

### **Wheeler County Fair to** observe centennial

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### In Brief

### ECCC youth to hold car wash fundraiser

On Saturday, July 26.

The Elgin Community Christian Church Youth Group will be holding a fundraiser this Saturday, July 26.

On that day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., youth group members will hold a car wash fundraiser. The location will be at the farmers market building north of Jerry's Feed.

### Airplane crash claims life of Tilden man

On Saturday, southwest of Pierce

Airplanes crashing into farm fields don't end well. A Tilden man died Saturday after a plane crashed into a field on Saturday, July 19.

Daniel Kuether, 66, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to published reports. Responding to the accident were the Pierce County Sheriff's Department as well as Meadow Grove Fire/Rescue. The crash is believed to have happened just before 9 p.m. The location was a farm field approximately 15 miles southwest of Pierce. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board will investigate. crash.

### **Public Notices**

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Liquor License — KNBB Enterprise LLC dba/City Limits

Notice of Liquor License — The Wind-

Notice of Salaries — Village of Bartlett Proceedings — Village of Bartlett Proceedings - District #18 Board of Education

Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Historical Society

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### Weather

The high temperature last week was 89 degrees recorded on Monday, July 14.

The low temperature during the same period was 59 degrees recorded on Wednesday, July 16.

Altogether, 1.37 inches of precipitation 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 July 13 .00 85 July 14 67 .00 89 July 15 86 63 1.24 July 16 66 59 .00 July 17 70 60 .00 July 18 81 67 .10 July 19 84 .03 Total for last week 1.37 Total for July 7.66

### Martinez, Finazzo fail to show for court hearings

Two hearings for individuals charged in separate theft cases took place during the July 16 session of Antelope County Court in Neligh.

In both cases, the defendants failed to appear before the Honorable Donna Taylor.

Angel Martinez, 30, of Huron, South Dakota, faces one count of theft by unlawful taking, \$5,000+, a Class IIA felony. Due to his failure to report to court, Martinez's attorney, Martin Klein, requested to withdraw, due to lack of contact with his client. Taylor approved of Klein's request.

Martinez was arrested 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.

Once stopped, 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 posted bond - 10 percent of \$2,000, on June 9. On June 18, Martinez requested a continuance and asked for bond to be modified to allow him to continue to reside and work in South Dakota. He was scheduled to appear for a hearing on July 2 and failed to appear. A warrant was issued that day, with bond set at \$20,000, 10 percent.

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Harley J. Finazzo faces a charge

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E-R photo/DMorgan

### 'Soaking up' the love

Elgin residents turned out Thursday evening with their water hoses to celebrate the 10U girls softball team winning the Class D Tournament earlier this month. All along the parade route, fans made the team feel appreciated.

### Antelope County Fair set to begin

We're less than one week away from the one event that brings together all of county - The Antelope County Fair!

Officially, the fair begins on Monday, August 28 and concludes on Sunday, August 3. That's seven days of non-stop activities, something for

On Thursday, July 24, the dog show will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the cat show at 1 p.m. at the new Youth Enrichment Center on the fairgrounds

The Horse Show will get things going on Monday, July 28 at 9 a.m. with the Horse Show. This will include all classes except for speed events, working ranch and roping.

Tuesday, July 29 will begin with the Open Class Entry from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Exhibit Building (North Door).

The Horse Show will continue at 9 a.m. with events not held the day before.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be the favorite foods entry/interviews. The cake decorating interviews will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The food and nutrition entry/interviews will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Starting at 3 p.m. and going til 7 p.m. will be the Clover Kids entry/inter-

Entry Day for all other static exhibits that are not already entered will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. At the same time will be the Bucket Calf interviews. At 7 p.m. will be the Early Livestock Entry and the Team Penning at the Horse

On Wednesday, July 30 is the Open

Class Judging which will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Exhibit Building. It is not open to the public.

The 4H Static Exhibit Judging will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and it, too, is not open to the public. The first year bucket calf interviews

will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. At noon will be the Dairy Show and

the milkers will be released after the

books are due no later than 1 p.m. The Open Class set up of displays is from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and it is not open to

At 4 p.m. is the first year bucket calf show. Check in for all 4H/FFA Live-

BARTLETT - A ranch rodeo ben-

eter, Nebraska was held Saturday, July

The rodeo was held at the Wheeler

County fair ground arena in Bartlett. Sara Lincoln Pella passed away to her heavenly home at the age of

33, June 10, 2025 after battling colon

efit for the Jordan Pella family of Ex-

19, in honor of the late Sara (Lincoln)

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### WC '2011' class holds benefit ranch rodeo



Some of the 2011 Class of Wheeler Central helped put on a benefit ranch rodeo for the Jordan Pella family of Exeter, Nebraska. Shown are

She was the daughter of Lynn and Mindy Lincoln who were once Wheeler County residents. Sara left behind her husband Jordan and two young

children. The Lincoln family moved to Wheeler County when Sara's sister Jenna was a senior. Sara had already gradu-

ated from high school. To make a long story short, Jenna was made welcome by the class of 2011

and still had strong ties with her former classmates.

Jenna's classmates Chantz Shermer and Goober Snider coordinated the ranch rodeo.

All of the Wheeler Central Class of 2011, also known as the 'Rodeo Class,' helped with the event, with the exception of Sydney (Gehl) McKay and Joni (Qualm) Heinisch who were unable to

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

# Snicker<sup>®</sup> Salad & Sour Cream Grapes



Summertime is here! I hope you all enjoy the fun times that come with summer. This week I have a

casserole the whole family will enjoy and you may even have some leftovers to feed the kids a second meal.

If there is something your family doesn't like - leave it

This recipe does freeze well if

you need to do that. It is super easy to make the night before and have ready when you get home from work. Just pop it in the oven.

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JoAnn

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5 Tbls real maple syrup 2 cups pecans

Clean the grapes. Mix the sour cream and maple syrup. Mix in grapes and pecans until coated with the mixture.

### Stay Informed By Reading The Public Notices This Week In The Elgin Review



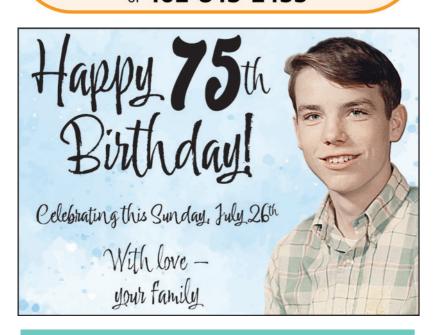


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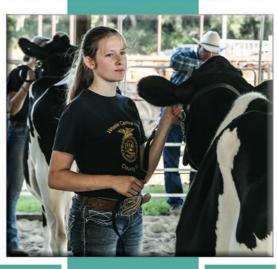
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Follow us on Facebook at Wheeler County Fair & Rodeo, Bartlett, NE for times of events or contact a fair board member.



### **GATE ADMISSION** is FREE!!

Includes rodeo, entertainment, BOUNCY Houses and kids foam machine.

### **MONDAY JULY 28**

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Fair Grounds Clean Up

### **TUESDAY JULY 29**

6:00 pm Parade: for more information contact Jessie Swick at 308-201-0038 or Makayla Reiter at 402-843-

6:00 pm CWC Sand Volleyball Fundraiser Tournament - for more information contact Amber Marcellus 605-641-2758 or Jerilee Wright 402-340-7138

### **WEDNESDAY JULY 30** 8:00 am Horse show begins. Show order will be posted

3:00 pm GLW Roping, Working Ranch Horse & Goat Tying (after the horse show) 7:00 pm That Hypnotist

### **THURSDAY JULY 31**

9:00 am Interview judging of static exhibits. 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Open Class Entries 6:00 pm Wheeler County Roping (youth followed by adults) must enter by 6 pm. Buckles to the Top Header, Heeler and Top Junior Roper

### **FRIDAY AUGUST 1**

8 am Livestock Weigh-In 9:00 am Small Animal Show

- 1. Cats 2. Small Animals
- 3. Rabbits

4. Poultry All livestock weighed and in place except stocker

feeders and lactating dairy 2:00 pm Watermelon Feed. Sponsored by Country

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fireman's BBQ at the new Firehall

6:30 pm Sheep riding 7:00 pm Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding, Kids

Events during rodeo, slack after rodeo After the rodeo listen to the Loose Cannon

furnished by Bartlett Lions Club

### 8:00 am Livestock Show: Show order will be posted. 1. Swine 4. Beef 2. Dairy Goats 5. Sheep 3. Dairy 6. Meat Goats 5:30 pm Livestock Premium Auction

**SATURDAY AUGUST 2** 

5-7:30 pm Steak Feed, \$25 a Steak Dinner 6:30 pm Wheeler County Foundation Scholarship and Awards, Herb Mignery Good Hand Award 7:30 pm Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding, Kids Events during rodeo (Hollenbeck Rodeo Stock) 9:00 pm BJ Jamison Band in the beer garden

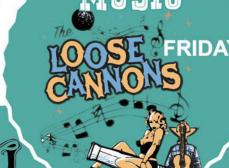
### **SUNDAY AUGUST 3** Community Day

12:00 pm Draft Horse Show

1:00 pm Turtle Races \$1 per turtle 3:00 pm Cornhole Tournament \$10 a team 6:00 pm Community Pot-Luck

6:30 pm Ranch Rodeo - Limited Entries \$300 a team. Entries Close July 31st for Ranch Rodeo.

contact Clint Dexter @ 308-0380





SATURDAY

### The ups and downs of having a student driver

It feels like yesterday that I was holding my newborn son. I can still remember everything about the day he was born. It's hard to believe that it was over 15 years ago. Now I'm navigating all new territory. Too bad there's no GPS to navigate life situations. I have a student driver!!!

