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## In Brief

### Annual ‘Summer Steak Fry’ date announced

To be held at KC Courtyard in Elgin.

An event steeped in tradition will again be held. The Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce will again be hosting the ‘Annual Steak Fry’. This year’s event will be held on Friday night, August 7. Tickets will soon be on sale.

According to information provided by Alan Reicks, the location for the steak fry will be the courtyard adjacent to the Elgin Knights of Columbus building. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with steaks to be served at 7 p.m.

Big A will be available for child care during the evening, manned by students from PJCC.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:

- Proceedings of the July 6 meeting — The Elgin City Council
- Proceedings of the July 7 meeting — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Proceedings of the July 7 meeting — The Antelope County Board of Equalization
- Notice — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice of Class C Liquor License Renewal — KNBB Enterprise LLC dba/City Limits

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 88 degrees recorded on July 6-7. The low temperature during the same period was 64 degrees was recorded on July 10.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

| Date                     | High | Low | Prec  |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| July 6                   | 88   | 67  | .00   |
| July 7                   | 88   | 67  | .00   |
| July 8                   | 87   | 70  | .00   |
| July 9                   | 82   | 67  | .00   |
| July 10                  | 84   | 64  | .00   |
| July 11                  | 85   | 66  | .00   |
| July 12                  | 87   | 65  | .00   |
| Total for last week      |      |     | 0.00  |
| Total for July           |      |     | 0.03  |
| Total precipitation 2026 |      |     | 13.47 |



## Sales tax funds to be used for library concrete repairs

Sales tax funds will be used to cover some of the costs of recent concrete work at Elgin Public Library.

The Elgin City Council last week approved using \$10,000 in sales tax funds towards the cost of concrete repairs which came to approximately \$30,000. The work was completed earlier this year.

Also during the meeting, council members expressed hope that a fuel surcharge applied by Bud’s Sanitary would be rescinded since fuel prices have dropped in recent weeks. The surcharge was part of the contract last approved by the council. No immediate action is expected.

City Clerk Kristin Childers said a report from Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore indicates more than 20 dogs still remain unlicensed. Those dog owners will be contacted in the coming weeks.

During May, law enforcement responded to 13 ‘911’ calls while completing more than 86 hours of patrol.



**Temporary senior pastor** for the next two months at Elgin area parishes is Fr. Anthony Weidner.

## Temporary senior pastor has arrived

**By Anna Stuhr**  
*Student intern*

Fr. Anthony Weidner has been assigned to the St. Bonaventure parish as the temporary senior pastor for the next two months.

Fr. Anthony Weidner was ordained for the Archdiocese in 2005.

He comes to Elgin from St. Elizabeth Parish in Omaha where he has been since 2025. He has been a priest for 21 years.

During that time, Fr. Anthony has served in parishes in northeast Nebraska. From 2005 to 2008, was a priest in Norfolk.

However, most of that time has been spent at parishes in Omaha. In 2017, Fr. Anthony became the pastor at St. Michale’s Parish in South Sioux City for six years.

When asked about the pros and cons of serving in small parishes such as here, Fr. Anthony said that, “with smaller parishes, it’s easier to get to meet everyone, learn their names, what they do for a living, what their faith life is like, etc.”

Fr. Anthony also said that, with smaller parishes, it’s difficult to find volunteers for certain things, since there are fewer people to help out.

He also mentioned that fundraisers for the churches and schools, along with other buildings and activities,

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## ‘The Well’ - A market bringing people together

**By Jane Schuchardt**  
*Special to The Elgin Review*

Community. That’s what Bethany Miller missed so much when the COVID-19 pandemic kept everyone at a distance.

So, in 2020 she bought the building at the corner of Elgin’s 2nd (Hwy. 14) & Maple Streets. A year later, together with friends Amber Scheer and Tricia Spieker, she opened a farmers market with dreams of one day offering an experience that was more than purchasing a product. “I want to create a sanctuary for people, a place to step away from life, slow down a little bit,” she said as we sat on chairs in front of the building with constant traffic whirring by on the state highway. (About the traffic, she said it’s a symbol of life in motion.)

Already the market, open every other Saturday 9:00 am - Noon, generally has a fancy lemonade stand, mouthwatering Mexican-style food prepared by Elgin’s David Osuna, and locally made or grown products and produce. The market draws five to seven vendors. “The door is always open (for vendors),” she said. “The requirements are homemade, bring your own table, and make it beautiful.”

Miller, originally from Norfolk and now a 21-year resident of Elgin after marrying Brandon Miller, said, “I always loved this building and didn’t want to see it torn down.” Recounting some of the structure’s history as she knows it, Miller said Blair Motors used it as a spot to park cars and that she thought it had been a gas station at one time.

Now, with a brand-new pad of cement under the canopy to the west side of the building, the next step is to complete the inside where she hopes to have a ‘certified kitchen’ by this fall where she will offer canning and food preservation classes. She also plans to build a greenhouse one day on the lot just to the north as a welcoming community retreat, a respite for people to “step away from life and slow down a little bit,” she said.

Miller called the realization of her dream a slow development explaining that “all my proceeds go back into the farmers market.” Her main product line is canned goods, especially jams.

Last year she picked in the cool of the morning and canned in the afternoons to make nearly 15 gallons of jams from wild plums, elderberries, and what she called a ‘Ne-

braska berry’ made from a locally sourced berry mixture. She uses hundreds of jars each year and welcomes returns from customers and donations.

Her second most popular sales item is sweet and smoky

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E-R photo/JSchuchardt

**While the Elgin Farmers Market-The Well** is open every other Saturday, a rack out front runs on the honor system for payment and generally has canned goods, honey, and more. Here Bethany Miller, Elgin, shows off some locally produced honey.



E-R photo/DMorgan

There was plenty of activity Saturday morning at the Elgin Farmers Market - The Well.

## #18 school board to meet tonight

The District #18 Board of Education will meet in regular session tonight (July 15).

The item listed at the bottom of the ‘action’ agenda may be the most important item at the meeting. The board will discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt a resolution increasing the school district’s base growth percentage used to determine the school district’s property tax request authority by up to 7 percent (7%).

As reported last week, the resolution is a necessary step in preparing the 2026/2027 school budget which will be voted on in September.

There will be four public hearings at the beginning of the meeting on school policies involving student fees, bullying, parent involvement and health & wellness. Action on the aforemen-

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E-R photo/LMorgan

## EACF donation surpasses goal in fundraising campaign

**With the** presentation of a check from the Elgin Area Community Foundation, the Elgin Community Center has reached its fundraiser goal of \$16,500. Foundation representation Anne Parks (right) is shown presenting a \$2,000 check to the center’s manager Janna Schunk (center) and her assistant Sherri Mogensen (left). At the presentation, Schunk noted that the center - just that day - experienced a potentially appliance-ending event as their freezer quit so additional funds may be needed.

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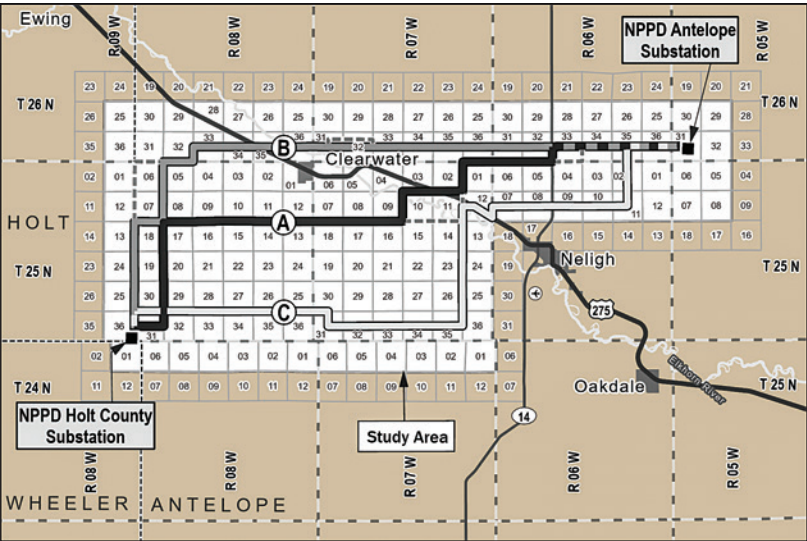


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Proposed routes for a new transmission line to be constructed by NPPD.

## NPPD hosting second open house for Holt County-Antelope transmission line

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) will host an open house on July 21 in Clearwater to gather public input for a new transmission project in the area.

The open house session is informal and offers an opportunity to review project information and visit with project team members. The in-person meeting will be held Tuesday, July 21 at the American Legion Hall from 3 to 7 p.m.

NPPD plans to build an approximately 27-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the existing NPPD substation in southeast Holt County, to the existing substation northeast of Neligh in Antelope County. The new line will increase the system's transmission capacity to meet increasing demand and further enhance

reliability and resiliency in the north central Nebraska area

NPPD has identified preferred and alternative routes, utilizing information gathered during the first phase of the project. Information gathered from landowners and stakeholders at the second set of open houses will help NPPD assess those potential routes.

