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In Brief

Equalization board to hold tax hearing

To be held Wednesday, July 3.

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners, acting as a Board of Equalization, are scheduled to meet Thursday, July 3.

At the courthouse in Neligh, they will convene at 9 a.m. for the purpose of deciding motor vehicle exemptions, accepting over-under report, approving tax roll corrections, and reviewing and deciding written protests filed pursuant to sections 77-1502 to 77-1507 pertaining to the assessment value of their property; and various other items which may become necessary to act upon.

The meeting is open to the public. Protest hearings will be scheduled at 10-minute intervals, allowing a couple of minutes between each hearing. If needed, protest hearings may continue on Monday, July 7.

Governor Pillen coming to Neligh on July 3

Program to begin at 11 a.m.

At 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 3 at the Neligh Legion Post 172, there will be a ceremony in which Governor Jim Pillen and distinguished guests from Ft. Benning, Georgia and nearby will be attending. According to Antelope County Veteran Service Officer Tom Nelson, they will be honoring the re-naming of Ft. Benning whose namesake is Fred G. Benning of Neligh. A World War I veteran, Benning received the Distinguished Service Cross for “Extraordinary Heroism” during combat operations in France on Oct 3, 1918. Veteran Benning served as the Neligh Mayor for a number of years and also ran a business downtown before retiring.

The ceremony is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:

Notice of Organization — Schiltmeyer Farms, L.L.C.

Notice of July Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Weather

The high temperature last week was 99 degrees recorded on Saturday, June 21. The low temperature during the same period was 59 degrees recorded on Wednesday, June 18. Altogether, 0.65 of an inch was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
June 15	90	69	.00
June 16	92	62	0.23
June 17	77	60	0.17
June 18	77	59	0.25
June 19	88	70	.00
June 20	98	78	.00
June 21	99	75	.00
Total for last week			0.65
Total for June			2.77
Total precipitation 2025			7.21

ECC sets tentative date for 2026 Vetch Days

Carnival shows interest in coming back in early June

It’s never too early to start looking ahead, especially if you are the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce.

The ECC Board of Directors met last week at the former ‘Big A’ building to conduct a review of the 2025 Vetch Days celebration held June 9-11.

Overall, the celebration received many high marks as attendance was up from previous years.

The City of Elgin supported the ECC in awarding up to \$10,000 in sales tax fund which played a huge role in making this year’s celebration a success.

Part of the reason for the increase in attendance was the decision made prior to the celebration to make all the carnival rides free to the public.

ECC President Bruce Clark told the board that River City Carnival was pleased with the turnout and the money they made from the two nights they were in Elgin.

Because of that, Clark said the carnival has tentatively put Elgin on their calendar to come back in 2026. The tentative dates for the carnival’s return are Monday and Tuesday, June 1 and 2.

In past years, the availability of a carnival has determined the dates for the annual celebration. If those dates hold true, it will mark one of the earliest Vetch Days celebration in recent memory.

Another highlight from the meeting was the ECC Community BBQ which was held prior to the parade on June 10. There, too, attendance was high. Organizer Dean Schrage told the board they sold all the meet.

“It was the best BBQ in recent years,” he said. The two-hour feed is held annually at the Elgin Fire Hall.

The Cruise Night attracted many vintage automobiles up and down Second Avenue. Capitalizing on the event was the Knights of Columbus who served hot dogs, hamburgers and fries. Also, the bar at the KC Hall was open.

While the sand volleyball tournament was canceled due to a lack of teams, kick ball proved to be popular among the youth. Held on June 9, tournaments ran throughout the day and into the night. The last game finished after 1 a.m.

Also, the pool party and kids games were well-attended.

Next up for the ECC is the End of Summer Steak Fry to be held Friday, August 8 at Elgin City Park. Tickets will go on sale in July.

The steak fry is being held the Friday before school activities so the date doesn’t conflict with EPS’ staff picnic. The decision was made so teachers and administration have the opportunity to attend. The Wolfpack dance team will be overseeing games and a bouncy house for children.

Other planned activities for later this year are the Show & Shine car show and ‘Treasures in the Park’ to be held in Septembers at the park.



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Takin’ it to the streets

Kick stands went up around 11 a.m. Saturday for the Travis Dozler Benefit Poker Run starting at the Elgin K.C. Hall. Among the many participating in the day-long event was Petersburg’s Kenny Henn.

Potluck, Fireworks are part of July 1 event

At Park U.C.C. Church west of Elgin

The Park Center Annual 4th of July celebration date has been announced. It will be held Tuesday night, July 1, at Park Congregational U.C.C. Church located 10 miles west and 1/2 mile south of Elgin.

A potluck meal will start at 7 p.m. Games and fun for all ages on the playgrounds will follow after the meal.

Fireworks will end the evening.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets.

Local students Kinney, Eisenhower attend first-ever BCHC Healthcare Career Camp

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) proudly hosted its inaugural Healthcare Career Camp on Tuesday, June 3, providing area high school students with a unique, hands-on experience exploring the diverse careers and operations that power the healthcare industry. Open to incoming freshmen through graduating seniors, the one-day camp ran from 9 AM to 3 PM and welcomed selected applicants who expressed interest in pursuing healthcare careers.

The event provided students with a dynamic and interactive experience exploring both clinical and operational aspects of healthcare. From behavioral health to surgery and respiratory therapy. They rotated through hands-on activities, including a live patient case study in the lab where they conducted blood smears, observed bacterial growth, and identified MRSA. They also witnessed a simulated birth using a high-tech mannequin, practiced laparoscopy in surgery, and handled real pig lungs while learning about respiratory health and the impacts of smoking and vaping on lungs.

Throughout the day, students engaged directly with professionals across multiple departments, including rehab therapies, revenue cycle, human resources, and public relations. The lunch hour featured a panel of providers who answered questions and shared personal insights about their career paths.

Elgin student Brooke Kinney summed up the experience by saying, “The day was so fun, I didn’t want it to end.”

Each student received a commemorative camp T-shirt, and many left inspired and eager to return for job shadowing opportunities. One senior participant will also be awarded a scholarship next spring, supporting their continued journey toward a healthcare career.

“This camp was designed to help students explore the many different paths within healthcare,” said Lara Swerczek, VP of Human Resources. “We’re thrilled with the excitement and engagement we saw, and we look forward to inspiring and

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Among the local students participating in a health care camp in Albion were Kierstyn Eisenhower (l) and Brooke Kinney (r).

