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In Brief

Farewell open house to be held for Fr. Norman

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Catholic Parishes in Partnership announced last week plans to hold a Farewell Open House for Fr. John Norman.

The event will be held Sunday, June 28 at Rural St. John's Catholic Church - Deloit.

The open house will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the open house.

Fr. Norman announced last week that he will be leaving the area as he has been reassigned to a new parish. As of July 1, he will begin duties as Associate Pastor at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Omaha.

The move will allow him to be closer to his parents who live in Papillion, and better serve their needs.

He has spent the last eight years serving parishes in the partnership.

At press time, a replacement has yet to be announced.

Economic development/LB840 to be subject of two public meetings

A public meeting to help explain the benefits of the City of Elgin participating in LB840 will be held next week.

Organizers announced the dates for the first of two public meetings in June. The first meeting will be held Monday, June 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at

the Elgin KC Hall.

A second meeting will be held on Tuesday night, also at 7 p.m. at the KC Hall. Both meetings are open to the public.

Recent survey efforts in Elgin are providing a clearer picture of com-

munity strengths, service gaps, and priorities for the future.

Results from both the Elgin Community Survey and a separate housing study offer insight into local conditions and how they relate to economic development.

The Community Survey gathered input from nearly 200 residents, asking participants to rate community conditions and priorities on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 representing lower ratings and 5 representing higher ratings. Overall, residents rated the condition and appearance of the community as average to above average. Occupied downtown buildings were viewed positively, and both downtown and residential areas were generally seen as being in decent condition. However, respondents identified areas for improvement, particularly the condition of vacant commercial buildings and the variety of retail businesses available in Elgin.

Flag Day ceremony to be held

Flag Day on Sunday, June 14 will be observed with a special program outside the Elgin Public Library.

Hosted by Elgin's American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW and VFW Auxiliary, it will start at 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Included in the program will be a flag raising.

As part of the event there will be a Veteran Coffee Drive. Residents can bring cans of coffee (regular not decaffeinated) which will be given to the Norfolk Veterans Home.

Residents who have old flags which need to be properly disposed of should contact any Legion or Auxiliary member or bring it to the ceremony. They will be properly burned at a later date.

Bloodmobile to be in Elgin on June 17

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to Elgin this month.

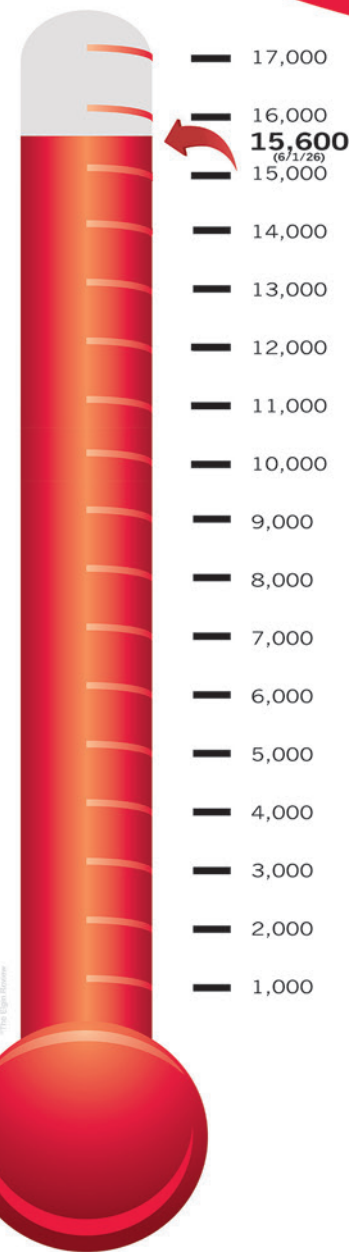
It has been announced that the Wolfpack Scholarships Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, June 17. It will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

For an appointment, please contact Kyle Jensen at (402) 910-0681 or schedule online at 222.redcross-blood.org.

Walk-ins are welcome!

Elgin Community Center FUND DRIVE

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- Handicap-accessible back entrance door
- Repairs to the south side of the building
- Closure mechanism for the front door
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- New, Up-to-Date Office Computer

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Land Valuations — The Antelope County Assessor's Office.

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 92 degrees recorded on Monday, May 25.

The low temperature during the same period was 58 degrees recorded on Tuesday, May 26.

During the week a total of 4.09 inches of precipitation was recorded during the six-day period ending on May 29.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as reported by the National Weather Service.

Date	High	Low	Prec
May 24	85	62	.00
May 25	92	62	.00
May 26	88	58	.00
May 27	88	63	.00
May 28	79	61	.85
May 29	76	62	.53
Total for last week			1.38
Total for May			4.09
Total precipitation 2026			5.80



Small wheels, big wheels turn at Bartlett, Elgin celebrations over the weekend

The sun came out over the weekend and the communities of Bartlett and Elgin responded with celebrations to remember. (Left) Three-year-old Willamina Wright was the youngest competitor at the Pedal Tractor Pull held Saturday afternoon as one of the many activities at the third annual 'Smokin' for the Bronze. Then, on Sunday afternoon, the focus shifted to the north edge of Elgin for the annual June tractor pull. Competitors came from far and wide to compete. (Below) Tractors were pulling two at a time Sunday at Elgin. Brayden Clark is shown here driving down the dirt track with one of several entries. See more photos on Page Six as well as future issues of the newspaper.

E-R photos/DMorgan



School board to meet June 10 followed by retreat

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 10, at 6 p.m. in the Elgin High School Board Room.

Earlier in the meeting the board will hear reports from standing committees, Principal/AD and the superintendent.

Action Items on the agenda are:

- Approve the first reading of recommended Policies 1110 Community Relations Bulletin Boards,

- Display Case, and Posted Material; 3560 Business Operations Records Management and Disposition; 5004 Students; Full-time and Part-time Enrollment; 5005 Student Resident, Admission, and Contracting for Educational Services; 5006 Students Option Enrollment; 5008 Student Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism; 5101 Student Discipline; 5205 Graduation; 8130 Internal Board Policies Annual Organizational Meeting; 8342 Internal Board Policies

Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings; 3130 Purchasing Policies.

- Set Lunch Prices
- Approve Safety Plan
- Approve the Basketball Uniform cost
- Approve Door Key Pad for the bus barn
- Approve Transfer of funds to the Wolfpack Ac-

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

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Enjoy! JoAnn

- 1 (8 oz) cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup white powdered sugar (sifted)
- 1 cup peanut butter (chunky or creamy)
- 1/2 cup milk

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

- 1 8 oz container Cool Whip*
- 1 9" graham cracker crust
- 1/4 cup peanuts (coarsely chopped)

Combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and the milk in a bowl. Beat on a medium speed until well mixed. Fold in the Cool Whip*. Spoon it into the pie crust and sprinkle with the peanuts. Chill for a few hours and serve. Delicious!

'Celebrity Evangelist Dylan Novak to speak at September 'The Walk' conference

A celebrity evangelist will be coming to Elgin in September to take part in a conference at Elgin Community Christian Church.

Dylan Novak, founder of Celebrity Evangelist, will speak at 'The Walk' conference at the church to be held on Saturday, Sept. 26.

What is a celebrity evangelist? Novak explains his calling to Christ here:

"I have been working full time sharing the Gospel with celebrities, as well as preaching at churches, youth groups, camps, and schools since 2015.

"I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior when I was 8 years old. Since the day I got saved, I wanted to tell everyone I could about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"When I was 13 years old, and an avid superhero fan, I watched an interview with Margot Kidder where she stated that she was an atheist.

"My heart sank as I heard this. I prayed that night for God to send someone to tell Margot about Jesus before it was eternally too late.

"That night, God convicted my heart that I should be the one to share the Gospel with her. I got Gospel tracts from my church and gave them to Miss Kidder at a local superhero convention. She was receptive, and little did I know where God would lead me from there.

"For the next 7 years, I continued doing this whenever I went to an autograph event. I would Google the beliefs of everyone I was going to meet so I was prepared for any questions or responses I may encounter.

"In July 2015, I saw that James Taylor was coming to do a concert several hours from me. I researched what he believed, and I saw an interview from 'Rolling Stone' where he said he was agnostic, but would be open to listening if anyone took the time to share something with him.

