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In Brief

Time to make appointments for bloodmobile

To be held Wednesday, August 12.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be coming to Elgin later this month. The Elgin Community Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, August 12. It will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

For an appointment, please contact Julie Dwyer at (402) 843-0151, Kyle Jensen at (402) 910-0681 or schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org.

'End of Summer' steak fry to be Friday, August 7

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.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice of Organization — Nature's Path to Wellness, L.L.C.
- Salaries/Positions — Village of Bartlett
- Notice of August Meetings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notification of Asbestos Plan — Pope John School

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 100 degrees recorded on July 20. The low temperature during the same period was 60 degrees was recorded on July 22. Altogether, 0.27 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as reported by NWS.

Date	High	Low	Prec
July 20	100	65	.00
July 21	84	61	.00
July 22	82	60	.27
July 23	97	64	.00
July 24	74	65	.00
July 25	97	65	.00
Total for last week			0.27
Total for July			0.30
Total precipitation 2026			13.74



Three new teachers join Pope John staff

Three new faces are being introduced to Pope John XXIII Central Catholic staff and students this school year.

Mark Vincent F. Pioquinto, who wishes to be called Mr. Mark, and John John L. Lausares, who wishes to be called Mr. John, have come to Elgin from the Philippines. Mr. Mark arrived in Elgin from Omaha on July 7th. Mr. John arrived in Elgin from Omaha on July 21. The third teacher that Pope John has hired comes from closer to home, Kara Seamann from Spalding.

Mr. John will be teaching music and chemistry. He has been teaching since 2004. Mr. Mark is the new English teacher, and he has been teaching since 2020. Mrs. Seamann, teaching

since 2016, is assuming the teaching duties of Preschool. All three teachers are Catholic, and all three will begin working on August 7th, which is their first retreat to prepare for the school year.

Mrs. Seamann lives in Spalding with her husband, Jeremiah, and their dog, Nala. She earned her bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from UNL, a master's certificate in Theology from St. Joseph's College in Maine, and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Concordia. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, gardening, and baking. When asked if she was looking forward to start teaching at Pope John, Mrs. Seamann answered, "Yes. I'm very excited." She was also asked what she anticipates most when she does start. She said, "Getting to know the families of Pope John and all of the students." Along with these questions, she was asked if there is some excitement about meeting the preschoolers that she will be teaching. Her answer was a simple but emphatic "yes!" Mrs. Seaman, when questioned, noted her favorite part about teaching. "My favorite part of teaching is getting to see the kids have their 'ah-ha' moment, where all the pieces click and everything just falls into place."

Mr. Mark is from Zamboanga City. Along with majoring in English, he earned his Bachelor of Secondary Education from Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology. In his free time, Mr. Mark enjoys playing badminton and volleyball, along with



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Teaching preschool at Pope John this year will be Kara Seamann.

watching movies and TV series. He also explores new places, learns new languages, and "capturing moments through photos", and is always eager to learn and grow with his students and colleagues.

Mr. John is from Zambales. He received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, majoring in General Science, and a Master of Arts in Cultural Education. He has taught in the Philippines for 19 years. In

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Fair underway

Great way to start out the Antelope County Fair! Emery Borer and 4-year-old Tucker were named the Champion in the Intermediate Dog Showmanship.



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Continuing their careers as educators now in Elgin are John L. Lausares (l) and Mark Pioquinto (r) from the Philippines.

DeKay raises concerns about telephone scams

This week, I want to share a public service announcement regarding telephone scams. In 2024, the FBI reported that Nebraska lost \$69.8 million due to scams. The following tips from the Nebraska Attorney General Office can help prevent you or loved ones from falling victims to telephone scams.

First, protect your phone. Many phone carriers have free specialized apps or features that can block unwanted calls. Additionally, register your number on the official National Do Not Call Registry to stop legitimate telemarketers. Be aware that scammers can spoof any local or trusted number from anywhere in the world.



State Senator
Barry DeKay

Second, be suspicious of anyone contacting you and offering you a solution to a problem you were not aware of. A scammer might call offering tech support services or debt relief. Another common play is impersonation of a family member, government agency (e.g., judicial court or the IRS), or a well-known company (e.g., Amazon or Microsoft). A scammer might give you their title, employee ID, or badge number to sound official. They also might have information about you or your family, including names or home addresses.

Third, be cautious towards anyone contacting you requesting payment through unusual methods, such as wire transfers, gift cards, payment apps like Venmo, cryptocurrency, envelopes of cash, or private courier services.

Fourth, do not act too quickly. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Many scammers seek to use pressure to manipulate victims into acting right away. You always have time to hang up and verify information.

Fifth, be wary of giving your financial or personal information to anyone who calls or texts you unsolicited.

If you believe a telephone call is a scam, do the following:

1. Stop all communication with them immediately.
2. Do not send money, even if the caller claims it is for "unlocking" your funds, accounts, or computers or is necessary for you or a loved one to avoid criminal prosecution.

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Scholarship created in memory of Megan Knievel

The late Megan Knievel was remembered Tuesday at the 4-H Horse Show at the Antelope County Fair. Megan was active for many years in 4-H. The lessons, friendships, and love of horses she gained through 4-H stayed with her throughout her life. As an adult, she continued to support the 4-H program and gave back to the next generation of horsemen. A scholarship was created in her honor.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

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We are not big chicken eaters in our family, but I do serve it on occasion for a variety of meals. This idea can be made ahead of time and ready in just an hour.
This meatball recipe will serve

anywhere from 6-8 people. You could use a pound of hamburger and make it a meal. The whole family will love this recipe.
Give one or both of these recipes a try. I am sure you will make them again!
Delicious!

JoAnn



EASY CHICKEN BAKE

4 boneless chicken breasts
4 slices Swiss cheese
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1/4 cup white cooking wine
1 cup deep fried onion

In a greased glass pan place chicken breasts. Top with Swiss cheese.
Mix the soup and the wine together and pour over the chicken breast.
Bake at 350° for 1 hour.
In the last 10 minutes, sprinkle the fried onions on the top - optional.

PORCUPINE MEATBALLS

1 lb hamburger
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 egg
3/4 cup raw rice (uncooked)
1 can mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk

Combine hamburger, onion, egg, and rice. Shape into walnut size meatballs. Put in lightly greased 2 quart baking dish.
Mix mushroom soup and milk and pour over the meatballs.
Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to one hour. Serves 6-8.

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3. Document as much as you can; save messages, screenshots, email addresses, and any transaction records. This information can be used by law enforcement to help them investigate scams.

