

Apple Cranberry Salad

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen



Good day, I love it when my family and friends let me share some of their favorite recipes. I went to a bridal shower awhile back and had this salad for the luncheon. It is so delicious, I just had to have it and needed to share it.

Thank you to my dear friend Mary. If you're wanting a fresh and light salad for your summertime menu, give this a try. I am sure you will make it again.

So delicious.

JoAnn

1 bag romaine lettuce
1 cup craisins
1 bunch green onion chopped
1 red apple chopped
1 cup cashews

APPLE CRANBERRY SALAD

1 4 oz bag cheddar cheese

Dressing
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup salad oil
1/3 cup cider vinegar

1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1 Tbs poppy seeds

Mix dressing of sugar, oil, vinegar, salt, mustard and poppy seeds. Set aside. Note that this makes enough dressing for a double batch of the lettuce mixture.

Put all the lettuce, craisins, onions, apple, cashews and cheese into a bowl.
Shortly before serving, pour dressing over the lettuce and toss.

SEASONED CRACKERS

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

2-3 tsp dill weed
2 pkgs oyster snack crackers aka soup crackers

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

#18 board approves kitchen, RR projects

Two projects in the gymnasium building at Elgin Public Schools were approved during last week's meeting of the District #18 Board of Education.

The one project the public will notice are the improvements made on cold winter nights. The board voted 5-0 (board member Ron Bode was absent from the meeting) to proceed with improvements to the gym lobby women's restroom.

The restroom will receive a makeover. Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said the restroom "will look nice when done" as, aside from other improvements, the restroom will receive a fresh coat of paint.

However, one issue Brock-

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Hawkins

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in a juvenile case. According to court documents, Smith made no suggestion that the defendant was currently impaired. "The court, having observed the defendant in court during the prior juvenile case, had no indication she was impaired or otherwise unable to understand what was happening. The Court inquired of the defendant who indicated she was not impaired and understood what was happening. The Court declined to recess the proceeding to require a drug test in the juvenile case.

Hawkins is alleged to have picked up a package from the Oakdale Post Office which investigators believe contained fentanyl which was allegedly then given to Hawkins' six-year-old daughter to deliver to a home in Oakdale where Dugal and Shane Sleister resided.

Dugal allegedly took the drug and died later that day after being taken to Antelope Memorial Hospital, Sleister is also believed to have taken the drug but survived after being administered three doses of Narcan by emergency responders at the scene. He was in the courtroom for the July 22 hearing.

Investigating the case were members of the Antelope County Sheriff's Department and the Nebraska State Patrol.

Hawkins' next schedule appearance in district court will be on August 26 at 9 a.m. in Neligh for arraignment.

Fair

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in the horse arena (7 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 29 — Dairy show (12:30 p.m.); First year bucket calf show (4 p.m.). The day wraps up with Ag Olympics in the livestock arena

Thursday, July 30 — Activities begin with the rabbit show at 8 a.m. followed by the sheep show at 1 p.m.; Goat show will begin at 3 p.m.; Livestock judging contest at 6 p.m.; Doubles Extreme bull riding in front of the grandstand (8 p.m.) with the beer garden open from 6 p.m. to midnight

Friday, July 31 — One of the most popular events of the fair is the swine show which starts at 8 a.m.; Poultry show (1 p.m.); the carnival will be open from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.; the second night of Doubles Extreme bull riding gets underway at 8 p.m. and the beer garden will be open from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday, August 2 — A kids pedal tractor pull begins the day near the tennis court (8 a.m.); Beef show (8:30 a.m.); late in the afternoon (approximately 4 p.m.) the livestock premium auction will get underway. Other activities that evening include a barbecue, brownie & ice cream social, Aksarben Farm Family awards; the beer garden open from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; and the annual demo derby (\$15,500 purse) in front of the grandstand (8 p.m.)

Sunday, August 2 — A pancake feed will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Riverside Park; church services at the pavilion (10 a.m.); 4-H Fashion Revue & Awards (noon); Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pullers (5 p.m.) with the beer garden open.

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Baum joins LMA committee

The Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) announced the appointment of its leadership committees for the 2026–2028 term during the association's Annual Convention in Deadwood, South Dakota.

The appointments follow what was the largest Annual Convention turnout in LMA history, reflecting members' commitment to working together on behalf of the livestock marketing industry and rural America. "LMA has never been better positioned for members to get involved and make a difference," said LMA President, Joe Goggins.

The following individuals will serve in committee leadership positions for the next two years:

Government and Industry Affairs Committee

Chairman: Brody Peak, Emporia Livestock Sales (Kansas)
Jim Akers, Blue Grass Stockyards (Kentucky)
Devon Baum, Elgin Livestock (Nebraska)
Joe Don Eaves, Tulsa Stockyards (Oklahoma)
Josh LeMaster, LeMaster Livestock (South Carolina)
Bracken Marburger, Milano Livestock Exchange (Texas)
Jay Nordhausen, Ogallala Livestock and North Platte Livestock (Nebraska)
John Robertson, Coleman Livestock Auction (Texas)
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THURSDAY, JULY 30
7:00 AM-9:00 AM FARMERS PRIDE PANCAKE FEED
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5:00 PM NELIGH CHAMBER BARBECUE,
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7:30 - 10:30 AM PANCAKE FEED, RIVERSIDE PARK
10:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE-BY THE PAVILION
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Second verse same as the first — more budget cuts needed

Reporters take a lot of notes, and as I recall, the notes I took during 2023 when the state approved dramatic cuts in state income taxes had supporters saying: “don’t worry, if the state gets into financial straits, it could pause the cuts.”

Well, let’s fast forward to today. Gov. Jim Pillen, in a recent letter to state agencies, told them to tighten the belt a little harder because the state is short of tax revenue. Again.

The governor said that agencies should cut spending by 5%, freeze new hiring, and restrain costs of travel, membership dues and new equipment.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

This comes as state tax revenue continues to lag behind projections. Ok, let’s go back a couple of years. In 2023, the state was swimming in extra cash, in large part due to funds sent to states to recover economically from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State Legislature and Pillen, likely thinking that the “good times” were here to stay, passed a very ambitious, phased-in reduction in state income taxes, reducing the state’s top rate of 6.84% over four years to 3.99%. (The battle cry was that if Nebraska didn’t lower its income tax rates, like several other states, people would not move here, or would move away. Research has also shown that to be a bunch of that stuff they scrape out of feedlots – people relocate primarily for other reasons: to be close to family, for a better job, or to retire in a better climate.)

Now, everyone loves a tax break, but a few savvy state senators posed the question: “That’s a pretty steep cut, what if the state runs short of money (something that happens pretty regularly) what do we do then?”

Again, my notes reflected reassurances from the tax cut proponents (who are now mostly gone from the Legislature) that “if times get tough, a future Legislature could pause the cuts.”

Well, that hasn’t happened. Lawmakers and the governor absolutely could not do that earlier this year because 2026 is an election year. Gotta think about getting re-elected.

This latest letter from Pillen means the third straight year of budget cuts for state agencies. Instead of maybe pausing the income tax cuts, or reducing their size (thereby preserving hundreds of millions in tax revenue), state leaders want state agencies who serve us to go on another fiscal diet, cutting services, laying off workers.