"Immediately, there was so much I wanted to say and share



Photo submitted

Shown here with celebrity Charlie Sheen, evangelist Dylan Novak will be coming here in September to speak at 'The Walk' conference at Elgin Community Christian Church.

with Mr. Taylor, but I didn't know how much time I could get with him, if I would even be able to meet him at all.

"After praying about what to do, I decided to write him a personal letter explaining the Gospel in case I didn't have much time to talk with him.

"Long story short, God worked a miracle where I was able to meet James that day. We had a very nice conversation which ended with him telling me that he would treasure that gift and read everything I gave him.

"That night, I gave my hobby and whole life completely over to God. I told Him I would do whatever it was He wanted me to.

"Sharing the Gospel with Hollywood is a forgotten mission field, and a much needed one. Since this ministry began, God has opened the door for me to share the Gospel with over

1,000 celebrities, and several life changing decisions have been made!

"I am also the youth/teen pastor at Henard's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Rogersville, TN. Even though I am full time at the church, Morgan and I will still be traveling full time with the ministry as well.

"I will also still be speaking and preaching to other churches, youth groups, and other special events.

"Our mission is to spread the love of Jesus Christ, and tell the world that He is the one and only way to Heaven.

"We also want to encourage the church to get up, get out, and witness to the souls God has placed in their path before it is eternally too late."

For more information about the upcoming conference, contact Pastor Braden at the church.

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Community Calendar

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Monday, June 8
Economic Development/LB840 meeting at Elgin KC Hall beginning at 7 p.m.* First night of Water Aerobics begins at the Elgin Swimming Pool.*

Tuesday, June 9
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh.

Wednesday, June 10
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a board retreat.*

Saturday, June 13
Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Cruise Night/Dance.*

Sunday, June 14
Flag Day observance at the Elgin Public Library.

Tuesday, June 16
Economic Development/LB840 meeting at Elgin KC Hall beginning at 7 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 17
Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Elgin KC Hall.*

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2017 Dodge Grand Caravan GT, V-6, Remote Start, 89K

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2020 Jeep Gladiator Sport S, 4x4, V-6, 23K
2020 RAM 1500 Bighorn Crew Cab, 4x4, 5.7L, 6'4" Box, 79K
2019 RAM 3500 Tradesman Crew Cab, 4x4, 6.7L Diesel, Longbox, 120K
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USDA announces base acre increase opportunity

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced eligible landowners have from June 1 until Aug. 31, 2026 to review and consider base acre increases on farms enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, as authorized by provisions included in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on July 4, 2025, the Act provides landowners with the opportunity to update and increase base acres in preparation for enrollment in ARC and PLC beginning with the 2026 and future crop years. Nationwide, up to 30 million new base acres can be added by eligible farms.

ARC and PLC are cornerstone commodity safety net programs that provide financial protection to farmers when market prices or revenues decline. These programs help producers manage risk and maintain the economic viability of their operations amid challenging market and weather

conditions.

"This is the first chance for adding base acres since 2002. President Trump and Secretary Rollins continue to put Farmers First by ensuring USDA programs help producers protect their operations for generations to come," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "These base acre improvements will help strengthen the farm safety net for producers across the country and help them better manage risk by providing greater flexibility for operations that have expanded or diversified since the last time we revisited base allocations." FSA began notifying eligible landowners, by direct mail, that Base Allocation Summaries outlining potential base acre updates will be available for review beginning June 1, 2026. These Base Allocation Summaries can be accessed online at fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc using a Login.gov account. Landowners who do not cur-

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Looking Back

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Sixty Years Ago June 9, 1966

Ray Dinslage has purchased the Mooney Mobil Station, according to Jack Mooney. The new owner is to take over October 1, 1966. Jack has owned the business for nine years. He stated that he plans to make Elgin his home but his other plans are indefinite.

EM3C Lowell Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Pierce, returned to the states Monday aboard his ship, Berkeley DDG15, after having served in the Far East in waters off Vietnam for around six months. This was Lowell's second tour of duty in the same area. His ship served as flagship for the Tonkin Gulf Patrol whose primary purpose was to give advance warning and the coordination of aviator rescue efforts in the gulf. The ship was under fire from North Vietnamese shore batteries in March while coordinating the rescue of several downed aviators. The Berkeley fired her 5-inch guns at Viet Long positions for five days on their second patrol.

Fifty Years Ago June 9, 1976

The United Congressional and Methodist Bible School was held June 1-4 at Park Congressional Church with the theme, "In Christ We Trust." There were 49 children attending. Mrs. James Squire was the song leader and Mrs. Carroll Armstrong was pianist. The Bible School coordinator was Mrs. Maynard Stearns. The daily offering, for mission work, was divided between the Kidney Foundation at Norfolk and the Fetal Heart Monitor project at Antelope Memorial Hospital. A program was presented Friday evening followed by a coffee hour with a large attendance.

Fred Capler and son, Ken, attended the Indianapolis 500 races Memorial Day, leaving by plane from Lincoln Saturday and returning home Monday night. Fred's brother, Frank, works at the tracks.

Thirty Years Ago June 12, 1996

"Families Sharing in the Spirit" was the theme for the centennial celebration of St. John the Baptist Parish in Petersburg last Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Mass was followed by an outdoor Centennial Program, where Steve Stokes and Dale Salber recognized special guests and made the following special presentations: St. John's longest married couple, Alvin and Marie Schrad, 65 years. St. John's oldest parishioners present, Rose Koskovich, age 93 and Lollie Schafer, age 91.

Several tons of new sod were installed by volunteers at the Elgin Public School football field last Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7. Fill dirt was brought in on the field last fall to install a new crown for better drainage. Among the volunteer workers were players and coaches from both Elgin High and Pope John.

Twenty Years Ago May 31, 2006

After 5 1/2 years of study, Elgin Police Chief Bob Moore earned his Bachelor's degree in pastoral ministries this spring at Nebraska Christian College, Norfolk. Moore, who has served as Elgin's police chief since July, 1985, began as part-time student at the college in 2001. He is now qualified as a minister in the Christian Churches of America, and will be ordained this fall.

Pope John Central Catholic finished third in the team race of the C2 State High School Golf Tournament at North Platte Country Club. Seniors, Colson Simmons and Clay Pelster were individual medalists (top 15) for the Crusaders. Other golfers part of the team were Wade Hoefler, Brent Parks, Andrew Childers, Kirby Hoefler, and Steven Dvorak.

Martin V. Klein, a native of Elgin, is an attorney with the Norfolk law firm of Jewell, Collins, DeLay and Flood. Klein is engaged in general law practice, and also specializes in real estate, civil litigation, estate planning, criminal defense and family law. Martin is the son of Ralph and Mary Klein and a 1992 graduate of Pope John Central Catholic. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and graduated from the Creighton University College of Law in 2001. He has been with the Norfolk firm since December, 2005.



St. Boniface Class of 1966

Members of the St. Boniface Class of 1966 held their 60th Class Reunion on Saturday, May 23 at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall. Pictured are those in attendance, front row l-r: Connie (Schmitt) Seier, Pamela (Schrage) Meis, Ruth (Knievel) Welding, Arlene (Meis) Gableman, Joan (Kerkman) Luettel, LaVonne (Kerkman) Miller and Cheri (Bohnenkamp) Schwager. Back row: Bernard Kluthe, Gerald Moser, Norman Kallhoff, Bob Welding, Duane Knievel, Joe Oberbrockling and Tom Parks. Photo & names submitted

Planning ahead or winging it, you decide

What ya doin' this summer? Even though extended sunlight hours make the time seem longer, it's only a few short weeks

before fall sports and school get back in full swing.

Are you the type who plans out every detail? Or someone who just goes with the flow?

"It depends," would be my answer.

Pointing the truck westerly and just making it up as we go along, finding fun, sun, and lodging along the way, can be exhilarating. Even though we're

organic farming full-time, retirement from nine-to-five jobs (actually we were salaried and worked constantly) lets us do that on occasion. Lock up the place, put mail on hold, engage the security system, arrange a vacation watch with the Antelope County sheriff's office, find care for our cat, and just take off. Glorious!