4. If you divulged financial information, contact your bank or credit union immediately. They may be able to freeze transactions

or flag suspicious activity. Additionally, change your passwords, enable two-factor authentication, and monitor financial accounts for suspicious activity.

5. Report the scam. You can contact the Nebraska Attorney General Office's Consumer Affairs Response Team at 402-471-2785 if you are concerned about a potential scam. Additionally, you can file a report with local law enforcement (avoid 911 unless you are in immediate physical danger) and the Federal Trade Commission at www.ReportFraud.FTC.gov.

Finally, I wanted to share that there has been a recent update to the Legislature's email policy. MY new address will be barry.dekay@leg.ne.gov.

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Does Elgin have a ‘cake lady’?

May grad parties. June weddings. July birthdays, anniversaries, and retirements. And now, it’s almost August already. Will there be cake to welcome new and returning teachers? Or cake at the last pool party of the season? Or cake for hubby Rick’s 70-something birthday?

Regardless of the month, there’s always cake, so much sweet, delectable cake. Sometimes box cake, sometimes homemade, or store-bought; sometimes plain, sometimes elegant, too pretty to eat; sometimes in its own paper cup; sometimes stacked high, sometimes flat as a sheet. Hard to resist, so you insist, “just a tiny slice please”. How is it that cake became a staple to mark momentous events? Guessed it might be that back in the day sugar, butter, eggs, and refined flour, the staples of cake, were expensive. All true. Serving a cake was a symbol of wealth and generosity.

Yes, but why cake when mouthwatering homemade lemon meringue pie (my personal favorite) and other decadent desserts might taste oh, so much better? It’s all about practicality.

The lowly cake serves many, the decoration atop communicates a single message, and the ritualistic act of cutting and sharing creates lasting memories. Snap those photos.

The gals at Elgin’s water aerobics class this summer had quite the discussion about cake. It’s a challenge to remember all that was said in between splashes.

A certain saying really

caught my ear, so I followed up. The original was coined by Dean Koontz in his 2004 book *Life Expectancy*. He said, “Where there is cake, there is hope. And there is always cake.” In other words, as long as people gather around a cake to celebrate life’s milestones, no matter how big or small, there is reason to believe brighter days lie ahead.

Does Elgin have a ‘cake lady’, the one you always call upon to order a cake for a special occasion? Certainly, the big box stores have a way to get you a cake heaped with gooey frosting. Is buying one of these industrial-generated, mass-produced really the same as giving your local cake lady business. No wonder it tastes so good. She uses love as one of her ingredients

Cakes don’t necessarily have to be sweet. Seafood often is mixed with egg, filler, and spices to become a crabcake. Salmon and tuna cakes get served as cakes. Heck, you can bake a good ole meatloaf in a round cake pan and frost it with mashed potatoes.

A few weekends ago while driving across Kansas, there was a billboard advertising jerky by a company named beef cake something or other. Beefcake (all one word) emerged as a slang term in the 1940’s amongst the English to represent a muscular, manly man. The term for an attractive woman is cheesecake though, not to disrespect my gender, I’ve known plenty of beefcake women, many of whom were called ‘baby cakes’ by the guys

in their lives.

Rick’s Grandma Leah Schuchardt made fruitcake every Christmas. Making it her way required lots of chopping, a long bake time, and even aging. Definitely not a piece of cake to prepare. She often made chocolate angel food cake for the fundraiser cake walk at the county fair as well. Nothing like homemade.

It’s said Grandmas Leah often gently chastised friends for not seeing their names in *The Elgin Review*. Back in the day there were gossip columns that chronicled who visited who. This saying relates – if I knew you were coming, I’d have baked a cake. Not so with Grandma Leah. There was always a sweet treat she could pull out from the freezer.

How’s the Elgin Farmer’s Market been going this summer? Has all that homegrown wonderfulness been flying off the shelves like hotcakes? Closing early because of a sellout would definitely be the icing on the cake.

Time to wrap this one up before it turns flat as a pancake. Afterall, there’s a word limit if this gets published. In other words, you can’t eat your cake and have it, too. Once I submit this, it’s gone.

As summer winds down in these parts, regardless of those pesky calories, do enjoy that sliver of cake. I know, I know, there’s those pesky calories and your demanding sweet tooth.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Remember that cake at the right time and right place symbolizes celebration, community, family, togetherness, and, yes, a whole lotta hope. Oh, and if you get a chance, pick up the amazing book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. He’s the recluse who gained fame when someone discovered his sketches and writing. In the book, a quick read about celebrating the good in differences, the mole’s fondness for cake shows how hope, joy, and connection often are found in ordinary moments like eating cake together.

Bartlett News



Photo submitted

A **Herb Mignery** Bronze of Herb’s parents, Melvin and Ruth Mignery, was placed near the Bartlett Court House this past weekend.

Another bronze sculpture was added to the Herb Mignery Bronze Garden in Bartlett this weekend. The bronze, depicting Herb’s father Melvin and mother Ruth was purchased from a private collection and now stands in a perfect spot on the west side of the new court house. Joe Walkowiak, along with much appreciated helpers Roy and Brandon Plugge and Landen and Levi Glup, formed the base and set the bronze on Friday July 24th. A plaque will be added later.

The bronze depicts how Herb remembers his folks as he looked out the screen window as a kid. In the cool of the morning his Dad was going out to check cows and his Mom was

working in the garden. The bronze has a number of garden vegetables embedded into the bronze and his Dad can be seen smoking a cigarette.

This same bronze is also at the Park Center Cemetery, in Antelope County, near his parent’s graves.

Last week I mistakenly stated that the Bartlett Lions Club sent Helen Hall a “Get Well” card. It was instead for Helen Plugge. I apologize for that mistake.

Our community lifts up thoughts and prayers for the family of Helen Hall, a long time Bartlett resident. Helen died July 13, 2026 at the age of 79. Sympathy cards or notes can be sent to her daughters; Paula Pokorny, 83476 Seeley Lane, Halsey, Nebraska 69142 and/or Cris Hoelscher, 1860 Rd. 43, Linwood, Nebraska 68036.

Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo will be the last week of July. It takes lots of volunteers to make this happen. Hopefully the weather will be cooler.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

August 4, 1966

A roaring fire Monday afternoon completely destroyed the garage on the Ern Short property plus all of the structure’s contents including a pickup truck. The exact cause of the fire was not determined but the blaze was intense and had gained considerable headway before it was noticed.

Three more Nebraska counties -- Knox, Antelope, and Nemaha -- have been recommended for drought disaster designation, according to Hans Jensen, chairman of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The designation permits farmers to graze livestock and harvest hay on diverted acres. The addition brings to 24 the number of Nebraska counties recommended for the benefit.

