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## In Brief

### Celebration of life service set for Robert Nichols

Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

A pillar of the Wheeler County and Bartlett community, longtime businessman Robert Nichols passed away on Sunday August 9. He played a key role in bringing Cornerstone Bank to Bartlett. Also, he was instrumental in promoting the Herb Mignery Bronze Sculpture Garden from a vision to a reality at the Wheeler County Courthouse.

Seldom does a day pass when the garden isn't visited by people from across the United States.

Visitation will be Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bartlett Church of Faith. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday morning, August 15, at the church, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Proceedings — The Elgin City Council
- Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Wages — The City of Elgin
- Wages — Antelope County
- Notice of Organization — Nature's Path to Wellness, L.L.C.
- Notice of Tentative Agenda — District #18 Board of Education
- Ordinance #863 — The Elgin City Council

## Weather

The high temperature last week was 84 degrees recorded on August 2-3.

The low temperature during the same period was 54 degrees was recorded on August 7-8. Altogether, 0.20 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, submitted by weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

| Date                     | High | Low | Prec  |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Aug 2                    | 84   | 64  | .00   |
| Aug 3                    | 84   | 58  | .00   |
| Aug 4                    | 73   | 57  | .20   |
| Aug 5                    | 75   | 66  | .00   |
| Aug 6                    | 80   | 66  | .00   |
| Aug 7                    | 82   | 54  | .00   |
| Aug 8                    | 82   | 54  | .00   |
| Total for last week      |      |     | 0.20  |
| Total for August         |      |     | 0.20  |
| Total precipitation 2026 |      |     | 17.09 |



## Oversight in phone system contract, lack of communication to cost GPC

By Greg Tharnish

Special to The Elgin Review

Budget talks and phone system issues were front and center at the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) meeting yesterday, August 11.

Last spring, Great Plains Communications (GPC) was contracted to install a new phone system in the courthouse, tying in the Sheriff's Office and weed department. The issue? After the contract was signed it was discovered, by GPC, that an \$11,000 piece of equipment was required to make the new system compatible with the counties' 911 system. A frustrated Sheriff Bob Moore and GPC reps came before the ACC to get the issue figured out. Sheriff Moore asked GPC why the Sheriff's Office was never contacted about what was needed to make things work, i.e., phone con-

nections between buildings, 911 compatibility, dispatching, incoming and outgoing calls, etc. and who was going to pay the \$11,000.

GPC offered to pay half of the bill but the ACC and Sheriff Bob Moore were quite convincing that the money should all be covered by GPC. GPC relented and will cover the cost.

Sheriff Moore requested County Attorney Joe Smith be involved and the installation of the new phone system is being placed on-hold until all issues regarding communications are resolved. Smith, Sheriff Moore and GPC will be on September's ACC meeting for talks.

Budget talks continued with much discussion surrounding county employee wages. The ACC and department heads all agreed to stay in communication with each other when it

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## 'Magic' caps summer reading program

Every year in August, librarians Dianne Gunderson and Barb Bode present to the Elgin City Council an annual report on activities at the Elgin Public Library.

The duo did just that last week and, to sum up their presentation in a few words - it's been a very good year.

The library's summer reading program just wrapped and participants were treated to a 'Jurassic Magic' show Saturday afternoon at the Elgin Community Center.

Altogether, close to 50 youngsters, some joined by their parents, watched magician Jeff Quinn mix magic with dinosaurs.

Gunderson said the summer reading program once again included story time on Mondays and Wednesday mornings and an activity time for older children on Thursday afternoons with about 90 children participating. Of that number, 21 kids finished a reading challenge and each received \$15 in Elgin Bucks.

Other highlights Gunderson and Bode noted during their presentation

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## City pool to close for season on Sunday

The last week of the season for the Elgin Swimming Pool has arrived. The Elgin City Council last week approved the date for the end of the season at the pool.

The pool's last day for 2026 will be this Sunday, August 16. The pool will be open regular hours Saturday and Sunday.

On Thursday and Friday, August 13-14, the pool will open at 4 p.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Later during the meeting, the council approved a five percent increase in salaries for all fulltime city employees and librarians. The ordinance, #863 setting the wages, was approved on a four to zero vote.

In other action:  
New member — Austin Vanhorn was approved as a new member of the Elgin Rescue Service.

Bids accepted — The council accepted bids of \$200 from Tintern Retreat Center for the Zoll AED Plus; and \$1,000 from Santee Health & Wellness Center for the EMS Division for the Stryker power pro XT cot.

Set the date of the budget workshop for Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
Tabled — The council discussed then took no action on a quote from Federal Signal for updating outdoor emergency sirens. City Hall hopes to get another bid before likely taking action on the sirens at the next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 9.

Report — City Street Superintendent B.J. Bode gave the council an update on the new boiler at the pool. On another matter, he said cleaning of the water tower will be scheduled for later this year when water use among residents declines. Also, he said summer armor coating of streets has been completed.

Maintenance report: new boiler at the pool, water tower cleaning this fall, armor coating completed



E-R photo/ASTuhr

Teaching kindergarten this year at EPS will be Miranda Rockwood (l) while Katlyn Springer will be the new school counselor.

## Two new teachers, counselor to greet EPS students

By Anna Stuhr  
Student intern

Elgin Public is introducing new teachers into their school family this week. When the school opens Thursday there will be three new faces. Miranda Rockwood will be teaching kindergarten, Katlyn Springer will be the new counselor and Vijendra Boken will be teaching math.

Ms. Rockwood grew up in Pierre, S.D., and has been teaching for seven years. She received her undergrad at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, and she received her master's degree at Midland.

"I'm excited for sure (to start the new school year). I grew up in a smaller community, so I'm happy to be back in a smaller community," she said.

"I'm excited to meet the kids and the families and get to know kids that have older siblings, and to be a part of the welcoming community."

She looks forward to seeing her kindergarten students grow throughout the year and watch their little personalities grow and build.

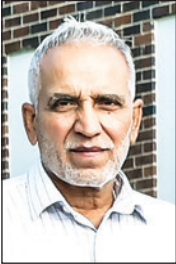
"From a kindergarten teacher's perspective, you get a lot of kids at the beginning of the year, and everyone's all over the place, so it's nice to see them progress throughout the year, and then, by the time they leave kindergarten, they're already ready for first grade, so it's really cool to be able to see them grow and progress throughout the year."

Replacing Sonia Rittscher as the school's new counselor, Mrs. Springer grew up in Lincoln. She received her undergraduate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and she received her master's degree at Wayne State College. She has been teaching for three years.

"I would say I'm definitely excited. So far, when I've come in here to get set up and get things ready, everyone's been really welcoming and really nice," she said. "I'm super pumped to get to know and help them."

Her favorite part of being a school counselor? "I would say, on my high school side of doing things, I really love when I can help a kid figure out what they want to do next. I think seeing a kid have that 'ah-ha' moment of figuring out what life is going to look like after high school is really exciting."

Boken grew up in India, where he went to college, and he has been teaching for 20 years. When asked if



Vijendra  
Boken



E-R photo/DMorgan

Magician Jeff Quinn wrapped up the library's summer reading program with a dinosaur-themed show at the Elgin Community Center Saturday. Ryleigh Young (pink shirt) helped him perform a magic trick involving socks.

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Good day,  
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We are big muffin eaters. Ted enjoys them because he can grab them and go. His version of a breakfast meal.  
Looking for something different for you breakfast? Enjoy!  
BIG CORRECTION - in last week's Delicious Snack Mix recipe, use 7 BOXES (not 2!) of

snack crackers. If you use 2, they will be WAY OVER-SEASONED.  
JoAnn

### COCONUT MUFFINS

2 cups flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
3 tsp baking powder  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp salt

2/3 cup milk  
1/3 cup oil (vegetable)  
1/4 cup coconut flakes

In a large bowl combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.  
In another bowl combine the egg, milk and oil. Mix well. Stir into the dry ingredients just until combined then stir in the coconut.  
Fill the muffin cups with paper liners until 2/3 full. Bake at 350° for 20-25 mins.

Topping:  
1/4 cup shredded coconut  
1/4 cup white sugar

1 Tbls melted butter  
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Combine the ingredients and sprinkle over the muffins.

## Plea agreement reached, charges amended in alcohol-related case

The Honorable Danielle Fliam presided over several cases involving alcohol-related charges in Antelope County Court on Aug. 5.  
Lonnie J. Hood, 67, of O'Neill, appeared for a pretrial hearing for misdemeanor DUI charges. He previously entered a not guilty plea in the case.  
A continuance was requested. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and Fliam granted the request.  
Fliam ordered Hood to appear Sept. 2 for a pretrial hearing.

