

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium

Other names/site number WT06-016

Name of related multiple property listing New Deal-era Resources in Nebraska Multiple Property Document  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & Number 418 Minnesota Avenue

City or town Inavale State Nebraska County Webster

Not for publication  Vicinity

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

  
Signature of certifying official/Title:  
Nebraska State Historical Society

SHPO/Director

1/20/23  
Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.

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Signature of Commenting Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Title

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State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property** (Check only **one** box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property** (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	Buildings
_____	_____	Sites
_____	_____	Structures
_____	_____	Objects
_____	_____	Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register** N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION AND CULTURE  
Auditorium, sports facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions.)

NO STYLE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: CONCRETE

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## Description

**Summary Paragraph** (Briefly describe the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

The Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium (WT06-016) is a single-story rectangular plan building constructed in 1942 and located on the northwest corner of Garfield Street and Minnesota Avenue. The property consists of the building site and a large green space to the south that is defined by a neighboring wood fence. The nomination consists of three contributing buildings which include the gymnasium and two outhouses. There are three granite markers commemorating those who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict in the green space.

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable.)

## Setting

Inavale is a small community in south central Nebraska near the Kansas border. It is approximately six miles west of Red Cloud, the county seat of Webster County. The unincorporated community has a population of 53 (2020 U.S. Census). This area is in the Republican River Valley which is defined by sage and grassland prairies, upland pastures, and cropland. Inavale itself is just north of the Republican River. The community is comprised of approximately seven-and-a-half square blocks roughly bounded by County Road 500 to the west, Garfield Street to the north, Maine Avenue to the east and US Highway 136 to the south.

## Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium

Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium was built in 1942 using salvaged materials from a building in neighboring Red Cloud, on the grounds of the Inavale grade school which was no longer extant. The rectangular plan building is 90 feet long and 50 feet wide and has a seating capacity of approximately 500 from built-in wood bench style three-tiered bleacher seats. A stage and dressing rooms are at the east end of the floor plan with an open yard area to the south and two outhouses for “ladies” and “men”. The rectangular plan building has an east/west access with the main entry on the west façade and the stage and dressing room areas on the east end of the footprint. An open house held in November 1943

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described the new stage as having a background with, “a very pretty hand painted meadow scene with drop curtains that also contained a very realistic sketch.”<sup>1</sup>

The east facing main entry façade has a centered wooden door that is set within a smooth concrete door surround. The paired doors are heavily weathered, and the bottoms deteriorated with planks missing. The concrete surround has two horizontal bands with a nameplate centered between that reads:

GYMNASIUM  
SCHOOL DIST NO-6  
WPA. 1942

Above the concrete nameplate is a simple goose neck electric light with green metal shade. Other than the main entry door, this wall has no other openings. Textured concrete masonry units are laid in a simple running bond pattern with no other detail. Two cracks at the north and south corners, largely follow grout lines from settling or poor site drainage.

The south wall is punctuated by four windows within bays defined by six vertical cast concrete pilasters. Three vertical lines are incised within each pilaster. The center line is longer showing some attention to detail. The one-over-one windows are set with concrete sills and lintels. The walls are smooth concrete masonry units with a three-row band of textured units approximately two-thirds of the way between the ground and the roof line, all laid in a simple running bond. Other than the concrete structural elements and the texture of the block there is no ornamentation.

The north wall replicates the south wall with six concrete pilasters, each with the triple incised line detail and four one-over-one window units. It has the same banding with the three rows of textured block at approximately two-thirds up the wall. No other ornamentation is present.

The east (back side) of the building is all flat concrete masonry unit laid in a simple running bond. Paired wood paneled entry doors are slightly elevated in the center of the wall. It appears there was once

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<sup>1</sup> “Box Supper Held At Inavale Gymnasium.” *The Commercial Advertiser* (Red Cloud, Nebraska) November 22, 1943, 1.



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a stoop or steps for exiting this door that are no longer extant. Two windows, one on either side of the centered door and two single doors at the north and south ends of this wall are present. Poured concrete sill and lintel define all the openings on this elevation. Also on this elevation is a brick chimney that projects from the wall.

