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In Brief

Farewell open house is Sunday for Fr. Norman

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

Catholic Parishes in Partnership will host a Farewell Open House for Fr. John Norman.

The event will be held this Sunday, June 28 at Rural St. John's Catholic Church - Deloit and run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be served. 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.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of July Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education
- Notice of Meeting — The Antelope County Board of Equalization
- Notice of Amendment — AB Farms, LLC
- Notice of Election — Antelope County Election Commissioner

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 81 degrees recorded on June 15-19.

The low temperature during the same period was 47 degrees was recorded on Monday, June 15.

Last week a total of 1.47 inches of precipitation was recorded.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
June 15	81	47	.00
June 16	81	63	.00
June 17	81	58	.00
June 18	81	55	.00
June 19	81	49	.00
June 20	67	62	1.27
June 21	67	58	.20
Total for last week			1.47
Total for June			3.43
Total precipitation 2026			9.76



Photo submitted

Eliminators headed to State!

The Elgin Eliminator 12U softball team will compete in the state tournament starting Friday, June 26 at Hastings. Team members are (front row, l-r): Ainsley Beckman, Hannah Hemenway, Cora Beckman, Hayley Selting, Taryn Schindler and Emery Borer. Back row: Maisie Seier, Elly Boschen, Ellie Vanis, Elise Hoefler, Brooke Borer, Kinley Selting, Brecken Childers and Linley Seier. Good luck at State!

EPPJ roundballers to get new uniforms

The Wolfpack boys and girls varsity basketball teams will be sporting a new look when they take the court in December 2026.

Earlier this month, the District #18 Board of Education approved purchasing new uniforms for both the boys and girls basketball teams.

The new uniforms will be supplied by BSN Sports. The

cost of the new uniforms will be \$10,971 which will be covered out of the Wolfpack account between Elgin Public and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic.

Several other items related to Wolfpack athletics were acted on by the board. They were:

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LB840 benefits touted at KC Hall

The second of two informational meetings about seeking economic development in Elgin was held Tuesday night June 16.

Former economic development director in Boone County and now a grant writer for 19 school districts, Michelle Olsen walked those in attendance through the steps of enacting LB840 which, in her estimation, could generate thousands of dollars in subsequent years, if approved by Elgin voters. If approved by voters, it would add one-half of one percent to the city's sales tax which is now 6.5 percent. The new sales tax would be seven percent as it is in a number of surrounding communities where LB840 has been approved.

During her presentation which lasted close to 45 minutes, she explained how funds generated by LB840 could be used to attract grant funds. One example she cited was with the community of St. Edward who used LB840 funds to apply for a grant which was received. Organizers there then used those grant funds to apply for another grant. In the end they generated close to \$1 million through the process to go forward with the project.

"I hope the goal tonight, after this

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E-R photo/LMorgan

Grant writer Michelle Olsen, from Albion, used a multi-media presentation to explain what a half-percent addition to Elgin's sales tax would affect residents.

Park Center Independence Day celebration is July 1

Public invited to potluck dinner, fun and games plus fireworks!

The 4th of July is celebrated all across the nation, and each community celebrates it a little differently. Here in Elgin and the surrounding areas, the 4th of July is celebrated with friends and family, and the Park Center Church is making that happen again this year.

The Park Center Annual Fourth of July celebration will be held Wednesday, July 1, on the grounds of Park Center Community Church located 10 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Elgin.

Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate our country's 250th birthday.

There will be a potluck meal starting at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Afterwards, there will games and fun for all ages on the playground.

Attendees are asked to bring a blanket and chair to relax and enjoy the evening.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

No Bake Cookies



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They are the all time favorite cookies I make for the crew at the sale barn. Moms, let them young cooks practice with this recipe. I promise they will enjoy making them

every time, and you will enjoy eating them.
Sweet treat for all!

JoAnn



NO BAKE COOKIES

2 cups sugar	pinch of salt
1/4 cup cocoa powder	1/2 cup chunky or creamy peanut butter
1/2 cup milk	3 cups quick cooking oatmeal
1 stick butter	
1 tsp vanilla	

Mix in a saucepan the sugar, cocoa, milk and butter. Put on medium heat and cook until it starts to boil. Remove from heat and cool for one minute. Add vanilla, salt, peanut butter and oatmeal. Drop by spoonful on wax paper. Let cool!

BCHC nurses trained to help navigate car seat safety

Boone County Health Center is continuing its commitment to keeping children safe by certifying two registered nurses as Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs).

Angie Schalk, RN, and Maria Kinney, RN, completed the nationally recognized certification program in April. The intense week-long training is based on curriculum developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and guided by the National Child Passenger Safety Board, a program managed by the National Safety Council. The training combines classroom instruction and hands-on experience, and technicians must complete continuing education and recertify every two years to maintain their credentials.

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians are specially trained to help parents and caregivers correctly install and use car seats and booster seats, educate families on child passenger safety, and provide guidance on when children are ready to transition to the next stage of restraint. Improper installation and premature transitions are common concerns, making education and hands-on assistance especially important. At Boone County Health Center, car seat safety education starts before a baby arrives. Obstetric patients receive education during pregnancy, and before leaving the hospital. Newborn car seats are checked to help ensure they are properly installed and that parents feel confident bringing their baby home safely.

"Car seats are one of the most important pieces of safety equipment parents will ever use, but they can also be confusing," said Schalk.

"Our goal is to help families feel confident and provide education that grows with their child."

Schalk and Kinney are succeeding Nicole Levander, who served as Boone County Health Center's certified car seat technician for the past 18 years.

In addition to assisting newborn families, Schalk and Kinney are available to provide car seat checks and education for children of all ages. During appointments, they review proper installation, harness fit, expiration dates, recalls, and recommendations for moving to the next type of seat as children grow.

Parents interested in scheduling a car seat check or receiving car seat safety education are encouraged to contact their primary care provider's office or clinic to arrange an appointment.



Photo submitted

Angie Schalk (right), RN, and Maria Kinney (left), RN, were recently certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

LB840

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presentation, is that everybody leaves with a little bit more knowledge and understanding about LB840," she said.

Boone County has had success with LB840 as have other communities. Organizers are hoping, if passed, those dollars could be put to work to answer one of Elgin's greatest needs, affordable housing.

Todd Heithoff, one of the organizers for pursuing LB840 for Elgin, said dollars generated can be used for 'down payment assistant to help folks who want to expand their business or get into a new business,' he said, adding that a lot of LB840 involves loans.

So far, approximately 50 Elgin have heard Olsen's presentation during two public meetings.

The next step, and arguably the second most important one, is for the LB840 committee to seek approval for the matter to be put to a vote of Elgin residents. That presentation will be made when the Elgin City Council meets in regular session on Monday night, July 6. If approved by the council, then the matter will be placed on the ballot for the general election in November.

