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In Brief

District #18 School Board to meet Monday

Public hearings begin at 8 a.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday morning, July 14.

The meeting, to be held in the board meeting room at EPS, will begin at 8 a.m. with a number of public hearings on school policies. They are:

- Policy 504.19 Student Fees Policy
- Policy 504.20 Bullying Prevention Policy
- Policy 1005.03 Parent Involvement Policy
- Policy 508.13 Wellness Policy

Following the hearings, these policies will be voted on during the regular meeting. Other 'action' items are:

- Approve the second reading of NASB recommended policies 502.01 Resident Students; 502.02 Non-Resident Students/Option Enrollment; 504.06 Student Dress Code and Grooming; 504.12 Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices; 506.01 Student Activity Eligibility; 506.10 Student Physicals for Athletics; 604.16 Behavioral Intervention and Classroom Management; 604.16R1 NDE Standards for System of Supports; 604.17 Use of Artificial Intelligence in the School; 605.05 Religious-Based Exclusion from a School Program; 1005.03 Parental and Family Involvement in the Schools; 1005.13 Parental Access to Library Materials.

- Approve the 2025-2026 Board Goals. These goals were established last month as part of a board retreat at the conclusion of the regular June board meeting.
- Approve purchase of two vehicles
- Approve trade-in of two vehicles

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Audit Report Notice — Antelope County
- Notice of Tax Hearing — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Weather

The high temperature last week was 89 degrees recorded on Thursday, July 3.

The low temperature during the same period was 57 degrees recorded on Monday, June 30.

Altogether, 1.78 inches 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 29	86	67	.00
June 30	86	57	.00
July 1	86	64	.00
July 2	86	70	.00
July 3	89	70	.00
July 4	84	63	1.78
July 5	84	67	.00
Total for last week			1.78
Total for July			1.78
Total precipitation 2025			12.84



'Jump around!'

Park Center Church west of Elgin celebrated Independence Day last week. Adults and children alike took part in activities on July 1. Children participated in games including sack races. See more photos on Page Two.

No one can replace Bernie at the ER

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

Editor's Note: This continues a series of articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents, businesses, and organizations.

Though the newspaper ink is faded from her fingertips, *The Elgin Review* (ER) is tattooed on her heart. "I started in 1996 just filling in," Bernice (Bernie) Siems reminisced from her Elgin home. "Jim and Julie Dickerson (former owners of the ER) were neighbors and asked me to help out some Wednesday mornings putting inserts in the paper."

Now, nearly three decades later, Siems will be celebrated with an open house at the Elgin Community Center Wednesday afternoon July 16th. The event is hosted by ER co-publishers and owners since 2007, Dennis and Lynell Morgan.

"Retirement," Siems called it, though the Morgans know they can call on her for special projects here and there, or to deliver one of her delectable, homemade peach pies when

the fruit gets trucked here from Colorado in August.

She's stepping away from long Wednesday mornings on her feet stuffing inserts, bundling newspapers, and affixing labels so ER subscribers get the local news in a timely, comprehensive manner. Sometimes inserts can number three or four, she said, always including the ad for Dean's Market, sometimes fliers from area medical establishments, and more.

"It's about time," Siems quipped knowing her 89th birthday comes up in October this year. "I've been asking Dennis to find a replacement for quite a while now." Truth be told, the Morgan's would likely say there's no one quite like Bernie.

"Bernie has been a part of our 'team' since the day we arrived in Elgin," Dennis Morgan said. "For the role she played here, no one could have done it better. And, for that, we will be forever grateful."

She's been on call every Wednesday morning when the newspaper comes by truck from the printing press in Iowa, generally around 9:00 a.m. She's on her feet two-plus hours on the long,

east-west counter that runs about half the length of the ER building, which has been in existence since 1916. "Dennis kept telling me to take a break, sit down for 10 minutes," Siems recounted. "Well, maybe five." After all, she had to get the string ready, get out the tubs and bags, and organize the labels, do the stuffing, and do it all just right.

That's the kind of person Elgin's Bernie is – dependable, hard-working, seldom ill or away, and fun. "Some of these Wednesdays we'd have a lot of fun eating cookies or brownies. I really enjoyed it," she said with a touch of sadness sweeping over her sincere face. "I'll miss the camaraderie."

One thing that won't end is Siems' ambassadorship for the ER. "Oh, it makes the town," Siems said about our local newspaper, the only weekly in Antelope County reporting news on primarily one town.

"It's important to know what's going on at our churches, schools, community center, and for community events," she said, and to the young people – "There's more details than what you find on your phone. Support the ER. SUBSCRIBE."

Siems wanted readers to know that the ER, founded in 1897 and likely the oldest business still in operation in Elgin, does more than put out a quality newspaper each week. "It's amazing what goes on in that little office," she said listing printing of billing statements for businesses, invitations, postcards, and more. "That Dennis and Lynell are very talented at their job."

Though she won't require thorough washing of dirty fingers after handling newspapers each Wednesday, she definitely keeps her hands in Elgin community activities, a place she's called home since her husband Warren (deceased) and her moved to town in 1993. She'll continue to host the Tuesday and Thursday morning coffee klatch at her Elgin Community Christian Church, hang out at the Elgin Community Center a couple times a week, and put together puzzles at the center and at home, the more complex the better.

Thanks, Bernie, for your spirited step, your endearing smile, and your love of Elgin and its award-winning newspaper.



E-R photo/LMorgan

Shown here with her children Debbie (l), Dave (c) and Diane (r), Bernice Siems will be retiring from *The Elgin Review*. An open house will be held Wednesday, July 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

Starman opens Balanced Fitness

Available by appointment

Elgin has long prided itself on having access to the best in medical care just minutes, not miles away.

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Nicole Starman is the owner of the newest business along Highway 14 here in Elgin. With 11 years of Outpatient Physical Therapy experience, she will offer:

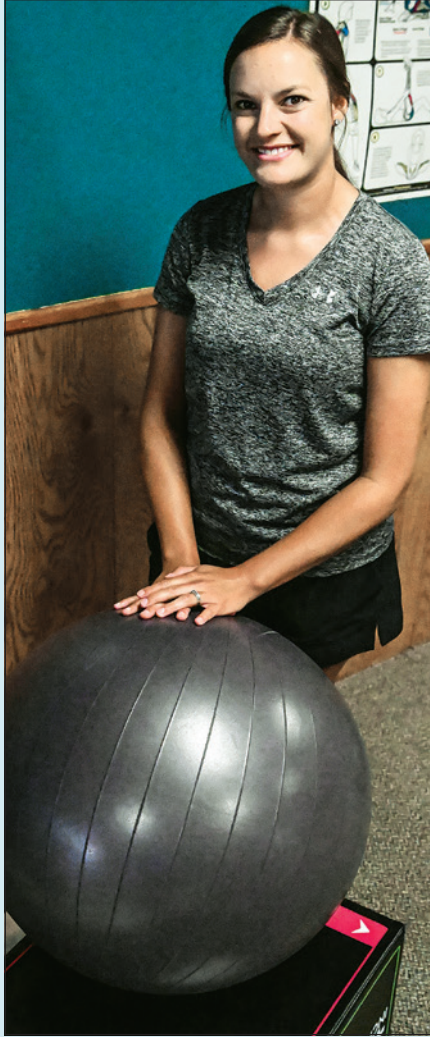
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Offering care for ages fifth grade and older, Mrs. Starman said that, with the help of Postural Restoration™ and traditional exercises, she can treat problematic areas as one unit assessing patterns and positioning, then she can create a plan to work towards one's specific goals to achieve balanced fitness.

