



Crofton resident launches campaign for Legislature

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A Crofton resident interested in becoming a state senator is among the latest election filings in Northeast Nebraska.

Keith Kube announced earlier this week his candidacy for the District 40 seat in the Nebraska Legislature.

The 40th District is represented by Sen. Tyson Larson of Bloomfield, who cannot run for re-election because of term limits.

Kube said he is a fiscally conservative, pro-life candidate and a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Crofton. He is member of the Crofton Community Club and was chairman of the Q125 History Book



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Committee. He has served on boards of the Salvation Army, Rotary International, Yankton Area Concert Association and The Energy Committee for the

National Association of Realtors.

Kube said that, if elected, his top priority would be addressing the property tax problem in the state.

"The property tax system is fundamentally unfair and persecutes the largest industry in the state, the farmers and

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ranchers," he said.

Kube said that because of his career experience in taxes and finance, working with both rural and urban communities, a solution requires a strong busi-

ness background to expose, address and fix this unfairness.

Kube has worked as a process engineer in energy and environmental areas and also as an investment banker and international management consultant. He has written two books on business and has a weekly commentary on WJAG radio of Norfolk.

Other election filings in the past week include Jim Prauner of Battle Creek filing for re-election as a Madison County commissioner, representing District 3. His filing as a Republican candidate sets up a primary election contest between him and challenger Lee Klein of Norfolk, also a Republican.

In 2014, Prauner defeated Klein, who was the incumbent on the Madison County board of commissioners at the time.

In other recent election filings:

■ LaVern Schroeder of Norfolk filed as a Republican for re-election as the Madison County surveyor.

■ Bret Bode of Battle Creek filed as a candidate for the Battle Creek District 5 school board.

■ Scott Nelson of Newman Grove filed as a candidate for the Newman Grove District 13 school board.



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CALENDAR
THIS WEEKEND

- Children's book character Pete the Cat appears 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St., and 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and N streets. Free, no registration is required. Children can meet Pete the Cat, receive stickers and bookmarks, and participate in craft and coloring activities.
- Creamed chicken/homemade Bunzas dinner (your choice) 4:30 to 7 p.m. the second Saturday of each month, October through May, at Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th St. Public welcome.
- Under way: "The Sound of Music" opened Friday evening, continues with four shows this weekend at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St. Remaining shows 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday. For ticket info., visit <http://liedcenter.org>.
- Wachiska Audubon hosts field trip Sunday, meet members at 12:30 p.m. on the south side of the Capitol, 15th and H streets, to caravan or carpool 60 miles to Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge and Carter Lake to see common redpolls, snowy owls, red crossbills, and trumpeter swans. Dress for winter hiking; bring water bottle and binoculars (if available). Free outing, public welcome. Info.: call John Carlini, (402) 475-7275.
- OLLI at UNL Open House 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St. Free refreshments, open to the public. See ad and article on back page of this edition.
- Lincoln Lutheran Choir spring concert season begins with a retreat 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 724 S. 12th St. Choir welcomes new and returning members for 40th anniversary celebration. Former members invited to come join the choir for singing a few musical favorites of the past, directed by Brett Epperson, the choir's artistic director and conductor.
- Grief group meets 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday in Roper & Sons Funeral Home Reception Facility, 4300 O St. This weekend: Structured Group, facilitated by Tiffany Eisenbraun, PLMHP. A session for those who are grieving a death that took place in the past 18 months or less. No cost to attend.
- Widowed Persons Service (WPS) Friendship Group meets 2 to 4 p.m.

- every Sunday at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St. (Fall session takes effect Sept. 10.)
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society (LLCGS) offers free assistance with genealogy and family history from 2-4 p.m. most Sundays at Walt Library, 6701 S. 14th St. For information on Sunday topics, see www.llcgs.info or call Bob McQuistan, (402) 483-6158. Open to anyone interested in genealogy.
- First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 20th & D streets, hosts "It's On Us: Rape Culture and Community Response," a lecture presented by Dr. Leah Rediger Schulte, 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the church chapel.
- Compline worship 7 p.m. Sunday at First-Plymouth, 20th & D streets. Unique and peaceful worship with meditation, candlelight, and chanting by the schola cantorum choral ensemble.