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A visit to Times Square was part of the EPS summer trip recently completed. Pictured are (back row, l-r): Trey Rittscher, Creighton Harkins, Isaac Hemmenway, Ticen Sparr, Kaiden Bode and Jarek Erickson. Front row: Sponsor Sonia Rittscher, Kayton Zwingman, Kyndal Busted, Jayda Chessmore, Halle Lueking and Sponsor Amy Selting,

EPS Class of 2026 returns from memorable trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City

The Class of 2026 recently returned from an unforgettable educational adventure to Washington, D.C. and New York City, packed with historic landmarks, cultural experiences, and plenty of memories.

The journey began with a flight delay in Omaha, which pushed the group's arrival in the nation's capital to 6:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. Despite the sleepless start, students dove straight into the experience. Highlights from Washington, D.C. included visits to the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and the iconic National Mall. The group also took part in the People's House Simulation, offering insight into the inner workings of American democracy. Visits to the majestic National Cathedral and Arlington National Cemetery—including witnessing the powerful Changing of the Guard ceremony—rounded out their time in the capital.

On Wednesday afternoon, the group made their way to New York City, where they quickly embraced the energy of the Big Apple. Students explored Times Square, took in sweeping skyline views from the Top of the Rock Observatory, and enjoyed the serenity of Central Park. A ferry ride brought them up close to the Statue of Liberty, and a walk through the Financial District connected them with the country's economic hub. A highlight of their time

in New York was attending the Broadway production of The Outsiders, an engaging and emotional performance that brought literature and drama to life in a way students will never forget.

By the end of the trip, the

students could confidently navigate the city's subway system like seasoned New Yorkers.

After a whirlwind week of sightseeing, learning, and theatrical magic, the group returned home early Saturday morning, arriving back at 3:00

a.m. Tired but full of stories, the Class of 2026 brought back more than souvenirs—they returned with unforgettable experiences and lifelong memories.

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Last week, Governor Jim Pillen announced his appointment of Jason S. Doele of Norfolk as district court judge in the Fifth Judicial District. That district consists of Boone, Butler, Colfax, Hamilton, Merrick, Nance, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, and York counties. Doele has been a partner in the law firm of Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Stover & Stratton in Norfolk since Feb. 2010. Before that, He was with the firm of Jewell, Collins, DeLay, Gray and Flood, also in Norfolk.

Doele is licensed to practice in both Nebraska and South Dakota. He has held a variety of positions with the Nebraska State Bar Association and served on a variety of committees. Doele is also a member of the Madison County Bar Association where he previously served as president. He is a board member of Faith Regional Health Services and the Lutheran Community Hospital Board. He continues to assist as a mock trial coach through the Nebraska State Bar Foundation.

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The do’s and don’ts of traveling with children

Traveling with Children Summer can be such a fun time; swimming, lazy days, and lots of time together as a family. With it there can also be a lot of travel. Since there’s no school, it’s one of the few times during the year that we’re actually able to take vacations. Our family is spread across the country, so we tend to do a lot of traveling during the year. It’s one thing when it’s just me and my husband. It’s a whole other

ball game when we travel as a family. For years, I did all the packing. I would spend days ahead of time planning which outfits to take, checking off lists, ensuring there were snacks, movies, and activities to keep the kids occupied. Whether we were driving or flying, it would end up being a lot of work. I would charge devices well in advance and have every last detail worked out.

Judge Taylor presided over Antelope County Court last week

Two individuals scheduled for show cause hearings, in Antelope County Court on June 18, were no-shows. The Honorable Donna Taylor issued a warrant for non-payment of court fines from a 29-year-old Atkinson man. Tristan A. Dearthmont was scheduled to appear for a show cause hearing stemming from an April sentencing, when he was sentenced to pay a \$200 fine after pleading guilty to one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor. Since payment was not made in full by the time of the scheduled court appearance, and the defendant did not appear personally, Taylor issued the warrant. Kristina M. Thompson, 47, of Neligh, failed to appear for a show cause hearing related to a

May 2025 case where Thompson pleaded no contest to one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; and one count of operate or park an unregistered vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor. On May 21, Taylor ordered Thompson to pay a \$100 fine for the first offense and a \$25 fine for count two, plus \$30 in costs by June 18. Taylor issued a warrant for nonpayment of fines. On June 20, the fines were paid in full. A 30-year-old South Dakota man charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking or disposition, \$0 to \$5,000, a Class IIA felony, will wait until July 2 for arraignment in the matter. Angel Martinez, 30, of Huron, South Dakota, was arrested

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We just got back from a trip to visit family in Alabama and this time, I decided my kids were old enough to pack for themselves. I thought it would feel more freeing to only have to worry about myself, but it was still stressful now putting the onus on them. The ultimate goal wasn't to create less stress for me, but to teach them responsibility. Every time one of them came downstairs to inform me they were "packed", I would go through a quick list and inevitably they forgot something like underwear or socks. You know, the basics. I tried not to worry about whether they remembered everything or not. At the end of the day, we were staying with family, and we could always run out to the store. Plus, it was time they took on this responsibility and learned the consequences when they forgot an item. If I always do things for them, they won't learn. It's easy to have the mentality, "if you want something done right you got to do it yourself." However, my favorite phrase as a parent is that "it's our job to put ourselves out of a job." We're supposed to be raising self-sufficient little humans. We also don't fly very often. It's expensive to buy five plane tickets so we tend to drive most of the time. We happened to fly this time, which brought with it a million questions. Why can't I bring water? How far is the airport? Can I have a window seat? Just a constant barrage of questions as they anticipated

the trip. I knew they were both nervous and excited, but it was exhausting. The plane was exciting and so was the airport. They wanted to eat there, not realizing that it costs twice as much to eat at the airport rather than before or after the flight. It was also a treat to be able to drink soda on the plane, something we rarely have in the house. The arguing over the window seat and whose armrest was whose was minimal, all things considered. Once there, each child forgot at least one item: hairbrushes, toothpaste, shower stuff, etc. Nothing important was missing, but it was a good lesson all in all. I encouraged them to make a list next time to help remember essential items. And luckily, their mom had the things they each forgot. Slowly but surely, I will continue to do less and less for them. And at the end of the day, they know their mom always has their backs.

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

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, June 30: BBQ meatballs, hash browns, peas & carrots, strawberry/peach mix, bread & butter, milk.
Tuesday, July 1: Pulled pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, pears, bread & butter, milk.
Wednesday, July 2: Fried chicken, fried potatoes, corn, rhubarb crisp, bread & butter, milk.
Thursday, July 3: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, pineapple, garlic stick/ butter, milk
Friday, July 4: Closed, Happy 4th of July!
All meals served with bread & butter.

