



Philip Schuchardt (left) guided farmers through the fields explaining the methods used in organic farming at the Schuchardt farm northeast of Elgin. He's shown visiting with NRCS representative Sabrina Negus. In the background is Rick Schuchardt visiting with attendees.

Success of organic farming focus of Schuchardt field day

Farming is steeped in the tradition of sharing various practices and improving upon them. Organic farming is no exception to that tradition.

On Friday morning, August 7th, approximately 30 farmers and farm-adjacent business representatives traveled to the Rick and Jane Schuchardt farm located northeast of Elgin. There, Philip Schuchardt (son of Rick and Jane) guided them on a field tour of the family's organic farm and led a lively discussion on the methods they use in their organic fields, what works well and what hasn't worked quite so well. There was a good amount of give-and-take as attendees asked questions and shared their experiences in using various equipment and methods.

"I started farming maybe 3 or 4 years ago," Philip said as he began the tour. "My dad's been doing it since 2003. I used to work for a aerospace company doing software engineering so I kinda come to farming with an engineering mindset."

He noted that, by doing even a small amount of research, you will find out that plowing is "not great for your soil structure". As he put it, "the problem

with organic farming is weed control".

Conventional farming controls weeds with spraying. "Days and hours matter when you cultivate," he explained. "So I was looking for other methods ... how can we reduce the amount of plowing, get rid of plowing or do no-till for organics? That's the dream maybe. I think what we are really going after is reduce till organics. It's hard to do organics without cultivation."

As the group viewed the soybean fields - and corn - Philip pointed out different areas where different methods of weed control, crop rotation and cover crops were utilized. He spoke at length of roller "crimping". A roller-crimper is a heavy drum which rolls over cover crops, crushing (crimping) the cover crop down. That crimped crop then creates a "mat" over the soil surface.

As he explained, they are continually experimenting to discover the best times (growing stages, weather conditions, time of day) and field conditions (smooth soil, ridges, field debris) to crimp their fields. For their 2026 crop, they planned to do 3 different methods: 1) drill

6-inch rows of soybeans, then rotary-hoe and tine-weed those rows; 2) cultivate the beans, but ended up not doing that; and 3) do a 1-acre crimp test. Instead of 1 acre, they did 15 acres because of weather. Alongside the fields, he showed and spoke of the differences in the two methods that they ultimately did.

"With farming, you are always at the hands of Mother Nature."

Field to barn

Following the tour of the corn and soybean fields, the tour group moved inside. At the family's restored barn, attendees were treated to a catered noon meal and the discussion continued. Two slide shows were played as Rick narrated the images that chronicled their growing season so far.

The organic farm tour was sponsored by the Nebraska Extension Office and the Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA), Nebraska Chapter.

Anyone with further questions and wanting to learn more about organic farming is welcome to contact the Schuchardt family or visit <https://www.nebraskaocia.org> for more information on organic farming in Nebraska.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Grandma's Oatmeal Cookies



Good day, Grandma's Cookies! Who doesn't love grandmas cookies? This grandma has baked a million cookies in my lifetime. The grandkids just love it when they find them in the cookie box! This oatmeal cookie recipe is one of my all-time favorites. I love raisins and I love the different spices it calls for. Just don't overbake them or they will be dry and hard.

Welcome back to school kids! Happy baking.
JoAnn

GRANDMA'S OATMEAL COOKIES

1 cup raisins
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1 cup butter
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1 cup sugar
1 tsp baking soda
2 cups flour

1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cloves
1/2 tsp allspice
1 cup oatmeal

Simmer raisins and water for 5 minutes. Cream the butter, sugar, and eggs until fluffy. Add raisins and 5 Tbls of juice from the raisins to the egg mixture. Dissolve the soda in a 2 Tbls of hot water from the simmered raisin water. Add the flour salt and spices. Stir in the oatmeal. (Drop by teaspoon)
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Seems Like Just Yesterday ...

I recognize that not everyone is a parent. I would go out on a limb and say that most of us have at least known a child in our lifetime. Not only am I a parent to three but I have quite a few nieces and nephews. I love them all deeply but sometimes you form a special bond with one that just touches your heart in a special way. There's not always an explanation as to why you're closer to one as opposed to another.

Perhaps it's personalities, the amount of time you spend with them, or the way they reciprocate your love. Either way, my

oldest niece and I are very close and she's about to hit two big milestones and it's a little hard to believe.

I was 20 when she was born. She lived in Texas and I lived in Nebraska, so I didn't see her often. Only three years later, I moved to Houston to an apartment complex right by her and that's when our relationship blossomed.

She was tiny, feisty, and had wild curly hair. I would babysit her, read to her, paint her nails and go to every dance recital I could.

As she got older, she would stay at my house for sleepovers, and I started taking her to nail salons for pedicures.

As she got older, instead of asking for gifts, she would ask

for time with me. I've taken her rock climbing, to various concerts, sushi dates, and more. She ended up moving to Nebraska to go to school and I found myself visiting her there just to spend time together. Now that she's an adult, our relationship has blossomed and she has become more than just a niece; she is like a niece, daughter, sister, and friend all rolled into one.

She is about to graduate from college in a few weeks, and I couldn't be prouder of her. Truth be told, there was a time in high school when I worried she didn't have direction. She ended being on the Dean's List and excelling in her studies. She proved to us and to herself that she was capable of hard things and put in the work and time to earn her degree.

But graduation isn't the only major life event she's experiencing, she's also getting married this year! I still can't wrap my brain around the fact that someone whose diapers I've changed is about to walk down the aisle. She's becoming a very responsible, independent young woman and I hope that as she grows and changes that our relationship does too.

I can't imagine anything but loving her more and growing closer as she matures and understands more about adulthood and why we all did or didn't do things when she was a kid.

Soon (but hopefully not too soon), she may have kids of her own and I know I will be a total basket case. My husband will have to prevent me from spoiling those kids because it will feel like my own grandchildren. As a mom (or an aunt), there's no limit to love.

You never run out of love, there's always more to go around. I know that I will love her new husband and her kids just as much as I do her.

It's strange to look back on all those years ago when she was just a crazy toddler. We've been through a lot together and it has all gone by so fast. It seems like just yesterday I was sitting in a rocking chair reading her a Dr. Seuss book.

I look forward to the day I get to hold my great nieces or nephews and do the same.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago August 25, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. James Jochum are the parents of a 8 lb. 9 oz. Son, Robert Lee, born in the Antelope Memorial Hospital on Aug. 16, 1966.

Airman George S. Pelster USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Pelster of Petersburg, has reported aboard the attack aircraft carrier, USS Oriskany. The Oriskany is operation in support of U.S. forces in Vietnam. Embarked aboard the Oriskany are the men and aircraft of Carrier Air Wing 16.

Fifty Years Ago August 25, 1976

The two-ton dump truck owned by Gail Doran was stolen around 4 a.m. Sunday from near the Mobil station. The truck was loaded with broken concrete and had been used by Leonard Bennett. The vehicle was found around 10 a.m. Sunday by Wm. Wylie in a corn field that he farms for Forrest Barker. The truck was not damaged.

Priscilla Dozler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dozler, was one of 24 members of the 15th class of Practical Nurses at Northeast Technical Community College to graduate Aug. 19. The graduates received their diplomas at Norfolk Junior High School auditorium last Thursday.

Miss Lana Kinney was honored at the bridal shower Friday evening at the home of Mrs. R. B. Huffman. Approximately 32 were in attendance.

Thirty Years Ago August 28, 1996

Nebraska Department of Roads has released a map showing the newly designated speed limits for Nebraska's State Highways. Highways 14 and 70, serving the Elgin area, are both designated for change to a 60 miles per hour limit.

Maria Flavia Oliveira, a Brazilian exchange student, has found Elgin to be a friendly town since her arrival here in mid August. She is a junior at Elgin High School and is staying at the home of Don and Donna Mackel for the semester. She has found many differences in America, including some of the foods and clothing. Also, she is looking forward to seeing Nebraska football, as the only football in Brazil is known in America as soccer.