Only Elgin residents will be allowed to vote on the issue at that time.

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The 'End' of our goals and desires

"It's not what you know, it's who you know."

I first learned that adage in college, and at the time, my friends and peers seemed to deliver that message cynically – implying that people got ahead more on their connections than on their abilities. However unfair that seemed, it was true.

These days I'm trying to look at connections and networking more positively as my own kids navigate college and careers.

For some of my children, networking has seemed to help them. For others, being less connected to the right people has hurt them.

Regardless, I'm seeing anew the truth in the adage.

In my own life, I'm viewing things more spiritually. It's not what you know, it's WHO you know. Ultimately – eternally – whatever knowledge or skills we amass don't matter if we aren't connected to God.

In this life we are blessed to meet souls with connections, who help us find our real Goal. I can think of so many people who taught me lessons big and small about finding and connecting to God.

I think of people who taught me lessons about prayer that might seem insignificant, but over time have developed into habits, which taught me how to seek and find God.

There was an elderly lady at church who told me that she and her husband always offered the first decade of a Rosary in thanksgiving to God. For whatever reason, that lesson stuck with me. It's now part of the way I pray the Rosary.

I think of another wise person who said that when she prays she thanks God in advance for answering her prayers, particularly for the salvation and sanctification of her children. (Hat tip to St. André Bessette who more famously suggested that boldness of faith.)

I could go on and on. There's the priest who prayed the "Anima Christi" prayer with his congregation after Holy Communion at weekday Masses. Now it's a habit for me.

There was the random voice on the radio that suggested

asking God for the full graces of your marriage. Again, now another regular prayer.

More connections that lead us to God are formed in spiritual reading, through authors (including saints) who can show us the Way. I think of books

and other reading materials that have opened my eyes – and Scripture – and changed my life.

Saints, I have found, are particularly important in regard to "who you know." St. Alphonsus Liguori, for example, taught me to pray for the important things: Divine Love, forgiveness of sins and final perseverance. Through St. Philip Neri, I ask for an enlarged heart (spiritually speaking). Through St. Joseph, I pray for happy and holy deaths for me and all my loved ones. Etc., etc.

I challenge you to think of some of the important connections you've made in your life, the people who have helped you get to your goals – but especially the people the Lord placed in your life to lead you toward Him. He is the One thing necessary, the Pearl of Great Price, the most important Person we need to be connected to, the End of our goals and desires.

Remember: It's not what you know, it's WHO you know.

Faith



Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

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As these photos attest, the summer reading program at Elgin Public Library took on a patriotic flavor last week.



Summer reading programs at Elgin Public Library busy

By Anna Stuhr Student intern

The Elgin Public Library is an important place in Elgin. It

hosts lots of activities, including Lego League, Flag Day programs, and the Summer Reading Program.

Barb Bode and Dianne Gunderson started working at the Elgin Public Library ten years ago. The library was already doing a summer reading program, but they have contributed much more to it since taking over their duties.

Mrs. Gunderson said that the goal of the program has always been to get kids into the library, "and to share the joy of reading with them, and hopefully, that will go home with them when they check out books."

Mrs. Bode added "We both really like kids, and we both think reading is very important. It's something that should not stop when schools out. Reading should continue on, and it should be fun."

When asked what her favorite part of the summer reading program is, Bode said, "I like story time. I like picking out fun books to read to the little kids. I like the crafts. I just like to see so many of the kids in Elgin come to the Library. It's fun." Gunderson responded with, "That's not much different than what I was going to say."

The librarians agreed that,

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

June 30, 1966

Lewis A. Edwards of Clearwater escaped injury Monday afternoon when the single engine plane he was flying flipped over in a patch of tall alfalfa about a mile north of Madison. His only injury apparently was a bump on the head. It is believed the tall alfalfa caught the gear under the plane's fuselage and pulled it nose down about 240 feet after it began making track in the field. Damage to the plane was estimated between \$500 and \$1,000. The Civil Aeronautics Administration was reported to be investigating the accident on Tuesday.

The only hill climb this year to be sponsored by the Travelers Motorcycle Club proved exciting to spectators Sunday as many of the cycles and riders spilled on the hill as they vied for top honors. The first injury in Travelers Club history occurred as Charles Riesland of Wood River lost control of his machine on the hill. He was taken to the hospital in the Huffman's Brooks ambulance and later released. Riding hard on the hill, Alfred Beelart, Doug Taylor and Durwood Duhachek of the local club were all trophy winners. Thirty-five riders attempted to climb the hill and were from as far as Calton, S.D., Omaha and Carter Lake, I.A. Class winners in order of finish: 650 cc: Don Jefferys, Burwell; Gary Waddell, Omaha; Alfred Beelart, Elgin. 250 cc: Ray Carpenter, Norfolk; Doug Taylor, Petersburg; Kent Quidley, Norfolk. 175 cc: Bill Toman, Plattsmouth; Larry Nelson, Plattsmouth; Durwood Duhachek, Tilden.

Fifty Years Ago

June 30, 1976

Six schools from surrounding communities participated in the Elgin Vetch Days FFA tractor driving contest. Taking part were contestants from Pierce, Randolph, Stanton, Neligh, Bloomfield and Elgin. First place winner was John Lange from Randolph, second went to Vern Heese also of Randolph, third to Merle Moser of Elgin and fourth place went to Todd Weinrich of Pierce. Participants had a written examination, a practical maintenance test and had to drive two and four-wheel trailers through the courses.

Julie Ann Shavlik of Ewing became the bride of Mark Allan Dwyer of Bartlett on June 25, 1976. The 3:30 p.m. double ring ceremony was performed by Father Paul Diczky, who also offered the Nuptial Mass in St. John's Catholic Church in rural Clearwater. Larry Shavlik, brother of the bride, was lector and the Mass servers were Jeff and Charles Allemang. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Shavlik of Ewing and the groom is a son of Mr. Paul Dwyer and the late Ione Dwyer of Bartlett. A reception followed the ceremony in the church parlors, given by the parents of the bride. Hostesses were Mrs. Robert Schrage of Elgin and Mrs. Louis Funk of Clearwater.

Thirty Years Ago

July 3, 1996

A rain and hail storm Monday evening, July 1, caused varying amounts of crop damage in the Elgin, Raeville and Petersburg areas. The storm hit Elgin about 7:30 p.m. and lasted 30 to 40 minutes. Severe crop damage occurred in relatively small areas to the east and south of Elgin. However, there was moderate damage to crops at many locations through that area. One of the hardest hit areas was about two miles east and one mile south of Elgin on the Mark Schrage farm and the Tom Henn farm. Another area of severe crop damage was at the intersection of the Highway 14 and the Raeville Road in Boone County. The farms of Ken Stuhr, Bob Thiele and Bob Bode sustained heavy damage in that area. Hail ranged from pea-size to golf-ball-size, coming first from the north and west, and later from the south.