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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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, June 25
Petersburg Carnival Days BBQ sponsored by GPSB.*

Friday through Sunday, June 27-29
58th Annual Clearwater Big Rodeo.*

Tuesday, July 1
Park UCC Church Independence Day celebration.*

Thursday, July 3
First Day of Antelope County Tax Protest hearings at the courthouse (9 a.m.)

Friday, July 4
Independence Day (most businesses are closed)

Monday, July 7
Elgin City Council meeting (7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, July 8
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

Wednesday, July 9
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting (7:00 p.m.)

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Looking Back

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Sixty Years Ago **June 24, 1965**

Elgin's band led the Vetch Days Kiddie Parade Friday afternoon through main street prior to judging of contestants at the ball field. Leading the group is Mrs. Maynard Rouse, public school music instructor.

Clara Jane Donner, 88, passed away Tuesday morning, June 22, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh where she had been confined several months. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Friday morning, June 25, from the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Gordon Tritchler in charge.

The Clarence Shavlik auto caught fire around 4:15 a.m. Thursday 7 1/4 miles west of town and local firemen were summoned to extinguish the blaze. Firemen were called from the Wm. Sprout farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pelster of Petersburg are the parents of a 7 lb., 6 oz. daughter, Christine Ann, born June 18, 1965 in the Antelope Memorial hospital.

Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor, H. Eugene Cook, announced today that the United States Department of Agriculture has made Emergency Loans available to farmers in Antelope county, due to extensive crop, livestock and building damage resulting from the recent tornadoes in the area.

Fifty Years Ago **June 19, 1975**

The 90th anniversary of Park Congregational Church was observed Sunday, June 15 with morning service being conducted by the church pastor, the Rev. David McCreary. At this service corsages were presented to Edith Kinney, who has been a member for 73 years, and Mrs. Lena Currie, who are both 87 years of age and active church members.

Ten members of the Elgin FFA Chapter attended the Angus Field Day at the Adolph Kruse farm at Verdigre Saturday, June 14. Three schools, Elgin, Ainsworth and Loup City all tied for first place so numbers had to be drawn to select the trophy winner. Loup City won the trophy and the Elgin and Ainsworth teams tied for second.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knust announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Bob Luettel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Luettel. The couple is planning a July 5th wedding.

A wet weekend raised the moisture here for June (as of Monday noon) to 3.01 inches, according to records kept at the Bank of Elgin. Rain started early Saturday morning and by 10:30 a.m. the bank had recorded .90 of an inch.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klein of Petersburg are parents of a 7 pound 8 ounce son, Kert Daniel, born June 15, 1975 at the Boone County Hospital in Albion.

Thirty Years Ago **June 21, 1995**

Two area students were named to the Dean's List recently at the College of St. Mary, Omaha, for the spring semester of the 1994-95 academic year. Sarah Eischeid of Elgin, a Business Administration major, and Louise Sehi, an Early Childhood Education major, were named to the Dean's List.

Becky Cummings and Steve Kerkman, both of Elgin, will be married this Saturday, June 24, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin. Parents of the couple are Bob and Judy Cummings of Schuyler, and June and Louis Kerkman of Elgin.

Dave Schrage was the winner of the Elgin American Legion Post 229 raffle drawing last Saturday night. He accepted the first prize of a football autographed by the 1994-95 Nebraska Cornhusker National Championship football team from Gary Hoefer, Post commander.

Twenty Years Ago **June 22, 2005**

More than 180 horses and riders took part in the annual Sandhills Saddle and Buggy Club Trail Ride last Saturday and Sunday, use 18-19, northeast of Elgin. More than 200 were on hand for the supper on Saturday night.

Elgin Fire Department was called to a fire at the Niewohner Brothers feedlot west of Elgin on Monday afternoon, June 20. Several of the round straw bales were on fire. With the assistance of the Niewohner Brothers crew, the blaze was extinguished in a short time.

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UNMC Dean's List announced

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its spring 2025 dean's list for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions of medical imaging and therapeutic sciences program and medical laboratory science.

To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

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Voters get a chance in 2026 to amend term limits to three terms instead of two

Back in the day, I used to shake my head while watching state lawmakers work late into the night – sometimes till midnight – to get legislation passed at the end of a session.

“You couldn’t pay me enough to do that kind of work for 12- to 15 hours,” I’d think to myself.

Actually, the pay for state senators is \$12,000-a-year, plus some per-diems for expenses and (as they say around Lincoln) “all you can eat and drink.” The salary hasn’t changed since 1988.

It takes some patience and endurance to work that long each day, and it always occurred to me that the best decisions aren’t made late and night when you’re exhausted from endless debate, lobbying and discussions and just want to go home.

(And, as we saw recently in Minnesota, it takes courage to serve in public office. Threats against public servants are on the rise, and some nut job in Minnesota apparently decided to take matters in his own hands, with a gun, with fatal consequences. It’s sickening.)

But election year after election year, candidates sign up to run for public office, despite the low pay and lack of regard for their service.

Already, we’ve seen one former state legislator who was term limited, Patty Pansing Brooks of Lincoln, sign up to regain her seat in 2026. She isn’t the first former legislator to come back, if she wins election she would follow a long list of former senators who came back, including current Sen. Danielle Conrad.

But now, once again, there’s an effort to allow senators to serve a third consecutive, four-year term in office, expanding the current term limit adopted by voters in 2000 that restricted service to two consecutive terms.

I’m not a fan of term limits. It’s prevented some really smart legislators from continuing to serve and has destroyed the continuity and institutional knowledge needed to solve the really tough issues, such as our high property taxes and overcrowded prisons.

You know, the issues that never seem to ever be solved.