"We have members in our community that are wanting to get back to fitness after having children and children that show compensatory patterns as their bodies grow that I can guide into the right direction," she said. "We will discuss specific goals and create your program"

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Nicole Starman has opened Balanced Fitness, by appointment, at Workout World here in Elgin.

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celebrates Independence Day



E-R photos
by Dennis &
Lynell Morgan

Starman

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based on your goals.”

Sessions are set up to be one on one and are provided in four one-hour increments to be utilized at the patient’s discretion (ranging from once a week to 2-3 times a week). A

home exercise program will be provided with exercises based on progress and assessment results during each session.

“It’s not uncommon to come in, change your ways and prevent pain and live better,” Starman said.

“Physical therapy goes head to toe or toe to head.”

The cost, she said, is \$200 for four sessions with payment by cash, check or Venmo — no insurance accepted. Sessions will be made to fit the patient’s schedule.

Mrs. Starman will be splitting her time between the business and working as a paraprofessional for the preschool class

at Pope John school.

She’s going to be a busy lady combining business and work at Pope John while raising a family of three with her husband Andy Starman.

To schedule an appointment, contact Nicole at (402) 380-2153 or nstarman13@gmail.com.



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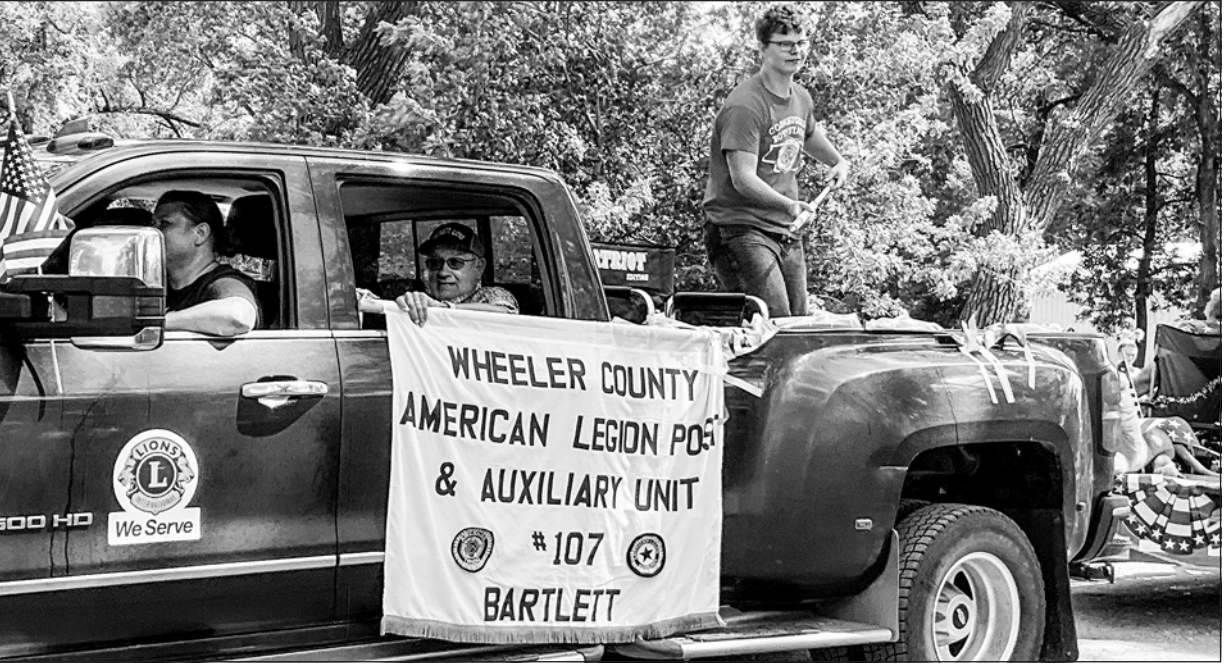
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Alan Ramsey (driving), Rob Ita and daughter Grace Ita (in back) representing the Wheeler GOP Republican Party at the 4th of July parade in Ericson. Photos submitted



Aidan Maddux had a great time with a watergun on a float at the Ericson 4th of July Parade. The float was sponsored by the Wheeler County American Legion Post. He attended Boy's State in Lincoln in June and was sponsored by the Wheeler County Legion Post.



Bartlett Lions Club participated in the Ericson 4th of July parade with a festive float.

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The first time my oldest went away to a week long camp in the summer, I was nervous. He had never been away from home for that long and I wondered how he would do. He didn't know many of the other kids that were going, and it's nerve-wracking for a mother to send her kid into the unknown. He also wasn't old enough for a phone so there is zero communication while there.

When he came back, I felt like he had matured so much while away. He made friends, had an amazing time, and deepened his relationship with Christ. His attitude was different (for a little while), and he cherished those memories immensely. My middle son also loved his first camp experience; however, he had a harder time adjusting. He's more sensitive and the homesickness struck him hard. It took a few days for him to stop feeling homesick and to really enjoy himself. However, he still came home with more confidence and no voice from yelling and screaming while having a blast.

Our daughter, the youngest, begged and pleaded to go to camp for years like her brothers. When she finally was old enough, she was only a little nervous, but mostly excited. I'm pretty sure she didn't miss us at all. She's a social butterfly and really came out of her shell while away. She made new friends and was already talking about the following year when she would be able to return.

As hard as it is for a mom to let her kids go away with strangers for a long period, I saw the benefits immediately. They were forced to get out of their comfort zones. Plus, they didn't have their mom lurking around every corner and correcting their behavior. I wasn't there either to encourage them to try new things. They had to navigate this experience all on their own.

The time away from parents allows them to feel self-assured. They are forced to be with people they don't know, they are introduced to new activities, and they form bonds and relationships that may otherwise not occur. Every time they come back from camp, they always seem a little older to me. They are re-energized in a different way, albeit exhausted from the week's activities. This year, my daughter did a day camp at church. Although she misses the away part, she's still coming back with all sorts of cheers and songs.

She's enjoying her counselor and has stories for days. These are experiences that I just can't recreate at home for them and something I don't take for granted. Day camps are a great way to introduce them to camp life without the sleepover part.

Whether it's for the day, for the week, or longer, I think getting away from parents and allowing them to discover who they are is a valuable thing. I would highly recommend exposing children to the world of camp. And hey, you get some quieter days in the summer too.

Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

Tales of a Tired Momma



Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

July 8, 1965

Mrs. Eva Fritz announces the engagement of her daughter, Alice to Donald Stodola, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stodola of Clarkson. Miss Fritz is a graduate of St. Boniface High School and is employed at Dale Electronics in Columbus. A September wedding is planned.

The Pelster family reunion was held Sunday, June 27 in Cody Park in North Platte with 121 persons attending. A picnic was enjoyed by all at noon and the afternoon was spent getting acquainted and visiting.

Crops in this vicinity received a welcomed "shot in the arm" Monday night, July 5 when a turbulent storm struck here shortly after 9:00 and dumped two inches of moisture in Elgin. Elgin's measurable June precipitation totaled 3.95 inches, according to the Bank of Elgin.

The Ray Pelsters are building a new brick veneer residence in Belaire Addition, east of the Mrs. Johanna Beckman home. Work started this week on the basement of the 38x68 structure.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kallhoff of O'Neill are the parents of an 8 lb. son, Greg Allan, born June 28, 1965.

