

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **Saline County Announces Flag & Seal Design Contest**

**February 17, 2016, Wilber, Nebraska** - Saline County has a unique history and evolving culture, one that deserves to be expressed in a way that is inclusive to all of its citizens. To that end, County representatives are looking to create a County flag and a County seal that will serve to represent all of our residents by being symbolic of who we are, historically and culturally, as a County. The Saline County Identity & Marking Committee is working to engage our local schools and the community at large to create a flag design and a seal that will be symbolic and meaningful in its description of our County and its people.

This Committee understands the importance of enriching our prospective ideas and hereby announces the creation of a design contest which would bring all our collective ideas into a single location for consideration. The contest will run for 93 days, with acceptance of submissions ending at 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2016. Each flag or seal must first be approved for appropriateness before being added into a further consideration pool.

The 93 days in which to allow local submissions are meant to represent one day for each of Nebraska's 93 counties. During these 93 days all those eligible will be able to submit their entries in various forms; chalk, pencil, water colors, paint, and digital files submitted in PDF, JPG or PNG format. The adopted design(s) will then be reproduced professionally in final consideration for adoption.

After the contest deadline is reached, a first round review of the flags and/or seals will be narrowed down by the Identity & Marking Committee and thus begin a period of extended review. The Identity & Marking Committee will then select one flag design and/or one seal design to be developed and presented to the Saline County Board of Commissioners for possible adoption. The winning artist(s) will receive recognition at an unveiling that will coincide with an open house dedicating the new Courthouse Addition sometime in the summer or fall of 2017.

This is the first time in which the community has attempted to create an official County flag and an officially adopted, universal seal.

Eligible submissions for all designs will be accepted if participants are current residents or fulltime students in Saline County. Complete contest criteria and submission forms can be found on the Saline County website at [www.co.saline.ne.us/](http://www.co.saline.ne.us/) or by visiting the County Clerk at the Courthouse in Wilber for paper submission forms and other documented information. All other inquires can be directed to Committee Chairperson, Tim McDermott at [nebraskatim@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskatim@gmail.com), 402.821.3581.

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