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In Brief

Park Center 4th of July celebration to be tonight

Potluck begins at 7 p.m.

The Park Center Annual Fourth of July celebration will be held Wednesday evening, July 1 (tonight), on the grounds of Park Center Community Church.

The church is located 10 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Elgin.

Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate our country's 250th birthday with activities for the young and young at heart.

There will be a potluck meal which will begin at 7 p.m. in the church basement.

After the meal there will games and fun for all ages on the playground.

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

Fireworks will fill the sky to wrap up the annual celebration.



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Standing tall heading into July

Sadie Thiessen, a senior to be this Fall at Elgin Public School, shows us just how tall the corn north of Elgin was on Monday evening before thunderstorms rolled in. More than 2 1/2 inches of rain was recorded, some had more. Miss Thiessen is 5'3" tall and is adorned with a hat and flag symbolic of our 250th birthday as a nation to be observed this Saturday.

LB840 on council's agenda

The regular monthly meeting of the Elgin City Council will be held Monday night, July 6. Open to the public, the meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Mike Schmitt and council members Leigh Kluthe, Craig Niewohner, Mike Dvorak and Jeremy

Young are expected to act after a presentation from the LB840 committee who has been working for a year on taking the necessary steps to pursue securing LB840 funds to be used solely for economic development. To make that happen, voters would have to approve a one-half cent sales tax increase. Currently the city sales tax is at 6.5 percent.

The council is expected to vote on whether or not to allow LB840 to be put on the November general election ballot. If they put the measure on the ballot, only registered voters inside the Elgin city limits will be allowed to vote.

Something for everyone at Neligh Old Mill Days

Make room in your calendar for Neligh's Old Mill Days! The events of these days have a huge range from a Color Run to a Duck Derby, and of course, the Old Mill Tour's. These events will begin on July 2 and will end on July 5.

On Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, activities will get underway with a Color Run at 8 a.m. with registration at Riverside Park beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The Old Mill Tours will begin at 10 a.m. and will last until 4:30 p.m. At 10:45 a.m. there will be a Patriotic Sing-Along on the west courthouse lawn.

For those who like to fish, there will be a fishing contest for ages 0-13 at Fred Penn Lake beginning at 9 a.m.

An ice cream social, a tradition which goes back many years, will start at 11 a.m. and will be presented by Grace Lutheran Church Missions.

Sly's Bar and Grill will be serving food from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Starting at 11 a.m. and going to noon, and again from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be tours of the New Moon Community Theatre.

Perhaps the biggest event during the day will be 'The Grand Parade' on Main Street starting at noon with

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Oakdale woman faces charges of manslaughter, delivery of fentanyl in death of Dugal

An Oakdale woman has been charged in connection with the death of another Oakdale resident, 34-year-old Amy Dugal.

Jamie Hawkins, 33, was arrested on June 25 and has been charged with manslaughter following the apparent drug overdose death of Dugal which occurred two days earlier, June 23. Antelope County Attorney Joseph Smith has charged Hawkins with the following:

- 1) Manslaughter, a Class IIA Felony
- 2) Delivery of Fentanyl, a Class II Felony
- 3) Child Abuse, a Class IIIA Felony

Hawkins' bond was set at \$750,000. If found guilty of manslaughter, Hawkins could face up to 20 years in prison. For the fentanyl charge, under state law, she could face from one up to 50 years in prison if convicted. The child abuse charge carries up to a 3-year term.

In the State Complaint, Smith states that Hawkins "did kill another without malice upon a sudden quarrel or by causing the death of another, to-wit: Amy Dugal, unintentionally while in the commission of an unlawful act."

The document goes on to state that Hawkins "did knowingly or intentionally deliver the controlled substance Fentanyl. Investigators have focused

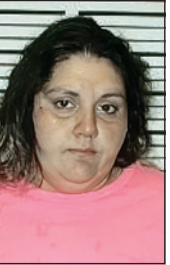
their attention, according to court documents, on a package allegedly delivered through the U.S. mail which was picked up at the Oakdale Post Office on June 23. It later states in the court documents that the investigation has led officers to believe the substance in the package was fentanyl.

Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore, in court documents, said investigators believe both Dugal and Shane Sleister ingested fentanyl.

Timeline

It all began earlier that day when first responders were called to a home at 604 Rath Street in Oakdale where they found Dugal and Sleister unresponsive. According to court documents, Dugal was pronounced dead at the scene. Sleister was resuscitated after being administered three cans of Narcan and then taken by ambulance to Antelope Memorial Hospital, the document stated.

It was later determined, court documents said, that Hawkins was at the home with a minor child when Dugal and Sleister overdosed.



Jamie Hawkins

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Amendment — AB Farms, LLC
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 90 degrees recorded on Sunday, June 28.

The low temperature during the same period was 58 degrees was recorded on June 22, 24 & 25.

Last week a total of 0.51 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 22	72	58	.02
June 23	77	61	.00
June 24	79	58	.00
June 25	70	58	.49
June 26	76	60	.00
June 27	76	66	.00
June 28	90	71	.00
Total for last week			0.51
Total for June			3.94
Total precipitation 2026			10.27



Bells will ring in Elgin on Independence Day

Elgin will join communities across the nation this Saturday, July 4, to observe Independence Day in a unique way.

'Sounds of Liberty' will be observed across the country as one of many events to celebrate our great country's 250th birthday.

Beginning at 1 p.m. CDT, bells will be rung from Maine to Hawaii and all points in between.

Locally, Elgin's participation is being organized by *Elgin Review* Co-Publisher Lynell Morgan. She said bells at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Elgin Community Christian Church and Trinity Lutheran have agreed to participate in the nationwide event (Park Center's church bell is broken at this time). Churches will ring their bells 13 times in recognition of the 13

colonies which made up the United States in 1776.

Also, Joe Meis has agreed to ring one of the bells which makes up the collection of bells at the former home of Jim Meis.

"Here's an opportunity for Elgin to join other towns and communities across the country observing our independence," Morgan said about the event. She said Meis, as well as representatives of each of the churches, were eager to participate in the event when asked.

This isn't the first time Elgin's bells have been rung as part of a nationwide celebration.

Fifty years ago, during the nation's bicentennial, church bells rang here and across the country as part of a coordinated event.



E-R photo/LMorgan

Saying goodbye to Father John Norman

A farewell open house was held Sunday afternoon at St. John's Catholic Church - Deloit for Father John Norman who, after serving this area for eight years, is returning to Omaha. He's shown here sharing a light moment with members of the Tom Mlnarik family.

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A massive power line through the Sandhills won approval, but...

It's still going nowhere 14 years after process began

By Destiny Herbers
Flatwater Free Press
Despite recent federal and state approval, construction of a controversial 226-mile transmission line is once again paused in parts of the Sandhills — the latest stumbling block in a 14-year battle.

A federal judge issued a partial preliminary injunction on June 8 in response to a lawsuit brought by local ranchers, historic organizations and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. They're seeking to block the 345-kilovolt electric transmission line proposed by the Nebraska Public Power District.

Known as the R-Project, the line is "critical to safeguarding the reliability of the central Nebraska power grid," according to NPPD. But the project sparked opposition from the moment it was proposed in 2012 and has been repeatedly delayed by lawsuits and permitting processes.

The project appeared to have cleared those hurdles in February when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted NPPD an incidental take permit, which authorizes the utility to perform work that could harm threatened or endangered species — in this case the threatened American burying beetle.