The defendant refused additional tests.  
Hood was arrested and transported to the Antelope County Sheriff's Office. He submitted to a Data Master breath test, which indicated .230 blood-alcohol content. Bond, set at \$5,000-10%, remains in effect.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Cameron J. Schindler, 22, of Neligh, accepted a plea agreement.  
Per the agreement, Smith filed an amended complaint and will not file additional charges in exchange for a guilty plea.

Schindler pleaded guilty to an amended count of operating a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-mi, a Class I misdemeanor, and one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (one prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor.  
Schindler will undergo an alcohol and drug evaluation at his expense and will have the report submitted at least seven days prior to sentencing.  
Bond, set at \$10,000-10%, remains in effect.  
Fliam ordered Schindler to appear Sept. 16 for sentencing.  
*Courtesy of SAM*

## Knapp changes plea, accepts deal

A Lincoln man accepted a plea agreement on amended charges during an Aug. 5 hearing in Antelope County Court. Dillan Knapp, 24, appeared before The Honorable Danielle Fliam.  
Per the agreement, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith reduced the original charge of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor, to attempt of a Class I misdemeanor, a

Class II misdemeanor.  
Knapp pleaded no contest.  
A restitution hearing will take place during sentencing on Sept. 2.  
Fliam ordered the probation office to provide a pre-sentence investigation, ordered for a Lancaster County District Court case involving Knapp, by Aug. 31. Bond, set at \$4,000-10%, is continued.  
*Courtesy of SAM*

## PT Rankin says 'Keep them in the game'

By Allison Rankin, PT  
With the beginning of another school year comes the excitement of new sports seasons. Whether your student-athlete is competing for the first time or a returning letter winner, recognizing the early signs of an injury can make all the difference between missing days, weeks, or even the entire season or year. It can be difficult to determine if initial soreness and other symptoms are part of training and competition or something more serious. Worsening pain, on-going swelling, gait deviations,



or inability to practice at full capacity should not be ignored. Initial conversation with coaching staff and athletic trainers is a good starting point, but early diagnosis can often prevent weeks on the sidelines and may even keep it from becoming a season-ending injury.  
An appointment with your child's primary care provider is the first step in the initial differential diagnosis and, as necessary, imaging. Your PCP will determine the extent of the injury and if a referral to physical or occupational therapy is indicated. If your school has access to an athletic trainer, they are also an excellent resource and can help determine if further medical evaluation is needed.  
At Boone County Health Center, our therapy team works with athletes of all ages and abilities to treat strains, sprains, muscle imbalances,

and other sports-related conditions. Our therapists are here to help athletes get back in the game after an injury or surgery; however, prevention and early intervention are our top priority as well.  
The sooner treatment intervention begins, the better the opportunity for a full recovery and quicker return to the activities your athlete loves.  
A successful sports season is

## Pretrial court date set for O'Neill man

A 22-year-old O'Neill man pleaded not guilty in Antelope County Court.  
Cardenas M. Aldolfo De Dios is charged with one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor; and speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.  
The Honorable Danielle Fliam ordered the defendant to contact his attorney to prepare for the pretrial hearing on Sept. 2.

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## Library

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were:  
• Lego League continues to be popular. They added a 'Maker Monday' for K-5th grade.  
• Book club met throughout the year.  
• As part of the library's outreach program, they continued the Book Bag program for day care providers; visited classrooms at Elgin Public and Pope John schools for story time through third grade; and handed out America 250 booklets to students at both schools.  
Programs at the library include regular VFW meetings; retired group; Brook from the Extension office came and did Christmas crafts with children; Participated in the 'Festival of Trees'; Held crochet night from January through April; Participated in a 'petting zoo' in conjunction with the Way Out West 4-H club and balloon animals for Vetch Days where 100 children attended; Acquired new signs for Story Walk with help from Merle Moser; and hosted 'Dinosaur Dimensions' to kick off the summer reading program.

## EPS

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he is excited to start teaching at Public, he answered, "Yes, of course! Meeting the students and helping them learn mathematics ... Math was my most favorite subject in high school."  
The Elgin Public staff is excited to have the chance to work with these three incredible people.  
They are sure that they will bring joy and happiness to their school family, and they can't wait to start working with them and introduce them to the students and families.

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# Spreading their wings - good and bad

I've said it before, but my mom once gave me some really solid advice. She said that my job as a parent was to put myself out of a job. The goal is to raise self-sufficient humans that, hopefully, contribute to society. To do that, we must enable them to do things for themselves, and sometimes that also means letting them do things without us, even when it's scary.

I remember the first time my eldest went to a sleep away camp. I was nervous, but I knew he was in good hands and deep down I knew he would have an

awesome time. He came back a little more independent and it helped me once my other two also started to do away camps. I still worry, but it's become a normal part of summer now.

When my eldest finished his eighth-grade year, he and I went on the eighth-grade trip together. It was a few adults and a lot of 14-year-olds traveling to Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and ending in New York City. Can you say exhausted? It was a lot of walking and a lot of fun, but it helped that I was with him. On the last day, I let him

go off with his friends in Time Square, but he knew he was never supposed to go anywhere alone.

I was definitely nervous the whole time because it's a big city, but we had a blast and made a lot of memories.

This year, my middle son went on the same trip. This time, I didn't go. It was expensive and we couldn't afford it, but I still wanted him to have the same opportunity. I prayed every single day that he was away and was ready for him to come home because then I

would know he was back safe and sound. He texted or called me every day, which gave me comfort. I'm really glad he went, but it was a lot more nerve-racking being here while he was traveling across the country.

I never want my kids to miss out on opportunities because I'm living in fear. Truth be told, I do struggle with anxiety. I tend to worry about the unknown or the "what ifs". I remind myself of scripture and God's promises, but it's still a struggle for me. However, I have to remember that keeping them sheltered or being a "helicopter mom" and always hovering around them is really holding them back.

When I was in high school, my parents let me travel to Europe with a group of students across Nebraska to play concerts in various countries. Side note, when my kids heard I played in a band in Europe, they thought it was pretty cool.

That is, until they realized it was a concert band and I played flute and piccolo. But I digress.

I am still shocked they actually let me go. The idea of my children going to Europe without me is terrifying. However, it was an amazing experience and I'm thankful that they didn't let their own potential fears stand in the way. Traveling the world, or even the country for that matter, can be an eye-opening experience. Every time my kids have gone away and done things without us, they have come back changed, more self-assured, and better prepared for the inevitable day when they are no longer under my roof.

I have two years left with my oldest son before he goes off to college, and I want to make the most of it. It's time to teach him things, let him experience things, and hope and pray that he's ready when it's time to spread his wings.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to [talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com](mailto:talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com).

## Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist  
**Katherine Cobb**

# Neligh man accepts plea agreement

A plea agreement was reached in an Antelope County Court case involving Aiden C. Kuester, 21, of Neligh.

On Aug. 5, Kuester pleaded no contest to one count of unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle - 1st, a Class III misdemeanor, stemming from a June 27 incident.

Per the agreement, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith agreed to recommend a DUI-type of probation sentence.

Defense counsel, Marty Klein, told The Honorable Danielle Fliam that restitution would be paid to the victim by Aug. 5. He also reported a substance abuse evaluation was previously provided to the court. Kuester was ordered not to enter or remain in any place alcohol is served, and he shall abstain from alcohol and controlled substances.

He will submit to specialized skills training or programing recommended by the supervising probation officer.

Kuester will comply with any search of his person, place

or automobile by probation, without probable cause, or by law enforcement acting at the request of probation.

## Polenske appears for hearings

A 37-year-old Oakdale woman appeared in Antelope County Court, on Aug. 5, in two different cases.

In the first case, Ashley Polenske waived her right to a preliminary hearing involving a felony child abuse charge.

A second charge - resist arrest-1st offense - was dismissed without prejudice on the motion of the prosecutor.

The charges stem from a July 8 incident investigated by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore.

Polenske will appear for arraignment on Sept. 30 in Antelope County District Court. Bond, set at \$5,000-10%, remains in effect.

In a second case, a continuance was granted as Polenske faces one count of DUI-drug-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor.

Fliam sentenced Kuester to probation for six months and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Courtesy of SAM

The Honorable Danielle Fliam ordered Polenske to appear in county court on Sept. 2.

The defendant was arrested April 25 after Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker received a call about a reckless vehicle, which had been stopped by Neligh Police Department officials.