Fifty Years Ago

July 3, 1975

Elgin Firemen and Rescue Unit answered the call early Thursday morning when the Joe Thiele auto burned just south of the Mrs. Robert Bergman farm home northwest of Elgin.

Jerome Thunker, Elgin, exhibited the Grand Champion Market Heifer and Loren Tejkl, Leigh, exhibited the Grand Champion Market Steer at the 8th Annual Pride of Progress Beef Review held Tuesday, June 24th, at the Elgin Livestock Sales, Co., Inc.

Born Friday, June 27, 1975, a daughter, Julie Lynn, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, at the Dodge County Memorial Hospital in Fremont to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kuester of North Bend. Mrs. Kuester is the former Pam Busted.

Antelope Promenaders go through one of their routine dances during their Wednesday evening performances Wednesday evening during the Vetch Days Celebration. This square dance group has been one of the Vetch Days features for several years.

St. Boniface Catholic Church was the scene of the June 28th wedding of Sally Ann Johansen of Plainview and Alvin Lee Hoefler of Elgin. The 2:00 p.m. double ring ceremony was performed by Father Hugh F. Schwartz of Elgin with 275 present.

Thirty Years Ago

July 5, 1995

By January, 1996, the signal of a new ABC television affiliate is expected to be broadcast from a new tower and transmitter facility located west of Elgin. The new full-service commercial station will be based in Lincoln.

Antelope County's 911 emergency calling system has worked well since it began on July 1, 1994. From July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995, the countywide 911 system has received 291 emergency calls.

Kathy Schindler of Elgin, a junior social work major at Dana College in Blair, NE, is one of 208 students who have been named to the Den's List for achieving academic excellence during spring semester of the 1994-95 academic year. In order to be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0.

Descendants of the late John J. and Gertrude (Kallhoff) Thiele gathered for their 43rd annual family reunion June 23-25 at North Little Rock, AR. A total of 75 persons attended the reunion from Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas.

Frank and Jean Starman of Kearney, NE are the parents of twin daughters, Lindsey Ellyn and Morgan Leigh, born Friday, June 30, 1995. Lindsey weighed five pounds, four ounces, and Morgan weighed five pounds, 10 ounces.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, July 14: Sloppy joes, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, strawberry-peach mix, bread & butter, milk.

Monday, July 15: Ham & noodle bake, peas, lettuce salad w/tomatoes, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

Wednesday, July 16: Chicken & stuffing casserole, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad w/tomatoes, plums, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, July 17: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, harvard beets, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk

Friday, July 18: Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, raw carrots, tropical fruit, bread/butter, milk.

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.

Under 60 is \$10.

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

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

For a great meal, come to the community center!

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Edward R. Murrow

‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ would deal bad news for rural hospitals, Medicaid recipients

Big, beautiful bill would deal bad news for rural hospitals and Medicaid recipients

There’s some good news and plenty of bad news for Nebraska’s rural hospitals.

Just recently, state officials cheered the announcement that the federal government had approved the state’s application to join a program, already involving 44 other states, that would provide an additional \$1 billion to the state’s hospitals and nursing facilities.

But, at the same time, there’s concern that President Trump’s “Big Beautiful Bill” will severely cut the federal funding for Medicaid, which is a major revenue source for hospitals.

Times were already tough enough for rural hospitals, which not only provide life-saving medical care but are major employers in rural communities.

More than half of the state’s rural, independent critical access hospitals were operating at a loss, according to the Nebraska Hospital Association. In recent years, more than one in five rural hospitals have cut back services due to financial struggles – services like delivering babies and treating mental illnesses. There are predictions that six rural hospitals will close if the proposed Medicaid cuts are approved.

Medicaid – health care for the disabled and low-income individuals that is jointly funded by the feds and the state (Medicare is health insurance for the elderly) – pays for 26% of all emergency room visits to rural hospitals and 44% of the bills for minor children, according to the Hospital Association. Almost half of all Medicaid recipients in Nebraska live in rural areas.

In short, it’s a big deal for hospitals in our rural communities.

And the bad news is that the proposed beautiful bill would make a sizable cut in federal subsidies for Medicaid.

How sizable? The bill advanced by the House of Representatives would cut \$88 billion a year, or about 31% of what Nebraska spends per resident on Medicaid, according to the Kaiser Family

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



Foundation, which tracks health care issues.

That group says that there are 97,000 children on Medicaid in Nebraska, 44,000 adults and 13,000 seniors and those with disabilities. One in three children in our state under the age of 6 are covered by Medicaid.

The version of the bill being advanced by the U.S. Senate makes even deeper cuts, nearly \$160 billion more over 10 years. So the total cuts would top \$1 trillion over 10 years.

When federal reimbursements go down, the state could pick up the difference. But it’s estimated that Nebraska would have to spend \$1.3 billion over the next eight years to make that difference up.

More than 100,000 Nebraskans could lose Medicaid coverage, according to

the Nebraska Rural Health Association.

Nebraska, as we saw in the last legislative session, is scraping the cookie jars to fund state government, so state funding seems unlikely. And our U.S. Senators and Representatives seems to be fully on board with the big bill.

Both the House and Senate bill have new work requirements to qualify for Medicaid. But that kind of ignores the fact that most people on Medicaid are already working – nearly two-thirds of recipients ages 19-64 already work. And many of those not working cannot due to caretaker responsibilities or disabilities.

A nurse from the Webster County Hospital in Red Cloud gave a sobering prediction at a recent news conference covered by the Lincoln Journal-Star.

The nurse said the small hospital is already operating at a loss and would likely close if the big bill includes the deep cuts in Medicaid.

And what if you had a heart attack in the home of Willa Cather? Instead of a five-minute ride to the hospital, it would mean a 40-minute ride north to Hastings.

Think about that.

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.

Right to life is fundamental to all other rights

Last week, pro-life Americans marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Dobbs v Jackson 2022 ruling which restored states’ ability to affirm the constitutional right to life for unborn children. For nearly five decades prior, the hopeful witness of pro-life advocates, perseverance of pregnancy centers tirelessly serving their local communities, and faithful work of many at multiple levels of public service planted the seeds for a culture of life, which continues to grow to the benefit of mothers, babies, and fathers in need of hope.

As a cosponsor of the Life at Conception Act, which would implement equal protection for all people, born and preborn, as guaranteed in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, I recognize the pro-life movement has more work to do. Since the Dobbs decision, Nebraska and many other states have moved to establish greater pro-life safeguards, including protection recently enshrined in our state Constitution.

At the federal level, the Hyde Amendment, traditionally attached to annual appropriations bills, prohibits federal funding of abortion procedures. I have long supported ending federal taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, whose 2023-2024 annual report showed it performed more than 402,000 abortions—a record number. With House passage of the reconciliation package in May of this year, I voted to defund the organization, which performs approximately 40 percent of abortions annually.

This week, the Supreme Court upheld the state of South Carolina’s determination Planned Parenthood does not qualify to receive Medicaid funds.

Before the oral arguments in this case, I joined my colleagues in the House and Senate in signing on to an amicus brief supporting South Carolina’s position.

This is a win for states like Nebraska, which moved to redirect federal funding from abortion providers in 2019.

It is significant to remember pro-life pregnancy centers and community health clinics vastly outnumber Planned Parenthood locations.

Ensuring taxpayer dollars go where they can best serve pregnant women and children in need is vitally important.