When I learned to drive (more than 25 years ago), I lived in a small town in Nebraska. I'm sure my parents weren't thrilled with the idea of me being behind the wheel. But when the speed limit doesn't go above 30 anywhere in the town, it's a little less nerve wrecking. We live in a suburb of Houston, Texas and I can't imagine letting my teenager anywhere near a ten-lane highway.

This is our second week of Driver's Ed and thankfully, he hasn't gotten behind the wheel yet. He must finish a third week of classroom material before he's able to get his permit and start the driving lessons.

### BITUARIES

### **Christina D. Weidner, 36**

December 14, 1988 - July 20, 2025

A2007 graduate of Elgin High School, she went on to have a career in broadcasting and journalism while living in Fairbury.

Christina D. Weidner, 36, of Fair-

bury, NE passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025, at Bryan East Medical Center in Lincoln, NE.

Funeral Services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2025, at Elgin Community Christian Church, with Pastor Jonathan Braden officiating.

Interment will follow at West Cedar Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com

Christina Day Weidner, daughter of David Eugene Weidner and Noreen Kay (Peters) Weidner, was born December 14, 1988, at Rock County Hospital in Bassett, NE. She attended Cedar Rapids Elementary, O'Neill Public, and finally Elgin Public where she graduated with the class of 2007.

Following high school, Christina went on to Western Iowa Community College and Southeast Community College where she earned a degree in broadcasting and journalism. After graduation, Christina made her

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home in Fairbury, NE.
Christina worked for Fairbury Journal News and News
Channel Nebraska. She was
primarily a director and producer and would occasionally
report the news. More recently,
she had worked as a clerk at the
K&D Liquor Store.

Christina enjoyed listening to music and journalism. Once she had her son, Sterling, he became her whole world. He was the light of her life, and she was very proud of all he accomplished.

Christina is survived by her son: Sterling Schmidt of Fairbury, NE; fiancé: Santana Schmidt of Fairbury, NE; father: David (Tonya) Weidner of Fairbury, NE; mother: Noreen Weidner of O'Neill, NE; three sisters: Kerri Weidner of Lincoln, NE; Cammie (LeRoy) Cuhel of O'Neill, NE; Alicia (Sean) Weidner of Beatrice, NE: two brothers: Nickolas (Crystal) Weidner of Beatrice, NE; Jacob Weidner of Lincoln, NE; stepbrother: Nestor Conato of Lincoln, NE; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Kenneth and Norma Peters; Leon and Bertha Weidner; stepfather: Frank Franzen; three uncles: Myron, Gaylen, and David Peters.

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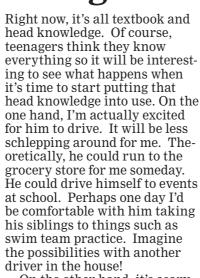
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On the other hand, it's scary to think about him driving around without me in the car. I would like to think that I'm a pretty good driver, but that has come with decades of experience. You learn to anticipate what other drivers are going to

do after hours on the road each day.

This is knowledge Tales of a Tired

knowledge that's hard to teach others. It's not just about knowing the rules of the road or obeying the laws, it's looking ahead and seeing things that others don't notice.



Katherine Cobb

Momma

course, my teenager isn't very keen on listening to all the wisdom I have to impart on him.

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Courtesy photo

**Among the** many local students attending at Steubenville, MO., were (I-r): Juliana McNally, Olivia Klein, Samantha Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Reese Stuhr.

### Steubenville conference a great experience for all

By Olivia Klein Student intern

Editor's note: This essay includes opinions of the author.

The Steubenville Youth
Conference is a Catholic Conference that has the aim of
giving youths across America
a personal encounter with God.
This year I went along with a
group of about 40 other high
schoolers, young adults, and
adult chaperons to experience
the Mid-America Steubenville

Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri. There we got to experience a variety of different activities such as the celebration of the mass, keynote speakers, and adoration along with 5,000 other people. We left on Friday, July 11

at around 6:30 in the morning after a early morning mass. After a long bus ride, we finally made it to the MSU campus and unloaded all of our belongings into the dorms before we headed over to the arena for the first session of the Conference. To start off the weekend, we listened and sang along to a live band. Then our keynote speakers were introduced. The speakers included Fr. Brian Fallon, Josh Blakesly, Lisa Cotter, Matt Regitz, and our host was Kris Frank. The speakers explained to us the purpose of the Conference. They explained that the theme of this year's Conference was "Consumed." This theme was inspired by the bible verse "For the Lord, your God, is a consuming fire, a jealous God." Deuteronomy 4:24. It was explained throughout the weekend that we should allow ourselves to be consumed with God's love. After this session there was an opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession. There were more opportunities for this sacrament on Saturday as well.

The next day we went deeper into the meaning of the theme through the different sessions. We were taught different prayer strategies, and other ways that we can deepen our relationship with God. In the evening we got to experience adoration. At adoration Fr. Brian Fallon processioned around with the Monstrance. This was a very powerful moment in which everyone got to have a personal experience with our Lord.

Our last day was Sunday. In the morning we had a mass to end off the weekend. It was so cool to be able to celebrate the mass with that many people. After that we packed up our stuff and loaded the bus to head home.

On the way home many of us shared our favorite experiences from the weekend with everyone. We all felt like family after this special experience.

As someone who has attended Steubenville twice, the experiences that come along with attending Steubenville never get old. You feel more connected to God and get a new perspective on how to worship and grow in a relationship with Him. The community of people that you get to be with is a truly special thing. My friends and I are already excited to attend next year.

# Looking Back Elgin Review

### **Sixty Years Ago**

July 22, 1965

Donald Meis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meis, left June 7 for Germany. He took boot training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. and finished special schooling at Ft. Rucker, Ala. before being sent overseas.

Hopes for a good crop, plus the good small grain harvest, soared here with the addition of nearly three inches of rain the past week. A total of 2.55 fell here Sunday—.25 Sunday morning and 2.30 inches that night and early Monday morning.

Two ladies from the trade area surrounding Elgin have indi-

Two ladies from the trade area surrounding Elgin have indicated their willingness to become news correspondents for the Review. One, Mrs. Roy Schmidt, will write Antelope Creek area news. Mrs. Dewey Carr will compile the happenings of residents southeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kallhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sullivan and John Fangman attended the American Legion Convention held over the weekend in Omaha. The convention was held in the Paxton Hotel.

Elgin's municipal swimming pool was put to good use Friday by youngsters when the mercury climbed to 99 degrees, our hottest day this year.

### **Fifty Years Ago**

July 17, 1975

Francis Schwarting of Omaha, son of Mrs. Edna Schwarting, has received the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the end of the first summer session at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was one of 26 graduate students at UNL.

Kristine Draper, Kathryn Jillson and John Miller were the Elginites at the fourth week of orientation at Kearney State College. These incoming freshmen arrive on campus daily to preregister for fall classes and to become familiar with academic policies, college services and facilities during the summer orientation sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schindler of Omaha have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Ann, to Kent Joseph Zimmerman. Miss Schindler and her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Zimmerman of Omaha, are planning a Sept. 27 wedding at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Newest improvement among Elgin's businesses is the Sugar Shack owned by Jerry Mundorf. The new structure is located west of his present business on Highway 14 and 70.

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville was the setting for the July 5th wedding of Nancy Knust and Robert Luettel. Rev. Dennis Hanneman of Elgin officiated at 1:00 p.m. double ring ceremony and Nuptial mass.

### **Thirty Years Ago**

July 19, 1995

"Elgin Day" was successful at Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park last Saturday, July 15, despite rain that kept many visitors away during the morning and early afternoon hours. Elgin representatives were at Ashfall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., providing refreshments and handing out promotional materials on Elgin and its Vetch Days Celebration.