Barker observed erratic driving as the vehicle traveled eastbound on Highway 275. He asked Polenske to take field sobriety tests, which she failed. He asked Polenske to take a preliminary breath test, which produced a result of .000.

Barker contacted the Nebraska State Patrol's drug recognition expert. Due to Polenske's performance on the tests, along with her lack of focus, Barker placed her under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs.

A drug evaluation was conducted by NSP at the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center.

A \$1,500-10% bond remains in effect.

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# My mother says I'm unique

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there's a whole different side that you get to see.

Life is... a bit odd. I think we can all agree on that. We all have a little bit of crazy mixed in with the calm. Sometimes it's in your DNA, sometimes it's the people around you. For me, it's a little bit of both.

I'm not crazy. At least, I like to think I'm not. But some of my friends, well, they might tell you something a little different. I'm a polite lady. I have good manners.

Well, I do when I meet new people. But if you know me, there's a whole different side that you get to see.

My wild side.

For starters, I laugh like a lunatic. If you ever hear me laughing politely, that's not my real laugh. My friends can confirm. It's crazy. I also get laughing spells, where I laugh at literally anything. I get wild and crazy, and I start saying the most random stuff. Things that nobody needs to know. I basically lose my filter and all decent language.

Second, I talk to myself. I know that a lot of people talk to themselves. It's normal. But not when I do it. A lot of my friends think it's odd. And they're probably right. But what can I say? I'm an odd person. My mom says I'm unique.

Now, the crazy people that aren't me. My brother, first off. He really likes martial arts. And I

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# Third major candidate joins horse race for governor’s mansion

Well, it now appears that we will have a third, substantial candidate on the ballot to become the next governor. Last week, former State Sen. Brett Lindstrom submitted more than enough signatures to join Gov. Jim Pillen and former State Sen. Lynne Walz in the race for the governor’s mansion. It’s an odd (and late) time to join the race, and Lindstrom took an unusual path to get into the race.

At this time a year ago, Lindstrom was an announced GOP candidate for the 2nd District congressional seat now held by retiring U.S. Rep. Don Bacon.

But by January, he had dropped out of that race saying he didn’t want to participate in the “divisiveness of modern politics.” “I don’t feel like I fit in this political environment,” Lindstrom told the Nebraska Examiner. He assured the reporter that he wasn’t quitting one race to join another, but later changed his registration to nonpartisan, allowing that possibility.

By this summer, the political juices were apparently flowing again, and supporters who had been urging him to run for governor in the first place, got their wish. A race for governor always seemed like the best fit for him, and it doesn’t have the high-stakes political divisiveness we see in federal races in the Trump-era GOP.

As I’ve written before, Lindstrom, a 45-year-old financial advisor, sure looks the part of governor. He’s a trim-and-fit former reserve quarterback for the Nebraska Cornhuskers who still looks like he could run an option play.

While Lindstrom didn’t talk a lot on the mike during debates in the Nebraska Legislature, he is a better speech-i-fier than our veterinarian/hog producer Gov. Pillen. (Walz, too, is a better speaker)

But Lindstrom faces a steep uphill climb to win the election.

First off, if you want an alternative to Pillen, you now have two legitimate choices, not just one.

Walz, a Democrat and former teacher, has been out campaigning for months now.

She has yard signs out, and speaking engagements lined up. And, like Lindstrom, she’s pledging to provide better leadership and an alternative to Pillen’s policies.

So now, the “anti-Pillen vote” is divided among two candidates, instead of one, making it harder for either to win.

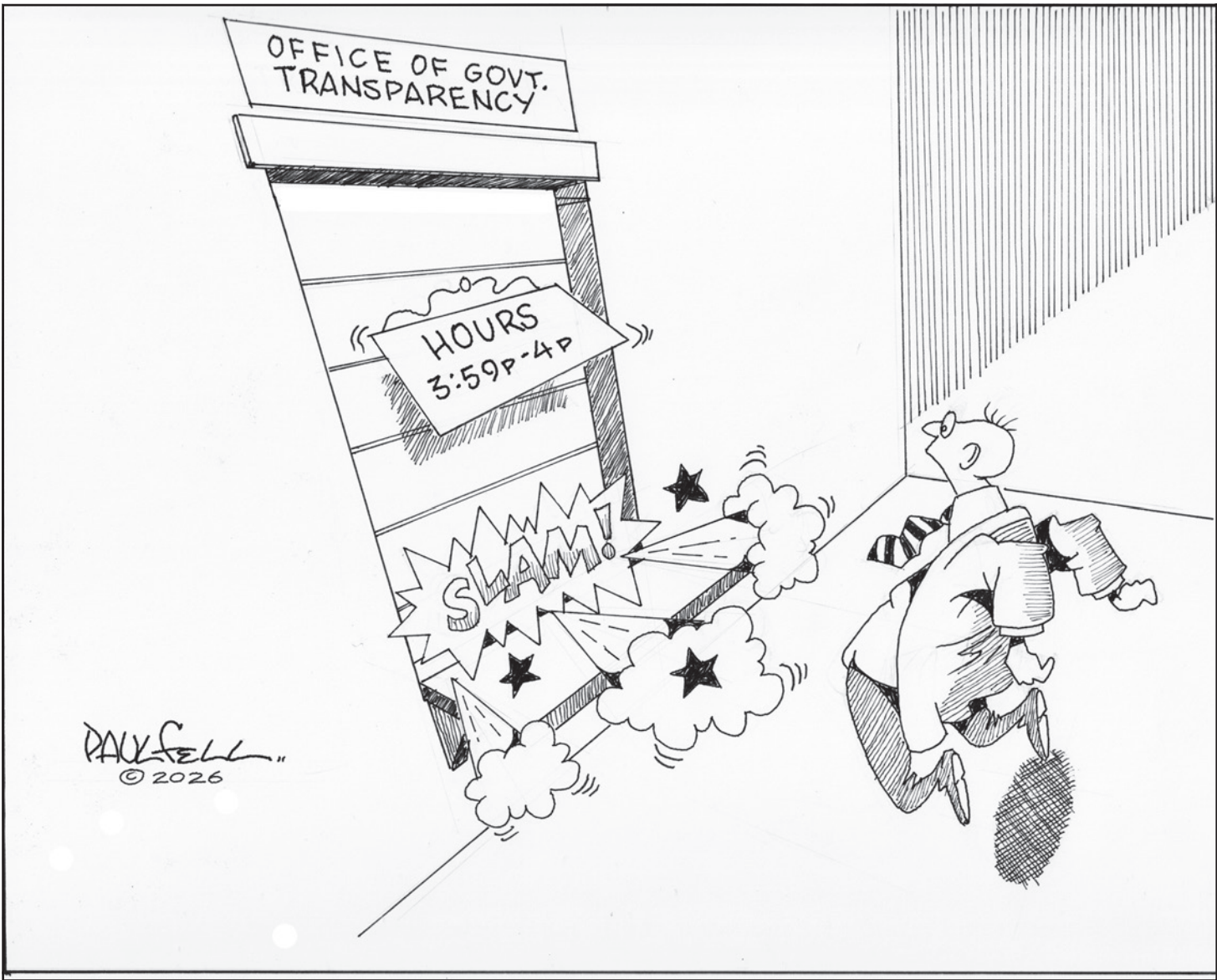
Let’s do some quick math here – in Nebraska, there are approximately 620,000 registered Republicans, 328,000 registered Democrats, and 282,000 registered nonpartisans, plus a few random Libertarians and legalize marijuana folks.

So for any non-Republican to win, they must convince a bunch of those GOP folks to vote for them, along with some Democrats who like Walz. Tall order.

But, if you believe in polls, Pillen isn’t exactly riding a crest of popularity (or riding a horse, thank goodness). A poll in February by the consumer website Morning Consult ranked Pillen among the five “least popular” governors in the nation. And Walz did a poll a couple of months later showing that 50% of respondents didn’t approve of his work.

Well, I’m guessing those numbers helped convince Lindstrom that if he ran for governor, he could win.

But the former senator hasn’t exactly been a rock star in calculating his chances of winning. Four years ago, he ran third in the GOP gubernatorial primary to Pillen and Charles Herbst; in 2012 he challenged then-U.S.



Rep. Lee Terry in the primary but finished second; he ran for committee chairmanships during his time in the State Legislature but never won.

So, has his crystal ball on winning campaigns gotten sharper?

It isn’t like you can’t win an election after losing one or two. Pete Ricketts lost his first run for U.S. Senate; Omaha Mayor John Ewing lost a congres-

sional race before winning the top job in the River City.

And Lindstrom did win two state legislative races. He also introduced the bill to remove state income taxes on Social Security checks, a worthy and politically popular change.