Ted Baum of Elgin was chosen as one of 10 finalists in the Livestock Marketing Association's World Livestock Auctioneer Championship on June 22, 1996. The contest was held at Burnt Lake Livestock Mart LTD., Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. This was the second time that Baum has placed among the elite group of finalists. He was sponsored by Elgin Livestock Sales, Inc., Elgin, and by Central Nebraska Commission Co., Broken Bow, NE. The contestants were judged by a panel of livestock market owners on vocal clarity and quality, bid-catching ability, and ability to keep the sale moving. The 10 finalists are also judged on their ability to act as industry spokesmen, and those scores are considered in the final judging. The finalists were selected from a field of 30 semifinalists, representing 15 states and three Canadian provinces. Baum was the only Nebraska auctioneer to place among the finalists this year.

Twenty Years Ago

June 21, 2006

Elgin Area Development Corporation decided at a meeting last Friday to proceed with forming a non-profit corporation to pursue ownership of Elgin Pharmacy and Gift Store. The local drug store has been owned and operated by the Richard Kalvelage Trust for many years. It is the intent of the trust to transfer ownership so that the business can continue to serve the Elgin area. An effort has been made to find a private owner for the drug store, but a private owner has not been found. Therefore, the local non-profit is being formed to purchase the business and keep it operating for the benefit of Elgin. The non-profit corporation will be formed under 501(c)(3) provisions for the purpose of providing health services and community improvements. The Elgin Area Development Corporation board will seek a separate local board of directors to operate the non-profit entity. The process of forming a 501(c)(3) corporation is expected to take 90 to 120 days.

By Kari Schindler

Neligh Mill to host 'smorgasbord' music event July 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In the 19th and early 20th century, various European ethnic groups settled in Nebraska and brought with them songs and melodies from their native homelands. This includes music from the British Isles, Czechoslovakia, Germany, the Scandinavia countries, and others.

On July 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Neligh Mill State Historic Site, Musician Chris Sayre will play some of these songs and melodies, performed on the button accordion, English concertina, fretted dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, musical saw, and bowed zither.

The performance is free. Sayre was born in Lincoln and has been professionally performing music for over 40 years. Much of that time has been spent promoting and preserving traditional folk music from Western Europe and North America. He has been awarded a three-time Folk Artist of the Year, Entertainer of the Year award, and Hall of Fame recipient, along with several first-place finishes in contests throughout the Midwest.

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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Resilient Nebraskans always say 'it could have been worse'

A safer place to live

Back in the day, reporters used to be able to hitch a ride with the governor or National Guard to the site of a disastrous tornado or flood.

One of those trips involved a flight to Coleridge, in northeast Nebraska, after a tornado had destroyed two farm homes and damaged several residences on the north edge of the town.

At one of the farms, the owner stood just outside the now-bare foundation where his house once stood. The house was gone.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

"It could have been worse," he said. No one had been injured or killed, after all. For some reason, that quote has stuck with me over the years.

It could be, I keep thinking — maybe should be — the state motto.

I can't recall the number of times I've heard the same comment when visiting the scene of a devastating flood, a horrible fire, or, like in Coleridge, one heck of a nasty tornado.

But it kind of typifies what Nebraskans are all about. Despite homes being washed away by flooding, or burned to the ground in a fire, or wiped off the map by a tornado, despite watching crops burn up in a drought, the phrase we often use is, "it could have been worse."

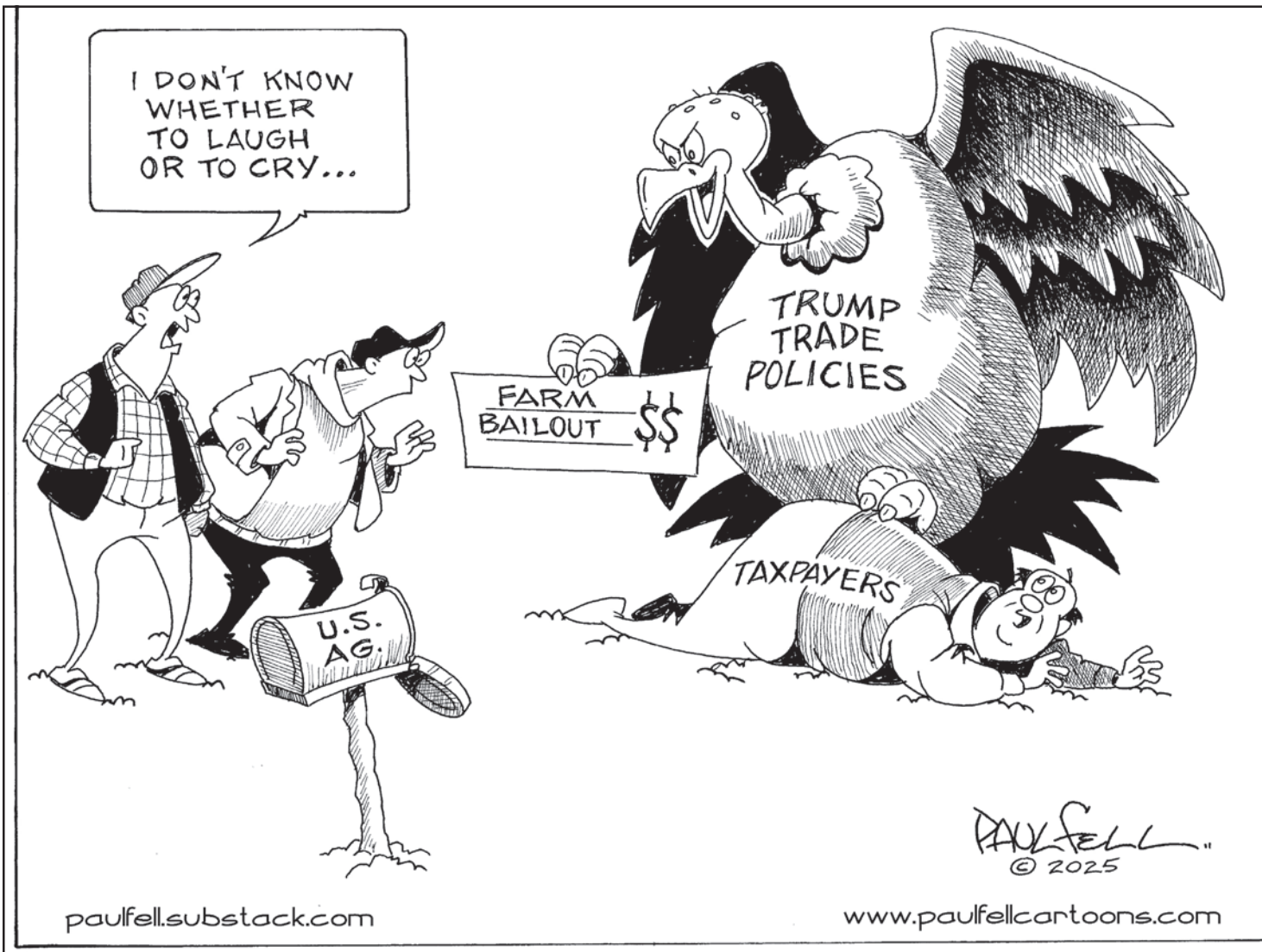
It says to me that Cornhuskers are in it for the long run. We're not cutting our losses and moving on due to some calamity or disaster.