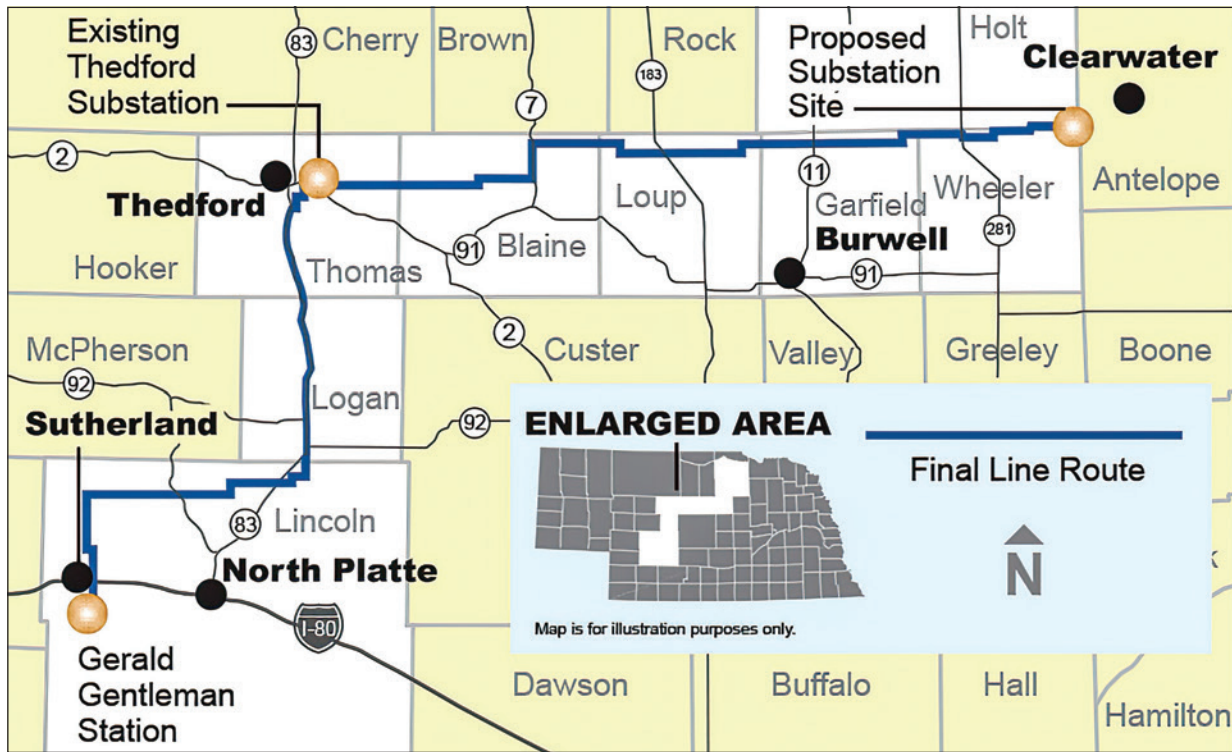
Fish and Wildlife granted that permit under an expedited emergency review process, citing an executive order from President Donald Trump that declared an open-ended national energy emergency.

The group of landowners, nonprofits and other stakeholders — who had successfully challenged an earlier version of the permit — sued in March.

As both sides made their initial arguments, NPPD appeared to clear another hurdle, with the Nebraska Public Service Commission voting to approve the project in early June.

The utility moved ahead with construction on some of the substations that would be served by the R-Project — but not on any part of the transmission line itself.

In a filing, the utility estimated it would lose \$100 million if it had to stop all construction now and the project was delayed for one year.



Map courtesy of NPPD

The current proposed route of the R-Project transmission line, a 226-mile line that a regional power regulator and the Nebraska Public Power District are seeking to run across the Sandhills.

But in her June 8 ruling temporarily blocking the federal permit, Judge Nina Y. Wang wrote that those losses are self-inflicted as a result of NPPD "jump(ing) the gun" on construction despite the lawsuit, but did not prevent NPPD from continuing some work.

While NPPD is disappointed in the court's decision, CEO Tom Kent said in a statement to the Flatwater Free Press that it remains committed to pursuing the R-Project "to meet Nebraska's electricity transmission needs."

"NPPD has reviewed the preliminary injunction and plans to begin construction of the R-Project in locations that are not American burying beetle habitat," Kent said. "Crews will start working in the Gerald Gentleman Station area near Sutherland and work their way north toward Stapleton."

NPPD said it anticipates it will take approximately two years to complete construction on the R-Project once it receives a full notice to proceed. The project is estimated to cost \$855 million.

"Now more than ever, the R-Project is critical to ensuring

reliable power transmission in north central Nebraska," Kent said. "For 14 years, NPPD has worked tirelessly to permit the R-Project with reasonable and appropriate environmental controls."

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, Fish and Wildlife is required to review historic and culturally significant sites that the R-Project might affect alongside the environmental impact. Nebraska's Sandhills hold archaeological sites, burial grounds from tribes and wagon ruts from the Oregon and Mormon trails near the proposed line.

Since the summer of 2023, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Oregon-California Trails Association and other organizations had been consulting on the R-Project and making good progress, said William Eubanks, an attorney representing the petitioners.

In February, that process abruptly ended, Eubanks said. "It was a shock to everyone," he said. "Everyone thought that they were moving in a good direction, and then you know they got notice that the process was being halted."

In a press release announcing the decision, Fish and Wildlife said the expedited approval would allow a critical project designed to "deliver affordable, dependable energy to Nebraska's thousands of families and businesses" to move forward.

In the preliminary injunction order, Judge Wang wrote that the public has a strong interest in reliable energy, but the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is a sovereign nation with strong interest in protecting its history and culture, which could face irreparable harm.

"Petitioners having the ability to monitor the construction — as it is already ongoing — at a few discrete locations along a 226-mile route is not the same as having the right to identify properties and having a role in resolving adverse effects prior to construction," Wang wrote.

NPPD has made adjustments to its plans in recent years, including a 1-mile diversion to avoid O'Fallon's Bluff, a historic site, and a commitment to marking the entire R-Project with diverters to reduce the risk of birds hitting the line.

Opposition to the transmission line remains strong inside and outside of the state, said Brent Steffen, whose Sandhills ranch, Horseshoe Bar Ranch, is part of the lawsuit.

The line will cross a half-mile section on the eastern edge of Steffen's property, he said. He won't sign an easement, and he estimates that owners of about 40 miles of the land along the

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JoAnn

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- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
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- 1-1/2 cups diced celery
- 3 Tbls butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Slowly cook onion and celery in the butter. When it's soft, add the rice, broth, soup, and chicken. Mix all the ingredients and put in a casserole dish sprayed. Bake at 325° for one hour, covered. Note: For a crunchy topping crush potato chips and sprinkle over the top for the last 10 minutes of baking.

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Death Notice for Allen J. Kallhoff

Allen J. Kallhoff, age 90, formerly of Elgin, passed away on Monday, June 29 in Omaha, NE. Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, July 3, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Omaha, NE. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 10

a.m. The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Internment with Military Honors will be held at Elgin's St. Boniface Cemetery at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 3. More details can be found at www.heafeyheafey.com



Jim and Shirley Meis
will be celebrating their **70th Wedding Anniversary** this Thursday, **July 2nd**.
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Two-way talk leads to positive relationships

The band Three Dog Night crooned about 'one' being the loneliest number back in 1969. Now in 2026, one study after another proves that positive relationships, as in, 'it takes two,' promotes both mental and physical health.

So what can you do during these lazy, hazy days of summer to build stronger connections with family and friends?

Always a work in progress, making any 'human two' fulfilling takes listening intently, thinking before blurting out a critical comment, and intentionally seeking to understand as well as to be understood. Hopefully, this two-way relating is enriching, sometimes not.

It's devastating to hear of marriage break-ups, or unbearable teenager rebellion in a family, or altercations negatively affecting productivity at the workplace, or unsuccessful efforts at diplomacy on the world stage.

On the other hand, it's heartwarming to celebrate half century marriages, the launching of independent-minded teens, the emergence of creative solutions to improve productivity, and good faith diplomacy ensuring peace.