Twenty Years Ago August 23, 2006

Extreme straight winds, or a possible tornado, caused extensive damage to buildings on the Dennis and Sharon Derner Ranch in eastern Wheeler County early Thursday morning, August 10. The strong winds struck at about 1 a.m., destroying a 36 x 112 foot calving shed, and a garage, and twisting a 40 x 40 foot barn on its foundation. Officials from the National Weather Service inspected the scene and estimated the wind velocity at about 100 miles per hour along a narrow strip of land. The storm caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. However, the Derner's house and several outbuildings escaped damage. The clean-up work has been mostly completed, and Derner said he plans to rebuild those buildings.

The Elgin School Board voted last Thursday to proceed with construction of a stand-alone classroom building to house the preschool, kindergarten and special education classrooms. The cost estimate for a wood frame building was \$444,741 following the floor plans of Crafts Inc. of Norfolk and Schmitt Construction Co. of Elgin.

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Wheeler Central began school on the 17th. Lots of changes have taken place this summer at the school and more is on the way construction wise. The ductwork for a new heating and cooling system is in place throughout the entire high school. The new sidewalks are

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Fictional ‘Git-R-Done’ party would get it done

I have a dream (no, not that famous one).

It’s about a great idea for a movie. Its superhero would be Larry the Cable Guy, a truly funny guy from Nebraska who can make anyone laugh.

I’d call the movie, “Citizen Larry.” Larry would portray his normal, curious self, but would be caught up in a political movement to make Congress, the president and our state politicians work again to solve the nation’s problems.

Larry would head up the “Git-R-Done Party.” Its plank would be to solve the long-festering problems that have been kicked down the road for years (like Social Security, which is supposed to run short of funds by 2032, only six years from now).

Reducing the national debt would be another problem for the Git-R-Doners, as would making homes, gas and food affordable again.

But the Git-R-Done Party would get it done, and head off crises after crises by actually doing something.

I do think that’s what most people want – a government and politicians who solve problems and work for them. No more name calling and tossing political bombs at each other to get on TV.

But we keep falling for those who campaign on pitches like “I’m fighting for you” or “Be afraid of my opponent.” In the end, things remain the same, and problems fester.

In past years, voters have made some pretty unusual decisions in search of someone who will get things done. We’ve elected a professional rassler (Jesse Ventura), a bodybuilder (Arnold Schwarzenegger), and a reality TV star (Donald Trump). Even the election of a freshman U.S. senator from Illinois as president (Barack Obama) probably fits.

It always strikes me as funny that if we wanted to build a building, we’d hire an experienced contractor, one

who had studied his/her craft, and one who had built several buildings.

But in politics, it seems like it’s always the “flavor du jour,” the newest trend, the newest catch phrase. Yet, we keep searching out of frustration for someone, anyone, to get stuff done.

That, of course, is where the “Git-R-Done Party” would come in.

Larry the Cable Guy would lay out his goals, map out a strategy, and then (drum roll) “git-r-done.” He would rally the country. People would wear “Git-R-Done” hats. They could smile again – and afford to fill their gas tank.

No wild promises like cutting grocery prices and interest rates in half,

just accomplishments and progress.

In Nebraska, we have some long-festering, and unsolved problems, like high property taxes and a string of state budget deficits.

Over the years, voters have sought to sidestep the gridlock via citizen-led ballot initiatives.

Some have passed, such as legalizing cannabis for pain and children with uncontrollable seizures and increasing the minimum wage. But even voter-approved initiatives are having trouble getting-it-done because of some elected officials, who somehow doubt the will of the people. Thus, there’s new petition efforts.

In the movie, the Git-R-Done Party would be a huge success. Larry would win an Academy Award, and probably a Nobel Prize, too.

I’d make a bundle on my idea, maybe enough to buy a pickup with less than 100,000 miles.

We all need dreams.

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The Karly Rain Wood Act

In 2022, Karly Rain Wood, a 20-year-old from Omaha, was murdered. She went to a friend’s birthday party and was shot eight times. She was there for only 15 minutes. Five other victims were also shot.

Karly Rain’s killer was previously convicted of four different felonies. But he had been released.

In February, Stephanie Minter was fatally stabbed at a bus stop in Fairfax, Virginia. She was a 41-year-old mother. Her killer illegally lived in the U.S. for over a decade. He had been charged and released over 30 times, including for rape and multiple stabbings. Last August, Iryna Zarutska was fatally stabbed on a train in Charlotte, North Carolina.

She was a 23-year-old Ukrainian refugee. Her killer had been arrested and released 14 times in the last 20 years. These tragic deaths point to a gaping error in our system.

We can do more to stop violent crime. We are letting these repeat violent offenders freely roam our streets. If a repeat violent offender is released into a community, the public deserves to know.

Karly Rain, Stephanie, and Iryna deserved better. That’s why I introduced the Karly Rain Wood Act this week. This bill targets lawless repeat offenders.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics is responsible for studying criminal behavior. They undertook a landmark study of state crime, looking at outcomes for prisoners released in 2012. Over half of violent offenders released in 2012 were arrested again within three years. About two-thirds of released violent offenders were arrested again within five years. It’s clear that many violent criminals don’t give up crime when they’re released. Despite the results of this study, repeat violent offenders aren’t monitored. They are allowed to go unchecked, looking for the next crime to commit. The Karly Rain Wood Act would alert people to this threat.

This bill would create a national registry for repeat violent offenders. It’s similar to the national sex offender registry. The database would be publicly searchable and provide community notifications. Just like with the sex offender registry, Americans would know who is living in their neighborhood. That way, the public can make safer choices about who they interact with. If a felon is convicted of two or more qualifying offenses, they would be required to register. That includes crimes such as arson, murder, or kidnapping.

They would provide their name, address, place of business, license plate, and publicly useful information to local authorities. Local law enforcement would be required to provide criminal histories, registration status, outstanding warrants, and identifying information. This would help monitor repeat violent offenders. Threats could be avoided. And our streets could be safer.

The public deserves to know when repeat violent offenders are released into their community. Employers, families, and acquaintances should know when a worker or neighbor has a history of violent, criminal acts. Keeping this information secret is a grave injustice. We need to do more for victims and their families.

Karly Rain matters. Stephanie matters. Iryna matters. We owe their memories more. We can’t allow repeat violent offenders to terrorize our communities. A national registry would make our streets safer. It could prevent the next tragic act of violence. That’s why I’m fighting to make the Karly Rain Wood Act law.

