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In Brief

Building permit for Elgin Livestock Sales approved

Meeting lasted just six minutes.

Some meetings take in excess of an hour, sometimes two, depending on what's on the agenda.

Then there are those meetings which are over as quickly as they began.

It took just six minutes for the Elgin City Council to meet and adjourn last Wednesday, June 17.

All four members of the council were present as was Mayor Mike Schmitt. They gathered to act on a building permit application submitted by Ted Baum for Elgin Livestock Sales, Inc. seeking to expand their operation to the south of the sale barn.

The council approved the request on a 4-0 vote then adjourned the meeting.

Time to turn in LB840 surveys is approaching

Deadline is August 1

City Hall mailed out surveys to Elgin residents last week as part of an ongoing effort to get LB840 on the ballot for the November general election. The surveys need to be completed and returned no later than August 1. A committee is seeking to let voters decide whether or not to add a 1/2 cent sales tax which would be used for economic development.

Anyone with questions on the merits of LB840 should contact city hall where attempts will be made to answer questions or direct to another individual who is in a better position to provide precise information. Many communities across the state have benefited from LB840 in recent years.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Class C Liquor License Renewal — Antelope Country Club

Notice of Informal Probate — Estate of Dean S. Henn

Proceedings — July 17, 2004 meeting of the Elgin City Council

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 90 degrees recorded on July 14. The low temperature during the same period was 56 degrees recorded on July 17.

Altogether, 0.55 of an inch 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 14	90	66	.63
July 15	89	66	.00
July 16	80	61	.00
July 17	79	56	.00
July 18	80	62	.00
July 19	72	62	.55
July 20	79	60	.00
Total for last week			0.55
Total for July			1.99
Total precipitation 2024			17.57



A free splash zone!

Free Red Cross swimming lessons - courtesy of the Bargain Box - concluded last week at the Elgin Swimming Pool. Nearly 90 youth took advantage of the lessons over a two-week period. Here, pool personnel take a group of 3-year-olds through the paces. Some took to the water like fish, some weren't so thrilled with it. E-R photos/LMorgan

Antelope County Fair set to get underway

By Olivia Klein

student intern

The 2024 Antelope County Fair is just days away.

Events will get underway starting Monday, July 29 and concluding on Sunday, August 4. Cleanup will be held on August 5.

To kick off fair week the Horse Show will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 29. This includes all classes except Speed Events, Working Ranch and Roping.

Tuesday, July 30, begins with the Open Class Entries running from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Exhibit building at the north door.

The Speed Events, Working Ranch and Roping for the Horse Show will begin at 9 a.m.

The Favorite Foods entry and interviews will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cake Decorating interviews are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Food and Nutrition entry, and interviews are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Clover Kids entry and interviews are from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Entry Day for all other static exhibits not already entered will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Entries after 7 p.m. will be dropped a ribbon placing and will be considered late.

The Bucket Calf interviews are also from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m. is the Early Livestock Entry and Team Penning. The Team Penning will be held in the horse arena.

The first event on Wednesday, July 31 is the Open Class Judging. This event is from 8 a.m. to noon in the Exhibit building and is not open to the public.

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Pillen releases property tax reduction plan

Special legislative session begins Thursday in Lincoln

Last week, Governor Jim Pillen joined state senators Lou Ann Linehan (District 39) and Robert Clements (District 2), presenting a sweeping plan for property tax reform.

The entire proposal would slash property taxes paid by Nebraskans by an average of 50 percent, representing the largest property tax cut in Nebraska history.

A copy of the plan is available on the Governor's website: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/nebraska-property-tax-plan>.

"This is unacceptable and it's accelerating," said Gov. Pillen. "In a few short years Nebraskans will be paying \$1 million a day in property taxes.

That's \$6 billion a year. Property taxes are hurting young people, our seniors, homeowners, renters, farmers, business owners. We need state senators to enter the upcoming special session with the determination to fix this issue immediately."

During the news conference, Sen. Linehan outlined key objectives of the comprehensive tax proposal which include:

- Slashing property taxes by an average of 50%
- Having the state assume greater funding of K-12 public schools
- Ensuring that investments in public safety are protected and exempt from hard caps on local government tax collections
- Placing limits on local tax collections
- Identifying massive savings at the state level and running state government like a business
- "Local spending is a significant

issue when it comes to ever-rising property taxes, and one that we need to finally address," said Sen. Linehan. "If local governments want to collect more in property taxes, then that decision should be left to taxpayers. That is flexible and that is fair. It creates a pathway for community growth, but with reasonable controls."