On the other hand, so much of our travel, often international in nature, requires a detailed plan for transportation, accommodations, tours, health care, phone service, knowing the money system, checking to be sure the passport is up to date, being sure everything is covered at home, and saying a prayer or two that everything will go smoothly. The hours are planned almost down to the minute. Love it even though this type of travel, requiring a detailed plan, can leave you wanting a vacation upon return to the farm.

Strictly speaking, a plan is a set of intended actions designed to achieve a specific outcome. Seeing a new part of the world needs a plan; so does effective farming, or building a storage shed, starting up and growing a business, or providing customer service (think SOPs - standard operating procedures).

To get most anything done requires the five Ps - Prioritize, Plan, Prepare, Perform and Praise. Maybe you ought to be the sixth P. It's good to celebrate when a plan comes together. There can be pitfalls to planning. One is analysis paralysis. That means you spend so much time planning that there's no time for doing. Even though you purchased all the garden seeds, not getting them planted in time, or leaving enough hours to water and weed, brings you to Elgin's Dean's Market to buy vegetables. Good to have such a quality back-up.

Another pitfall is rigidity.

Your plan is so specific that there's no room to go with the flow. For example, that dream wedding in grandma's flower garden without a back-up location in case of rain or extreme wind could create a memory you wished never happened.

Plans basically fit into four categories. A strategic plan, common in business, governmental, and not-for-profit worlds, points to the long-term. Tactical plans define how a goal will be accomplished and who will do it. Operational plans outline day-to-day activities, and contingency plans manage risks by asking the 'what if' question. Take a popular youth activity in this area, for example. The goal is to raise an award-winning show calf for the county fair. Parents buy the calf. The 4-H or FFA member feeds, waters, and practices leading the calf daily. If the calf doesn't work out, the contingency plan is to wait for next year. As simple as that. Nope, all kinds of externalities affect if the calf makes it to the show ring.

One thing this writer has never really understood is a game plan for sports. Sure, the home team watches videos of the opposing team in action, then decides who plays in what position. Yet, how do you really have a plan for facing the opposition? Sometimes, actually often, the best-laid plans in sports and in life don't work exactly as planned. What's your back-up plan if rain threatens the outdoor family reunion? As much as we need rain in these parts, maybe dancing in the rain would be splendid.

Summer will roll along, probably far too quickly. Whether you're that spur-of-the-moment person, or a detailed organizer, enjoy every precious moment. Now, that sounds like a plan!

Comments? Send to jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

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Opinion

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"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful."

Edward R. Murrow

Nebraska: it really has a lot of cool stuff to see/experience

Editor's note: Opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Elgin Review.

Memorial Day has come and gone, so it's time to hit the road.

As a lover of Nebraska stuff (you know, corn, the Huskers, Busch Light) I've never understood why more people don't vacation in our state.

There's plenty of stuff to see and experience. And with gas prices through the roof, you can save a buck or two. But I guess the Cornhusker State isn't for everybody.

(Oops, that last phrase got a state tourism director fired. Better be careful).

Anyway, here's my list of cool, and sometimes overlooked, places to visit: The Pine Ridge. People lament that we don't have mountains, but the Pine Ridge - an offshoot of the Black Hills in northwest Nebraska - qualifies as "mountainous" if you ask me.

There's plenty of places to camp or rent a cabin, with historic Fort Robinson topping the list. There's places to hike, mountain bike, trout fish and horseback ride, if that's your cup of vacation tea. Nearby Chadron has a cool, old hotel, the Olde Main Street Inn, and a nice coffee shop/cafe, the Bean Broker. And Mt. Rushmore and all that stuff in the Black Hills is just a short drive away.

Niobrara River/Valentine. To be a real Nebraskan, you must float or paddle down the scenic Niobrara River east of Valentine.

That forested canyon is unlike anywhere in the Midwest, and features the state's highest waterfalls (and coldest shower if you stand beneath Smith Falls) and wildest rapids (Rocky Ford).

Valentine has a nice brew pub, a super good western store and a local bookstore to explore. And if chasing a golf ball is your thing, there's some mighty expensive courses just outside of town as well as an affordable public course in town.

3. Niobrara (the town)/Verdigre/Monowi. This corner of northeast Nebraska features a town of one resident (Monowi), Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park, a historic western boardwalk (in Winnetoon) and the self-proclaimed "Kolach Capitol of the World" (Verdigre). The Missouri River in that area is unchanneled, and retains vistas that Lewis & Clark might have experienced. The Santee Indian Tribe operates a world-class golf course nearby, Tatanka.

Nebraska's Monument Valley. If you've never seen Chimney Rock, Courthouse Rock or Scotts Bluff, you've missed out.

Can you imagine what some greenhorns slowly traversing the Plains in covered wagons might have thought when they saw first mountain-like formations?

Wagon wheel ruts are still visible at Ash Hollow State Historical Park, and atop Scotts Bluff National Monument, you can see for miles.

The endless sand beaches of Lake McConaughy are on the way, and in the Scottsbluff-Gering area you can get into a fierce debate over the best Mexican eatery. Gering has one of the best museums in the state, the Legacy

of the Plains Museum, too.

5. Nebraska City/Brownville area. If museums are your thing, Nebraska City has you covered. There's historic sites dedicated to windmills, firefighters, freight wagons and Lewis & Clark, the explorers who traversed up the nearby Missouri River.

There's also the Mayhew Cabin, which served as a stop on the Underground Railroad for people fleeing slavery in Missouri and other states to the south.

A dedicated group of volunteers is bringing the cabin back to life after years of neglect and a devastating flood. An Underground Railroad site has also been established in Falls City, where Abolitionists were outfitted

before heading south.

Brownville, an historic village along the Missouri, is almost totally dedicated to tourists, with galleries, gift shops and places to eat. There's also a concert hall that hosts music and theater productions.

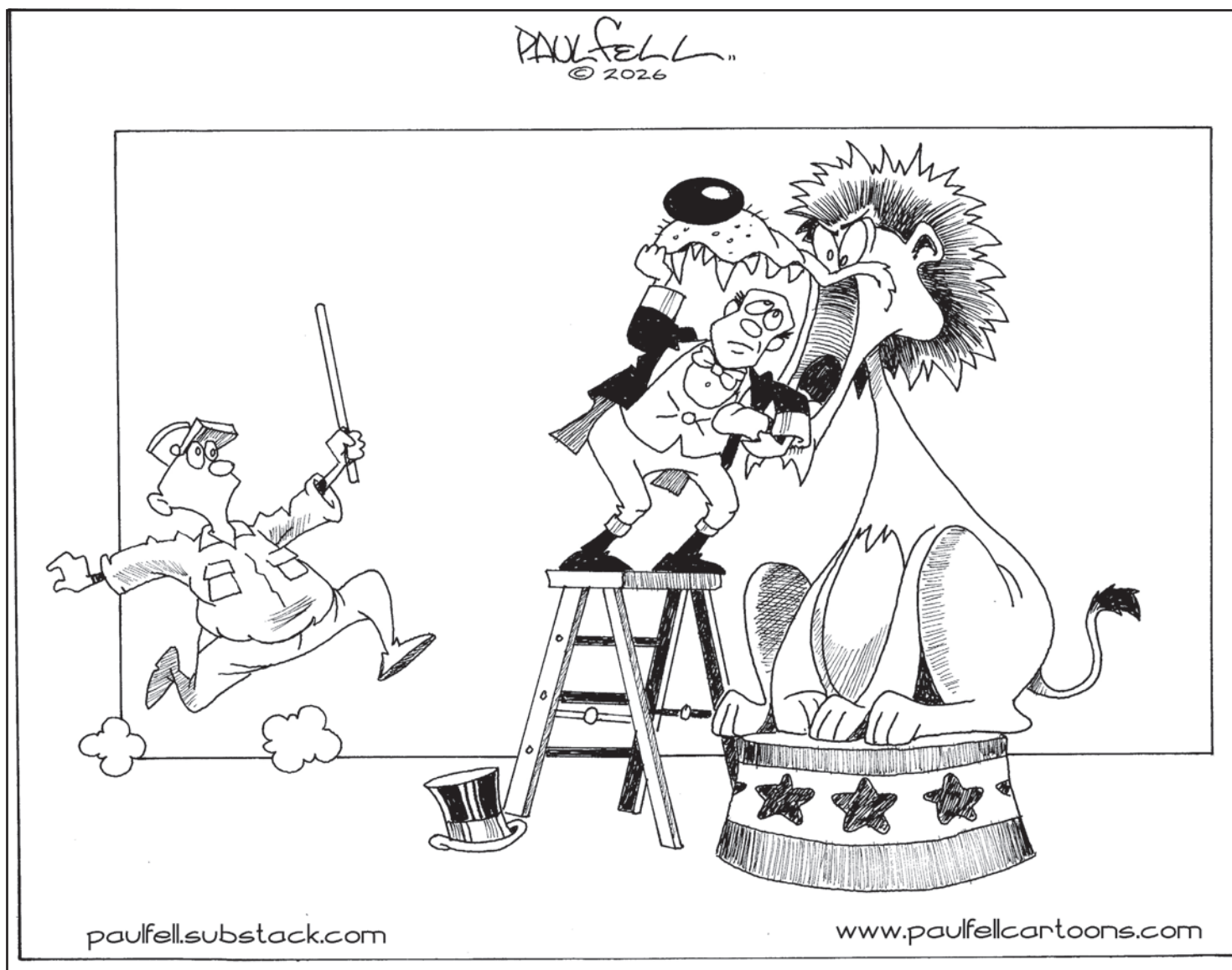
Just south is Indian Cave State Park, which gets my vote as the best place to experience fall colors in Nebraska. If you have little kids, the annual Halloween festival there (haunted hayrack rides, campsite decorating contest) is a can't miss.