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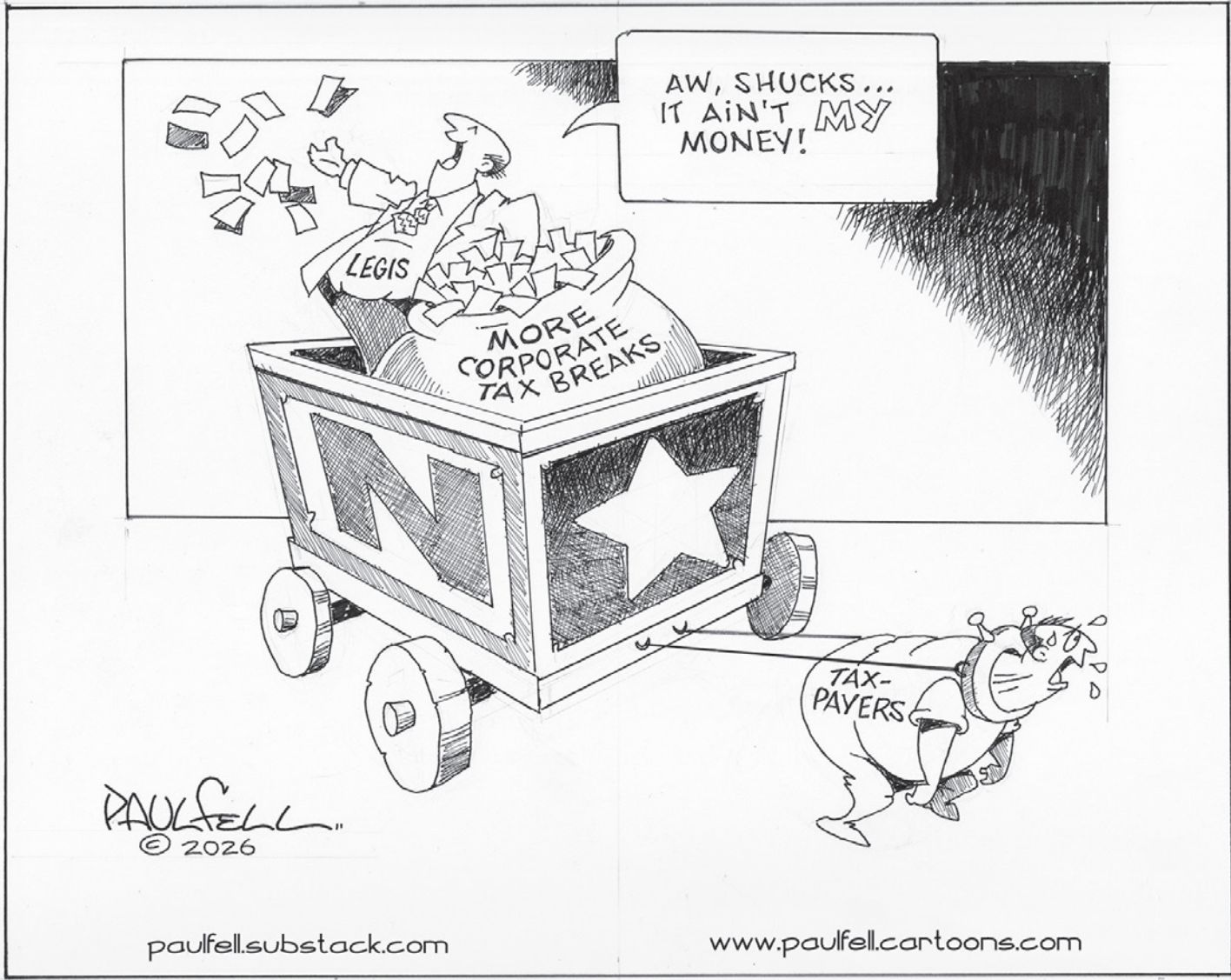
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Restoring a promise to the Winnebago people

As we celebrate America’s 250th birthday this year, we are reminded of the ideals that define our nation: that all citizens possess unalienable rights and deserve equal treatment under the law. These principles, rooted in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, represent an enduring

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promise of justice and equality. And while we may not always live fully up to these ideals, we must continuously strive toward them.

It is no surprise that Nebraska is home to people who possess the determination and grit to keep pursuing these ideals, recognizing our nation is strongest when we continue

working to fulfill its highest promises. This spirit of perseverance is exemplified by the Winnebago Tribe.

In the mid-1800s, the Winnebago Tribe faced forced removal from their homeland in the Great Lakes region. After settling on the Winnebago Reservation in northeast Nebraska in 1865, the federal government promised the land to the tribe forever. In 1970, the government broke that promise.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

condemned 1,600 acres of this land for a proposed recreation project that was never even started. The Corps did this without seeking congressional authorization, which is required under federal law. This led to over half of century of legal battles between the tribe and the U.S. government — decades in which the tribe sought justice for land that should have never been taken from them in the first place.

Through it all, the people of the Winnebago Tribe never gave up.

In 2023, I introduced the Winnebago Land Transfer Act to transfer the land to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who would hold the 1,600 acres in trust for the tribe. This bill was a direct response to the injustice that had been imposed on the Winnebago Tribe by our own government. I was proud to invite then-Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan to testify in front of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, where she shared a firsthand account of what the tribe has faced.

Ultimately, our bill passed the House, received unanimous support in the Senate, and was enacted into law. After decades of diligent work, the Winnebago Tribe has finally reclaimed what was taken from them.

And last week, the tribe celebrated the enactment of the Winnebago Land Transfer Act. Tribal leadership, members, and the community gathered for a land blessing, lunch, performances, and presentations. Each guest went

home with a glass jar of soil from the reclaimed land, a tangible piece of a victory more than 50 years in the making.

The Winnebago Tribe’s story reminds us that our nation’s ideals are not fulfilled simply because they are written in our founding documents.

Rather, they are fulfilled when we confront our failures and correct them. And at the heart of that work is perseverance – the courage to keep fighting, even when the path to justice is long. It has been an honor to witness the persistence, determination, and commitment of the Winnebago Tribe.

Growing the ‘Good Life’

Competition challenges us to be better. It fuels innovation, encourages new ideas, pushes us to new heights, and creates opportunities for people and communities to thrive. In today’s fast-moving economy, where nearly anything can be accessed in a matter of minutes, competition is stronger than ever.

If we are not growing, chances are we are falling behind. Right now in Congress, I am focused on how we can spur competition, strengthen local economies, and ensure that the Good Life continues to grow and thrive for generations to come.

Recently, I joined my Nebraska congressional colleagues at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce’s 17th Annual Federal Legislative Summit. During our panel discussion we talked about how by working together, we can ensure that communities across our state remain competitive and are positioned to attract the investment, businesses, and jobs of tomorrow.

That work starts with sound economic policy. Last summer, as a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I played a pivotal role in crafting and passing the Working Families Tax Cuts. This legislation delivered a stronger tax code that allows families to keep more of their hard-earned money, provides businesses with greater certainty, and creates an environment

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NCDHD Board of Health adopts regulation and resolution to conduct pool inspections

The North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) Board of Health has adopted a regulation and resolution allowing NCDHD to conduct public swimming pool inspections throughout its nine-county service area. The action follows passage of LB759 by the Nebraska Legislature, which transferred authority for public swimming pool operating permits and routine operational inspections from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment (NDWEE) to local governments, including counties, cities, villages, and local public health departments.

Following a public hearing July 30, 2026, on the proposed regulation and resolution, the NCDHD Board of Health voted to adopt the measures authorizing NCDHD to assume local pool inspection authority. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has provided final approval for NCDHD to carry out these responsibilities.

NCDHD will oversee operating permits, permit renewals, routine inspections, complaint investigations, and educational support for public swimming pools located in Antelope, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Keya

Paha, Knox, Pierce, and Rock counties. NDWEE will continue to issue construction permits for new public swimming pools and qualifying modifications to existing pools.

NCDHD has been preparing for the transition since LB759 was signed into law. Preparation efforts included collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Environmental Health Association, Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors, local governments, and public swimming

pool operators throughout the district.

As part of the transition, NCDHD staff will complete pool inspection training and work closely with other local health departments that had previously implemented pool inspection programs. These opportunities provided valuable hands-on experience and insight into local program administration, inspection procedures, and operator education. These efforts help ensure a smooth transition and provide pool operators with local access to technical assistance and regulatory guidance.

NCDHD has a long history

of working with community partners to promote healthy and safe environments throughout north central Nebraska. Assuming local pool inspection authority strengthens NCDHD's ability to support recreational facilities and protect the health and safety of residents and visitors across the district.

Pool operators will continue to receive information regarding permit renewals, inspection schedules, and educational resources as the transition moves forward. For questions regarding public inspections, contact Amy Latzel at 402-336-2406 or pools@ncdhd.ne.gov.

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Community Calendar

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

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

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

Saturday, August 22
Luettel Kitchen steak fry at Rae Valley Heritage Days.*

Tuesday, September 1
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Monday, September 7
Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 8
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Wednesday, September 9
Monthly meeting of the Elgin City Council ■ Monthly meeting of the District #18 Board of Education.

Friday & Saturday, September 12 & 13
Benefit Sort for Adam & Kelly Seier @ 84008 Highway 14 Elgin.