In Congress, likeminded colleagues and I are working hard to improve support for solutions such as the miracle of adoption and modernize programs to better serve the specific needs of less fortunate Americans everywhere. As part of the 2024 reauthorization of programs under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, I led the Youth and Family Engagement in Child Welfare Act, which requires states to consult with children and families with relevant lived experiences when crafting their state child welfare plans. Simple innovations like this can go a long way in ensuring federal dollars are used as effectively as possible to make a positive impact in our communities.

The 14th Amendment’s right to life is fundamental to all other rights. Rights to free speech, privacy, religious exercise, peaceful assembly, or any other are not available to anyone without this protection for the lives of individuals as they come into the world. Ronald Reagan once captured the irony of this when he said, “I’ve noticed that everybody that is for abortion, has already been born.” As a movement of love and compassion, the pro-life cause aims to provide life-giving options for those in need.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

Piling up wins for Nebraskans

When I was Governor, we focused on providing great services to Nebraskans. The federal government should do the same. Now that I’m in the Senate, my team and I are here to help Nebraskans navigate the bureaucracy.

We have offices in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha, and Washington, D.C. We also host Mobile Office Hours across the state. We have already visited all 93 counties this year and we visited them all twice last year. Our team is specially trained in assisting constituents with concerns and complaints. We can also answer questions about services, eligibility, or benefits from federal agencies like the Veterans Affairs, Medicare, or the Internal Revenue Service. I’m proud of our work to cut red tape and deliver wins for Nebraskans.

In 2024, we helped nearly 800 Nebraskans access federal services. We also helped constituents save or recover nearly \$5 million from the federal government. We continue that work this year and have already returned \$1.3 million in constituent savings for Nebraskans. Richard out in the Panhandle is one example. He’s a disabled veteran. His disability requires him to get significant help for everyday tasks, like going through his mail. Last year, the VA notified Richard that he owed nearly \$20,000. This was because his depen-

dent status had not been updated since 2015. Richard was shocked by this, as he had never been informed an update was needed. That’s because his VA notices had been inadvertently thrown away without his awareness.

Richard contacted my office in Lincoln after trying for months to submit the needed paperwork. This disabled veteran had no way of repaying this debt that he accidentally incurred. My team got involved and helped establish a claim. The VA updated his dependent status which wiped away Richard’s debt, saving him nearly \$20,000.

A couple from Dodge County contacted my office asking for help. They always file their taxes on paper. In 2023, the IRS made a big mistake and said they owed over \$34,000. Not only did these Nebraskans not owe money, but they were due a refund of over \$25,000. The IRS then refused to pay their 2022 refund because of the mix-up.

This couple tried to fix it themselves. They sent letters asking for help and got no response. They even met with the IRS in Omaha. When they came to my office for help, our casework team got to work immediately. We found the IRS’s mistakes and showed them they were wrong.

Soon after that, the Nebraskans finally got a refund check for over \$22,000. That included almost \$1,500 in interest—which still wasn’t the right amount. After more hard work, we helped them get another check. In the end, the Dodge County couple received the money they were owed. It took more than a year, but we never gave up.

Other times, oversight means ensuring Nebraska

companies are not overlooked on federal directories. A healthcare provider in Eastern Nebraska reached out to my office. They are an in-network provider for TRICARE. TRICARE is the health care program that serves our military members, veterans, and their families. However, TRICARE’s website failed to list this provider as an acceptable option. That simple omission caused serious confusion. Patients didn’t know they could get care from this provider. As a result, this provider faced an estimated \$150,000 in lost revenue.

My team reached out to TriWest, a contractor who manages TRICARE’s network in our region. We pushed them to fix the website and ensure this provider was listed correctly. Thanks to our efforts, the problem was resolved. The VA website was updated.

Now, military families and veterans who are TRICARE beneficiaries can see this proud Nebraska company listed as a trusted, in-network provider. That’s not just a win for this provider. It’s a win for every Nebraskan who depends on clear information and quality care.

These are just three of many examples of how my team and I work every day to help Nebraskans navigate the federal bureaucracy. We’re continuing the fight to protect taxpayer dollars and ensure federal agencies serve the people. From streamlining government to cutting taxes on Social Security, tips, and military retirement benefits, I’ll keep working to make government work better.

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BCHC supports statewide effort to strengthen postpartum care

Beginning July 1, Boone County Health Center (BCHC) proudly joined hospitals and clinics across Nebraska in launching Postpartum Alert: A Life-Saving Maternal Safety Initiative, a new program led by the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC).

The initiative aims to improve postpartum care and outcomes for mothers during the critical six weeks following delivery.

As part of this statewide effort, BCHC will introduce a simple, effective tool to help keep postpartum patients safe: a teal wristband. These wristbands will be worn by new mothers for six weeks after childbirth to alert healthcare providers of their recent delivery, ensuring timely care and quicker recognition of any postpartum complications.

“This initiative is about enhancing awareness and supporting mothers in a vulnerable time,” said Angie Schalk, Education Coordinator at Boone County Health Center. “The teal wristbands are a visual reminder for all medical staff that helps prioritize care for postpartum patients—no matter where or why they’re being seen.”

The Postpartum Alert initia-

tive is grounded in the recognition that, while childbirth is a joyful experience, the weeks that follow can carry serious health risks.

Nationally, the U.S. sees higher maternal mortality rates than many other developed nations, and Nebraska ranks 17th in the country. Many com-

plications—such as high blood pressure, blood clots, infection, or mental health challenges—arise after mothers leave the hospital.

By using a wristband to clearly communicate postpartum status, the program helps providers act quickly when patients show signs of distress.

Emergency symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath, heavy bleeding, or thoughts of self-harm should prompt immediate medical attention. Additional signs like persistent headaches, swelling, fever, or dizziness should be discussed with a healthcare provider without delay.

BCHC is committed to promoting early detection and timely treatment by encouraging new mothers to wear the wristband, attend all follow-up appointments, take medications as prescribed, and seek help when something feels wrong.

NPQIC, formed in 2015 and funded by the CDC, is one of 36

perinatal quality collaboratives in the U.S. focused on improving care for mothers and newborns through statewide collaboration and evidence-based practices.

To learn more about Postpartum Alert and how to recognize maternal health warning signs, visit www.npqic.org.

Hearings held June 25 at Antelope County District Court

A Neligh man tested positive for THC before his pretrial conference scheduled for the June 25 session of Antelope County District Court.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith informed the Honorable James Kube that Antwan J. Deleon tested positive. Smith asked for a continuance and to keep an Oct. 20 jury trial as scheduled. Kube continued the hearing until July 30.

Defense counsel Joel Carlson asked that bond, set at \$25,000 - 10%, not be revoked. Carlson said Deleon would retest, if allowed.

Kube disagreed, revoking Deleon’s bond, and ordered him to be remanded for 24 hours at the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center. Following his June 26 release, Kube ordered bond to be reinstated, with conditions as previously ordered.

The judge also ordered Antelope County Sheriff’s Office personnel to retest the sample provided and, if it tested negative, Deleon may be released.

He was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Jasmine M. Maughan, 22, of Neligh, appeared for a pretrial hearing and accepted a plea agreement.

Public Defender Patrick Carney said per the agreement, Maughan will plead guilty to Count I and the state will dismiss Counts II, III, and IV.

Maughan pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of alcoholic liquor - serious bodily injury, a Class IIIA Felony.