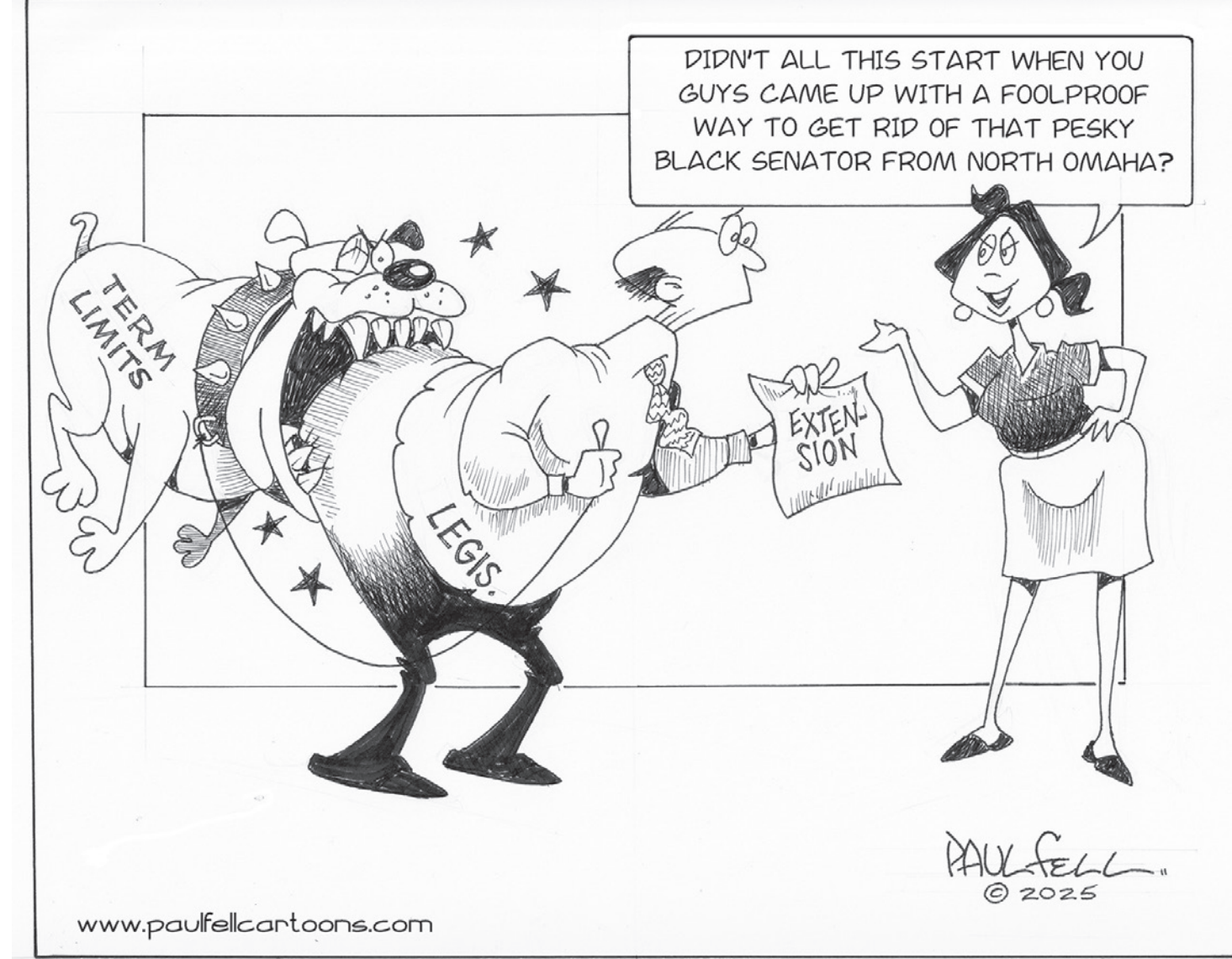
It takes a while to understand the really tough issues, like tax policy, corrections and budgeting. And when state senators don’t have that knowledge base, guess who fills the power vacuum? – special interests, lobbyists and the executive branch.

We always hear the saying “government should run like a business.” (If that means “as efficiently as possible,” I’d agree, but there’s a huge difference between running a government where the goal is “service” and a business where the objective is “profit”.)

But I think it’s pretty clear that in business, we wouldn’t fire an effective chief executive after eight years just because eight years had passed. That would be crazy. We would want that business to profit from that CEO’s experience and know-how, and for that leader to stay on.

But term limits, which were pushed mainly by out-of-state interests, are popular with voters. There’s an unhealthy and undeserved “throw the bums out” mentality with many people. So terms limits pass when put on the ballot.

But I gotta think that if the really hard-working and deep-thinking senators – like the Jerry Warners and Dave Landis and Scott Moores of the past – were still allowed to serve more than two terms, some of the really tough



issues would have been worked out and solved by now.

So put me down as a “yes” vote for the constitutional amendment coming on the ballot in 2026 to expand legislative term limits from two, four-year terms, to three terms.

Knowledge and wisdom, and being given the time to acquire it, is a good thing.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior

contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

The fight for life continues

Three years ago this week, the Supreme Court handed down one of the most important decisions in its history. The Dobbs decision restored the right of the American people to regulate abortion through the democratic process. The pro-life movement is about love, compassion, dignity, and respect. As Senator, I’m proud to fight for life.

Nebraska has always been a leader in the pro-life movement. In 2010, we became the first state to pass a bill banning abortion after babies could feel pain. When I was Governor, we banned the barbaric practice of dismemberment abortion. We bolstered informed consent protections. We provided nursing mothers’ rooms at state buildings. We also allowed state teammates to donate unused vacation leave to coworkers who are expectant mothers.

Last year, Nebraska became the first state to pass

a pro-life ballot initiative since Dobbs and defeated a radical pro-abortion ballot initiative. These efforts have saved and continue to save many lives.

Supporting life isn’t just about reducing abortions. It’s also about ensuring all people are treated with dignity and respect.

One way we can respect life is by passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. It’s a bill that isn’t really about abortion. It’s about compassion. In 2002, Congress passed bipartisan legislation recognizing that children who survive abortion attempts are persons under federal law. But they didn’t criminalize the denial of medical care to babies who survive an abortion. The Born-Alive bill rectifies that. It requires that a baby who survives abortion attempts must be provided the same level of medical care that would be provided to any other baby. It

gives the baby a fighting chance at life.

These cases aren’t hypothetical. Melissa Ohden’s mother was pressured into an abortion attempt in Sioux City, Iowa. Her nurse heard Melissa’s cries and rushed her to the NICU. Melissa survived. She was later adopted and has led a productive life. Our society is better off because her nurse had compassion and provided care.

This bill shouldn’t be controversial. Tragically, it continues to be blocked by Democrats.

Our respect for human dignity should also include how we treat human remains. A few years ago, the remains of over 2,200 aborted babies were discovered in an Indiana abortionist’s home. People were horrified to find out that these children would be treated like common medical waste. I introduced the Dignity for Aborted Children Act to fix this. My bill would require abortionists to dispose of the remains of unborn children with the same dignity and respect as any other human being who died. It is also not really about abortion, but about respecting human dignity.

In addition, I co-lead legislation to prevent taxpayer dollars from funding abortion at home and abroad. I’m also pushing to ban discrimination against pro-life healthcare providers. I will continue fighting for these pro-life priorities.

Being pro-life is about more than just passing legislation. Nebraska’s pro-life culture is evident in communities across our state. We see it in volunteers who support the women who visit crisis pregnancy centers. We see it in churches who rally around young mothers to provide resources and care. We see it in the families who adopt or foster children in need. These acts of compassion demonstrate daily why to be pro-life is to be pro-mom, pro-baby, and pro-family.