**Events listing courtesy of ELGIN VETERANS' MEDICAL CLINIC**
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Bloodmobile held last week

The bloodmobile was in Elgin Wednesday afternoon at the KC Hall. There was a good turnout of donors. Among those giving blood on that day were Barb Bode (left photo) and John Zwinger (right photo).

Former state Sen. Dan McKeon's case dismissed after diversion program

LINCOLN — Former state Sen. Dan McKeon's criminal case in Lancaster County Court was dismissed after he successfully completed a court diversion program, according to court documents.

McKeon, of Amherst, faced a Class III misdemeanor charge stemming from allegations that he inappropriately touched a legislative staff member during an end-of-session party last May, according to the Nebraska State Patrol. An Aug. 28 court date has been canceled.

According to court documents filed Thursday, the case was dismissed with prejudice due to successful completion of the diversion program. McKeon was ordered to bear the costs of the case. Dismissal with prejudice means the case cannot be filed again.

McKeon told the Examiner

that he was glad the case is behind him and that he recognized it was the path he needed to take to "clear his name."

"Instead of being negative, I'm trying to turn all of this into a positive," McKeon said.

McKeon resigned from the Legislature minutes before debate was set to begin on a resolution to expel him, which if successful, would have been a first in Nebraska.

A State Patrol investigation initially led to McKeon being cited for misdemeanor public indecency in October, a Class II misdemeanor. Prosecutors ultimately charged him with disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor.

McKeon had planned to plead no contest, according to his lawyer Perry Pirsch, but he changed course and pleaded not guilty after the Legislature's

Executive Board recommended expulsion. He has denied any inappropriate conduct.

McKeon's March 19 bench trial date was postponed after he was accepted into a diversion program, which acts as an alternative to prosecution. Lancaster County Attorney Pat Condon previously told the Examiner that if McKeon completed the program, the case would be dismissed.

According to the Lancaster County website, diversion programs exist to help individuals "overcome their charges, avoid the consequences of having a criminal record, and address the underlying issues impacting criminal behavior."

Pirsch previously said McKeon completed a "sensitivity training" at the Executive Board's request before lawmakers pursued a motion to expel him.

McKeon said his diversion program consisted of community service, which he completed by putting up campaign signs for a conservative candidate he declined to name. He said he also completed an eight-hour "victim training" course and attended six counseling sessions.

"My client and I are hopeful that the diversion services completed provided some benefit to Mr. McKeon, and that he doesn't repeat his past actions," said attorney Kathleen Neary.

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Courthouse News

All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

Lokesh K Gandham, Duluth, GA 7/3/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Kudera.

Cadin J Jenkins, Plainview, NE 6/1/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.

Brett D Vetter, Gretna, NE 6/15/26 Acts declared unlawful-li-cense/driving, Fined \$50.00 - Detlefsen.

Lee M Pofahl, Pofahl Trucking, Neligh, NE 6/15/26 Overweight on axle or group of axles, Fined \$325.00 - Asche.

Grant D Robinson, Watertown, SD 5/30/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Johnson.

Kaiden R Eichberger, Osmond, NE 7/24/26 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Mohr.

Sarah L Pike, Surprise, AZ 3/9/26 Speeding 85/65 MPH, Fined \$200.00 - Valverde.

Cristian E Sanchez, Forney, TX 6/22/26 Speeding 90/65 MPH, Fined \$300.00 MPH - Price.

Chairity M. Montgomery, O'Neill, NE 8/10/26 Speeding 88/65 MPH, Fined \$300.00 - Ahrendt.

Debbie L. Croom, O'Neill, NE 6/28/26 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Winkler.

Michael J. Blocher, Oakdale, NE 7/22/26 Speeding 74/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Frerichs.

Sarah L. Pike, Surprise, AZ 6/20/23 Speeding 80/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00/Reimburse County of \$17.00 - Dostal.

Jackson G. Irwin, Ainsworth, NE 6/27/26 Excess windshield and/or window tinting+Fail to use seat belt, Fined \$50.00 - Hilliard.

Robert W. Ellenberger, Stanton, NE 3/24/26 No valid registration/truck - 51+ days, Fined \$200.00 - Asche.

Carlos L. Manuel, Fayetteville, NC 6/5/26 Speeding 45/30 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Barker.

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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks another installment of a new series tied to our nation's 250th birthday in July 2026. As we celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country's history. It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was a firm believer in the God of the Bible, stating, "I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance equal in power and glory. That the scriptures of the old and new testaments are a revelation from God and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him." It was Roger Sherman who seconded Ben Franklin's request for prayer to take place every morning before business began at the Constitutional Convention. They had met for weeks, making no progress on a constitution, when prayer was proposed by Franklin.

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Justice Funke's opening remarks, each Supreme Court Justice introduced themselves. Other members of the Nebraska State Supreme court, in order of seniority, are Justice William B. Cassel (District 3), Justice Stephanie F. Stacy (District 1), Honorable John R. Freudenberg (District 6), Honorable Jason M. Bergevin (District 5), Honorable Derek R. Vaughn (District 2). The only justice missing from the day's stops was the Honorable Jonathan J. Papik (District 4) who had to leave the tour early to attend to matters. In the audience at the Antelope County stop were a number of county office representatives, a county commissioner, county court magistrates, district court officials, attorneys, some community leaders plus a few visitors from neighboring counties not on this year's tour.

Also giving a brief presentation at the gathering was Chief Probation Officer of District #7, Elgin-area native Crystal Hestekind. She spoke in as much depth as time allowed, of the new probation software/app of which her district was chosen to do the pilot on.

"We were partially selected because of our high volume of testing and our centralized location in the District 7. We

only have two locations," she explained. "We have our adult unit and our general unit. We don't have any satellite offices like most of the other districts have." Therefore, the district has used various locations for testing (probation). "We provide testing at different locations - courthouses, sheriff's departments - anywhere we can find a way to get out tests. We go out to the field a lot (home visits) and then we're doing testing." Hestekind then spoke of the dollars being spent on probation. "What's been discovered is, annually, Nebraska probation and problem-solving courts are spending about \$2 million a year from this..(at) District 7, we average about 2,100 testing cups per month, we're around 30,000 cups per year. That's a lot of money....we discovered that there's a lot of overlapping with vendors, different supplies that we're ordering amongst all the districts and that's really costly and it's ineffective as well."

The new provider that they're pilot testing is an integrated software platform called Aversys, designed to manage substance use disorder monitoring and drug-testing programs for courts, probation offices, and social service agencies. It provides workflow automation, data and reporting (next-busi-

ness-day lab results and more), predictive analytics and accessibility for users.

Chief Justice Funke followed up on Hestekind's presentation with the cost savings to be seen. "This program is just another example of trying to do more with less...the budget statewide has been reduced. The counties are feeling that same pressure", he said. "Probation is already a cost savings. It costs about \$50,000 to put somebody in prison for a year. Put somebody on probation, it's about \$3,500 a year." After giving rates for re-offenders (on adult probation, 18-19%; problem-solving courts, 24-25%) he noted that probation is "doing a fantastic job of rehabilitating criminal offenders, keeping them in the community, making the community safer, rebuilding families, helping employers have people to hire and all of that in an effort to save taxpayer dollars."

Following closing remarks, the *Elgin Review* spoke with the Honorable Chief Justice Funke. Summing up the tour so far, he emphasized the importance of connecting with these county representatives. "It is important to know the issues and problems they are dealing with at the county level," he said. "While some are the same, the resources needed are sometimes harder

to find."

Tour stops this year included the counties of Merrick, Howard, Sherman, Custer, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Greeley, Wheeler, Holt, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Polk and Butler.



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Six of the seven Nebraska State Supreme Court judges were in Neligh last week to greet officials at the Antelope County Courthouse as part of a tour with stops in Merrick, Howard, Sherman, Custer, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Greeley, Holt, Boone, Nance, Polk and Butler counties.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 11, 2026 MTG.
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
August 11th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. Heard janitorial/maintenance update. No action on minutes. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence. Sheriff's fee report was presented. Office inventories were reviewed and resolution was approved. Discussion and update from NACO representative Candace Meredith. Held action on telephone system.