Corn in this immediate vicinity and north to and excluding the northern quarter of the county seems to be holding on surprisingly well despite the continued shortage of rainfall. Elgin received .65 of an inch last Thursday which gave crops a boost. Rainfall was considerably heavier south of town, especially around Petersburg and Albion.

Fifty Years Ago

August 4, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Benda are parents of a 9 pound daughter born Aug. 1, 1976 at Antelope Memorial Hospital. She will be named Valerie Jean.

Twelve members of the Elgin FFA Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carr and Mr. Shavlik, attended the Wood River Livestock Show and Judging Contest Tuesday, July 27. New facilities were being built at Wood River so the contest was held at Fonner Park in Grand Island. The Elgin Chapter won the herdsmanship trophy for the second consecutive year.

Bill Anderson, Kelly Francis, Kristine Jillson and Jerome Thunker attended the fifth annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute Lincoln, July 26-30. They were greeted by Roger Sandman. Mr. He is the Deputy Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture which annually sponsors NAYI. Mr. Sandman also serves as NAYI Director.

Thirty Years Ago

August 7, 1996

Antelope County Fair is already underway this week at the fairgrounds in Neligh. The fair’s 1996 4-H schedule began Tuesday, Aug.6, with dog, cat and small pet shows, and will continue through Sunday, Aug.11. There will be a country music show on Saturday night, Aug. 10, featuring the group “Perfect Stranger,” with Justin Temme of Petersburg as the opening act.

Elgin’s Bluegrass Festival in the city park will be a two-day event for the first time this year. It will be sponsored by Elgin Historical Society and Aid Association for Lutherans Branch No. 9435.

An Elgin company has been working with a Mississippi company recently to build a device that will shade golfers from the hot summer sun while they are on the driving range. Elgin Equipment and Machine Co. recently completed work on the second prototype of a movable driving range cover. Covershots, L.L.C., based in Brandon, MS, has patented the idea and design for the cover.

Twenty Years Ago

July 26, 2006

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department was called to grass fires west of town on Wednesday, July 19, and early Tuesday morning, July 25. The July 19 fire occurred in a prairie hay field owned by Glen Schindler, four miles west and three miles north of Elgin. The grass fire early Tuesday morning, July 25, was apparently caused by a lightning strike.

Blood supplies are very low in the American Red Cross Midwest Region, and Elgin area residents will have a chance to help relieve that shortage when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to town on Tuesday, Aug. 8. The Bloodmobile visit is scheduled that day at the Elgin KC Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Next week is fair time for Antelope County. The annual Antelope County Fair begins one week earlier than in past years, and several new events have been added. The schedule opens next Tuesday, Aug. 1, and continues though Sunday, Aug. 6, at Neligh.

By Kari Schindler

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, August 3: Sloppy joes, triangle hash browns, peas & carrots, pears, milk

Tuesday, August 4: Pulled pork sandwich, potato wedges, broccoli salad, tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday, August 5: Fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, peach cobbler, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, August 6: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn lettuce salad, pineapple, garlic stick, milk.

Friday, August 7: Tator tot casserole, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk. Menus are provided by the

Community Center and are subject to change.

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

Under 60 is \$10.

Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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

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Girls Staters share experiences

2026 Girls Staters Samantha Stuhr (l) and Kyla Donaldson (r) were guests Monday night at the regular meeting of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club. They spoke about their experiences attending the week-long event held on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Candidates do the ‘one foot in, one foot out’ dance prior to November election

Things are getting plenty confusing about who is running for office this fall, and who isn’t. And that’s probably the intent. Every day, it seems, we have new candidates joining races, old candidates dropping out, and at least a couple new political parties forming to field even more candidates. You’re going to need a scorecard with erasable ink for this year’s November ballot.

For instance, in the U.S. Senate race, nonpartisan Dan Osborn recently

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State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

submitted enough signatures to officially join the race against U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts. That’s no surprise because Osborn announced his intent to run months ago. By now, you’ve seen the TV ads from him and Ricketts. However, just after Osborn officially joined the ballot, Cindy Burbank, the Democrat who won her party’s nomination in the spring primary, dropped out of the Senate race. She had pledged to do that – to allow a Osborn-Ricketts race – and recently told reporters she wasn’t going to win, so I’m out.

With no Democrat on the ballot, that could swing the anti-Ricketts votes to Osborn, who has a decent chance of upsetting the former governor – if you believe early polls.

For a short time, Secretary of State Bob Evnen toyed with the idea of forcing Burbank to remain on the ballot. In the spring, he had called her a “bad faith” candidate (because she pledged to drop off the ballot if she won) and tried to remove her. But Burbank sued, and her name remained on the primary ballot.

This time, Evnen, after conferring with the Attorney General, ruled that he had no legal authority to decline her request to get off the ballot. But the musical chairs in that race isn’t over.

Two new political parties have submitted signatures to become recognized parties, which would allow them to place their own candidates on the ballot.

It only takes about 6,700 valid signatures to form a new political party. With popularity ratings for both the Republican and Democrat parties in the tank, it probably wasn’t hard to collect those.

But, of course, there’s questions about whether those two parties are legitimate, or whether they’re a sneaky



effort to siphon votes from other candidates.

The head of the state Democrats, Jane Kleeb, has already called foul on the Nebraska Working People Party, claiming it is an effort to siphon off votes from Osborn (who campaigns as a working man who will represent their interests). One labor union also asked that party to stand down.

There’s claims as well that the America First Party is an attempt to siphon off votes, presumably from Ricketts. And speculation that the candidate in the Legal Marijuana NOW Party will drop out, which might help Osborn (Ricketts opposes legalization of cannabis for any reason).

Got all that? Meanwhile, one nonpartisan candidate in the 1st Congressional District race, Austin Ahlman, says he’s suspending his campaign, one he had barely begun.

And Republican-turned-nonpartisan Brett Lindstrom announced that he’s now seeking signatures to join the gubernatorial race against incumbent Gov. Jim Pillen and former State Sen. Lynne Walz, a Democrat.

Makes you pine for the days when the ballot was pretty much set after the

spring primary.

There are days when you wake up feeling like a million bucks, and days when you wonder “how could I be so dumb?”

The latter was last week when I wrote a column about suspending the state’s gradual decrease in state income tax rates. To my horror, I wrote the word “sales” (tax) instead in the column I submitted, despite reading and re-reading the piece for accuracy.

I think we were able to make a cor-

rection in most papers, but those with earlier deadlines probably contained the error.