The upcoming open house is the second of three rounds of public informational meetings NPPD plans to host for the project. The first round of open houses were held in March to gather information on the study area. The second round of open houses, scheduled for July will highlight preferred and alternative line routes. The third public meeting will be a

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

## Sweet-n-Salty Snacks, Seasoned Crackers

Good day,  
This week I am sharing some snack ideas for a day at the lake or a trip in the car or for those kids who are home for the summer and are eating you out of house and home.

I hope you can use these ideas for some simple snacks.  
I hope you're all having a great summer!  
Enjoy, and you will make it again!  
JoAnn

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### SEASONED CRACKERS

1 cup vegetable oil  
1 pkg Hidden Valley® ranch dressing mix  
1 tsp lemon pepper  
1 tsp garlic salt

Mix it all thoroughly together. Let set in an airtight container.

## PJ/EPPJ Alumni Softball Tourney to be July 25 at Petersburg

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# 101<sup>st</sup> Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo

## July 27 - August 2, 2026

### Wheeler County Fairgrounds - Bartlett, Nebraska

#### MONDAY, JULY 27

6:00-9:00 PM Fair Grounds Clean Up  
(Pizza will be provided)

#### TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM GLW Dog Show  
6:00 PM Parade - "250 Years of USA" theme  
6:30 PM BBQ meal in the park

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM Horse show begins. Show order will be posted (Horses in place by 8:30 am)  
3:00 PM GLW Roping, Working Ranch Horse & Goat Tying (after the horse show)  
7:00 PM That Hypnotist

#### THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Interview judging of static exhibits.  
10:00 AM-2 PM Open Class Entries  
6:00 PM Wheeler County Roping (youth followed by adults) must enter by 6 pm. Buckles to the Top Header, Heeler, and Top Junior Roper

#### FRIDAY, JULY 31

8:00-10:00 AM Livestock Weigh-In  
9:00-9:45 AM Small Animal Check-In  
10:00 AM Small Animal Show  
1. Cats  
2. Pets  
3. Rabbits  
4. Poultry

All livestock weighed and in place except stocker feeders and lactating dairy  
5:00 - 8:00 PM Fireman's BBQ at the new Firehall  
6:30 PM Sheep riding  
7:00 PM Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding Kids  
Events During rodeo, Wild Horse Races after performance and before slack, slack after rodeo

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Livestock Show: Show order will be posted.

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Swine       | 4. Beef       |
| 2. Dairy Goats | 5. Sheep      |
| 3. Dairy       | 6. Meat Goats |

5:00 PM 4-H Council Award & Recognition Program, Wheeler County Foundation Scholarship and Awards, Herb Mignery Good Hand Award  
5:30 PM Livestock Premium Action  
5:00-7:30 PM Steak Feed, \$25 Steak Dinner  
7:30 PM Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding Kids  
Events During rodeo (Hollenbeck Rodeo Stock)

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

### Community Day

10:00 AM Livestock & Static Exhibit Release & Clean Up  
1:00 PM Turtle Races \$1 per turtle  
2:00 PM Bingo  
3:00 PM Cornhole Tournament \$10 a team  
6:00 PM Community Pot-Luck  
6:30 PM Ranch Rodeo -Limited Entries \$400 a team. Entries Close July 31<sup>st</sup> for Ranch Rodeo contact James Thornburg @ 308-362-4501

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- Custom Homes
- Post Frame
- Light Commercial

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# Doing the hard things to make things right

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easier to feed them fast food or junk food instead of cooking a healthy and nutritious meal. It's easier to let them pass the time

however they please instead of forcing them to do chores and reprimand them when they don't. For us, the current battle (and actually one that's been going on for years) has been electronics.

When the kids were babies and toddlers, I was insistent on no television and avoiding screens. So, it was fun when we finally introduced the boys to cute shows and, of course, Star Wars (episode 3 obviously). They absolutely loved it. Then kids' games on my phone became a great way to entertain them when sitting at a doctor's office or trying to keep them quiet while out. Slowly, but surely, screens started to creep in more and more.

I can't remember the exact age when they were introduced to video games, but I don't know too many boys who don't love to play them. I grew up playing Donkey Kong, Pac-Man, and Super Breakout on the Atari. It was something I played with my grandmother and I loved it. When I was older, we had a Nintendo and my sisters and I knew every secret in Super Mario Bros. The difference was that we still played outside, we still hung out with friends and by the time I was in middle school, I never played video games. I was too busy with other things.

Unfortunately, the games today are not the same as the ones from my youth. Studies have shown the addictive power they can have, the dopamine it gives the brain, and I didn't know that introducing these games to my children could end up being detrimental, especially

to my boys.

We have tried everything under the sun to limit their electronic usage. There was a designated screen time, then there was a list of chores that had to be done before screens could be used, etc. No matter what rules we put into place, the kids would find ways around restrictions or downright lie and sneak onto their games. It became a constant battle with them.

After listening to a recent podcast and doing our own research, my husband and I felt the Lord was putting it on our hearts to take back control and gift our children something that is fleeting, something they only get once: their childhood. We are only kids for a very short time, and it seemed like they weren't spending enough time in "real life", making memories and using their imagination like they used to. We decided to be the bad guys and eliminate screens altogether.

We still do a family movie night once a week, we all watched the World Cup together one time, and on long road trips we'll allow movies. The rest of the time, we want them to be kids. We want them to ride their bikes, build with Legos, swim in the pool, and have friends at the house...you know, see people in person instead of online. We want them to play with toys no matter how old they are and enjoy these last few years before insurance, mortgages, and student loans.

It was hard, I'm not going to pretend it wasn't. We are only a few weeks in and I'm pretty cer-

tain our teenagers think we're evil. However, we immediately started to see a positive change (whether or not they would admit it).

We are having better conversations, spending more time together as a family, and seeing them become more active again.

It's not fun or easy to be the bad guy or do the hard thing. It would definitely be easier to let them do what they wanted, especially since they're all doing well in school. However, we didn't want to take the easy road.

We wanted to set them up for success in the future and help them create lasting memories

before it's too late.

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## Community Calendar

\* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review

**Wednesday, July 15**  
**Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education** starting at 7 p.m.\* ■ PJCC Board of Education meeting ■ Salads and Songs with Heavenly Hens at the fellowship hall sponsored by the Raeville Christian Mothers.

**Wednesday, July 22**  
**PJCC Parent Work Night.**

**Saturday, July 25**  
**Pope John/ Wolfpack Alumni Softball Tournament** at Petersburg.

**Monday - Sunday, July 27 thru August 2**  
**Wheeler County Fair** at the fairgrounds in Bartlett.

**Monday - Sunday, July 27 thru August 2**  
**Antelope County Fair** at the Neligh Fairgrounds.

**Monday, August 3**  
**Elgin City Council regular meeting** @ City Hall.

**Friday, August 7**  
**Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce Summer Steak Fry** @ Knights of Columbus Courtyard.



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Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the Newman Grove Community Center to help enhance emergency preparedness at the facility.

Updated in 2019, the Newman Grove Community Center serves as a shared gathering place for community events, meetings, celebrations, and activities throughout the year. The renovation was made pos-

sible largely through volunteer efforts, reflecting the dedication and pride of many community members who invested countless hours into preserving and improving the building. The addition of an AED helps protect the people who gather there and supports the center's role as a safe and welcoming space for the community.

The donation is made possible through the 340B Drug Pricing Program and is part of BCHC's ongoing effort to increase access to life-saving equipment across its seven-county service area.

BCHC gifts two AEDs each year to eligible organizations such as churches, community centers, and recreational sites to help improve emergency readiness in rural communities where immediate medical intervention can be critical.

Organizations interested in applying for a future AED donation can contact Aprill Murphy in BCHC's Grants & Public Relations Department.

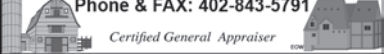


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**BCHC Representative** Aprill Murphy delivers an AED to NGCC members Meghan Flood, Holly Guthard, and Becky Wallin.

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## Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago July 21, 1966

Nebraska's dry spell, which was interrupted for a short time in June by much needed rainfall, has continued through July with but intermittent cool weather. So far in July we have received .60 of an inch of rainfall. Cool weather, accompanied by rain last Thursday morning brought several days of relief from the high 90's and low 100 degree heat. Elgin received .50 of an inch of moisture, according to records at the Bank of Elgin. This amount was quite general in the county with Albion and points east and west of there reveling in around 3 inches of moisture.

A huge crowd of 107 people Monday night attend the annual Chamber of Commerce steak feed at Flobert Lake. The committee had purchased 110 steaks for the affair which also featured baked potatoes, rolls, coffee, relish trays and baked beans. A NEBRASKA-KALAND movie, "Where the West Begins," obtained through the Nebraska Game, Forestration and Parks Commission, was shown following the barbecued steak feed.

Nebraska's Centennial gets a boost through the use of printed rye seed bags distributed by the Elgin Mills, Inc., one of Elgin's rye and vetch processors. The gayly colored green and black printed bags were used the first time for a shipment going to Kansas City.

Fifty Years Ago July 21, 1976

Robin Currie, a senior at Elgin Public High School, was one of 1200 delegates selected from a half-million nationally to attend the Future Homemakers of America National Leadership Meeting July 11-15 in St. Louis, MO. Robin is secretary-treasurer of the Elgin Future Homemakers of America Chapter and was a State Officer candidate last May. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Currie. There were 38 delegates and advisors representing Nebraska from various parts of the state.