The roof is a modified hipped shape with standing seam metal cladding. Two exhaust pipes vent through the roof at the north side for wall mounted heaters that were added soon after construction.

The interior is a simple open rectangular plan with the stage and dressing rooms at the east end. The stage and dressing rooms are clad with vertical beadboard paneling and the stage retains its' wood floor. Stepped built-in wood benches run the length of the north and south walls and are painted red. Built in steps access the two-tiered benches. Advertisements stated the gymnasium could hold 500 people, though this seems optimistic given the size of the building. The remaining space is an open room with wood-floors. By 1950, the interior was used as a roller-skating rink and the wood floor is in good condition given that heavy use. The walls are painted white and there is no finished ceiling. Wood-frame structural trusses are exposed throughout. Two electric heating units are mounted near the roofline at the north wall and vented through the ceiling. One truss has considerable structural damage because of an open hole in the roof causing water damage and deterioration from the elements. The truss is supported by three temporary jacks.

Fluorescent light panels hang from the ceiling to illuminate the space. No other historic lights are present. One sink is located within the southernmost dressing area, otherwise there is no plumbing in the building.

On the south side of the building is an open lot defined by a neighboring wood fence. It served as a gathering space for overflow and is where the outdoor latrines were located. Two wood frame outhouses are at the southeast corner of the lot. Each has a simple sloped roof with horizontal clapboard siding and a wood paneled door. The northern-most outhouse is marked with a faded sign "LADIES." It is a two-seat outhouse, while the neighboring "MEN" outhouse is smaller scale and only one-seat. Two large deciduous trees shade the outhouses.

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A local veterans memorial has been erected on the site. Three flagpoles and three granite markers identify those who served the country from World War II to the Vietnam War.

The building is currently vacant but was recently used as an antique store and storage. However, despite its fair to poor condition, the building retains a high degree of historic integrity.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** Removed from its original location.
- C** A birthplace or a grave.
- D** A cemetery.  
A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- E** A commemorative property.
- G** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

**Period of Significance**

1942-1972

**Significant Dates**

1949

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Inavale Gymnasium is a late period Works Progress Administration (WPA) building completed in 1942, one year before the end of the program. It is a single-story, small scale, concrete block building that was used for a variety of community meetings as well as the gymnasium for the local high school,

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where many basketball games and social events took place. Later, and through much of the historic period, it was used for roller skating rink. It is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Entertainment/Recreation. The period of significance begins in 1942, the year it was constructed and extends to 1972. It was continually used as a roller rink until 1979, when the period of significance would end. It is eligible under the *New Deal-era Resources* in Nebraska Multiple Property Document (MPD) as an example of recreational building type.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Webster County was organized in 1871 and named for Daniel Webster, an American statesman. In the following years, it was settled by farmers who sought the fertile lands of the Republican River valley.<sup>2</sup> A post office was established at Inavale in 1873 and served the community until 1994. It was named by a vote of the residents: In-A-Vale, the vale being the Republican River Valley, and was platted by W.J. Vance in 1884, and had a bank and a cheese factory. The unincorporated community retains a small population today.<sup>3</sup> Inavale was a quiet community with little historical documentation until the 1930's when local resident Don Hartwell kept a diary over the course of four years that described his experiences during the Great Depression.

Unlike many other communities across Nebraska, Inavale did not feel the benefits of public improvements as part of Roosevelt's New Deal programs until very late. In fact, Don Hartwell left Inavale by 1940 to work as domestic help in Denver, along with his wife who left two years prior. He lost his home and farm to foreclosure and the small population of the town suffered.

The Inavale Gymnasium was completed in 1942 by the Works Project Administration, and supported by various local volunteers.<sup>4</sup> In the true spirit of a make work project, the gymnasium was constructed from salvage material from the S.E. Bailey & Sons Tie Barn in neighboring Red Cloud. The Tie Barn was constructed in 1911 using concrete block and was located at the northwest corner of East Third Avenue

<sup>2</sup> "History." Nebraska Association of county Officials. [www.nacone.org/webpages/counties/countywebs/webster.htm](http://www.nacone.org/webpages/counties/countywebs/webster.htm)

<sup>3</sup> Elton Perkey. *Perkey's Nebraska Place Names*. Lincoln, NE J&L Lee Co., 2003.