I've missed a lot of cool places (like the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Omaha's Old Market, the "Vilagers" of Taylor and the Sandhills) but you get the idea. Get out there.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



Working in a farm successor as part of a retirement plan

By Wyatt Fraas
Center for Rural Affairs

Are you one of the many farmers without an identified farm successor? Purdue University says that's around 75%, and about half expect nonfamily members to take over. A gradual shift of responsibilities and ownership, plus an extended mentoring period, can

help ensure the continued success of the farm business.

After checking out a candidate's experience and references, a short trial period with paid labor can be a good step. This probationary period can help both of you assess how well you work together, how your daily priorities match up, and how you deal with

setbacks.

A phased transition plan can follow, based on the goals and capabilities of you and your successor. Responsibilities for farm decisions and management can be shifted gradually or by specific enterprises.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

DeKay explains bills he introduced which became law

In this most recent legislative session, I introduced a total of sixteen bills and one constitutional amendment resolution. Additionally, the Agriculture Committee, of which I chair, introduced two committee bills. Last month, I covered seven of these bills which became law. This week, I would like to outline the other seven of these bills which became law.

My bill LB869 expands the number of local newspapers that publish the notice of unclaimed property and provides the State Treasurer's Office with flexibility by allowing the notice to include either the names of the owners of unclaimed property listed by county or a display ad that covers at least twenty-five percent of a standard newspaper broadsheet and includes a description of how to search for unclaimed property. This is a good reminder that people interested in searching if they or someone they know has unclaimed property can visit www.nebraskalost-cash.gov. Searching the site is easy, free of charge, and secure.

LB894 and LB895 are two measures I worked on in collaboration with the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The bills give the Commission additional regulatory measures to ensure grain warehouses and grain dealers in Nebraska are subject to minimum state standards for accountability, financial integrity, and producer protections. In particular, LB894 simplifies rules for grain sellers to make a claim against a dealer's security, establishes deadlines for dealers to pay for delivered grain if payment terms are not otherwise specified by contract, and imposes an obligation on dealers to pay interest from the date the payment obligation occurs. Both bills were brought in part to respond to recent failures in the grain industry, such as the bankruptcy of the Nebraska-based grain dealer Hansen-Mueller Co. last year.

LB947 and LB948 are two measures introduced by the Agriculture Committee in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture. LB947 makes a series of adjustments to fees charged under programs administered by the Department and eliminates obsolete programs. LB948 expands the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioners Act to include additional agronomically beneficial products, not just limited to soil conditioners, to provide regulatory consistency across the agricultural industry.

LB1187 amends the Livestock Brand Act and was covered at length in a previous newsletter a few weeks ago.

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LB1261 is my bill which would create a narrow, carefully defined statutory exception permitting a private industrial entity to interconnect with public power if it builds out its

own electrical generation of 1000 MW or greater. Nebraska and the country face increasing energy load demands to meet the needs of a changing economy. This demand has created a multi-year backlog across the country for bringing new electric generation online.

LB1261 creates a framework to accommodate this new reality of hyperscale electric loads while both limiting cost impacts to ratepayers and preserving the state's unique public power model. I invite you to let me know

your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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OBITUARIES

Brian L. Borer, 61

November 24, 1964 — May 20, 2026

He retired in 2005 with 21 plus years of continuous service in the U.S. Army where he obtained Jump Master Status.



Brian L. Borer, 61 of Lawton, OK died on Wednesday

May 20, 2026 at Oklahoma University Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Military Funeral Honors and committal service was held on Monday June 1st 2026 at 2 p.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery near Elgin, OK.

Funeral services are provided by Becker-Rabon Funeral Home of Lawton, OK.

Brian was born November 24 1964 to Lawrence and Helen (Kettler) Borer in Albion, NE. Brian graduated in 1983 from Pope John Catholic High School in Elgin, NE.

Soon after graduation he enlisted in the Army 82nd Airborne jump school in Fort Benning, GA. He jumped into many countries with his time with the 82nd where he obtained Jump Master Status.

While in the 82nd Airborne he married Donna (Taylor) February 7th 1987 in Dillon, SC. To that union was born children Heather and Tony. He then re-enlisted to the military police with the 82nd Airborne and did security at the Pentagon under General Colin Powell. He was then deployed as security in Panama for the head of the Southern Command.

For his re-enlistment for the 3rd time he went to warrant

officer training that took him all over the world.

Brian retired in 2005 with 21 plus years of continuous service at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Three.

After retirement he continued to work for 16 years for a Military Contractor, training Senior Military Officers all over the world. His last eight working years were as a Government Civilian employee at Fort Sill, OK.

Throughout his career he acquired many accolades which include the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, NATO medal, Joint service achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Airforce) and many more.

Brian is survived by his wife Donna of Lawton. Two children Heather Zeigler and Tony (Amanda) Borer both of Lawton. Two grandchildren Aliyana (Heather) and Jasper and another grandson due in September (Tony) all of Lawton, OK. Brother Jeff (Val) Borer of Norfolk, NE, Sister Jolene (Matt) Weinandt of Wynot, NE, and Brother Les (Rachelle) Borer of Norfolk, NE. Sister in-law Judy Taylor and Brother in-law Jeff Taylor of South Carolina. And Many Uncles, Aunts, Nephews and Nieces.

Brain was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Helen Borer and In-Laws Irene and Walter Taylor. Sister in-law Letha Taylor.

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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks the another installment of a new series tied to our nation's 250th birthday in July 2026. As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country's history. It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

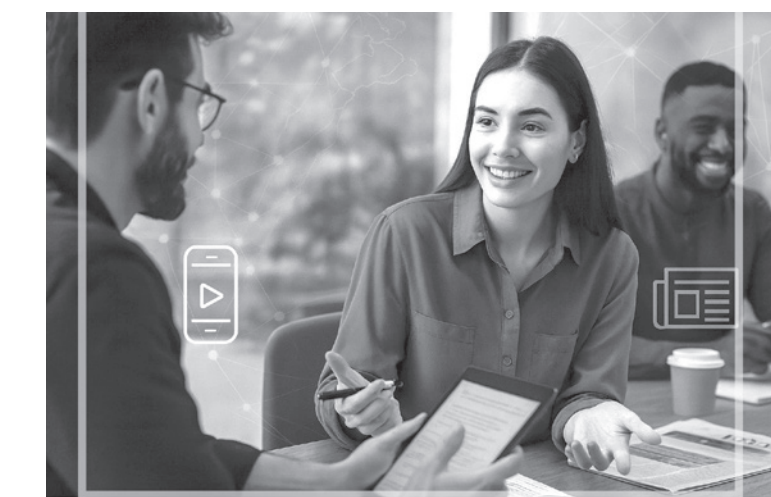
James Wilson, born in Scotland, received an education in Edinburgh from some of the best 'thinkers' of that time preparing his entrance to the American scene in 1766. Studying law under John Dickenson in Philadelphia, placed him on the bar within two years. Through his vocal support of the republican form of government, he became a favorite of the people. His first public involvement came with the local Committee of Correspondence in 1774, which he chaired. A year later in 1775, elected to the Continental Congress, his influence by the Scottish Enlightenment came forth including from others who had been exposed to the Scottish ideas such as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Richard Henry Lee, and Alexander Hamilton. Thomas Reid, among his top 'influencers,' believed that human rights came from God, not government. Mr. Reid believed in the laws of nature; life, liberty and the right to own property (later known as happiness). He also believed common sense was put into every person by God, therefore, able to manage their own lives with little government.