Last week's heat wave resulted in temperatures of 100 degrees or more on Wednesday and Thursday, July 12 and 13, but temperatures were cooler for the weekend and early this week. Elgin received .67 of an inch of moisture from a rain storm Friday evening, July 14

Parents of the players on Elgin's girls T-ball teams played their daughters in "fun day" games last Sunday afternoon on the local baseball field. There were some special rules for parents. They had to close their eyes while hitting the ball from the tee, and had to run around the tee twice before they could proceed to first base.

Friends of the Elgin City Park last week received the needed funds to complete the new restroom/shower building in the city park. The group received a donation of \$1,500 from Alice E. Draper and family in memory of R. K. Draper, Jr. An additional \$100 was received form the combined donation of Tom Meis, Rev. Owen Korte and an anonymous donor.

Jeff and Sandy Bode of Petersburg are the parents of a eight pound, 13 ounce son, Ross James, born Thursday, July 13 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Norfolk. Grandparents are Delbert and Delores Bode of Elgin and Bernard and Rose Wirges of Petersburg.

### Twenty Years Ago

July 20, 2005

Nearly 400 people were served breakfast at the 15th annual Elgin Fly-In Breakfast last Sunday, July 17, at the Koinzan Flying Service airport. Breakfast was served by members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Hot and dry conditions remain in the forecast for the Elgin area

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### Rodeo

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attend.

Others participating in helping with the event were Al Snider, rodeo announcer; Chelsea Smith, singing our National Anthem; Lions Club, providing insurance; Bartlett Fire and Rescue, providing an ambulance; and Wheeler County Ag Society donating use of rodeo grounds.

Fourteen teams participated in the ranch rodeo. The events were 3 in 1 with the top five coming back for the final round.
Wheeler Central 2011 graduates participating were Lane Day,

Goober Snider, Chantz Shermer and Jake Kasselder. The 'Top Horse Award' went to Wyatt Killian, 'Top Hand Award' to Lane Day and 'Hard Luck Award' to Garett Renner.

Even though the arena was muddy and sloppy participants were 'troopers' and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Included in the events was a free will offering meal which consisted of sloppy joes, macaroni salad, potato salad, corn, ice tea and coffee.

Sara's family members attending the benefit were Lynn and Ella Lincoln of Ashby, Nebraska and Jesus and Jenna Perez of Wheatland, Wyoming. They were overwhelmed by the kindness and love shown them and extremely grateful.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner

### Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, July 28: Bacon cheeseburger, potato salad, lettuce salad w/tomatoes, pineapple, bread & butter, milk.

Tuesday, July 29: BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, creamy cucumbers, peaches/strawberry mix, bread & butter, milk.

ter, milk. **Wednesday, July 30:** Hot beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, pears

potatoes & gravy, corn, pears, bread & butter, milk. Thursday, July 31: Gou-

lash, harvard beets, lettuce salad w/tomatoes, plums, bread/butter, milk

available.

read/butter, milk

Friday, August 1: Not

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

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

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### Elgin Review

# Upiñion READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful.

Edward R. Murrow

### OBBBA is a 'win' for taxpayers

It's rare to have the opportunity to set an entire nation on a better course for generations. The One Big Beautiful Bill does just that. It is truly a win for America and Nebraska. It preserves, protects, and fosters growth. It strengthens what makes America great. It reforms and reduces the waste and inefficiencies that weaken

One of the most important parts of this bill is lowering taxes. It extends and makes permanent the 2017 Trump tax cuts. It leaves more money in the wallets of Nebraskans. It prevents a \$2,443 tax increase on the average Nebraska family. It gives Nebraska families and businesses financial freedom and the ability to grow. It avoids a \$4 trillion tax increase on all Americans. Across the country, the average family of four would have seen a \$1,700 tax increase without the One Big Beautiful

In the bill, the highest percentage of tax cuts goes to people making less than \$50,000 a year. Firefighters, nurses, factory workers, and servers who make money on tips or overtime will be the biggest benefactors. Now, these workers won't be taxed on the tips and overtime pay that they work extra hard to earn.

Their employers—whether corporations or small businesses—receive incentives to provide workers with childcare. That's in addition to a child tax credit that's being raised to \$2,200

### **REPORT**



U.S. Senator **Pete Ricketts** 

**WASHINGTON** per child. It's combined with enhancement of the dependent care assistance program, which excludes up to \$7,500 of dependent care assistance expenses from income each year. That is up from a previous limit of \$5,000. Additionally, the child and dependent care tax credit increases the maximum

credit rate from 35% to 50% of care costs. This means that families are supported as they raise their children and other dependents.

More money for Nebraska families and their needs is a win for America's future. Supporting small business and expanding job opportunity is another win for Nebraska's future. The One Big Beautiful Bill also permanently extends the immediate deduction of research and development costs. It allows business owners to fully expense heavy machinery and equipment while increasing the dollar limits of expensing for business assets. These

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# In summer, corn sweat raises humidity, but it could be worse

We appear to be done bombing Iran, and to be back to helping Ukraine repeal invaders from Russia. Plus, it looks like the trade war we started is going to raise our cost of buying coffee from Brazil and beer from Mexico.

Great, huh? So maybe it's time to talk about something really important - corn

We're entering the peak of corn sweat season, when the thick, green fields of corn that blanket eastern and central Nebraska start to emit their highest levels of moisture. It's called

"evapotranspiration," according to Eric Hunt, an agriculture meteorologist with the University of Nebraska Extension Service.

One acre of corn can transpire or sweat 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of water a day. That can up the dew point by a sticky 5 to 10 degrees, turning a 90-degree day into a soggy slog that feels like 100.



**ALL THINGS** 

**NEBRASKA** 

(To be fair, concrete and asphalt parking lots and roads in cities also contribute to hotter weather. Combined with heat generated by vehicle engines, it can raise temperatures by as much as 22 degrees, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. But hey, this is a column about corn sweat.)

For the next three weeks or so, corn is the sweatiest of the season. In August, soybeans take over as the top contributor to humidity.

"It is what it is," Hunt said. As we get older – and I'm part of that crowd - it's harder for us to fend off humidity and higher temperatures, according to those who study such

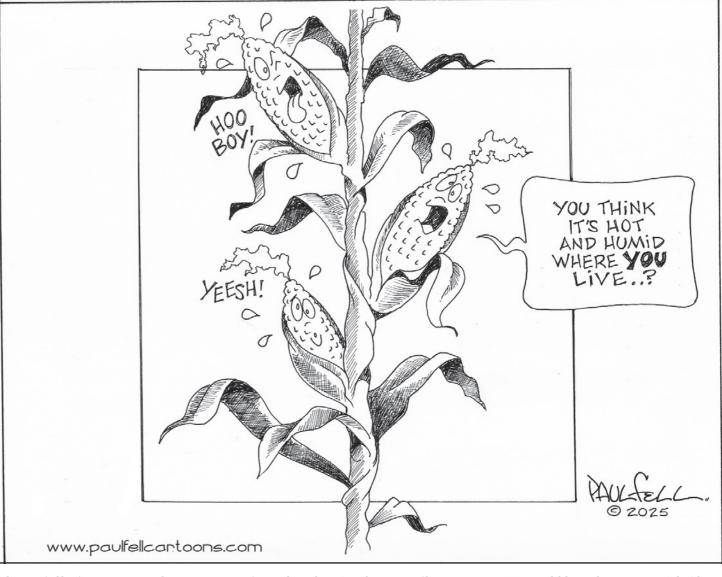
We have fewer active sweat glands and we just don't sweat as much, according to a report in the academic publication, Environmental Health Perspectives. And the more humid it gets, it's harder for sweating to cool us

I don't do "steamy" very well. Give me a cold day - you can dress for that. If you ask me (and no one really is)

it's the hot, sticky weather in summer that is driving some people to move out of Nebraska (along with living closer to family). It's not taxes, as many politicians keep maintaining.

Anyway, humidity has gotten worse over the past 40 to 50 years, according to Hunt, in part because there's just more corn out there.

Over the past 25 years, the amount of acres planted with corn has risen



substantially, in part to produce supplies for ethanol plants. In 1990, about 74 million acres of corn were planted, a number that rose to about 95 million acres this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

And those fields of corn are thicker than they used to be.

Back in 1996, a typical corn field in Iowa had about 23,000 plants per acre. By 2023, that number was about 31,000 plants per acre, according to a report by the University of Illinois.

My guess is those baseball playing ghosts from "Field of Dreams" would have a hard time walking through today's fields of corn.

Thicker stands or corn means more biomass to transpire moisture, Hunt said, thus contributing to higher humidities.

Like humans, corn uses sweat to stay cool. The higher the soil moisture, the more it can sweat.

Back in the day, when I used to travel the state for the Omaha World-Herald, I'd hear people in central and western Nebraska blame center pivots for the steamier weather.