The pickup truck owned by Erwin Meyer of Tilden who drives the mail truck from Elgin to Columbus, was reported stolen from its parking spot near the Huffman's Brooks Chapel at 4:30 Sunday morning. Later in the morning it was found near the knocked-over power line pole south of the Union Oil Co. staton. Identity of the vandal or vandals was not determined at the time this was written. The gasoline vent pipe had burn marks caused by the power line rubbing on the pipe. This pipe vented a 4,000 gallon gasoline tank buried underground at the station. Fortunately the tank was nearly full of gasoline. Had the tank been nearly empty and gas fumes ignited there might have been a catastrophe. The theft was reported to the State Patrol.

Thirty Years Ago July 24, 1996

More than 300 people were served breakfast at the fourth annual Elgin Fly-In Breakfast held Sunday, July 21, at the Koinzan Airport on the north edge of town. The event was part of "Dog Days" weekend, which was sponsored by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce on Saturday and Sunday. Nearly 20 airplanes flew in for the breakfast. This is a smaller number than last year, and was attributed to cloudy and foggy conditions in some surrounding areas. Breakfast was served by the Experimental Aircraft Association. Two experimental airplanes, owned by Lee Koinzan, were on display during the day.

Twenty Years Ago July 12, 2006

One of Elgin's oldest structures, a wood framed elevator building owned by Central Valley Ag, was demolished to make way for more modern equipment on Friday, July 7. It was built around 1904 by W. F. Hammond, a local grain dealer, after a fire had destroyed his original elevator. To remove the structure, the Rutjens crew first used large excavators to take out the side structure on the west side. They then carved out the lower main supporting wall on the south. At that point, cables were strung around the upper portion of the main structure, and large machines pulled the elevator down to the south. The process started on Friday morning and the structure was toppled by 2 p.m. Excavators were then used to load the debris into semi trailers, and it was hauled away.

## EPS

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tioned policies will take place later in the meeting.

The board will consider second round approval on a wide array of recommended policies including Community Relations Bulletin Boards, Display Case, and Posted Material; Business Operations Records Management and Disposition; Students Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment; Student Resident, Admission, and Contracting for Educational Services; Students Option Enrollment; Student Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism; Student Discipline; Graduation; Internal Board Policies Annual Organizational Meeting; Internal Board Policies Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings.

Other 'action' items are:  
• Approve 2026/2027 board goals  
• Approve bid for gym lobby women's restroom  
• Approve kitchen drain system bid  
• Approve transfer of funds into Wolfpack Account  
The board will discuss extra duty assignments prior to adjourning.

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Edward R. Murrow

# High property taxes are easy to describe, harder to solve

High property taxes are easy to describe, harder to solve

That time of year is nearing – the time when you have to pay the second half of your property taxes, due by the end of July.

It's a big check, and I write two of them, one for my house and one for the small farm that's still in the family.

No one likes to write these checks, and we don't need a state hotline – as launched by Gov. Pillen recently – to tell us that.

I'll save the state some money and the governor some time by stating the obvious – just about everyone thinks property taxes are too high in Nebraska.

Some think "way, way too high" and others think "maybe just a tad too high." But everyone thinks they're too high.

Exacerbating the problem is the rise in the value of homes and farmland. In my case, my modest house is worth 54% more than it was five years ago, according to my local assessor. The farm's value has risen 33% over that span.

That, of course, is good news. Our homes and our land are investments, so we want investments to increase. But since our property taxes are partly determined by the valuation, it's also bad news.

School districts and others who rely on property tax income to operate set the tax levy, and when property values are rising like they are, they typically either lower the levy or retain the same levy so that our actual tax bill doesn't increase too much.

But I don't think that rising valuations, or even local spending, are the reason property taxes are so high. It's because we've reduced the other taxes that we use to finance government, sales and income taxes. That, in turn, has shifted the load more heavily onto property taxes. Tax geeks (which I suppose includes me) call this the "three-legged stool." In concept, each of the three taxes, property, sales and income, should provide a similar amount of revenue, creating a stool with three legs of equal size.

But instead of pursuing that, the Legislature and governor have chosen to cut income taxes significantly, and seem to annually pass new tax credits and exemptions that erode sales taxes.

They also carved off a quarter-cent of state sales taxes for highway construction a few years back, which wasn't a horrible idea but it also helped imbalance the three-legged stool.

Why not, I always wondered, increase the "user fee" on highway use – fuel taxes paid by truckers and motorists – instead?

The answer, of course, is that "raising taxes" have become dirty words, words that a few years back resulted in some state senators getting booted out of office after the gas tax was hiked to expand highway construction (a really good idea in our vast state).

Somehow "tax shift" has also become a verboten phrase, even though that's what this state needs – a shift off property taxes and onto sales and income taxes.

It's really easy to outline the problems with the state's tax system, and much harder to make the needed changes. Every governor over the past 30 years has discovered that.

To make some needed changes, it will take the state's business and agricultural communities to agree on some things, as well as conservative and progressive state senators to compromise.

Some folks will have to agree to pay new taxes on stuff in exchange for lower property taxes. Why not raise gas taxes? It's one of the few ways we can have non-Nebraskans (those traveling across I-80) help pay the load.

It's a real test of leadership, one that will require the next governor to work with a lot of interests.

But I'm pretty sure that a hotline isn't going to help.

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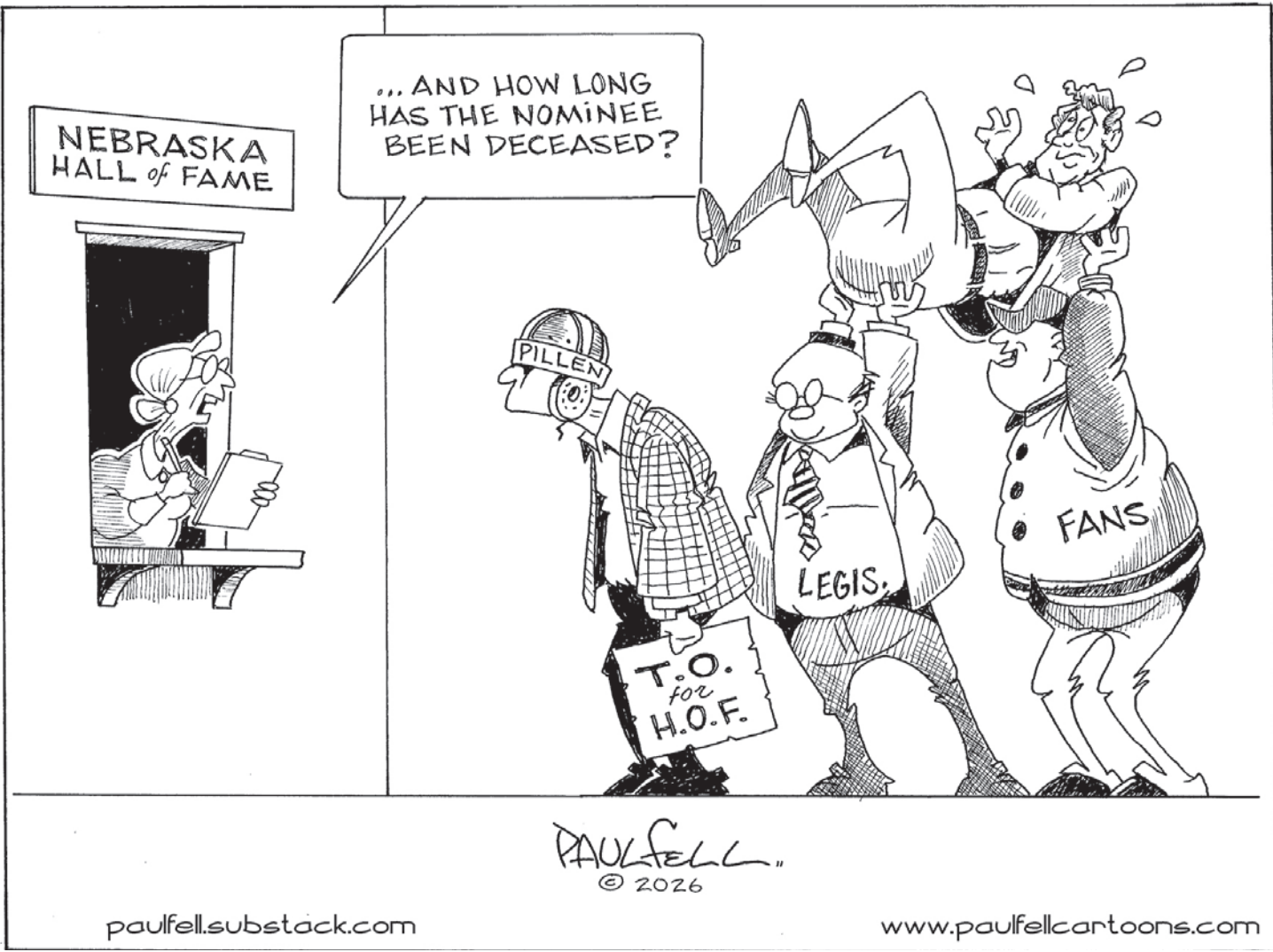
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# Making the good life even better

Last week, I spent the Senate's July state work period on the ground in the Good Life listening to my fellow Nebraskans and learning new ways I can advocate for them in Washington. Hearing folks' stories, concerns, and ideas enhance my legislative plan for how to boost quality of life, create jobs, lower energy prices, and honor our country through art and community involvement.