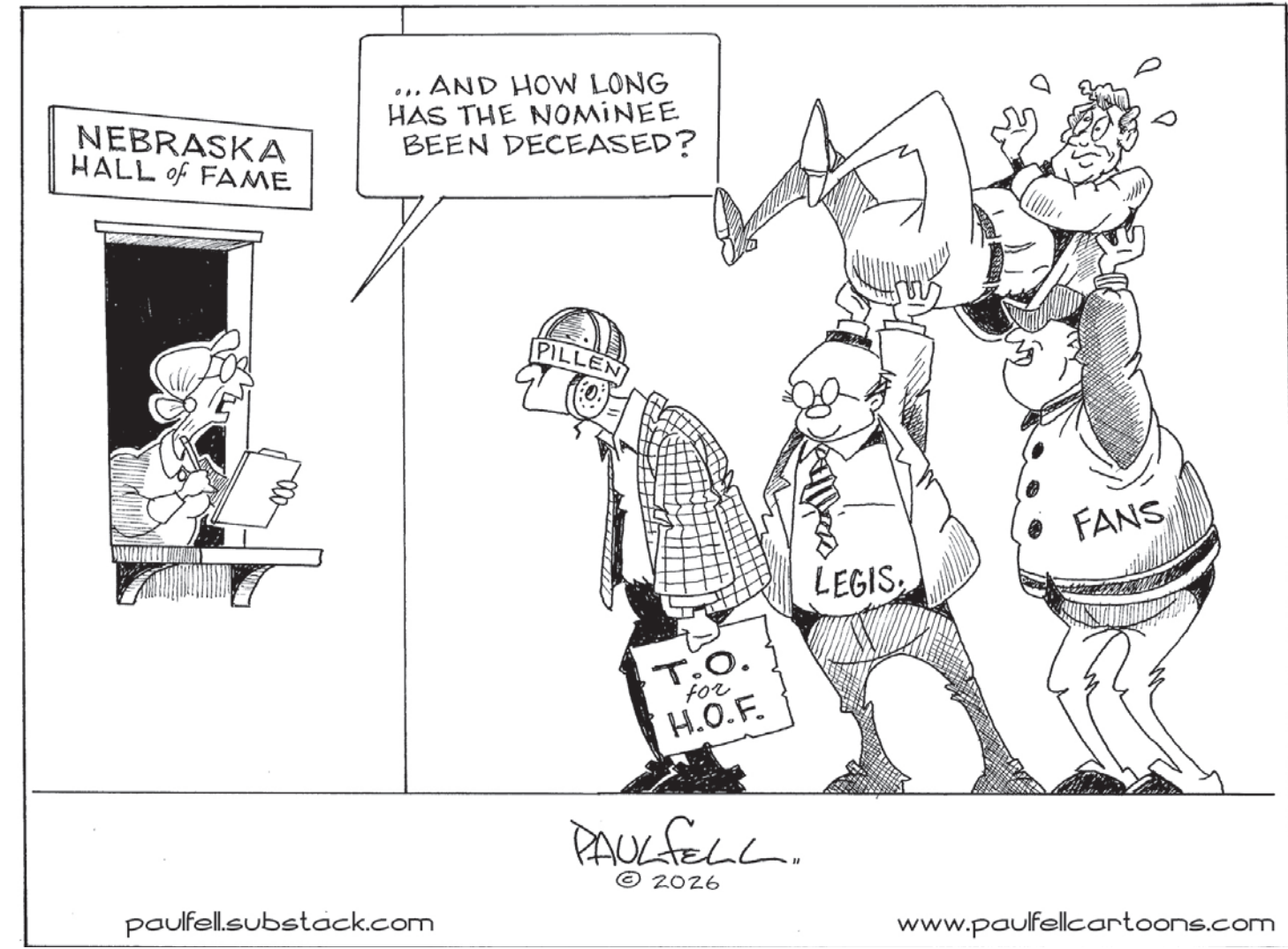
I thought University of Nebraska President Jeff Gold said it best after stating that NU faced another \$36 million in cuts, just after cutting \$20 million by eliminating programs and giving buy-outs to professors.

In so many words, Gold said it’s hard to build an excellent university “if we are operating in a constant cycle of cuts and related restrictions.”

According to the Legislative Fiscal Office and Department of Revenue, those income tax cuts were projected to reduce state revenue by between \$470 million and \$572 million in the fiscal year that just ended on June 30.

That ain’t chicken feed, and is one of the main reasons state agencies have had to make budget cuts the past two years, and are being asked to cut again.

Seems to me, we have some tough times, and it’s time to take a “pause” or



slightly reduce the income tax cut for a year or two.

It would allow state agencies like the University of Nebraska to catch their breath a bit, and allow state income tax payment to catch up a bit. Maybe farm prices will improve, or foreign trade will resume.

The state could still, maybe a year

or two down the line, reduce that top rate to 3.99%, which was a worthy but overambitious goal.

But of course, that would take some political courage and leadership. We will see

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

History worth preserving

On July 4, 2026, we celebrated 250 years of the greatest experiment in self-governance the world has ever known—the United States of America. From the thirteen original colonies to the fifty states, one federal district, and several territories we know today, our nation’s history is nothing if not storied.

From hardship to triumph, oppression to freedom, and everything in between, what makes our nation great is our ability to acknowledge how far we have come. It is our will-

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

ingness to reflect on our history while also celebrating all that we have achieved. America’s history should never be viewed through an overly idealistic lens, nor through an ideology that reduces it to little more than a catalog of sins. A recent report from the White House’s Domestic Policy Council has found one of America’s premier institutions, the National Museum of American History, has miserably failed to present our nation’s history objectively. According to the report, the museum’s leadership has increasingly presented America’s past through a pessimistic lens, replacing balanced historical interpretation with ideological advocacy.

The report raises an important question: What is the true purpose of history?

By definition, history is a written or otherwise documented account of past events. It is not a perfected retelling designed to make us feel good, nor is it a selective narrative crafted to make us feel ashamed. History is an honest account of what happened, examined as truthfully and objectively as possible.

During the dedication ceremony for the National Museum of American History in January 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson captured that purpose perfectly. “The more we understand the meaning of the past,” he said, “the more we appreciate the winning of the future.” He continued, “If this Museum did nothing more than illuminate our heritage so that others could see a little better our legacy, however so small the glimpse, it would fulfill a noble purpose.”

That noble purpose was never to portray America as flawless. Neither was it to portray our nation as one defined primarily by regret, tragedy, and shame. Rather, it was to tell the American story honestly—its victories and failures alike—so future generations could better understand the country they inherited.

History demands honesty. It requires us to confront slavery, segregation, discrimination, and every chapter in which America fell short of its founding ideals. Those stories deserve to be told, and they should never be hidden.

But honesty also requires that we tell the rest of the story.

It requires us to remember the generations who expanded liberty, defended freedom, abolished slavery, secured civil rights, advanced scientific

discovery, defeated tyranny abroad, and continually worked to build a more perfect Union. To remember only our failures is no more truthful than remembering only our triumphs.

There is nothing shameful about loving one’s country. Patriotism does not require believing America has always been perfect. It requires believing America is worth preserving, improving, and passing on to the next generation.

Loving America is not complicated. It is an acknowledgment that, despite our imperfections, the United States remains the greatest experiment in self-governance the world has ever known. It is the only nation where those who criticize it most fiercely remain free to do so because of the liberties protected by its Constitution. That is not a contradiction, but one of America’s greatest strengths.

If our history is to mean anything, it should inspire gratitude as much as reflection.

Investing in American children

Earlier this month, Nebraska families gained access to one of the most significant investments in the next generation that Washington has made in years.

On July 4, 2026, tax-advantaged federal child savings accounts — known as Trump Accounts — became available to every U.S. citizen under the age of 18. For parents across our state, this opens a new avenue for building long-term financial security for their kids, starting from day one.

Here’s how it works. Babies born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028, qualify for a one-time \$1,000 contribution from the U.S. Treasury. Babies born before or after that timeframe are still eligible for an account, though they won’t receive the initial \$1,000 deposit from the Treasury. Left alone, that money will keep growing over time — no additional contributions required. But parents, relatives, and even employers can add up to \$5,000

a year on top of that. The funds are invested in American companies, meaning the accounts grow alongside our economy while helping fuel it. Parents oversee the account until their child turns 18. After that, the money can go toward education, a first home, or simply keep growing toward retirement.

I was proud to support this policy, which became law through the Working Families Tax Cuts, signed by the president last summer. I encourage every Nebraska parent to visit trumpaccounts.gov and look into signing up. You can open a Trump Account for an eligible child using IRS Form 4547 — filed through the Trump Accounts app, submitted with your tax return, or completed through the IRS’s online portal.

The Trump Accounts app is free to download on the Apple App Store and Google Play. It lets you check your child’s balance, track earnings, and see projections showing how even

modest contributions today can add up over the years. You can manage accounts for all your children in one place and make deposits in seconds. Anyone with questions can call the Trump Account call center at 866-USA-4547.

This is a pro-family initiative built to help millions of American households put the strength of our economy to work for the next generation. Nebraska’s kids deserve that kind of head start in life. I could not be more proud to have supported this generational investment in our young people.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Traveling from one end of the state to the other

The last two weeks I have been traveling across Nebraska. I received updates on critical projects in our state. I heard from Nebraskans about what’s on their mind. We talked about how we can collaborate to improve our communities.

In Lincoln, I celebrated the retirement of Brigadier General Gary Ropers. Gen. Ropers served the Nebraska National Guard for 45 years. I also attended an event to celebrate new funding for four interstate bridges. This project will ensure Nebraskans can safely and more easily get around our capital city and state.

I visited the Tractor Supply Distribution Center in Waverly. I heard how the

Working Families Tax Cuts are positively impacting their team and operations. The immediate expensing and bonus depreciation for machinery allows Tractor Supply to invest in Nebraska and across the country.