But he better have some mighty stout hiking boots and a convincing message, because beating both Pillen

and Walz will be an uphill climb.

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.

## A tradition of service: Apply to a U.S. Service Academy

From our rolling Sandhills to the Missouri River Valley and everywhere in between, Nebraskans are bound by a set of exceptional values: hard work, determination, and above all, a natural tendency to serve those around us. Seeing this value in action is what inspired me to run for my local school board, the Nebraska Unicameral, and eventually the U.S. Senate. Today, it is what drives me to advocate for Nebraska in Washington.

Fortunately, this value is also alive and well in young people across our state. When I meet with high school students, I am encouraged to hear that their aspirations are still rooted in service. For a select group of young Nebraskans, those future dreams include pursuing an appointment to one of our nation’s service academies — a path that demands excellence, leadership, and the ultimate commitment to serving our country.

As a U.S. senator, I have the privilege of nominating a select group of outstanding young men and women to attend one of the U.S. service academies: the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and U.S. Naval Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination, but I still submit recommendations on behalf of Nebraskans. These five academies

not only provide some of the most rigorous curricula in the world but also shape young men and women into future officers, with many becoming generals and admirals.

Playing a role in the selection of our future military leaders is not a responsibility I take lightly. As a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I work on legisla-

tion to advance our national defense capabilities. And as a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, I oversee the academy’s operations and report findings directly to the president. Through it all, these young, determined Nebraskans remain in the forefront of my mind and close to my heart. I am inspired by their commitment to strengthen the future of our state and our nation.

Each academy has its own application process outside of pursuing a nomination from my office, so it is important to stay on top of all deadlines. I recommend starting the process as soon as possible — the academies recommend high school juniors begin their applications in the spring. If you are in 9th through 11th grade and thinking about applying to a service academy, you can look into attending a summer program at one of the academies to gain a better understanding of the service academy experience.

To learn more about this process, consider attending a Service Academy Day hosted by the Nebraska Delegation. These informational sessions are held each spring by congressional staff members who are very knowledgeable about the application and nomination processes. We concluded this year’s informational sessions but will host more in 2027 – please check for the dates and useful information related to the academies on the “Academy Nominations” page of my website: fischer.senate.gov.

Nomination applications for the class of 2031 are now open until October 7, 2026. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact my Omaha office at 402-391-3411 or email my team at academynom\_fischer@fischer.senate.gov. My staff and I will provide any assistance you need as you enter this exciting time.

Nebraskans have always answered the call to serve our nation.

I am confident our next generation of leaders will carry on this tradition and make our state proud.

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## Back to school: Building for the future

In Nebraska, August marks the close of summer and the beginning of a busy new season.

It means the return of Husker football and volleyball games, final preparations ahead of harvest, and the rush of back-to-school shopping.

Across our state, parents are helping their sons and daughters move into college dorms, sending them off on a new adventure, or getting younger students ready for their first day back in the classroom.

The start of a new school year brings excitement and opportunity, but it also brings new expenses and important financial decisions for families. As another school year approaches, I am focused in Congress on building a stronger financial future for families across Nebraska’s Third District.

As a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I helped lead the effort to pass the Working Families Tax Cuts last year.

This legislation builds on our commitment to let hardworking Americans keep more of what they earn while giving parents additional tools to save, invest, and prepare for the future.

One of the most exciting provisions of this bill created tax-advantaged savings accounts for children, otherwise known as Trump Accounts.

Upon creation of a Trump Account for an eligible newborn, they receive a \$1,000 federal contribution to begin building a stronger financial foundation from day one.

Over time, that investment can grow and help young Americans pay for higher education, purchase their first home, launch a career, or continue saving for retirement.

I also introduced the Trump Accounts for All Generations Act to permanently extend this \$1,000 contribution and index it to inflation so future generations of American children receive the same opportunity to begin building long-term financial security.

The Working Families Tax Cuts also permanently expanded the Child Tax Credit to \$2,200 per qualifying child, helping working parents keep more of what they earn and cover everyday expenses.

We expanded 529 education savings plans, giving families greater flexibility to prepare for college or pursue technical training, apprenticeships, and other career pathways.

We also strengthened the Adoption Tax Credit, expanded childcare tax relief, and provided additional savings tools to help families prepare for the future.

I also championed the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit, which expands educational opportunities for public, private, and homeschooled children—all without new government spending or burdensome federal mandates.

As students return to classrooms and campuses across Nebraska, they are preparing for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. In Congress, I will continue working to advance policies that strengthen the financial security of families, expand educational opportunities, and build a brighter financial future for the next generation of Nebraskans.

### FROM THE HILL



Congressman  
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Whew - another year at the fair is behind us.  
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County

came to budget requests.

Also, County Clerk Lisa Payne indicated that, according to the numbers coming in, tax asking and the county levy should be slightly less than last year.

Commissioner Casey Dittrich commended County Clerk Payne and Commissioner Regina Krebs on an excellent job of putting the budget together.

Concerning the final budget numbers, Commissioner Neil Willi-by stated, “We should be in good shape.”

Unique

mean REALLY likes it. He'll walk into a room and start kicking the air, acting like he's cool. I would like to tell him that he's not actually that cool, but the second I start talking, he starts kicking ME. And, not gonna lie, for how skinny he is, he really packs a punch. Or, kick. So, he's crazy. We both are. But so is my sister.

She has this weird obsession with the Twilight Saga and Titanic. Now, if that's something you like to watch, go for it. I'm not judging you. But I am judging her. Vampires and Werewolves? Seriously? I watched a bit with her, and I hated it. Something about it just rubbed me the wrong way. So, she's also crazy. Then again, so am I. You can tell we're family.

So, crazy seems to run in the family. Don't know where we get it from, because both our parents are sane. I'm probably the craziest, though.

We can all be a bit odd at times. That's kind of how humanity works. We're messed up, just a little bit. And it's not something to be ashamed of. In fact, it's something you should take pride in, because that's one thing that every person has in common: we're all strange, in different ways. That's what makes humanity so beautiful.

No two people are the same. So, the next time someone calls you weird, you can say, “Thanks. You, too.”

OBITUARIES

Robert E. Nichols, 88

October 27, 1937 — August 9, 2026

A native of Wheeler County, his life was marked by dedication, service and community involvement. His was a life well-lived.



Robert E. Nichols of Bartlett, Nebraska passed away on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at Accura Healthcare at Neligh, Nebraska at the age of 88.

Robert Eugene Nichols, born October 27, 1937, in Wheeler County, Nebraska, the son of Carl and Marjorie (Kugler) Nichols. He was raised in Wheeler County where he attended District #7 Red Top Country School and graduated from Wheeler County High School in 1955. From the beginning, he embarked on a journey of dedication and service to Wheeler County.

In his early years, Robert worked in construction before serving his country in the United States Army beginning in the Fall of 1961 and was stationed in Alaska. After completing his military service in the Fall of 1963, he returned to Bartlett, Nebraska, where he began working with cattle.

Robert was united in marriage to Peggy Field, and together they welcomed two children, Kenneth and Lori.

His professional life was centered around the insurance industry, initially purchasing Nichols Insurance Agency in Bartlett. He later partnered with Ron Gillham, leading Nichols Gillham Insurance Agency and Sandhills Systems, which specialized in insurance, irrigation pivots, and grain bins. He played a key role in bringing Cornerstone Bank to Bartlett and continued his career there until his retirement.

During retirement, Robert had a vision and passion for the Herb Mignery Bronze Sculpture Garden in Bartlett. He

spent countless hours fundraising, working on the design and placement of the sculptures and was always willing to give a guided tour of the garden. He was also an avid bowler and golfer.

A proud Army veteran, Robert was a member of the Bartlett American Legion Post #107 and the Great Bear Below Zero Club. His life was marked by dedication, service, and community involvement.

Survivors include his two children and their spouses, Kenneth and Julie Nichols of Bartlett and Lori and Travis Rodgers of North Platte; ten grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leland and Pat Nichols and Dwight and Eudeen Nichols all of Bartlett; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a granddaughter, Emily Nichols.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Bartlett Church of Faith in Bartlett, Nebraska. Pastor Mark Hoffman will officiate. Interment will be in the Bartlett Cemetery.

Military Honors will be presented by the Bartlett American Legion Post #107.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the family for designation to the Herb Mignery Bronze Sculpture Garden in memory of Bob.