<sup>4</sup> Amanda Loughlin, Elizabeth Rosin, and Jill Dolberg. *New Deal-era Resources in Nebraska* Multiple Property Listing, 31. The WPA began as the Works Progress Administration in 1935 and is widely considered one of the most prolific of the Depression-era programs. Under a federal reorganization act, it was renamed the Works Projects Administration in 1939 and was terminated in 1943.

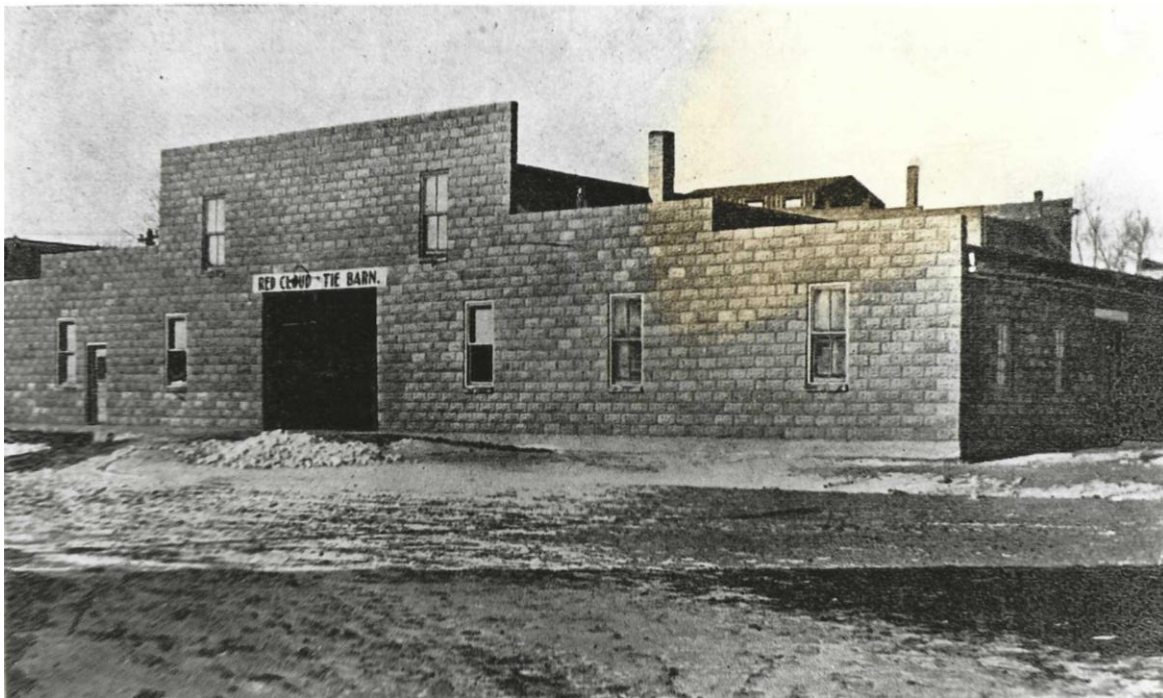
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and Elm Streets. Rather than carelessly demolish the building, a group of volunteers and paid men deconstructed the building to utilize the salvaged materials in Inavale. The building was completed within a few short months with excavation and materials being hauled from Red Cloud in January of the year. Though it was identified as a WPA project, many donated time and teams to contribute to the work as the residents of Inavale were greatly appreciative of the new project.<sup>5</sup> It was constructed on the site of the former grade school and served as the primary gymnasium for the upper-level school one block to the east. The city of Red Cloud purchased the former tie barn lots, “on which the old Bailey tie barn stood...for a parking lot, with flood lights to be added for the convenience of people parking their cars there.”<sup>6</sup>



*Bailey Tie Barn provided the raw materials for the Inavale Gymnasium. Photo Courtesy, Webster County Historical Society. Reverse of photo notes the building was torn down and materials used for Inavale Gymnasium.*

<sup>5</sup> *Weekly Advertiser* (Red Cloud, Nebraska) February 13, 1942, 7.