Kube ordered a presentence investigation and ordered Maughan to appear for restitution and sentencing hearings on

Aug. 27. Bond in the amount of \$50,000 - 10% was continued, with conditions as previously ordered.

A Beatrice man charged with one count of sexual assault - 1st degree, a Class II felony, appeared for motions’ hearings and requested a continuance.

Dustin Garrison, counsel for defendant Thomas Warnke, told Kube that discovery issues had been resolved and requested to withdraw those motions. Kube sustained the request.

Garrison said depositions were scheduled for July 11, and Kube sustained the Motion for Depositions.

Smith said he filed a Motion for Rule 104 “as normal protocol” and requested to schedule the hearing after depositions were complete.

Garrison requested a conti-

uance for the pretrial conference and jury trial. Warnke will appear Aug. 27 for pretrial conference. Jury trial is slated to begin Oct. 20.

Bond, set at \$50,000 - 10%, with conditions previously ordered, remains in effect.

Brian G. Tibbens, 54, of Superior, appeared for a show cause hearing on restitution from a 2021 case where he was pleaded guilty to one count of assault - 1st degree, a Class II felony.

Kube learned Tibbens made a \$50 payment that day. Tibbens said he had been on temporary disability since Aug. 8, 2023, due to a work injury. He said he could make a \$100 monthly payment toward remaining restitution balance of \$7,672.

Tibbens requested a continuance to make payments toward restitution, and Kube ordered him to pay \$100 each month.

He will appear Dec. 16, for a show cause restitution hearing.

Arnulfo Adame-Salas, 27, of Norfolk, appeared for an evidentiary hearing on a Motion for Absolute Discharge.

Carney told Kube he was working on a stipulation of facts and requested a continuance. Adame-Salas will appear Aug. 27. Bond, in the amount of \$20,000 - 10%, with previous conditions, remains in effect.

Adame-Salas is charged with three counts of delivery/dispense/distribute/manufacture/possess controlled substance - Sch 1, 2, 3, all Class IIA felonies.

Suni R. Moore, also known as Jeshua Divis, appeared for a pretrial conference and motion to endorse/discovery, in a 2024 case where Moore is charged with two amended counts of burglary/habitual criminal,

Class IIA felonies; and one count of theft - unlawful taking \$5,000+, a Class IIA Felony.

On May 27, Moore, who represents himself, requested a Motion for Discovery. County attorney Smith did not object to four items, but did have concerned regarding a fifth item, which involved personal contact information of witnesses.

Kube sustained items one to four on the motion but denied item five. He advised Moore that if he needed to contact a specific witness, he could make a request through the court.

Moone made an oral motion to amend his Motion for Discovery, to include dispatch records from the ACSO for Aug. 24, Aug. 2, Aug. 28 and Aug. 29, 2024.



During the pretrial conference, Moone said he had not received all transcripts of preliminary hearings from Dec. 18, 2024; Jan. 29 and Feb. 26. Smith did not object but offered comments on proposed sharing costs with companion cases in Pierce and Madison counties. Kube sustained Moore’s request, noting that the time-sensitive documents may not be received in time to prepare for trial as scheduled.

Moone also voiced concerns about custody of evidence since he is incarcerated in the Pierce County jail and jail staff are storing the evidence.

Smith said the jail staff is providing a computer to Moone in order to review footage. Kube said Moore will not be allowed to keep any evidence or a flash drive in his jail cell.

Moone is scheduled to appear Aug. 18 for a jury trial. Bond in the amount of \$20,000 - 10%, was continued, along with previous conditions.

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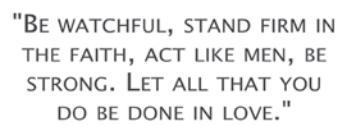
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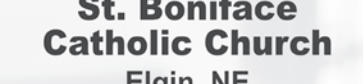
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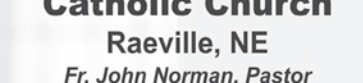
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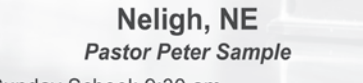
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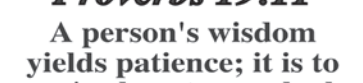
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Pillen, Ricketts honor memory of Sgt. Fred Benning, namesake of Georgia Fort

Patriotic program draws many to Neligh American Legion Post 172 for hour-long ceremony Thursday morning

NELIGH — Antelope County residents had the opportunity just before Independence Day to celebrate the legacy of one of their own — the late U.S. Army Sergeant Fred Benning.

Months ago, during formal ceremonies held near Columbus, Georgia, Fort Benning was officially re-dedicated in the memory of Benning, a World War I veteran who served with valor. Family members including Benning’s granddaughter Sue Williams, they were present



U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

then and, on Thursday they present again for a similar ceremony held outside of the Neligh American Legion Post 172.

Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen was there, so too U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts, who spoke along with representatives from Fort Benning. Also present was State Senator Barry DeKay.

Pillen said it was a great day to be a Nebraskan. He asked those present to look at a picture of Fred which was part of a handout, to look at his eyes and then ask themselves “Do we have the courage to be Fred. Do we have the courage to step up when the moment, when we don’t know what it is that we can make a difference? ... He saved many lives.

“We don’t have to be that big of a hero, right? If we look at Fred’s eyes and just have the courage to stand up for what we do, stand up to do what’s right,” the governor said.

Following the governor’s remarks, a sign was unveiled the doorway entering the legion hall saying “Honoring Sgt. Fred G. Benning WWI. Namesake of Fort Benning, GA.”

Earlier in the program, other dignitaries spoke about the meaning of the day’s program.

If there was a theme amongst the remarks made by speakers in nearly an hour-long presentation was about the character of the afore-mentioned Benning and the importance of the name of a war hero to be attached to one of the most important military bases in the country.

Back in Nebraska after a busy week in Washington,



The new sign above the entrance to the Neligh American Legion Hall in Neligh.

Ricketts said the founders of our nation understood that they would only be able to keep freedom if they remained involved in defending freedom when necessary.

Benning, Ricketts said, stepped up and served his country with honor on the battle field. “He continued to contribute when he came home and for the rest of his life,” he said.

Benning and his brother Henry opened a bakery which he ran for over 45 years. Benning also served as post commander for 17 years, was elected mayor and later served as c0-chairman of Neligh’s centennial celebration. He passed away in 1974.

As our nation’s 250th will be celebrated in the coming 12 months, Ricketts said it’s important to remember all the great men and women who serve, as well as all those in our communities and those who farm.

Fort Benning Deputy Chief of Staff Mike Dempsey spoke of Benning’s extraordinary courage during military service, being awarded the Distinguished Service cross for his extraordinary heroism in action during World War I with the U.S. Army in France in 1918. It was there, after his platoon commander had been killed and two senior noncommissioned officers disabled, then-Corporal Benning took command of the platoon and, through his able leadership and courage, conducted it through heavy fire to its assigned position on Hill 240. One year earlier he enlisted in the Army and was later deployed to France with the American Expeditionary Forces (present-day First Infantry Division) where he served as a machine gunner in nine battles, the most notable being the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

After the war, he said Benning, like thousands of other veterans, returned home to raise a family and become active in community affairs as well as join the American Legion.

“Now, in honor of his valor and service, all soldiers who passed through Fort Benning, 60,000 annually, are expected to embody the war fighter spirit of Sergeant Fred Benning,” he said.