Two-way talk leading to positive relationships is the language of mutuality, accord-

ing to psychologists. In discussing this idea with another with expertise on the topic, this was shared:

"Contemporary psychology views mutuality as a central feature of healthy human relationships, whereby the rights and responsibilities of both persons are recognized and reflected in their interactions with one another.

Each person's contribution helps develop and deepen support, respect, and trust between them over time."

Mutuality takes the human twosome beyond surface chit-chat to deep understanding, resilient relationships, and joy, so much joy.

Thankfully, this writer has been in relationship with husband Rick for 56 years, 52 married and the rest as college

Say What?



Elgin Columnist **Jane Schuchardt**

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Looking Back
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

July 7, 1966

Fire of unknown origin made a "red hot" Fourth of July at the Henry Wilgocki farm and destroyed their 32x34-foot barn. The extreme heat kept firemen at a distance while they kept the blaze under control. Fire departments from Oakdale and Elgin fought the blaze and kept the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. A chicken house north of the barn was smoking when the Oakdale firemen arrived and they immediately put their equipment to use in saving that structure while Elgin firemen controlled the barn fire. Neligh firemen were summoned to help maintain an adequate supply of water. The fire was first noticed around 10:45 a.m. The barn contained around 400-500 bushels of oats, 10-12 tons of baled hay, some seed, saddles and other supplies.

Gary Wilkinson, local stock car racing enthusiast, won two trophies at Norfolk in the July Fourth races. Gary won the "A" feature and trophy dash races for the mid-season championship. The two fine trophies were won while competing against cars from Norfolk, Madison, Hoskins and other towns in northeast Nebraska.

Fifty Years Ago

July 7, 1976

The July 3rd Elkhorn Valley Bicentennial Beef Revue was termed a success even though it was dampened by rain. The 32 exhibitors showed 46 market and breeding heifers. Judging the show was Gary Stauffer, County Extension Agent in Training, Burwell. Chuck Baum, Elgin, exhibited the grand champion market heifer. The champion Hereford breeding heifer was exhibited by Ted Baum of Elgin. Other ribbon placings from the show were: Hereford breeding heifer: Purple, Ted Baum, Elgin and Craig Zegers, Elgin; Blue, Dick Carr, Elgin.

Thirty Years Ago

July 10, 1996

Mark and Chris Grundmayer of rural Petersburg are the parents of a son, Jacob A., born Monday, July 1, 1996. He weighed six pounds, six ounces, and joins a sister, Erin, at home.

Kayla Zegers, 1995 graduate of Pope John Central Catholic High School, returns with many memories for her 'Up With People' experience. In June 1995, she joined "Up With People" performers in Denver, CO for five weeks of intensive training and rehearsal. Her cast began its tour in late July with their first performance in Norfolk, NE, and continued to tour throughout the United States and Canada for the next seven months. After that, they spent three weeks in Venezuela, South America, and then flew to Europe for performance in Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, France and Portugal over the next three months. In all of their host countries, they visited schools and talked with students about some of the stereotypes that people have about other countries. The 'Up With People' cast included members from 25 countries, including many different races and nationalities, and they were able to dispel some of the common stereotypes about their native countries.

Twenty Years Ago

June 28, 2006

Elgin's 2006 Vetch Days celebration featured fun activities for all ages, and most events had good attendance again this year. The three-day celebration, last Tuesday through Thursday, started with rummage and garage sales, and concluded with the grand parade and cruise night. A special feature this year was the overnight stay of Tour de Nebraska and their "tent city" in the Elgin City Park. More than 180 bicyclists with the Tour de Nebraska bicycle group, plus their support crews, arrived in Elgin throughout the afternoon on Thursday. Many of them attended the Appreciation Barbecue and parade on Thursday evening. The group left town early Friday morning on their way to Ord after breakfast at the United Methodist Church. Some highlights of Vetch Days were kids water fights, karaoke and bingo, beautiful baby contest, parade, and cruise night.

Ben D. Gossman of Neligh received his Associate of Applied Science degree in fire protection technology in commencement exercises on Saturday, June 10, at Southeast Community College.
By Kari Schindler

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, July 6: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, garlic stick, bread/butter, milk

Tuesday, July 7: Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, July 8: Chicken & stuffing casserole, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, July 9: Tator tot casserole, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, July 10: Chili cheese dogs, French fries, carrots/celery, apricots, 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.

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

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Edward R. Murrow

Maybe smart phones don't make us 'smart'

A good buddy has a favorite saying: "We're all smart. We have smartphones." It's funny, and I've used it several times. After all, smartphones have, in a lot of ways, made our lives easier and smarter.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

Hungry for a burrito? Use a smartphone to find the nearest restaurant. Engaged in a heated argument over who hit the most home runs, Willie Stargell or Harmon Killebrew? Google it on your smartphone. They have basically killed a good bar bet.

But more and more evidence says smartphones haven't exactly sharpened our intellect.

(It's even been suggested that smartphones have contributed to a falling birthrate in the U.S. by replacing in-person relationships, those that could lead to a birth, with swiping on the smartphone.)

Lots of states, including Nebraska, now have laws that aim to eliminate or reduce smartphone use by students at school.

The book, "The Anxious Generation," argues that the advent of the smartphone - one that allows continuous access to the internet - was the main driver behind a sharp increase in teen depression and suicides in the 2010s after smartphones became widely used.

The author, Jonathan Haidt, maintains that as more and more teens went to their phones to check on social media rather than engage in unsupervised play, it created a "great rewiring" of sleepless nights, isolation from others and addiction to screen time.

Those video "reels" on Facebook are the most addictive to me. Stuff like scenes of ocean liners capsizing, huge walleye being caught somewhere, or my Pirates eking out a run. Ten minutes later - or even later - I snap out of it, and return to reality. We've all been to restaurants and watched four teens, or even four adults, glued to the screens of their smartphones rather

than engaging in any kind of conversation.

(And we've all glanced at a nearby driver who is staring into a smartphone instead of looking at the road ahead.)

Thirty-three states have bans on hand-held cell phone use while driving a car or truck.

Nebraska restricts it only for school bus drivers and kids under 18 using a learners permit.)

In the classroom, the research is somewhat mixed, with some studies showing that smartphone use can increase learning. But there's no doubt that smartphones can be a distraction, and take away from person-to-person interactions.

I think Nebraska's law, which requires local school districts to adopt smartphone policies, makes sense. It allows local school boards and parents some flexibility on where to draw the line.

It's a complicated topic. Smartphones have become indispensable in a

lot of ways.

They're our football tickets, our wallets, our weather forecaster, our newspaper, our compass and a prime means of communication.

But too much screen time isn't very smart, it seems.

But where to draw the line? (And where to draw the line on artificial intelligence or AI?)

My daughter, a third-grade teacher, says there's hope. "Her generation," she says, is setting limits, though she knows that some parents find it hard to say "no" and use smartphones to occupy their kids, rather than engage with them.

Setting limits and restrictions has also become a key topic for debate by lawmakers and school officials.

You can tell I'm getting old because I miss those days when a gang of kids would gather on a vacant lot and pick up teams for a wiffle ball match or football game.

If there was a dispute, we'd work it out among ourselves - a really valuable

life lesson - rather than deferring to a referee or coach in a sports club.

Such "unsupervised play" was recommended by the author of the Anxious Generation.

He also suggested that kids shouldn't get a smartphone till they turn 16.

If they need to keep in touch with their parents, let them use an old-fashioned flip phone - one that doesn't allow constant access to the internet and social media, like Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook. As parents, we could, and should, set our own limits. After all, we're all smart; we have smartphones..

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Resilience, recovery and results

From our founding pioneers to today, Nebraskans have always been known for our grit, determination, and resilience. Unfortunately, this year those characteristics have been tested like never before as communities across our state faced the worst wildfires in Nebraska's history.