My apologies. What a dummy.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades.

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

Honoring our Korean War veterans

On July 27, our nation pauses to observe National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, marking the anniversary of the 1953 signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. Nearly 55,000 Nebraskans answered the call to serve during the Korean War, leaving their families and putting their futures on hold to fight for something larger than themselves.

In Washington, D.C., their service is etched in stone at the Korean War Veterans Memorial’s Wall of Remembrance. Across 100 granite panels, the wall bears the names of more than 36,000 Americans who gave their lives, alongside over 7,100 Korean soldiers assigned to U.S. Army units who died fighting for the same cause. It is a powerful tribute that reminds us just how steep the cost of freedom can be.

For decades, the Korean War has carried an unfortunate

nickname: the “Forgotten War.” Sandwiched between World War II and Vietnam, its veterans have too often gone unrecognized. That is why days like this one matter. We cannot allow the men and women who served our nation and stood up for freedom and democracy to be forgotten.

In Nebraska, this is at the forefront of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). This agency’s sacred mission to account for missing service members – including from the Korean War – is part of the solemn commitment our country makes to service members willing to give their lives for the defense of our country. They do the hard work of honoring our nation’s promise to never leave a U.S. ser-

vice member behind.

Making ‘common sense’ commonplace in Nebraska and beyond

By George Ayoub
The Nebraska Examiner

Nebraskans sometimes enjoy the reputation of having common sense ... as if the gods, Prudence and Perception, tilted the coasts and a whole bunch of wisdom and wit tumbled into Middle America. The lexicographers at Merriam-Webster say as much, defining common sense as “sound and prudent judgment based on a simple perception of the situation or facts.”

Now “common sense” — Thomas Paine’s pamphlet notwithstanding — has become a political touchstone, the phrase often bandied about by a Nebraska congressman and more recently a spokesperson for someone who wants to be one. “Common sense solution” has also become a favorite iteration of the construct, appealing to our practicality so as to avoid getting too far into the weeds trying to solve prickly problems or right listing ships.

There is, however, this little, semi-popular chestnut: “Common sense is not so common,” an observation so pragmatic that it surely came from a common sense, pragmatic Nebraskan or similarly situated Middle American.

But that would be off by almost 5,000 miles and three centuries. French Enlightenment writer

and philosopher Voltaire is credited with giving us “Common sense is not so common.” While a tireless advocate for individual rights, Voltaire was hardly a utilitarian or pragmatist, preferring the company of monarchs and aristocrats like himself.

He was on to something with his wry observation, however.

Contemporary examples are instructive. To wit: As I’m sure some of you have, I’ve stopped eating leafy green salads. No Caesars or Wedges or Clubs for me as the diarrhea-producing cyclospora parasite is making its way around the country. Health officials have said that the culprit is likely fresh produce. Yeesh!

As of this writing, 1,645 confirmed cases and 5,100 probable cases of cyclospora are under investigation across 34 states, including Nebraska. The CDC said about 10% of cases usually require hospitalization. The symptoms – diarrhea, low-grade fever, aches and fatigue – can last a few days and even a few months if untreated.

While no one has ever accused me of always making “sound and prudent judgment based on a simple perception of the situation or facts,” wouldn’t common sense dictate we should have kept an eye on that nasty little bugger? Seriously.

We used to do just that until the HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr. thought we could skip the mandatory monitoring of food products for six of eight sickening pathogens, cyclospora among that sextet. Nor did budget and personnel cuts to the agency help. The rest – or more accurately, the result – is explosive diarrhea history.

Wait, there’s more. The Epstein Files Transparency Act passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on Nov. 19, 2025 and by 427-1 in the House the next day. Would a senator be using common sense to vote to confirm an attorney general nominee who is largely responsible for slow-walking, outing victims and generally defying the act passed by both houses of Congress?

Closer to home, while we should view new political entities or parties as democracy in action, common sense may lead us to wonder if we are racing toward a time in Nebraska when we have more political parties than we do good ideas or solutions to problems. As a lifelong Independent, I welcome other points of view, even party platforms. The trick for voters will be distinguishing one party from another, which, ironically may also be a hurdle for the parties themselves.

The most challenging hurdle to clear in the common sense sweepstakes has to do with the

phrase’s first word. We seem to have less in common with each other than we used to ... or so we’ve been told. Even common sense’s cousin, common knowledge, has taken a hit. We often have a difficult time agreeing on a common set of facts, a phenomenon fueled by an ocean of disinformation and conspiracy theories sloshing from one end of the social media universe to the other, among the legacy media as it fights for relevance and now even presented in prime time.

Many adherents to the digital world’s “wild, wild west” motif preach bigger, faster, stronger, especially in the employ of artificial intelligence, lest our humanity slow us in the AI race to somewhere no one can seem to determine. The result? An obfuscation of the facts and an undermining of common knowledge.

The rampant conspiratorial nonsense reminds me that our Francophone friend, Voltaire, also famously said, “Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities.”

The hope is that we do indeed find “common sense solutions” to our problems and when we do, they carry the trappings of shared benefits and diminished disadvantages.

Before that happens, however, we should start with a list of what we have in common.

Delivering results for Nebraska

As Congress begins its August work period, I’m looking forward to being back home meeting with Nebraskans across the Third District. As I prepare for my travels, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my work for you over the past several months. Every vote I cast and every bill I introduce is guided by a simple goal: making Nebraska an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. Whether it’s supporting agriculture, expanding access to healthcare, or strengthening opportunities for working families, I’ve worked to ensure that Nebraska’s priorities are at the forefront of our work in Congress.

Agriculture is the backbone of our state’s economy, and I am grateful for the progress we have made to strengthen this vital industry. In May, the House passed my Nation-wide Consumer and Fuel Retailers Choice Act, marking a major victory in the fight for nationwide, year-round E15, which will strengthen markets for Nebraska corn growers, expand consumer choice, and strengthen rural economies. While the Senate still must act, I am confident Senator Fischer and Senator Ricketts will continue working to get this critical legislation to President Trump’s desk.

The House also passed our Farm Bill, an important step toward providing America’s farmers and ranchers with the certainty and support they need to continue feeding and fueling the world.

This summer, I worked with Senator Fischer to pass her Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act, following one of the state’s largest wildfires in history. With thousands of acres burned, miles of fence line destroyed, and herds displaced during

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vice member behind.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations and Armed Services Committees, I advocate for federal funding to support DPAA's valiant mission and our veterans' health care and benefits programs. In the Senate's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), I authorized \$40 million above the president's budget request to further the agency's efforts and \$69 million for a new DPAA laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base.