While in Lincoln, I toured Southeast Community College's new Welding Technology Center, which just opened last August. This 100,000 square-foot facility features 196 state-of-the-art welding bays, making it the nation's largest welding training center. President Illich then showed me the college's health sciences building, a four-story hospital, lab, and learning environment where healthcare students train for the workforce. I was so impressed by SCC's

commitment to addressing Nebraska's skilled workforce shortage and their partnerships with government and industry leaders.

Next, I stopped in Davey to visit Otte Oil and Propane. During the visit, I

learned that Nebraska has more than 54,000 homes primarily heated by propane gas. Fuel from Otte Oil and Propane also supports agricultural, commercial, and transportation uses across Nebraska. I appreciated the

chance to get a firsthand look at propane operations and to better understand the role propane plays in powering Nebraskans' daily lives.

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U.S. Senator  
**Deb Fischer**

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## FROM THE HILL



Congressman  
**Adrian Smith**

Americans about our nation's rich history as we continue

# Learning by meeting constituents

When I am not fighting for Nebraskans in Washington, I am back home meeting with constituents across Nebraska's Third District. From Kimball to Auburn, Valentine to Superior, and everywhere in between, the conversations I have with Nebraskans help shape my work in Congress. There is no substitute for hearing directly from the people I represent, and every visit gives me a better understanding of how I can better serve our state.

Another priority of mine is supporting our communities by creating more opportunities for people to engage in meaningful ways with their government and our nation's history. Earlier this week, I was pleased to join local leaders and community members in Gering to welcome the Freedom 250 Truck at the Gering Civic Center. This traveling museum, one of only six touring the country, is helping educate Americans about our nation's rich history as we continue

to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. It was a privilege to help bring this unique exhibit to western Nebraska and celebrate our shared heritage close to home.

From Gering, I traveled throughout western Nebraska to visit with community leaders and hear firsthand how decisions in Washington are affecting the communities I serve. One stop was the Western Nebraska Veterans Home, where I always enjoy visiting with residents and staff. I appreciate Administrator Stavely and the entire team for the outstanding care they provide to the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country. Hearing directly from residents about their experiences helps me better understand how Congress can continue supporting those who have served.

I then hopped back on the road and traveled to Sidney, where I met with the folks at Sidney Regional Medical Center, a critical health care provider serving families across western Nebraska. As a member of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, one of my top priorities is ensuring that every Nebraskan has access to quality health care, regardless of their zip code. Facilities like Sidney

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# In defense of 'those people' - aging adults deserve respect and honor

**By Julie Masters**  
*Nebraska Examiner*

Recently, I heard someone mention "those people" when discussing a strategic approach to working with aging adults. The comment was surprising not only because of the tone but because the person could easily be confused as being one of "those people."

Admittedly, I have used this phrase at some point in my younger years, not fully appreciating its impact. Now that I, too, am one of those people, aging has taken on a different complexion.

Becoming an older person is not easy nor is it something Western culture embraces. Look at any influencer on social media or a fashion magazine. Youth is in. The cosmetics industry is one such example.

By 2033, money spent on anti-aging products is estimated to exceed \$100 billion. That is a good chunk of money to hide a natural and inevitable part of the lifespan. What if this money was spent on preventive efforts?

Remember, "OK Boomer?" A half-joking, half-serious attempt to diminish the perspectives of an aging population. People laughed – but at

whose expense?

And for those fearful of being accused of repeating a story or oversharing information, a tendency to retreat from gatherings can happen. If you have been on the receiving end of "you already told me that story," feeling embarrassed is not so unusual. And so is the question of one's cognitive state. Is this the start of old-timers (sic) disease?

BTW – LOL, time spent with younger people also produces the occasional rinse and repeat of a story that is meaningful to them. Are we apt to tell someone under 40 years of age ... you've already told me this story? Probably not.

It seems, based on anecdotal comments and observations, there is an effort to shame people for having the audacity to age. It is not so much their aging that offends us – but our own prospect of aging that prompts us to find ways to shame the process and the outcome of a life lived.

Aging is a process not an event. Recent research highlights aging begins in the womb. Habits and behaviors when we are young have a long-term impact over the course of life. It is not so much aging we abhor but the effects of a life

lived without regard for the consequences that rile us. Something to ponder.

Aging also includes the trials of being vulnerable to those less interested in our welfare. Frauds and scams are the leading cause of elder abuse for older adults. A recent exploration of this topic by a student at Skutt Catholic highlights the importance of seeing older people deserving of respect, attention and dignity by families and those working in the field. An important and promising contribution from someone starting out in the world.

And our own May UNO masters and doctoral graduates in gerontology completed impactful theses and dissertations on such topics as end-of-life planning in long-term care and the impact of COVID on loneliness for people living in retirement communities. All important and relevant research at this pivotal time in history.

Planning our own future self and engaging in healthy behaviors today in preparation for tomorrow is critical, especially if the aging process is of concern. Future aging is more than a retirement account. It includes physical, spiritual, cognitive and social exercise that benefits from continual

effort over the life-course. Exercise works.

There is no shame in aging. Yet, "Over the Hill" parties meant to be entertaining leave people dreading turning 40 or 50, not to mention freeze in fear at the thought of life after 60.

It is also worth noting, "those people" didn't start their day hoping they would experience physical or cognitive decline in later life. What are we doing to ensure the support provided to "those people" would be the same for us? Because one day, it may very well be us facing such changes.

Just imagine a world without older people. Who would teach us how to endure, with resilience, the challenges of life and loss? And when the power grid fails, who will be there to show us how to use a mechanical can opener, cook on a charcoal grill, or provide family history not captured through social media or other contemporary means.

Their knowledge is priceless.

Upon reflection, it is safe to say, "those people" are deserving of our defense, respect and innovative solutions to honor them as we ourselves plan for the day we become one of "those people."

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# New, longer blades to be installed at Prairie Breeze I

## Commissioners told old blades to be hauled to a lay-down site ‘somewhere in the county’

By Greg Tharnish

Special to The Elgin Review

Meeting yesterday (July 14), the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) heard a report concerning upcoming modernization and updating of the Prairie Breeze I (PBI) wind farm, located southeast of Elgin. Representative Abe Davis of Terraform Power Equipment, owner of PBI, told the ACC of new and more modern blades to be installed beginning sometime in 2027.

The new blades, he said, will have “icing sensors” to prevent ice sling and low-flying plane sensors as well. Warning lights at night will only come on when a plane is within 1,000 feet of the tower blades. The main issue for the Antelope County Road Department will be the size of the new blades. The old blades, which will be hauled out to a lay-down site somewhere in the county, are 164’ long. The new blades are 45’ longer, making them 209’ long. Turn radius’ and weight of work equipment will be a challenge for the road department, affecting road intersections, bridges, and maintenance of roads.

Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe presented the ACC with three underground permit requests from Great Plains Communications (GPC) who will soon begin installing fiber optics in the north part of the county for rural customers.

Also, Kluthe informed the ACC of a bridge issue on 516th Avenue, north of Clearwater. The approximately 210’ bridge needs new decking to support the heavy traffic coming across it. The road department will maintain and monitor the bridge until major work begins on it in the spring of 2027.

Zoning Administrator Megan Wingate said her department, along with others across the state, are discussing and considering restrictions on future data centers in their respective counties.

In August, County Clerk Lisa Payne and the ACC will begin the county budget process. The county budget, due in Lincoln by September 30, will be heavily scrutinized with particular focus on the road department.

# New state laws go into effect Saturday

This week, I am continuing the series highlighting several of the more than 100 new laws that will go into effect on Saturday, July 18.