Families, ranchers, farmers, volunteer firefighters, and entire communities have come together to help one another through unimaginable challenges. While the recovery process is far from over, I remain confident that Nebraska will persevere. We will rebuild, restore what was lost, and emerge stronger than before. As I continue meeting with those impacted by these devastating fires, one message has been clear: the last thing Nebraskans need while recovering from disaster is more government red tape.

This year alone, wildfires have burned more than 860,000 acres across Nebraska's Third District, leaving behind damaged fences, destroyed grazing land, and significant economic losses for agriculture producers. We all know recovery will take time, resources, and support. The last thing anyone needs is for it to be delayed by bureaucratic hurdles.

That is why I was proud to support and work alongside Senator Fischer to advance the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act. This commonsense legislation recently passed in the House and is now headed to President Trump's desk to be signed into law.

The bill makes important improvements to the Emergency Conservation Program, which provides assistance to agriculture producers recovering from natural disasters. Under current law, producers can face delays and uncertainty while waiting for eligibility determinations and disaster designations.

In the case of future disasters, our legislation will streamline that process by allowing assistance to be triggered more quickly following disasters like the wildfires that have devastated parts of Western and Central Nebraska.

Just as importantly, the bill provides greater flexibility for producers as they begin the difficult work of rebuilding.

Whether restoring fences, rehabilitating damaged land, or addressing other conservation challenges caused by natural disasters, producers will have faster access to the relief they are eligible to receive.

Nebraskans are resilient, but resilience does not mean they should have to navigate unnecessary obstacles while recovering from disaster. Congress has a responsibility to ensure federal programs work efficiently and effectively when Americans need them most.

The passage of the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act is a meaningful step towards helping Nebraska's producers rebuild from the damage and recover when disaster strikes. Moving forward, I will continue to urge President Trump to sign this legislation into law and work with USDA to ensure that these necessary changes are implemented without delay.

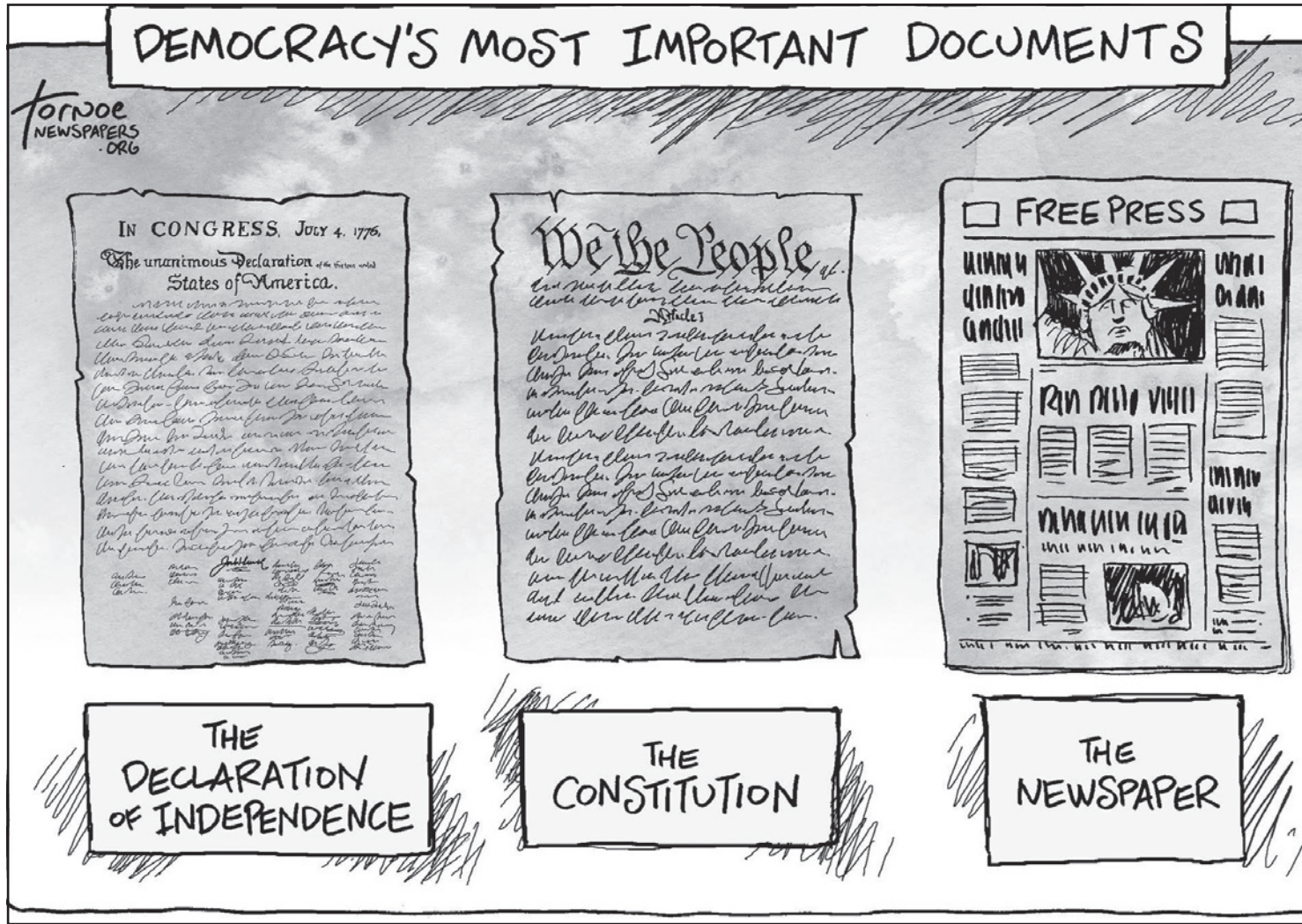
As recovery efforts continue across our state, I will keep working to ensure that Nebraskans have the resources and support they need to move forward.

Together, we will meet these challenges, rebuild our communities, and continue writing the next chapter of Nebraska's proud story.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith



Teach why our freedoms matter

On Saturday, July 4th, we will celebrate Independence Day. This day celebrates the foundational principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence, specifically, that all people have fundamental, unalienable rights to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

of Happiness" Notably this day will also mark the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding.

When the United States declared its independence in 1776, it established a radical new system of government whose experiment in self-governance revolutionized political power.

Prior to the American Revolution, almost all countries were governed by monarchs, oligarchies, or aristocracies, where citizens were viewed as subjects. The Declaration of Independence and the Con-

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Helping Nebraska's producers rebuild and recover

After a natural disaster strikes, every day counts. Nebraska's farmers and ranchers know this well. This spring and summer, Nebraska has been hit by some of the worst wildfires in state history. More than 800,000 acres burned, destroying pastureland, fences, and other farm and ranch infrastructure.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

For many families, the damage was overwhelming, and recovery could take months or even years. That's why I've been working to speed up federal disaster assistance for producers who are trying to rebuild. This week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed my Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act. The Senate approved the bill earlier this year, and it now goes to the president for his signature. My bill's goal is to help farmers and ranchers get disaster assistance faster.

Current federal programs are supposed to help producers recover from wildfires and other natural disasters, but too frequently the process is slow and burdened by paperwork. Many producers have had to wait months for approval before starting repairs, often unsure whether federal assistance will come.

To address this, my bill allows eligible producers to receive advance payments based on estimates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture so they can start rebuilding sooner. That means repairing fences, restoring grazing land, and getting damaged property back into use without unnecessary delays. My legislation also expands wildfire eligibility rules so more producers affected by wildfire-related disasters can qualify for assistance.

These changes reflect input from farmers and ranchers who have dealt with past disasters. They told us that delays in federal assistance can make recovery even harder. Timing matters in the ag industry. Every delay can mean higher

costs, lost grazing opportunities, and disruptions to normal operations.