James Wilson wrote a pamphlet entitled: Considerations on the Nature and Effect of the Legislative Authority of the British Parliament which was distributed to the Continental Congress, stating: "All men are, by nature, equal and free: no one has a right to any authority over another without his consent: all lawful government is founded on the consent of those who are subject to it: such consent was with a view to endure and to increase the happiness of the governed, above what they could enjoy in an independent and unconnected state of nature. The consequence is that the happiness of the society is the first law of every government."

Further quotes by James Wilson: "Government, in my humble opinion, should be formed to secure and to enlarge the exercise of the natural rights of its members; and every government, which has not this in view, as its principal object, is not a government of the legitimate kind."

"Slavery, or an absolute and unlimited power in the master over the life and fortune of the slave, is unauthorized by the common law. Indeed, it is repugnant to the principles of natural law, that such a state should subsist in any social system. The reasons which we sometimes see assigned for the origin and the continuance of slavery appear, when examined to the bottom, to be built upon a false foundation. In the enjoyment of their persons and of their property, the common law protects all." (I would like to comment here that we have the continuing stench of slavery in our country and around the world in regard to sex-trafficking! May God uncover all who are enslaving and may severe punishment come their way. Unfortunately, we keep feeding the monster through pornography, aiding and abetting through allowance of abortion. This is when governing authority must arise to protect the infringed upon, against those destroying the dignity of others. Our government is, 'We the People.' Each of us are responsible and have the duty to protect life and the dignity of our fellow citizens from conception till natural death.)

James Wilson, one of six, signing both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, was on a committee to write the first draft of the Constitution.



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You'll need to eventually accept that you've provided as much help as you can and that the business has moved beyond your reach. It will succeed or fail on its owner's strengths, just as it did when you started out.

Nebraska teachers are quitting, saying they have little choice

By Emma Croteau
Flatwater Free Press

Ella Ricker was sitting in her elementary school orchestra class when she first considered a career in teaching. Her orchestra teachers at Lincoln Public Schools made learning to play music so fun, she wanted to share that joy with others.

As a teacher, Ricker said, seeing her students excited to play their instruments and perform in school concerts was her favorite part of the job. But it was also only one part of a growing list of responsibilities in a profession in which she said a good work-life balance had become unattainable.

So, after nine years with LPS and 14 years into her career, Ricker left the profession last May — she would have to rely on income from pet-sitting until she could find something else. But a year later, she now watches people's pets for a living, sometimes earning more than she did as a teacher, she said.

Ricker's decision to quit teaching is an increasingly common one in Nebraska.

As of May 15, only 27,840 of the nearly 45,500 Nebraskans licensed to teach here have actually worked as teachers in the state this school year, according to a Flatwater Free Press analysis of state Department of Education data.

That means roughly 40% of certified Nebraska teachers aren't teaching in public or private classrooms this academic year.

That number includes the normal churn, like retirements and teachers moving out of state or up into administrative roles, the department said. But it also includes many like Ricker — teachers who have exited the profession.

The Flatwater Free Press spoke with 13 former teachers who have left teaching. Many cited unsustainable, high-stress work environments with frequent expectations for unpaid labor and limited schedule flexibility.

They noted shrinking student attention spans, additional learning requirements and feeling unsupported by parents or school leaders.

The teachers who spoke to Flatwater have retired early or left teaching for a range of careers in higher education, business, therapy, self-employment, healthcare and/or nonprofit work. Most said they

would not return to the profession or would need to see major changes before doing so.

"Teaching is a relatively high-quit, turnover line of work," said Richard Ingersoll, a former high school teacher himself who is now a professor of education and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

"The conventional wisdom is long that we have these shortages, that we don't produce enough people ... and then you look at the data and you find that, well, there's actually a whole lot of people out there," Ingersoll said. "The problem isn't so much that we don't produce enough (teachers), it's that we lose too many."

"The issue is, well, can we keep them in the first place? But also, what does it take to get them to come back in?"

Ricker's story mirrors others' who say they had little choice but to leave the field. She frequently had to stay past school hours to attend mandatory meetings and trainings, she told Flatwater, without acknowledgment in her paycheck or from administrators for the extra time. That lack of recognition and support, she said, coupled with years of rising work demands, led her to quit after the 2025 school year.

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- Approve Cabinets in the 5th Grade Classroom
- Surplus athletic equipment; kitchen equipment;

Discussion items on the agenda are:

- Preliminary budget review
- Review teaching assignment

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, the board will adjourn for supper, then return later for the annual board retreat, no action will be taken at the retreat.

Items on the retreat agenda are:

- Discuss data, assessment, MTSS

- Review the 2025-2026 board goals

- Review strengths and weaknesses

- Create 2026-2027 board goals

- Facilities Updates

- Budget Information

- Future Plans

- Vehicles

- Buildings

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NOTICE OF 2026 LAND VALUATIONS

ANTELOPE COUNTY ASSESSOR KELLY MUELLER-OLTJENBRUNS

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before June 30th. All protests must contain a name, address, legal description, parcel number, current value, requested value, and a statement of explanation for requesting a change in the valuation. 2026 Ratios:

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Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns
Antelope County Assessor
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Court News

All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

Hunter L Ryan, Neligh, NE 3/27/26 Dog Running at Large, City Fine of \$25.00 - Miller.*

Mark W Tompkins, Montrose, PA 4/5/26 Speeding 79/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Eischeid.

Asia V Nguyen-Smith, West Chicago, IL 5/7/25 Speeding 88/65 MPH, Fined \$200.00 - Barker.

Ray Connot, Neligh, NE 8/28/25 Assault-Threaten/Menacing Manner, Fined \$500.00

Alice M Sweazy, Niobrara, NE 4/2/26 Violate stop of yield sign, Fined \$150.00 - Lawson.

Angel Chavez, Anthony, NM 11/10/25 Speeding 73/65 MPH, Fined \$25.00 - Ahrendt.

Hayden A Johnston, Columbus, NE, 4/14/26 Speeding 77/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.

Isabella F Lendt, Sloan, IA 3/28/26 Speeding 50/30 MPH, Fined \$200.00 - Ternus.

Austin R Klabenes, Neligh, NE 12/2/25 Tobacco/Electronic nicotine use-Under 21, Fined \$100.00 - Miller.

Austin R Klabenes, Neligh, NE 11/1/25 Assault-Cause Bodily Injury, Sentence includes: Jail Sentence-Term of 60 Days - Schroeder.

Luke B Zakariasen, Stanchfield, MN 11/13/2025 Violate stop or yield sign, Fined \$75.00+Speeding 45/35 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.

Austin R Klabenes, Neligh, NE 12/2/25 Tobacco/Electronic nicotine use-Under 21, Fined \$100.00 - Miller.

Scott A Vanliere, Pierre, SD 3/11/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Barker.

Kelvin L Gillett, Larkspur, CO 4/16/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Barker.

Mario Garcia-Hidalgo, Hollywood, FL 4/17/26 No operator's license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00 - Barker.

Gage B Thiessen, Elgin, NE 4/13/26 Speeding 65/55 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt.

Parade D Brown, Emerson, NE 4/13/26 Speeding 76/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.

Gary L Bartak, Ewing, NE 4/21/26 Speeding 76/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.