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Psalm 133  
Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28  
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| Assistant Maintenance..... | \$21.00/hr               |
| Co-Librarian.....          | \$774.09/month           |
| Swimming Pool Manager..... | \$20.75/hr               |
| Asst. Pool Manager.....    | Starting @ \$18.25/hr    |
| Lifeguards.....            | Starting @ \$15.00/hr    |
| Seasonal Employees.....    | Starting @15.00/hr       |

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 4 MEETING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Neligh, Nebraska  
August 4th, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting.  
Notice of meeting published as re-  
quired by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved  
minutes of July 7th and 14th, 2026  
Board of Commissioner Meetings  
and July 9th, 2026, Board of Equal-  
ization Meetings. Public com-  
ments. Correspondence was re-  
viewed. Clerk of the District Court,  
Treasurer's Fund Balance, and  
Treasurer's Miscellaneous Reve-  
nue.

Zoning Administrator no report.  
Met with Highway Superin-  
tendent for 1- and 6- Year Road  
Projects. Approved County Bridge  
Match Resolution.

Approved increase in recycling  
agreement with City of Neligh.

Discussed with constituents the  
route of Holt County Transmission  
Line Project.

Held public hearing date for  
852nd Road Closing. Approved  
closing road except for the first  
1000 feet from highway.

Road Superintendent Report:  
approved two (2) oversized per-  
mits; two (2) access permits and  
one (1) underground permit. Ap-  
proved aggregate bid for Mitchell  
Quarry.

Budget was reviewed. Approved  
subdivision preliminary levy.  
Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Com-  
missioners

CHARLIE HENERY  
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 4 MEETING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE ANTELOPE COUNTY -  
SALARIES: July 2026

The following salaries are to be  
published each year between July  
15 and August 15, according to  
Nebraska State Statute 23-122, re-  
vised by LB299 in 1996. Antelope  
County Employees are paid on a  
monthly payroll. The salaries vary  
in each department, due to job ti-  
tles, merit and years of employ-  
ment. The following are payroll  
figures:

GENERAL FUND: Com-  
missioners annual: (4) \$20,250  
(1) \$21,450; Officials annual: (4)  
\$73,678.00; Courthouse Deputies  
hourly: (1) \$26.20; (1) \$26.00; (1)  
\$25.00; (1) 23.75; Courthouse cler-  
ical hourly: (1) \$27.99; (1) \$23.75; (1)  
\$21.00; (1) \$20.52; (2) \$20.00; (1)  
\$18.62; Seasonal Clerical hourly: (1)  
\$15.00; Custodian (1) \$15.00; Sher-  
iff annual: (1) \$84,508.00; Emer-  
gency Manager: (1) \$10,000.00  
annual; Sheriff Deputies hourly: (1)  
\$35.00; (1) \$33.00; (1) \$31.00; Part-  
time Sheriff Deputies hourly: (1)  
\$30.00; (1) \$29.00; (2) \$28.00; (2)  
\$27.00; Administrative Operations

Manager hourly: (1) \$28.25; Office  
Assistant: \$19.00 Dispatcher/Jail-  
ers hourly: (1) \$24.00; (2) \$23.00;  
(1) \$22.50; (4) \$22.00; (1) \$21.00; (1)  
20.00 (2) \$19.00; Attorney annual:  
(1) \$76,210.00; Veterans Service  
Officer hourly: (1) \$29.70; Zoning  
Administrator hourly: (1) \$25.00;  
Weed Board Members (5) \$50.00  
per meeting; Weed Superinten-  
dent annual: (1) \$45,000; Part-  
time Clerical hourly: (1) \$18.50; (1)  
\$15.50;

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Full-  
Time Road Workers hourly: (2)  
\$26.78; (1) \$26.50; (1) \$25.75; (1)  
\$25.54; (1) \$23.23; (1) \$22.92; (1)  
\$22.40; (1) \$21.99; (1) \$21.78; (1)  
\$21.63; (1) \$21.63; (1) \$21.37; (1)  
\$21.00; (1) \$20.86; (1) \$20.60; (3)  
\$20.00; (1) \$19.50; (2) \$19.00; (1)  
\$18.95; (1) \$18.90; (1) \$18.54; (1)  
\$18.00; Part-time road workers  
hourly: (1) \$22.00; (1) \$19.00; (1)  
\$15.00; Road Superintendent an-  
nual: (1) \$73,678.00; Road Foreman  
hourly: (1) \$28.78 Highway Super-  
intendent annual: (1) \$1,200.00.

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# Three defendants fail to appear for county court hearings

Several defendants skipped appearing before The Honorable Danielle Fliam during the Aug. 5 Antelope County Court session.

A. Jared L. Blevins was scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing in a case where he faces three felony charges.

Defense attorney Doug Stratton told Fliam that Blevins was having car trouble and requested a continuance.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and Fliam granted the motion.

Blevins faces three felony counts, including possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person, a Class III felony; one count of DUI-cause serious bodily injury, a Class IIIA felony; and one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony.

The counts stem from an April 22 incident, when a vehicle driven by Blevins crossed over the centerline and struck a vehicle driven by Kenneth Menning of Orchard.

Antelope County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Mills responded to the call reported in the 1000 block of L Street in Neligh.

According to the arrest affidavit, Blevins appeared incoherent, with slowed and slurred speech.

He was transported to Antelope Memorial Hospital, where emergency room personnel found a baggy containing what appeared to be psilocybin mushrooms.

Menning sustained a fractured sternum.

A passenger in the Menning vehicle, Michael Menning, sustained a break of the C2 vertebrae and was air transported to another facility.

During a search of Blevins' vehicle, Neligh Police Chief Logan Lawson located "a hunting-type knife" with a blade measuring 10 inches.

Fliam set an Aug. 19 date for the preliminary hearing.

A \$35,000-10% bond remains in effect.

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Pedro Angel Monzon-Garcia, 37, of Grand Island, missed arraignment on two counts, including DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor; and no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor.

Smith requested that the defendant's failure to appear be noted, and said a warrant, signed July 28, is active.

Monzon-Garcia was arrested on May 31 by a Neligh Police Department officer after he received a report of a reckless driver traveling north from Elgin.

Officer Riley Schroeder requested assistance from Deputy Steven Mills at the scene, approximately one-quarter mile east of Penn Lake in Neligh.

Schroeder observed alcoholic beverages in the vehicle, including "several empty cans on the floorboard."

According to a probable

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 3, 2026 MEETING  
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL  
Proceedings  
August 3, 2026

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

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

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

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

The following agenda items were approved:

July regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

General Checking: Black Hills Energy, util, 1,348.91; U.S. Post Office, postage, 390.00; 118 Insurance LLC, ins, 5,208.00; AP-PEARA, srv, 126.19; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 81.58; Antelope County Sheriff, srv, 2,850.00; Applied Connective Technologies, srv, 25.00; Boyd's Electrical Service, Inc., srv, 300.00; Brock Prater, camp rtn, 60.00; Bud's Sanitary Service LLC, srv, 7,291.40; Central Valley Ag, sup, 491.35; Cordell's Sales & Service, LLC, rpr, 80.98; Dean's Market, sup, 866.43; Eakes Office Solutions, sup, 920.48; Econo Signs, sup, 86.99; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 1,364.77; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, util, 4,351.77; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, srv, 350.00; GPM Environmental Solutions, LLC, srv, 508.00; Great Plains Communications, util, 377.05; In the Swim, sup, 361.76; Jeff Quinn, srv, 350.00; Junior Library Guild, sup, 644.00; Kittelson Welding, rpr, 195.00; League of NE Muni - Utilities Section, dues, 528.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues, 3,086.00; Leifeld Hardware, sup, 66.21; NE Public Health Environmental Lab,

srv, 539.00; Nebraska Life Magazine, sup, 56.00; Francisco Uriel Vite Orozco, water rtn, 69.04; Playaway Products, sup, 90.94; Precision Repair, LLC, sup, 2.37; Randy Scholl, rpr, 50.00; Sargent Drilling, srv, 900.00; Sta-Bilt Construction Company, srv, 29,330.00; Tenley Schindler, srv, 500.00; The Elgin Review, print, 64.15; The Pioneer Woman Magazine, sup, 19.97; WEF Membership, dues, 89.00; Connie Dvorak, sup, 210.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, tax, 2,137.49; Nebraska U C Fund, tax, 62.67; United States Treasury, tax, 6,832.24; American Funds Service Company, retirement, 800.86; Payroll: 28,544.67

Debit Card: U.S. Post Office, postage, 36.35; Verizon Wireless, srv, 33.72

Rescue Checking: Amazon Capital Services, sup, 38.22; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 157.63; Elgin Pharmacy, sup, 253.97; The Elgin Review, print, 6.22

Purchase edging and solar lights for the new library sign

Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 683 on three different days be suspended

Ordinance No. 683 passed and adopted

Set the last day of the pool as Sunday, August 16, 2026

Accept \$200.00 bid from Tintern Retreat Center for the Zoll AED Plus

Accept \$1,000.00 bid from Santee Health & Wellness Center – EMS Division for the Stryker power pro XT cot

Austin Vanhorn to Elgin Rescue Service

Set the date of the budget workshop for Wednesday, August 26th, at 7:30 p.m.