Approved payroll.
Approved vendor claims.

General: AED BRANDS ex 1,504.00; AMERITAS ins 22,962.52; ANT CO COURT ex 357.70; ANT CO CLERK-REGISTER ex 10.00; ANT CO SHRF ex 164.47; APPEARA ex 80.50; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,444.24; FIRSTNET ut 630.76; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 110.37; BCBS ins 80,598.01; BOMGAARS ex 21.98; BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 150.00; BROGAN & STAFFORD ex 3,349.78; CASEYS ex 139.43; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,792.27; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; COLDTYPE PUB ex 165.85; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 175.22; COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER ex 395.32; CUBBY'S ex 696.00; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 537.60; DUSTYS ex 1,130.70; EAKES OFC SOL ex 187.94; ELGIN PUB SCHOOL ex 38.60; ELGIN REVIEW ex 392.51; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 394.81; ELKHORN VALLEY PUB SCHOOL ex 62.60; FED W/H tax 14,178.31; FIRST CONCORD ins 7,292.76; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 332.17; KYLE GUGGENMOS ex 250.00; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; JACKS UNIFORMS ex 176.89; KLEIN LAW ex 13,783.83; KOINZAN ENT ex 209.16; LANCASTER CO SHRF ex 7.51; LAWNS R US ex 721.00; LIB NATL ins 133.22; MAD CO TREAS ex 11,372.70; MAD NATL LIFE ins 127.99; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,878.31; NACO ex 30.00; NATL INS SVC ins 232.06; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,001.12; NELIGH POSTMASTER ex 210.00; NELIGH-OAKDALE SCHOOL ex 65.60; VSP - NACOVISION ins 552.75; NCPPD ut 90.28; LISA PAYNE ex 124.95; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 6.37; PETTY CASH (CO DIST COURT) ex 12.90; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,528.32; PITNEY BOWES ex 347.53; PITZER DIGITAL ex 672.31; QUILL CORP ex 246.99; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 751.05; SOC SEC 30,427.40; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,140.47; STRATTON LAW ex 10,122.02; SUMMERLAND PUB SCHOOL ex 83.80; THRIFTWAY ex 9.67; TRUSTMARK ins 1,500.35; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; WASH NATL ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 179.00; 319 GRAPHICS ex 174.00; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 59.00; NELIGH AUTO ex 8.99; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 404.72; ANT CO TREAS ex 200,000.00; PAYROLL 152,849.04;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 576.83; AMERITAS ins 13,688.40; AMH ex 215.00; APPEARA ex 76.47; FIRSTNET ut 141.88; BAUER BUILT TIRE ex 395.00; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 64.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 346.53; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER ex 1,486.93; BCBS ins 63,399.58; BOMGAARS ex 1,960.25; BOYDS ELECTRICAL

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room sizes will be 20 students for kindergarten through fourth grade; 22 for grades five and six; and 24 for grades seven through 12. Preschool remains at 20 students maximum.

In other action:
Trip approved — It's never too early to plan a music boosters trip. The board gave approval to utilize school transportation for the group to attend an event in Omaha to be held sometime in March or April 2027.

Another trip approved — The school board gave their approval for the annual trip to New York and Washington, D.C. which will take place in early June 2027. The trip is offered to members of the junior class who will be entering their senior year when the new school year begins in August 2027.

Funds transfer — As is custom with the start of a new school year, the board approved cash transfers. Altogether, \$150,000 was moved to the depreciation fund; \$150,000 to the activities account; and \$50,000 to the nutrition fund.

SVC ex 1,025.00; C&R SUPPLY ex 1,374.87; CHADS TIRE ex 520.00; CIRCLE M TRUCKING ex 1,567.50; CITY OF ELGIN ut 70.79; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.51; COLONIAL LIFE ins 368.11; COLONIAL RESEARCH ex 242.00; CREDIT MGMT SVCS garn 693.42; CUBBY'S ex 1,207.76; DUSTYS ex 304.05; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 326.94; EMMIE SAND & GRAVEL ex 17,318.55; FARMERS PRIDE ex 43,453.82; FED W/H tax 8,036.93; FIRST CONCORD ins 1,204.15; FRONTIER COMM ut 1,052.85; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 340.85; HARBOR FREIGHT ex 1,152.48; HOOFIN-IT TRUCKING ex 7,250.00; COLLECTION SVC CENTER garn 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 242.42; JEBRO ex 148,224.02; JEO CONSULTING ex 8,148.75; JONNY DODGE ex 945.55; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 3,891.25; KINGS CRUSHING ex 21,596.06; LAWSON PRODS ex 467.31; LIB NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 331.97; MAD NATL LIFE ins 185.18; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 7,952.70; MED ENT ex 180.00; MR S'S ex 2,849.06; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 4,398.98; NATL INS SVC ins 84.20; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT garn 545.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,715.51; NMC ex 3,887.14; NPPD ut 187.71; VSP - NACO VISION ins 409.17; NCPPD ut 210.68; NECC ex 3,340.00; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 265.00; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 499.75; QUICK SERVE ex 105.21; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,225.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS ex 1,264.85; ROAD BUILDERS ex 579.44; ROYAL GAS & GOODS ex 690.83; RYANS TRUCK & TRACTOR ex 10,972.36; SAPP BRO PETRO ex 8,357.75; SARGENT IRRIGATION ex 400.00; WEX BANK ex 711.59; SOC SEC 19,155.00; SPUD CONST ex 82,042.76; SPUD TRUCKING ex 4,000.00; STA-BILT CONST ex 16,300.00; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.74; TEA WORX ex 7,301.25; TINSLEY GRAIN ex 3,100.00; TRUCK CENTER ex 1,256.74; TRUSTMARK ins 1,283.71; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 2,384.60; VILL OF CLEARWATER ut 92.25; VILL OF ORCHARD ut 83.79; WASH NATL ins 99.60; WESTERN OIL II ex 506.30; ERPPD ut 426.65; NNTC ut 74.82; CONSTELLATION ut 57.10; NELIGH AUTO ex 9.25; PAYROLL 95,151.77;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 412.08;

Veterans Aid: ANT CO VETS SVC OFC ex 525.00;

Law Enforcement: AKRS ex 135.46; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 288.12; BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 1,195.00; CASH-WA DISTR ex 687.30; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,232.22; CULLIGAN ex 142.75; APRIL CURTISS ex 24.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROT ex 806.75; HILAND DAIRY ex 418.03; HILLTOP COMM PHARMACY ex 44.14; JONES AUTOMOTIVE ex 3,399.98; JONNY DODGE ex 556.15; MENARDS ex 167.26; MIDWEST ALARM SVCS ex 1,102.56; MIDWEST AUTO FIRE SPRINKLER ex 561.26; MIKES REPAIR ex 325.00; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 559.00; OLD MILL SALES ex 180.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 96.14; SYSCO ex 1,754.67; THRIFTWAY ex 434.16; DENDINGER DRUG ex 569.11; WELLS HEALTH MART DRUG ex 87.32; WILKINSON FARM MARKET ex 18.00;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 585.75; COMBINED PUB COMMS ex 750.00; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 225.44; PINNACLE BANK ex 552.91;

Building: BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 6,439.08.

Approved ACC liquor license. Approved Annual Certificate of Program Compliance and Annual Certification of Federal Funds. Approved resolution closing a portion of 852nd Road.

Zoning Administrator: Zoning permit report. Approved Administrative Plat.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved two (2) oversize and one (1) access permit. Approved aggregate quote from Spencer Quarries. Authorized proceeding with land acquisition for Elgin bridge project. Short discussion on budget.