To be sure, Nebraska has always been a place where people traveled across, to get somewhere else. It's fly-over country.

That was true back in the pioneer days when wagon trains rolled up the flat Platte River Valley en route to Oregon, Utah and other points west. It's still true today as semis and SUVs rumble down Interstate 80 and jetliners leave lazy contrails in the sky.

"Nebraska is an Indian word for 'long ways across,' " is how the joke goes.

But it's also a place where people stuck it out, through thick and thin, disasters and droughts. There was always an expectation that things would



get better, and that it could have been worse.

Nebraskans persevere, through all kinds of weather. They stay on. They don't move on. (Unless, of course, it's to follow the football or volleyball team, or to go to a NASCAR race.)

The state motto has sparked more debates than I can remember.

"Equality Before the Law" is the official state motto, the one on the state flag and seal. It's a unique expression that everyone, black, white and otherwise, should be viewed equally, with equal rights.

Nebraska was granted statehood back in 1867 only after it dropped a "whites only" voting provision in its constitution, according to the Nebraska State Historical Society. You know, "equality before the law."

We've also had a variety of other

state mottos, mostly for tourism.

I personally liked "Where the West Begins," a 1960s pitch, because Nebraska really is where "the West Begins" (and that's somewhere west of North Platte or thereabouts).

There's been a variety of other tourism taglines, but the one that stirred the most controversy was "Honestly, it's not for everyone."

That motto, since mothballed, was hailed by marketing types as edgy and directly confronting the idea that Nebraska was flat and boring. That slogan won some awards, and a survey said that interest in visiting the state increased after we admitted the state "wasn't for everyone."

But Gov. Pillen and others called it "nonsense" and a putdown. They said it hurt efforts to lure new residents to the state, and was contrary to econom-

ic development slogans stating that Nebraska was "open" for business and new folks.

(I've always thought that the state's best tourism pitch would be showing on-coming motorists flashing the one-finger wave, the friendly greeting to strangers that is unique to Nebraska (and kind of unheard of elsewhere.)

But for my money, the state motto, while nice, could use an upgrade. And "It Could Have Been Worse" works for me.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He is a retired senior reporter for the Nebraska Examiner and the former Capitol Bureau Chief for the Omaha World-Herald. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Celebrating the international year of the woman farmer

Most Nebraskans who live in agricultural communities understand that farming and ranching is not just a job. It is a way of life. It is built on long days, hard decisions, and a deep love for the land.

It is also built by more than 1.2 million female ag producers. That is why I introduced a resolution earlier this year celebrating the designation of 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer. I am proud to say that it has passed the Senate, sending an important message here at home and around the world.

Every single day, women across America work to feed, fuel, and clothe our world. They do some of the most

physically demanding, technically complex, and economically risky jobs there are.

These women are leading operations, managing finances, adopting new technologies, and strengthening our rural communities — often while raising families and juggling responsibilities that don't show up on a balance sheet. They are doing it all, and they are doing it well.

Before coming to the U.S. Senate, I had the honor of representing countless farmers and ranchers in the Nebraska Legislature. Their voices, their challenges, and their successes still guide me.

With 2026 designated as the Interna-

tional Year of the Woman Farmer, we are formally recognizing the women who have always been essential to agriculture.

I want to encourage women and girls to see agriculture as a place where they belong and can thrive. We must ensure that women in agriculture not only have a seat at the table, but the support they need once they're there — whether that's access to capital, research, land, or leadership opportunities.

This is one reason why I introduced my Precision Ag Package, which is composed of three bills that aim to lessen the financial burden of adopting innovative technologies and reliable

network connectivity to support farm and ranch operations.

I'm proud to champion these women through my work and legislation. Please join me in celebrating their achievements, learning from their experiences, and making sure our agricultural systems work for everyone who contributes to them.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

This is why supporting federal law enforcement is essential. Their work directly contributes to the safety and security that Nebraskans rely on.

Recently, the House passed the Secure America Act to ensure these efforts continue. This legislation—now signed into law by President Trump—provides long-overdue funding and ensures that these critical security measures cannot be derailed. It strengthens the tools and resources our officers need to keep Americans safe and reinforces our commitment to a secure border. It also prevents Democrats from derailing continued efforts

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250 years of American agriculture should be celebrated

America has always been rooted in agriculture. George Washington didn't want to be known as our first president. He wanted to be known as our first farmer. Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other Founding Fathers were steeped in agriculture. The U.S. Capitol was designed as a testament to our farming heritage. There are columns throughout the building designed as cornstalks. As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, we must continue our support for agriculture.

2026 has been a challenging year for our farmers and ranchers. Droughts, historic wildfires, and high input costs have caused hardships. We now have confirmed cases of New World Screwworm in Texas and New Mexico. These cases call for renewed efforts to support our farmers and ranchers.

I am working with the USDA to combat New World Screwworm. I sent Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins a letter. This letter encouraged the USDA to expedite efforts to fight New

World Screwworm. We eradicate this parasite with sterile flies. Currently, USDA is dispersing 8 million of these flies a week to affected areas. USDA also invested \$750 million in a sterile fly facility at Moore Air Force Base in Edinburg, Texas. When this facility is fully operational, 300 million sterile flies will be produced each week.

We also need to continue our collaboration with Panama and Mexico. Currently, the only facility in North America to produce sterile flies is in Panama. Mexico is set to have a sterile fly pro-

duction facility come online later this summer. USDA supported both facilities. These efforts are in addition to the animal biosecurity and parasite mitigation programs made possible by the Working Families Tax Cuts Act. We eradicated New World Screwworm in the 1960s. Together, we will eliminate this parasite again.

When the wildfires broke out earlier this year, I toured burned pastures with Secretary Roll-

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to keep our border secure.

At the end of the day, every Nebraskan deserves to feel safe in their community, and removing these dangerous criminals is essential to achieving this goal. Moving forward, I will continue to support our law enforcement officers and their efforts to make Nebraska a safer place for all.