Roger R Rautenberg, Tilden, NE 2/9/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$25.00 - Hartley.

Boyd O Benson, Ewing, NE 3/27/26 CMV-Brake general, Fined \$50.00 - Asche.

Tanner J Cunningham,

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, June 8: Lemon pepper fish, scalloped potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, June 9: Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, green beans, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

Wednesday, June 10: Fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, applesauce cake, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, June 11: Brauts, macaroni salad, hashbrowns, pears, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, June 12: Pulled pork sandwich, au gratin potatoes, corn, lettuce salad, plums, bread & butter, milk.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.

Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

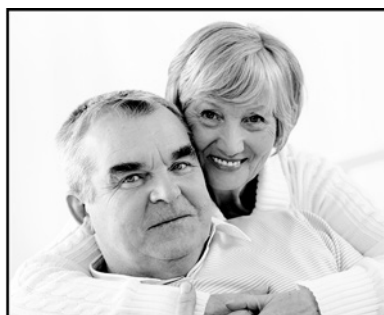
Under 60 is \$10. Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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Opportunity

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Farm operators often maintain detailed historical planting records.

Early communication between landowners and farm operators will ensure the Base Allocation Summary is accurate and all necessary actions are completed by the deadline.

To be eligible for new base acres, a current covered commodity must have been planted or prevented from being planted on the farm during the 2019 through 2023 crop years. The farm's average planted and prevented planted acres during that period must exceed the total existing base acres for all covered commodities in effect on Sept. 30, 2024, excluding unassigned base acres. FSA farm total base acres cannot exceed the farm's total cropland acres.

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The Elgin Review's **EARLY DEADLINE** for the June 10th newspaper has passed. Our office hours until June 10th will be 8 am to Noon (closed afternoons). Following the June 10th paper, all deadlines and office hours will return to their normal days and times. Look for Vetch Days coverage in the June 17th issue.

Fly control options for your herd this summer

The horn fly is one of the most damaging external parasites of cattle in Nebraska, causing reduced weight gain and milk production once numbers exceed 200 flies per animal. In northeast Nebraska, fly emergence typically begins in late May and continues into fall.

Now is the time to evaluate your fly control management for the upcoming grazing season. Was control adequate last year? If not, consider changing products or methods. Extension Entomologist Dave Boxler outlines several control options:

Pour-ons
Applied along the back, these insecticides provide control for several weeks but require reapplication throughout the fly season.

Animal Sprays
Sprays offer 7-14 days of control, so again regular reapplication will be needed. Low- and high-pressure sprayers require cattle to be corralled for adequate coverage. Mist blower applications in pasture reduce stress compared to corralling cattle.

Oral Larvicides (IGRs)
Mixed into mineral or feed, these prevent larvae from maturing in manure. Begin 30 days before fly season for good control. The catch: they don't kill adult flies.

Insecticide Ear Tags
Apply late May to early June. Be sure to read the label and use the correct number of tags per animal for season-long protection. If applied to early, effectiveness declines while fly numbers are still high. Tagging only the calf or cow, not both will not provide the desired level of control.

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Garlic
Mixed into salt or mineral at 2%. Research results are mixed—some show reductions, others no effect, so use at your discretion. UNL studies in Nebraska have shown no effect.

Dust Bags, Backrubbers, Oilers
Best used in a "forced-use" setup (e.g., near water) where animals have to be treated. One location can treat 50-60 cows. Oilers should use No. 2 diesel fuel or mineral oil and be recharged weekly. Do not use motor oil.

Traps (e.g., Bruce Trap)
Physically remove flies as cattle walk through. Field studies show up to 41% fly reduction with repeated use.

Always remember to follow all withdrawal periods before marketing animals. Be aware that flies from neighboring herds can repopulate treated animals, masking the effectiveness of your control measures. Finally, rotate insecticides to avoid resistance—many horn fly populations in Nebraska are showing resistance to pyrethroids.

Effective fly control is critical for a productive and healthy herd. Consider your options and pick one that meets your operational goals and is effective to ensure a fly free summer for your animals.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving northeast Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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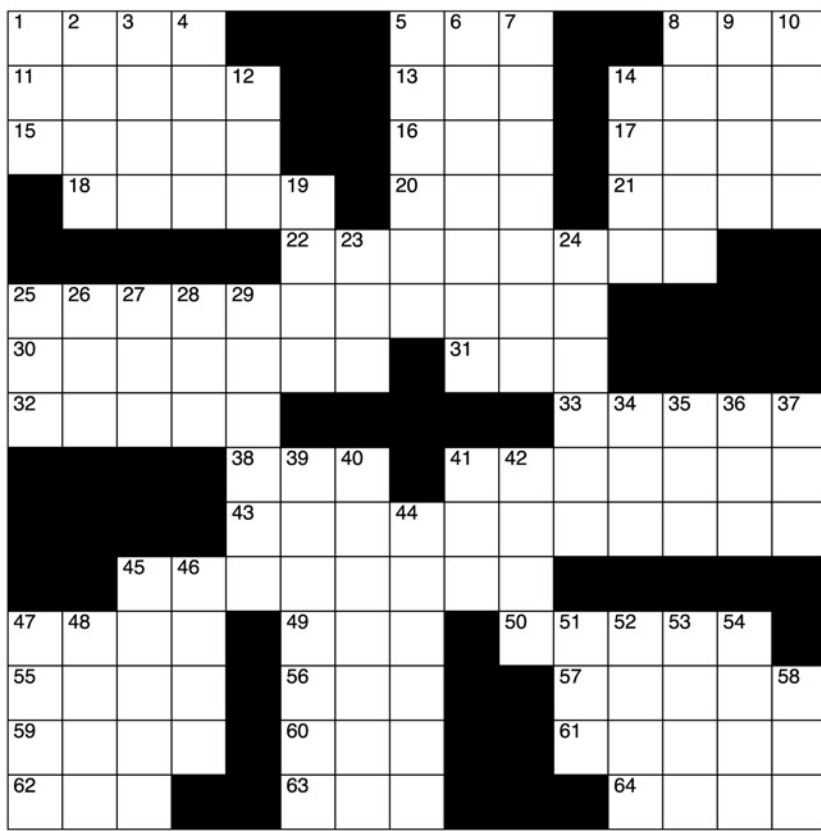
CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. A young canine
8. Cologne
11. Fictional British P.I.

13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Minneapolis suburb
16. Single lens reflex

17. NY Mets great Tommie
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Habitual twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent or submit
25. In an early way
30. Made possible
31. Language in Ghana
32. Relating to one's birth
33. Deep-bodied fishes
38. Defunct European currency
41. Small American songbird
43. One from L.A.
45. After tenth
47. Hillside
49. Red deer
50. Partner to "oohed"
55. Indian musical pattern
56. Israeli city ___ Aviv
57. Golden peas plant
59. Breezed through
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Frameworks
62. Danish krone
63. Fall back
64. Influential Korean leader

7. Closely woven cotton fabric
8. A nice shot in golf
9. Away from wind
10. Evergreen shrub genus
12. Large African antelope
14. Something you receive
19. Satisfy
23. Wet dirt
24. No longer here
25. Writing utensil
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Consume food
28. Licensed for Wall Street
29. Alternative forms of a gene
34. Buddy
35. We all do it
36. Chicken
37. No seats available
39. Yearned to possess
40. Ineffectual
41. Explosive
42. Turkish title
44. Worn near the foot
45. Impatient
46. Set an example for others
47. Actor Pitt
48. Instrument of torture
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. A way to print
54. Storied college hoops program
58. Midway between south and southeast



CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Turkish leader title
5. Nag
6. Blank

Look for potential insect "hot spots" in your backyard, landscape

Outdoor entertaining is a big part of life when the weather warms up. An afternoon and evening spent enjoying warm weather in the backyard is the ideal for millions of people come summertime.

An idyllic day entertaining outdoors can be compromised by insects. Biting insects may drive some people indoors, while others may avoid outdoor entertaining spaces entirely at

times of year when mosquitoes and other bugs are most active. Bug spray can be a quick and effective remedy against insects, but homeowners also can identify spots on their property that insects may seek out as a food source, breeding ground and/or hiding place.