Nebraska's agricultural producers play a vital role in feeding and powering our nation. Helping them recover quickly after natural disasters is an investment in the future of our rural communities and the rest of our nation. And while no government program can erase the damage caused by wildfires, floods, tornadoes, or drought, my bill implements meaningful changes to make recovery easier.

Still, recovery is ultimately powered by the hard work of Nebraska producers. I am impressed by their resilience and resolve. And I will continue to advocate on their behalf.

If the Democrats win ...

I grew up in a Democratic household, both of my parents were Democrats and I was always told that the Democratic Party stands for the Little Guy and I believed them. After all I was raised Catholic. I recall the day that JFK was assassinated in Dallas, much like people remember 9/11 today.

We owe President Donald Trump a HUGE debt of gratitude for the type of leader that he is. I would not want to live in a country with some of our past Democratic Presidents that have left our country in shambles. Once was enough!

When we look at the history of our elections, we can see that usually the Republicans lose the Midterms to the Democrats. We have plenty of time to do our due diligence prior to our midterm elections. We'll need to go back and revisit our history, not only the history of our country but also our world-wide history. The events we are currently experiencing in some of our mayoral districts such as New York City should leave us terrified! If we continue down the road the Democrats would want to take us and if we were to lose the Senate we could possibly see our country becoming a permanent Communist/Marxist Country!

An unapologetic Trump Supporter!

Jim Baum

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stitution established a system of government that holds legitimate power from the consent of the governed, rather than divine right or inheritance.

The Founders also deliberately sought to prevent concentration of power by splitting the governing authority among three separate branches of government, the legislative, executive, and judicial. This structured competition between branches allowed for our pluralistic society.

Additionally, the Founders developed a complex system where power was carefully balanced between the national government and individual state governments. This concept has since spread to other countries and now governs about forty percent of the global population.

Remarkably, no other nation in history has maintained a codified constitution as long as the United States. For perspective, the Dominican Republic has gone through 39 distinct constitutions since gaining independence, the largest number of constitutions of any country.

Meanwhile, Venezuela has had approximately 26 constitutions since 1811; Haiti, 23 since 1804, Thailand, 20 since 1932; Ecuador, 20 since 1830, and France, 14 since 1789. The continued use of the Constitution is a reflection of the broad wisdom of the Founders in designing our country's system of governance.

At the same time, some of the foundational ideals of our country were not initially applied universally to the broader population. For example, many men who did not own property and women were denied the right to vote and other certain basic civic rights at the nation's inception.

Subsequent generations have continually sought to improve and make more perfect our union. Constant renewal is a defining feature of the American experiment, which is reflected by the fact the Constitution has been amended 27 times.

Independence Day offers an opportunity to teach the next generation why our freedoms matter and how they came to be. It is

worth protecting and passing on.

This year, I hope you will consider visiting a local celebration and see firsthand the spirit that built and sustains our state and nation. Have a happy and safe Independence Day, and may God bless our great state and country of ours.

It is a privilege and honor to represent you in the Unicameral, and I look forward to hearing from you regarding issues that are important to you. 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.

Bartlett News

Family members of Pat (Squire) Anderson and Irene (Squire) Sheeler gathered at Park Center Cemetery in Antelope County, June 20 at 11 a.m. to lay to rest the ashes of Pat Anderson and Irene Sheeler.

Remarks and prayer were given by Reverend Mary Hubert. Several family members shared special memories of Pat and Irene.

Irene and Pat were daughters of the former James and Mary Squire who resided in Wheeler County. Irene died October 31, 2025 in Indiana. Pat died in 2020 in Gunnison, Colorado.

A noon luncheon was served in the basement of the 'Park Center Church,' which is directly across from the cemetery. The meal consisted of Philly sandwiches, fruit salad, potato salad, baked beans, chips, desserts and water, tea and coffee.

A wonderful time of fellowship and shared memories of Pat and Irene took place during the meal.

Pat and Irene were sisters of Susi Koziol and cousins of Lois Schrunk, who both reside in rural Wheeler County.



Photo submitted

Descendants of Irene (Squire) Sheeler and Pat (Squire) Anderson gathered at Park Center Cemetery near Elgin to lay to rest the ashes of Irene and Pat on June 20, 2026.

Days

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check-in beginning at 9 a.m. in Riverside Park by the Tank.

Following the parade there will be a hot dog feed at the American Legion, a Water Curtain at 5th and Main, a Tractor Pull (ages 4-5 and 6-7) on Main Street, and Turtle Races.

That evening, beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a duck derby on the Elkhorn River at the Riverside Park swinging bridge.

Independence Day will be capped off with a fireworks show at Fred Penn Lake. To end off the day there will be a Firework Show at Fred Penn Lake. The show, sponsored by the Neligh Young Men's Club, will be at dark.

Sunday the 5th will get underway with the J.D. Neligh Statue Dedication. This will be at the Old Mill Historical Site at 2 p.m. to wrap up the weekend celebration.

Pre-4th activities
Earlier in the week, on July 2 there will be the Chris Sayre musical performance at the Neligh Mill.

This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a Food Truck Block Party with Karaoke on this day. It will begin at 5 p.m. and will last until 8 p.m.

On Friday, July 3 the day will start off with Quilts of Valor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. and lasting until 7:00 p.m. Also at the museum, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a 'Night at the Museum' featuring Brunswick and Copenhagen.

A free hamburger and hot dog feed at the courthouse will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Antelope County Farm Bureau Federation will sponsor a free hamburger/hot dog feed at the courthouse starting at 6:30 p.m.. The last event of the day will be a scavenger hunt at 7 p.m. Participants will meet at the Old Mill with a limit of five people per team.

Come down to Neligh, Nebraska to help celebrate their Old Mill Days!



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Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-57 Romans 7:15-25a Psalm 45:10-17
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Faith
is confidence is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

LENRD partners with NRCS on North Fork Elkhorn Watershed Plan

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in partnership with the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, received official approval in May for the North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed Improvement Plan in eastern Nebraska.

The North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed spans over 226,000 acres in Antelope, Cedar, Knox, and Pierce Counties, Nebraska and includes the Cities of Pierce and Osmond.

The plan proposes the implementation of flood damage reduction measures including levee improvements, diversion channels, and pump stations in the City of Pierce, and berms, road raises, and building floodproofing in the City of Osmond.

The plan estimates the total construction cost of the project at \$28.8 million with the local sponsor being responsible for approximately \$9.1 million.

Funding for the plan came through NRCS's Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO), which provides technical and financial assistance to states, local governments and tribes to plan and implement authorized watershed enhancement projects. NRCS provided \$802,000 toward completing the North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed Plan.

With the plan approved, Lower Elkhorn NRD now qualifies to request future financial assistance from NRCS for developing the identified flood prevention measures.

"NRCS is pleased to have provided technical and financial assistance to Lower Elkhorn NRD for completing the North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed Plan," said Rob Lawson, NRCS Nebraska state conservationist. "One of our top priorities is assisting local sponsors in identifying and completing watershed projects for natural resource enhancements and public safety."

"As local sponsors, we are most appreciative of NRCS's commitment toward completing the watershed plan," said Brian Bruckner, General Manager, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Jane

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sweethearts. Are we two peas in a pod? Well, yes. Do we often find that two heads are better than one? Well, yes. Do we each stand on our own two feet while supporting the other's interests? Well, yes.

Together, we are more than the sum of the parts which, to name a few, are trust, empathy, equality, commitment, availability, humility, collaboration, forgiveness, genuineness, gratitude, and humor.

That's a lot. Every day, getting to 'us' is definitely a work in progress.

This dance called life sometimes is one step forward, two steps back. It definitely takes two to tango, meaning a disagreement always requires input of both parties.

The tango is a complex, dramatic ballroom dance known for staccato movement, close embrace, and improvisational moves. Maybe a simple two-step, built on two-way talk and a whole lotta love is a better choice.