Set the September 2026 reg-

ular meeting date for Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Set the 1 & 6 Year Street Hearing date for Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Approve a 5% raise for all full-time employees and librarians effective October 1, 2026

Building permits: Marlin Matson, Susan Bartkovak

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

Public comment: none

Law enforcement presence in Elgin and starting a neighborhood watch program

Library annual update

Quote from Federal Signal for

updating outdoor emergency sirens

Trash rates

Maintenance report: new boiler at the pool, water tower cleaning this fall, armor coating completed

Pool report: need new hose

Councilman's report: look into contracting with Elgin Rural Fire Board to provide coverage for the City

Clerk report: budget preparation

Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Mayor MIKE SCHMITT  
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 683  
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 683  
OF THE  
CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY  
OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE ELGIN SWIMMING POOL AND THE BATHER PREPARATION FACILITY; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15,265 the City of Elgin hereby adopts the minimum standards of sanitary and safety for the

construction, operation and maintenance of the Elgin City swimming pool as established by the Nebraska department of water, energy and environment.

Section 2. Any other ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by State Law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2026.

By MIKE SCHMITT  
Mayor

Attest:  
KRISTIN L. CHILDERS  
City Clerk  
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## 2026 ag land value and rental rates

Land prices and rental rates are some of the highest expenses a producer must face annually. Every summer, UNL's Center of Agricultural Profitability (CAP) releases The Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market survey. Those wanting to check it out themselves can find a pdf version at [cap.unl.edu/land](http://cap.unl.edu/land) or can contact their local extension office, but here are some highlights:

**IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF**  
  
Beef Systems  
Asst. Ext. Educator  
**Ben Beckman**

Across the state, the all-land average value for ag real estate in Nebraska decreased by 1%. The Southeast region saw the largest drop with a 3% decrease while the North region saw a 4% gain. Current crop prices, interest rate levels, and farm input costs were cited as major downward pressures on prices while livestock prices and 1031 tax exchanges were cited as positive drivers. Cropland rental agreements for center pivot irrigated ground in the Northeast region decreased 1% to \$360 per acre on average; dryland decreased 2% to an average of \$245 per acre. Just a reminder, these are averages across a large area of the state (1/8th approximately), so there is a lot of room for variation locally. For the East region, center pivot irrigated cropland rents decreased 3% to \$335 per acre on average, with dryland decreasing 6% at \$220 per acre on average. Unlike crop ground leases, which are an annual lease often beginning on March 1st, pasture leases are typically for a five-month grazing season. Since the lease is only in effect for that time, the lease is terminated at the end of the grazing

season. Written pasture rental agreements are strongly recommended over handshakes and verbal leases. For all leases, establishing fair rates are important although at times challenging. Variables such as grassland quality; pasture location; fence maintenance; water, management responsibilities; and individual relationships...all influence individual pasture rental rates. Last, when it comes to pasture leases, rates can be calculated in two ways, per acre or per pair. Per acre leases more closely mirror cropland lease agreements, but I recommend always including a set stocking rate as part of the lease agreement if you choose to go this route. While rare, leases without an agreed upon stocking rate leave the landowner open to overgrazing by the tenant since technically there is no set limit on the number of animals that can be run. Renting by the animal unit or pair forces this stocking rate conversation to occur as part of the rental negotiation. According to this year's survey, the average monthly rent paid to graze a cow-calf pair this season in the Northeast region is up at \$77.35 per month per pair on average. Pasture rented on a per acre basis went for \$79 per acre on average, up 3% from last year. In the East region grazing leases were on average \$69.20 per month per pair while pasture per acre was up 4% at 68\$ per acre on average. Projecting these rates over a five-month grazing period, it will cost an average of \$386.75 to \$346.00 to graze a cow-calf pair for the summer. Again,

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- Arizona: Grand Canyon State
- Arkansas: Natural State
- California: Golden State
- Colorado: Centennial State
- Connecticut: Nutmeg State, Constitution State
- Delaware: The First State, Diamond State
- Florida: Sunshine State
- Georgia: Peach State, Empire State of the South
- Hawaii: Aloha State
- Idaho: Gem State
- Illinois: Prairie State, Land of Lincoln
- Indiana: Hoosier State
- Iowa: Hawkeye State, Corn State
- Kansas: Sunflower State
- Kentucky: Bluegrass State
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- Maine: Pine Tree State
- Maryland: Free State, Old Line State
- Massachusetts: Bay State, Old Colony State
- Michigan: Wolverine State, Great Lake State
- Minnesota: North Star State, Gopher State, Land of 10,000 Lakes, Land of Sky-Blue Waters
- Mississippi: Magnolia State
- Missouri: Show Me State
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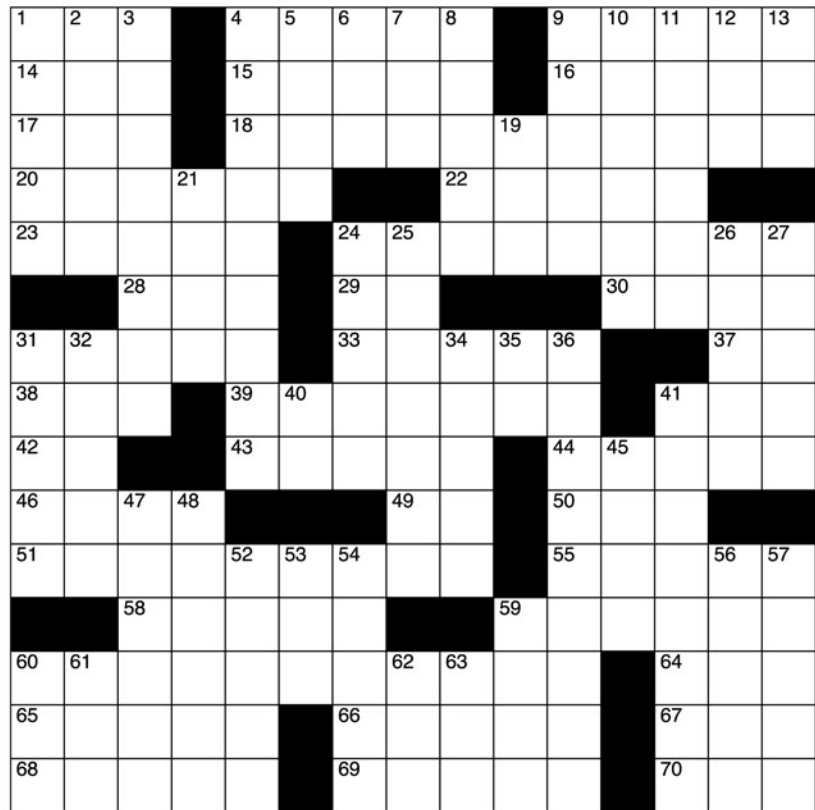
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- Washington: Evergreen State, Chinook State
- West Virginia: Mountain State
- Wisconsin: Badger State, America's Dairyland
- Wyoming: Equality State

## Crossword Puzzle

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Midway between south and southeast
  - Fathers
  - Wine grape
  - Al Bundy's wife
  - Derived from ammonia
  - Venezuelan state
  - Interest rate
  - Experts
  - Vascular tissues
  - Smooth and glossy
  - Administrative region in S. Korea
  - One from Damascus
  - Special interest group
  - It cools your home
  - Oh, God!
  - Intestinal pouches
  - Men
  - Twelfth star in a constellation
  - Former CIA
  - Arrange in grades of size
  - A baglike structure in a plant or animal
  - "The Great Lakes State"
  - Having earlike appendages
  - Momentarily stop
  - Ancient kingdom
  - Of I
  - White clerical vestment
  - Songs to one's beloved
  - Charges
  - Computer application originator
  - A place to dock a boat
  - One guided by reason
  - Slang for cigarette
  - Sailboats
  - "Jerry Maguire" actor Zellweger
  - Screen type
  - Country legend Haggard
  - Puts together in time
  - When you anticipate arriving

- CLUES DOWN**
- Involuntary muscular contraction
  - Eastern US transit agency



- Leaves a place
- Cease to participate
- Current units
- Cease to exist
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Earth vibration
- Very strong winds
- For each one
- A bog
- The creation of beautiful or significant things
- Affirmative
- Pie \_\_\_ mode
- Nonclerical
- Indonesian island
- Educational environment
- Namibian peoples
- Bring out or develop
- Moves into a place of thought
- Out of the way
- Loads a ship
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Distinguishes
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Secondary or explanatory title

- Relating to a wing
- One who gives a speech
- In the middle
- Loop with a running knot
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Sweet persons
- Put into play
- Small cattle breed
- Millisecond
- Revolutions per minute
- They \_\_\_
- Moon crater
- A place to stay the night



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Spinning Tales

100 games that define college football - where's Iowa?