Also representing Fort Benning, Colonel Jacob White who commands the 198th Infantry Training Brigade. Awash in warm sunshine, White said the event reminded him of why he serves in the military. “It reminds me of what is so great about the United States of America, and it’s these moments that I cherish ... Renaming Fort Benning back to somebody like Fred Benning has really been a distinct honor for our post. It’s a privilege that I’m excited to share with you.

“I came to Nebraska to acknowledge something deeper than just Sergeant Benning’s story, in that it’s not just a military one. It’s an American story. It’s a story of courage, of sacrifice, of what becomes possible when someone chooses to serve.”

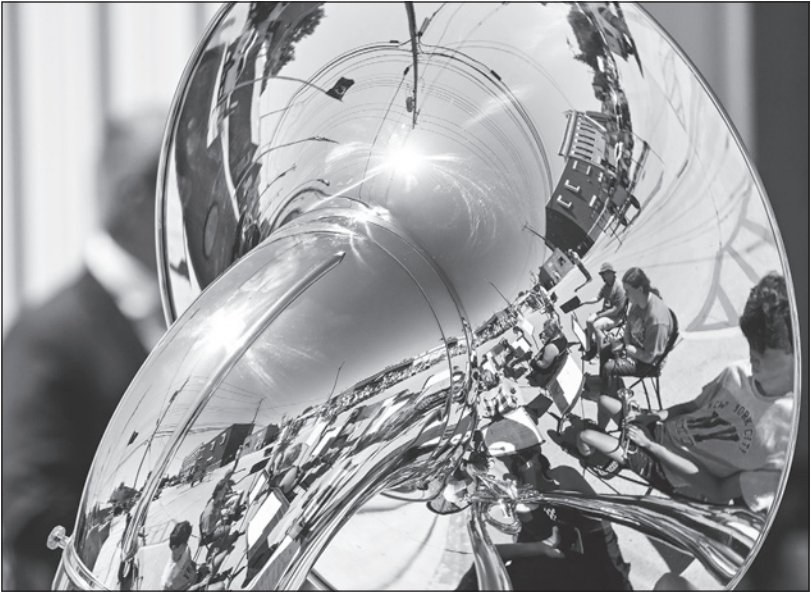
What inspired White the most, he said came after the guns fell silent. “He didn’t simply come home, he invested in it. He built a business, he raised a family, he served as a mayor, he nurtured a community. He embodied the American dream, not as an abstract ideal, but as a living, breathing example of what it means to flourish in a free society.

Also speaking was Nebraska National Guard Commander Craig W. Strong said Benning “was absolutely the perfect



Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen

person, perfect to rename Fort Benning ... He was the best of us. He was the best in meaning and in word, in Nebraska citizens soldiers, and that’s why I’m so proud and honored to be with you today to pay tribute to one of our state’s humble heroes.”



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July 12th kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with the Horse Check-In

a.m. and ends at 9 p.m. The Food Trucks will also be open at 11 a.m. The Antique Tractor Display will begin at noon and will end at 9 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Finally, the Rough Stock Rodeo will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a dance to follow. The Clay Clear Band will be performing.

Market Swine and Breeding Swine will be in their pens by 7:30 a.m. All Swine will be weighed and processed from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The Poultry Check In is from 8 to 9 a.m. The Poultry show will then be at 9 a.m. The show order is Poultry Showmanship first, then Clover Kid Poultry, then Market Broilers, and finally all other Poultry, and this will be in the Old Arena. The Market Lamb/Meat Goat Weigh In is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. All Livestock will be Stalled at 10 a.m. The Barnyard Friends Petting Zoo will be open again from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. The Food Trucks will open at 11 a.m. Rumble on the Raceway 3.0 Check In and Weigh In will be from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. The gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m. in the Grandstand. From noon until 9 p.m. will be the Antique Tractor Display. The Rabbit, Cat, and Small Animal Check In will be from noon to 1 p.m. At 1 p.m. is the Small Animal Show. The show order is cats first, then rabbits, then miscellaneous pets, and finally the Clover Kids, and it will be in the Old Arena. The Dog Show will then be at 3 p.m. Kid’s Day is at the Casey Building from 3 to 6 p.m. This will include Face Painting, Cindy Lou “A Country Bumpkin” (storyteller and balloon artist), and the Keith Leff Magician/Comedian show. The D.C. Lynch Carnival will be from 5 to 10 p.m. on the fairgrounds. The Amazing Zultar will have three shows throughout the day. The final event of the day will be the Down Home Horse Show that will begin at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 15 the Feeder Calves and Cow/Calf Pairs will be stalled at 7:30 a.m. The Goat Show will be at 9 a.m. with the Sheep Show to follow. Papa Bear’s Wood Carving will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Barnyard Friends Petting Zoo will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Food Trucks will be open at 11 p.m. The Antique Tractor Display will be from noon until 9 p.m. The Amazing Zultar will have three shows throughout the day again. The Beef Show will begin at 1 p.m. with the



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Wheeler County Fair, July 28-Aug. 3

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Time to gear up for alfalfa's 2nd cutting

With first cutting behind us and warm weather speeding regrowth, it's time to gear up for second cutting alfalfa. Summer heat often pushes plants to mature faster than expected, and cutting at the right stage can make or break your hay quality.

Ideally, second cutting should be harvested around early bud to 10% bloom — especially if you're aiming for dairy or high-quality beef hay. Waiting until full bloom might increase tonnage, but it usually comes at the cost of lower protein, higher fiber, and more leaf loss. Leaves contain most of the digestible nutrients, and in summer heat, they can dry and shatter quickly if harvest is delayed.

While using a set number of days between cuttings can help with planning, relying on the calendar alone isn't enough. Frequent cutting without regard to plant maturity can deplete root reserves, reduce

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Beef Systems
Asst. Ext. Educator
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a cutting height of around 3 inches to protect the crown and promote rapid regrowth. Using sharp blades and making clean cuts also helps minimize stubble damage and disease risk.

Weed pressure can increase between cuttings, especially if canopy closure is slow. Pigweed, kochia, and volunteer grasses can rob nutrients and reduce forage quality. The period right after cutting is a good time to spot-spray broadleaf weeds with labeled herbicides — just

stand longevity, and hurt future yields. As a general rule, plan for a 32- to 35-day interval in high-quality systems, or 40 to 45 days for higher-yielding systems — but always adjust based on actual plant growth in the field.

Second cutting also presents a good opportunity to support stand health. While crown damage risk is lower than in spring or fall, summer stress from heat or drought can still take a toll. Maintain

be mindful of preharvest intervals and any crop rotation restrictions.

If irrigation is available, timing matters. Watering shortly after cutting supports regrowth and reduces stress. Avoid irrigating right before harvest, which can increase disease risk and delay curing. Light, frequent irrigation is usually better than soaking the field during peak summer heat.

Don't forget to scout for pests after cutting. Potato leafhoppers and aphids can move in fast and reduce yield on the next cutting. Leafhoppers, in particular, are common in Nebraska during July — especially in warm, dry conditions.

Stay focused on plant maturity, not just the calendar. With timely harvest, weed control,

and pest management, your second cutting can deliver excellent quality and set your stand up for strong production the rest of the season.