Back home, communities across Nebraska are stepping up to honor their service. The Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA) is hosting a ceremony on July 24 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Memorial Stadium, where Korean War veterans in attendance will receive a special challenge coin in recognition of their service.

This is part of the state's Korean War Veteran Recognition Program — a wonderful initiative honoring Nebraska's living Korean War veterans with a specially minted challenge coin. To qualify, veterans must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955; be legal residents of Nebraska or able to demonstrate Nebraska residency at the time they entered service; and have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Presented in a blue velvet case, the coin features the 48-star U.S. flag from the period alongside the flag of South Korea above the words "Korean War Veteran." Around the coin's edge reads the inscription, "Honoring those who answered the call to defend a country they never knew," while the NDVA seal appears on the reverse.

In addition to the state's special event in Lincoln, many more counties and local organizations are holding their own tributes in the coming weeks. If you would like to honor a Korean War veteran, consider marking your calendar and showing up to say thank you in person:

A full list of statewide events can be found at veterans.nebraska.gov/korea.

WASHINGTON
REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

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.

According to some in his day, Samuel Adams, was titled "Firebrand of the Revolution" and "The Father of the American Revolution." Mr. Adams came from a wealthy Boston family. His father saw that Samuel was well educated by attending the Boston Latin School in preparation for Harvard which required Latin for admittance. His study of John Locke, a man who quoted the Bible over 1500 times in his famous "Two Treaties of Government," inspired and prepared him for political involvement. With his passion for individual freedom, Samuel became an avid writer stirring hearts of Colonists to action. He did not pursue wealth, but the freedom of man as prescribed by God.

His first activities against the British began in 1763, writing resolutions in the Massachusetts legislature denouncing unproved taxation; also spelling out rights and privileges of Colonists. Samuel Adams was a member of the General Court of Massachusetts (1765-74) and in the meantime formed Boston's Committee of Correspondence (1772), which was of great importance for unity amongst the colonies. In 1773 he was a main instigator for the Boston Tea Party, being part of the Sons of Liberty. Even though England had lowered the price of tea yet with tax, the people, by principle, stood against it. Sam Adams was a member of the Continental Congress (1774-81) where he signed the Declaration of Independence. Samuel helped draft the Articles of Confederation (1777), also the Massachusetts Constitution (1779-80), which is still in use today, being the oldest working constitution ever written. He was president of the Massachusetts senate (1781), member of the state convention ratifying the Federal Constitution (1788), (his hand also in securing the Bill of Rights), Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts under John Hancock (1789-94) then finally Governor of Massachusetts (1794-97).

With the formation of Boston's Committee of Correspondence, Sam wrote a pamphlet entitled, The Rights of Colonists as Christians, declaring: These may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutes of the great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament. It became evident to the British Parliament that if you ask an American, "Who is his master?" He will tell you he has none, nor any governor but Jesus Christ.

Quotes by Samuel Adams:

"The man who is conscientiously doing his duty will ever be protected by that righteous and all-powerful Being; and when he has finished his work, he will receive an ample reward."

Samuel Adams said Inalienable Rights "are imprinted by the finger of God on the heart of man."

In letter to Elbridge Gerry, November 27, 1780: "If men of wisdom and knowledge, of moderation and temperance, of patience, fortitude and perseverance, of sobriety and true republican simplicity of manners, of zeal for the honour of the Supreme Being and the welfare of the commonwealth; if men possessed of these other excellent qualities are chosen to fill the seats of government, we may expect that our affairs will rest on a solid and permanent foundation. (This sounds like instruction God gave us for leaders way back in the Old Testament!)

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Matthew 14:13-21

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Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Worship Service: 10:45 am.

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Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.

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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.

Teachers

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his free time, Mr. John enjoys badminton, volleyball, cycling, trekking, and mountain hiking, along with other outdoor activities. He also leans towards the arts in his free time, doing sheet music arrangement, composing music, playing musical instruments, film scoring and sound design, macro and micro photography, behind-the-scenes stills, community theater and historical immersion, screenwriting or playwrighting and story writing, and poster and advertisement designing.

Because Mr. Mark and Mr. John are both from different cities, they had different flight lengths. When asked how long each of their flights were, Mr. Mark answered, “twenty-three hours”, and Mr. John answered,

Community Calendar

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

- Wednesday - Sunday, July 29 thru August 2**
Wheeler County Fair at the fairgrounds in Bartlett.
- Wednesday - Sunday, July 29 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.
- Tuesday, August 11**
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting ■ District #18 Board of Education regular meeting.
- Saturday, August 15**
Pope John Alumni Golf Tournament @ the Antelope Country Club.*



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“thirty-two hours.” When asked if Elgin was very different from their homes in the Philippines. Mr. John stated, “Elgin is a smaller town, but it’s very peaceful, and it’s very beautiful.” Mr. Mark added, “I think we’re used to a noisier town. Elgin is a culture shock, really, because in the Philippines, people are playing music at six (in the morning) through the afternoon, and here, it’s peaceful and quiet.”

Both Mr. Mark and Mr. John answered said that they, too, are excited to meet the students they will be teaching and to start working at Pope John. Mr. Mark said, “I don’t know how many months I’ve been waiting, but I’m really excited to start. We’re both so excited to learn from our principal, and from our students, too.” Mr. John added that “It’s what we’ve been dreaming of, especially in a place like this, so we are so lucky to be assigned here.”

Talked turn to each’s favorite part of teaching. Mr. John said, “Giving my talents and expertise, and sharing what I’ve learned with my students.” Mr. Mark answered, “My favorite part of teaching is my students learning from me, because I’m thinking of a language barrier between my students and me, so I’m wondering if they will understand what I’m teaching.”

This will be the second year in a row that PJCC has hired teachers from overseas. A large part of the reason school are seeking staff from out of the country is because there has been a shortage of teachers. According to the PJCC principal Lisa Schumacher, the shortage of teachers is “not only in Nebraska, but in other states too. Why there’s a shortage of teachers? I don’t know. Hypothetically, it’s because there are fewer kids going into education, and I’m sure the rural area has something to do with it too.” Schumacher said they interviewed several people for all of the positions. “The Nebraska Department of Education has come up with lots of new programs to encourage youth to become educators and to give people multiple avenues to enter into teaching.”



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Heat, humidity and Crusader/Wolfpack alumni softball

The 2026 Championship team (above) at the Crusader/Wolfpack Alumni Softball Tournament was comprised of players from the following graduating years: 2002-2003-2004-2005-2008-2010-2014-2023. Team members were (front row, l-r): Jake Eischeid, John Cornett, Joe Irlmeier, Julie (Beckman) Krause, Christi (Lodge) Blunt and Brent Parks. Back row: Emily Scholl, bat boy RJ Totusek, John Dvorak, Derek Scholl, Brian Selting, Keith Borer, Tyler Schrage, Linus Borer and bat boy Jhett Scholl.