<sup>6</sup> *The Commercial Advertiser* (Red Cloud, Nebraska) April 1, 1942, 4.

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*Article noting the completion of the Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium.  
From The Commercial Advertiser, April 1, 1942.*

The community hall and gymnasium had a wood floor, stepped wood bleachers, and an elevated stage at the east end, flanked by dressing rooms. There was no heat in the building and its initial construction provided Inavale with a simple indoor space for sporting events. The city added finishes to the building when in the following year, the stage was improved with a “pretty hand painted meadow scene and drop curtains” A box supper was held at the gymnasium with a full program to celebrate.<sup>7</sup> The Inavale Panthers basketball team practiced and competed in the gymnasium and many local and regional basketball competitions were held in the space. All public events, activities, and meetings were held at the gymnasium. Fundraisers, celebrations, school activities, and social events were scheduled, and the community took full advantage of their new building.

In 1949, three local women, Forence Bean, Myurl Richardson, and Ruth Harvey believed they could bring more attention to the building and utilize it to its fullest. They gained permission from the Inavale school board and borrowed \$300 from their husbands and organized a roller-skating rink in the building. The money helped purchase skates, both shoe skates and clamp on varieties, as well as a sound system with records, and concessions. Initially skating was only offered one day a week, but as it became very

<sup>7</sup> “Box Supper Held At Inavale Gymnasium.” *The Commercial advertiser* (Red Cloud, Nebraska) November 22, 1943, 1.

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popular, they eventually offered skating three days each week, with lessons on Sunday afternoons.<sup>8</sup> Public skating attracted skaters from many neighboring communities. The popularity of the roller rink, along with the public support for the basketball team convinced the city to continue improving the building. In 1951, new gas furnace was installed which allowed the basketball team to practice in the building and skating to continue into the winter months, as the building had no comfort controls installed as part of its construction. Today, two wall mounted heating units are located at the north wall and vented with a single pipe each directly through the roof.

Roller skating was hugely popular during and immediately following World War II. It was considered a way to keep up morale with between 4,000 and 5,000 rinks of all kinds for skaters across the country by the late 1940s. In 1942, during the war, John B. Kelly, Sr. the National Physical Fitness Director of the Office of Civilian Defense stated that “Skating is one of those sports sponsored by your government because those who are engaged in this sport are better fitted to prosecute the war.” And, in 1943 the federal government created a series of posters featuring “Jenny on the Job” which was aimed at women entering the workforce and acknowledged skating’s popularity promoting it as a “wholesome sport that would keep war industry workers fit and productive.” Large companies with expansive warehouses, like airplane manufacturers, often provided roller skates for workers to traverse the plants.<sup>9</sup> One photo from the Hastings Tribune shows two men skating, both of whom had lost limbs, but were able to continue with the sport.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> “Inavale Skating Rink Provided Generations of Good Fun.” *The Red Cloud Chief* (Red Cloud, Nebraska) November 28, 1996. 9.