Lo, behold, the first football game of the TV season was played Thursday night in Canton, Ohio.

I'm not sure I was ready for this. After all, it was the NFL Hall of Fame game which kicks off the preseason. The Arizona Cardinals lined up against the Carolina Panthers for four meaningless quarters of game action, the vast majority of players to never play in a regular season game.

But there they were, risking life and limb for some meaningless dollars and a chance to defy the odds and make it to the NFL.

I snoozed midway through the first quarter, but I didn't lose.

My favorite football is college football. My brother-in-law Roger turned me onto the game

when I was eight years old. Pro football had the same players, playing for the same teams for 10-15 years before walking/ crawling away from the game.

College football was different. Players were on campus for four years then they were gone. No extra years of eligibility, just four and done. The powerhouses just kept reloading with new players.

Last week, ESPN online had a story about the 100 games that explain college football in 2026.

Somebody, sitting in a cubicle hoping to be Chris Berman someday, sorted through the history of college football's first 157 years to come up with the most important games that mattered in shaping how fans look at the sport.

Remember, just 100 games. The best of the best fitting into

categories such as legends,

As expected, Nebraska was mentioned numerous times - five to be exact.

Those games were: (Legends) Nebraska 62, Florida 24 played on January 2, 1996. "It took Tom Osborne more than 20 years to finally win an elusive national title at Nebraska. It took only 12 months — and one of the most famous runs of all time — to win a second (Tommie Frazier's 75-yard run "How man tackles can one man break?")

(Upsets) Miami 31, Nebraska 30 played on January 2, 1984. When Miami hired Howard Schnellenberger in 1979, it was a program without much of a history, one that had famously almost been discontinued. Five seasons later, it was a title program. Against an all-time great

Nebraska team (The Scoring Explosion), the Hurricanes pulled off a history-altering upset.

(Frustrates us) Nebraska 45, Missouri 38 played on November 8, 1997. A controversial win over Missouri, another split national title Nebraska was a four-touchdown favorite in Columbia and trailed in the closing seconds when Scott Frost's fourth-down pass to Shevin Wiggins was broken up. As it fell toward the ground, Wiggins swept his feet around and knocked the ball into the air. A diving Matt Davison caught it, sending the game to overtime as Mizzou fans rushed the field in celebration of what they thought was a win. Wiggins later admitted that he intentional-

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Elgin Community Center meals

**Monday, August 17:** Smothered pork cutlets, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, mandarin oranges, bread & butter, milk

**Tuesday, August 18:** Chef salad with ham, chicken salad sandwich, milk.

**Wednesday, August 19:** Boneless pork chop, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, bread & butter, milk.

**Thursday, August 22:** Liver & onion OR ham, baked potato, harvard beets, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

**Friday, August 21:** Runza casserole, French fries, corn, mixed fruit, 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.

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

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Wheeler County Fair Open Class results announced

Wheeler County Fair held “Open Class,” exhibit competition on Thursday, July 30 as 23 persons entered the Junior Division and 23 entered in the

Senior Division.

Top prizes winners in the “Flowers and Plant,” division were Junior Cut Flower, Camara Armknecht; Junior

Indoor Pot, Hannah Hickey; Junior Outdoor Pot, Kolt Nelson; Senior Cut Flower, Colleen Butterfield and Donna Sears; Senior Indoor Plant and Senior

Flower Arrangement, Nancy Shavlik.

Shavlik and Kimmie Reed were the volunteers manning this department.

Top prize winners in “Farm Produce and Home Economics” were Vegetable: Junior, Kolt Nelson and Senior, Sherry Tetschner; Most Unusual: Junior, Aynslee McDonald, Senior, Cathy Palmer; Largest Vegetable: Senior, Janelle Schlenger; Cookies and Cake: Junior, Kolt Nelson and Senior, Cathy Palmer; Canned goods Senior, Ben Tetschner. Those manning this department were: Colleen Butterfield, Makenna Pelster and Sherry Tetschner.

Summer will be officially over this week for school staff and students. Wheeler Central staff will begin their school year this coming Thursday, August 13. Students arrive Monday the 17th.

Mandy Heiser of Lynch, Nebraska died July 27, 2026 at the age of 50. Her parents Joe and Judy Micanek and family were once residents of Burwell. Our thoughts and prayers are lifted up for her family in this time of sorrow.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Janna and Steven Schrunk presented a new wheel barrow, on behalf of the Wheeler County Farm Bureau, to be used by 4-Hers during the Wheeler County Fairs. The wheel barrow will be used in the 4-H barn with the large animals. The Wheeler County Farm Bureau also provided rolls, juice and water for 4-Hers during the small animals show on Friday. They also provide rosette ribbons for Champion small animal winners. Pictured with Janna and Steven are 4-H members who participated in the 4-H auction. They were (back row, l-r): Tyler Perkins, Brandon Plugge, Justin Guggenmos, Hunter Renner, Braelynn Schlenger, Casey Freouf, Paige Schlenger, Reese Smith and Landen Glup. Front row; Janna and Steven Schrunk, Emilia Plugge, Jacob Perkins, Zaxton and Benton Knigge, Calvin Schlenger, Keegan Brown, Lexi Plugge and Levi Glup.

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Photos submitted

On Tuesday, July 28 a parade, barbecue in the town park and a coed volleyball tournament were held to kick off the Wheeler County Fair.

Tuesday evening began with a community kick off for the Wheeler County Fair. The event began with a parade downtown.

The winners of the Kids division: Jaycee Wagner, Kenzie

Wagner and Julie Thorin in Julie's decorated golf cart; second place: Bartlett Church of Faith float.

Winners in the adult division: Draft horses and carriage, representing Cedar Creek Ranch driven by Brent Swick; second place Shavlik float.

In the business division 1st place: Farmers and Merchants Bank float; second place: Wheeler County Farm Bureau with a car driven by Janna Schrunk.

After the parade a large crowd of community members enjoyed a wonderful meal of

barbecued pork sandwiches and apple crisp prepared by Kurt Einspahr and delicious potato salad prepared by Lila Einspahr.

The meal was sponsored by the Wheeler County Fair Board.

Nine teams played in a double elimination sand volleyball tournament in the park that evening.

The tournament was a fundraiser for the CWC High School volleyball team. The Smith Family team won the tournament.

The games were coordinated by Jerilee Wright and were filled with tough competition and great fun for those competing and those watching.

Article and captions submitted by Sherry Tetschner

Community Calendar

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

**Wednesday, August 12** Back-to-school open house at Elgin Public Schools ■ Ant. Co. drivers licensing, 8:45 am-Noon; 1-4 pm every Wednesday (closed Aug. 26th).

**Thursday, August 13** First Day of classes at Elgin Public and Pope John schools (dismiss at 1 p.m.)

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

**Sunday, August 16** Elgin Community Center breakfast buffet fundraiser.\*

**Monday, August 17** Elgin Veterans Annual Steak Fry.\*

**Thursday, August 20** Wolfpack Volleyball Jamboree versus Stanton (at EPS).

**Friday – Sunday, August 21-23** Rae Valley Heritage Days (antique tractor pull) near Petersburg.\*

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# Wolfpack Sports

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Photo/caption submitted

## EHS Class of '76' holds 50th reunion

The Elgin Public Schools Class of 1976 recently got together for their 50th class reunion at the home of Clyde and Rosemary Meis in Grand Island. 14 of 21 were present. Attending (l-r) were RoseAnn Bauer Thramer, David Pelster, Craig Meis, Chris Sprout Redding, Karen Reestman Riesberg, Rita Clark Pearse, Will Bennett, Linda Dozler Kuester, Steve Kuester, Bev Hoefer Martens, Steve Heithoff, Rita Schrage Heithoff, Clyde Meis and Steve Bettendorf.

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**Tales**

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ly (and illegally) kicked the ball, but Nebraska remained unbeaten and eventually split the title with Michigan in the final year before the BCS.

