay \$250 over a period of a year. The timer starts when we receive the first payment.

Please send your dues to Dale TenEyck. Due by November 15th.

If your information (address and/or email address) please let me know ASAP.

Lloyd Mueller #57186

Nebraska JCI Senate Membership Director

Friendship Award

Currently we have presented 125 awards in the history of the program. We are planning on presenting 3 in the first period that goes from July up to the Fall National BOD meeting which will be in Columbus, OH in September.

We accept donations for this program.

Please make sure that you check out our website for the updates: nebraska.usjcisenate.org

If you are on Facebook, be sure to find our Facebook page and get updates there.

Chair of the Board—Sharon Rowan #52711 Wreaths Across America Chairperson



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the FL1122 - US JCI Senate's Wreaths Across America Page. The deadline to order wreaths is November 28 to be counted with the JCI Senate!

Here is the website to place your order: For every wreath(s) that you order, your name will be thrown into a hat to win a prize from me! Just let me know you placed an order. It will be a good prize too!!

Come on Nebraska. Let's show the National we care!!

Sharon Bevans Rowan, #52711

Nebraska Wreaths across America Chairperson & COB

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175453/Overview/?relatedId=14720>

Upcoming Events

NE JCI Senate Meeting

- * Saturday, August 23, 2025
- * Best Western Plus
- * 3201 S Jeffers, North Platte
- * National Champion Jaycees 35th Anniversary

US JCI Senate

- * September 11 - 14, 2025
- * Fall Board Meeting
- * Columbus, OH

NE JCI Senate Fundraiser

- * Saturday, September 20, 2025
- * Sunday, September 21, 2025
- * Applejack Week-end
- * 824 Central Ave, Nebraska City,
- * Outside of "Brown's Shoe Fit"

JCI Senate Region VI

- * October 03 - 05, 2025
- * Fall Region Meeting
- * Spicer, MN

NE JCI Senate Meeting

- * Saturday, December 6, 2025
- * Downtown Marriot
- * Lincoln

US JCI Senate

- * January 15 - 18, 2026
- * Winter Board Meeting
- * Melbourne, FL

NE JCI Senate Meeting

- * Saturday, March 14, 2026
- * Downtown Marriot
- * Lincoln

JCI Senate Region VI

- * April 17—19, 2026
- * Spring Region Meeting
- * Yankton, SD

NE JCI Senate Meeting

- * Saturday, June 6, 2026
- * Nebraska City
- * Annual Meeting / Elections



As a young leader eager to drive change, one may encounter resistance to new ideas or is told that age is a barrier. JCI USA, part of the global Junior Chamber International (JCI) network, offers dynamic platforms for young people aged 18-40 to connect with like-minded individuals and develop their leadership skills while making a positive impact.

Rooted in the values of active citizenship, personal responsibility, and inclusivity, JCI USA fosters a vibrant community of passionate individuals dedicated to making a difference in the world.

Individual Development
Business & Entrepreneurship
Community Impact
International Cooperation

Jaycees Calendar of Events in next issue of "Husker Lover's Hub"

Nebraska Jaycees—President Nick McNew

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Although membership is currently lower than we would like to see, there are some positives. Nebraska has a core 4 of chapters who are making a real impact in their community and creating relationships throughout the state.

We are also looking at starting the Sidney Jaycee Chapter back up. We have been working diligently with the Sidney Chamber and have scheduled a meeting with them and 4 potential members to get the chapter re started.

If you have any leads or connections to chapters that have previously folded and show interest in starting the Jaycees back up, please let me know!

Nick McNew
Nebraska Jaycee State President

JAYCEES *(The true beginning of The JCI Senate)*

Local Jaycee Chapters Update

North Platte

North Platte Jaycees had a busy summer's end with their two staple projects; Nebraskaland Days beer sales and Stuff the Bus.

Stuff the Bus is a Nationally awarded JCI USA project where the chapter collects and distributes 150 backpacks to kids that were filled with \$5,000 in school supplies! Unfortunately, they did run out so next year they are determined to hit the 200 backpack goal!