■ **MONDAY**

- Sunrise Toastmasters Club weekly meeting begins at 6:30 a.m. Gianna's Java and Gelato, 2241 O St. For information, 402-416-4342.
- "Loss of a Loved One Drop-in Grief Group," meets every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m., and every Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m., at The Harbor Coffeehouse, 1265 S. Cotner Blvd. Call (402) 486-8546 for confirmation of dates.
- Fallbrook Kiwanis Club meets noon to 1 p.m. at Concordia University location at 570 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 203. Bring your own lunch.
- Executive Club of Lincoln weekly noon luncheon at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 12th and M streets. Guest speaker: Darin Erstad, head coach of the Huskers' baseball program.
- Lincoln Torch Club monthly meeting at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor, US Bank, 13th and M street. Social time (optional) at 6 p.m., dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. featuring Patricia Maxwell and her presentation, "Hidden Treasures." All are welcome. RSVP to mmoul1@allophone.com.

■ **TUESDAY**

- Lincoln Sunrise Kiwanis Club meeting 6:30 a.m. in the Flanagan Room at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St. Guest speaker: Jason Helgren, Food Bank of Lincoln.

- Preschool Open House 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Pioneers Park Nature Center, for adults only. The Nature Center offers a preschool program for ages 3 to 4 and a pre-kindergarten program for ages 4 to 5. Registration for 2018-19 school year begins Feb. 1. (In case of inclement weather, the open house will be rescheduled to Jan. 23.)
 - Lincoln Rotary Club #14 weekly noon luncheon meeting schedule resumes at The Nebraska Club, 20th floor of US Bank, 12th and M streets. Guest speaker: Donde Plowman, UN-L Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Academic Officer. Topic: "Power of Dreams in Moving Organizations."
 - Capital City Kiwanis Club weekly dinner meeting 6 p.m. at the Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.
 - Cosmopolitan International Club meets 6-7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 201 N. 66th St. Info.: call Julie Brezenski, (308) 850-8013.
 - Madonna Adaptive Sports & Recreation Bowling Night for anyone with a disability 6 to 8 p.m. at Parkway Lanes, 2555 S. 48th St. \$5 to bowl, \$3 for shoe rental, call Rick Haith at (402) 413-3722 to register.
 - Alpha course series begins 6 to 8 p.m. at Horizons Community Church, 3200 Grainger Parkway. Ten-week series meets 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and includes meals. See article in this issue.
 - Free give-away 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at Calvary United Methodist Church, South 11th and Garfield streets. Free clothing (all sizes) and household items. No income eligibility requirements.
 - Jam session 7 to 10 p.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles - Lincoln Auxiliary 147, 500 West Industrial Lake Drive. \$4. Food served from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; club menu.
 - Dance to the music of the C.J. Honnor Quartet, 7 to 9 p.m. at Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park, 3140 Sumner St. Ballroom and other varieties of dance.
 - Lincoln Continentals men's a cappella chorus weekly rehearsal, 7 to 9 p.m. at Northeast United Church of Christ Social Hall, 6200 Adams St. New singers, guests welcome.
 - Lincolnire Chorus weekly rehearsal, 7 to 9 p.m. at Vine Congregational UCC, 1800 Twin Ridge Rd.
- **WEDNESDAY**
- Lincoln Sunrise Optimist Club