Some of those new laws include provisions from the following legislative bills:

LB727 by Senator Kauth authorizes law enforcement agencies to obtain, maintain, and possess epinephrine autoinjectors for use by law enforcement officers. The intent of this legislation is to allow law enforcement officers to administer epinephrine, such as in the form of an EpiPen, to treat severe allergic reactions in cases of emergencies;

LB745 by Senator Juarez drops the requirement that students receiving a GED must be at least 18 years old to receive their diploma. Currently, 16- and 17-year-old students can take the test and pass, but they cannot officially receive their

diploma until they reach the age of 18;

LB768 by Senator Dover allows the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to enter into a contract to allow the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority to administer all housing programs for the state. LB768 also includes the provisions of Senator Hallstrom’s LB819 to extend the sunset of the Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing and Middle-Income Workforce Housing programs from 2029 to 2032;

LB823 by Senator Wordekemper modernizes data collection for land management burnings by establishing distinct definitions for both controlled burning and prescribed burning. LB823 also requires burn permit applicants to identify whether they are performing a prescribed burning or a controlled burning and the number of acres planned to be involved

in the burning;

LB955 by Senator Hardin restores the longstanding ability of pharmacists to enter collaborative practice agreements with physician assistants who prescribe under existing law. This legislation was brought following a recent Board of Pharmacy reinterpretation of the existing statutes and led several Nebraska health systems to remove physician assistants from these agreements, resulting in delays to medication access and forcing unnecessary handoffs to physicians who sometimes did not know the patient;

LB1022 by Senator Murman provides an exemption to the human relations training requirement for applicants who hold an existing teaching certificate or permit from another state and individuals seeking a Nebraska substitute teacher certificate. This legislation seeks to reduce a barrier which

makes it more difficult to bring in some new teachers due to the costs and time associated with taking a human relations course; and

LB1055 by Senator DeBoer requires Adult Protective Services (APS) employees in the Department of Health and Human Services to undergo training related to caring for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia every five years. This bill aims to ensure APS

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District 40 Senator

Barry DeKay

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I later visited Restore A Muscle Car, touring their 40,000-square-foot restoration and parts facility, including the showroom, assembly area, body shop, and storage building. We talked about the importance of investing in workforce development and the growing need for skilled trades technicians — a conversation that reinforced why I’ve long advocated for expanding vocational education and apprenticeship partnerships across Nebraska and our nation.

To round out the week with celebrations for America’s 250th birthday, I spoke at events in York and Seward marking the 50th anniversary of the I-80 Sculpture Project. Fifty years ago, leaders from the federal government, the State of Nebraska, local communities, artists, and private supporters came together with a bold vision.

They recognized that, in addition to helping people get where they need to go, our interstate system could also serve as a gateway to culture, creativity, and discovery.

For 50 years now, these sculptures along the interstate have shown how public investment and private support can work hand in hand to strengthen tourism, enrich communities, and create landmarks that showcase our state’s identity.

For me, this rededication ceremony was personal. My dad, Jerry Strobel, served as director of the Nebraska Department of Roads. Before serving as director, he held various roles within the department, and he supported this sculpture project in the 70s. Though he was an engineer and builder of roads and bridges, he also understood the importance of enriching our communities and our state through art.

Looking back, it’s remarkable to see how this idea has endured for half a century and become such an important part of Nebraska’s cultural landscape. Thanks to the efforts of the Nebraska Arts Council, a new generation now has the chance to learn about these iconic works.

Next week, I return to Washington to finish official business for

the month of July.

Then, I look forward to traveling across Nebraska during the August state work period to meet with even more small business owners, local officials, producers, and more.

## Smith

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Regional Medical Center and Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff play an essential role in making that possible by delivering high-quality care closer to home.

The next day, I headed to Ogallala to meet with the Keith County Board of Commissioners and local Rotary Club during one of their regular meetings. It was a great opportunity to hear about the important work they are doing to strengthen their community while sharing updates on the work I am doing in Washington on behalf of Nebraskans.

I wrapped up the day back in Gering at the annual Oregon Trail Days Kickoff BBQ. Oregon Trail Days has long been one of my favorite Nebraska traditions, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the pioneer spirit and strong communities that define western Nebraska.

Whether I am in western Nebraska or traveling to any of the 80 counties across the Third District, spending time with constituents will always be one of the most rewarding parts of serving in Congress. The conversations we have during district work periods directly influence the priorities I take back to Washington and the work I do on your behalf.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas, concerns, and perspectives with me. Your input makes me a better representative, and I look forward to continuing to work together to keep Nebraska the Good Life.

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**Thursday, July 23:** Liver & onions OR ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pears, bread & butter, milk.  
**Friday, July 24:** Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk.

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Courthouses in Antelope and Wheeler Counties will have some special visitors next month.

A three-day trip totaling over 600 miles and 16 Nebraska courthouses is on the agenda as the Nebraska Supreme Court prepares to embark on this year’s Summer Tour, being held August 10-12. Each year, the Supreme Court dedicates several days to traveling to courthouses statewide to meet with judicial branch staff, tour courtrooms, and learn about Judicial Branch initiatives.

During the courthouse tours, the Chief Justice and fellow justices will meet with various county board members, lawyers, and community leaders to thank them for their dedication to their local courts and the judicial system.

This year’s Tour coincides with the recognition of Nebraska Trial Court Week, which is set aside to highlight the critical

role of Nebraska’s dedicated trial court judges, court clerks and administrators, official court reporters and court staff who comprise the Nebraska state trial courts.

The tour kicks off on Monday, August 10 in Merrick County, before proceeding to Howard and Sherman Counties. The first day concludes in Custer County, with a special proclamation ceremony in honor of Trial Court Week.

Day two visits will be to Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Greeley, and Wheeler Counties. On the return leg of August 12, the Court will visit Holt, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Polk, and Butler Counties.

The summer tour provides an opportunity to showcase new initiatives, celebrate achievements, and foster collaboration among various stakeholders in the local, legal, and judicial communities.

Data centers can guzzle serious water

Some Nebraskans worry, tech giants seek solutions

By Anila Yoganathan  
*Flatwater Free Press*  
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Google’s Nebraska data centers consumed about 732 million gallons of water in 2025, the tech giant recently self-reported.

Viewed one way, that’s a lot of water: More than Omaha Metropolitan Utilities District customers use in an average week, combined, according to data from MUD.

Viewed another way: It’s less than you think. Google data centers consumed about as much water as it takes to irrigate between 2,500 to 3,500 acres of central Nebraska cornfields, according to Anthony Schutz, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law professor.

Nebraska irrigates about 9.1 million acres of agricultural land, UNL experts say.

“It remains a small amount relative to that,” Schutz said.

Water has emerged as a point of contention as companies consider building more data centers in Nebraska, potentially adding to a current crop that already includes Google’s three data center locations in Omaha, Papillion and Lincoln, Meta’s Sarpy County data center and

Mobile food pantry coming to Neligh on July 21

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as other businesses, churches, and individuals will be dispersing food on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

others.

Local residents and water professionals worry that new data centers could use up water in certain parts of Nebraska, where water availability can vary widely and where wide swaths of this agricultural state are suffering through extreme drought.

“The majority industry across data centers and energy, I think my view is we’re doing the right thing, but is there a percentage of bad actors that are going to be that drunken sailor or pirate that doesn’t care? Yeah,” said Pete Marin, the CEO of T5 Data Centers, which owns, operates and develops data centers in the Midwest and across the country.

**How data centers use water**

On an April night, residents in and around Adams gathered for a special meeting to discuss the large tracts of nearby land that Omaha-based energy company Tenaska had recently optioned, potentially to build a natural gas plant and data center project. Much of the meeting focused on water.

The roughly 70 people in attendance wondered: How many center pivots running in southeast Nebraska equals one data center’s water usage? They debated, did math, tried to compute how much water might be sucked out of the ground if a new data center were built in Gage County.

Here’s a problem, though: The amount of water a data center uses can vary from little to millions of gallons per year, according to experts studying the industry.

And here’s another: The only way to know how much water or power data centers guzzle is if the companies that own them are transparent. While some like Meta, Google and Amazon are, others, like xAI, are less transparent, said Jonathan

Coach Eisenhower to coach NCA all-star girls

The 46th NCA Senior Showcase Girls’ Basketball Game is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

The game, scheduled to tip-off at 6 p.m. at Lincoln North Star High School, will feature the best graduated seniors from across the state.

It will also feature a style of play Elgin Public-Pope John has become accustomed to in recent years.

Serving as assistant coach for the Red team will be Wolfpack coach Randy Eisenhower.

He told *The Elgin Review* Monday night he and Head Coach Scott Guzinski want the team to play a full court, fast tempo game.

That’s the style of play Wolfpack teams have done for years under Eisenhower’s tenure which has made EPPJ a serious contender for a spot in the Girls State Basketball Tournament year after year.

“It’s going to be a very competitive game,” he said.

Eisenhower has attended these all-star games for years,

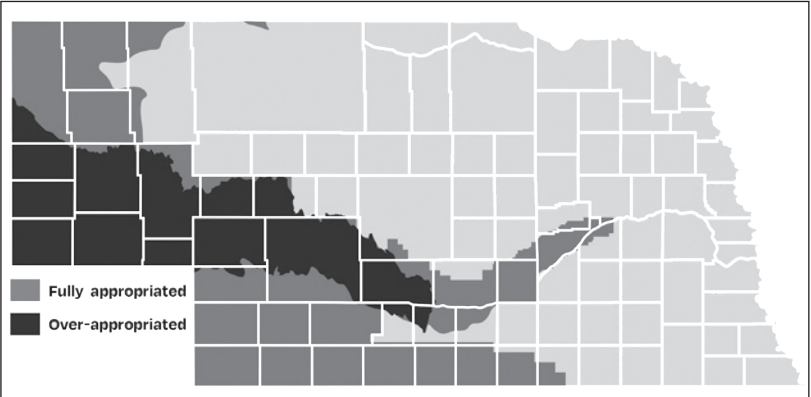
sitting in the stands. This year will be a new experience being on the bench coaching in the game. The annual all-star event divides the state’s top graduated seniors into two squads:

Red Team — Kendall Anderson, Lincoln Northstar; Emelia Daubendiek, Omaha Marian; Halle Dolliver, Malcolm; Madalyn Dolliver, Pender; Eleanor Griffin, Lincoln Southwest; Sonya Guzinski, Oakland-Craig; Mikkel Parker, Omaha Nation; Ava Reed, Scottsbluff; Karissa Stengel, Maywood-Hayes Center; Halsey Thomalla, Gothenburg; Stella Williams, Omaha Westview; Kate Wulf, Blair.