According to Hunt, that's partly right – it will be more humid near a

pivot – but there's other contributors. Soupy winds from the Gulf Coast help push humidity higher in eastern and central Nebraska, he said

So what can we do about it? Not much, he said, other than to be prepared and take precautions.

I've always thought the state motto should be "It could have been worse." You'd pull up to a farmstead that had been flattened by a tornado, and the owner would be there shaking his head, saying that luckily, no one got

"It could have been worse," he'd say. I'm thinking we'll deal with the summer soupiness the same way. It could have been worse.\*\*\*

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

# Keeping Nebraska safe and secure

Last week, I shared how the One Big, Beautiful Bill delivers for Nebraska's hardworking producers — the farmers and ranchers who feed and fuel our nation. Today, I want to detail another top priority: how this new law keeps Nebraskans safe and our communities

From modernizing our military to strengthening our southern border, this legislation marks a significant investment in national security. It sends a clear message: the United States will defend its people, protect its homeland, and support the men and women who serve in uniform.

I've heard directly from Nebraskans across the state that our homeland security and public safety are some of the top issues most important to them. Recently, we saw two MS-13 leaders who were illegally in our country - removed from the streets of Omaha. I am grateful to our federal law enforcement agencies who work around the clock to keep our communities safe – this is a prime example of the Trump administration delivering on its promise to take border security seriously.

The Senate is doing its part to fulfill the American people's mandate to reverse the Biden administration's disastrous open border policies by directing critical resources to our border. That's why the One Big, Beautiful Bill invests \$46.5 billion in U.S. Customs and Border Protection to build the border

wall and associated infrastructure. It allocates \$45 billion to increase detention capacity for illegal migrants and \$6 billion to enhance surveillance along the border using the latest technologies. It also boosts funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to hire more personnel and improve screening and vetting processes.

These investments help reestablish control over our border and send a clear signal that the United States is serious about enforcing its immigration laws and keeping dangerous individuals out.

Beyond the border, the bill makes a generational investment in our national defense. It includes over \$150 billion for



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critical military priorities, including \$15 billion to modernize our nuclear arsenal and rebuild the infrastructure needed to manufacture nuclear weapons. Another \$23 billion will accelerate the production of key munitions, while an additional \$25 billion is devoted to building a robust missile defense

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### Reviving energy affordability Access to healthcare is a major challenge for patients and

providers alike in rural communities across America, including in small cities and villages across Nebraska's Third District. Families face long driving distances when they

### **FROM THE** HILL



**Adrian Smith** 

need care most, and a lack of patient density impedes the finances of providers striving to serve expansive areas. Doing all we can to promote economic growth, attract and support healthcare professionals to live and work in our state, and encourage healthy lifestyles are essential components of advancing solutions for Nebraskans.

In Congress, I have fostered support among my colleagues for legislation to modernize payments for health providers, reduce regulatory burdens, and update telehealth rules to strengthen Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to better serve their communities. The Third District is served by over 50 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and over 100

RHCs, among the most of any congressional district, and I have led legislation to successfully repeal regulatory burdens on these hospitals and modernize Medicare payments to ensure RHCs can continue providing frontline care. Leveraging technology can open new ways for providers to reach and improve outcomes for rural patients. I am grateful the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which I supported in the House and President Trump signed into law earlier this month, lowers barriers to telehealth services through a permanent provision based on my Telehealth Expansion Act. This ensures the millions of Americans with High-Deductible Health Plans can access affordable telehealth options before meeting their full deductible.

The reconciliation package provides an additional \$50 billion to boost rural health providers and ends unworkable Biden-era nursing home staffing requirements which would have endangered the 90 percent of skilled-nursing facilities in Nebraska which already have a difficult time filling job

Additionally, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act takes steps to address the sustainability of programs such as Medicaid by ensuring states prioritize and preserve coverage for mothers, children, disabled Americans, the elderly, the working poor, and others such programs have always been intended to help. Through policies proven successful during the 1990s, able-bodied adults are given modest requirements to

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enhancements for investments toward innovation, equipment, and tools will help American manufacturers remain the world leaders. It also permanently raises the death tax exemption, allowing ranches and farms to stay in the family. These changes make it easier for Nebraska businesses to reinvest in their companies and pass them on to the next generation. This helps everyone

The One Big Beautiful Bill encourages investment so America stays the leading innovator. This creates jobs and innovation. It rewards ingenuity and entrepreneurship. It makes Nebraska companies more competitive on the global stage.

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The One Big Beautiful Bill will increase the take-home

pay for all Nebraska families. According to the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provided a \$4,000 increase in average household wage and salary income. Now with the One Big Beautiful Bill, the CEA forecasts the average take-home pay will increase \$4,000 to \$7,000. With the average Nebraska family avoiding a tax increase of \$2,443, the average worker can see their take-home pay rise up to \$9,050 in the first four years of this law's implementation. That does not include the provisions that end taxes on tips, overtime, and social security for seniors. This is what real opportunity looks like.

It will ensure that money stays with Nebraska taxpayers. It unleashes American dynamism. It helps Nebraska families and the American worker. It is indeed One Big Beautiful

### **Fischer**

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system, the "Golden Dome," to protect both our homeland and our deployed troops. It also includes \$1 billion to support U.S. Department of Defense personnel tied to border security and counterdrug operations.

America's naval strength also gets a much-needed boost, with \$29 billion directed toward shipbuilding and modernizing our maritime industrial base.

These funds will expand the size and capability of our fleet, invest in autonomous naval technology, and improve shipyard infrastructure across the country. China now commands the world's largest navy, and



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Russia continues to expand its maritime capabilities.

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A strong defense requires both high levels of readiness and constant innovation.

That's why the bill sets aside \$16 billion to improve military readiness, including additional spare parts for aircraft and expanded naval maintenance so our ships and planes are ready to deploy when called upon.

Another \$16 billion is dedicated to getting cutting-edge technologies such as drones, counter-drone systems, low-cost munitions, and artificial intelligence into the hands of our service members more quickly.

Whether it's securing our borders, rebuilding our military, or investing in the people who keep us safe, the One Big, Beautiful Bill delivers. It reflects Nebraskan values strong defense, smart spending, and support for those who serve.

With this law, we are taking national security seriously and building a safer, more secure future for all Americans.

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### DeKay explains initiative petitions

As we enter the dog days of summer, organizations and groups are already laying the groundwork to try to place specific policy proposals on the ballot next year. This week, I would like to outline the two initiative petitions filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office that are currently in circulation for the 2026 General Election: the Choose Life Now Constitutional Amendment and the Sales & Excise Taxes Constitutional Amendment.

The Choose Life Now Constitutional Amendment proposes to amend Article I, section 31 of the Nebraska Constitution. This constitutional provision currently reads as follows: "Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual as-

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District 40 Senator **Barry DeKay** 

Constitutional Amendment would eliminate this portion of the constitution and replace it with the following language: "A preborn child is a person at every stage of development, beginning at fertilization. Wherever under Nebraska law the term "person" is used or implied, it shall include such a child." Various news sources indicate this amendment seeks to prohibit abortion outright with no exceptions. People interested in more information

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may consider visiting the sponsors' website at www.chooselifenow.net.

The Sales & Excise Taxes Constitutional Amendment proposes to amend Article

VIII of the Nebraska Constitution by creating a new section. This new section reads as follows: "No governmental entity in the state of Nebraska shall collect property tax, income tax or inheritance tax beginning January 1, 2028." Various news sources indicate this change would compel the Legislature to find alternative ways to fund state and local government since levying an income, property, or inheritance tax would be prohibited. Potential options could include an expanded sales tax, a broad-based consumption tax, excise taxes, or user fees. People interested in getting more information on the Sales & Excise Taxes Constitutional Amendment may consider visiting the sponsors' website at www.epicoption.info/.

Since these petitions seek to modify the Nebraska Constitution, organizers will need to collect valid signatures from 10% of Nebraska's voters - around 125,000 people. The total is based on the number of registered voters at the time of the filing deadline, which is typically four months before the general election. Organizers will also need valid signatures from 5% of the registered voters in at least 38 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

If you come across a petition circulator, you have the option to either sign or decline to sign the petition. You may also want to be aware that under Nebraska law, petition circulators must read the object statement on the petition to each signer of the petition. This law is in place so that people are aware of the objective of the petition prior to signing. I also want to make a minor correction to last week's newsletter. Syngenta announced the sale of its seed production facility near Phillips Nebraska to the Atlanta, Indiana-based company Beck's Hybrids. Becks Hybrids expanded into Seward, Nebraska in the fall of 2021.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

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### Nebraska ag land values fall 2 percent amid lower crop prices, rising costs

Nebraska's average agricultural land value declined in 2025 for the first time in six years, falling 2% to \$3,935 an acre, according to the final report from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's 2024-25 Farm Real Estate Market Survey.