- 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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Puzzle Clues

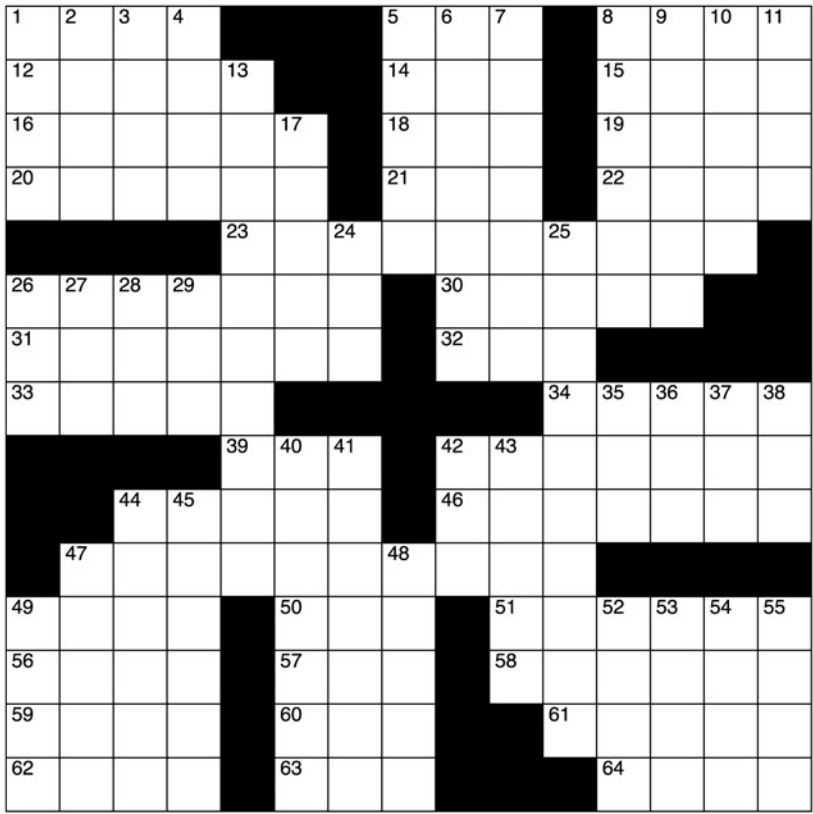
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. 50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick "___ Flux"
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches
- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one's hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of north-east
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors' group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens' fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one

- 63. Between south and south-east
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes



- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement

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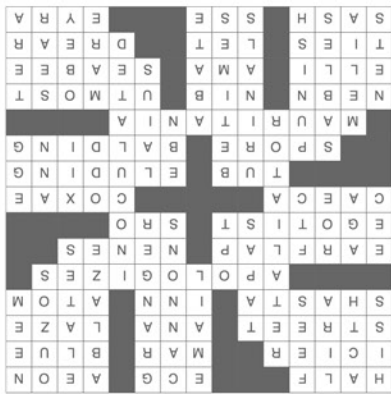
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 1 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
July 1st, 2025

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

Approved agenda. Approved June 24th, 2025 BOC & BOE meeting minutes. Public comments.

Quarterly jail inspections. Correspondence was reviewed.

Zoning Administrator Report.

Road Superintendent Report:

Approved signing of Notice to Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreements for Brunswick Northwest and Royal North projects.

Assessor reported launching of the new GIS site: schneidergis.co/antelopecone.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk

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AUDIT REPORT NOTICE
ANTELOPE COUNTY

NOTICE OF ANTELOPE COUNTY ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Audit Report for Antelope County audited by Lengemann & Associates, P.C. is complete and on file at the County Clerk's Office,

Sentencings take place at Antelope County District Court

Four individuals appeared for sentencing before the Honorable James Kube, June 25, in Antelope County District Court.

Blake M. Couch, 19, of Inman, appeared for sentencing on four counts after he was terminated from the drug court program on April 10. On the first count, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, a Class IV felony, Couch was sentenced to two years in jail, with credit for 140 days previously served in county jail. Kube also ordered Couch to complete a year of post-release supervision upon release from jail.

Couch will serve a concurrent sentence for count two, possession of a controlled substance-alprazolam, a Class IV felony. For one count of possession of marijuana less than an one ounce, an infraction; and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, an infraction, Couch was sentenced to pay a \$100 fine for each count. Additionally, \$155 in court costs were assessed. Kube also ordered DNA collection.

Couch was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff.

Andrew R. Paulsen, 37, of Tilden, appeared for sentencing for one count of possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, a Class IV felony. Smith informed Kube that Paulsen tested positive for THC. Following discussion with Kube, Smith

Hearings

Moone was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff.

Determination of revocation of probation for a 53-year-old Elgin man will wait until the July 30 session of Antelope County District Court.

The Honorable James Kube set the hearing during a June 25 district court session in Neligh.

On June 12, State of Nebraska officials filed paperwork outlining an April 2024 sentencing involving Rowdy L. Burke, who was ordered to a two-year period of supervised probation following a conviction of driving during a period of revocation from DUI/refusal, a Class IV felony.

According to court documents, the state asserts that Burke failed to report to a May 13 group session. He informed his probation officer, Dirk Waite, via text that a work-related injury prevented attendance. Burke was told to provide verification from the medical office.

On May 14, Waite contacted three medical clinics to confirm the visit. All three medical facilities denied having a record of Burke's visit. Waite later received a doctor's note from a health care facility in Albion on May 16, stating that Burke was seen the previous day and excused from work and physical activity until May 19.

Burke failed to report for probation appointments on June 5, June 9, and June 10.

Probation officials stated that Burke also failed to report for alcohol testing on May 14 and missed a class regarding crime victim empathy in April.

In court, Kube asked Burke if he wished to have court-appointed counsel. Burke said he was retaining an attorney and requested a continuance. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object.

Bartlett

My son Andy came up this weekend to shingle a shed. It turned out to be a bit more challenging than expected.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold a County Board of Equalization meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025 beginning at 8:00 AM, 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. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 3 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
July 3rd, 2025

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

Approved two (2) reports of damaged property.

Fair

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show order being Showmanship first, then the Bucket Calves, then the Feeder Calves, then the Breeding Beef, and finally the Market Beef.

The Working Ranch Horse will be at 6 p.m. The D.C. Lynch carnival will be from 5 to 10 p.m.

The last event of the day is the Aaron Watson Concert. Special Guest Bryce Leatherwood will perform at 8 p.m. Headliner, Aaron Watson, will then perform at 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16th will begin with the Swine Show at 9 a.m. The Junior Rodeo will be at 11 a.m.

The food trucks will open at 11 a.m. The Barnyard Friends Petting Zoo will be open one last time from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. From noon to 9 p.m. will be the Antique Tractor Display. The Round Robin Showmanship will begin at 1 p.m. Women's Day will be in the Casey Building from 1 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. will be the Release of the Animals.

At 5 to 7 p.m. will be the release of static exhibits. The D. C. Lynch Carnival will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. Team Roping will be at 6:30 p.m.

The "No Drinking on Grounds" Band will be performing in the Grandstand at 7 p.m. Finally, the release of the open class exhibits will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

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the Antelope County Clerk's Office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. In the event no hearing paperwork has been filed this meeting will not take place.

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Heard and decided 12 protests. 2025 Over/Under Reports was accepted.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk

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Community Calendar

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

Saturday-Wednesday, July 12-14
2025 Boone County fair to be held in Albion*

Monday, July 14
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting (8:00 a.m.) ■ Nebraska Extension Summer Pasture Walk near Verdigre*

Wednesday, July 22
Antelope County Tax Protest hearings at the Neligh courthouse (8 a.m.)