Blue Team — Karlee Baack, Seward; Bailee Durant, South Sioux City; Taryn French, Gretna East; Avaerie Graves, Lincoln Southeast; Jaisie Jansen, Crofton; Ani Leu, Lincoln Northstar; Ava Markowski, Lincoln Pius X; Eden Peterson, Cross County; Clara Spargo, Dundy County Stratton; Kallen Stauffer, Norris; Lauren Sterup, North Bend; Hadley Walsh, Pender.

Head coach of the Blue team is Jeff Thober of Shelton, assisted by Coach Wally Johnson of Norris.

The game will be telecast statewide on Nebraska PBS.



These are areas of Nebraska where the water supply has been either fully or over- appropriated, meaning that generally before a new water user can come online, an older user could have to go offline.

Koomey, a researcher who has studied data centers since the 1990s.

Meta self-reports water withdrawal, which translates to the total amount of water the data center takes in from the local water supply. From 2020 to 2024, Meta’s 4-million-square-foot Sarpy County data center withdrew anywhere from 26.7 million gallons to 37.5 million gallons, with the numbers varying each year.

For its Nebraska data centers, Google reports withdrawal and consumption, which shows how much water is used and not returned back to the local water supply.

Google built its Papillion data center in 2019, an Omaha data center in 2022 and then announced the Lincoln project in 2023.

The company self-reported consuming 46.6 million gallons of water in Nebraska in 2022. But that figure spiked to 134.7 million gallons in 2023 and skyrocketed to about 732.1 million gallons in 2025. The company also has a data center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, which the company self-reported consuming more water than any of its other data center locations in 2025 at 1.3 billion gallons. Companywide, Google expects its data center water consumption to grow.

Data centers can use water to cool the building and the computer servers inside the building. Keeping everything cool ensures the equipment inside doesn’t malfunction.

These centers also use many methods and technologies for cooling, some of which are also used by large office buildings, airports and other industrial-scale facilities, Koomey said.

As the water worries continue, advances are being made that could soon allow data centers to use far less of it, said Dan Diorio, vice president of state policy at the Data Center Coalition.

“I think water use will go down, certainly,” he said. “I think the new technologies are going to be very water efficient.”

**Nebraska water availability**

Water availability isn’t created equal in Nebraska, with some areas of the state far more fortunate than others.

Omaha’s water utility can supply about triple the amount of water it needs on an average day, pulling both from wells near the Platte River and sur-

face water from the Missouri River.

Meanwhile, Lincoln withdraws water from wells near the Platte River.

Groundwater supply is variable east of Seward County, while west of the county, there’s a lot more, according to Schutz.

While data centers have typically located within urban areas, developments have moved farther out to suburbs and rural areas as fiber and infrastructure have improved, Diorio said. This raises concerns for water professionals in Nebraska who worry data centers might choose an area that either doesn’t have enough water already or whose water supply is already fully allocated.

“From a logical, common-sense perspective, we really need to stop putting industry in areas where they can’t be supported” by natural resources like water, said John Winkler, general manager of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District. “... It doesn’t make sense to put a data center in an area that’s very water insecure to begin with.”

Some swaths of Nebraska have available water, while in other parts of the state, both surface and groundwater are fully allocated, Powers said.

For groundwater, this means that for a new user to come online, an older one will first have to stop using water. Additionally, surface water primarily hinges on annual precipitation, and its supply varies more than groundwater, said John Hay, an energy extension educator at UNL.

Water professionals in Nebraska are still getting their heads around what new data center developments could mean for their jurisdictions. Hay said energy and water professionals would “feel a lot better” if they could know how a new data center plans to use water, where that water will be going, total annual use and maximum daily use.

The Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment will begin to collect information like annual water use and energy demand later this year, following a new state law requiring this passed by the Nebraska Legislature this year.

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Wrapping up the breeding season

As we move through July, many spring-calving herds are nearing the end of breeding season. If bulls were turned out in late April or early May, now is a good time to think about when they should come out. That decision has a direct impact on next year's calving season, labor, marketing, and your bottom line.

A defined breeding season pays dividends. A shorter breeding window leads to a more uniform calf crop, tighter calving and weaning periods, and fewer late-born calves to manage. Calves that are closer in age and weight are easier to market, easier to sort, and may better fit value-added programs or uniform load lots.

It also supports reproductive efficiency. Cows that calve early have more time to recover and cycle before the next breeding season. Over time, keeping pressure on a defined calving window helps identify females that consistently breed back on time and those that fall behind.

There are reasons producers sometimes stretch the season. A longer breeding window may result in a few more bred cows and avoid selling opens during the lower fall market. But that comes with a trade-off. A wider calving season usually means more labor, harder sorting, less uniform calves, and reduced performance from late-born calves at weaning.

If you're on the fence, one option is to extend the breeding season slightly, then pregnancy check early enough to sort cows into early-bred, late-bred, and open groups. That gives late-cycling cows another chance, while still allowing you to manage and market groups strategically. Late-bred cows may be sold separately, moved to a different calving group, or managed differently than the

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

core herd.

For operations using artificial insemination followed by natural service, bull removal is especially important. Leaving bulls out too long can dilute some of the benefits of AI, including synchronized calving, genetic improvement, and a heavier, earlier-born calf crop. Pulling bulls on schedule helps preserve those gains. This is also a good time to record information. Note bull turnout and removal dates, breeding pasture groups, bull assignments, and any cows that showed late heats, health problems, or other concerns. Those notes can help guide pregnancy check decisions, culling, and next year's breeding plan.

And don't forget about the bulls. Once they are pulled, they are easy to overlook, but post-breeding care matters. Many bulls lose weight during the season and may be dealing with hoof problems, injuries, pinkeye, foot rot, or parasite pressure. Check body condition, evaluate feet and legs, treat health issues, and provide nutrition to help them recover. Younger bulls, especially, may need extra time and feed to regain condition before winter.

If you have multiple bulls, consider sorting by age or size to reduce fighting and allow more targeted management. Bulls are a major investment in your herd's future genetics. Taking care of them after breeding helps ensure they are sound, fertile, and ready for next year.

As this year's breeding season winds down, take time to step back and evaluate the plan. Pulling bulls on schedule, recording good information, and caring for bulls after turnout can help set up a more productive and profitable calving season next spring.

Lindstrom launches petition drive to qualify nonpartisan bid for Nebraska governor

After months of speculation, former state Sen. Brett Lindstrom submitted paperwork to the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office

By Zach Wendling Nebraska Examiner

LINCOLN — Former state Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha is officially jumping into the 2026 race for Nebraska governor as a nonpartisan candidate. Lindstrom, 45, who served

in the Legislature between 2015 and 2023 before being term-limited, would join the ballot against Gov. Jim Pillen of Columbus, 70, a Republican who beat Lindstrom for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 2022; former Democratic state Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont, 63, whom Lindstrom served with for six years; and Rick Beard of Omaha, 58, a wine professional and private chef chosen by the Legal Marijuana NOW party. Registered nonpartisan Mike Picard of Omaha, a Navy veteran who is club director and head coach of ENVY Volleyball Club, which offers scholarships to underprivileged youth in the Omaha area, is listed as Lindstrom's running mate on sample petitions.

Pillen is running again with Lt. Gov. Joe Kelly, a longtime prosecutor. Walz and Beard have not yet selected running mates.

In a statement to the Nebraska Examiner, Lindstrom confirmed Monday that "after much encouragement and consideration," he decided to enter the race.

"Our state is facing a pivotal moment in terms of how we manage our budget and create opportunities for future generations and Nebraskans deserve another choice," Lindstrom said. "Our immediate focus will be collecting the required signatures to be on the ballot, and once that is complete, we look forward to joining the discussion about the future of our great state."

Lindstrom would need to gather at least 4,000 valid signatures — including from 750 voters in each of the state's three congressional districts — by Aug. 3 to qualify for the Nov. 3 ballot. He's suggested he could still decide not to run later but

first needs signatures to have that choice.

In an interview with the Nebraska Examiner shortly before the May 12 primary, Lindstrom had described the possibility of jumping into the race as not "hyper-political" or "politically focused."

"It's much more about doing what's right and doing the right thing," he said at the time.

The fourth gubernatorial candidate An Omaha financial adviser, Lindstrom has repeatedly said he doesn't want to be a "spoiler."

"The intent is being pragmatic, practical about what this actually looks like — and more about the direction of where the state needs to go and can go," Lindstrom said in May.

Lindstrom had been a registered Republican and was one of two GOP candidates for the 2nd Congressional District after U.S. Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb., announced he would not seek reelection to a sixth term. Lindstrom dropped out in January and soon after switched his longtime party registration to nonpartisan.

The former Omaha lawmaker has said a run isn't personal to Pillen but that he has disagreed with some of Pillen's language that "has only put gas on the fire," such as in discussing immigration or describing opponents.