EPS

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Transfer — Done this time every year, the board approved the transfer of \$10,000 to the Wolfpack fund.

Bid approved — Since school dismissed in May, repairs have been made to the gymnasium floor. The board approved a bid of \$13,400 from Environmental Services for removal and disposal of the gym floor subject to repairs. The floor will be ready for the start of volleyball practice in August.

In other developments:

The facilities committee met and completed a walkthrough of the building. In their report, it was noted bathrooms near the kitchen will be added to the list of summer projects. Also, the school will look into hiring someone to handle mowing so that custodians can focus on classroom projects — such as painting, lighting and other improvements — starting next summer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

The reason for hike in property values

Recently, many of you received your new property valuation notices. Once again, many of you saw increases in your property value, even if you made no improvements to your property. This is not surprising given the high-demand for housing, farm, and ranch land. It is rare that a home or land is sold for less than the tax assessed value. When the market value of real estate rises, county assessors are required by law to adjust tax valuations to reflect those current market prices.

political subdivision, such as counties, cities, and schools, must first set its budget. Once the budget is set, the tax base is divided into the budget to determine the levy. The levy multiplied by the tax assessed value of the property is the tax amount. Your total individual property tax bill is the sum of each applicable political subdivision's tax request when applied to your property. Assessed value is one component of property tax. Political subdivisions determine their respective levies and choose to increase, hold flat, or decrease their spending relative to the previous year.

As I have described in prior newsletters, the Legislature has increased funding for K-12 public education, fully funded commu-

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ins and Governor Pillen to assess the damages. We also brought Undersecretary of Agriculture Richard Fordyce to Nebraska. We listened to farmers and ranchers to learn how we can best assist their recovery efforts. A top concern was the need for greater flexibility — not red tape — during rebuilding. The USDA listened. The agency loosened requirements for replacing fence posts damaged in the fires.

There's a variety of ways that we can help our farmers and

ranchers rebuild. I worked with the Trump Administration to open up grazing access at the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. Past administrations have not freed up this grazing land. This week, I also introduced the Fencing Eligibility for New Conservation Equipment (FENCE) Act.

The legislation would allow virtual fencing to be an option under the Emergency Conservation Program.

The FENCE Act builds on the flexibility farmers and ranchers are asking for.

The South Fork Fire is a reminder that efforts to combat devastating fires must carry on. I'm grateful for the quick response. I will continue to make sure our state has the resources needed to recover and rebuild.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

Ryleigh Young competes at 4-H State Speech



Photo submitted

Ryleigh Young competed at 4-H State Speech last week in Lincoln. In the junior division category of Illustrated Presentation, she created a 3-5 minute speech paired with a computer slideshow and items to help demonstrate the proper "Care for a newborn Bucket Calf". In the Antelope County competition earlier this spring, she received a purple ribbon and was named Grand Champion for this same presentation, qualifying her for state. In Lincoln, she finished as one of the Top 5 in the junior division in Illustrated Presentation and received an award from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. Following the presentation, the judge has a question-and-answer session with the presenter. Ryleigh is the daughter of Kimberly and Dr. Jeremy Young of Elgin. Congratulations!

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OBITUARIES

Gary Lee Tuttle, 91

September 28, 1935 — March 24, 2026

A lifelong salesman, he once taught high school math in Elgin. It was here he met the love of his life Colleen Sullivan.



Gary Lee Tuttle, originally of Laurel, Nebraska, joined his wife, Grandson, Sister, Mother, Father and countless friends and family members in heaven early the morning of March 24th.

Gary was a high school and college athlete, playing football for the Wayne State Wildcats in the late 1950's. He taught high school math, including in Elgin where he met the love of his life and future wife Colleen Sullivan.

In the 1970s and 80s he sold Josten's class rings to high schools in Northeast Nebraska, where he and Colleen raised four sons in Norfolk. Gary and Colleen moved to Riverside Lakes in Waterloo, NE in 1989 where they served their community and made innumerable friends. Later, the Tuttle's moved to Springfield, NE where they continued to serve in their church and at the local library.

Gary's life was embodied by his love of his family, his friends, his Huskers, and the sales profession. A lifelong salesman,

Gary finished his career with the State of Nebraska Department of Tourism in 2023 at the age of 86. His devotion to his profession and the State was the subject of an article in the Omaha World Herald Midlands section titled, "Selling Nebraska to the westbound wayfarers." Writer Richard Piersol, Business Editor, began, "On a

glorious early summer morning, you could see Gary Tuttle as the sun itself, making the day." Gary spent his final days in the Immanuel communities in Papillion and Northeast Omaha, where he was well-taken care of and loved.

Gary's positive spirit and (usually) humorous comments will be missed by his four Sons, Daughter-In-Law, six Grandchildren, Brother and Sister-in-law, four Nieces, friends and other family members, and all those he interacted with.

Gary was preceded in death by his Wife, Colleen, his Parents, Walter and Fern Tuttle, his Grandson Adam, and his sister Joanne (Tuttle) Lubberstedt. Due to the geographic spread of the family and Gary's love of Independence Day, services will be held around the Fourth of July.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026, at Springfield First United Methodist Church in Springfield.

A memorial service at the church is scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. The Inurnment will take place at 1:00 p.m. on July 8 at the Laurel Cemetery in Laurel.

Light lunch to follow at the Laurel Community Center.

Memorials may be given to the Springfield Memorial Library, 665 Main St, Springfield, NE 68059.

Condolences may be mailed to The Tuttle Family at P.O. Box 71, Waterloo, NE 68069.

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nity colleges, and dedicated significant state dollars to property tax credit programs all in the effort to offer property tax relief.

The Legislature also capped the annual growth of city and county property tax collections at zero percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is higher, while providing specific exceptions for public safety and law enforcement.

To address this unsustainable rise in property taxes issue, we need to understand how the funding of the government in Nebraska has changed. Back in 1999, the property tax made up 40.4%, the sales tax made up 30.4% and the income tax made up 29.2% of the shared revenue collections.

By 2023 the property tax made up 44.5%, the sales tax made up 28.6% and the income tax made up 26.9% of the shared revenue collections.

The long-term solution to the property tax problem begins with making strategic decisions with both revenues and spending.

For example, one avenue is to capture more forms of consumption. Nebraska law features more than 100 specific sales tax exemptions, which leaves roughly \$6.5 billion in transactions untaxed annually. In my mind, necessities like food and business inputs should remain exempt.

Everything else should be on the table.