As we celebrate the three-year anniversary of Dobbs, we remember that our work to support life has only just begun. We must continue encouraging a culture of life in our state and in our country.

Security for Americans and our allies

This past Saturday, Americans observed the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. Our military has evolved much over two and a half centuries through our struggles for independence, to preserve the Union, claim victory in two world wars, defend freedom, and confront terrorism. Ensuring our armed forces can continue to innovate to keep Americans safe, particularly in light of growing threats to global security, is vitally important.

This week, the Israeli military struck key targets in Iran eliminating high-ranking military leaders and nuclear infrastructure. As the region braces for ongoing conflict, my prayers are with Americans in the Middle East and with our friends and allies in Israel. Israel maintains the right to defend itself against Iran’s decades-long threat to its existence, especially in light of recent developments within Iran’s nuclear program.

We must be clear-eyed about the threat posed by Iran and adversaries globally and on the home front. Antisemitic violence against Americans in Boulder, CO, and outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC, as well as Chinese nationals recently charged with agroterrorism smug-

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Every time I meet with young Nebraskans, I come away with a renewed sense of purpose. Their energy, curiosity, and commitment to improving their communities remind me why public service matters and why we must continue building a future worthy of them.

Recently, I had the honor of speaking with 300 outstanding young women participating in the Cornhusker Girls’ State program. These rising high school seniors, all eager to learn about civic engagement and how our democracy functions, asked thoughtful questions about my journey to the U.S. Senate and legislation I’m working on — particularly my effort to extend and expand the Paid Medical and Family Leave Tax Credit.

Their questions reflected both depth and sincerity. We discussed the value of public service, the importance of bipartisanship, and how every citizen can help strengthen our institutions. That conversation was

just one of many I’ve had with young Nebraskans who inspire me with their insight and idealism.

Each year, I welcome several groups of interns from across our state to serve in my Washington, D.C., and Nebraska offices. These internships provide opportunities to engage directly in policymaking, constituent service, and the everyday responsibilities of a Senate office. This summer, I’m proud to host five exceptional college students who are helping us deliver results for Nebraska. Their work ethic and perspective enrich our team and ensure that young voices are reflected in our decision-making.

I’m equally inspired by the young Nebraskans who choose to serve our nation through military service. Each fall, my office nominates student leaders to attend one of our nation’s five service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare cadets and midshipmen not only to be military leaders but also to be citizens of integrity and character.

Academy nominees from Nebraska exhibit exactly what our state is known for: grit, humility, and a

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gling are sober reminders of vigilance necessary to confront threats to our national security. I am grateful President Trump and negotiators from his administration have been robustly engaged in neutralizing Iran's nuclear program and Iran's funding for its allied enemies of Israel. If Iran's nuclear ambitions were realized, it would be catastrophic for both Israel and the United States, who their leaders have sworn to destroy.

Among the terrorist proxies funded by Iran, the Houthi rebels began targeting commercial shipping and American Naval vessels in the Red Sea following the October 7 attacks in Israel. Since taking office, President Trump has decisively confronted this threat and secured regional trade routes critical for global commerce.

Safeguarding supply chains and standing up for American interests in the global marketplace is an essential component of security efforts around the world. For this reason, I supported two bills passed unanimously by the House this week, the Maritime Supply Chain Security Act and the Secure our Ports Act, to counter China and other rogue states' efforts to gain influence in American port infrastructure.

I am also encouraged by the progress signaled by the Trump administration on negotiating a trade deal with China. China has continued to aggressively threaten American allies in the Indo-Pacific such as Taiwan and the Philippines. However, the stronger our standing in economic relations, the better our position is to ensure security for our citizens and our allies.

On June 14, our nation celebrated Flag Day. At a recent

Memorial Day celebration in Central City, I spoke with Vietnam veteran Jim Garfield. His thoughts on the meaning of the red, white, and blue summarize the American values for which he and so many have fought and

ELGIN — Before school ended last month, I had a teacher stop by the office and urge me to write a story.

It's a common occurrence. Some of the topics suggested have an angle which I'm not going to pursue, meaning I won't fight your fight for you, take it up with the powers that be (city, county, school board, etc.).

Then there are suggestions which I never thought of because I'm not close enough to the situation.

Her story idea had merit as she asked me to come up with some answers for why there are so many students with red hair? The reason it caught my interest was because I, too, am a red head by birth. Don't let my mane fool you, I was a carrot top, it got brighter in the summer months due to being outside all the time without a hat, darker in the winter months from being inside more.

She provided me a list of students at Pope John who have red hair. From PreK through 12th grade, during the 2024-25 school year there were 12 students with red hair. At EPS, she rattled off the names of three students, but there likely are more.

For a small school like Pope John, that's an abnormally high number I think.

To put it in perspective, it's estimated just 1-2 percent worldwide have natural red hair.

given their lives.

Jim shared, the "F" in flag stands for freedom as around the globe our banner is recognized as a symbol of liberty. The "L" stands for laws and our commitment to equal justice

Spinning Tales

Redheads are natural super heroes and here's the proof!

According to information published on the Internet by *Ginger Parrot*, western Europe houses more redheads than anywhere else in the world. Scotland holds the highest ranking with an approximate population of 13 percent, followed by Ireland (10 percent) while the United States rounds out the bottom with two percent.

The gene responsible for natural red hair is 'the ginger gene'. It is a slight mutation of the MC1R gene on chromosome 16. Redheads are like superheroes, but naturally so, not due to some weird chemical reaction. The gene is not only responsible for red hair, but pale skin and freckles everywhere.

Since it's a recessive gene, it must be passed on from both mother and father. This explains how a mother and father who both have brown or blonde hair can have a redheaded child.

Other facts of note are:

•Redheads require more anesthesia and are harder to

for all. The "A" stands for allies and reminds us of our willingness to stand with our friends around the world. Finally, as the Pledge of Allegiance reminds us, the "G" stands for one nation under God.

sedate than other hair colors.

•Redheads bruise more easily than those who have other hair colors.

• Because of their genetic makeup, redheads are at a much higher risk of getting skin cancer.

• Red hair retains its natural pigment a lot longer than other shades, so there's no need to panic about going grey. Red hair simply fades with age through a spectrum of faded copper to rosy -blonde then to silvery white.

History has shown redheads have been targeted for the color

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

Fischer

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deep sense of duty. I often think of them when serving on the Naval Academy's Board of Visitors and on the Senate Armed Services Committee, where I advocate for policies that support our service members, bolster national security, and deter threats to our homeland.