There are two sides to every story. Sometimes putting two and two together results in the wrong interpretation of an undesirable incident. You want to whack him atop the head with a two-by-four screaming 'let me tell you a thing or two'. Two wrongs definitely do not make a right. Reverting to your terrible twos instead of acting like an adult seldom ends well.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. My generation, the baby boomers, made promises, many at the altar, to not be two timers and to do everything possible to gain coveted mutuality. True, sometimes it seems we're dancing with two left feet. However, making every attempt to get in step is well worth the effort.

Interesting how there are two sides to a coin; both sides together make currency. So it goes with relationships. And you can take that one to the bank!

As my two cents wraps up -- maybe two bucks in an inflationary economic environment -- do take this mutuality thing seriously. Digging in your heels, not willing to understand the other's perspective, is a formula for despair. Instead, strive for strength in relationships and enduring happiness.

Happy summer!

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

Mlnarik named to Dean's List

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its spring 2026 dean's list for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions of medical imaging and therapeutic sciences program and medical laboratory science.

To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for

12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above. To qualify for the pharmacy dean's list, students must place in the top 20% of their class and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dental students must be in the top 10% of their class for the semester.

College of Nursing
Elgin — Emily Mlnarik

Carl Ernesti Jr. funded Veterans Monument

Dedicated to service, to faith

On a -- at times -- stifling hot day, two dozen or so brave souls ventured to St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Deloit Sunday. There, Fr. John Norman first blessed and then the Elgin American Legion post/Knights of Columbus members paid tribute to a newly installed Veterans Monument. The monument was made possible by funds bequeathed to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church -- Deloit for use at the cemetery, by the late Carl Ernesti Jr., a native of rural Ewing.



Carl Ernesti Jr.

According to his friend Diane Dicke, who spoke briefly at the ceremony about Carl's dedication and their family's friendship and then to the *Elgin Review*, four women bounced around options for the funds (received in the fall of 2022) and decided the monument would be fitting.

"While he didn't mention a monument per se," said Dicke, "he felt strongly about veterans." In the Army, Carl was stationed in Germany (where he married his wife Evelyn) and when returning home was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Neligh American Legion Post #172.

the armed forces of the United States of America. God Bless America" and contains the flag and insignias of the armed forces. The back is a tribute to Carl's faith and family, with white roses (a gift he gave his wife for 24 years), a Bible and hands in prayer with a rosary. In the center, below an engraving of Jesus on the Cross is the Psalm 25:9 verse -- "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way."

Dicke said the group had hoped to have the monument installed by Veterans Day 2025 but it didn't quite make that deadline. Eventually, with the help of Plainview Monuments and Steve Stearns (picking out the perfect placement), the job was finished. Yet, it needed a blessing and the timing worked out well as the dedication followed the farewell open house at St. John's for Fr. Norman. The blessing was one of his last duties with the area parishes as he is now officially an associate priest at a parish in Omaha as of this writing.

If you're in the mood on a quiet Sunday, take a leisurely drive like in the old days and check out the monument.

The front side which faces the country road, is inscribed "In honor and memory of all the men and women who served in



Diane Dicke and Gary Hoefler



Below: Members of the Elgin American Legion

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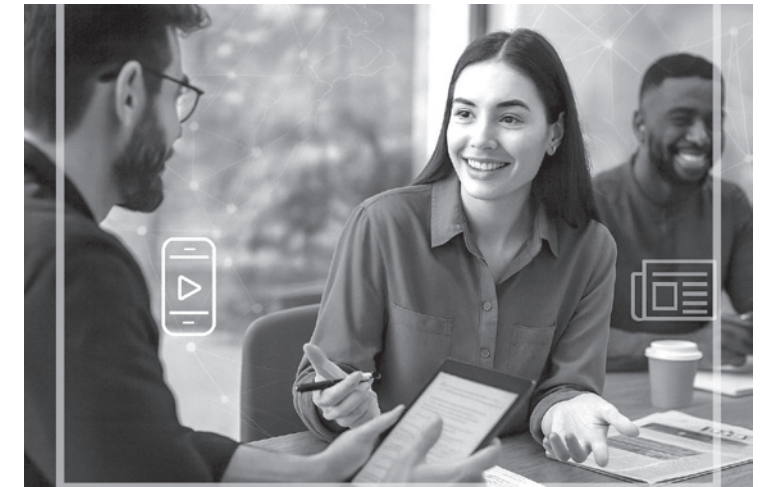
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What events led up to the American colonies' independence? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom.

- The _____ colonies in America were under British rule.
- King George the III was only _____ years old when he claimed his throne.
- King George wanted to raise _____ to pay Britain's war debts.
- He placed many _____ on the colonies, even though they had no vote in Parliament.
- One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers, who shot into the crowd. Some colonists were killed or wounded. This event is called "The _____ Massacre" (1770).
- Soon, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Some colonists, dressed as Native Americans, boarded British cargo ships and threw tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston _____ Party (1773).
- In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, MA, gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These were the first clashes of the _____ Revolution.
- George _____ of VA was named general of the American armed forces.
- On July 4, 1776, colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule, as the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of _____.
- The colonies became the United _____ of America.
- After years of battle, the _____ surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown, VA (1781).
- A _____ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in 1783.

Fill in the puzzle:

Famous People Pop Quiz!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- King _____ III of England did not permit the colonies in America to have people to represent them in the British government, which upset and angered the colonists.
- The colonies wanted to break away _____ from the British Empire, so the King sent soldiers; when these troops arrived near Boston, Paul _____ took a midnight ride on his horse to warn the colonists.
- George _____ was the Commander of the Continental Army (American forces) during the Revolutionary War; later he became the nation's first President (April 1789).
- Thomas _____ wrote the Declaration of Independence; later, he served as President.
- Benjamin _____ was a politician, inventor and diplomat who helped ensure victory in the American Revolution.
- Betsy _____ was a seamstress who made chair cushions and pillows. She is credited with making the very first American flag.

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Annual forage insurance

As dry conditions continue to push forage decisions, some producers may be looking at annual forages as a way to fill feed gaps. That might mean oats, millet, sorghum-sudangrass, forage sorghum, rye, triticale, or other annual crops planted for grazing, hay, haylage, or silage. But along with picking the right crop, we also need to think about how we manage the risk that comes with planting it.

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator **Ben Beckman**

One tool available in Nebraska and surrounding states is Annual Forage Insurance. This is a USDA Risk Management Agency crop insurance product designed for annual crops planted for livestock feed or fodder. Unlike a traditional crop insurance policy, this product is not based on your actual harvested yield. Instead, it uses a rainfall index, comparing precipitation in your area to a long-term average during selected two-month periods. If rainfall in that grid and interval falls below the insured level, a payment may be triggered.

That distinction is important. Annual Forage Insurance does not guarantee that your specific field will make a certain tonnage of hay or grazing. It also does not measure rainfall from the gauge in your yard. It is based on a grid system, so it should be viewed as a risk management tool, not a perfect match for what happens on every acre.

For producers considering fall-seeded or summer annual forages, the timing matters. The sales closing date for Annual Forage coverage is generally July 15. That deadline applies to coverage for annual forage crops planted from August of one year through July of the next. For the 2027 crop year, that means crops planted from August 2026 through July 2027.

When signing up, producers work with a crop insurance agent to select the acres, growing season, coverage level, productivity factor, and rainfall intervals. Those choices matter, because the intervals selected should line up with

the periods when moisture is most important for that crop. For example, establishment moisture may be critical for oats or rye planted for fall grazing. For a summer annual like sorghum-sudangrass, moisture during early growth and regrowth after harvest may be more important.

There is also a dual-use option in some counties and situations. This can apply where a small grain crop is used for forage, such as grazing in the fall or early spring, and then later harvested as grain under a separate policy. Availability depends on county and crop provisions, so this is one of those details that needs to be checked with an insurance agent before plans are finalized.