Greater controls on spending, such as spending caps, must also be considered.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE ANTELOPE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE & OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINES

I, Lisa Payne, Antelope County Clerk/Election Commissioner, hereby give notice of the offices to be filled by election that will appear on the 2026 General Election Ballot to be held November 3rd, 2026, in Antelope County, Nebraska, as per State Statute 32-601. Notice is also given that the filing deadlines for such offices are July 15, 2026 for incumbents and August 3, 2026 for non-incumbents. An incumbent is anyone serving in an elective office, even if they are filing for an office other than the one in which they are presently serving, these individuals are required to file by July 15, 2026.

Name of offices for the General Election
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Antelope County Weed Authority - vote for up to 2;
VILLAGE OFFICES - (4-year term unless indicated)

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Vote for up to Two: Brunswick Village,

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Name of offices for the General Election (Vote for One unless otherwise indicated):

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For Governor and Lt. Governor - 4-year term.

For Secretary of State - 4-year term

For State Treasurer - 4-year term

For Attorney General - 4-year term

For Auditor of Public Accounts - 4-year term

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For Member of Legislature - District 40

For Member of the State Board of Education - District 06

Northeast Community College for Board of Governors-District 01;

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District for Board of Directors - Subdistrict 01 and At Large;

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District for Board of Directors - Sub-districts 05, 06, 07 and At Large;

COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICES (vote for 1 unless indicated - all 4-year term)

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CITY OFFICES (4-year term unless indicated)

City of Neligh - Council Members At Large (Vote for Two); for Mayor (Vote for One)

City of Elgin - Council Member - Ward 1 (Vote for One), Ward 2 (Vote for One); for Mayor (Vote for One)

City of Tilden - Council Members At Large (Vote for Three); for Mayor (Vote for One)

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Tony Jensen recipient of NAEA's Golden Owl award

The Nebraska Agriculture Educators Association (NAEA) is proud to recognize Tony Jensen of Freeman Public Schools as a recipient of the Golden Owl Award, an honor that celebrates outstanding agricultural educators who make a lasting impact on students, schools, and their communities.

Jensen's commitment to agricultural education is rooted in a simple yet powerful belief: all students can learn when they

are provided with a supportive environment, clear expectations, hands-on opportunities, and opportunities to have fun while learning. He is dedicated to ensuring that every student can find a place in agricultural education, regardless of their background or experience.

Throughout his career at Freeman Public Schools, Jensen has made classroom and laboratory instruction the cornerstone of the agriculture educa-

tion program. By emphasizing experiential learning and real-world applications, he helps students develop the technical, leadership, and career-ready skills needed for future success.

In 2022, Jensen expanded his impact by assuming responsibility for the school's work-based learning program. He also helps oversee Freeman Flowers for All, a successful school-based enterprise that provides students with valuable entrepreneurial and workplace experiences. Through these programs, students gain practical skills while building meaningful connections with their community.

Jensen's success is built on strong partnerships. He works



closely with local businesses and retired agricultural educators, leveraging their expertise and support to enhance opportunities for students and strengthen the overall agriculture education program.

In addition to his work with students, Jensen has demonstrated exceptional leadership within the agricultural education profession. He has served on Career Development Event (CDE) review teams, contributed to the NAEA Awards and Professional Development Committees, and represented his district as an FFA District Board member. His service reflects a commitment not only to his own students but also to the advancement of agricultural education across Nebraska.

The Nebraska Agriculture Educators Association congratulates Tony Jensen on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued commitment to agricultural education and the future of Nebraska agriculture.

Vetch Days Kickball Teams



Ball Busters (E)



Ball Busters (JH/H)



Banana Peels



Bubble Guppies

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I would like to thank the American Legion Post 229 and Carol Weber's Quilt of Valor quilting group for the beautiful Quilt of Valor that they gave me. It was an unexpected honor but greatly appreciated. God Bless the USA!

John Stuhr

Dryland acres? Annual forages in a dry year

Last week, we discussed managing irrigation for annual forages planted under a center pivot. But what about producers considering annual forages on dryland acres?

Summer annuals can provide additional grazing, hay, or silage, but planting during a drought requires realistic expectations. These crops may tolerate dry conditions better than some alternatives, but none are drought-proof. They still need enough moisture to germinate, establish a root system, and produce usable forage.

The first question is not which species to plant. It is whether there is enough soil moisture—and a reasonable chance of additional rainfall—to establish the crop.

Dig below the surface with a shovel or soil probe. A light shower may wet the top inch without providing enough moisture to support seedlings once they emerge. Planting into dry soil and hoping for rain can work, but it increases the risk of uneven emergence, stand failure, or seed remaining in the ground until conditions improve.

Producers should then decide when the forage is needed and how it will be used. For summer grazing or hay, options include sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass, forage sorghum, German foxtail millet, pearl millet, and teff. The best choice depends not only on yield potential, but also on how many periods of adequate moisture the

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

crop will need. Sudangrass and sorghum-sudangrass can provide high yields and regrow after grazing or harvest. However, that means they need moisture for establishment and initial growth, followed by additional rainfall to support regrowth. Without rain after the first use, the expected second cutting or additional grazing may never develop.

German foxtail millet still needs adequate moisture while actively growing, but it is normally managed as a single-cut crop. It needs moisture for establishment and at key points during that one growth period, but producers are not depending on another round of rainfall to produce regrowth after harvest. In a dry year, one well-timed crop may be a more realistic goal than planning for multiple cuttings.

Pearl millet offers grazing and regrowth potential without the prussic acid risk associated with sorghums, although it can still accumulate nitrates. Teff can produce fine-stemmed, palatable hay, but its tiny seed requires very shallow placement and a firm seedbed, making establishment more difficult when the soil surface is dry.

As planting moves later into summer, yield potential and the remaining growing season decline. A warm-season annual planted in July may still produce forage before frost, but producers should reduce

expectations for both tonnage and regrowth. Later plantings often fit stockpiled grazing better than hay production because shorter days, cooler temperatures, and heavier fall dew can make drying more difficult.

If the primary need is high-quality fall grazing, oats planted from early to mid-August may be a better fit, provided enough moisture is available for establishment and fall growth. Late-July planting can increase potential tonnage, but hot conditions may cause oats to mature more quickly and lose quality.

Whatever species is selected, compare the likely feed return with the cost of seed, fertilizer, herbicide, planting, harvest, fencing, and livestock water. A crop with high yield potential is not necessarily the best choice if it requires a large upfront investment and several timely rains to reach that potential.

Drought also increases livestock safety concerns. Sorghums and sudangrasses can accumulate nitrates, while young growth, drought-stressed regrowth, and frost-damaged plants may create prussic acid concerns. Millets do not present a prussic acid risk, but they can still accumulate nitrates. Test questionable forage before grazing or feeding it.

Dryland annual forages can create additional feed and reduce pressure on perennial pastures, but they remain a risk-management tool—not guaranteed drought feed. Start with available soil moisture, match the crop to the intended use, and consider how many timely rains will be needed to reach the planned harvest.