• **Standing water:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note mosquito larvae and pupae live in water with little or no flow. Standing water around a property can be an ideal spot for mosquitoes to lay eggs.



Containers that hold water, like bird baths, flower pots or water bowls for pets, may be inviting mosquitoes to lay eggs in your yard.

• **Leaves:** Fallen leaves that are not collected and discarded or added to compost piles may be providing a breeding ground for unwanted insects.

• **Untidy areas:** The landscape solutions experts at BioAdvanced® note that keeping a neat and clean outdoor environment is the simplest way to eliminate insect habitats on a property. Insects hide in buckets, boards, bricks, and even toys.

• **Food gardens:** Gardening is an enjoyable hobby that studies

have shown benefits gardeners' mental and physical health. But food gardens can serve as primary food sources for insects. However, that does not mean you cannot have a food garden and still enjoy a relatively insect-free outdoor entertaining space. Some plants, like mint and dill, may attract beneficial insects that keep harmful insects at bay. Local climate can affect what works and what doesn't, so work with a local professional to identify your options.

Insects are unwelcome guests when entertaining outdoors. But there's much homeowners can do to keep insects from setting up shop on their properties.

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Wolfpack Sports



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Jarek Erickson was named Most Valuable Player in the boys game as he helped lead the White Team to a decisive 103 to 87 victory Friday night.

Wolfpack players all taste victory at NCN All-Star games Friday



Karson Kallhoff, a member of the winning boys team, finished second in the three-point shootout.

EPPJ players, head coach prevail at all-star games Friday



His first time as head coach at the NCN All-Star game Friday night, Matt Euse was successful as he guided the White team to a 103 to 87 victory.



Kayton Zwingman scored six points, all in the first half, as the Dark team went on to win the game 42 to 40 in overtime.

Spinning Tales

Wolfpack moments to celebrate in 25/26

ELGIN — Finally a reprieve, the 2025-2026 high school sports season is over.

It seemed it would never end and, for EPPJ fans, that was all right. It was a year to remember as each sport had its moments I was glad to see and share with our readers. Indulge me please, here are some of the moments which made the seasons memorable to me.

So, in no particular order lest some of my faithful readers want to argue, here are my favorite moments which stood out during the school year.

- 'Wolfpack win 42 to 49' was the headline in this column in October after the Wolfpack played Overton in the opening round of the Class D2 State Football Playoffs. Playing on the road, the first half belonged to Overton, the second half was all Wolfpack. Evin Pelster put an electrical charge into EPPJ with a kickoff return touchdown to start the second half. It marked the beginning of a double-digit comeback. The Wolfpack had the ball with a chance to win the game in the closing minutes. Battered and bruised, EPPJ played with the heart of a champion on this night, they just ran out of time.

- Showdown in Shelby. Wolfpack senior wrestler Landyn Veik, en route to a district title, ended Central Valley's William Pokorny's dream of an undefeated season with a third period victory. It was Veik's finest moment on the mat in a season where he would earn another trip to state in back-to-back seasons.

- Gutting it out — Mady Kurpgeweit's junior basketball season. Hobbled all season with ankle injuries which would have put lesser players on the bench, she never quit on or

off the court. Although they were upset by Plainview in the opening round of subdistricts to see their season come to an end, Kurpgeweit's play was a living, breathing profile of courage on the court.

- Saving her best for her last race — Senior Kayton Zwingman capped her final day wearing the Wolfpack colors at the State Track & Field Championships. Competing in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, she set a new Wolfpack record and became the first Wolfpack girl athlete to bring home a state medal. The last time any EPPJ trackster won a state medal was Colton Wright in the discus several years ago.

- Nineteen straight — The Wolfpack boys basketball team put together a magical season, culminating with a 25-4 record and a state tournament runner-up trophy. Early on, Wolfpack fans knew this team was special as they ripped off 19 wins in a row. The streak came to an end against St. Mary's who would hand EPPJ three of it's four losses in the season.

- Another Larry Bird — Class D2's Player of the Year was Jarek Erickson, well deserved recognition for the player who could do anything. Basketball came easy to this young man. Whether on offense or defense, he possessed every skill needed to be a great player. He is arguably the best player I have ever watched in a 40-year journalism career.

- Silent assassin — Junior Libby Evans maintained her reputation as being tough out on the wrestling mat. Another state tournament appearance, another state medal capped her junior season. I gave her the nickname of 'silent assassin' in that she's so easy going til

when she seizes the moment, attacks and a few seconds later walks off the mat with another victory.

- Doctor Dunkenstein — We waited all season for Max Henn to dunk the basketball during a game. Just when you think it might not happen, he woke up the crowd in the opening round of the state tournament against Pleasanton with a thunderous dunk. It was the first of several at the tournament.

- Stop, pop and scores — His whole basketball career, Karson Kallhoff was Elgin's answer to Steph Curry. Kallhoff was a threat every time he touched the ball behind the three-point arc.

- Ain't that tough enough? I never knew, when it came to boys shot put, who would be the best at any given meet. Henn would excel, only to see Trey Rittscher top that mark. That's the way it went for much of the season, making it must see track.

- Volleyball seems so far away, but in late October the Wolfpack were sailing high behind the play of Camry Kittelson and Braelyn Martinsen. They would take the Wolfpack to within one victory of a state tournament berth. Hours on the bus to Southwest High School proved to be too much to overcome against the Mustangs. They were standouts on a star-team who were left wanting

SPINNING TALES



Publisher

Dennis Morgan

Euse to coach; Erickson to play in NEN All-Star game Friday

Northeast Nebraska's top 40 boys and girls basketball players will compete in Norfolk in all-star games next week.

On Friday, June 5, the Northeast Nebraska All-Star Basketball Games will be played at Norfolk Catholic High School, not Northeast Community College as in previous years. The girls game will begin at 6 p.m. and the boys will play at 8 p.m.

Admission for the game is \$7 for adults and \$5 for entering grades K-12. Pre-K is free.

Players scheduled to play in the games are:

GIRLS TEAMS

Light

Bo Caskey, Norfolk
Madalyn Dolliver, Pender
Haley Kramer, Wayne
Kenna Oligmueller, Wynot
Mikkel Parker, Omaha Nation
Taylen Stark, Niobrara/Verdigre
Kenadie Throener, Howells-Dodge
Hadley Walsh, Pender
Sidonia Wattier, Norfolk Catholic
Whitney Wegener, Archangels

Coaches

Jason Dolliver, Pender
Greg Wegner, Stanton

Dark

Emerson Bellar, Wisner-Pilger
Bergyn Classen, O'Neill
Taylor Dawson, Wausa
Charlie Dinslage, Guardian Angels
Sonya Guzinski, Oakland-Craig
Kailee Patzel, Newman Grove/SE
Miley Pike, Santee
Lauren Sterup, North Bend

Addison Walter, Cedar Catholic
Gracie Williamson, St. Mary's

Coaches

Scott Guzinski, Oakland-Craig
Andy Imus, Boone Central

BOYS TEAMS

Light

Mason Baller, Cedar Catholic
Brenden Johannes, Archangels
Cael Johnson, Wakefield
Andre Martin, Howells-Dodge
Kyle McMullin, Clarkson-Leigh
Peyton Penrose, West Point-Beemer
Isaac Rudloff, Battle Creek
Hunter Swanson, West Point-Beemer
Nathan Tomcak, Howells-Dodge
Izac Zautke, Madison

Coaches

Tyler Polacek, West Point-Beemer
Nick Haslehorst, Cedar Catholic

Dark

Leighton Burbach, Norfolk Catholic
Brock Collison, Pierce
Jarek Erickson, EPPJ
Gage Hedstrom, St. Mary's
Turner Heiss, O'Neill
Keesan Kaaihule, Omaha Nation
Callen Marshall, Norfolk Catholic
Ian McDonald, LHNE
Drew Schmaderer, Stuart
Izac Zautke, Madison
Gavin Schutt, Norfolk Catholic

Coaches

Matt Euse, EPPJ
Ryon Nilson, Creighton

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Wolfpack girls celebrate basketball success

Athletes on the Wolfpack girls basketball team were reminded last week of the success they had during the 2025/2026 season.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer handed out end-of-the-season awards.