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Earning runner-up honors at the tournament was the team comprised of the classes of 2000-2006-2011-2016-2024. Team members were (front row, l-r): Scott Moser, Teshia Pelster, Kylie Brown, Grace Moser and Matt Pelster. Back row: Blake Henn, Gage Thiessen, Nick Anderson, Seth Schumacher, Ben Pelster and Robert Seier.

Spinning Tales That wasn’t canned heat!

ELGIN — Real heat. Honest to God, handed down from the Heavens by our creator, made Elgin and other areas across the state feel like a furnace over the weekend. Yet, the games went on. Not just any kind of games, these were the softball games played Saturday at the Wolfpack/Pope John Alumni Softball Tournament.

What possesses these graduates of two great schools to

come together and battle for bragging rights? That’s what athletes do, they compete, they plan to win and, in the case of Saturday’s tournament, to shine again in front of their family, friends and fans.

Fans could be found where there was shade. That’s where I sat late in the afternoon watching 2+ games waiting to see who would have bragging rights for a year.

Little did the players or the fans know there would a second championship game, the rubber match if you wish to call it that. In a double elimination tournament you have to lose twice to be eliminated. I heard one player say, after the first championship game “I don’t know why you guys let us win.” That’s how hot it was.

By the final championship game, the team which fought its way back through the loser’s bracket was spent. They gave up 12 runs in the first inning and couldn’t fight their way back - they were done.

How could one tell? Heat

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exhaustion plain and simple. Playing in the heat wears you down. Balls they would have made a play on in the morning games were now dropping for base hits.

The competitive fire in both teams never waned - leading to verbal jousting in the final games. It happens - it’s part of sport. Colorful metaphors were exchanged until one of the players, a mother, cooled things down by reminding them of the presence of children. Once the games concluded, everybody found some liquid refreshments to replace all the fluids lost while on the field.

You play softball all day, in the heat, and when the games are over, a shower makes all things better. Unless you’ve torn a pectoral muscle or become the victim of leg cramps.

If you’ve never played in a bunch of games in the heat and experienced a leg cramp, you haven’t played. You can’t truly appreciate the pain, you can’t appreciate how difficult it is to get off the ground.

Whether you win or lose, the real winner on this day was the heat. Chasing down fly balls, taking extra bases, swinging from the heels. It was all there Saturday and so was the heat. The heat won.

What a busy week for sports! You had Wolfpack girls bas-

ketball coach Randy Eisenhauer taking a turn as an assistant coach on the winning Red team at the NCA All-Star. The next day, Thursday, there was Libby Evans and Anna Dworak wrestling for Nebraska against some talented wrestlers from Maine at an exhibition at O’Neill. On Friday, there was Camryn Pelster racing around the track at Boone County Raceway doing what he does best AND taking time to sign autographs for fans young and old alike.

To wrap up the week, I spent Sunday afternoon in Seward with Elgin Review columnist Katharine Cobb. She and her family were in Auburn visiting her parents and she took the time to come to Seward.

The secret to getting a columnist to drive close to 100 miles? The offer of a ‘blizzard’ from the Seward Dairy Queen. She hopes to visit Elgin next summer and play in the Pope John Alumni Golf Tournament.

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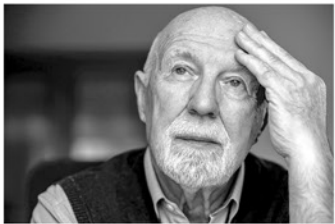
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CARD OF THANKS: A big thank you to all who came & celebrated with us at our Annual Park Center 4th of July Celebration. Special thanks to the Elgin Review, Dennis & Lynell, for again helping us get the word out & their coverage of the evening. We were blessed to have a wonderful crowd of all ages to enjoy the delicious potluck meal, races, games & water balloons. Thank you to all who contributed to our fireworks fund & also to those who donated fireworks. We were grateful for rain to make it possible to finish the night with an awesome fireworks display. Park Center Playground Committee

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Many seniors (ages 50-80) experience social isolation

Social isolation affects many seniors. Social isolation produces various warning signs, including changes in personality, pulling away from social events, and failure to engage in self-care. According to Michigan Medicine, findings from a review of six years of data from the National Poll on Healthy Aging found more than one-third of people age 50 to 80 feel lonely, and nearly as many feel isolated. Feelings of loneliness were higher among those reporting fair or poor health and those not working or on disability.



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Author John Heithoff shares passion of unearthing his family history



John Heithoff discovered passion for finding his accurate family roots has led Omaha resident John Heithoff on many researching adventures over the years. Heithoff visited with Elgin relatives and the public on Monday, having a free-flowing conversation about family histories and "Faith. Future. Freedom." Heithoff, a retired attorney, has converted his research into becoming an author over the years. To date, he has written three books: *Bold as a Bear*; *The German Quest for the Iowa Prairie* tells the story of his German ancestors and their descendants born in the United States; *The Rosary Tail* tells his inspirational story of how a broken rosary helped him with his broken faith; and the fictional children's story *Heather's Boots* about the adventures of two little sisters who frolic in Mommy's closet. Monday's open house focused on his further investigation of



John Heithoff (right) discusses family history with Marilyn Sehi (left) and Annette Snodgrass (center). Marilyn and Annette's mother, Darlene Schindler, was born a Heithoff. Annette is shown holding the Heithoff Genealogy book printed in 1996. E-R photos/LMorgan

his family roots after a relative - the late Rita Heithoff Hogan of Carroll, Iowa - initiated a genealogy book for the Heithoff family. He was able to provide land and estate records he obtained to assist her. After his sister, Linda Heithoff Borman, made a trip to Germany, she discovered some gaps and inaccuracies in the family's story. His desire to correct the data and learn more about his roots ultimately led to the writing of *Bold as a Bear* which was published in 2025. All three of the Heithoff books can be purchased on Amazon. He encourages all to research and find out more of your "unknown" history.

The attraction of older wedding venues

Although modern venues can offer blank canvases on which couples can put unique spins on their wedding ceremonies and receptions, older, more historic establishments offer their own unique and rich character as well. The appeal of older venues may lie in the sense of history these structures and properties offer, which is difficult to replicate elsewhere. The following are some elements of older venues that can attract history buffs, storytellers or old souls.