Former State Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha, left, talks with University of Nebraska Regent Jim Scheer of Norfolk, a former state senator and legislative speaker who served with Lindstrom. June 6, 2025. (Zach Wendling/Nebraska Examiner)

Lindstrom has also disagreed with Pillen's handling of property taxes, the state budget and economic development, of which he worries Nebraska has been put "behind the eight ball."

"It's a combination, and it's not just one thing," Lindstrom said before of disagreements with Pillen. "It's a lot of different things that I just don't think there's been a vision articulated on who we are and where we're going, and there doesn't seem to be a growth component to this equation of what we need to accomplish."

The calculus, Lindstrom previously explained, is also what he sees as an uphill climb for Walz, though he cautioned his hesitation doesn't mean he thinks Walz doesn't care about Nebraska.

"I would argue that it probably still mathematically isn't there in the state," Lindstrom said of a Democrat winning the governor's office. "That's not a knock against Lynne or anything else, but it's just the reality of it."

Walz seeks to be the first Democrat to win the Governor's Office since 1994, and she's talked frequently about working on property taxes with Lindstrom in 2018 as an example of her service.

Pillen, who touted more than \$9.5 million in campaign cash on hand by mid-June, told the Examiner in May that he's "not going to pay attention to who's in" the 2026 governor's race.

Beard, if elected, would be the first third-party governor in Nebraska's history. The general election is Nov 3.

Screen time on the rise

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 6, 2026 MEETING THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

**Elgin City Council Proceedings July 6, 2026**

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John “Mike” Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk’s office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- June regular meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, transaction report, and paying the claims

**General Checking:** Black Hills Energy, util, 1,113.87; U.S. Post Office, postage, 400.00; 118 Insurance LLC, ins, 5,209.00; AP-PEARA, srv, 130.99; Albracht Disposal Service, Inc, srv, 1,842.00; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 585.62; Antelope County Sheriff, srv, 2,850.00; Applied Connective Technologies, srv, 25.00; Beckman Lumber, sup, 224.77; Bomgaars, sup, 195.29; Bud’s Sanitary Service LLC, srv, 7,311.10; Cordell’s Sales & Service, LLC, rpr, 446.88; Corner Service & Tire, LLC, rpr, 6.00; Criss Co Inc, rpr, 4,350.00; Dean’s Mar-

ket, sup, 1,346.45; Display Sales, sup, 7,615.00; Dvorak Construction, srv, 130.00; Eakes Office Solutions, sup, 532.21; Elgin Body and Glass, rpr, 203.36; Elgin Library Foundation, srv, 628.35; Elgin One Stop, fuel & sup, 1,706.03; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, util, 4,378.96; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, srv, 350.00; Flenniken Plumbing & Heating Inc., rpr, 100.00; Graham Tire Norfolk, rpr, 4,071.92; Great Plains Communications, util, 422.54; In the Swim, sup, 917.95; Johnson Service Company, srv, 7,341.25; Kittelson Welding, srv, 285.00; Kristin Childers, travel, 235.88; Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, srv, 429.00; Midwest Laboratories Inc., srv, 497.15; Municipal Code Services, srv, 300.00; Municipal Supply, Inc. of Omaha, sup, 911.21; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, srv, 15.00; Neligh Auto & Machine Inc., rpr, 115.36; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 17.10; Petersburg Building & Supply, Inc., sup, 80.91; Pollock Redi Mix, sup, 7,104.32; RecSupply, sup, 306.52; Sapp Bros, Inc - Elgin, sup, 59.64; Speed Services, srv, 225.00; Subsurface Solutions, dues, 360.00; The Elgin Review, print, 349.60; Nebraska Department of Revenue, tax, 1,619.62; United States Treasury, tax, 4,995.43; American Funds Service Company, retirement, 741.56; Payroll: 35,138.90

**Debit Card:** U.S. Post Office, postage, 36.35; Verizon Wireless, srv, 33.72; The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, travel, 269.00

**Rescue Checking:** Amazon Capital Services, sup, 45.97; Bound Tree Medical LLC, sup, 199.00; Dean’s Market, sup, 32.33; Echo Electric, sup, 237.91; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 74.00; Elgin Pharmacy, sup, 277.85; Jerry’s Feed Service, sup, 677.60; TC Vet Clinic, sup, 138.70; One Billing Solutions, srv, 232.71

- Resolution 2026-1, a resolution to adopt the City of Elgin Economic Development Plan and to submit Propositions to the qualified electors of the City of Elgin at the November 3, 2026 general election for the purpose of establishing an Economic Development Program and increasing the local option sales and use tax by 0.5% to fund the program
- Resolution 2026-2, a resolution of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, directing the sale of certain personal property more particularly described as a Zoll AED Plus
- Miscellaneous iron sitting at the sewer plant to be sold for iron
- Approve \$210.00 for flowers and mulch at Centennial Gardens
- Transfer \$10,000.00 from sales tax for the cement repairs at the library
- Contact the power company

to see if they would cut down the dangerous tree at the library due to its location near a power line, and if not, get two separate bids and, provided a bid received is below \$2,000.00, have the tree removed as soon as possible due to the potential danger

- Estimate for a 2026 Bad Boy Rouge 61” mower for \$11,455.00 from Cordell’s Sales & Service
- Building permits: Nathan Niewohner
- Regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: none
- Trash rates
- Maintenance report: roots found in sewer line by 400 S 2nd St, wells were tested
- Sheriff’s report: May-86 hours 36 minutes and thirteen 911 calls, list of unlicensed dogs to sheriff department
- Pool report: LB 759 to end the NDHHS swimming pool inspection program
- Clerk report: legislative changes discussed at June conference, employee comp time policy
- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026

Mayor Mike Schmitt  
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers  
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formal public hearing dedicated to presenting key factors and community input that shaped the proposed route. The final line route will be announced no earlier than 30 days after the public hearing.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 7, 2026 MEETING THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska July 7, 2026**

Vice-chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of June 23rd, 2026 Board of Commissioner and Board of Equalization Meetings. Public comments. Correspondence was reviewed. Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer’s Fund Balance, Treasurer’s Miscellaneous Revenue, and Sheriff’s Monthly Report. Zoning Administrator no report. Approved two (2) promotional grant requests.

Commissioners Dittrich and Jacob will complete quarterly jail inspection.

Met with Weed Department for review and follow-up.

Hear from NPPD regarding Antelope – Holt County Transmission Line Project.

Set public hearing date for 852nd Road Closing. Highway Superintendent discussed various road projects.

Road Superintendent Report: approved one (1) oversized permit.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
NEIL WILLIBY  
Vice-chairman of County Board  
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk  
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 9, 2026 MEETING ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Neligh, Nebraska July 9th, 2026**

Vice-chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Hear and decided 21 protest. Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
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## NOTICE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE**

The Antelope County 2024/2025 Audit was completed by Lengenmann & Associates, P.C. There were no significant findings. The report is filed at Antelope County Clerk’s Office and is open for public inspection.

/s/ LISA PAYNE  
Antelope County Clerk  
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## DeKay

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employees are equipped with the knowledge to properly interact and de-escalate confrontations with individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is [bdekay@leg.ne.gov](mailto:bdekay@leg.ne.gov). My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln,

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## The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

*Editor’s note: This week marks another installment of a new series tied to our nation’s 250th birthday in July 2026. As we 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.*

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M Attorney, diplomat, public official, educator; member of the Virginia House of Burgesses (1769-75); member of Virginia Committee of Correspondence; member of the Continental Congress (1775-76) where he was signer and principle author of the Declaration of Independence (1776); member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1776-79) where he introduced proposals for the complete abolition of the slave trade and total religious freedom; Governor of Virginia (1779-81); reelected to the Continental Congress (1783); sent with Benjamin Franklin and John Adams to negotiate treaties with European nations (1784); after returning (1789), Jefferson served as Secretary of State under President George Washington (1790-93) and as Vice-President under John Adams (1797-1801); elected as third President of the United States he served two terms (1801-09); retired to Monticello where he helped found the University of Virginia (1819); died on the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1826) a few hours before fellow- signer John Adams; wrote his own epitaph, which declared, “Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the Statue of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia.” – Original Intent, The Courts, the Constitution, & Religion by David Barton.

What a life! In 1774 he wrote a powerful pamphlet called, “A Summary View of the Rights of British America,” which was addressed to the King and even printed in England. The royal governor in Virginia tried to prosecute him for high treason but due to his popularity among the colonists, the governor withdrew those charges.

A note of interest: Washington, in last year of office, spent 16% of the federal budget to ransom sailors who were captured by Muslim terrorists at sea. Adams, in his last year as President, spent 19% of the federal budget to do the same. When Jefferson became President, he sent the marines to kill the terrorists because he had studied the Koran and knew you could not negotiate with them. Doesn’t that sound familiar?! The Marine song refers to it in the phrase, “To the shores of Tripoli.”

Thomas Jefferson was a man of great wisdom and insight; therefore, I will let him speak as he stated:

“A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.”

“I believe the States can best govern our home concerns and the general (Federal) government our foreign ones. I wish therefore...never to see all offices transferred to Washington, where, further withdrawn from the eyes of the people, they may more secretly be bought and sold as at market.”