Local government spending has caused property taxes to balloon by \$1 billion in the last five years.

"While we call for spending restraint at the local level, we need to do the same in state government. When we talk about running government like a business, this is integral to the goal," said Gov. Pillen. "Money saved can

be directed to providing property tax reform, which is necessary to making us more competitive and ultimately, to growing Nebraska." In addition to expanding state funding of public schools, which would be phased in over three years, and limiting local property tax collections, cutting state expenditures is a significant and necessary feature of reducing property taxes. The plan cuts state spending by \$350 million, leverages \$235 million in idle cash funds, and uses federal funds to supplant general funds.

The elimination of 114 tax exemptions would generate an estimated \$950 million in property tax relief. Food and medications would remain untouched,

but things like cigarettes, candy, pop, games of skill and other items would be taxable, as they are in other states.

"Special interest groups have been very successful in carving out tax exemptions," said Gov. Pillen. "Over time, they have eroded our tax base. This proposal better balances the state's three-legged stool and broadens that base, putting the choice to spend in the hands of consumers."

Further, the plan calls for retooling credits to taxpayers, so they are loaded on the front end, instead of taxpayers having to claim them on the back end. In 2022, over half of all Nebraska property taxpayers did not claim these benefits.

DeKay: Not backing any specific proposal right now

By Barry DeKay

state senator

As you may have read or heard, Governor Pillen announced his intention to call the Legislature back in special session relating to property taxes beginning July 25th until "unfinished business" is resolved. On the last day of session, the Legislature did not take a final vote on the session's property tax package since that bill's introducer did not believe they had the votes necessary to overcome a filibuster. Since the Legislature adjourned, senators including myself have spent countless hours dedicated to talking with various groups and fellow lawmakers about how to address the property tax issue.

As of this writing, Speaker Arch has asked the Legislature to plan to be available beginning Thursday, July 25 to Saturday, July 27 for bill introduction. The public hearings for bills introduced will start the morning of Monday, July 29th and will likely continue through the remainder of the week. I predict debate on any bills advanced from committee will begin the week of August 4th, though this timeline is subject to various factors such as the time spent by the Revisors' Office to draft any amendments. While bills are being prepared, the Legislature will likely take up pending gubernatorial appointments and decide whether to approve

or reject the Governor's appointees to various state agencies, boards, and commissions. I anticipate the Legislature will adjourn in mid-August due to the complex nature of the topic at hand.

In a special session, the legislative process is somewhat condensed. Bills can be introduced during the first three days. Senators may only introduce legislation within the scope of the proclamation issued by the Governor, which traditionally covers only one or two subjects. For example, a senator likely could not bring a bill pertaining to prisons in the upcoming special session, but changes to property assessment, school funding, or tax exemptions would probably be permissible. The Governor can amend his proclamation at any time to expand the scope of the special session. Once introduced, each bill's public hearing must take place no more than five calendar days after such bills are referred to committee. Bills advanced by committee must then pass through three rounds of debate like in a regular legislative session before they can be signed or vetoed by



State Senator
Barry DeKay

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Two Rhubarb Crunches



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They requested a recipe for rhubarb crisp, so I am giving you two different recipes and ideas you can make.
Ladies.... I am expecting some feed back or samples. Hope you enjoy either recipe. These

recipes will be included in the next editing cookbook.
Yummy!

JoAnn



RHUBARB CRUNCH

4 cups diced rhubarb
2 Tbls flour
1 cup white sugar
1 cup flour

1 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 beaten egg

Spray a 9x13 pan with Pam® no stick.
Mix the rhubarb, flour and sugar and spread in the pan.
Mix the rest of the ingredients and crumble on top of the rhubarb mixture.
Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes (325° for a glass pan).
HINT: This recipe can be used with apples also, not just rhubarb.