Meeting Adjourned.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 11, 2026 MEETING
THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular August Meeting
EPS Board Room
August 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

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

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

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

Todd Heithoff motioned, Ron Bode second to approve the consent agenda--#5- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report, #8- Board Bills. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

319 GRAPHICS & T'S, 649.00; AKRS Equipment, 271.65; ALICAP NASB, 73,915.00; Alpaca Inc., 1,500.00; AMAZON, 4,081.68; AMH FAMILY PRACTICE, 215.00; APPEARA, 321.61; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 4,528.90; Bishop Business, 106.28; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 658.21; BLICK ART MATERIALS, 45.00; CANVA US INC, 113.94; CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY, 323.50; CITY OF ELGIN, 1,603.13; Computer Hardware, Inc., 168.75; CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, 1,003.18; DEAN'S MARKET, 12.67; Dietz Well & Pump Company, 945.10; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN BODY & GLASS, 2,687.35; ELGIN ONESTOP, 1,307.66; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 407.38; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 3,243.12; EPS Operations, LLC, 59.88; EPS Activity Fund, 150,000.00; EPS Depreciation Fund, 150,000.00; EPS Lunch Fund, 50,000.00; ESU #8, 2,630.22; ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL, 716.61; FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC., 273.20; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 336.82; HAMPTON INN--KEARNEY, 869.70; HMH

Ballot

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gressional district.

According to a county-by-county breakdown from the Secretary of State's Office, Lindstrom collected signatures from 63 of Nebraska's 93 counties statewide.

In 56 of those counties, Lindstrom had at least one valid signature.

The seven counties where Lindstrom collected one or two signatures but they were all rejected were: Box Butte County (two signatures) and Arthur, Cedar, Dixon, Garden, Garfield and Kimball counties (one signature each).

About 58.2% of Lindstrom's signatures statewide were valid. He needed a validity rate higher than 70%.

After Lancaster County, the next most rejections came in Douglas and Sarpy counties, the first and third most populous counties.

However, Lindstrom had a much higher signature validity rate, more than 82%, in both of those counties.

The most valid signatures per capita came in Burt County (1.34% of 4,847 registered voters as of Aug. 1).

Of all valid signatures, about 39% of them came from Lindstrom's home county, Douglas, and 16.7% came from neighboring Sarpy. Lancaster County accounted for an additional 16%. About 7% of valid signatures came from Hall County, and 5% came from Adams County, both in central Nebraska.

Lindstrom's signature gathering largely excluded the Panhandle and Sandhills, with the exception of Scotts Bluff County, where he had four valid signatures.

The general election is Nov. 3.

Education Company, 188.35; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 158.10; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 5,104.83; JourneyEd.com, 1,245.60; KOINZAN ENTERPRISES, INC, 352.43; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 674.00; Nebraska Central Equipment, Inc., 134,000.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL SCHOOL ADM, 140.00; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00; ORIENTAL TRADING CO, INC, 12.98; PRIMESTOP, 61.72; Scenario Learning, LLC, 1,773.20; School Financial Services, LLC, 150.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, 465.50; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 76.80; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 265.01; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.11; WAGeworks, INC., 144.50; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 24.26; Y&Y Lawn Service, 240.00

598,260.43
President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

No standing committee reports. In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff reported. Also reported on coaches that attended the coaches clinic in July in Lincoln. He also gave an update on the upcoming start to school and activities.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the budget and information from Administrator Days. Also gave an update on the track and field. Mr. Brockhaus also gave the board information on the Health Equity Pay Back Program.

In action items, Luke Hinkle motioned, Eric Beckman seconded to approve Policy 5006, Classroom Capacities for 2027-2028 school year as presented. Vote 6-0 motioned carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned, Steve Busteed seconded to approve of the Junior Class Trip in June of 2027. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteed motioned and Ron Bode seconded to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from General Fund to the Activities Fund, \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Funds and \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Eric Beckman motioned to approve the transportation for the

Music Booster Trip in the spring, Luke Hinkle seconded. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

During the Discussion, the board scheduled the Budget Hearing for Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m., with the Tax Request Hearing to follow. The regular board meeting is planned for after that.

Ron Bode motioned, Steve Busteed second to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, following the Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing that begin at 7pm in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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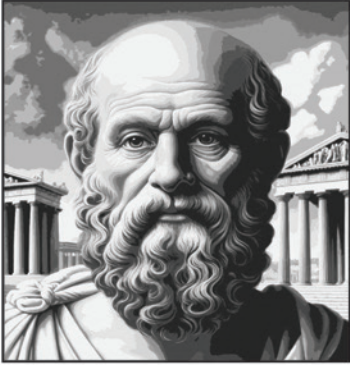
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Darlene Heithoff

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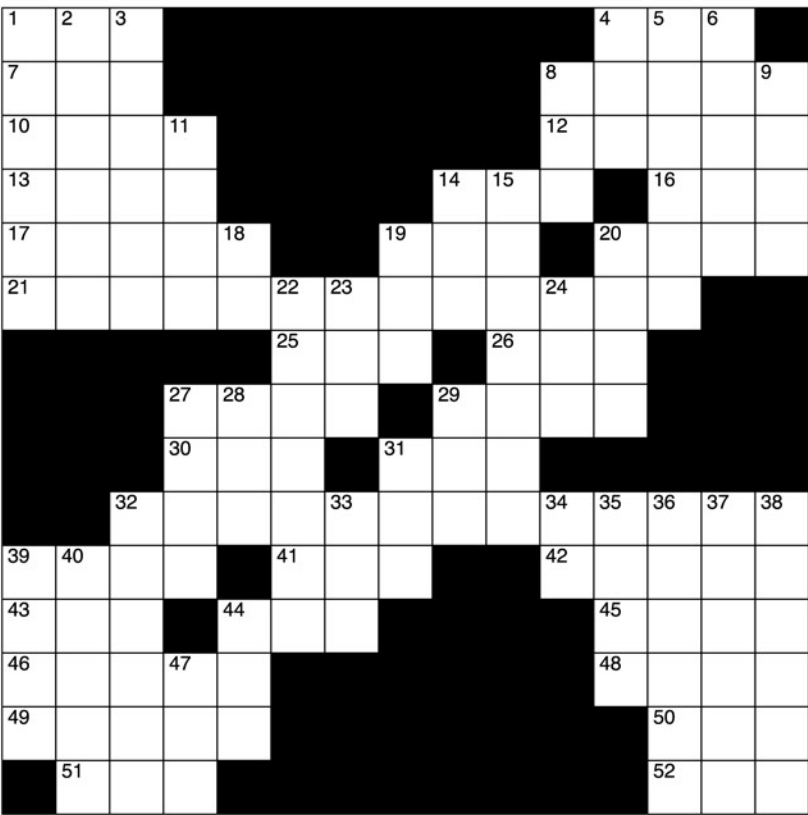
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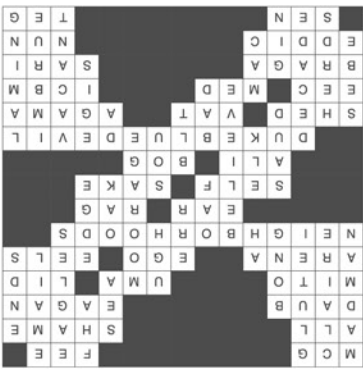
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Crossword Puzzle

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Microgram
 - 4. Fixed charge
 - 7. Each
 - 8. Feeling of humiliation
 - 10. Coat with sticky substance
 - 12. Powerful "Severance" family
 - 13. Japanese city
 - 14. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
 - 16. Hat
 - 17. Place where rockers work
 - 19. Psyche
 - 20. Snakelike fishes
 - 21. Where people live
 - 25. Body part
 - 26. Old towel
 - 27. One's essential being
 - 29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
 - 30. Boxing's GOAT
 - 31. Wet muddy ground
 - 32. Christian Laettner is one
 - 39. A place to store lawn tools
 - 41. Large tub for liquid
 - 42. Old World lizard
 - 43. One-time European member group
 - 44. Healing student
 - 45. Nuclear weapon
 - 46. "Kiss of the Spider Woman" actress Sonia
 - 48. Silk garment
 - 49. About some Norse poems
 - 50. Woman religious community member
 - 51. Congressman (abbr.)
 - 52. Two-year-old sheep