- Character and craftsmanship: Older venues often feature architectural details from a bygone era - stained-glass windows, hand-carved paneling, crown moldings, and sweeping staircases may be some of the details that draw couples in.
- Meaningful materials: Distressed brick, original



- hardwood floors, limestone walls, or marble columns have history living within them and can establish a warm and inviting tone.
- Built-in ambience: Venues that give off feelings of being back in history, with vaulted ceilings and cavernous spaces, also provide an added element of entertainment. Guests can enjoy the wedding, but also the collections displayed within these spaces, particularly for weddings held in museums or libraries.
- Timeless photo options: Modern wedding venue designs can date photos quickly as decorative styles change through the years. But the elements of historic properties and classical architecture remain timeless. Older venues can set a uniquely romantic vibe and help to establish a strong foundation for a new marriage. When couples celebrate in a building that has stood the test of time, they may feel stronger that their own marriage will endure.

Early weaning during short forage conditions

When pasture conditions get tight, especially during a dry year like this one, stretching forage resources is important. One tool that can make a big difference for the pasture and the cow is early weaning. Early weaning is not something every operation needs to do every year. But in a short forage year, it can be a difference maker. Once the calf is weaned, the cow no longer has the nutrient demand of lactation. That can reduce her forage needs, help maintain or improve body condition, and give her a better chance of going into fall and winter in good shape. Timing matters. Early weaning is most useful before cows are already thin and pastures are already overused. If cows have lost significant body condition, or if grass has been grazed too short, the opportunity to recover is more limited. Making the decision earlier gives producers more flexibility to protect the cow herd, stretch forage, and plan winter feed needs. As a rough rule of thumb, each day calves are weaned early may save about one-quarter to one-third of a cow-calf grazing day. Put another way, weaning 30 days early might stretch forage by roughly 7 to 10 days, if the saved forage is actually captured and managed. That estimate will vary, but it gives producers a way to think about the value of acting before pastures are gone. Calf age is also an important consideration. Calves can be weaned successfully at younger ages, but they need more management. Younger calves require high-quality feed, clean water, good facilities, and close observation. They also need to

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be eating well before weaning begins. Typically, creep feeding is not cost effective, but creep feeding ahead of early weaning may help calves adjust. Health management also becomes more important. Early-weaned calves should have a solid vaccination plan, low-stress handling, and a clean, dry place to rest. Work with your veterinarian on timing of vaccines, parasite control, and any respiratory disease concerns. Stress is still stress, whether calves are weaned at three months or seven months, so the goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible. Early weaning can also change how forage is used. Calves are not the largest consumers on pasture, but removing the calf reduces total grazing pressure and lowers the cow's nutrient demand. That can help stretch late-summer pasture, reduce the need to overgraze, or allow more recovery time where plants have been stressed by drought. There is an economic side too. Early weaning may save forage or reduce cow supplement needs, but it can increase feed, labor, facility, and health costs for calves. You need to know if the benefits and costs fit the operation. Compare the value of saved forage, improved

cow condition, and reduced winter feed needs against the added cost of managing calves separately. Marketing should also be part of the decision. Some producers may retain early-weaned calves and feed them to a heavier weight. Others may sell calves earlier if markets are favorable or if facilities are limited. Either option can work, but the plan needs to be made before calves come off the cow. Early weaning is not a failure; it is a management tool. In a dry year or a short forage situation, using it at the right time can protect cow condition, preserve pasture resources, and keep more options open for the months ahead. - Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving northeast Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
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The address of the designated office is: 52005 852nd Road, Clearwater, Nebraska 68726. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the

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This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on July 22, 2026, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

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August 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM
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THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

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Court News

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McKayen A Larock, Omaha, NE 4/25/26 Hunt/fish/trap without permission, Fined \$200.00 - Johnson.
Arion K Galbreath, Cheyenne, WY 6/9/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.
Jeri J Claussen, Tilden, NE 4/8/26 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$25.00 - Mohr.
Curt J Thiele, Clearwater, NE 4/23/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Mohr.
Cain L Mortensen, Neligh, NE 6/8/26 Violate load contents requirements, Fined \$100.00 - Kavan.
Dallus L Christiansen, Neligh, NE 11/13/24 DUI-alcohol-2nd offense/Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$575.00 - Wiggins.
Kaden A Cameron, Oakdale, NE 5/20/26 Display fictitious plate/no proof of ownership/CMV-Brake general/CMV-Brake general, Fined \$200.00 - Asche.
Brett J Kieilty, Tilden, NE 4/26/26 Careless driving, Fined \$100.00 - Ternus.
Martin R Siems, Clearwater, NE 1/29/26 DUI-alcohol-1st offense, Fined \$500.00 - Barker.
Paul M Juergens, Sheridan, WY 5/29/26 Speeding 78/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Barker.
Jake J Wagner, Creighton, NE 6/2/26 Careless driving, Fined \$100.00 - Barker
Anaya Margarito Cortez, Columbus, NE 5/23/26 Violate fishing regulations, Fined \$50 - Stahlecker.
Jose A Garcia Quinones, Columbus, NE 6/9/26 Speeding 74/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt.
Juan A Montoya Ramirez, Sioux City, IA 5/18/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.
Robert L Kargle, Homer, NE 6/12/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Walker.
Garret M Belitz, Neligh, NE 5/8/26 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$25.00 - Mohr.
Trent A Morrow, Oakdale, NE 2/27/26 No valid registration/truck+No registration in vehicle+CMV-Marking, Fined \$275.00 - Asche.
Timothy G Arehart, Neligh, NE 4/7/26 No proof of ownership+Overweight on axle of group of axles, Fined \$375.00 - Asche.
Julio A Mendez Melara, Grand Island, NE 6/14/26 No operators license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00 - Faust.
Brian D Kershner, Olathe, KS 6/2/26 Speeding 76/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.
Joshua C Duncan, Omaha, NE 6/14/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.
Ayoudele N Laudat, Shelton, CT 12/30/23 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$25.00 - Dostal.
Thad D Hazen, Plainview, NE 6/8/26 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$25.00 - Koch.
Michael L Kumm, Castle Rock, CO 3/8/26 Speeding 83/65 MPH, Fined \$200.00 - Hartley.
Brandon D Evans, Tilden, NE 6/22/26 CMV-Brake general, Fined \$50.00 - Asche.
Sean J Throckmorton, Oakdale, NE 3/15/26 DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, Fined \$500.00 - Barker.
Sunday K Wilson, Kenmore, WA 2/27/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Barker.
Jennifer S Herchenbach, Herchenbach Farms LLC, Lindsay, NE 6/30/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt.
Mario Padilla, Kansas City, MO 4/21/26 No operator's license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.
La June Htoo, Madison, NE 6/28/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Moore.
Todd A Ward, Wielenga Trucking LLC, Wynot, NE 6/23/26 Overweight capacity plates, Fined \$150.00 - Detlefsen.
Douglas L Urness, Yankton, SD 6/21/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Valverde.
Hopkins J Harley, Lincoln, NE 6/8/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Wiggins.
Roger R Rautenberg, Tilden, NE 4/2/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Barker.
Shontel K Peterson, Petersburg, NE 6/9/26 Speeding 78/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.
Leland A Fritz, Creighton, NE 6/28/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Ayaj.
Joaquin T Montejo Gonzalez, Moreno Valley, CA 6/28/26 Possess/consume open alcohol container, Fined \$50.00 - Hilliard.
Matthew C Klabenes, Neligh, NE 7/1/26 Speeding 68/55 MPH+No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$150.00 - Downing.
Jerome P Danner, Burwell, NE 5/21/26 Speeding 72/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Detlefsen.
Larry R Demerath, Port Orange, FL 7/10/26 Speeding 88/65 MPH, Fined \$300.00 - Detlefsen.
Roger G Klabenes, Clearwater, NE 6/9/26 CMV-Brake general, Fined \$50.00 - Asche.