In every committee I serve on, I keep young Nebraskans in mind. On the Commerce Committee, I push substantive legislation that invests in the future of our communities and our country. On the Agriculture Committee, I fight for the farmers, ranchers, and producers who feed and fuel our nation. I know that the bridges we build today, the rural broadband we expand, and the financing opportunities we provide for our farmers are all part of a long-term investment in the world these young people will inherit.

When I'm asked for advice by young folks, I frequently say this: don't wait to be asked. Say yes to the opportunity. Say yes to volunteering for a cause you care about. Say yes to joining a local board or advisory council. Public service doesn't require a title — it simply requires a willingness to show up and stay engaged.

The next generation of Nebraskans is smart, driven, and deeply committed to doing good. They don't just give me hope for the future — they challenge me to be a better senator today. And for that, I am profoundly grateful.

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Do your part this week in church.

...the fruit of the Spirit is love.... Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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Homemade Salsa

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen



I found this recipe and just

Good day, "Salsa" who doesn't love a homemade salsa. My family goes crazy over salsa made from scratch.

had to try it. Actually I made it twice in less than a week. The only thing that would make it any better would be tomatoes from the garden. You can bet I will be making this recipe when the maters are ready. Please try this, it's so good. Delicious!

JoAnn

HOMEMADE SALSA

1 28 oz diced tomatoes with juice
2 cans (10 oz) Rotel diced tomatoes with chilies
1/2 cup chopped green onion
2 cloves minced garlic
1 jalapeño diced (optional)

1/2 tsp sugar
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 cup chopped cilantro (I add more)
Juice of 1-2 limes

I just take a big bowl and add all my ingredients and stir it up.
Feel free to add more or less of any of the ingredients.. Make it to your liking. Let it sit for 30 minutes is the best. It really enhances the flavor.
Have plenty of chips! Delicious!

Troyers retire after 40 years; St. Edward and Cedar Rapids clinics join BCHC

After more than 40 years of dedicated service to the communities of St. Edward and Cedar Rapids, Dr. Terry and Dr. Joyce Troyer have announced their retirement from patient care.

In conjunction with their retirement, the medical clinics the Troyers have operated in these two towns will officially transition into the Boone County Health Center (BCHC) system this fall.

The Troyers began practicing medicine in St. Edward in 1985, expanding to Cedar Rapids one year later. While their clinics have re-

mained independently owned, they have maintained a strong and collaborative relationship with BCHC, including long-standing hospital privileges.

Now at age 70, the Troyers are stepping away from their daily clinical duties. "I'm grateful to be in good health," said Dr. Terry, "but medicine is a hard field to do halfway. I wanted to ensure our patients would

continue to receive the care they need, even if something were to change with my own health. This felt like the right

time."

The decision to integrate the clinics into BCHC was a natural next step. "We've worked hand-in-hand with Boone County Health Center for decades," Dr. Terry said. "I trust the providers there, and I know our patients will be well cared for moving forward."

Dr. Terry reflected fondly on the connections made throughout his career. "One of the most rewarding parts of this work has been building relationships with patients and walking with them through so many seasons of life. It's also been meaningful to hear specialists remark on the quality of patients we send—people in these communities really value their health and relationships."

BCHC is honored to welcome the St. Edward and Cedar Rapids clinics as official BCHC locations. Many patients from these areas already travel to Albion for specialty services, and this move ensures continued access to high-quality care closer to home. "This transition represents both a tribute

to the Troyers' legacy and an investment in the future of local healthcare," said BCHC President and CEO Caleb Poore. "We're excited to deepen our roots in these communities and continue the patient-first philosophy the Troyers exemplified so well."

Patients can expect continuity of care as Dr. Bryant Carlson joins seasoned provider Sara Mahony, PA-C, at both locations. In addition, existing clinic staff will remain in place to support patients and ensure a smooth transition.

"Dr. Terry and Dr. Joyce are some of the most kind, intelligent, and compassionate physicians I've had the privilege of working with," said BCHC Chief Medical Officer Dr. Tony Kusek. "They have helped shape rural healthcare in our region and have always had the best interests of their patients at heart. This is a natural fit, and we're grateful to continue building on the foundation they've laid."

BCHC looks forward to continuing the tradition of personalized, hometown care that the Troyers made their hallmark.



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job licensing laws every five years to identify less restrictive alternatives to licensing. One goal is to determine whether licensing requirements are currently sufficient, need to be modified to be less restrictive, or can be repealed outright.

LR180 is another interim study that will examine the current and future availability and sustainability of nursing facilities for Nebraska. The study will also examine the barriers to providing adequate access to care, including the cost of care, workforce issues, resident demographics, licensure and regulation, and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

Today, more than 34 percent of Nebraska's population is over the age of fifty, and that number increases to over forty percent in rural areas of the state. By 2030, census estimates predict that the state's 65-year-old and over population will grow by nearly 100,000 people compared to 2021, which is an increase of 30 percent. As more people age, it is vital that there is access to nursing home facilities, especially in rural parts of the state. I brought LR180 following my work with the Village of Butte and the recent closure of nursing home facilities in places such as the City of Laurel to see what can be done at the state level to make it easier for nursing homes to be newly established and continue to operate in the state, especially in rural areas.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions. Feel free to call my Capitol office anytime at (402) 471-2801 or email me at bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

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Tales

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of their hair. Many redheads were thought to be witches and the color alone was enough cause to be put to death. Traits such as freckles and moles were also seen as "marks of the devil."

Greek mythology says redheads turn to vampires after death. Denmark believes it's an honor to have a redheaded child.

Getting back to our local schools, I think it has everything to do with our ancestors. Those who settled this area more than 100 years ago primarily came from western Europe. They brought that gene with them and the rest, shall we say, is history. For those with red locks, walk tall and be proud, you are a natural superhero.

Redheads are natural superheroes, don't let anyone tell you different.