“I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume (the Bible) will make better citizens, better fathers, better husbands... the Bible makes the best people of the world.”

“Of all systems of morality, ancient or modern, which have come under my observation, none appear to be so pure as that of Jesus.” (Thomas Jefferson to William Canby in 1813)

“I hold the precepts of Jesus as delivered by Himself, to be the most pure, benevolent and sublime which have ever been preached to man.”

“The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart.”

As citizens today, I think it best we return to these values which made our nation so great!

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Spinning Tales

Dads and sons playing ball

Elgin's past and future ball diamond heroes could be found on the ball field Monday night and it was a sight to see.

We were there to get a team photo of Elgin's Pony baseball team and stuck around to watch the action for a couple of innings.

It was the dad's against the sons for softball bragging rights. Maybe. It was more about what is great about summer's pastime.

Since Elgin doesn't have a Legion baseball program, pony league is the end of the line for some of these players. Yes, there is always an exception as a few Elgin players go on to play ball in other communities. For them, the team continues. The sound of the bat hitting the ball still rings sweet in the ears.

Flashing leather still brings out the cheers as does a pitcher who dominates from the mound.

This is what summer is all about. The same applies for girls softball.

Chevrolet had a marketing campaign years ago that focused on 'Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and ended with the car logo. The advertising campaign implied if you were enjoying baseball and hot dogs and apple pie, you should be driving a Chevrolet automobile.

I don't think Dad drove a Chevrolet car and pickup because of the catchy words and tune. He drove a Chevrolet because the car dealer he liked to trade with was his neighbor down the road and had reliable service. Dad did most of the work on his vehicles himself because, after returning home from Europe after the war, a dealership offered him a job. It didn't last long, maybe a year or two, because he wanted to farm. The rest is history.

This essay isn't about farming, it's about baseball. Did you know more movies have been made about baseball than any other sport? For my money, the best movie ever made about baseball was 'Field of Dreams' with Kevin Costner. As the movie said, throughout our nation's history it seems there has always been baseball.

Other baseball movies which made a mark in my world were 'Pride of the Yankees', 'The Bad News Bears', 'A League of Their Own' and 'The Sandlot'.

Walter Matthau played a hilariously grumpy, yet lovable little league coach. Lou Gehrig's spirit was captured by Gary Cooper on the big screen.

A dads versus sons softball game would make a great movie, maybe some day some one will tell the story ...

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Summer has a blur, but it did leave some lasting memories. After 53 years, the New York Knicks are NBA champs again. Jim Klein would be proud, RIP.

June was the College World Series. Oklahoma won the trophy, West Virginia won the fans with their play on the field and their singing of 'Country Roads' by the late John Denver.

And then there's the World Cup. Setting politics aside, Asians and Europeans, North and South Americans all getting along drinking beer and eating Ranch dressing and shouting "Goalllllllll!" when the moment is right.

President Reagan was right years ago when he said to imagine how much the world could accomplish if we set aside our differences.

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Just a personal note - Boyd Batenhorst was laid to rest yesterday (July 14). I never saw a man fight so hard, never give in to a debilitating disease like he did. Many of you knew the man as a photographer. I didn't know him well, he was generally at one end of the gymnasium and I was at the other. But, over the course of years we talked camera equipment often.

He was a shooter. My definition of a shooter is a person who knows his equipment and how to capture the moment, he knows how to get the shot. Shooters, for the most part are laid back. They get their shots and, without fanfare, move onto the next assignment. They are always looking for the best shot, not the same shot that everyone else is taking.

Viewing the world through a lens is a gift many try but few master. Boyd was a master and led by example.

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salsa. Coming in a strong third is pasta sauce. The produce for canning comes from her 25 x 40-foot backyard garden with an additional plot at a friend's home.

"Canning is cost efficient if you grow your own produce," she exclaimed. "You can live on pennies" and enjoy homegrown fruits and vegetables all winter.

Miller credited Brandon's grandma, Edna Wilkinson (deceased 2010), with her first canning lesson back in 2006. With help from Google searches, she learned more details and found her own rhythm.

Now, thanks to honed skills and a newly remodeled kitchen at home with a 16-foot-long island, she can have four processes going at once.

Miller calls the Elgin Farmers Market 'The Well' since it references the need to gather at the well for water, both in Biblical times and metaphorically today. She's thinking about a new name that represents a slower-paced haven from the bustle of life that's peaceful, fun, and welcoming.

"I just love spending time with people," Miller said. "I want to create a hub to do my work and bring people together." Her work expands well beyond the farmers market. She describes herself first and foremost as a homemaker focused on being a wife and mother to three girls and one boy ranging in ages from 11-17 years old.

She also owns a wellness company selling natural products for health care.

Check out the market on Saturday, July 25, take a minute to visit with the vendors and greet others from the community, then purchase some locally grown, garden-fresh vegetables; maybe some sourdough bread or starter; handcrafted items; eggs; local honey, and more.

Or most anytime, check out the rack outside the farmers' market building that generally has canned goods and other items to purchase. See the price list on the sheet hanging above the rack. Use the QR code to pay via Venmo.

Running a successful farmers market in Elgin, one of what USDA estimates at 8,000 in the United States, requires recruiting vendors, coordinating schedules, promotion, and creating an inviting atmosphere.

The result for shoppers is the opportunity to buy fresh, seasonal food and for farmers to realize a higher share of the food dollar by selling directly.

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### Dads sweep doubleheader over Elgin Pony 14&U baseball team

Elgin's Pony 14&U baseball team took to the field one last time this season, on Monday night, to face their dads in a softball game. The dads swept a doubleheader. Pictured are (front row, l-r): bat boy Harrison Lodge, Myles Veik, Sawyer Veik, Cecil Shavlik, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Carter Selting and Brogan Billings. Middle row: ass't. coach Baylee Busteed, Garrett Busteed, Cael Bottorf, Liam Pelster, Harmon Borer, James Lodge and Jacob Niewohner. Back row: Matt Pelster, coach/parent Adam Veik, Brian Selting, coach/parent Steve Busteed, Chad Billings, Steve Bottorf, Lee Shavlik, Craig Niewohner, Keith Borer, Ryan Lodge and Randy Eisenhauer.

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## Bank of Elgin takes second at ACHF Tournament

On Friday, July 10th, the Antelope County Healthcare Foundation held its 21st Annual Golf Tournament at the Summerland Golf Club.

A total of 108 golfers from area communities and businesses participated.

Team winners of the tournament were – Championship Flight - First Place: Heritage Bank of Norfolk, Second Place: Bank of Elgin and Third Place: Cornerstone Bank; First Flight - First Place: The Real Bank of Elgin, Second Place: The Long Shots and Third Place: Hild Construction and Second Flight - First Place: Par-Tee Girls, Second Place, Overland Rehab and Third Place: ADD and a Golf Tee.

Members of the Neligh Family Dentistry won the sportsmanship award.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the healthcare needs of Antelope County.



Photo submitted

The Antelope County Healthcare Foundation held its 21st Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, July 10 at the Summerland Golf Club. The second place winner of the Championship Flight was the Bank of Elgin, consisting of team members (l-r): Liam Heithoff, Kyle Heithoff, Trent Ostransky and Matt Euse. One hundred and eight golfers from area communities and businesses participated. Proceeds will go towards the healthcare needs of Antelope County.



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## PJCC 50-year class reunion held

The Pope John class celebrated their 50th class reunion on Saturday, July 11 in Albion, hosted by Tammy Nolan and Kathy McPhillips. Twenty-nine classmates out of a graduating class of 42 were in attendance (five are deceased). Special guests were Steve Lodge, Sandy Lodge (Zegars) and Steve Selting, who moved to O'Neill in our grade school years. Attending were (back row, l-r): Ted Pelster, Kevin Dinslage, Joe Schrage, Dan Pelster, Alan Kallhoff, Joe Pelster, Gary Borer, Ken Bode and Merle Moser. Middle row: Mary Forney (Cheatum), Jerry Schmitz, Carol Brennan (Salber), Andy Henn, Dale Schindler, Bob Schiltmeyer, Phillip Starman, Dan Schueths and Janice Eischeid (Kerkman). Front row: Jill Dunning (Benda), Carol Boyd (Jochum), Nancy Parks (Borer), Sandy Zabka (Borer), Kathy McPhillips (Roth), Karen Allemang (Theile), Margaret Jackson (Walz), Marian Wehr (Eischeid), Lori Milburn (Heithoff) and Tammy Nolan (Heithoff)

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While Karen was at her reunion, Bob visited the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and John Dine of Omaha, and knew that his sister Linda Koenig of Oklahoma was also visiting them.

When Bob arrived at his sister Betty's house, he was surprised to learn that his other siblings, Joe and Lisa Koenig, Carol Smith, and Mary and Jeff Bohning, all of North Carolina, were also there and had planned a month-early, surprise 70th birthday party for Bob.

Everyone, including Bob and Karen, along with the Dine's daughter Stephanie and her husband Ethan Fangmeier and daughter Noa, and Elise Bohning, of Omaha, gathered at the Dine home Saturday morning for a continuation of Bob's pre-70th birthday celebration.