I traveled to Crawford to tour the South Fork Fire damages. I also met with the Crawford Volunteer Fire Department. I heard about their work combating the South Fork Fire. They saved Fort Robinson State Park and evacuated residents from an assisted living facility. We discussed the support they need to continue their lifesaving work. This includes a FEMA grant I helped secure that will

cover 75% of the firefighting costs. This grant makes sure that local communities do not bear the entire cost of the wildfire. Over a million acres have burned across Nebraska this year. I will continue to support our state and local efforts to help Nebraskans rebuild.

I also attended a lunch in McCook with members of the community. We discussed efforts to make housing more affordable and renew economic opportunity in the region. I shared how the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act will help. At McCook Community Hospital, I listened to

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New law expands role of human trafficking task force

This week, I am continuing the series highlighting several of the more than 100 new laws that will go into effect on July 18th. Some of those new laws include provisions from the following legislative bills:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Barry DeKay
District 40 Senator

LB320 by Senator Sanders expands the role of the state's Human Trafficking Task Force by requiring the Department of Labor to collaborate on informational posters placed in hotels, motels, and other lodging establishments, as well as additional public spaces in partnership with local businesses and nonprofits. Similar signs are already required at rest stops and casinos in Nebraska. Additionally, hotels and other lodging establishments may provide employees with human trafficking training within 180 days of hiring, implement reporting procedures, and establish prevention policies, with liability protections for the owner, operator, or employee of the establishment unless they knowingly assist in human trafficking crimes;

LB653 by Senator Murman restores the authority of schools to suspend students in grades pre-K-2 for engaging in violent behavior capable of causing physical harm. This legislation reverses a 2023 law which limited suspensions to only pre-K-2 students bringing a deadly weapon to school. LB653 also includes a provision requiring school districts that allow option enrollment to automatically accept applications for the siblings of option students. Option enrollment allows families to attend participating school districts outside the district boundaries of where they live;

LB753 by Senator Rountree recognizes and integrates military protective orders into Nebraska's civilian protection order framework. This legislation allows military protective orders to be admitted as evidence in protection order hearings and requires law enforcement to check for and report violations of military protective orders when arresting military members;

LB784 by Senator Hallstrom permits the sheriff serving in a county that does not contain a city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class to reside in such county or an adjoining county while holding office. The legislation also allows sheriff uniforms to be at the discretion of the sheriff and may be separated into classes to best fit the needs of each sheriff, while still requiring uniforms to be distinguishable from those of other Nebraska law enforcement agencies. The changes made to law enforcement continuing education take effect January 1, 2027; and

LB977 by Senator Storer updates the definition of "vulnerable road user" to include livestock handlers, thereby requiring motor vehicles to yield when encountering livestock being led, herded, or driven on a roadway. A livestock handler raising a hand is a distress signal requiring the motorist to stop immediately. The only circumstance where moving forward is permissible is if it is to avoid an accident. Violating this law can result in escalating penalties. A first offense is a traffic infraction, while a second or subsequent violation within five years is elevated to a Class IIIA misdemeanor.

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

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feedback on how we can improve healthcare in rural communities. And I met with students at Mid-Plains Community College. They are training to become EMS and healthcare professionals. These jobs are needed in our state.

In Peru, I toured the levee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Nebraska's 2019 floods were the worst in our history. They damaged this levee at 5 different points. This threatened the town of Peru and caused tens of millions of dollars in damages. With \$43 million allocated by Congress, the Army Corps of Engineers is working to repair that damage. We discussed project plans and timeline. They expect repairs to be done by November 5, 2027. The levee protects the town of Peru as well as Nebraska farmland. It also protects lives. Successful reconstruction is necessary for our farmers.

In Norfolk, I attended a roundtable with the Nebraska Farm Bureau. We discussed the importance of a new, five-year farm bill and year-round E15. I shared some of my bills included in the Senate's farm bill text. The FENCE Act would help with rebuilding efforts by allowing USDA grants for virtual fencing. The AFIDA Improvements Act would restrict Communist China from purchasing American ag land. The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Act would strengthen rural small businesses. This has been a tough year for Nebraska farmers and ranchers. We're working together to recover and strengthen our family farms.

Meeting with Nebraskans while traveling our state is the best part of this job. As Senator, just as when I was Governor, I'll keep fighting for the Good Life. This is what makes Nebraska great. It is an honor to serve you. I'll keep working to make Nebraska the best place to live.

WASHINGTON REPORT

Pete Ricketts
U.S. Senator

BCHC recognized among Nebraska's best for physician communication

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has once again earned national recognition for the exceptional care its physicians provide, being named one of Nebraska's top hospitals for physician communication by Becker's Hospital Review.

The recognition is based on Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey data collected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) from patients treated between July 2024 and June 2025. The physician communication rating reflects how well patients felt their physicians listened carefully, explained information in a way they could understand, and treated them with courtesy and respect.

Only nine hospitals in Nebraska received the prestigious five-star physician communication rating, placing BCHC among an elite group recognized for delivering an outstanding patient experience.

"This recognition is especially meaningful because it comes directly from our patients," said Caleb Poore, CEO of Boone County Health Center. "Clear communication, compassion, and trust are at the heart of quality healthcare. Our physicians take the time to listen, answer questions, and ensure patients feel informed and respected throughout their care."

The five-star rating is based on three key patient survey questions that evaluate physician communication during a hospital stay. Nationwide, just 208 hospitals earned five stars in 2025, down from 394 hospitals in 2023, making the distinction even more significant.

BCHC's team of physicians is committed to building lasting relationships with patients while providing personalized, high-quality care close to home. Whether caring for families in the clinic, treating hospitalized patients, delivering babies, performing surgery, or providing specialty services, BCHC physicians strive to ensure every

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Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Hebrews 11:1

Bartlett News

Bartlett Lions Club members met at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 9 at the old fire hall in Bartlett. Nine members were present.

Items discussed during the meeting were:

Members have turned in orders for 270, 10 pound lugs of peaches. The delivery date will be determined later.

A Kids Fishing Derby, sponsored by Bartlett and Loup County Lions Clubs, will be held Saturday, July 25 in Burwell.

The Bartlett Lions Club will donate 25 purple bags with the Lions logo. These bags were designed by member Bridget Schmidt.

The Bartlett Lions Club entered a combo Lions and Legion Club float in the Ericson 4th of July Parade. The float placed second in the Commercial Division.

Prices for food items at the Wheeler County Fair Lions Stand were discussed as well as members' working schedule.

Helen Hall and Dean Miller were sent 'get well' cards and a \$50 gift certificate.

The next meeting will be August 13 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner

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The City of Elgin will be accepting bids for a Zoll AED Plus with two adult pads and one pediatric pad. The item is believed to be operable and shall be sold in "as is" condition. Interested persons shall submit sealed bids, to the Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 104 Pine Street, Elgin, NE 68636, so they are received in the Clerk's office no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026. Bids shall be opened, and the property considered for sale at the regular meeting of the City Council on August 3, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The City will consider all reasonable bids, but reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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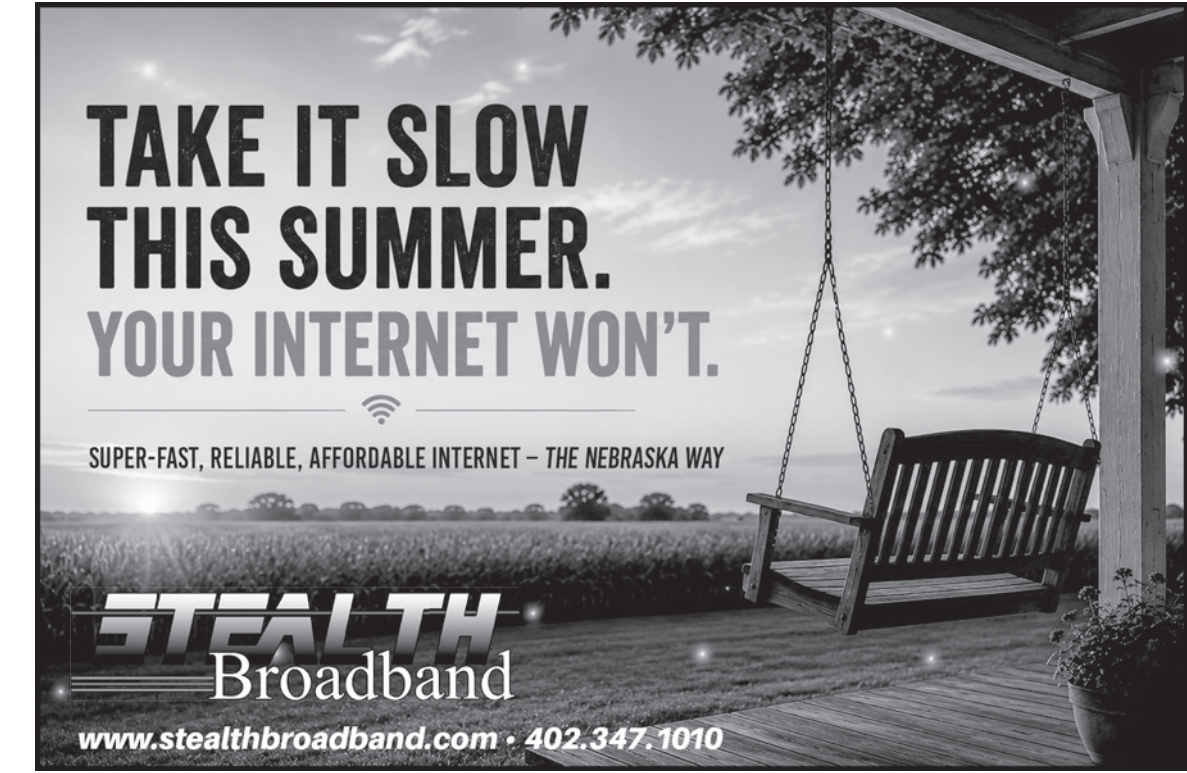
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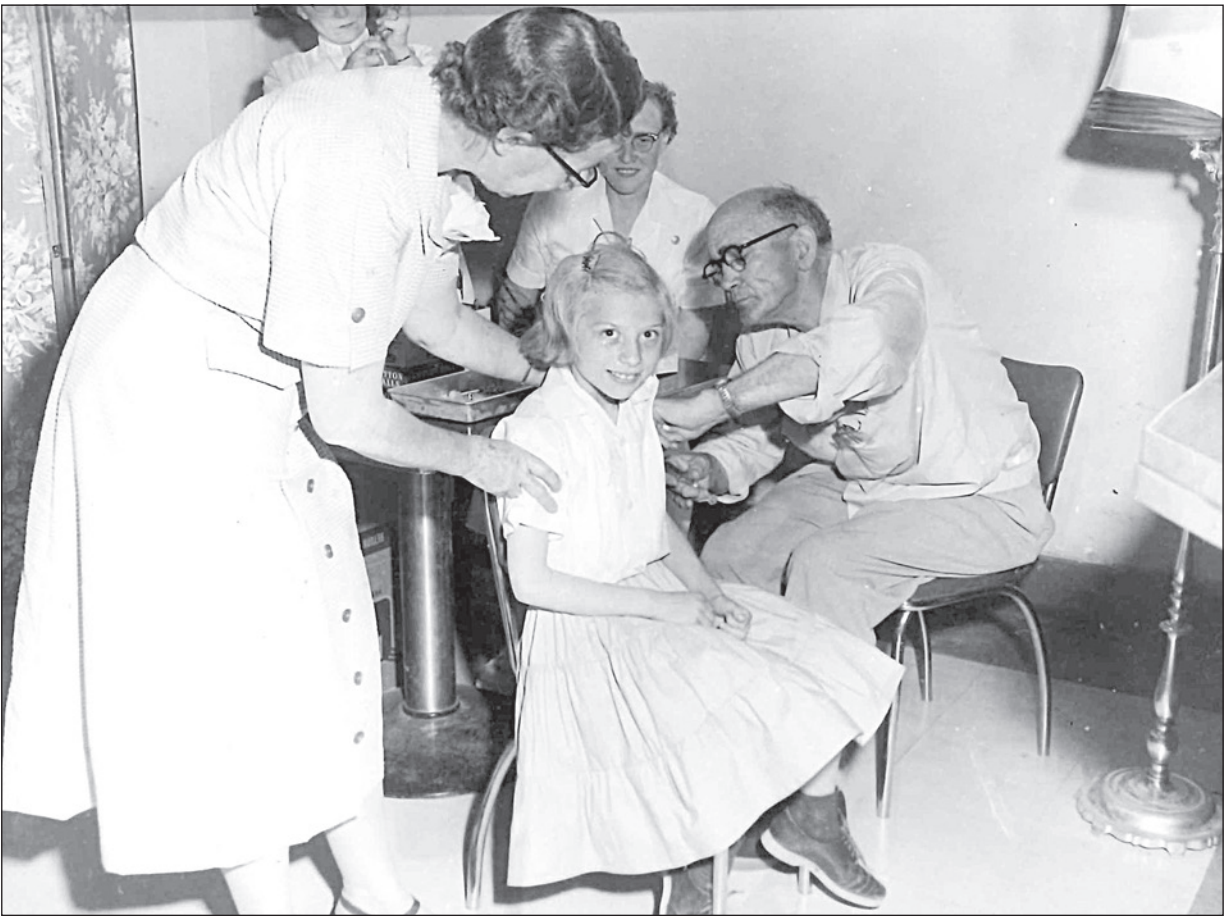
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More than 70 years ago, our nation was involved in a massive immunization program to prevent polio. As soon as they were old enough, children received a polio vaccination. Here in Elgin, Dr. W. W. Graham, assisted by his wife Ninabelle, gives a polio shot at his home to a young girl. The date was April 22, 1955. The efforts of the immunization eradicated polio in the U.S. A challenge to our readers, can anyone identify the young girl in the photo? Please send your answers to elginreview@yahoo.com

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School

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same time, it kind of scares me, the idea that I'm one year closer to being independent and not having my parents in my every day life. I don't think I'm quite ready to say goodbye to them. But, the good news is that I still have four years before I have to say goodbye.

No. 6: To any and every child out there, you know darn well that, some days, school can be so incredibly boring. There'll be days when it feels like the time is just crawling by as slow as it possibly can. When I have those boring days, I would give my right leg just to leave the building and go run around and actually DO something.

No. 7: All children, including myself, have also experienced those days where it feels like you're doing too much. The teachers pile on the homework, they talk so much that I can't decide what's important and what's just rambling, and the second they stop talking and give me time to work, the bell rings, I move on to the next class, and the same thing happens, over and over, in every single class period. And the worst part? I don't even have time for a crash-out!

No. 8: As a freshman, I'm going to have a lot more homework, and that's without the crazy pile-on-homework days. I'm sure that every student can name at least one teacher in their school that piles on homework. It's always that one teacher that all the work is for. It's always that one teacher who just piles on the homework, every single day.

No. 9: I don't think I'm ready to be a freshman yet. But at the same time, I don't want to stay an eighth grader. So, I guess, I just want time to stop for a little bit. I feel like I've been moving too fast, with no time to enjoy where I'm at. I feel like I haven't gotten time to soak everything in. Time is just... flying by.

No. 10: I'm going to have a new schedule. Now, I get a new schedule every year, and every year, the same thing happens. I. Get. Lost. It never fails. For the first couple of days, I'll look at my schedule to see where I'm going, and then, I think I'm good. I think "I've got this. I know where I'm headed." I prove myself wrong every time. I walk into the wrong classroom, look around, think "I'm not supposed to be here", and then bolt. I have to walk all the way around the building to find where my class is, and by the time I get where I'm going, I'm five minutes late, and usually, I missed something important. So I have to follow my classmates around until I actually figure out where I'm supposed to be, and when.

Parents, I hate to admit it, but, you were right. Going back to school is a good thing. It teaches us the basics of what we need to survive in the world, and it sets us up for college, where we decide what career we feel called too. On the same note: Children, you are also right, just, not as right as the parents are. Sometimes, going back to school can be scary, and you're not always ready to be older. Getting closer to leaving the house, having more responsibilities, and having to take care of yourself are all important things, but they can bring fear and uncertainty. I guess that's what school's for. It gives us twelve years of learning the basics for college and life outside of the safety of our homes. It clears up that fear and uncertainty by giving us confidence in knowing that we have everything we need to move forward in life.

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.

Roger Sherman holds a special place in the formation of our nation as he was chosen along with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, and John Adams to draft the Declaration of Independence.

He never spent one day of his life in a formal classroom, yet he was one of the most educated Signers of the Declaration. His pastor, Rev. Samuel Danbar, was a personal tutor. He had an insatiable appetite to learn.

When apprenticed to a shoemaker (cobbler), he would position a book, ready to read any moment his eyes were not needed for work. From his love of math, he produced almanacs with lunar and tidal calculations.

Responsibility for his family came by the age of 20 when his father passed away. At age 28 he married Elizabeth Hartwell, together having 7 children but two died in infancy. She passed away in 1760.

Sherman married a spirited Rebecca Prescott in 1763, twenty-two years younger than he. Eight children were born from this union, losing only one at an early age. Several descendants went on to hold high offices.