From a forage planning standpoint, the big takeaway is this: annual forages can be a valuable drought response, but they still carry risk. Seed, fertility, herbicide, irrigation, harvest, and fencing costs can add up quickly. Insurance will not make a poor planting decision profitable, but it may help protect part of the investment when rainfall does not cooperate.

Before the July 15 deadline, producers should sit down with their crop insurance agent and talk through what acres may be planted to annual forage, what the intended use will be, and which rainfall intervals best match the crop's water needs. It's also worth comparing this tool with other drought and forage risk management options.

Annual forages are not a silver bullet, but in a dry year they can be an important part of the feed supply. Pairing those planting decisions with the right risk management discussion now can help producers avoid surprises later.

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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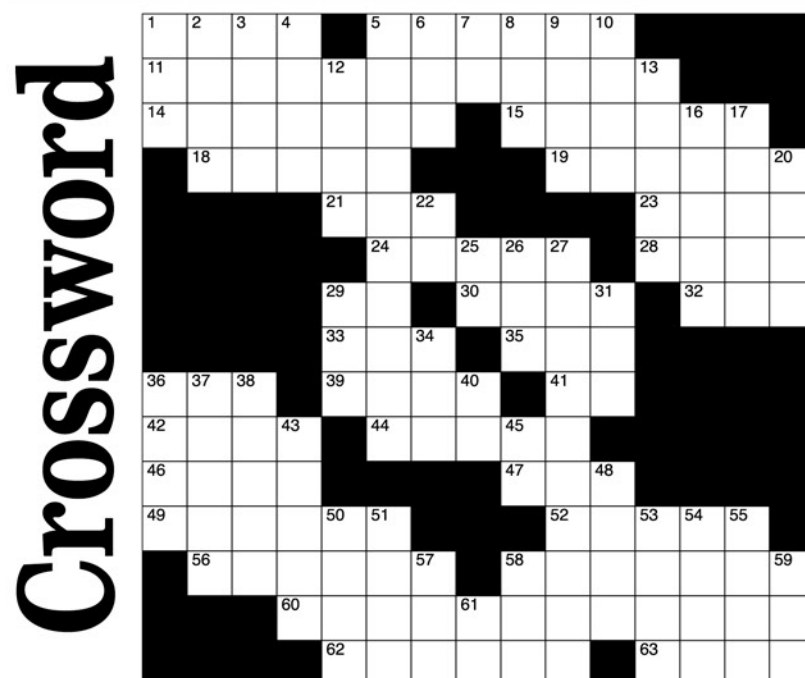
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OBITUARIES

Donna L. Iburg, 90

October 10, 1935 — June 27, 2026

A graduate of Elgin High School in 1954, she was a talented quilter who lovingly created countless quilts for family and friends.



Donna L. Iburg of Petersburg, NE, passed away Saturday,

June 27, 2026 at her home near Petersburg.

A public visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at Levander Funeral Home in Albion, NE. Private family services will be held, followed by burial at West Cedar Valley Cemetery in Elgin.

Levander Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Donna Lee Iburg, daughter of Harold "Johnny" Tierney and Lavaugne "Lou" (Wheeler) Tierney McKay, was born on October 10, 1935, in Elgin. As a young child, she moved with her family to CA, where they lived until she was nine years old before returning to Elgin. Donna attended Elgin Public School and graduated with the Class of 1954.

On May 25, 1956, Donna was united in marriage to Paul Eugene Iburg in Elgin. Together they made their home on a farm west of Petersburg where they raised their family.

Throughout the years, Donna worked in a variety of jobs, including bartending at the

Knotty Pine, working at the Petersburg Locker, Alco in Albion, and helping wrap meat at the Albion Locker.

Donna had a lifelong love of bowling and was a member of bowling leagues in both Albion and Elgin for many years. She was a longtime member of the Petersburg Quilting Club and was a talented quilter who lovingly created countless quilts for family and friends. Donna also enjoyed reading and cherished time spent near the water, whether visiting the Pacific Ocean or making memories with her grandchildren while camping at Calamus Reservoir.

Grateful to cherish her memory are her five children: Tim (Linda) Iburg of Columbus, NE; John (Sherril) Iburg of Elgin; Jerry (Deb) Iburg of Albion; Mark Iburg of Petersburg; and Lori Johnson of Loretto, NE; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; her sister, Vicki (Duane) Miller of Elgin; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; her parents, Johnny and Lou Tierney; an infant son; her great-grandson, Axton; her brother, Ron Tierney; and her sister, Melvina (Brian) Mack.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE 23, 2026 MEETING

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
June 23rd, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the June 9th, 2026, meeting. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence.

Approved budget adjustments and Resolution.

Clarification of 9-1-1 Agreement it is with Brown County, not Rock as was on the agenda on the 9th of June.

Approved vendor claims.

General: ANT CO SHRF ex 490.76; APPEARA ex 80.50; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 14,336.96; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 459.09; COMFORT INN ex 279.90; CORNHUSKER STATE IND ex 5,184.00; EAKES OFC SOL ex 102.73; ELGIN APPLIANCE ex 2,215.47; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 623.84; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 9,250.10; GOV FORMS/SUPPLIES ex 5,580.00; IOWA PRISON IND ex 492.35; JACKS UNIFORMS ex 1,119.99; KLEIN LAW ex 8,498.73;

HAROLD KLEIN ex 182.18; THOMAS KRAUSE ex 52.73; BOB KRUTZ ex 40.60; BROOKE KUMM ex 8.05; MAD CO TREAS ex 418.03; MIDWEST AUTO FIRE SPRINKLER ex 311.00; DAVID MILLER ex 28.50; NE NEBR JUVENILE ex 5,642.50; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 5.34; PITZER DIGITAL ex 48.64; QUILL CORP ex 488.15; KURT RAKOW ex 42.75; SHAFFER COMMS ex 15,647.97; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,141.05; RON THIELE ex 28.50; THRIFTWAY ex 11.90; ULINE ex 455.17; WAYNE CO TREAS ex 3,420.53; LISA WELDING ex 422.50; MEGAN WINGATE ex 136.54; GREG WORTMAN ex 85.50; DAN ZWINGMAN ex 16.80; LISA PAYNE ex 57.00; ANT CO TREAS ex 500,000.00 ; BEAR GRAPHICS ex 1,268.85; FIRST CONCORD ex 601.12;

Road/Bridge: BRYCE ANDERSON ex 21,600.00; APPEARA ex 76.47; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 430.81; BLACKBURN MFG ex 1,426.90; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER ex 306.72; BOMGAARS ex 1,977.79; BOONE CO HEALTH CENTER ex 110.00; CONSTELLATION ut 115.65; CORNER SVC ex 260.00; FARMERS PRIDE ex 27,616.91; GRUBB GRINDING ex 12,688.65; JOEL SINCLAIR ex 125,787.54; JEB-RO ex 228,925.44; LICHTENBERG

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Law Enforcement: CASH-WA DISTR ex 824.73; CULLIGAN ex 95.75; FAITH HEALTH ex 548.00; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 333.00;

Commissionary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 423.26; CHARM-TEX ex 911.80.

No report from Zoning Administrator.

No action on HHS front desk safety, and security cameras.

Road Superintendent Report.

Approved 29 oversize permits. Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk

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JUNE 23, 2026 PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Neligh, Nebraska
June 23, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved 2026 Over/Under Report. Received cemetery report and Assessor's Three-Year As-

essment Plan.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks the second 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.

Thomas Heyward, born in 1746 to a wealthy plantation owner of South Carolina, who was an avid British Loyalist. Thomas, brought up with classical education, read the Roman classics and poetry in their original language of Latin.

Being an industrious student, he was placed under Mr. Parsons, a prominent lawyer in South Carolina, to study law. At age 20, his father sent him to Cambridge University, London, and to study law at the prestigious place called Temple where several Signers studied.