In a dry year, successfully producing one dependable cutting may be a better strategy than choosing a crop based on the possibility of multiple harvests that rainfall may not support.

- 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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NOTICE OF JULY 2026 MEETINGS
ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

July 7, 2026 at 9:00 AM
July 14, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
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NOTICE OF JULY 9, 2026 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

NOTICE OF MEETING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS A COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold a County Board of Equalization meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on July 9th, 2026 beginning at 8:30 AM, for the purpose of reviewing and deciding written protests filed pursuant to sections 77-1502 to 77-1507 pertaining to the assessment value of their property; deciding motor vehicle exemp-

tions, accepting over-under report, approving tax roll corrections, and various other items which may become necessary to act upon. The meeting is open to the public. Protest hearings will be scheduled at approximately 10-minute intervals, allowing a couple of minutes between each hearing. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's Office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
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Schultz appears for sentencing

Gage T. Schultz, 27, of Tilden, appeared for sentencing on his conviction of third degree assault, a Class I misdemeanor.

Long sentenced Schultz to a four-day term in the Antelope County jail. He will receive credit for four days previously served. Schultz will also pay a \$1,000 fine, which is due within six months. He will also be responsible for \$148 in court costs, also due within six months.

Long exonerated Schultz's bond after payment of restitution, fines and costs.

Courtesy of SAM

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, June 29: Grilled chicken breast, sweet potatoes, peas, stewed tomatoes, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk

Tuesday, June 30: Swedish meatballs over noodles, corn, lettuce salad, plums, bread & butter, milk.

Wednesday, July 1: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, peaches, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, July 2: Sloppy joes, hashbrowns, peas/carrots, pears, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, July 3: Closed for 4th of July Holiday.

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.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m.

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NCDHD reports first case of WNV

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) in coordination with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Nebraska for the 2026 season. The case was identified within the NCDHD jurisdiction.

DHHS & NCDHD are urging Nebraskans to take precautions to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites as WNV activity increases during the summer months.

WNV is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the United States, and Nebraska has historically experienced higher levels of WNV activity than many other states. The virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito that acquired the virus after feeding on an infected bird. WNV is not spread directly from sick or dead birds to humans.

"Since there is no vaccine or specific medicine to treat West Nile virus, it is important for Nebraskans to take preventive steps to reduce their risk of mosquito-borne illness and enjoy their summer safely," said Dr. Sydney Stein, DHHS State Epidemiologist.

People can reduce their risk:

- Use a repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, lemon eucalyptus oil, or IR3535.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes, and socks when outside.
- Take extra precautions when going outdoors at dawn

and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

- Drain standing water around your home. Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted trays at least once a week, if not more often.
- Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.
- Make sure window and door screens are "bug tight" and repair or replace torn screens.

Most people infected with West Nile virus experience no symptoms or only mild flu-like illness. However, fewer than 1% of infected individuals develop severe disease. Adults over age 50 and people with weakened immune systems are at greater risk for serious illness and complications.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 MEETING
THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room June 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Steve Busted, Luke Hinkle and Ron Bode. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Steve Busted motioned, and Luke Hinkle second to excuse Todd Heithoff and Eric Beckman from the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Steve Busted motioned and Ron Bode second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Board Bills, #5- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

AMAZON, 91.97; APPEARA, 751.38; APPLIED CONNECTIVE; TECHNOLOGIES, 2,470.50; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 84.00; Bishop Business, 184.38; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 2,516.88; CITY OF ELGIN, 157.75; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 5,400.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 441.25; Crowne Plaza Kearney, 289.90; DEAN'S MARKET, 247.85; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 2,837.53; Edpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 3,532.15; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 2,689.61; ESU #8, 1,921.22; GO Physical Therapy, 4,238.33; Great America Financial Services, 1,020.57; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 337.41; HP Inc., 138.43; IS-LAND SUPPLY WELDING, 418.13; JERRY'S FEED SERVICE, 17.28; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 135.14; KEN'S INSTRUMENT REPAIR, 32.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 696.00; LIBRARY WORLD, 550.00; Lightspeed Technologies, 1,502.00; LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER, 138.92; MAJOR REFRIGERATION CO, INC, 290.50; Maschmann, Brian, 241.43; McGown, James, 278.40; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 4,561.49; MIDWEST GRADS, 364.35; NEBRASKA AG ED ASSOCIATION, 275.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL SCHOOL ADM, 75.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency, 144.00; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS,

220.00; OVERLAND REHAB, 1,116.75; PRECISION REPAIR, LLC, 267.95; REALLY GOOD STUFF, 36.92; RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC, 3,049.00; Rise Broadband, 19.30; SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS, 350.78; STUDENT ASSURANCE SERV INC, 500.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 73.60; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 1.90; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.08; WAGEWORKS, INC., 144.50; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 24.00 Fund Number, 44,954.03 Checking Account ID, 44,954.03

President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

The facilities committee met and completed a walkthrough of the building. Painting the bathrooms near the kitchen will be added to the list of summer projects. The school will also look into hiring someone to handle mowing so that custodians can focus on classroom projects—such as painting, lighting, and other improvements—starting next summer.

Principal Greg Wemhoff shared a summary of events that took place at the end of the school year.

Supt. Brockhaus also gave an update on the building projects and gym floor updates.

In action items, Ron Bode motioned, Steve Busted seconded 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. Policy 3130 Purchasing Policy was not approved. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Steve Busted motioned to approve the new lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year. The meal prices for the 2026-2027 school

year will increase \$0.25 across the board except seconds on milk and seconds on the main meal. Breakfast prices for Students will be \$2.25, Staff is \$2.75. Lunch prices for PK-6th will be \$3.00, Gr 7-12 will be \$3.25, and staff will be \$3.90. Salad bar will be available everyday. Seconded by Luke Hinkle. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned, Hinkle seconded to approve Elgin Public Schools 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Busted motioned, Bode seconded to approve the purchase of Wolfpack girls and boys basketball uniforms from BSN sports for \$10,971. Funds will come out of the wolfpack account. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned, Busted seconded to approve the bid from Applied Connective for an additional keypad for the bus barn for \$4,908.90. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Approval of the transfer of \$10,000 to the Wolfpack fund was motioned by Bode and seconded by Hinkle. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle made the motion to approve the bid from Environmental Services for removal and disposal of the gym floor for \$13,400. Motion was seconded by Busted. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Busted made the motion to approve the bid from Cedarview Carpentry for \$5,725.00 to install new cabinets in the 5th Grade classroom, seconded by Hinkle.

Hinkle motioned, Busted seconded to approve the bid from Cedarview Carpentry for \$2300.00 to install a temporary wall and door in small elementary room. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Busted motioned, Bode seconded to approve the surplus of athletic equipment and kitchen equipment. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

In Discussion items, the preliminary budget was reviewed & teaching assignments were discussed.