The decline comes as Nebraska crop producers face growing financial pressures. Following years of rising farm income, the land market is beginning to reflect recent realities like lower crop revenues, elevated production costs and higher interest rates, according to Jim Jansen, an agricultural economist with Nebraska Extension who coordinates the annual report.

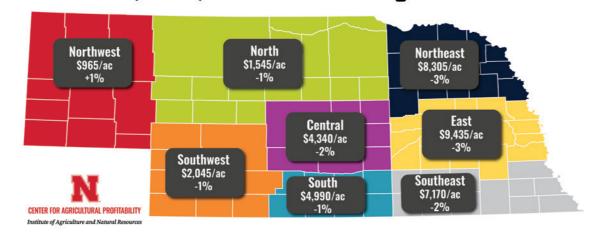
Crop producers are dealing with pressure on their margins," Jansen said. "The combined effect of softer commodity markets and higher costs is being reflected in what people are willing to pay for different types of cropland.

The report details how land values vary by region of the state and land type. Grazing land showed modest gains, reflecting ongoing demand driven by higher livestock prices, while irrigated and dryland cropland experienced declines in many parts of the state. Jansen said that the differences in crop and livestock profitability may continue to be reflected in the market value of each industry's land classes.

"Higher cattle prices have helped support the value of grazing land, while lower crop prices and tighter margins are putting pressure on cropland values," Jansen said. "We expect these market dynamics to continue influencing land values across different regions and land classes in Nebraska.' Cropland vs. pasture rental rates

Cash rental rates for cropland trended lower across the state, down between 1% and 7% compared to last year. The productivity of rented cropland including the type of soil, expected rainfall and local market — contributed to regional

Average Value Per Acre of Nebraska Agricultural Land as of Feb. 1, 2025, and Percent Change from Prior Year



Statewide All-Land Average: \$3,935 per Acre (-2%)

Cash rental rates for cropland trended lower across the state, down between 1% and 7% compared to last year, according to the 2024-25 Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Survey. (Craig Chandler/University Communication and Marketing)

cash rental rates, according to survey panel members.

Pasture rental rates declined 1% in the central region but saw modest gains across the rest of the state, increasing between 1% and 5% over the prior year. These rates were driven by stronger cattle markets and demand for grazing land. Cowcalf and stocker monthly rental rates also trended steady to higher across the state in 2025.

The financial pressures for many landowners and tenants from rising crop input expenses, combined with higher borrowing costs, are putting increased emphasis on risk management and lease flexibility. Jansen noted that clear communication between landowners and tenants, particularly about weather-related terms in a lease, is essential.

"Provisions regarding drought in grazing land leases need to be reviewed by the appropriate agency or organization providing disaster assistance for pasture or range to ensure the property remains eligible in the event of adverse weather patterns," he said. Hunting leases provide additional income

Each year, the Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Survey report provides a special feature section, analyzing topics related to new or emerging issues in the state's agricultural land industry. This year's report looks at the role of hunting leases as a growing source of income. Landowners who have not already granted hunting rights to their tenant(s) may lease exclusive rights to third parties to hunt certain types of wild game on their land.

About 49% of wild game leases in Nebraska this year were for antelope or deer. Pheasants, turkey, waterfowl and other game constituted 17%, 13%, 19% and 2%, respectively.

Survey panelists reported that hunting lease provisions, contract duration and the type of wild game found on a property all affect the value of a hunting lease. Different types of vegetation, conservation practices or topography features may also influence it. As for annual income, 62% of hunting leases in Nebraska were reported to generate up to \$2,499 a year; 29% generated \$2,500 to \$4,999; 8% generated \$5,000 to \$9,999; and 1% generated more than \$10,000.

"Recreational leases continue to add value for many landowners, especially in areas with good wildlife habitat," Jansen said. "These leases can help diversify income and offset some of the expenses associated with land ownership."

About the report

The final 2024-25 Nebraska Farm Real Estate Market Survey report was published June 30 by the Center for Agricultural Profitability. It features updated land values, cash rental rates and other detailed information important to land industry participants in the state. The report is the final product of an annual survey of land professionals, including appraisers, agricultural bankers and farm and ranch managers.

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### **Driver**

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Shocking, I know. I can't get him to listen to simple things around the house so it seems a stretch that he might take my advice to be a better driver.

I also wonder how I ensure that he's safe when I'm not there. I know there are things I can put on his phone to alert me if he's speeding or if he's trying to use his mobile device while driving, and other safety measures. However, it's also things like being distracted by music, having friends in the car, or getting on the freeway at night that I can't monitor that makes me hesitant. I think reducing my anxiety will come down to a few things. First, praying over him, and remembering that ultimately, he belongs to God, not me. And second, it will be a matter of time. It will take a while to get used to the idea of him driving and for me to learn to trust him. He will have to earn that trust by proving to me he can make wise choices and show me good driving habits while I'm in the car and that I believe it will continue when I'm not. In the meantime, I suggest you stay off the roads for a while.

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bans the manufacture, distribution and sale of lab-grown or cultivated meat in Nebraska. Passage of th measure during

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the most recent legislative session builds on the Governor's executive order from last year which prohibits agencies from purchasing lab-grown meat



Jim Pillen

and requires state contractors to certify they will not discriminate against natural-meat producers in favor of lab or cultivated meat producers.

Nebraska feeds the world and saves the planet. I know first-hand that the food products we sell overseas are in high demand, largely because of the care with which we raise our crops and our animals," said Gov. Pillen.

"The idea of a meat substitute makes no sense and only serves to undercut the livelihood of our producers. If someone wants meat from a bioreactor, they can buy it through Ama-

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### **Fake Meat**

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zon. They won't find it on our store shelves." Nebraska is a leading beef producing state, consistently ranking high in cattle slaughter and exports. In 2024, the state processed 6.8 million head of cattle, more than any other state. It also leads the nation in beef and veal exports, sending over \$2 billion of high-quality products to international markets.

While securing the state's livestock industry is essential, the new law is also meant to protect consumers. Long term health effects of eating fake

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meat are currently unknown, as noted by NDA Dir. Vinton.

"Lab-grown meat has been marketed as an ethical and environmental alternative to the traditional beef industry, but the truth is, we do not know the true health impacts of the fake meat and the growth agents used to cultivate it, nor the long-term environmental benefits," said Dir. Vinton. "Lab-grown meat is an experiment with the intent of replacing not only traditional meat, but traditional agriculture."

Sen. DeKay said he was pleased to introduce LB246 on the Governor's behalf. "He and I were in agreement that the prospect of synthetic meat entering the marketplace is a bridge too far."

Cultured meat advocates have made no secret that their ultimate goal is to socially engineer our diets and end animal husbandry. I am thankful to the Governor for not going quietly into that future."



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### Wheeler County to celebrate centennial of county fair Parade, 4-H activities, rodeo promise to make it a celebration to remember

Everyone is welcome to Bartlett, Nebraska for their 100th annual Wheeler County Fair! The fair is from July 28 to August 3, and it includes a rodeo, entertainment, bouncy houses and a kids foam machine.

On Monday, July 28 the fair grounds clean up will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29 will feature a 'Blast From The Past.' The Wheeler County Museum will be open, there will be a parade at 6 p.m. followed by a barbecue and a sand volleyball tournament in the park.

On Wednesday, July 30 the 4-H Horse Show will begin at 8 a.m. The last event of the day will be a hypnotist at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

On Thursday, July 31 starting at 9 a.m. will be the interview judging of static exhibits. From 9 a.m. to noon will be the open class entries. The Wheeler County Roping participants must enter by 6 p.m.

At 8 a.m. on Friday, August 1 will be the livestock weigh-in. The small animal show will start at 9 a.m. There will be a watermelon feed at 2 p.m. sponsored by Country Partners.

Friday evening will be the Fireman's BBQ from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the new fire hall. Then, at 6:30 p.m. the sheep riding will start in the rodeo arena. The rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. After the rodeo the Loose Cannons band will perform.

On Saturday, August 2 the livestock show will get underway at 8 a.m. At 5 p.m. the 4-H Council Award and Recognition Program will begin. The Livestock Premium Auction will get underway at 5:30 p.m.

The ever popular steak feed will be from 5-7:30 nm. It costs \$25 per person

5-7:30 p.m. It costs \$25 per person. At 6:30 p.m., the WC Foundation Scholarship and Awards will begin. The rodeo will begin at 7:30 p.m. The last event of the day will be at 9 p.m. when the BJ Jamison Band will perform.

Sunday, August 3rd is Community Day. It will begin with the Draft Horse show at noon. Turtle Races will start at 1 p.m., the cornhole tournament will begin at 3 p.m. At 6 p.m. is the Community Pot-Luck.