Saturday, July 26
Pope John Alumni Softball Tournament*

Monday-Sunday, July 28-August 3
2025 Antelope County Fair @ fairgrounds in Neligh ■ **2025 Wheeler County Fair @** fairgrounds in Bartlett

Monday, August 4
Elgin City Council regular meeting @ City Hall*



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COUNTY FUNDS	\$ 8,153,104.35	\$ 9,812,518.48	\$ (13,404,344.59)	\$ 5,579,297.08	\$	10,140,575.32
STATE FUNDS	\$ 313,122.09	\$ 1,511,294.97	\$ (1,579,537.87)	\$ (0.30)	\$	244,878.89
SCHOOLS	\$ 3,174,121.26	\$ 12,973,522.60	\$ (16,008,162.85)	\$ -	\$	139,481.01
ESU	\$ 101,963.13	\$ 231,822.42	\$ (331,920.31)	\$ -	\$	1,865.24
NE TECH	\$ 151,854.58	\$ 354,641.57	\$ (503,915.92)	\$ -	\$	2,580.23
NRD	\$ 201,325.46	\$ 455,720.60	\$ (653,358.67)	\$ -	\$	3,687.39
FIRE	\$ 122,700.04	\$ 264,473.64	\$ (385,668.14)	\$ -	\$	1,505.54
CITY/VILLAGES	\$ 197,596.81	\$ 926,699.04	\$ (1,088,269.89)	\$ -	\$	36,025.96
TOWNSHIPS	\$ 10,313.33	\$ -	\$ (10,313.33)	\$ -	\$	-
AG SOCIETY	\$ 39,439.62	\$ 90,021.18	\$ (128,737.64)	\$ -	\$	723.16
AIRPORT	\$ 14,542.89	\$ 33,174.71	\$ (47,450.68)	\$ -	\$	266.92
HOLDING FUNDS	\$ 558,211.19	\$ 143,490.44	\$ (106,112.61)	\$ -	\$	595,589.02
TOTALS	\$ 13,038,294.75	\$ 26,797,379.65	\$ (34,247,792.50)	\$ 5,579,296.78	\$	11,167,178.68

THERE ARE REGISTERED WARRANTS/ORDERS OUTSTANDING OF \$143,565.07	CASH ON HAND	\$ 1,987.70
	ITEMS IN LIEU	\$ 11,029,246.70
	DEPOSITS	\$ 135,944.28
	TOTAL	\$ 11,167,178.68

I, DEB BRANSTITER, DULY ELECTED TREASURER OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY BELIEF AND KNOWLEDGE.

Deb Branstiter
DEB BRANSTITER, ANTELOPE COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME IN MY PRESENCE THIS 7 July 2025

Lisa Payne
LISA PAYNE, ANTELOPE COUNTY CLERK

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Wolfpack Sports



Elgin 10U Pee Wees took second at the season-ending league tournament at Neligh. Team members were (back row, l-r): Coach Tina Thiele-Blecher, Corbyn Testerman, Chase Young, Owen Childers, Jackson Evans, Grant Blecher, Mark Schindler and Ace Pelster. Front row: Wyatt Stuhr, Cole Niewohner, Max Borer, Jax Haddix, Gabe Schindler, Anton Shavlik and Coach Matt Pelster. Not pictured: Coach Tenley Schindler.

Photo submitted

Spinning Tales

Celebrating Independence Day

Just who are we? Americans north, south, east and west of here celebrated Independence Day by every means imaginable. Whether it be watching baseball, eating hot dogs and apple pie, or just sitting back with friends and family enjoying food and drink, it's a holiday which people can celebrate in so many ways.

Having grown up in Seward County, I was fortunate to have the state's biggest Fourth of July celebration just a few miles away. Seward began celebrating our nation's birthday in 1865 and have made it bigger and bigger ever since.

If you want to feel what an Independence Day event which encompasses all that is truly unique about our country, you need to go no further than just a few miles west to Park Center UCC Church. To go there to celebrate, it's like stepping back in time to a place where, for a few hours, pure patriotism existed.

Lynell and I were there Tuesday night for the celebration. When we pulled into the church parking lot, the first thing we noticed were the many American flags placed around the church and near the playground. Inside neighbor was sitting beside neighbor enjoying a feast of potluck dishes. Both young and old were gathered in the church basement, sitting

at the tables and chairs which have been used by generations. The kids were done first and headed out to the playground where the girls played on the swings and monkey bars while the boys went to to play kickball. Then, as dusk fell, the adults in their lawn chairs and blankets, the children with their glow necklaces, watched the fireworks explode about the tree line backdrop. Fireworks purchased locally lit up the sky.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

As one writer penned, Independence Day is about celebrating the birth of a country built not on shared ancestry, but on shared ideals. Here, on this small piece of land, where a country church exists, neighbors celebrated together. This is the way it should be.



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No Bake Cookies



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I remember as a young cook, making these a lot. My brothers would eat them gone in no time.
They are a perfect after school or summertime kids snack.
Make a batch and watch them disappear.
I just finished a batch for my grandsons! It was the first time they have ever had them. So good they say!

JoAnn

NO BAKE COOKIES

1/2 cup milk	3 cups oatmeal
1/2 cup margarine	1 tsp vanilla
2 cups sugar	Pinch of salt
3 Tbls cocoa	
1/2 cup peanut butter	

Combine milk, margarine, sugar, cocoa, and salt. Bring it to a boil.
Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.
Drop by teaspoons on wax paper. Let cool completely and refrigerate.
Delicious!

Providing care from ‘bump, baby and beyond’

By Dr. Carissa Mangus, Family Medicine Physician at Boone County Health Center

When it comes to pregnancy and childbirth, having a provider you know and trust can make all the difference.

At Boone County Health Center, one of the most meaningful things we offer is **continuity of care**—the same physician who walks with you through your pregnancy is also there to deliver your baby, and continues caring for both mom and baby after delivery. We don't just care for patients—we build relationships.

This personal approach is something I value deeply as a family medicine physician, and it's something that truly sets BCHC apart. You're not just another patient—you're part of our family.

Whether it's your first baby or your fourth, we strive to ensure every experience is safe, supported, and memorable for all the right reasons.

But we don't stop at being personal—we also stay sharp. Our OB team is committed to staying at the forefront of best practices in maternity care. Several of our providers and nurses are certified instructors in the **ALSO (Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics)** program, which is a national certification course for improving outcomes in obstetric emergencies.

In fact, **Dr. Joel Travis, Dr. Tami Dodds, and obstetrics nurses Maria Kinney, RN and Angie Schalk, RN**, are among the professionals who regularly teach ALSO to doctors and nurses at hospitals across Nebraska—large and small. Their expertise helps raise the standard of care not just here at BCHC, but across the state.

We've also added something new to help keep our skills razor-sharp: a high-tech obstetric training mannequin named **Mama Anne**.

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Kinley Seltling



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Ellie -- Good Luck! We are proud of you and your whole team. Love Mom, Dad, Mason, Casey, Cohen and Evie



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Cora -- Good luck, we're so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Ainsley, Connor & Maisy



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Brooke -- You've put in the work, now have some fun! Go team!



Maisie Seier

Linley & Maisie -- Word hard, play hard, have fun and enjoy the experience! We are cheering for you! Love Dad, Mom & Nolan



Linley Seier



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Taryn -- Good luck at state! Have Fun! We are proud of you! Love Dad, Mom, Tenley and Callan!



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Hannah -- Good Luck at State Hannah! Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Love Mom, Dad, John and Chris



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