Due to his massive involvement with the beginning of our nation, again I am printing a concise bio from Original Intent by David Barton of Roger Sherman: Born in Massachusetts (1721) and grew up as a farmer and cobbler; no formal education, although he independently studied math, law, and theology; moved to Connecticut (1743); county surveyor (1745); held a number of local offices; admitted to the bar (1754); Justice-of-the-Peace for Litchfield County (1755-61); Justice-of-the-Peace and member of the Court of Connecticut(1765-66); member of the State Senate (1766-85); Judge of the Superior Court (1766-67,1773-88); member of the Council of Safety (1777-79); member of the Continental Congress (1774-81, 1784) where he signed the Declaration of Independence (1776); mayor of New Haven (1784-93); delegate to the Constitutional Convention where he signed the federal Constitution (1787); one of his major contributions in that Convention was the introduction for two houses in Congress; member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1789-91) where he helped frame the Bill of Rights; U.S. Senator (1791-93); one of only six Founders who signed both the Declaration and the Constitution and the only Founder who signed the Declaration, the Articles of Association, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution.

Roger was held in high esteem by other Founders, with Thomas Jefferson stating of him, "a man who never said a foolish thing in his life," and John Adams describing him as "one of the most sensible men in the world."

He was a firm believer in the God of the Bible, stating, "I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance equal in power and glory. That the scriptures of the old and new testaments are a revelation from God and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him."



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Community Calendar

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

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.

Tuesday, August 4
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

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

Saturday, August 15
Pope John Alumni Golf Tournament @ the Antelope Country Club.*

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Following public hearings, school board approves four policies

Following four public hearings Wednesday night, the District #18 Board of Education approved four policies.

Required to be done annually, the board approved the following all in one motion:

- Student Fees Policy
- Bullying Prevention
- Parent Involvement
- Wellness

Superintendent Mike Brockhaus briefly explained the four policies during the hearing.

Regarding student fees, the Department of Education requires a policy hearing every year.

“Currently we do not charge kids student fees,” he said. The only exception would be shop supplies.

Unlike other schools in the state, EPS does not collect money from students for transportation, summer school, etc. “It could change in the future, but I don’t see it happening,” he said.

Bullying prevention policy is the same as last years. The policy is implemented when school administration and/or staff become aware of it. “It’s helped quite a bit,” Brockhaus said of the prevention policy.

Parent involvement policy allows parents to be involved in their child’s education. One example is how the policy allows for parents to see books in the library as well as curriculum. “I haven’t had anybody ask about books in the library or curriculum since I’ve been here,” the superintendent said.

“We have opportunities for parents to be involved in numerous ways,” he added.

The four policy hearing focused on wellness. A wide ranging policy it involves meal times, how much time

students have to eat, snacks, vending machines, etc., and has been approved by the Nebraska Department of Education. Following the hearings, the policies were approved on a 5-0 vote.

In other action, work as been completed on repairing the gym floor underneath the bleachers. The floor was resurfaced last week and will soon be ready for fall sports practice next month.

“It’s done, it looks real nice,” Brockhaus said about the gym floor.

Speaking of sports, considerable time was spent at the meeting discussing the four-lane oval track which surrounds Elgin Field. The track surface has degraded to the point where Brockhaus told the board an engineer will need to be brought in to determine how to best move forward.

Not only does the track surface provide a location for the Wolfpack track athletes to practice, it is also used by a number of Elgin residents for exercise

and recreation.

Board member Todd Heithoff said he has been approached by a district patrol about the feasibility of putting in an eight-lane track with a rubber surface which could host conference meets, etc.

Currently, the Niobrara Valley Conference has only one school with a track capable of hosting the conference meet and it’s located in Bassett.

However, it was quickly pointed out that a number of issues would arise. Under its current configuration, Elgin Field does not have enough room for an eight-lane track without having to move the newly-constructed press box and take away all parking around the football field as vehicles would not be allowed on the track surface. Costs for a new track surface and other necessary items would be a big factor in any decision.

“No matter what we do, it will involve an engineer,” Brockhaus said.

Projects

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haus said which has yet to be resolved is the problem of freezing pipes due to the pipe configuration.

Doing the work will be Cedar View Construction at a cost of \$2,578.

The second project approved is repairs to the kitchen drain system. Brockhaus said the issues with the drain system must be taken care of now.

“As long as we had the bid and approve it, the work can be done later,” he said.

Brockhaus said the drain system project could be done before school starts, it just depends on the company to do the work.

Speed Service was awarded the project, submitting a bid of \$11,921.

In other action:

Transfer — The board approved a transfer of \$10,000 to the Wolfpack account to help cover the costs of new uniforms, new football helmets and other incurred expenses.

Tax resolution — The board approved 5-0 to increasing the schools district’s base growth percentage used to determine the school district’s property tax request authority by up to 7 percent.

Jail sentence waived for Norfolk woman

A Norfolk woman charged with assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor, no contest in Antelope County Court. Michelle R. Zelms, 39, appeared July 15 for a jail waiver

hearing before the Honorable Danielle Fliam.

Zelms gave an update from her probation officer, and Fliam waived the jail sentence at this time.

Court date rescheduled for Anderson

An Elgin man failed to appear for a pretrial hearing on July 15 in Antelope County Court.

David J. Anderson, 43, faces one count of leaving the scene of a property damage accident, a Class 2 misdemeanor; and one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor.

Defense counsel Doug Stratton told The Honorable Danielle Fliam that he had not heard from his client, and believed he moved.

Stratton requested a continuance. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and Fliam granted the motion.

The charges stem from an

April 22 incident, where Anderson was operating a motor vehicle during a period of suspension.

Fliam ordered Anderson to appear Aug. 5.

Fliam denied a request for early release from probation made by Richard V. Nelson, 53, of Tilden.

The judge did tell Nelson he may refile the request in 60 days or request a modification.

In 2024, Nelson was sentenced to a 30 day jail term and 18 months of probation, in addition to a \$1,000 fine on one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction); a class I misdemeanor.

Courtesy of SAM

On Aug. 25, 2025, Zelms was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine, 18 months probation, and three days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for days served.

Zelms was originally arrested for a Valentines Day incident which occurred in rural Ewing in Antelope County. She and a then 33-year-old man were drinking alcohol at his rural Ewing residence and argued about a pack of cigarettes. Zelms yelled at the man, sprayed pepper spray, punched him and, at one point, pinned him on the ground and began stabbing him on the shoulder and back with her pocket knife.

Zelms bit the man on his cheek and an unknown object entered the man's right eye. While trying to get away from the woman, she allegedly bit the man's finger. Both individuals were transported to Antelope Memorial Hospital and the man was transferred to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Courtesy of SAM

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 13, 2026 MEETING
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
13 July 2026**

The Board Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on July 13th, 2026. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman S. Plugge. The members present were S. Plugge, M. Nordhues, S. Tetschner and K. Einspahr. Also present: TJ Ellenwood, village clerk and members of the community. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Board member Einspahr proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by M. Nordhues, seconded by S. Tetschner to approve the June 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Plugge and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Williamson Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The board discussed patching potholes in the streets and the dirt portion of Randolf Street west of the school.

WATER: All water test results have come back clean.

SEWER: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Were discussed.

JUNE CLAIMS: It was moved by K. Einspahr, seconded by S. Tetschner to pay all claims except

those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$450. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Plugge and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by K. Einspahr, seconded by S. Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues’ claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr and Plugge. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

GENERAL: Myers Construction, Inc., Vac Truck w/ jetter system HR, \$3,055.00; Criss Co Inc, Bib's & Boots Service call, \$90.00; Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$89.26; Rick Custard, Potholes, park restrooms, weed eat park & shop, \$1,010.00; NNTC, Internet, telephone, \$132.59; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$58.91; Wemart, Gas for mower and spraying, \$197.27; Spalding Farm & Home, Lawn Sprinklers, hoses, park supplies, \$248.93; Plugge's Rod Shop, Mower Repair; \$66.95; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Teri Ellenwood, Salary, \$484.84; Emma Smith, Salary, \$53.86

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SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$64.36

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$64.36

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$985.85

TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: \$985.85

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$638.13; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$450.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,088.13

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$7,451.92

OTHER BUSINESS:

The board discussed getting a tool set for the shop to have on hand for minor repairs.

Mosquito Spraying was discussed and will begin being done at dusk by Roy Plugge before Wheeler County Fair.

The parade for the Wheeler County Fair on Tuesday July 28th was discussed.

Updating the computer and billing software for the village was discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Aug 10th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of July 2026.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT #18

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Elgin Public Schools generally schedules regular board meetings for the second Wednesday of each month. Regular meetings are typically held at Elgin High School. Official meeting notices for each regular and special meeting, including date, time, and location will be posted on the school district's website and in The Elgin Review. Please check our website for all meeting notices as the date, time, or location may change.