- 11. Low-pitched sound from a bell
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A place to attach a boat
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Border line
- 22. Have religious faith
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Large tree
- 27. House of __ rulers
- 28. Red deer
- 29. Small coin (French)
- 31. Popular sandwich
- 32. 10-year period
- 33. Not good
- 34. Government lawyer
- 35. Egypt's intelligence agency
- 36. Without an occupant or incumbent
- 37. Stain with one's hands
- 38. Crippling
- 39. One point east of southeast
- 40. Large, united groups
- 44. __ and cheese
- 47. Alcoholic beverage



- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. An insane person
 - 2. "Homeland" actress Danes
 - 3. Buttock muscles
 - 4. US federal agency
 - 5. Birds of prey
 - 6. Electronic communication
 - 8. Ocean
 - 9. Terminates

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Success with your silage

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

65-70% moisture is the optimum moisture level to shoot for quality silage. Drought impacted crops can often be deceptive, looking dryer than they actually are, so running a sample before chopping can be helpful to determine true moisture levels. The extension office in Hartington has a Koester Tester, so if you need a moisture run quick drop it by. When packing, keep the 800 rule in mind. Multiply the number of tons dumped per hour by 800 to determine the

weight needed to properly pack a pile. Try to keep each level at 6-4 inches of new material to properly get it packed. To check kernel processing, grab a 32 oz. cup and at least once an hour, grab a sample from the pile. Spread the sample out on a flat surface and go through looking for kernels. A card table out of the way but near the pile is a great option here. Count all the kernels that are uncrushed. The goal is to have 2 or fewer kernels in your count. Anything over that and we need to notify the chopper to adjust the processing rollers.

For those who don't have access to a kernel processor, keeping chop length short can help accomplish similar results. Typically ¾ inch cut length is the sweet spot for choppers running a processor in terms of fiber particle size for the ration. Shortening that down to 3/8 inch for machines without a processor will do more kernel damage and maintain similar fiber particles. For those who

don't have to worry about particle size, mostly our beef producers, dropping down to ½ inch will damage even more kernels and provide benefits for getting a good pack.

Finally, get a plan together now for covering the pile. If you go through all the work to harvest at the right moisture, pack correctly, and put up a quality silage but don't cover, it's just like running a marathon and quitting in the last 500 yards. Even just a single layer of plastic can reduce dry matter losses by 40%, improve stability, and preserve quality. Yes it's labor intensive and a pain at feed out, but it's worth it.

Planning for silage harvest is critical for success, but just developing the plan doesn't help if it isn't followed through. Figure out now who will be responsible for checking things like kernel processing, packing, and moisture. How often will these be checked? If something is off, how will information get back to the chopper? A plan without follow-through helps no one.

- Ben Beckman is a livestock systems Extension Educator 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

Signs your pet is in pain

Pets are cherished members of many families. Pet owners do whatever they can to ensure their companion animals are content and comfortable. But pets can be very good at hiding when they aren't feeling well, making it challenging for people to recognize when their animals need some extra comfort or medical care.



Pet owners may need some lessons in observing the subtle changes in their pets that may

indicate an animal is in pain. Recognizing abnormalities can prevent a minor issue from becoming a major medical emergency. Here are some signs a pet is in pain, courtesy of the SPCA.

- Withdrawal or hiding.
- Aggression.
- Clinginess.
- Hunched back.
- Lowered head.
- Grooming

changes.

- Appetite loss.
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completed outside, with a curb for teacher’s parking.. I believe each room in the high school has new lowered ceilings, new tiles, new lights, fire alarms and smoke alarms. The cafeteria lunch room has a new floor covering. The project will continue throughout the year, into next summer and probably beyond.

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, August 24:
Goulash, lettuce salad, peas, cinnamon apples, garlic stick, milk.

Tuesday, August 25: BBQ riblets, French fries, cheesy broccoli, mandarin oranges, bread & butter, milk.

Wednesday, August 26:
Baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, August 27:
Philly cheese sloppy joes, triangle hash browns, cauliflower, plums, milk.

Friday, August 28: Cheese-burger, French fries, macaroni salad, baked beans, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.

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

Under 60 is \$10.

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

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

Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

For a great meal, come to the community center!

“Every day is a good day for a home-cooked meal with friends!”

By Anna Stuhr
Student intern
The famous Rae Valley Heritage Days (RVHD) is a three-day event that takes place during the month of August, west of Petersburg. This year, it will be held August 21-23.

It was first started by a group of twenty-three men in March of 1981. Every year, it draws thousands from all over the state. One of the original organizers was Larry Petsche of Petersburg

He said the biggest crowds every year seem to involve tractors.

“The tractor pull is a big event,” he said Thursday. “That draws a lot of people, and it’s on Saturday. The kid’s tractor pull is a pretty big one, too. That draws a lot of kids, and was started 15 years ago.” He said those events will likely draw big crowds again this year, but there are other events worth noting.

“It’ll be pretty much the same. The money scramble



File photo

Youngsters like these two last year will again have the opportunity to search for nickels this weekend at the Rae Valley Heritage celebration west of Petersburg.

See DAYS, Page 12 ▶

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Sept. 4 Boone Central Invite (Alb. CC)..... 10:00
Sept. 10 Boyd Co. Invite (Butte GC)..... 4:30

FOOTBALL
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Aug. 28@ Boyd County (Spencer) 7:00
Sept. 4vs Wynot 2:30
Sept. 11vs GACC 3:00

JUNIOR VARSITY/JUNIOR HIGH

Aug. 31..vs Fullerton 4:30/6:00
Sept. 10 .@ Creighton (no JV) 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

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

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 2...vs Niobrara-Verdigre (EPS) 2:00
Sept. 10 .@ Creighton 2:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Aug. 25 EPS MAPS testing (7-11)
• PJCC School Board Meeting
Aug. 27 EPS school pictures
Aug. 28 EPS no preschool • MAPS testing (7-11)
Sept. 1 EPS MAPS testing (7-11)
Sept. 2 FFA District Range Judging
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Sept. 4 ALL SCHOOLS early dismissal
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WOLFPACK

Wolfpack Sports



Zegers team wins PJCC Golf Tournament

Cloudy skies turned to sunshine late Saturday afternoon for the annual Pope John XXIII Central Catholic Golf Tournament. Twenty-seven teams competed in the 18-hole tournament spread over three flights. Winning the championship flight was the team consisting of (above, l to r) Heath Petsche, Curt Zegers, Kade Wiese and Easton Petsche. Placing second was the Josh Beckman team. Finishing first in the First Flight was the Dave Beckman team followed by the Drew Schindler team. Taking the top spot in the Second Flight was the Luke Beckman team followed by Lynn Selting's team. Tournament play began shortly after 9 a.m. and concluded with a meal at the clubhouse after 4 p.m.

Photo and caption submitted

Spinning Tales

The games people play in the rain

NELIGH — Eric Clapton penned a song in the 70s called 'Let It Rain.'

Boy, didn't it seem like last week his words came true some 40+ years later?

While it was nothing like forty days and nights with Noah, last week marked the first week in a long time (years) when rain dominated the weather here and around Elgin.

The accompanying cool temperatures meant the final week of the season as the Elgin Swimming Pool featured limited hours. Fortunately, on Sunday, those who enjoy the calm, clear waters that the pool offers seized the day. It will be nine months before the pool opens again.

The rain tried to play havoc with the Pope John golf tournament. Scheduled for Saturday, in the days leading up to it there was some doubt as to whether or not it could be held with the heavy rains which fell.