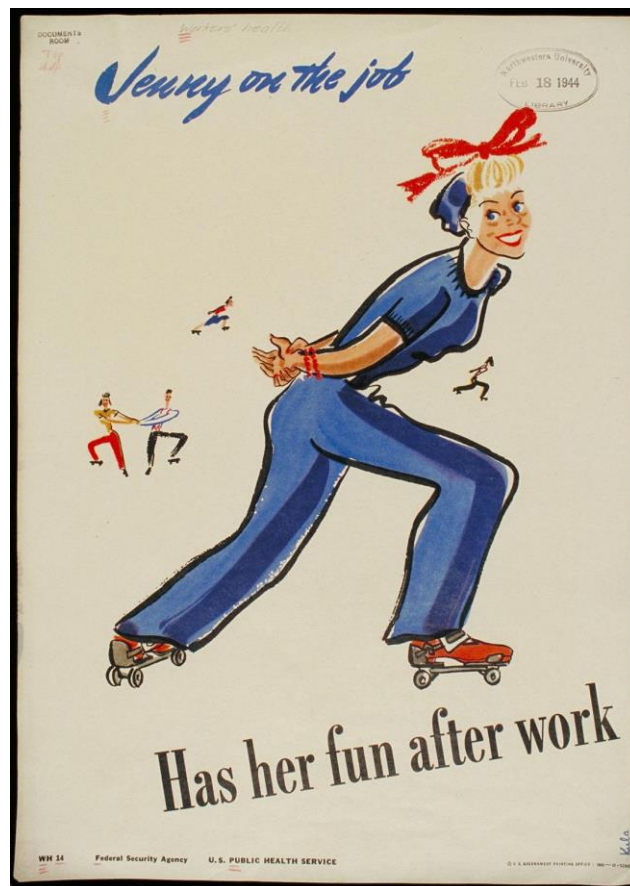
<sup>9</sup> “When Skating Goes to War.” National Museum of Roller Skating, [www.rollerskatingmuseum.org/audio-tour](http://www.rollerskatingmuseum.org/audio-tour).

<sup>10</sup> *The Commercial Advertiser* (Red Cloud, Nebraska), November 25, 1949, 7.



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*Jenny on the Job poster incorporating roller skating. Poster sponsored by the Federal Security Agency of the U.S. Public Health Service. Image from 1944 and courtesy Northwestern University Library Digital Collections.*

Dances, concerts, and professional skating exhibitions continued to be held at the building until well into the 1970s. The three women continued to operate and manage the skating rink with their children and eventually grandchildren. They were often known to wear whistles around their neck to grab the attention of any youngsters acting in a way they thought inappropriate.

The ladies purchased the building in 1970 and sold it in 1979 to Joe and Mary Ann Funaro who were operated an antiques business out of the building. Today it is vacant and has suffered from years of deferred maintenance. However, its solid condition is a testament to its construction method and materials. A hole in the roof will be patched, the site has recently been cleaned and cleared of overgrowth and debris, and plans are underway to clean-out and stabilize the building for a new use.



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### Depression-era Resources

Nebraska felt the effects of the Great Depression following the 1929 stock market crash as farm prices dropped into 1930. In the early 1930s farm and commodities prices were at their lowest point in Nebraska history. As a predominantly agricultural state, the declining farm economy affected every area of Nebraska. Decreases in manufacturing, reduction of wages, and increased unemployment all contributed to a ripple effect in the state's declining economy. Drought, dust storms, and blighted crops from grasshopper infestations decimated many farmsteads. Inavale was a primarily rural area and conditions within the community are well documented in a diary by Inavale resident Don Hartwell who wrote descriptions of life in the small community from 1936-1940. The bleak nature of the period and the perseverance of those living in small town Nebraska is well detailed in his accounting.<sup>11</sup>

During the 1930s, the WPA built hundreds of projects statewide and during the 1936 drought over six thousand farmers were employed to construct dams for irrigation purposes, among other tasks. The WPA constructed public buildings, local parks, roads, bridges, and provided education classes. The MPD documents that New Deal-era resources will be significant under Criterion A in the area of Social History because each resource is a direct result of the federal government's efforts to promote the welfare of society, and most will be locally significant for their association with their locale.<sup>12</sup>

For a property to be nominated under the MPD it must be documented to have been funded or constructed by a New Deal-era program and must be a physical remnant of the New Deal-era. Properties must retain sufficient historic integrity from the New Deal-era period of significance to convey significant association, with primary importance on design, materials, and workmanship. This building represents the property types associated with Education which includes public schools, libraries, gymnasiums, and auditoriums. There were over one hundred education properties constructed under New Deal-era programs between 1934 and 1940. These properties are recognized as eligible under Criterion A for their significance in the area of Education or for their association with Entertainment/Recreation because of their association with leisure activities and for their association