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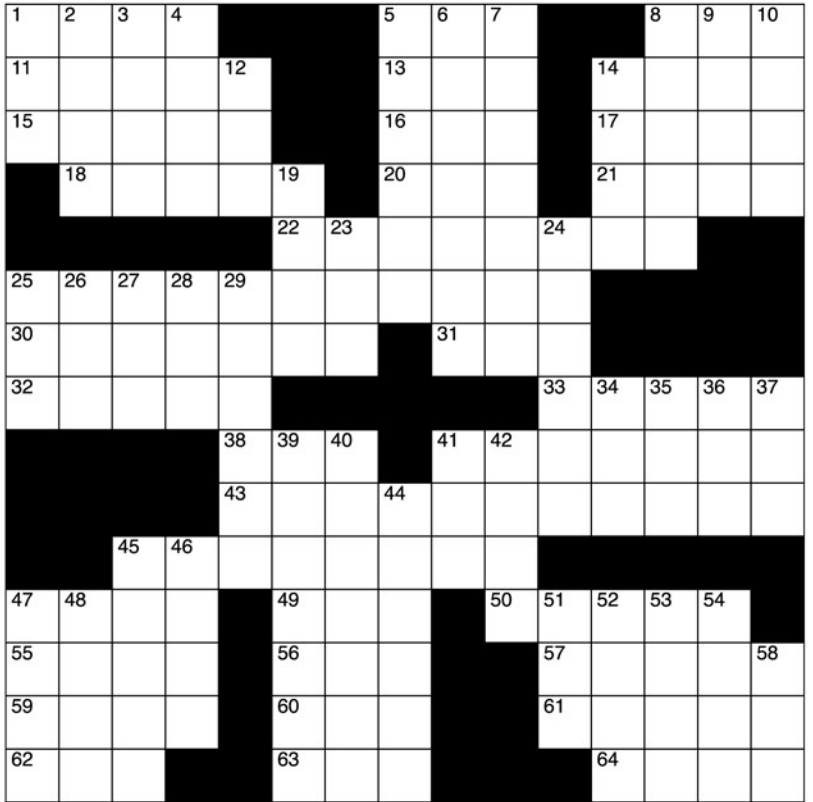
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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Computer manufacturer
5. Noted space station
8. Kurt Russell film "Captain"
11. Automaton
13. Everyone has one
14. Incline from the vertical
15. Fights
16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard ____
21. Smaller quantity
22. There's a North, South and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory
32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. "Luther" actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food stall: ____ paidong
63. Not the start
64. Post
- CLUES DOWN
1. Creative expression
2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American lawman
12. Expression of disappointment
14. Scars
19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane
34. Pitching stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish



- congregation
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Tributary of the High Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father



This year, take the bite out of mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are winged pests no one wants to have around, except for bats and other animals that eat them for dinner. The World Mosquito Program says mosquitoes can spread a number of nasty diseases, including malaria, dengue, West Nile virus, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika. Pet owners likely are aware that mosquito

bites can transmit diseases like heartworm. Vector Disease Control International says mosquitoes are some of the most adaptable and successful insects on Earth. Although male mosquitoes only live for six or seven days as adults, females with an adequate food supply can live up to five months or longer. Adult

female mosquitoes lay an average of 50 to 200 eggs at one time, ensuring the population continues to thrive. Unless people take adequate precautions,



ongrass, and others. Tidy the yard Mosquitoes love to hide in tall grass and debris. Mowing the lawn and address-

When rains delays your alfalfa harvest

With a dry start to the year, continued rain early in June is a blessing to keep pastures and fields growing and green. However, short drying windows may make alfalfa harvest tricky. The timing and amount of rain is important. Legumes like alfalfa are more impacted by leaf shatter from raking or turning than grasses. A bit of moisture on new hay before drying has minimal impact, but heavy rain (>1 inch) can cause up to 10% of soluble nutrients to leach out. Multiple rain events in a row can result in nutrient losses up to 30%. To keep impact low, we need to speed up the dry-down process. Spreading windrows as wide as possible, conditioning at harvest, and proper raking can reduce dry down from 2 days

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

to ½ day under good conditions. Alternatively, consider higher moisture uses like haylage or balage. While soil moisture and compaction still need consideration, you can clear a field in 2 days or less when the forage doesn't have to physically be dry. Finally, preservatives can be used to bale at slightly higher moisture levels without the mold and heat issues typically experienced. We can't bale at moisture levels used for ensiling, but it does allow us to get into the field a bit sooner. If we do need to wait for harvest, hay quality will decrease as the plant matures. Work done at the University of Wisconsin showed for every day harvest was delayed, 100 lbs. of yield per acre was gained while 5 to 4 points of RFQ were lost.

The actual physical growth also makes an impact as taller plants are more susceptible to lodging if moisture continues. Be aware that plants may start growing new shoots from the crown as they mature. If we harvest too low, these new shoots will be cut off along with the mature plant. This set back can delay the next cutting by up to a week. Fortunately, you can avoid this delay. Scout before harvest and if new growth is present, raise your cutting height just a couple inches so you avoid clipping off most of these new shoots. Your regrowth will have a head start towards the next cutting and since the stubble you leave behind has quite low feed value anyway, the yield you temporarily sacrifice is mostly just filler. The last thing I want to talk about is windrow disease, the name given to the striped appearance in fields where alfalfa windrows remained so long that regrowth was delayed. Windrow disease presents special challenges. Weeds often invade, requiring spraying to maintain quality and protect stands. During the next growth period, plants that were not smothered regrow rapidly, while plants underneath the windrow suffer delays. Part of the field often will begin to bloom while windrow-stressed plants are still short and tender. So when do you harvest? When the first plants begin to bloom or do you wait until injured plants are ready? I suggest using two factors to tell you when you should cut — the health and vigor of your stand and the nutrient needs of your livestock. For example, is your alfalfa stand young, healthy and regrowing well? If not, wait to cut until stunted plants begin to bloom so you

can avoid weakening them even more. But, if your alfalfa is in good shape, then cut when it will best meet the needs of your animals. Dairy cows need alfalfa that is cut early, so harvest when the first plants reach bud to early bloom stage. Regrowth of injured plants may be slow after cutting, but this sacrifice is needed for profitable milk production. Beef cows, though, do not need such rich hay. So if the hay will be fed to beef cattle, let stunted plants recover, and then cut when they are ready to bloom. - Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving northeast Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu



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June 7, after Antelope County Deputy Steven Mills stopped a gray Mazda 3, driven by Martinez. According to the probable cause affidavit, a plate check instigated by Mills led to discovery that the vehicle was stolen out of South Dakota.

Martinez allegedly told Mills the vehicle belonged to his cousin. While at the location of the traffic stop, on Highway 14 in the Elgin business district, Mills contacted the police chief of the Lake Norden, South Dakota, police department, who had entered the stolen vehicle report.

Chief Mark Morgan alleged that Martinez obtained the vehicle from another party to purchase it, did not pay any money, and had no further contact with the seller, which prompted the seller to report the stolen vehicle.

Martinez was transported to the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center, where he was booked. On June 10, bond was set at \$2,000, 10%, in the case.

The defendant’s attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh, requested a continuance on June 18. Klein also filed for a bond modification, which would allow Martinez to continue to reside in and maintain employment in South Dakota.

Martinez agreed to all additional terms and conditions of the bond. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object to the two motions.

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Hope M. Petite, 31, of Orchard, was scheduled to appear for a hearing stemming from a May 6 incident when Petite was issued a citation for driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor.