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JULY 14, 2026 PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Neligh, Nebraska

July 14th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. No action on minutes. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence. Held office inventories.

Heard from Terraform regarding Prairie Breeze 1 repowering plan. Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: AMERITAS ins 22,817.19; ANT CO COURT ex 61.00; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,009.56; FIRSTNET ut 629.89; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 48.77; BCBS ins 79,119.99; BOMGAARS ex 19.79; BROGAN LAMMLI PC ex 606.15; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,141.35; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 114.00; CM SUPPLIES ex 206.92; COLDTYPE PUB ex 270.90; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 199.09; BRYAN CORNETT ex 27.39; CUBBYS ex 1,183.21; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 677.00; DUSTYS ex 594.28; EAKES OFC SOL ex 579.52; EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 4,011.38; ELGIN REVIEW ex 146.55; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 315.66; FED W/H tax 13,482.85; FIRST CONCORD ins 3,116.45; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 425.00; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 326.96; DARELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; IRS ex 184.32; JONNY DODGE ex 136.09; KLEIN LAW ex 6,090.95; LENGEMANN & ASSOC ex 19,250.00; LIBERTY NATL ins 133.22; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 123.85; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,327.03; MR S'S ex 778.03; NATL INS SVC ins 60.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,811.57; VSP - NACO VISION ins 543.06; NCPPD ut 82.35; NEN HEATING & AIR ex 248.18; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 30.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 941.20; PITZER DIGITAL ex 262.92; QUILL ex 25.85; REGION IV ex 2,808.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,337.43; SNIDER MEM FUNERAL HOME ex 2,000.00; SOC SEC 29,967.10; STRATTON DELAY CARLSON STOVER & STR ex 5,000.00; SUNFLOWER LAW ex 1,243.76; TRUSTMARK ins 1,535.26; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; WASHINGTON NATL ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 323.10; KELLI WILKINSON ex 327.40; ANT CO TREAS ex 400,000.00; PAYROLL ; 151,520.62

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 4,137.15; AMERITAS ins 14,277.43; AMH ex 152.00; FIRSTNET ut 141.82; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER ex 3,098.73; BCBS ins 66,553.36; CITY OF ELGIN ut 71.42; CITY OF NELIGH ut 30.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.71; CM SUPPLIES ex 1,216.80; COLONIAL LIFE ins 368.11; CORNER HARDWARE ex 8.50; CORNER SVC ex 100.00; CREDIT MGMT SVCS garn 633.66; CUBBYS ex 1,480.28; DUSTYS ex 397.49; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 146.57; ERPPD ut 427.17; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 9,852.30; FARMERS PRIDE ex 28,097.21; FED W/H tax 8,146.40; FIRST

PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD CLOSURE

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE

ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the Antelope County Board of Commissioners received a petition to consider the vacation or abandonment of 852 Road between 522 and 524 Avenue. The road is located between Sections 6 and 31, Townships 25 and 26 North, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County Nebraska and between Sections 5 and 32, Townships 25 and 26 North, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County Nebraska

WHEREAS, a written report of the use of the road has been completed by the Highway Superintendent and is filed with the County

Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska, that a public hearing date be set for 9:15 A.M. the 4th day of August 2026 to consider whether or not to vacate or abandon said road. The County Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution by registered or certified mail to the abutting and adjacent landowners, including the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Adopted this 7th day of July 2026, at Neligh, Nebraska

ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 15, 2026 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Regular July Meeting

EPS Board Room

July 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the Regular July Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Steve Busteed, Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle, Eric Beckman and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Todd Heithoff motioned; Eric Beckman seconded to excuse Ron Bode from the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

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

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

Steve Busteed motioned and Luke Hinkle second to approve the Consent Agenda: #6- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #7- Adopt the Agenda, #8- Financial Report, #9- Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 5-0.

AKRS Equipment, 328.47; AMAZON, 4,270.66; APPEARA, 292.22; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,504.00; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 60.00; Bishop Business, 119.69; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 646.49; BLICK ART MATERIALS, 1,622.50; BOMGAARS, 245.93; BRAIN POP, 3,600.00; CARHART LUMBER CO - NELIGH, 404.91; CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY, 647.00; CITY OF ELGIN, 2,269.36; COMFORT INN, 279.90; DEAN'S MARKET, 42.45; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 176.75; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE-STOP,

1,662.61; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 357.71; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 2,465.15; ESU #8, 278.50; FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 1,383.00; GO Physical Therapy, 1,040.50; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 336.82; HMH Education Company, 4,972.95; HUSKERLAND PREP REPORT, 25.00; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 153.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC, 42.99; KOINZAN ENTERPRISES, INC, 66.29; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 87.00; Lexia Learning Systems LLC, 3,990.00; LIMINEX, INC, 500.00; MCGRRAW HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION HOLDINGS,, 214.52; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 4,338.81; NE RURAL COMM SCHL ASSO, 850.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL SCHOOL ADM, 235.00; NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE, 30.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, 32.50; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 226.40; Percussion Source, 655.56; PITZER DIGITAL, LLC, 104.00; Planbook Inc., 270.00; Rise Broadband, 19.30; School Specialty, LLC, 1,587.60; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, 2,988.58; SOFTWARE UNLIMITED, INC., 10,800.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 76.80; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 37.50; VERIZON WIRELESS, 715.11; VIRCO, 501.12; WAGeworks, INC., 144.50; WALMART, 188.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 309.52

Checking Account ID, 59,210.17

President Welding called the public hearing to order for Student Fees Policy, 504.19; Bullying Prevention Policy, 504.20; Parent Involvement Policy, 1005.03; Health & Wellness Policy 508.13 at 7:05 p.m. The board reviewed the Student Fees Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy, Parent Involvement Policy & Health & Wellness Policy.

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB

NOTICE OF RENEWAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Class C Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2026; said license issued to Antelope Country Club address: 52580 E Hwy 275, Neligh, NE 68756 on the premises described as follows: on the entire 100-acre tract in the NW 1/4 of Section 35, the NE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of Section 34, all in Township 25 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before August 7th, 2026, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more persons, hearings will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Dated the 17th day of July 2026

LISA PAYNE /s/

Antelope County Clerk

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There was public comment. The hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

There were no correspondence or committee reports.

In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff gave an update on the Junior Class trip. Also gave an update on the start of the school year.

Superintendent Brockhaus informed the board that the NASB Area Membership meeting has been moved to a new location. He also provided a progress report on the gym floor project and discussed possible renovations to the track and field.

In action items, Todd Heithoff motioned and Luke Hinkle second to approve the Student Fees Policy, 504.19, Bullying Prevention Policy, 504.20, Parent Involvement Policy 1005.03 and Wellness Policy 508.13 as presented. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteed motioned and Eric Beckman second to approve the second reading of recommended Policies1110 Community Relations Bulletin Boards, Display Case, and Posted Material; 3560 Business Operations Records Management and Disposition; 5004 Students Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment; 5005 Student Resident, Admission, and Contracting for Educational Services; 5006 Students Option Enrollment; 5008 Student Attendance Policy and Excessive Absenteeism; 5101 Student Discipline; 5205 Graduation; 8130 Internal Board Policies Annual Organizational Meeting; 8342 Internal Board Policies Designated Method for Giving Notice of Meetings. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, July 27: Philly cheese sloppy joes, French fries, California blend, plums, milk

Tuesday, July 28: Taco lasagna, lettuce salad, corn, mandarin oranges, garlic stick, milk.

Wednesday, July 29: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, applesauce cake, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, July 30: Breaded chicken sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, peas, apricots, milk.

Friday, July 31: Cheeseburger, macaroni salad, baked

Luke Hinkle motioned and Todd Heithoff seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Board Goals. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned, Eric Beckman seconded to approve the bid from Cedar View Carpentry for \$2,578.00 to update the women's restroom in the gym. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

The bid from Speed Services to update the kitchen drain system with equipment removal for \$11,921.00 was approved by Steve Busteed and seconded by Eric Beckman. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned to approve the transfer of \$10,000 to the Wolfpack fund, Luke Hinkle seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held and motion was made by Eric Beckman and seconded by Steve Busteed to adopt a resolution increasing the schools district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to 7 percent (7%). Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held on extra duty assignments.

Steve Busteed motioned and Luke Hinkle second to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary

Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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beans, baked fruit, 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.

Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day. For a great meal, come to the community center!