At 6:30 p.m. the Ranch Rodeo will begin. Entries for this event will close on July 31.

### **Smith**

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work, participate in educational activities, or volunteer. Nebraska has a comparatively low error rate for Medicaid payments, and states like California, with an 8.1 percent error rate, will be required to choose between addressing their waste, fraud, and abuse or seeing their federal match reduced, protecting

taxpayers in responsible states like ours. Many states take advantage of tools like State Directed Payments (SDPs) to a greater degree than Nebraska, which can disadvantage healthcare providers and taxpayers in our state. There needs to be fairness in a fiscally sustainable way, and I am glad officials worked hard to address it on the state level. In May, I joined Reps. Flood and Bacon to send a letter to Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Administrator Mehmet Oz requesting Nebraska's proposed SDP plan be approved in a timely manner, and the request was ultimately approved right before the deadline. By advancing commonsense reforms which reduce barriers to telehealth and other emerging technologies and allowing programs such as Medicaid to help folks in need in the most efficient manner possible,

I will continue working to make healthcare more accessible to

patients across our state and





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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 14 MEETING

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

### **VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING** 14 JULY 2025

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on July 14, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Plugge. The members present were Plugge, Tetschner, Einspahr and Nordhues. Also present: Rick Custard and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Vice-Chairman Plugge proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Tetschner, seconded by Nordhues to approve the June 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The board discussed a bid from Husker Asphalt Solutions for \$25,650 to fix three holes/bad spots around town and seal the streets that have been resurfaced recently. It was motioned by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to accept this bid. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The board discussed putting some mud rock on the west side of Randolph street when entering the village. They also discussed Walnut street heading up to Randy Mc-Cain's property. These topics will be on the agenda for the August board meeting.

WATER: A water inspection will be done next week.

### **SEWER:** Was discussed. **USER FEES:** Were discussed.

MAY CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300 and Kick it Spraying for \$225. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Mo-

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claims. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

**GENERAL:** Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$81.86; Nebraska Northeast Telephone Company, Internet, telephone, \$131.12; Rick Custard, streets, mowing, cleanup, trimming, \$990.00; Plugge's Rod Shbop, Labor on mower servicing, \$61.80; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$78.12; Spalding Farm & Home, Shop & park supplies, \$129.98; One Call Concepts, Call before you dig/811, \$3.67; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt

Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Envelopes & ink, \$183.51, Salary, \$494.07

**TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:** \$4,146.13 TOTAL **KENO EXPENSES:** 

SEWER: Loup Valleys RPPD,

Utilities- May & June, \$137.46; Kick It Spraying, Lagoon spraying, \$225.00 **TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES:** 

\$362.46

STREETS: Miller & Associates, Engineer services, \$2,372.00; Central Economic Development Grant management, District, \$4,675.00; Loup Valleys RPPD, Utilities- May & June, \$1,937.80

**TOTAL STREET EXPENSES:** \$8,984.80

WATER: Loup Valleys RPPD, Utilities- May & June, \$1,200.00; Central District Health Department, Water testing, \$78.00; Wiese Waterworks, Water line & curb stop, \$3,173.25; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

**TOTAL WATER EXPENSES:** \$4,751,25

**GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDI-**TURES: \$18,244.64

OTHER BUSINESS: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to keep a full route agreement with Sapp Bros. This will keep the well house and village shop full of propane at all times. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The board discussed a contract concerning Wilkins Architecture concerning the CCCFF grant the village was awarded in conjunction with the school. This company will evaluate and assess the village's facilities and develop an action plan to present to the community in regard to a community center. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to approve the contract between Wilkins and the town. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to approve the Wietzki bid to repair the park shelter as soon as possible. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

Einspahr made a motion, which was seconded by Nordhues to hire Dave Bloom to spray 3-4 times in town as soon as possible and before fair week. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Williamson. Abstained: Motion Carried.There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 7:00

Dated this 14th day of July 2025. PUBLISH: July 23, 2025

### NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

THE WINDMILL IN BARTLETT

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL** OF RETAIL CLASS "C" LIQUOR **LICENSE** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 53-135.01 liquor licenses may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2025, for the following retail liquor licensee to wit:

The Windmill at Highway 281, Bartlett, NE.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Bartlett on or before August 10, 2025 in the office of the Village Clerk that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should allowed.

Emma Smith Village Clerk

Village of Bartlett PUBLISH: July 23, 2025

### **ANNUAL SALARIES**

THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT, a Nebraska municipality, ANNUAL RE-PORT OF EMPLOYEE SALARIES as of July 16, 2025, published per NE §19-1102:

Village Board Chairman & Trust-

ees, \$50/meeting attended; Village Clerk/Treasurer, \$20.00/hour; Water Operator, \$300.00/month. PUBLISH: July 23, 2025

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

ANTELOPE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**NOTICE OF MEETING ANTELOPE COUNTY** HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Antelope County Historical Society will hold their quarterly meeting on July 27, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Antelope County Museum, 410 L Street, Neligh, NE 68756. An agenda is posted at the museum and may be viewed during regular business hours. The meeting is opened to the public. PUBLISH: July 23, 2025 ZNEZ

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 14, 2025 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular July Meeting EPS Board Room** 

July 14, 2025, 8:00 AM President Lisa Welding called the Regular July Board Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Board members present were Steve Busteed, Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle, and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Todd Heithoff motioned; Luke Hinkle seconded to excuse Eric Beckman and Ron Bode from the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

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

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

Todd Heithoff motioned and Steve Busteed second to approve the Consent Agenda: #6- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #7- Adopt the Agenda, #8- Financial Report, #9-Board Bills. Motion carried, vote

Amazon, \$2,275.24; Amplify, Instru Expense, \$45,514.00; Appeara, Maintenance, \$129.06; Applied Connective Technologies, Business Expense, \$156.00, Business Expense, \$2,094.50; Beckman Lumber, Instru Expense, \$580.00; Bishop Business, business Expense, \$81.09; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$520.84; Blick Art Materials, Instru Expense, \$979.20; Carhart Lumber, Maintenance, \$134.97; Cengage, Instru Expense, \$432.58; City of Elgin, Maintenance, \$5,735.47; Computer Hardware, Instru Expense, \$293.00; Dean's Market, Instru Expense, \$22.33, maintenance, \$19.68, Board Expense, \$15.07; Eakes, Maintenance, \$967.07; ESU #8, Instru Expense, \$40.00, SpEd Expense, \$539.00; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$660.63; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$595.02; Elgin Review, Board Expense, \$70.70; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,544.54; EPS Operations, Instru Expense, \$61.59; FES, business Expense, \$1,383.00; Great America Financial Svcs, business Expense, \$965.38; Great Plains Communication, business Expense, \$343.72; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$144.00; Jerry's Feed Service, maintenance, \$25.92; JMC, business Expense, \$3,889.52; Junior Library Guild, Instru Expense, \$2,697.29; JW Pepper, Instru Expense, \$890.75; Kayton International, Maintenance, \$3,000.00; Mid-American Research Chemicals, maintenance, \$3,395.93; NA-SCO, instru Expense, \$1,448.21; NebraskaLand, instru Expense, \$18.00; NCSA, Admin Expense, \$75.00; NRCSA, Board Expense, \$850.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$1,089.60; Plank Road Publishing, instru Expense, \$516.63; Ramsey, Instru Expense, \$519.82; Renaissance Learning, Instru Expense, \$2,959.00; Sands Truck Service & Repair, Transportation, \$4,592.25; Software Unlimited, Business Expense, \$11,346.00; TMS

Business, Expense, \$64.89; US Bank, \$885.37; Vector Solutions, Instru Expense, \$1,060.89; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$65.10; WageWorks, Instru Expense, \$139.25; Waste Connections, Maintenance, \$47.00; Wells Fargo, Business Expense, \$174.06 Total Board Bills: \$107,238.56

Payroll: \$240,588.75 Total Board Bills/ Payroll:

\$347,827.31

President Welding called the public hearing to order for Student Fees Policy, 504.19; Bullying Prevention Policy, 504.20; Parent Involvement Policy, 1005.03; Health & Wellness Policy 508.13 at 8:04 a.m. The board reviewed the Student Fees Policy, Bullying Prevention Policy, Parent Involvement Policy & Health & Wellness Policy. There was no comment from the public. The hearing adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

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

There were no correspondence or committee reports.

In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff gave an update on the ELL program. Also gave an update on the start of the school year.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the yearly budget. Also updated the board with Title I, Title IIA and Title IV funds.