<sup>11</sup> Stephen C. Behrendt. "One Man's Dust Bowl: Recounting 1936 with Don Hartwell of Inavale, Nebraska." *Great Plains Quarterly* Vol. 35, NO. 3 (Summer 2015) 229-247.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid. F 1

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with Social History because of how the New Deal offered important employment opportunities for many communities. They may also be eligible under Criterion C for their significance in the area of Architecture if they are good examples of their style or construction type.<sup>13</sup>

In this case, the Inavale Gymnasium is significant under Criterion A for its association with leisure/recreation activities. It is not eligible under Criterion C as it reflects a simple, functional style, more a response to available materials and need, rather than an effort to express a specific architectural style or method of construction. The Inavale Gymnasium is identified in Appendix H under recreational property types in the MPD.

**Conclusion**

The Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium is locally significant under Criterion A as an example of WPA era recreation building. It meets the requirements documented in the MPD as a recreational and for expressing the era of construction. It contributes to recreation/entertainment in Inavale as the prime social activity location for the community and often for neighboring towns. The WPA was disbanded in 1943 and this property illustrates a late period example. As a make work project it provided employment for men from both Inavale and Red Cloud through the deconstruction of the Bailey Tie Barn, moving the concrete block building materials, and constructing the new building. Today the building has suffered some deterioration but plans for stabilization and protection are underway. It retains physical integrity in design, materials and workmanship as emphasized in the MPD. The simple design remains unaltered from its construction with no additions or significant interior changes. The wood floor is remarkably intact as is the stage, dressing rooms, bleachers, and outhouses. The importance of materials here is unique as they were salvaged from another building in neighboring Red Cloud, and the workmanship is seen in small details like the juxtaposition of textured block with smooth block and small incised details and concrete elements.

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid F 7.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other (Name of repository)
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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): WT06-016

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one USGS Quadrangle Inavale, Nebraska

(Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates. Delete the other.)

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

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|----|----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
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| 2. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |
| 3. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |
| 4. | Latitude | _____             | Longitude | _____              |