RHUBARB CRUNCH

1-1/2 cups flour
1-1/4 cups oatmeal
1-1/2 cups brown sugar
3/4 cup butter (1-1/2 sticks)

1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbls cornstarch
1 cup water
1 cup sugar

Mix flour, oatmeal, brown sugar and butter with a pastry cutter.
Put half of the mixture on bottom of a 9x9 pan.
Top with 4 cups diced rhubarb.
Cook water, sugar, cornstarch and vanilla until thick.
Pour over the rhubarb and top with the remaining crunch mixture.
Bake at 425° for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350° for 30-40 more minutes.
Yummy!
HINT: If you make a 9x13 pan of this recipe remember to double the ingredients!

Bartlett Bits

My father Ellis Schrunk died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, Tuesday morning July 16, 2024. Thankfully, his wish to die at home was fulfilled with the help of family members. Janna Schrunk and her daughter Meghan Hester helped fulfill that wish along with hospice care provided by Asera Care out of O'Neill. The nurses and nurses aides did an amazing job helping to make my Dad's last days comfortable.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin with the Reverend Norlyn Bartens officiating. Many, many friends and family came to say their good-byes to my Dad. He had so many connections and remained fairly active

even at the age of 92. He leaves a huge void in so many lives, especially his family. We are so blessed to have had a Dad that lived to be almost 93 years old.

By Sherry Tetschner



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Double standards exist between boys and girls

The number of times I'm told that something isn't fair in my home is astounding. My new go to is to tell them that it is fair, it just isn't equal. That's true most of the time. However, after sending off my youngest (who happens to be a girl) to camp, I can tell you that we don't always treat boys and girls the same. There are a lot of double standards.

My boys are now 14 and 12, but when they first went off to camp, I was filled with excitement for them. Sure, I was a little nervous, mostly for their safety since they can be a bit crazy. I didn't worry about home sickness, or if they would make friends. I was excited for their new adventure. My daughter, who is 8, just left and letting my baby go was much harder than I expected. I was

still excited for her to experience camp. I was also filled with a lot of anxiety and worry as she climbed aboard the bus.

It's not much different from when they were toddlers. When a little boy falls, we often tell them to toughen up or "rub some dirt on it". We expect them to grow up to be men and somehow think expecting them to act a certain way will achieve that goal. We're much softer with our girls. We're offering Band-Aids even when there isn't blood and cuddling a little longer. The same holds true for girls. We expect different things from them than we do from boys. There isn't the same

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

wear "cool" clothes, etc. Society puts way more emphasis on women's looks in general. Girls are younger and younger when they start wearing makeup. From a young age they are worried about their weight, their hair, their clothes, and more.

Girls aren't encouraged enough to go into certain fields or study certain disciplines. It has changed a lot over the years. But industries such as oil and gas and cybersecurity see very little women. If they do enter that industry, they are likely to face unique challenges as they navigate the differences in how they are treated.

We expect girls to be more dramatic when going through puberty. Although I may not have a teenage daughter yet, I do have a teenage son and I'm here to tell you there is plenty of sass in boys too. Although the stereotype is there, we allow or expect certain behaviors from one and not the other.

Although we may not all realize it, I know that I'm guilty of it myself. I try not to hold them to different standards but it's hard not to do. I think the takeaway here is that every child is unique and different. Not all boys or girls fit into a certain box or stereotype. Not all children react in the same way. Some boys are homesick and need extra cuddles and some girls won't ever be interested in makeup.

I'm going to vow to try and meet each kid where they are and love them how God made them. Will I be perfect? Absolutely not. Sometimes recognizing our double standards can be the first step in fixing them.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatired-momma@gmail.com.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, July 24
Retirement Open House for Chris Redding @ TC Vet Clinic in Elgin.*

Friday - Sunday, July 26-28
Tilden Prairie Days *

Saturday, July 27
Pope John alumni softball tournament @ Petersburg.*

Monday - Sunday, July 29-August 4
Antelope County Fair @ Neligh.

Tuesday - Sunday, July 30-August 4
Wheeler County Fair @ Bartlett.

Monday, August 5
Elgin City Council regular meeting.*

Tuesday, August 6
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

Tuesday, August 13
District #18 School Board meeting - Antelope County Commissioners mtg.



Events listing courtesy of
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OBITUARIES

Ellis V. Schrunk, 92



Ellis Schrunk, 92 of Bartlett, NE passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, July 16, 2024, following a brief illness with Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin, NE with Rev. Norlyn Bartens officiating. Interment followed at Park Cemetery, rural Elgin, NE. Visitation was held 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church, with a 7 p.m. Service of Remembrance.