In action items, Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busteed second to approve the Student Fees Policy, 504.19 as presented. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteed motioned Todd Heithoff second to approve Bullying Prevention Policy, 504.20 as presented. Vote 4-0, motion car-Heithoff motioned Hinkle sec-

ond to approve Parent Involvement policy, 1005.03 as presented. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned, Busteed second, to approve the health and wellness policy 508.13 as present-

ed. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Busteed motioned and Heithoff second to 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 Paren-

tal and Family Involvement in the Schools; 1005.13 Parental Access to Library Materials. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned and Busteed seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Board Goals. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned, Heithoff seconded to approve to purchase the 2025 Ford Transit T350 from Courtesy Ford for \$64,112.00. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

The motion to trade in the white minivan for \$1,000 at Courtesy Ford was approved by Heithoff and seconded by Busteed. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Busteed motioned to approve the continued contract with Dana F. Cole and Company LLP for years 2027 for \$15,400, year 2028 for \$16,600 and year 2029 for \$17,800. Hinkle seconded. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned and Busteed second to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Bode, Secretary Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

-- This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting. PUBLISH: July 23, 2025 ZNEZ

### **NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL**

**ZNEZ** 

KNBB ENTERPRISE LLC dba/City Limits

### **NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE** Notice is hereby given that pur-

suant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2025 for the following retail Class C licensee to-wit:

KNBB ENTERPRISE LLC dba/City Limits 200 South Second Street, in Elgin, Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that writ-

ten protests to the issuance of automatic renewal license may be filed by any resident of the City of Elgin, on or before Aug.10, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Kristin L. Childers, City Clerk PUBLISH: July 23, 2025

### **Court News**

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

Jeffrey J. Kallhoff, Roca, NE, 5/25/25, Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Miller.

Joni K. Poutre, Omaha, NE, 6/13/25, Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Ternus.

Eric W Wegener, Bassett, NE 6/1/25 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$25.00 - Downing.

Scott S Schnabel, Tampa, FL 6/27/25 Speeding 75/65 MPH, fined \$25.00 - Detlefsen.

Eberardo Olguin Olguin (Aschoff Construction Inc), Norfolk, NE 6/9/25 CMV-Tire other, fined \$50.00 - Asche.

Austin L Vietor, Elgin, NE 4/13/25 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$30.00 - Barker.

Stephanie A Suhr, Elgin, NE 3/30/25 DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fined \$500.00 + drug testing/ probation administrative enrollment/probation/breath test fees totalling \$370.00, probation of 8 months, license revoked for 60 days and interlock device ordered - Barker.

Clarissa A Havemann, Valentine, NE 5/25/25 No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$25.00 - Barker.

Carlos Ortuno Perez, Fremont, NE 525/25 Speeding 80/65 MPH- fined \$75.00- Barker.

Alexander J Kuhl, Plainview, NE 5/28/25 Speeding 70/65 MPH, fined \$10.00 - Hilliard. Mason R Siems, Tilden, NE 6/28/25 Possess/consume open

alcohol container, fined \$50.00 -Joseph H Racheli, Longmont, CO 6/3/25 Speeding 79/65 MPH, fined \$75.00 - Barker.

Kathy L Sterchi, Dalton, GA 6/15/25 Speeding 75/65 MPH, fined \$25.00 - Hartley.

◆ FROM Page 1 stock is from 8 a.m. to noon. The Bucket Calf Interviews are

from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The final event of the day is the Ag Olympics at 7 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. Thursday activities get un-

derway with the Rabbit Show at 8 a.m. The second year Bucket Calf Interviews are from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Sheep Show starts at 1 p.m.

Livestock facilities will open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Goat Show will be at 3:30

The Pavilion will open from 4

p.m. until 7 p.m. Registration for the Livestock Judging Contest will

begin at 5 p.m. The Livestock Judging Contest starts at 6 p.m.

The Beer Garden will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight. The last event of the day is the Bull Riding which will be at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand.

Friday, August 1 will be the Swine Show at 8:30 a.m. Judging of eggs and poultry caged

classes will be from 8 a.m. until

The Exhibit Building and Livestock Facilities will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. The pavilion will be open from noon until 8 p.m.

The Poultry Show gets underway at 1 p.m.

The carnival will be open from 6 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. From 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Beer Garden will be open.

The final event of the day will be Bull Riding at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand. The busiest day of the fair,

the one which brings the most people to the fairgrounds will be Saturday, August 2. It begins with the Beef Show

The horseshoe pitching con-

test will be at 1:30 p.m. east of the tennis courts. Starting At 4 p.m. will be the

Premium Auction. The Antique Tractor Parade will be at 3:30 p.m. at Riverside

The Antelope County Barbecue and Brownie and Ice Cream Social will be at the Riverside Park at 4:30 p.m.

The Aksarben Farm Family wards will be at 5 p m. The carnival will be open from 6

p.m. until 11:30 p.m. The Beer Garden will be open from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. The final event of the day is the Demo Derby and surprise drone show

at 8 p.m. Sunday will start with a Pancake Feed at Riverside Park from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The community church service will be by the Pavilion at 10 a.m. Also at 10 a.m. will be the Small Animal Round Robin which will be followed by the Large

Animal Round Robin. The 4H Fashion Revue and Awards Ceremony will begin at noon at the Livestock Show

At 2:30 p.m. the Exhibit Building will close.

From 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. the Livestock exhibits will be released and cleaned up.

The final fair event is the Outlaw Truck/Tractor Pull. It will be held in front of the grandstand and the beer garden

will be open. Make some memories at this year's Antelope County Fair!

### Norfolk to host 'drones in ag' conference

Nebraska Extension and Northeast Community College in Norfolk are hosting the third annual Nebraska Agriculture and Spray Drone Conference, Aug. 21-22 at the college.

As the largest agriculture drone-focused conference in the Midwest, the event brings together industry leaders, researchers, legal experts and

drone innovators for two days of education, collaboration and cutting-edge insights. Nebraska Extension has long

been a leader in drone education, hosting seven statewide events since August 2023 featuring internationally recognized experts," said Dirk Charlson, extension educator for digital agriculture. Returning ex-

perts include Steve Li, Auburn University; Julius Petri, Pix4D; Jonathan Rupprecht, Rupprecht Law; Al Brunner, Federal Aviation Administration; and Kevin Knorr, Volitant Technologies. New to the lineup are Nathan Stein, AirStrikeAg; Tim Pearson, Taranis; Vaughn Tolbert, VT Insurance; and Joel Jones, Orange Coast College.



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### **CARD OF THANKS**

I would like to thank Dennis & Lynell Morgan for giving me the great Open House for my retirement from the Elgin Review. It was so much appreciated. Also, thanks to all who attended to make my day so special. Love you all.

Bernice (Bernie) Siems

### **CARD OF THANKS**

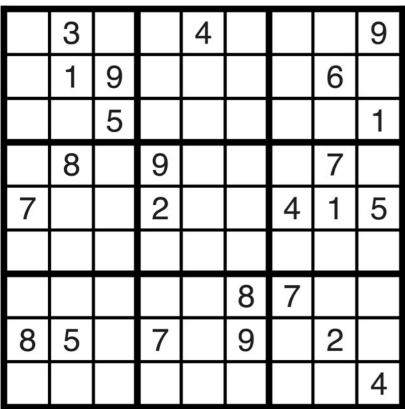
Elgin Community, thank you so much for your donations to the Elgin Community Foundation Scholarship. I am grateful to have been chosen as a recipient, and I appreciate your support and generosity as I work towards my goal of becoming a teacher! Thank you,

Kaitey Schumacher

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### Salvaging a cutting of rained-on hay

Nothing's more frustrating than watching a good cutting of alfalfa get rained on before it's in the bale. While rain on cut hay is far from ideal, it doesn't necessarily mean the crop is worthless. With some management, rained-on hay can still be salvaged and used effectively in your feeding program.

Let's start with the basics. When hay is rained on after cutting, both yield and quality can take a hit. The severity of that loss depends on a few factors: how dry the hay was when the rain fell, how much rain occurred, and whether it was a single event or multiple rounds of moisture.

Wisconsin research found that if 1 inch of rain fell one day after alfalfa was cut, there was about a 22% dry matter loss. Compare that to a 6% yield loss in hay that wasn't rained on, and you see how quickly things can go downhill. If the hay was exposed to 1.6 inches of rain spread over a few days, yield losses nearly doubled to 44%. The longer the hay lays in the field wet, the more potential for damage.

Interestingly, grass hay often fares a bit better. Because grasses have fewer leaves and more

structural stems, they're less prone to loss from leaching and leaf shatter. although they're not

immune.

In terms of quality, University of Minnesota research shows that rain on partially dried alfalfa doesn't drastically affect protein levels-unless you lose a lot of leaves, which is where most of the protein resides. What takes a bigger hit are the carbohydrates—those digestible sugars and starches that contribute to the energy

content of the hay. Carbohydrate losses can range from 6% to as much as 40%, depending on how wet things get. That means lower energy feed, which might be fine for maintenance but not ideal for lactating cows or growing calves.