Letter winners were Kayton Zwingman, Mady Kurpgeweit, Braelyn Martinsen, Elizabeth Moser, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Kinley Druke, Gentry Zwingman, Kinley Miller and Jael Lammers.

Participation awards went to Lillian Moser, Sydney Niewohner, Macy Rokahr and Gemma Miller.

Just one team record was broken during the season. It was for most offensive rebounds in one season. They had 394, breaking the record of 331.

Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgeweit both broke the Wolfpack record for free throws in the season.

Kurpgeweit had 143 free throws while Martinsen had 131. The previous record was 127 by Ashlyne Charf.

Postseason recognition was given to Martinsen, Kurpgeweit

and Zwingman, receiving honorable mention from the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper.

2025-2026 Wolfpack Awards voted on by team members at the end of the year were:

Most Improved Player – Elizabeth Moser

MVP Defense – Kayton Zwingman

MVP Offense – Braelyn Martinsen

Practice Player of the Year – Kayton Zwingman for the 3rd year in a row. Tied with Elizabeth Moser

Wolfpack Dedication Award – Mady Kurpgeweit

The last award is something we started four years ago. We have academic all-state kids every year and the NSAA only selects two.

These girls, he said, put in so much time in the classroom and must manage their time with basketball and sports and it can be a long year and especially some long nights, Eisenhauer said.

“So, with that we started a Wolfpack Basketball Academic team last year. Just like the NSAA you must have a 3.7 GPA



Photo submitted

Wolfpack Award recipients this year were Elizabeth Moser, Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman and Mady Kurpgeweit.

or higher. Last year's team of 12 finished with an Overall GPA of 3.75 Which is equivalent to

an A- letter grade on a 4.0 scale. This year's team of 11 varsity only finished with 3.71 which is

equivalent to an A- letter grade on a 4.0 scale. The national average is 3.0% which means

the last three years have been well above the national average. Impressive Girls!”



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Recognized with Wolfpack Awards were (l-r): Max Henn, Jarek Erickson, Karson Kallhoff and Brayden Burenheide.

EPPJ boys basketball season awards presented

The basketballs have long been put away, but the memories of the best season ever by a Wolfpack team still linger.

Earlier this month Wolfpack Coach Matt Euse handed out end-of-the-season awards.

The 2025-2026 team posted a 25-4 record making it to the championship game of the Class D2 State Tournament. It marked

the first time since Elgin Public and Pope John formed the co-op that the team had won a state tournament game. They finished the tournament with a 2-1 record, bringing home the state runner-up trophy to add to the trophy case.

All members of the team were awarded letters this year. Euse said other team high-



Letters winners seated around Coach of the Year Matt Euse are (front row, l-r): Max Henn, Michael Selting, Karson Kallhoff, Coach Euse, Jarek Erickson, Jayvin Erickson and Evin Pelster. Back row: Christian Preister, Justice Blecher, Brayden Burenheide, Braedon Hinkle and Joseph McNally.

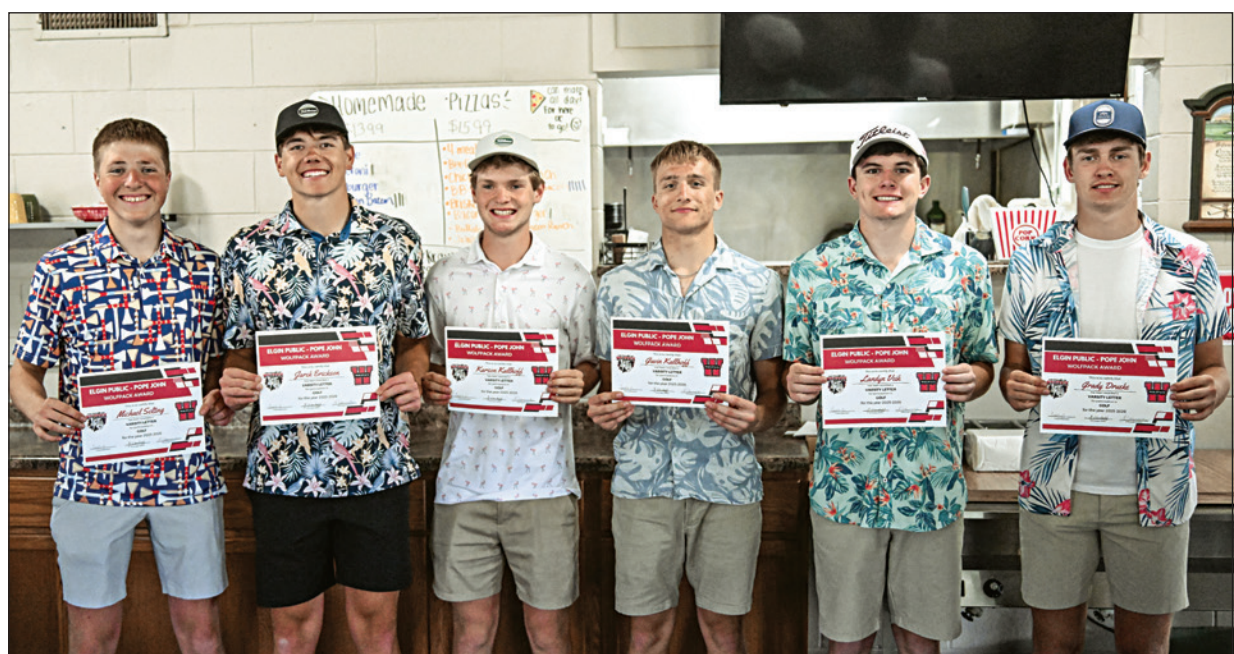
lights included:

Most consecutive wins - 19
Most team rebounds - 885
Individual records set during the season were:
Jarek Erickson - Most points in a season 481 (previous record 397), most free throws made in a season 134 (74).

Karson Kallhoff - Most three-pointers in a season 74 (66), most three pointers in a career 195 (131)
Max Henn - Most rebounds in a season 283 (249)
Awards voted on by the team were:
Karson Kallhoff - Defensive

MVP
Jarek Erickson - Offensive MVP
Teammate of the Year - Max Henn
JV MVP - Brayden Burenheide
Erickson was named to the All-State First Team as captain

(LJS, OWH, Huskerland Preps). Also, he was named NebPreps Class D2 Player of the Year. Henn was named second team all state
Receiving honorable mention were Kallhoff and Michael Selting



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Letter winners on the EPPJ golf team were (l-r): Michael Selting, Jarek Erickson, Karson Kallhoff, Gavin Kallhoff, Landyn Veik and Grady Druke.

Six Wolfpack letter winners announced for golf team

The Wolfpack golf season came to an end last month at the district meet at Ainsworth.

Coach Trent Ostransky announced end-of-the-season award winners.

Earning letters for their play on the links were seniors Grady Druke, Jarek Erickson, Karson Kallhoff and Landyn Veik; juniors Gavin Kallhoff and Michael Selting.

Recognized as participants during the season were Braedon Hinkle, Raaf Klein, Molly Thiessen, Joseph McNally, Dannyka Smidt, Aiden Klein and Creighton Harkins.

Recognized as the most improved players were Braedon Hinkle and Jarek Erickson.

Chosen as most valuable player was Karson Kallhoff.



Wolfpack Award recipients were Karson Kallhoff, Jarek Erickson and Braedon Hinkle.



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Track award winners for their efforts this season were (front row, l-r): Kayton Zwingman. Back row: Max Henn, Ethan Hansen, John Zwingman and Trey Rittscher.

Awards announced at the conclusion of EPPJ track season

All track team members lettered

Track season came to an end with four members of the Wolfpack competing at the NSAA State Track & Field Championships at Burke Stadium in Omaha.

The season began at West Point and concluded with four team members participating in

the State Track & Field Championships held last week at Burke Stadium in Omaha.

Coach Sandi Henn said all 17 members of the team were awarded letters for their efforts during the season.

Individual awards voted on by the team were:

High point athlete — Kayton Zwingman
Wolfpack award — Trey Rittscher and Max Henn
Most improved athlete — John Zwingman
Newcomer award — Ethan Hansen

Congratulations Wolfpack athletes!