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ANTELOPE COUNTY TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT						
JANUARY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2026						
FUND NAME	BEGINNING	COLLECTIONS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING	
COUNTY FUNDS	\$ 9,568,988.24	\$ 9,645,574.97	\$ (9,731,828.57)	\$ 2,708,000.00	\$	12,190,734.64
STATE FUNDS	\$ 234,881.25	\$ 1,449,968.03	\$ (1,480,002.05)		\$ (0.28)	\$ 204,846.95
SCHOOLS	\$ 3,192,190.83	\$ 14,043,275.65	\$ (16,883,467.88)		\$ -	\$ 351,998.60
ESU	\$ 107,970.86	\$ 282,522.37	\$ (382,777.12)		\$ -	\$ 7,716.11
NE TECH	\$ 170,161.53	\$ 478,490.29	\$ (618,632.87)		\$ -	\$ 30,018.95
NRD	\$ 173,249.16	\$ 451,438.95	\$ (612,393.70)		\$ -	\$ 12,294.41
FIRE	\$ 118,094.73	\$ 298,425.55	\$ (408,567.64)		\$ -	\$ 7,952.64
CITY/VILLAGES	\$ 179,283.50	\$ 1,013,557.64	\$ (1,161,252.03)		\$ -	\$ 31,589.11
AG SOCIETY	\$ 36,231.05	\$ 94,981.75	\$ (128,615.97)		\$ -	\$ 2,596.83
AIRPORT	\$ 12,025.89	\$ 31,446.45	\$ (42,614.13)		\$ -	\$ 858.21
HOLDING FUNDS	\$ 570,378.85	\$ 7,317.42	\$ (117,078.12)		\$ -	\$ 460,618.15
TOTALS	\$ 14,363,455.89	\$ 27,796,999.07	\$ (31,567,230.08)	\$ 2,707,999.72	\$	13,301,224.60
THERE ARE REGISTERED WARRANTS/ORDERS OUTSTANDING OF \$220,515.05				CASH ON HAND	\$	639.50
				ITEMS IN LIEU	\$	12,730,481.09
				DEPOSITS	\$	570,104.01
				TOTAL	\$	13,301,224.60
I, DEB BRANSTITER, DULY ELECTED TREASURER OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY BELIEF AND KNOWLEDGE.						
				Deb Branstiter DEB BRANSTITER, ANTELOPE COUNTY TREASURER		
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Your cowherds water needs and water quality

When temperatures climb, water becomes one of the most important nutrients in a cowherd. We can spend a lot of time thinking about grazing and mineral programs, but neither goes very far if cattle don't have enough clean water.

Water intake changes with heat, humidity, diet, and stage of production. A general guideline is that lactating cows need about two gallons per 100 pounds of body weight per day. Bulls and dry cows need closer to one to one and a half gallons. For many spring-calving pairs in hot weather, that can mean 24 to 28 gallons per day for the cow, plus another 5 to 10 gallons for the calf. Larger cows, dry forage, salty feeds, or higher temperatures can push needs even higher.

Access matters too. Think about the whole system: source, pump, pipeline, storage, and tank. Cattle often drink in groups during hot weather, so a system that looks adequate across a full day may still fall short during peak use. Windmills may need more backup storage because pumping depends on wind. Solar systems need capacity and storage for cloudy periods and overnight use. Electric pumps are usually more consistent, but should still

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Ben Beckman

be checked for flow rate, pressure, and reliability.

Water temperature can also affect intake. Large tanks store more water, but if water sits and heats up, cattle may drink less. A smaller tank with faster recharge may provide fresher, cooler water, as long as it can keep up with demand. Temporary systems need extra attention. Above-ground hoses or black poly pipe in the sun can heat water quickly, and the first water reaching the tank may be extremely hot. Flushing lines, shading pipe where possible, or keeping water moving can help.

Calves are easy to overlook. If cows drink a tank down first, calves may have trouble reaching water, especially with slow refill or low water levels. Creep access to a calf-height tank, or adjusting tank height and float settings, may be worth considering.

Water quality is the other major concern. Drought, heat, and low pond levels can concentrate minerals, nitrates, and sulfates. Nitrates are especially important because the total risk comes from both feed and water. A feed source and water source may each test within acceptable limits, but together push cattle into a danger zone. This

When first announced in April, the 2026 "The Walk" conference seemed to be a long ways away. Now, it's less than two months before the celebration!

"The Walk" will be held on Saturday, September 26 at the Elgin Community Christian Church.

Featured speaker this year will be celebrity evangelist

matters when cattle are grazing drought-stressed forages, crop residues, or annual forages that may already be higher in nitrates.

Surface water deserves extra attention in July. Ponds and dams may be lower, warmer, and more stagnant, creating a better environment for blue-green algae. It is most common during hot, sunny weather and may look like green or turquoise paint, pea soup, or scum on the surface. If blue-green algae is suspected, keep cattle out and find another water source until the risk can be evaluated.

Pond management can help reduce risk. Cattle standing in water to fight flies, or walking through ponds to drink, can stir up sediment and add nutrients from manure and urine. That can make water quality problems worse and encourage algae growth. Limiting pond access, pumping water from deeper areas to a tank, and staying ahead of fly pressure can all help protect water quality.

The best approach is to check water often. Watch recharge rates during peak use. Make sure calves can reach water. Feel the temperature, especially in temporary systems. Look for changes in smell, color, or algae growth. Test water when quality is questionable.

Good water is easy to overlook until there is a problem. But in July heat, it is one of the simplest places to reduce stress, protect performance, and keep cattle healthy.

- 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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Celebrity evangelist Dylan Novak featured speaker at "The Walk"

September 26 at Elgin Community Christian Church

Dylan Novak.

Novak is the founder of Celebrity Evangelist. He works full time sharing the Gospel with celebrities, as well as preaching at churches, youth groups, camps, and schools -- all since 2015.

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

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

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

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

For the next 7 years, he continued doing this whenever attending an autograph event. He admitted that he would Google the beliefs of everyone he planned to meet so he was prepared for any questions or the responses he may encounter.

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

Immediately, there was so much I wanted to say and share with Mr. Taylor, but I didn't know how much time I could get with him, if I would even be able to meet him at all.

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

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

That night, he said he gave his hobby and whole life completely over to God. He told Him he would do whatever it was He wanted me to.

Novak spreading the Word

Novak goes on the explain his current missions.

"Sharing the Gospel with Hollywood is a forgotten mission field, and a much needed one. Since this ministry began, God has opened the door for me to share the Gospel with over 1,000 celebrities, and several life changing decisions have been made!

I am also the youth/teen pas-



Celebrity evangelist Dylan Novak (left) pictured with comedian Howie Mandel. Novak will be in Elgin on September 26. Photo submitted

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

I will also still be speaking and preaching to other churches, youth groups, and other special events. Our mission is to spread the love of Jesus Christ, and tell the world that He is the one and only way to Heaven.

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

Make plans to attend this faith-filled day!

Plants that can deter insects and wildlife

Few things can upset an otherwise beautiful and relaxing day spent in an outdoor living space more quickly than insects and pests. Some people might be unknowingly inviting insects and wildlife into their yards with the plants they've chosen to decorate their properties. But some strategic choices regarding plants can greatly reduce the risk that insects and wildlife show up uninvited.

Preventing deer Deer are majestic animals but they also can wreak havoc on a property. Deer tend to leave lots of droppings on properties they visit frequently. And the frequency of visits may be governed by the food sources on the property. While the Farmer's Almanac notes there's no such thing as a 100 percent deer-proof plant, there are some

deer typically avoid, including:

- Boxwood • Coneflower • Daffodils • Flossflower • Foxglove • Lamb's ear • Lavender • Peonies • Russian sage • Salvia • Snapdragons



Rabbit-resistant plants Rabbits are another backyard guest that can be difficult to dislike. With their big ears and small frames, rabbits are undeniably adorable.

But they're also an adversary to gardening enthusiasts because they tend to eat plants without regard for the effort gardeners put into preparing soil and planting beautiful blooms. If rabbits are wreaking havoc in your garden, these plants tend to be less pleasing to them, and it's worth noting many of these also are among the plants deer

tend to avoid.

- Artemisia • Calamint • Catmint • Daffodils • Flossflower • Hummingbird mint (agastache) • Lamb's ear • Peonies • Russian sage • Sedum • Thyme

Insects

Scents bears significant influence over biting insects that can make it difficult to enjoy outdoor living spaces to the fullest. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mosquitoes are drawn to their victims by odors those victims give off, including body odor from sweat. Scented plants can help block the receptors that alert insects to such odors. Such plants include:

- Basil • Citronella grass • Lavender • Lemongrass • Lemon thyme • Lemon balm • Petunias • Rosemary

Homeowners whose backyards attract both insects and wildlife are urged to work with a local landscaper or garden center to identify how to keep such unwelcome guests away from their outdoor living spaces.

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M Werth - 25 BLK & a few Mixed XBred Steers & Heifers, 400-425#

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ibility for fish.