(Siren song of television) Nebraska 35, Oklahoma 31 played on November 25, 1971. ABC was running production of the mother of all Games of the Century, as two rampant Big 8 rivals went toe-to-toe in another classic. Johnny Rodgers opened the scoring with one of the most famous punt returns ever, a 72-yarder three minutes into

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the game, but three lead changes later OU was on top heading into the final two minutes. It took Jeff Kinney's fourth touch-down run, a diving 2-yarder with 1:38 left, to secure the win — and the eventual national title — for the Huskers.

(Realignment) Texas 37, Nebraska 27. Though the SEC managed to have its cake (a conference title game) and eat it too (1992 Alabama still won the national title), the Big 12 championship game immediately established a different sort of vibe. It would upend the teams' national title hopes with upsets in 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2007 and nearly do so in 2000, 2003 and 2009 as well. And the chaos vibes began immediately when a 7-5 Texas team rode running back Priest Holmes and a stunning 63-yard pass from James Brown to reserve tight end Derek Lewis to pull off an upset.

As one can expect, there were other schools who are featured like Alabama, Auburn, USC, Notre Dame, Georgia, Michigan and Ohio State.

And, there are lesser known teams like Howard, UNLV, Montana State, Western Kentucky,

Iowa Wesleyan, Army, Navy, Fresno State, Carlisle, Harvard, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Colorado and Iowa State made the list.

One football team stood out to me for not making the list - The University of Iowa.

According to the writer, this school has never played a game that mattered in the history of college football. None of the school's athletes or coaches made a mark to catch the writer's attention.

As we prepare for the start of a new college football season at the end of August, perhaps now is the time to ponder the question - Is it better to have won and lost on the national stage OR to never have been relevant as ESPN implied in its article?

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**Saturday, 22nd:**

9 a.m. Consignment Auction (antiques, tractors, machinery, etc.)

11 a.m. Working Events Begins

12 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull

12:30 p.m. Potato Digging

1 p.m. Kids Tractor Pull Contest

3:30 p.m. Parade of Power

Dusk Steam Engine Spark Show

8-10 p.m. Open Music Jam & Barn Dance

**Sunday, 23rd:**

10 a.m. Church Service (in barn loft)

11 a.m. Tractor Talk with Randy Pelster

12:30 p.m. Walking Plow, Horse & Mule Plowing, Potato Digging

1 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Contest & Antique Tractor Plowing

1-3 p.m. Clown Lynde Linde aka Cindi Lou

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#### BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH/VARSITY

|          |                                          |       |
|----------|------------------------------------------|-------|
| Sept. 4  | Boone Central Invite (Alb. CC)           | 10:00 |
| Sept. 10 | Boyd Co. Invite (Butte GC)               | 4:30  |
| Sept. 14 | Neligh-Oakdale Invite (Ant. CC)          | 4:00  |
| Sept. 18 | O'Neill Invite (O'Neill GC)              | 10:00 |
| Sept. 25 | Boone Central Invite (Alb. CC)           | 4:30  |
| Oct. 2   | Battle Creek Invite (Evergreen Hills GC) | 4:00  |
| Oct. 8   | NVC CC @ Ainsworth                       | 4:00  |
| Oct. 15  | District CC                              | TBA   |
| Oct. 23  | State CC @ Kearney                       | TBA   |

### FOOTBALL

#### VARSITY

|          |                              |      |
|----------|------------------------------|------|
| Aug. 28  | @ Boyd County (Spencer)      | 7:00 |
| Sept. 4  | vs Wynot                     | 2:30 |
| Sept. 11 | vs GACC                      | 3:00 |
| Sept. 18 | @ North Central (Springview) | 7:00 |
| Sept. 25 | vs CWC                       | 7:00 |
| Oct. 2   | vs Central Valley            | 7:00 |
| Oct. 9   | @ Palmer                     | 7:00 |
| Oct. 16  | vs Burwell (Senior Day)      | 3:00 |
| Oct. 23  | @ Twin Loup (Sargent)        | 7:00 |
| Oct. 30  | Playoffs                     | TBA  |
| Nov. 6   | Playoffs                     | TBA  |
| Nov. 13  | Playoffs                     | TBA  |
| Nov. 20  | D3 State Championship @ TBD  | TBA  |

#### JUNIOR VARSITY/JUNIOR HIGH

|          |                                |           |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | vs Fullerton                   | 4:30/6:00 |
| Sept. 10 | @ Creighton (no JV)            | 4:00      |
| Sept. 21 | @ Central Valley (Wolbach)     | 4:30/6:30 |
| Sept. 28 | @ Riverside (Spalding) (no JV) | 5:00      |
| Oct. 5   | vs CWC                         | 4:00/5:30 |
| Oct. 12  | vs Archangels Catholic         | 4:00      |

### VOLLEYBALL

#### VARSITY

|            |                                   |       |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Aug. 20    | Jamboree @ EPPJ (EPS)             | 6:00  |
| Aug. 27    | @ Lutheran High Northeast         | 7:30  |
| Sept. 1    | @ Burwell                         | 7:00  |
| Sept. 3    | Tri @ Stuart                      | 5:00  |
| Sept. 8    | Double Tri @ *Niobrara-Verdigre   | 5:00  |
| Sept. 10   | vs Boyd County (EPS)              | 6:30  |
| Sept. 12   | Tourney @ *Howells-Dodge          | 9:00  |
| Sept. 15   | Tri @ Norfolk Catholic            | 5:00  |
| Sept. 22   | vs O'Neill (EPS)                  | 7:00  |
| Sept. 24   | Tri @ EPPJ (EPS)                  | 5:00  |
| Sept. 26   | Tri @ West Holt                   | 3:00  |
| Sept. 28   | vs Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ)         | 7:00  |
| Oct. 1     | Tri @ Battle Creek                | 5:30  |
| Oct. 6     | Tri @ EPPJ (PJ)                   | 5:00  |
| Oct. 10    | Tourney @ Thayer Central          | 10:00 |
| Oct. 15    | vs Lrl-Conc-Col (Senior Day) (PJ) | 7:30  |
| Oct. 19    | NVC Tourney (Top 2 seeds host)    | TBA   |
| Oct. 20    | NVC Tourney @ TBD                 | TBA   |
| Oct. 24    | NVC Tourney Finals @ TBD          | TBA   |
| Oct. 26-27 | Subdistricts                      | TBA   |
| Oct. 31    | Districts                         | TBA   |
| Nov. 4-7   | State @ Lincoln                   | TBA   |

#### JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

|          |                                      |      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|
| Aug. 27  | @ Lutheran High Northeast            | 5:30 |
| Aug. 31  | vs Fullerton (PJ)                    | 5:30 |
| Sept. 1  | @ Burwell                            | 5:00 |
| Sept. 8  | Double Tri @ *Niobrara-Verdigre      | 5:00 |
| Sept. 10 | vs Boyd County (EPS)                 | 4:30 |
| Sept. 15 | Tri @ Norfolk Catholic (JV only)     | 5:00 |
| Sept. 21 | vs Boone Central (C team only) (EPS) | 6:00 |

#### JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

|          |                                      |       |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Sept. 21 | @ Central Valley (JV only) (Greeley) | 6:00  |
| Sept. 22 | vs O'Neill (EPS)                     | 5:00  |
| Sept. 26 | Tri @ West Holt (JV only)            | 3:00  |
| Sept. 28 | vs Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ)            | 4:00  |
| Oct. 1   | Tri @ Battle Creek (JV only)         | 5:30  |
| Oct. 10  | Tourney @ Thayer Central (JV only)   | 10:00 |
| Oct. 12  | @ Summerland (C team only)           | 5:00  |
| Oct. 12  | Dble Tri @ Summerland (JV only)      | 6:00  |
| Oct. 15  | vs Lrl-Conc-Col (Senior Day) (PJ)    | 5:30  |
| Oct. 17  | Tourney @ Neligh (C team only)       | 8:00  |

#### JUNIOR HIGH

|          |                            |      |
|----------|----------------------------|------|
| Sept. 2  | vs Niobrara-Verdigre (EPS) | 2:00 |
| Sept. 10 | @ Creighton                | 2:00 |
| Sept. 14 | @ Neligh-Oakdale           | 3:00 |
| Sept. 21 | @ Central Valley (Greeley) | 4:30 |
| Oct. 5   | vs CWC (PJ)                | 3:00 |
| Oct. 7   | vs Riverside (EPS)         | 2:00 |
| Oct. 10  | Tourney @ Riverside        | 9:00 |

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