Bennington

Bennington Jaycees finished up with Bennington DAZE and are now gearing up for their Adopt-A Family project.

This project consists of two parts.

Part 1—A fundraiser

Part 2— Impactful community event

During the Holidays the Jaycees adopt 4 families less fortunate in the community of Bennington. The goal is to help make sure the kids have a great Holiday and Christmas.

Local Jaycee Chapters Update (continued)

Falls City

Continuing the tradition, the Falls City Jaycees held their annual Tractor pull on July 11th.

No Stopping and building on this momentum, they will host their Demolition Derby August 23rd.

The Derby offers Fun for all ages with 5 categories and prizes. Throwback class, bone stock 80's, bone stock compact, most wanted fine art, and youth compact. The event also includes a highly anticipated powderpuff heat.

Both events are staples in Falls City, bringing competitors and spectators in from many communities.

Nebraska City

Magical flashes of light, colorful stars in the sky, booming sounds, patriotic music & festive people . . . CELEBRATION was in the air on July 5th when NE City Jaycees held their notorious firework display.

This event takes a numerous amount of time and funding to put together but is always worth it in the end. Community members look forward to it every year and is a highly talked about and excellent experience.

Next up is AppleJack Days where the Jaycees & JCI Senate will join forces. Don't miss this exciting event on September 20—21.



CBA (Conceive Believe and Achieve) Reunion

Join the past & Present Jaycees as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of National Champion Nebraska Jaycees

Saturday August 23, 2025 -- A 2-person scramble golf tournament at Lake Maloney will be held Friday beginning at 12 noon. You need to contact Gary Person at 308-249-0900. Email gary@nparea.com to attend.

Best Western Plus in North Platte is offering us a special rate for the 35th anniversary gathering of the National Champion Nebraska Jaycees - Best Western Plus in North Platte. 73201 S Jeffers St, North Platte, NE -- Phone: 308-534-3120 -- **Special** rates under "Nebraska Jaycee Reunion".

Building 35th Anniversary is also this week-end along with The Nebraska Senators hosing their first qtr. membership meeting.



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If interested in supporting or to help the Jaycees continue & grow, please contact President Nick

NE JCI SENATE 1st Quarter Meeting

WHEN: Saturday August 23, 2025 @ 2:00PM

WHERE: Best Western Plus in North Platte. 3201 S Jeffers St, North Platte, NE

SPECIAL NOTE: This meeting is in combination with the 35th Anniversary Reunion of the NE Jaycees Championship (*When we walked #1 for Membership in the Nation.*)

Week-end Itinerary

Friday afternoon 2-person golf scramble at Lake Maloney - Details: Contact Gary Person

Friday night 6:00PM—Social Gathering at Pal's Brewery (not far from the motel)

Saturday 10:00AM—Conference room opens & is open all day for conversation.

Saturday 2:00PM—NE JCI Senate 1st Quarter Meeting (In the conference room)

Saturday 2:00PM—Roll call of all those present & Acknowledge our brothers and sister Jaycees no longer with us physically but in spirit.

Saturday 5:00PM—BBQ at its finest with the trimmings with the phenomenal talents of Animal and Ed Flynn on display. So looking forward to seeing everyone!

Nebraska JCI Senate

More than 50 years ago, the JCI Senate was established to recognize the outstanding achievements and service of JCI members worldwide. JCI Senators display determination and leadership and are encouraged to stay connected and provide support throughout the entirety of their lives.

A JCI Senatorship is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a current or past member by Junior Chamber International for outstanding service to the organization.



JCI Senate Creed

We Believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

The Jaycee Creed was written by C. William Brownfield in July 1946. Adopted by the U.S. Junior Chamber and Junior Chamber International, this simple statement of beliefs unites Jaycees around the world in a bond of friendship and purpose. These 65 words have become the third most important document in the lives of many, many people worldwide.