Thomas noticed during his time in England the inconsistency of how people were treated, especially if colonial born. Being placed on the bar in 1770, he traveled Europe for several years.

There, too, noticing royalty placed themselves above common people which did not set well with him. Before returning to America, his view had changed toward the 'mother' country. There he saw slothfulness in the elite, but in America, industrious people who did not need tyranny hanging over their heads by the British.

Heyward became one of the earliest in South Carolina to resist British control. His leadership ability placed him in the first General Assembly by the people, then appointed to the Committee of Safety.

At age 29, he was elected to fill a seat at the 2nd Continental Congress in 1776, vacated by John Rutledge, Edward's older brother.

After signing, he did step out of politics for a time due to his father's passing. In 1778 he signed the Articles of Confederation.

From the beginning of the Revolution, he served as a judge in Charleston charging those committing treason against the colonies. They were hung where the British could see them. In 1779, near his home on the coast, he suffered a gunshot wound during a battle.

Obviously, the British wanted to capture Heyward. He and Edward Rutledge, both Signers and part of the military, were captured at Charleston and sent to a British fort in St. Augustine, Florida. They were imprisoned for 11 months.

During Heyward's imprisonment, his dear wife died in childbirth. It was also said that Thomas Heyward fell overboard the ship carrying them to Philadelphia for their release. He hung onto a rudder until rescued.

Compared to the imprisonment of other Signers, they lived many years after their release. Their younger age might have played a part in recovery.

During Heyward's imprisonment, he wrote a parody of the British anthem God Save the King, titling it God Save the Thirteen States, becoming a popular song. The words made clear his faith in God, asking God to save the States, free them from tyranny and for God to guide the leaders.

After the war, he served as a state judge from 1784-1798, and in 1790 a delegate to the state convention which adopted the new South Carolina constitution. Thomas did remarry a gal named Elizabeth Savage and had 3 children living to adulthood.

One of six from his first marriage to Elizabeth Matthews survived to adulthood. When President George Washington visited Charleston, he stayed at one of Heyward's homes for a week. Today that home is known as the Heyward-Washington House found in downtown Charleston Historic District.

Dr. Benjamin Rush said this of Thomas Heyward, Jr.: "he was a firm Republican of good education and most amicable manners. He possessed an elegant political genius..." He was a person of courage, faith, and high nobility with a sense of obligation to one's region. It is hard to understand how he did have slaves, obviously maintaining them as lesser human beings. Today we have the problem of treating babies as lesser human beings. The killings come out of convenience. Wasn't slavery for convenience? Which is worse? What are you personally doing about it?

Nebraska v. Colorado at U.S. Supreme Court

Attorney General Mike Hilgers announced today that the United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear Nebraska's claims that Colorado has violated the South Platte River Compact and has improperly interfered with Nebraska's right to develop the Perkins County Canal.

"Nebraska will finally have the opportunity to prove that Colorado has violated the Compact and to hold Colorado accountable for depriving Nebraska of water that rightfully belongs to our state," said Attorney General Mike Hilgers. Nebraska alleges that Colorado has violated the Compact by allowing junior water users to intercept water that belongs to Nebraska during the irrigation season.

Nebraska also seeks resolution of disputes concerning Colorado's interference with Nebraska's right to construct and operate the Perkins County Canal, a project expressly authorized by the Compact.

Nebraska alleges that Colorado's administration of augmentation plans has allowed thousands of junior groundwater wells to operate at the expense of Nebraska's senior Compact rights.

The State estimates these violations have deprived Nebraska of more than one million acre-feet of water since the Compact was signed.

"Nebraska is determined to preserve and protect every drop of water to which it is entitled under the Perkins County Canal Compact. Today's order from the U.S. Supreme Court makes clear that Nebraskans will have a venue for these important claims," stated Governor Jim Pillen.

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line also haven't signed. There's no question that north-central Nebraska has problems with electricity reliability, Steffen said, but he wants to see them fixed without damaging the Sandhills.

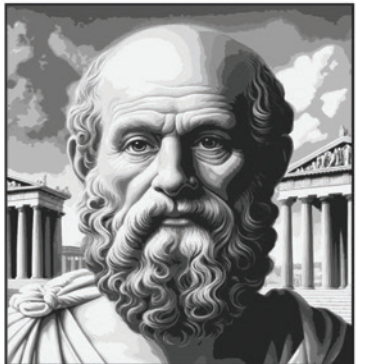
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Thursday, July 2
'Smorgasbord of Music' at Neligh Mill starting at 6:30 p.m.*

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

Saturday, July 4
250th Independence Day Holiday observed across the nation.

Monday, July 6
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.*

Tuesday, July 7
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners at the Neligh courthouse.

Tuesday, July 14
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners at the Neligh courthouse.

Wednesday, July 15
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education starting at 7 p.m.

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Spinning Tales Gun powder, pets and boomers

The unmistakable smell of gun powder in the air in the waning days of June can only mean one thing - fireworks season is upon us.

Ten days which are unlike any other time of the year in Elgin, across Nebraska and the country from Hawaii to Maine, Washington State to the tip of Florida.

Children light off lady fingers and whistle works during the day, then turn their attention to the brighter, louder stuff after sunset.

You can divide fireworks season into three different groups - children, adults and the community.

The great majority of children find fireworks as their God-given right to burn money that is not their own. They light up what mom and dad buy for them.

Different kinds of fireworks offer different thrills. Sparklers and worms evolve into whistlers, parachutes and boomers which then turn into shells in tubes which become boomers.

They can't just light one and be done. No, one leads to another to another until that days' allotment is over.

It never ends well, youngsters are always left wanting for more.

Lady fingers are not ladies. They scare the living daylight out of our pets. In all my years, I've never seen sheep, dogs or hogs who jumped with glee when one was lit and tossed in the air. Quite the opposite, dogs would go to their safe spot and be nervous until the noise subsided.

We learned the best way to settle down our pets during fireworks season, especially at night, was to put them in the basement and turn on music on the computer to drown out the noise. Our dog Lucky started listening to Abba's 'SOS' and ended up with George Thorogood's 'I Drink Alone' by the end of the night.

Parents' face a dilemma with fireworks ... when to buy, how many to buy and will there be any left by the 4th. Buy too early and they will all be shot off, buy too late and the kids will consider you a 'Blue Meanie' who doesn't love them.

How many to buy may be the biggest summer decision to be made. One hundred dollars doesn't buy what it did only a few years ago. But, you don't want to see your house payment go up in smoke either. Should the pre-4th amount of fireworks equal the total amount lit on the 4th?

Good friends of mine live in a cul-de-sac and each year a different house is responsible for the fireworks show. He can spend up to \$1,000 for fireworks when it's his turn. That's quite a show, I think, but I haven't bought fireworks in years so I'm not really sure. But, if you can still smell gunpowder when you wake on the 5th, you've done your part to support the local economy.

Finally, there's the community. Each town usually puts in the code book the rules for fireworks - When they can be purchased and the times for when they can be shot off AND the penalty for not following said rules.

Actually, state law dictates when fireworks can be purchased. City councils and village boards set the times for when they can be shot off. Leading up to the 4th, times are set so everyone can get a good night's sleep and go to work the next day. For the 4th, the time for shooting off fireworks is usually extended.

There's always someone who doesn't get the message, feigns ignorance to what the time is to shut down the boomers. Somewhere in your town and mine you can always find someone who keeps lighting up the sky when everyone else has called it a night.

I've yet to meet anyone who got fined over shooting off fireworks past the time cutoff. I suppose it happens somewhere. More often, if someone is out on patrol and fireworks are going off maybe they will get a stern talking to, maybe.

So is the saga of fireworks season. I like the sights and the sounds of fireworks, always have. Light'em up! Just do me a favor, protect your pets and remember some of us have to go to work the next day.

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