Smith

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the summer grazing season, this legislation gives producers greater flexibility and faster access to the disaster relief they deserve. As producers continue the difficult work of rebuilding, the last thing they should face is unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. As a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I have also focused on delivering practical solutions that improve everyday life for Nebraska families. My Main Street Pharmacy Access Act would allow pharmacists to test and treat Medicare beneficiaries for common illnesses such as the flu, strep throat, and RSV. It's a commonsense proposal that expands access to care—especially in rural communities—while reducing pressure on emergency rooms and other providers. The bill has already passed the Ways and Means Committee and now awaits consideration by the full House. Earlier this month, we celebrated one year since the enactment of the Working Families Tax Cuts, landmark legislation that continues to benefit Nebraska families, small businesses, manufacturers, and agriculture producers. The law made historic investments in America's families by increasing the refundable portion of the Adoption Tax Credit to \$5,000 to ease the financial burden of adoption so more children can grow up in safe, permanent homes. It also created Trump Accounts and a pilot program to provide a \$1,000 investment for eligible children. Together, these initiatives give families practical tools to build a stronger financial future for the next generation. Building on that success, I introduced the Trump Accounts for All Generations Act to permanently establish the \$1,000 investment for eligible children while indexing it to inflation, helping more families build a stronger financial future. Earlier this year, I supported the SAVE America Act to ensure that only American citizens determine the outcome of our elections. I will continue to support this legislation to protect the integrity of our elections and urge my Senate colleagues to send it to President Trump for his signature. While we have made meaningful progress, there is still more work to be done. Delivering results for Nebraska doesn't start in Washington—it begins by listening to the people I serve. During the August work period, I look forward to traveling across the Third District, hearing directly from Nebraskans, and continuing to fight for the policies that keep the Good Life the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

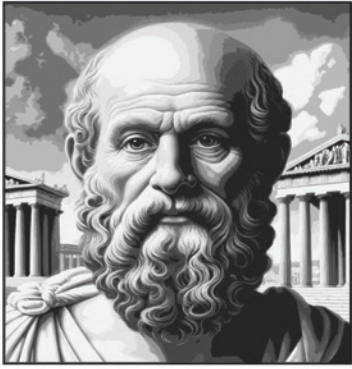
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“If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands that feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.”

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Elgin Livestock's 2026 Annual BBQ Feeder Sale A DAY AT THE SALE BARN

After being rescheduled due to high heat on Monday, a total of 2,171 head of cattle passed through the sale ring last Friday at Elgin Livestock Sales, Inc.

It proved to be another great cattle auction for buyers and sellers.

Plus those attending were able to enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch, complete with homemade potato salad and brownies.



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Camryn's biggest fans

Friday was Fan Appreciation Autograph Night at the Boone County Raceway. Racer Camryn Pelster had two of his biggest fans there for the event. They were Jax Haddix (l) and Easton Bode (r).



Photos submitted

Junior golfers wrap up season at Norfolk

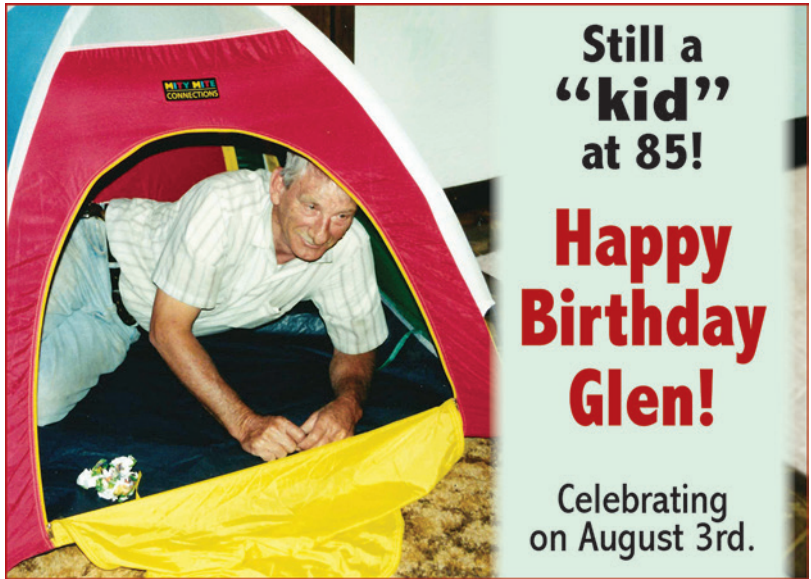
Braxtyn Eisenhauer (above) and Charles Miller (left) competed in the Northeast Nebraska Junior Golf Tour. Points were earned in playing up to 13 tournaments at area courses throughout the summer along with the Tour Championship which was held at the Norfolk Country Club on July 22. Season ending points were based on a player's best seven regular season events. Overall, Braxtyn finished ranked 10th in the 14-15 age division (18 hole play) and Charles finished ranked seventh in the 12-13 age division (9 hole play).



Photo submitted

Eisenhauer back on the court

The 46th NCA Senior Showcase Girls' Basketball was held Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Lincoln North Star High School, featured the best graduated seniors from across the state. Serving as assistant coach for the Red team was Wolfpack coach Randy Eisenhauer. He's shown here conferring with Red Head Coach Scott Guzinski. The Red team won the game.



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