Memorials are suggested to the Wheeler County Foundation Fund or to the family for later designation.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of arrangements.

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

Ellis Velern Schrunk was born August 1, 1931, to Earl and Gertrude (Schober) Schrunk at the Schrunk's rural home southwest of Ewing.

He was the first of eight children born to Earl and Gertrude. He attended grade school, just turning 5, at District I walking or driving the pony cart with his siblings. At a young age he helped with the milking, chores, and raising pigs.

One of his money-making projects was trapping mink and muskrat on the Clearwater Creek. He attended Wheeler County High School and graduated with the class of 1948. Ellis stayed in the Boy's Dormitory, which was a county boarding school, during his high school years coming home only on weekends.

Although he had lost fingers in a farming accident during his sophomore year, he participated in chorus, band, basketball, track and softball. He enjoyed music and took vocal solos to the District Music Contest. One of the high school stories, discovered in his box of memory items, was a notebook with notes from one of his classes. The book had a pocket with a note saying, for anyone borrowing his notes, to deposit money. That must have been the easiest way for his classmates to avoid taking notes themselves. After graduation Ellis stayed home for 5 years to help his parents and continue the hog raising business and trapping. He was also a 4-H leader.

Ellis dated Lois Rossow, a Wheeler County High School 1949 graduate, for 3 years. When Lois decided to quit teaching, they began planning a wedding. Ellis and Lois were married on October 11, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin. After a honeymoon to Colorado, they moved to a 400-acre farm/ranch on the Beaver Valley.

They started their married life with Ellis's two milk cows, a Holstein and Brown Swiss, and some hogs. Several dairy cows were eventually added with the milk being separated and the cream sold to the Farmers Co-op in Elgin. The cows were milked in stantions in the 'Old Barn,' first by hand and then with milkers. A few years later Ellis built a Grade A dairy barn with the milk being picked up in tankers. The Heifers born on the farm/ranch were saved with the steers being fattened. In later years

August 1, 1931 - July 16, 2024

He was known across the state as the "Grass King" for his intensive rotational grazing practices.

the steers were taken in a stock trailer, holding 7-8 steers, to Hospers, Iowa for slaughter. After milking for 40 years, Ellis and Lois sold their milk cows to neighbors George and Marge Childers.

This decision was bittersweet for each cow had a name. After selling the dairy herd Ellis and Lois began taking in heifers or cows from the Thiele Dairy using intensive rotational grazing on irrigated grass. Later they obtained the property of Lois's parents, Earl and Mary Rossow, turning the home into Sandhills Hide a Way Guest House.

In 2013 Ellis and Lois's son Steven and his wife Janna moved into the area to be involved in Ellis and Lois's operation. Ellis was always looking for new things to try or a better way to do things. Putting irrigation on their farm had neighbors scratching their heads and telling him it wouldn't work. Over the years two types of silos were built on the farm, the Hanson and the Harvestors. Ellis's intensive rotational grazing practices have made him known throughout the state as the "Grass King."

Ellis was politically minded, enjoyed organizations and was often the lone community member at Wheeler Central School Board meetings to protest high taxes. He could be seen on the road every day on his 4-wheeler checking cattle and pivots. At the age of 92 he could still be seen on his 4-wheeler. Ellis held many offices in his life including: Wheeler County District 4 country school board, FCX(CVA) board member, past President of Wheeler County Farm Bureau, Wheeler County Foundation and past Chairman of the Wheeler County Republican party. Ellis was a member of Loup RC&D, Bartlett Lions Club, Wheeler County Zoning Board, Farm Bureau Advisory Board, Elgin Community Club and the 'Just Crusin,' Classic Car Club. Ellis was a former member of the RLDS Church (Community Church of Christ) in Clearwater. He also attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin, becoming a member May 7, 2023.