Motion by Bode, seconded by Hinkle to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The board retreat began at 7:15p.m. and adjourned at 8:47p.m. Discussion was held on data, assessment and MTSS, board goals, facilities updates and other future updates. The budget was also discussed. No action was taken.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

-This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.
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Friday thru Sunday, June 26-28
59th Annual Clearwater Rodeo.*

Monday thru Friday, June 29-July 10
Red Cross swimming lessons at Elgin Swimming Pool.*

Sunday, June 28
Farewell Open House for Father John Norman at St. John's Catholic Church-Deloit.*

Wednesday, July 1
Park Center Annual 4th of July Celebration - everyone welcome!*

Thursday, July 2
"Smorgasbord of Music" at Neligh Mill starting at 6:30 p.m.*

Friday, July 3
Quilt of Valor Quilt Show @ St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Neligh sponsored by AC Museum.*

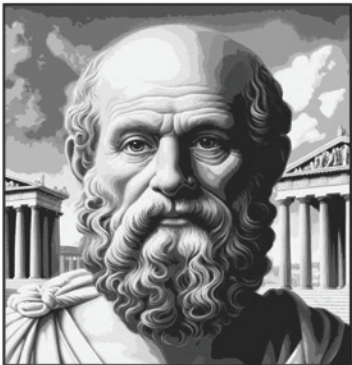
Saturday, July 4
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Monday, July 6
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Wolfpack Sports



8U #1 takes second at league tournament

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Elgin 6U softball team all smiles

Having fun this season as members of the Elgin 6U softball team are (front row, l-r): Ren Kinney, Effe Mae Shavlik, Quynn Luscomb, Jasmine Lopez, Sutton Childers and Jamie Eischeid. Back row: Aspen Dozler, Catherine Starman, Chloe Whitney, Gracie Henn, Avery Hoefer, Kate Beckman and Emma Schindler. Not pictured: Maggie Dwyer. Coaches for the team are Kayton Zwingman, Anna Dworak and Kara Shavlik.

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Cora and Ainsley, Good Luck! Play hard and have fun! We are so proud of you both. Love - Mom, Dad, Conner and Maisy



Elly, Good Luck at State! Love - Mom, Dad and Chase



Team and individual photos by T Fuhlman Photography



Linley, Trust your training, believe in yourself and play the game you love with confidence. Have fun at state! Love - Mom and Dad



Good Luck at State! We are proud of you, EJJ! Love - Mom and Dad



Play with heart, swing with confidence, and leave it all out on the field. Let's do it again girls! Love - Dad, Mom, Owen, Westen and Haiden



To our #38 Play with confidence, have fun and leave it all on the field! Show them what we're made of and have fun! Good Luck Taryn and team!!! Love, Dad, Mom, Tenley and Callan



Maisie, State tournaments are about making memories, competing with heart, and embracing the challenge. Let's get the bats going! Love - Mom and Dad



Good Luck Hannah! Play your heart out. Love - Mom, Dad, John and Chris



Good Luck at state! Have fun and do your best! Mom, Dad, Parker and Louie

Library

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since working at the library, they have time to be creative and to make changes in the library.

Dianne says that "it's fun to decorate the library." They say that, with the summer reading program, it's a treat to be able to come up with the fun crafts for the program and getting to see the kids come and enjoy it.

The summer reading program takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the month of June. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the program takes place from 9:30

a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for three to four year olds, and 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for five to six year olds.

On Thursday, the program runs from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for all second to fifth graders.

This year, the library has over 60 registered kids taking part in the summer reading program, and the summer 2026 theme is dinosaurs.

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The Elgin 6U baseball team shined during the season. Team members were (back row standing) are (l-r): Bowden Zawacky, Tatum Childers, Thomas Sehi, Riley Borer, Lane Heying, Tucker Murphy and Coach Corey Schindler. Front row kneeling are Coach Jud Sehi and Rhyson Anderson, Theo Borer, Cameron Schindler, Tom Borer, Randy Score and Coach Jeremy Borer.

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Spinning Tales

It's not how you look, it's how you play that matters

Husker football is months away yet it was big news last week. In an item which would barely get mentioned in more populous areas, it was big news when the University of Nebraska Athletic Department announced the Huskers would be donning new uniforms this season.

Yes, home uniforms will be red tops with white pants, road uniforms will be white tops with red pants. The numbers will look different this year, so too will the pants. They will look different when they take the field for the season opener on Labor Day weekend, but it remains to be seen if the team will be different than last year's or the year before.

I've never been crazy about changing uniforms, but I get the financials of it. New uniforms means new sales of jerseys both

online and in stores.

All I ask is that the Huskers never wear all-white attire in any game. Our record wearing all-white uniforms is abysmal. All-red uniforms aren't much better when it comes to victories versus losses. But, when they don the all-red uniforms, its usually in Lincoln.

I have three jerseys in my man cave - #15 with the name Ferragamo on the back; #83 (actual jersey) worn by my great nephew Travis Vokolek against Wisconsin and the 1983 red jersey with the #7 - the number worn by my friend Ricky Simmons.

Ferragamos' jersey reflects the 1970s when we were good enough to beat almost every team in the country except for the Oklahoma Sooners. In that decade, Nebraska went 3-8 against the Sooners, losing seven straight at one time before snapping the streak in 1978 only to lose in a rematch in the Orange Bowl that season.

The #7 jersey is homage to The Scoring Explosion season of 1983. Greatest offense in the history of college football saddled with an average defense. The team won games with an offense who scored on nearly every possession. A one-point loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl denied this team its' rightful place in college football lore until Osborne had back-to-back undefeated seasons in 1994 and 1995, the latter believed by many to be the greatest college team ever. I think some SEC schools (Alabama and LSU) might be able to make an argument. Arguments are good in that it gives fans something to talk about in the offseason, but we'll never know because there's no real way to compare a team from the 70s versus the 80s and 90s or 2025.

Speaking of uniforms, the Wolfpack boys and girls basketball teams will be donning new uniforms when they start the 26/27 season in December. Unlike the Huskers, the Wolfpack wearing new uniforms doesn't carry the same expectations. In the span of four years, rosters change. Teams get better, some get worse. Good programs keep the same coaches for multiple years. The Wolfpack girls basketball teams' success is, in my opinion, largely due to coaches Randy Eisenhauer and Trent Ostransky. The duo have been together for a number of years to the point that the team seems to 'reload' every year and make a run at state in late February. Winning seasons are the norm. But, to get there takes players and teamwork. When the formula is right, look out! The formula was right for the Wolfpack boys last season and Coach Matt Euse rode that formula like a surfer on a wave all the way to the D2 championship game.

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