Because soybean meal offers a lower-cost, reliable year-round protein source, it has changed Egypt's aquaculture industry. Egypt recognized that fish production would be the impetus for job creation, economic growth, and food security.

As fish production expanded, the need for aquaculture training became clear, leading to a partnership with U.S Soy to establish the SEC. This unique and innovative program developed practical, hands-on education for those who utilize and feed soy. Courses were developed in fish production, feed, and global best practices, drawing on local expertise.

Egypt is home to WorldFish, a world-renowned research center for fish production, which is instrumental in improving aquaculture efficiency. Collaborating with WorldFish and Cairo University was critical to the success of the SEC.

As Egypt's aquaculture industry has modernized, with continued support from programs such as the SEC, production has increased from 73,000 tons in 1997 to 1.6 million tons in 2024, according to Dr. Ahmed Nasr-Allah, director of WorldFish.

This exponential growth in aquaculture, coupled with a steady increase in poultry, has increased demand for soybean imports. Egypt is now the second-largest importer of whole US soybeans, behind China.

To learn more about this incredible growth in soybean imports and the work of the SEC, we traveled with a delegation of farmer leaders representing state soybean checkoff boards from Minnesota, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana; the American Soybean Association; and the United Soybean Board.

During the visit, the delegation toured WorldFish and saw soybean meal pellets fed to Nile tilapia in modern pond-raceway systems that recycle water, which is then used to grow produce. Farmers met with trainees in an SEC intermediate aquaculture course being held at WorldFish, and a cake was cut to celebrate the 7-year anniversary of the SEC.

I was overwhelmed by the show of appreciation for our delegation of US soybean farmers for providing this education and for helping provide food for a growing population. Trainees told me that they have learned valuable skills, implemented



Anne and Jim Meis at WorldFish, renowned aquaculture fish research center in Egypt.

new practices, and are now valued by their companies. In a country like Egypt, where the average income is \$4000/ a year, it is important to provide jobs and affordable protein.

As income levels rise, demand for protein will continue to grow, and US soybeans can be positioned to meet that demand.

Due to the success of the SEC in Egypt, similar Soy Excellence Centers have been established in Latin and Central America, India, Asia, and Nigeria. Courses are offered in poultry, aquaculture, swine, feed production, dairy, and soy foods.

As the SEC continues to drive progress, US Soy farmers, working with the protein industry, can help create a brighter future and build long-term relationships. The SECs are improving lives through education and helping create loyalty and demand for US Soy. It is a win-win.

This is a soybean check-off-funded success story, and it is an immense privilege to be a part of this journey.

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Parade, rodeo to highlight 101st Wheeler County Fair

The 101st annual Wheeler County Fair gets underway Monday, July 27 and features a week-long list of activities.

The fairgrounds at Bartlett promise to be busy during that seven-day period, with something for everyone to enjoy.

A breakdown of the days activities follows:

Monday, July 27 — Fair grounds cleanup will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Pizza will be provided)

Tuesday, July 28 — The GLW Dog show (9 a.m.); Parade (theme will be '250 Years of USA' (6 p.m.); Barbecue meal in the park (6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 29 — Horse show (8 a.m.) followed by GLW roping, working ranch and goat tying (3 p.m.) That evening (7 p.m.) 'That Hypnotist'

Thursday, July 30 — Wheeler County roping (6 p.m.)

Friday, July 31 — Small Animal Show (cats, pets, rabbits, poultry) at 10 a.m.; Fireman's BBQ (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.); Sheep riding (6:30 p.m.) followed by the rodeo (7 p.m.)



File photo

The livestock show will be Saturday morning, August 1, at the Wheeler County Fair.

Saturday, August 1 — Livestock show (swine, dairy goats, dairy, beef, sheep, meat goats) starts at 8 a.m.; Awards presentation (5 p.m.) Livestock premium auction (5:30 p.m.); Steak feed (5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.); Rodeo (7 p.m.); Live music featuring 'Loose Cannons'

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Wolfpack Sports

Spinning Tales Was the illusion real when memories are all you feel?

The road has been calling for sometime now, saying ‘follow me.’

I gave in last week, taking a day to put some miles on the vehicle and to tie up some loose ends.

It’s been several years since I had been to see my former business partner who now lives in a nursing home in Elwood. The man was a brief co-owner of *The Elgin Review*, my partner, when I came here almost 20 years ago.

Leaving work behind for a day, I took a route which took me through Ericson, Ord, Loup City, Pleasanton, Kearney, and Lexington before arriving mid-afternoon.

Thursday was an ordinary summer day. Cumulus clouds filled the sky for most of the trip. Because of that, driving in and out of shade was actually something to look forward to. So, too, were the highways.

Rural highways are like ribbons. At times, some can be straight as an arrow for mile after mile, but, the highways which wind through a valley or the sandhills make the drive not so boring.

Speaking of driving, slow vehicles are meant to be passed. On more than a few occasions I did my best ‘Danny Ongais’ impersonation to put space between them and I.

So, you may wonder, who is Danny Ongais? He was an Indy race car driver who competed there 13 times. In 1979, he led for 71 laps and appeared headed to victory when, in the final laps, he ran out of fuel. Whenever he went to pass a car in the race he would turn up the booster on the engine to quickly pass. He may have been the greatest ‘passer’ in Indy history, he definitely caught your eye when he was on the track.

Particularly in the sandhills, the fences separately property caught my eye. One particular fence took on the appearance of a zipper, just the way the posts were laid out and how they seemed to just keep going on and on.

My father-in-law used to say you could tell a rich farmer by the type of fence they had on their property, seemed the posts were freshly painted every year. Pipe fencing versus barbed wire. Both get the job done, one just looks better and costs a lot more.

Ted’s room at the nursing home was at the end of the south hall. He’s been there since his legs quit working years ago. But, this is no ordinary room. He still owns one of the best weekly newspapers in the state and runs the business side from that room. Three-ring binders sit next to his work desk on one side of the room, a bed and a recliner on the other side. This is his world now.

My friend doesn’t hear very well now, age has a habit of doing that to all of us. But, his mind is sharp as a tack. He’s one of the publishers who were the heart & soul of the

Nebraska Press Association for close to 50 years. Sadly, most of these publishers have retired or passed on. They were the men and women who believed and worked to make it so - that a great community has a great newspaper.

We talked for almost two hours about the newspaper business - what’s still good and what has gone away. He still remembers some of the people he dealt with during the time he was a co-owner. He asked about former bank president Dave Sullivan and multiple business owner Janet Koinzan.

He recently turned 95. He said he never thought he would live that long. Here’s to many more years my friend.

Then it was off to Broken Bow, straight north of Elwood. It meant going through Lexington which looks like a ghost town compared to the days when the packing plant employed a large percentage of the population there.

Fifty years ago Lexington was a great sports town. One of their best athletes was Doug Holtmeier who played for Kearney State and was a key player in their NAIA National Tournament runs. Lexington was the home of Third District Congressman Bill Barrett.

It had a lot going for it. Now, the town reflects what happens when it’s major employer leaves town.

It happened there, it could happen anywhere.

My golf partner and her husband met me at the Dairy Queen (DQ) around 6 p.m. for some ice cream. She hasn’t played golf all season (still feeling the effects of a knee replacement and being just too busy), I don’t think he’s played much in past years.

Grandparents now, they are dealing with older parent issues, grandchildren issues while addressing their own health needs. She said retirement may not be an option in the near future, that’s a different statement from a couple of years ago.

That’s where you and I are in today’s world. There once was a time when teenager and college students worked jobs at the DQ and other fast-food places. Blondes and brunettes back then have now been replaced by greys and white-haired people who can’t afford not to work.

Time takes a toll on everyone. I believe staying active is the only thing that, to paraphrase Toby Keith, ‘keeps the old man from coming in.’ More than anything, one has to stay active mentally and physically if you want to have any chance at enjoying the good life at an advanced age.

I burned the last leg of my trip (Broken Bow to Elgin) in just under two hours listening to Billy Squier and Toby Keith.

I rolled into Elgin just as the sun was setting and, playing in the back ground was ‘Squier’s ‘In The Dark.’ And the line? “You’re never sure if the illusion is real. You pinch yourself, but the memories are all you feel.”

It kinda summed up the day, a day on the road.

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The competition will begin at 3 p.m. Other area wrestlers participating are Joslynn Hoefer and Baylee Chessmore. Coaching the Nebraska team are Zac Kliment of O’Neill and Ryan Johnson of O’Neill St. Mary’s. Good luck wrestlers!

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101st Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo

July 27 - August 2, 2026

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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
2. Dairy Goats
3. Dairy
4. Beef
5. Sheep
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 Auction
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 31st for Ranch Rodeo contact James Thornburg @ 308-362-4501

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