**OR**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ NAD 1927 or \_\_\_ NAD 1983

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| 2. | Zone | _____ | Easting | _____ | Northing | _____ |
| 3. | Zone | _____ | Easting | _____ | Northing | _____ |
| 4. | Zone | _____ | Easting | _____ | Northing | _____ |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium is located in Inavale, Nebraska on the the southeast corner of Garfield Street and Minnesota Avenue. The legal description the site is 0 2 12 Lots 18-24 BLK 5 ORIGINAL VILLAGE INAVALE.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Includes the building, lot, and land historically associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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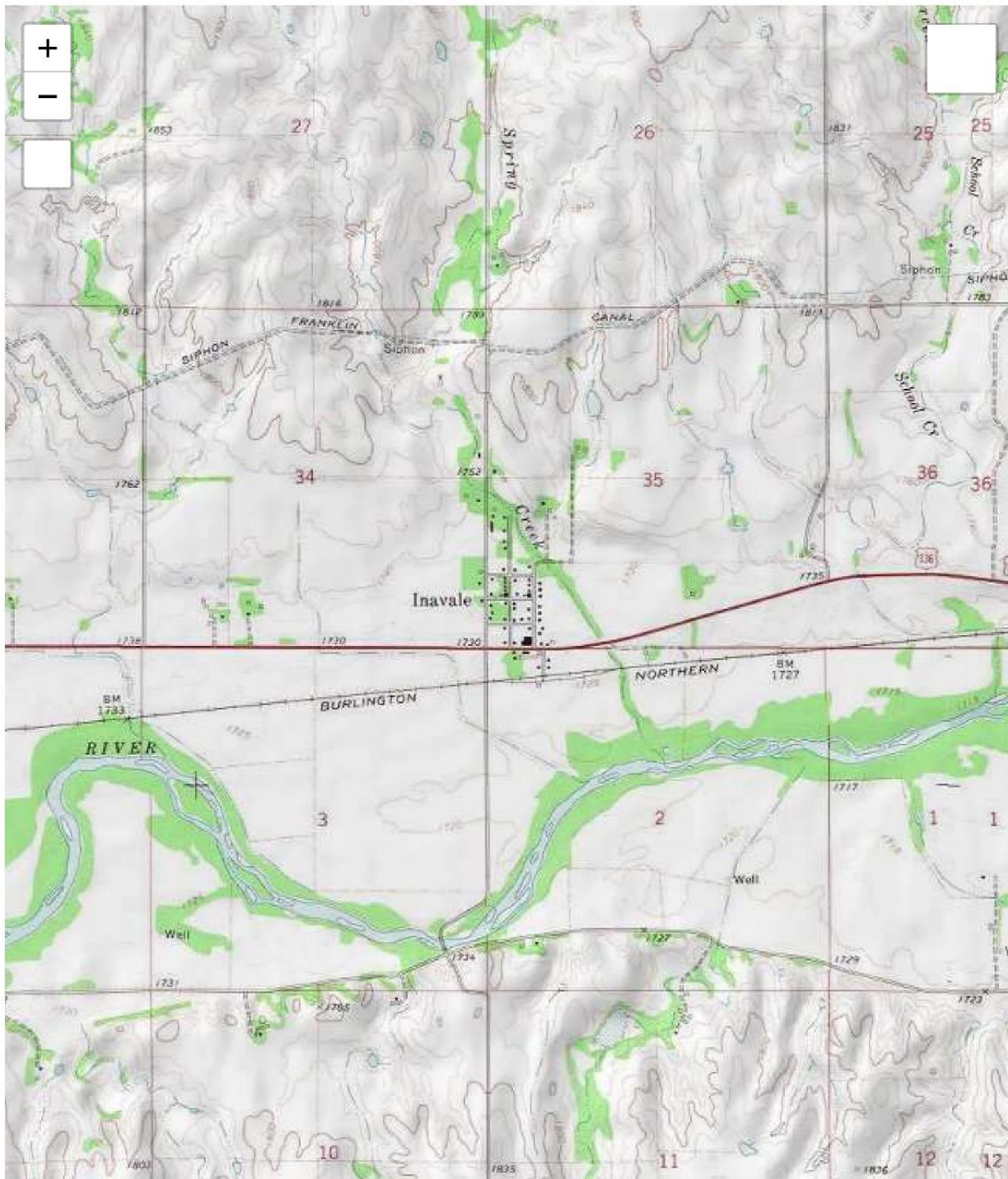
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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.





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**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property Inavale Community Hall and Gymnasium