There was no golf allowed at the Antelope Country Club on Thursday due to the heavy overnight rain. On Friday, the course was closed til 4 p.m. to give it more time to dry out. Still, organizers were crossing their fingers Friday night into Saturday morning that the clouds wouldn't bring more rain.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, there was a shower here in Elgin as Doug and I pulled out of the driveway to head to the golf course. As we got closer to Neligh, the shower started to dissipate and, by the time we got to the course, it had stopped completely. I think God has plenty on his hands to look over, but I couldn't help but think, just maybe, he said enough rain for now.

Just as we have had for many

years, The *Elgin Review* had a team in the tournament Judsen and Kristina Sehi joined me and my good friend Doug Skiles. Doug came all the way from McCook to play in the tournament. He wasn't 100 percent and, had I known he spent four hours in the emergency room three days earlier, I would have looked for a substitute. But, he never said anything up until Sunday morning. That's what you call honoring your commitment.

These alumni golf tournaments feature some good players and some not-so-good players. Some take control of the course, using their skill to rack up birdie after birdie. At the other end, some teams are just happy to make it from one hole to the next OR from the clubhouse to the mini bar between Holes 4 and 5 OR from one restroom to the next, if necessary.

There are generally three flights - championship, first and second. Winners in each flight receive envelopes filled with cash. What I like about these type of tournaments, is more often than not the cash prizes are handed back to the organizers to support school activities.

There were 27 teams competing Saturday so that worked out perfectly for three teams on each hole. Pace was pretty good and most teams completed 18 holes by 4:30 p.m.

Participants were treated to a fine evening meal featuring a tossed salad, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and dessert. Nobody went home hungry.

In the absence of alumni banquets, events like these golf and softball tournaments may be the best way to reunite classes, spouses and whoever else is

willing to pay for a team of four to swing the sticks.

Anyone questioning how well the *Elgin Review* team played? I don't remember our score, I do remember everyone walking off the 18th hole with smiles on their faces. Everyone was happy and, after all, isn't that enough? *****

As of this writing, we are less than three weeks from the kick-off of the college football season.

Unlike recent years, there doesn't seem to be much discussion about the Huskers and the 2026 season.

What I hear most from fans about the upcoming season is how the team will be 'lucky' to go 6-6, maybe 7-5. With a tough schedule, especially on the back half of the season, I'll be happy with a 7-5 record and a bowl game victory.

How about you? *****

And one last thought about a world which seems far, far away from here in another reality.

It's called the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

Seldom does a day go by when the WNBA doesn't make national news for its actions on and off the court.

There's Caitlin Clark and Sophie Cunningham playing for the Indiana Fever.

One (Clark) is a superstar on the court, the other (Cunningham) is a star off the court in all forms of media. Both are white, one with dark hair and the other is a blonde.

They are a minority in a league where the majority of the players are black.

Clark seems to be the target of a large number of black players in the league. At almost every game, it seems she's knocked

down or gets assaulted by a player on the other team.

Cunningham has become a target because she is one of only a few players in the league who is outspoken in favor of keeping girls playing against non-biological girls in sports. That sharply contrasts against the WNBA's support for the LGBTQ community.

Then, toss into the mix retired NBA players (male) now taking steps necessary to be eligible to play in the WNBA. Never in my life did I ever think I would find a professional sport which resembled the World Wrestling Federation and its actions inside and outside the ring. But that's what the WNBA has become. From the league commissioner down to the head coaches and the players. Their absurd actions on and off the court have degraded professional sports. A league where the play of the best female basketball players in the world should be celebrated and admired no longer exists. It's now become a joke.

Sports are meant for athletes, not vaudeville actors flopping their bodies on the court and spewing venom off the court - doing all this to put fans in the seats. The WNBA's days are numbered. My advice for you - when the WNBA is on, turn the TV off.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan



Providing leadership on the Wolfpack football team this season will be seniors (front row, l-r): Michael Selting and Gavin Kallhoff. Back row: Brayden Burenheide and Justice Blecher.



EPPJ seniors to lead the way in Fall

Samantha Stuhr (left) is the lone senior on the Wolfpack cross country team.

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Volleyball seniors this season are (front row, l-r): Sadie Thiessen and Libby Evans. Back row: Elizabeth Moser, Braelyn Martinsen, Mady Kurpgeweit and Brooke Kinney.

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always draws a lot of kids. I lay down two piles of hay, and I scatter two thousand nickels in them. The kids get to dig around in them, and they all come back with pockets full of nickels, so it's really fun for them," Petsche said.

"The Wilcox family will come out with horses and plows and dig up potatoes, and the kids follow behind and pick them up. They really enjoy that. I also really enjoy the tractor parade. Tractors start in Creston, and they drive up to Charlie's Park. Along the way, they go through different towns, and more and more tractors continue joining the line. They arrive on Friday evening, and that's when we have the cream can supper."

The first supper was in 1986.

Once people first attend RVHD, it seems like they keep coming back year after year.

"People keep coming back because they enjoy what we do. They come from all over Nebraska, and they bring their families. The first people who came brought their kids, and now they're all grown up and bringing their own families, and for some people, they only get to see friends once a year, so it's a good time to see each other and catch up. People from all over show up, and it's kind of like a big family reunion."

Petsche said the event just keeps getting bigger and bigger. That's one of the reasons he stays involved in helping organize the activities.

"Every year, it gets bigger. More and more people come. When it first started, I was in my early 30s. One of the newer things is

the big barn, and when it was first built, not a lot of people would walk through it. I enjoyed taking pictures, so I took eight-by-ten photos of everyone who was involved with RVHD, and I put them in frames that I collected. Now, I have 170 photos hanging in that barn, and hundreds of people walk through it to see them. Everyone who comes really enjoys it, and I just want to keep it going."

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Photo submitted

Wheeler County Courthouse visited by state officials

State Supreme Court judges and other officials stopped last week at the Wheeler County Courthouse in Bartlett to visit with county officials. For just under an hour they discussed issues of mutual concern.

Violent crime down across U.S.

Violent crime in the United States fell by an estimated 9.3% in 2025, marking the largest year-to-year decline in the national violent crime rate since the FBI began estimating crime in 1936, according to new national data.

The estimated murder and nonnegligent manslaughter rate also fell 18.1%, to 4.1 killings per 100,000 people — tying the lowest rate recorded since national estimates began. The rate matches those recorded in 1955 and 1956, according to the FBI.

The decline across major crime categories was broad. The estimated robbery rate fell 18.5%, aggravated assault fell 7.2% and rape fell 7.6%. Property crime also dropped sharply, declining 12.4% from 2024. Motor vehicle theft fell 22.7%, while burglary declined 15.8%.

The FBI's figures are based on reports of crimes submitted by law enforcement agencies, meaning they do not capture offenses that aren't reported to police. Participation in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program is voluntary, and agencies submit their data either through state programs or directly to the FBI.

In 2025, 17,075 law enforcement agencies submitted data, covering 96.2% of the U.S. population. Every city agency with populations over a million submitted a full year of data.

Crime statistics can be affected by changes in reporting practices and public willingness to report crimes, particularly as trust in law enforcement and government institutions varies.

An estimated 1.12 million violent crimes occurred nationwide in 2025, with the violent crime rate falling from 362.9 offenses per 100,000 people in 2024, to 327.6 per 100,000 in 2025.

The findings largely align with other recent estimates. The nonpartisan Council on Criminal Justice, which analyzed crime trends in 40 large U.S. cities, found that 11 of 13 offenses it tracked, including homicide, declined in 2025.

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O'Connor sentenced to one year in jail

OMAHA — A former University of Nebraska regent will spend at least the next six months in jail for driving under the influence and causing serious bodily injury during a May 2025 crash.

Douglas County District Judge Jeffrey Lux on Monday sentenced Elizabeth O'Connor of Omaha to one year behind bars. Under Nebraska's "good time" law, Lux said,

O'Connor could be released for good behavior after serving half her sentence. Lux also sentenced O'Connor to 18 months of post-release supervision, which is similar to probation. She was credited with one day of time served from the night she was arrested in July 2025.

O'Connor and her attorney had asked for probation and no jail time.

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