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## **Groundbreaking Ceremony Set for the Mandy Jo Rounds Dog Park**

**Blair, NE** — The City of Blair is excited to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the Mandy Jo Rounds Dog Park, scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The new dog park will be located in Black Elk-Neihardt Park, just south of the water tower.

This project is made possible through the dedication and generosity of the Mandy Jo Rounds Memorial Foundation, along with several key community partners.

The Mandy Jo Rounds Memorial Foundation was created to honor Mandy's memory through meaningful community contributions and causes close to her heart—especially her love for dogs. To keep that spirit alive, the Foundation has led the effort to bring Blair's first dog park to life. In addition, the Foundation awards an annual scholarship to a Blair High School graduate pursuing an education in an animal-related field.

Nestled within Black Elk-Neihardt Park, the future dog park site will be easily accessible from the main parking lot—simply head west on the trail and take the south fork to find the fenced-in area. Once complete, the park will be enclosed by a 6 ft fence and will feature different obstacle course activities.

The groundbreaking event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend and celebrate this exciting milestone. This marks the first-ever dog park within Blair city limits, a project that reflects both community spirit and a shared love for our four-legged friends.

Come join us as we break ground on this special addition to our community and honor the lasting legacy of Mandy Jo Rounds.

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