- breakfast meeting 7 a.m. at Perkins, 48th & O streets.
 - Lincoln Gateway Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7:30 a.m. at Tabitha, 48th and J streets.
 - Under way: Six-week "Growing Through Grief Support Group" meeting Wednesday mornings, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 10-11:30 a.m., at Tabitha, 4720 Randolph St. To register, contact Jamie Scott, at 402.486.8546 or email Jamie.Scott@Tabitha.org.
 - Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting at Golden Corral, 3940 N. 27th St. Guest speaker Brooke Hay, Assistant Director Facilities Planning & Construction, Manager Capital Construction at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to speak on the Cather-Pound demolition.
 - SouthPointe Kiwanis Club noon luncheon meeting at Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th St.
 - Lincoln East Rotary Club noon luncheon meeting at Valentino's Grand Italian Buffet, 70th & Van Dorn. Guest speaker: Brian Seck, Prosper Lincoln, Employment Skills Developer.
 - "Caregiver Drop-in Support Group," third Wednesday of each month, 5-6:30 p.m., at Tabitha The Club—Adult Day Services, 4600 Valley Rd. Care for loved one provided at no charge. Meals available for \$5.
 - South Gate United Methodist Church, 3500 Pioneers Blvd., hosts special worship service on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Come as you are from work and participate in a short, meaningful service with Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede. A midweek opportunity for a brief quiet time. All are welcome. More info: (402) 489-1641.
- **THURSDAY**
- Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7 a.m. in Hy-Vee Club Room, 5020 O St.
 - Lincoln Center Sertoma Club breakfast meeting 7 a.m. at The Cornhusker, a Marriott hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
 - Yoga classes led by a certified yoga instructor 9:30 a.m. every Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 7130 Kentwell Lane. Bring a mat. Free-will donation.
 - Cornhusker Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. at The Venue Restaurant, South 70th & Pioneers Blvd. Info.: www.cornhuskerkiwanis.org

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- Public open house on three comprehensive watershed management plans, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Educare Center in Belmont Elementary School, 3425 N. 14th St. Parking is available in the main lot, north of the Educare Center. City staff and consulting engineers to discuss goals and objectives. Visitors may view maps and provide feedback.
- SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training) meets at 6:30 p.m. at Parallels, 4706 S. 48th St. Free support group for people who have any addictive behavior.
- Nebraska Wesleyan opens its spring theatre season with Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," 7:30 p.m. in Miller Theatre, 50th & Huntington Ave. Additional shows Jan. 19-20 and 25-27, with 2 p.m. matinee shows Jan. 21 and 28. Admission \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and students; buy tickets at theatre. nebrwesleyan.edu or call (402) 465-2384.

■ FRIDAY

- VA Coffeehaus 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in VA Auditorium, 600 S. 70th St. Live entertainment: an open jam session. Bring an instrument and join in the music. Refreshments served; public welcome. Quilts of Valor presented at noon.
- Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club weekly noon luncheon meeting on 20th floor of U.S. Bank, 13th and M streets.
- Lincoln South Rotary Club weekly noon luncheon at The Venue Restaurant, 70th & Pioneers Blvd. Guest speaker: Dr. Donde Plowman, UNL Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of Academic Affairs.
- First Tier Toastmasters Club meets noon to 1 p.m. at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 12th and M streets. For more information, visit <http://5949.toastmastersclubs.org>
- Nebraska Jazz Orchestra presents

"Learning from the Master" featuring Scott Whitfield on trombone, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.

- Opening night: S.T.A.G.E. student theatre presents musical comedy set in ancient Greece, "A Geek Tragedy," set for 7 p.m. Jan. 19, 20 and 27, and 2 p.m. Jan 21 and 28, in Kaczmarek Hall at St. Teresa Church, 735 S. 36th St. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. The show is approximately 2 hours with intermission and concessions. See article and photo in this issue.
- World premiere of "TBD (To Be Determined)" opens at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th St. Additional shows Jan. 20-21 and 26-28, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$25 for adults and \$15 for students (play is recommended for adult audiences). Reservations at lincolnplayhouse.com or call the box office at (402) 489-7529.
- Music by Silver Wings from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles – Lincoln Auxiliary 147, 500 West Industrial Lake Drive. \$8. Food served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Bacon/Swiss CKN).

■ NEXT WEEKEND

- Winter Recreation Workshop: Cross Country Skiing, 2 to 4 p.m. next Saturday at Pioneers Park Nature Center, led by Outdoor Adventures from the University of Nebraska. Aimed at those with no cross country skiing experience and those looking to improve their skills. (If the weather is not ideal for skiing, the workshop will be held indoors, and all participants will receive a coupon for ski rental from Outdoor Adventures.) Recommended for ages 12 and up; children must be accompanied by an adult. \$20 fee per person includes ski rental. Registration deadline Jan.