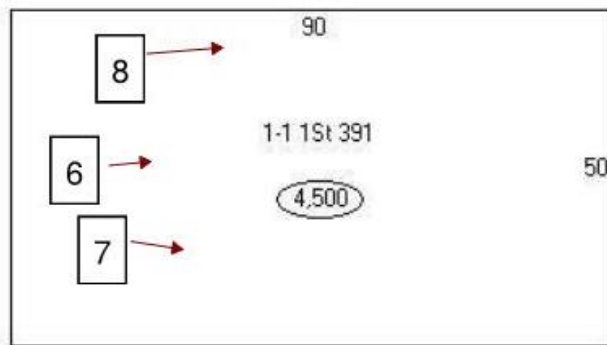
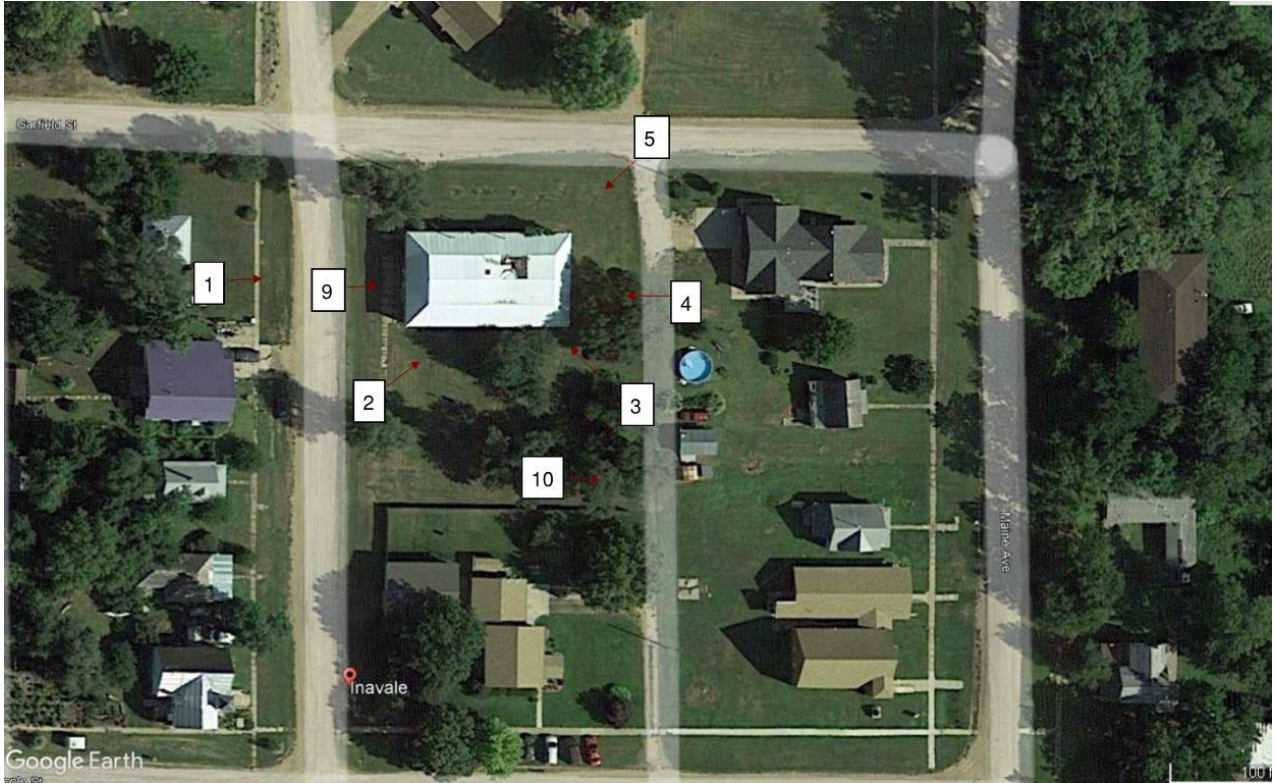
City or Vicinity Inavale County Webster State Nebraska

Photographer Elizabeth Chase Date Photographed August 2022

1. *View of west elevation looking east*
2. *View of south elevation looking northeast*
3. *View of south elevation looking northwest*
4. *View of east elevation looking west*
5. *View of east and north elevations looking southwest*
6. *View of interior looking east*
7. *View of interior looking southeast*
8. *View of interior looking northeast*
9. *View of name and date block on west elevation above front door looking east*
10. *View of west elevation of outhouses on rear southeast corner of property looking east*

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The building is a long, rectangular structure with a gabled roof covered in white corrugated metal. The exterior walls are constructed from light-colored, rectangular stone blocks. Vertical concrete pillars are spaced along the length of the building. There are four visible windows, each with a white frame and a small concrete sill. A prominent vertical crack is visible on the left corner of the stone wall. The building is set on a green lawn, and a large, leafy tree stands to its right. In the background, a portion of a white house is visible.

A large, mature tree with dense green foliage is located on the right side of the image. Its branches extend over the roof of the building. The tree's trunk is thick and dark, and its leaves are vibrant green.

The foreground consists of a well-maintained green lawn. A concrete path or driveway is visible in the lower-left corner, leading towards the building. The grass is a mix of green and some brownish patches, suggesting a late summer or early autumn setting.

The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, indicating an overcast day. The lighting is diffused, with no harsh shadows cast on the building or the lawn.

















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GYMNASIUM

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