The case was continued to July 2.

Courtesy of SAM



Pre-schoolers on Monday morning took a stroll through ‘The Story Walk’ located north of Elgin Public Library around Centennial Gardens.

Library News

Elgin Public Library’s summer reading program has been a huge success. During the past 4 weeks we have been on a journey of art and creativity, reading stories, making crafts and playing games celebrating our summer reading theme “Color Our World”. Every Monday and Wednesday morning during the month of June children ages 3 and 4 gathered for story time, followed by a second story time for ages 5 and 6. On Thursday afternoons Pam Slaymaker and Emma Qualset from the Antelope County Extension office were in charge of activity time for the older kids.

We also have several new activities for the kids to enjoy,

even though summer reading is coming to an end. Stop by and experience our “StoryWalk”. The Story Walk is located north of the library around Centennial Gardens. The first book featured is *Fiona the Flamingo* by Rachael Urrutia Chu. Sawyer Heying, one of the first to walk through the story with her Grandma Theresa commented “that was a great story”. The StoryWalk project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. We hope many more children will take advantage of the story walk.

Nex Playground is another new addition, designed to get

your whole family moving and laughing. Thank you to Kim Young, a library board and foundation member for nominating our library to receive the Playground. It is designed to use technology for good by bringing active play into our daily routines. There are no controllers or clunky trackers attached to your body, just play by moving your body and letting the included camera track your movements. Stop in and try it out!

“Think outside the book” because no matter what interests you may have, you will find something at the library!

By Co-librarians Dianne Gunderson and Barb Bode

Bartlett Bits

By Sherry Tetschner

I attended Rock County High School graduation ceremonies for Sydney Sybrant on May 17, 2024. Sydney’s grandma is Marci Thoene of Burwell who has been my lifetime friend.

The reception afterward brought a special surprise to several of us attending. Roxie Lindquist of Bassett, a former elementary teacher at Midvale School east of Burwell, also attended the reception. Her students at Midvale, also called 4M, included children of Linda (Koeger) Thoene, Marci Thoene, Pat Burnham, Verda Thoene, Sherry Tetschner and others.

We had a delightful time reminiscing about the country school and its students. Roxie was genuinely interested about

her past students. What a blessing to see her again. She hasn’t aged but looks the same as she looked 40-plus years ago.

Graveside services, at the Bartlett Cemetery, were held Wednesday June 18 at 10:00 a.m. for Carol Sue Kasselder of Lander, Wyoming, formerly of Bartlett. Pastor Mark Hoffman officiated at the graveside services.

Sue was the daughter of Mary and Walt Field. Sue died May 1, 2025 at the age of 81.

Lunch was provided by women of The Bartlett Church of Faith.

My grandson Sawyer Keyes of Beatrice flew with me to Arizona last week to visit my son

Luke and his family. Events included attending several Diamond Back games, Slick City Slide Park, Sunsplash Water Park and Madelynn’s seventh birthday party. And no I did not even attempt a water slide this year. Sawyer and cousin Mason had a great time together on all the scary slides. I think Sawyer’s highlight of the trip may have been getting autographs from the Diamondbacks’ and Padres’ players. During the time we were there the Diamondbacks only lost one game.

My garden was officially planted June 21. I am using weed barrier on at least one-half of the garden. Hopefully that will help with the weed war.



Photo submitted

Pictured (l-r) are Linda Thoene, Marci Thoene, Pat Burnham, Roxie Lindquist, Verda Thoene and Sherry Tetschner who attended Sydney Sybrant’s graduation reception at Sydney’s home in Bassett on May 17.

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Local students
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More than 6,700 University of Nebraska–Lincoln students have been named to the Deans’ List for the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

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Among the area students named to the Dean’s List were:

Elgin — Carter Beckman, junior, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, agronomy; Ethan Andrew Hinkle, junior, College of Engineering, electrical engineering; Colton Wright, senior, College of Engineering, construction management.

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Elgin's Summer Ball Teams



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Elgin 6&U girls softball team this season were (back row, l-r): Coach Kenady Heithoff, Sawyer Heying, June Pelster, Robin Heithoff, Eleanor Beckman, Quinn Dewey, Hadley Burke and Coach Nickol Payne. Front row: Emmy Chessmore, Emma Schindler, Tess Spieker, Maggie Dwyer, Chloe Whitney and Emersyn Heying. Not pictured: Heather Summers.



E-R photo/MWright

Elgin's 8&U softball team consisted of (front row, l-r): Leighton Engle, Ryleigh Young, Hadley Haddix, Lillian Whitney, Charlotte Sehi, Selene Lopez and Vanessa Buschow. Middle row: Scarlett Sanne, Ruth Thomas, Aubrey Lemke, Ainsley Beckman, Addy Veik and Hayley Seltling. Back row: Coaches Tenley Schindler, Kim Young, Kristina Sehi and Kelsey Seltling.



Photo submitted

The Elgin 'B' 8&U baseball team included (back row, l-r): Coach Miles Eggleston, Oliver Mork, Deen Zawacky, Easton Bode, Kason Schindler, Ethan Starman and Coach Danny Borer. Front Row: George Borer, Joe Pelster, Parker Borer, Chris Hemenway, Seth Schindler, Callan Schindler, Clarence Shavlik and Coach BJ Bode. Not pictured: Coach Cassie Schrad.



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Elgin's A' 8&U baseball team featured (front row, l-r): Kayson Evans, Lorenzo Lopez, Mason Vanis, Boyd Spieker, Paul Thomas and Judd Schindler. Middle row Briggs Heying, Cayson Bottorf, Karson Funk, Taysom Bottorf, Nathan Beckman and Henry Lodge. Back row: Coaches Lacy Bottorf, Adam Spieker and Ryan Lodge



Courtesy photo

Claiming the tournament title over the weekend was the Elgin 10&U softball team. Kneeling are (l-r): Elly Boschen, Maisie Seier, Ellie Vanis, Addi Childers, Hannah Hemenway and Cora Beckman. Back row: Coach Dennis Murray, Tenley Schindler, Linley Seier, Elise Hoefer, Kinley Selting, Brooke Borer, Brecken Childers, Taryn Schindler and Coach Jill McNally. Cutline courtesy of Megan Beckman



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Elgin Pony team members are (back row, l-r): Coach Adam Veik, Sawyer Veik, Brayden Clark, Harmon Borer, Garrett Busted, Cael Bottorf, Coach Steve Busted and Coach Baylee Busted. Front row: Carter Selting, Brogan Billings, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Cecil Shavlik, James Lodge and Liam Pelster.

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