Another concern with rained-on hay is the increased risk of mold growth and heat damage during storage. Hay put up too wet can heat up, leading to caramelization which reduces protein content or even spon-

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**Beef Systems** Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

taneous combustion in extreme cases. If you're baling hay that's been rained on, be extra cautious with moisture content and monitor bales for heating.

Extended field drying can also affect future cuttings. Windrows that sit in place for days on end can smother regrowth and reduce yield on the next harvest. If you can, try to remove cut forage as quickly as possible after a rain either by baling, chopping, or, in some

cases, even using it as mulch if it's no longer feed-worthy.

To help the hay dry faster and more evenly, consider turning the windrows once the field dries out. This fluffs up the forage and exposes wetter material to sunlight and airflow. Be sure to keep in mind that even a damp field can suffer from compaction if heavy machinery is brought in too soon. If the hay is severely damaged and can't be baled, chopping may be an option for silage or green feeding—just be sure to account for potential nutrient losses in your ration balancing and bloat risk for green feed.

If you do end up storing rained-on hay, don't guess at the quality. A forage test is your best tool. Lab analysis will tell you what nutrients are actually left in the bale and help you decide where that hay fits in your feeding plan. Don't overlook this step—especially if you're feeding high-value animals or formulating rations.

Finally, don't forget to check those rained-on windrows for pest problems. Wet, stagnant forage can become a haven for insects and weeds. A little scouting now can prevent bigger issues later.

So while a summer rain on cut hay isn't something any of us look forward to, it doesn't have to be a total loss. With some good management and realistic expectations, you can still make the most of a rainedon cutting.

- 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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### **Crossword Puzzle Clues**

### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Pacific Standard Time 4. Extracts through heating and melting
- 10. Express delight
- 11. More curvy
- 12. Expression of uncertainty
- 14. Indicates before
- 15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus 16. Southwestern CA city
- 18. Unified
- 22. Less attractive
- 23. Base of jellies
- 24. A large and noisy party
- 26. He was traded for Luka
- 27. Wolverine genus
- 28. "Happy Days" actress Moran 30. Root of taro plant
- 31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
- 34. Silk garments
- 36. Unique power 37. Ray Liotta cop film
- 39. Leak slowly through
- 40. Notion
- 41. Atomic #55 42. Fixed in one place
- 48. About heat 50. Type of baseball pitch
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Large wading birds
- 53. Similar

- 54. Time zone
- 55. Atomic #34 56. Program
- 58. Old world, new
- 59. Contrary belief
- 60. "To the \_\_ degree" **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Plain-woven fabric
- 2. Classed
- 3. Suppositions
- 4. Midway between south and
- 5. Tropical American trees 6. Leveled
- 7. Published false statement
- 8. Adolescent
- 9. Junior's father 12. Aurochs
- 13. Not low
- 17. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Short musical composition 20. Small immature herrings
- 21. Eavesdropper
- 25. Parcels of land
- 29. Anger
- 31. Irritations
- 32. Hindu holy man
- 33. Wicker basket for fish
- 35. Natural object
- 41. A dog is one 43. Smaller portion
- 38. Transporting in a vehicle
- 44. Sew 45. Belonging to a thing 46. Horsley and Greenwood are

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- 47. Scottish language
- 49. Producer
- 56. Exclamation of surprise
- 57. Russian river

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### **Spinning Tales**

### Hanging out with Fox's Tyrus, Kat Timpf and the Randolph High School alumni

Let's just call it a 'FOX' weekend. Not for politics, for comedy. Earlier this month, I swept the wife away for a weekend of

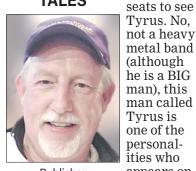
her favorite things. First, on a Friday night, in a

quick trip to

Élkhorn, we

had great

**SPINNING TALES** 



(although he is a BIG man), this man called Tyrus is one of the personalities who appears on the show **Dennis Morgan** 'Gutfeld' on the Fox News Network. He's the voice of common

'talking heads' who seldom venture away from New York City or Washington, D.C. Tyrus is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Kearney (Kearney State to us Lopers who graduated in the early

sense for those who don't let

their minds be shaped by

1980s and before). He may be the most famous UNK graduate of all-time, but you wouldn't know it because he's as common as you and I.

During a set which lasted over 90 minutes, he dropped more than 30 F-bombs on the audience, consisting of mostly middle-aged men and women. Funny thing, I don't think many people noticed the language because it's become a verb. Oh, you might get a technical foul from an official if you utter the word, you might a look of scorn from a grandpa or grandma, maybe a teacher or a preacher. But, from everyone else, I don't think you get much of a reaction anymore (there's not enough soap to wash out everyone's mouth who crosses that line).

Anyway, Tyrus is a common-sense man who happens to support President Donald

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Saturday, July 26 Pope John Alumni Softball Tournament\* ■ Elgin Community Christian

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Tuesday, August 5 Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Friday, August 8 Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce End-of-the-Summer Steak Fry @ Elgin City Park\*.

Monday, August 11 District #18 School Board meeting.

Tuesday, August 12 Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.



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Trump - the man, not necessari- ready to go home.

Much of what he said was facts, but half the country won't listen anymore. That's where we are now.

One of the stories he told was about having six children, two coming from his wife's previous relationship. Of the six, he told the story about traveling through an airport where, at customs, he explained three were the same age (13). I guess it was a productive year for the former football player, bodyguard, comedian, etc. He said the customs agent gave him quite the hard time, thinking he was a sex trafficker, before sending them all on their merry

From Tyrus it was on to Lynell's 45th class reunion at Randolph Saturday night. The event was held in the refurbished Randolph Auditorium. For a building constructed in the 1930s, it sure looks great on the inside.

There were four or five members of her class that attended the all-school reunion. She had a great time. It's hard to attend these type of events when you're not from the area and don't know any of her classmates. The ones I did know did not attend as there are no connecting flights from Las Vegas to Randolph this time of year.

It's a two-way street as I know she's felt the same way when she's gone to my class reunion. My 50th will be next year, celebrating as the Class of 76' at Seward High School.

Yup, we were the Bicentennial Kids. That was a time when classic cars cruised the streets, great music filled the airwaves and, at least in our eyes, the world was 'young' and full of possibilities.

The weekend wrapped up in Norfolk in a comedy club being entertained by, of all people, Kat Timpf.

She's one of the regular personalities on 'Gutfeld' and she put on a show typical of a New Yorker suddenly living in rural America.

A libertarian with a sassy mouth, she made us laugh, she made us cringe and, by the end of the show I think she was

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The oddness of the occasion I'm sure goes both ways, I wouldn't know which way to turn if suddenly I was alone in East Harlem near where she once lived.

Kat's had a heckuva year. She recently gave birth and found out on that same day she had breast cancer. She told everyone at the show that in a few days, upon returning to New York, she was going to have breast reconstruction. Among the other nuggets from her life she shared

was that she met her husband, a military man on Tinder, and her previous boyfriend broke up with her while on a family outing at Coney Island. All these anecdotes drew laughter.

With the weekend, my wife has seen in person four of the five main voices of 'The Five' - Jessie Walters, Greg Gutfeld, Tyrus and now Timpf. I've seen them too, quite the lineup.

I think the best comedians use their life's stories to make the best jokes.

It was a wild weekend, complete with a visit to my motherin-law's house where all is as well as it can be.

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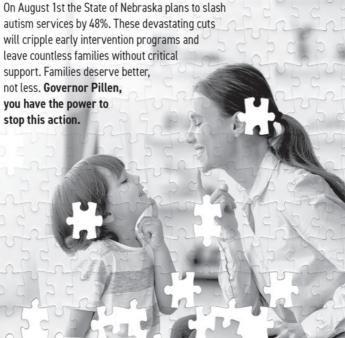


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# Wolfpack Sports

### EPPJ golf team gets great grades

The EPPJ boys golf team was a recipient of the Nebraska Coaches Association 2024-2025 Currency Academic Excellence Award. They were able to finish the spring semester with a team GPA above 3.30! Just 15 schools in Class D received recognition. Congratulations! Team members this season were (front row, I-r): Gavin Kallhoff, Molly Thiessen, Dannyka Smidt and Kellan Hoefer. Back row: Karson Kallhoff, Creighton Harkins, Landyn Veik and Michael Selting.

File photo

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this week, and there is growing concern about the impact on dry land crops. Elgin received only .09 of an inch of moisture when thunderstorms moved through the area last Sunday

St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin was the setting on April 30, 2005, when Anney Marker and Eric Beckman, both of Bartlett, exchanged wedding vows. The ceremony was officiated by Revs. Tom Bauwens and James Murphy.

### Court

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