Survivors include his loving wife Lois (Rossow) of nearly 71 years of marriage and 3 children; Sherry Tetschner of Bartlett, Janet (Russ) Hale of Arvada, CO and Steven (Janna) Schrunk of Elgin. Surviving siblings are Roland (Shirley) Schrunk, Merlynn Schrunk, Earleen Jensen, Laura Ratliff, Bob (Sheila) Schrunk and Tim (Ruth) Schrunk. Grandchildren include: Andy (Nikki) Tetschner of Lincoln, Ben Tetschner of Bartlett, Luke (Angela) Tetschner of Gilbert, Arizona, Angela (Mike) Keyes of Beatrice, Nicholas (Mercie-Lynn) Schrunk of Omaha and Meghan (David) Hester of Fairmont. Great grandchildren include: Hannah and Ty Tetschner of Lincoln, Mikella Smith of Phoenix, Arizona and Mason, Myles and Madelynn Tetschner of Gilbert, Arizona, Sawyer, Winnie and Juniper Keyes of Beatrice, Kamehameha Pfiefer and Keanu Schrunk of Omaha, and Jamison Hester of Fairmont.

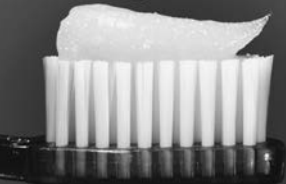
He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Alva Robinson, sisters-in-law Nila Schrunk and Carol Rossow, brothers-in-law Dorald Robinson, Dale Ratliff, Bob Markle, Marlowe Jensen and John Rossow.

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6:00 PM 11:30 PM CARNIVAL OPEN
8:00 PM BULL RIDING- GRANDSTAND (DOUBLE S BULLS)
TBA AXE KICKERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
6:00 PM-11:30 PM CARNIVAL OPEN
6:00 PM-12:30 AM BEER GARDEN* OPEN
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8:00 PM BULL RIDING- GRANDSTAND (DOUBLE S BULLS)
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
1:30 PM HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST (EAST OF TENNIS COURT)
4:00 PM LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION
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4:30 PM BROWNIE & ICE CREAM SUNDAES, SPONSORED BY NELIGH FCC- RIVERSIDE PARK
5:00 PM AKSARBEN & PIONEER FARM FAMILY AWARDS- RIVERSIDE PARK
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM-11:30 PM CARNIVAL OPEN
6:00 PM-12:30 AM BEER GARDEN* OPEN
*MUST HAVE YOUR ID FOR THE BEER GARDEN
8:00 PM DEMO DERBY, GRANDSTAND (WRECKLESS PROMOTIONS)
TBA AXE KICKERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
7:30 - 10:30 AM PANCAKE FEED - 4-H & FFA EXHIBITORS FREE. (RIVERSIDE PARK)
10:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE-BY THE PAVILION
2:00 PM (APPROX) SCAVENGER HUNT
5:00 PM OUTLAW TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLERS - GRANDSTAND; BEER GARDEN OPEN*
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COMPLETE SCHEDULE & CHANGES - SCAN THIS CODE!

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

Edward R. Murrow

Lawmakers head back to Lincoln for long-shot bid to cut property taxes

By the time you read this, state senators are expected to be trudging back to Lincoln for a special session on property tax relief.

The word "trudging" reflects the general distaste senators have for special sessions, which disrupts the lives of these part-time, underpaid (\$12,000 a year plus all you can eat and drink) lawmakers.

Generally, special sessions are called to address emergencies, such as a court ruling that renders laws or taxes untenable, or an economic downturn that requires additional cuts in state spending.

In those cases, there's a clear goal – fix the legal problem; adjust the budget.

There's a goal for the latest special session – reduce local property taxes – but the path to that goal has many directions. Taxation is one complex issue.

Finally, Gov. Jim Pillen has come out with his plan to accomplish his goal of reducing local property taxes by 40%.

Pillen's plan calls for eliminating 120 or so sales tax exemptions on things ranging from home and vehicle repairs to services provided by lawyers. Bills from Realtors and engineers would be taxes, as well as work by pet groomers and the local meat locker plant.

There's a couple of biggies: equipment used in agricultural and manufacturing and energy used in those two sectors, would be taxed, but at a much lower rate (and possibly more politically palatable), 2%. That's compared to the state's 5.5% rate on other taxable purchases.

There would also be new "sin taxes" on things like cigarettes and vaping – an idea that spawned a tsunami of lobbying during the regular session this spring. It forced Pillen to back off and water down his proposed increases back then.

All this new state tax revenue would be used for a monumental tax shift of more than \$1 billion.

The responsibility of funding local, K-12 schools would be lifted off of local property taxes, and placed onto state sales and income taxes. So a shift, not lower taxes, just different taxes.

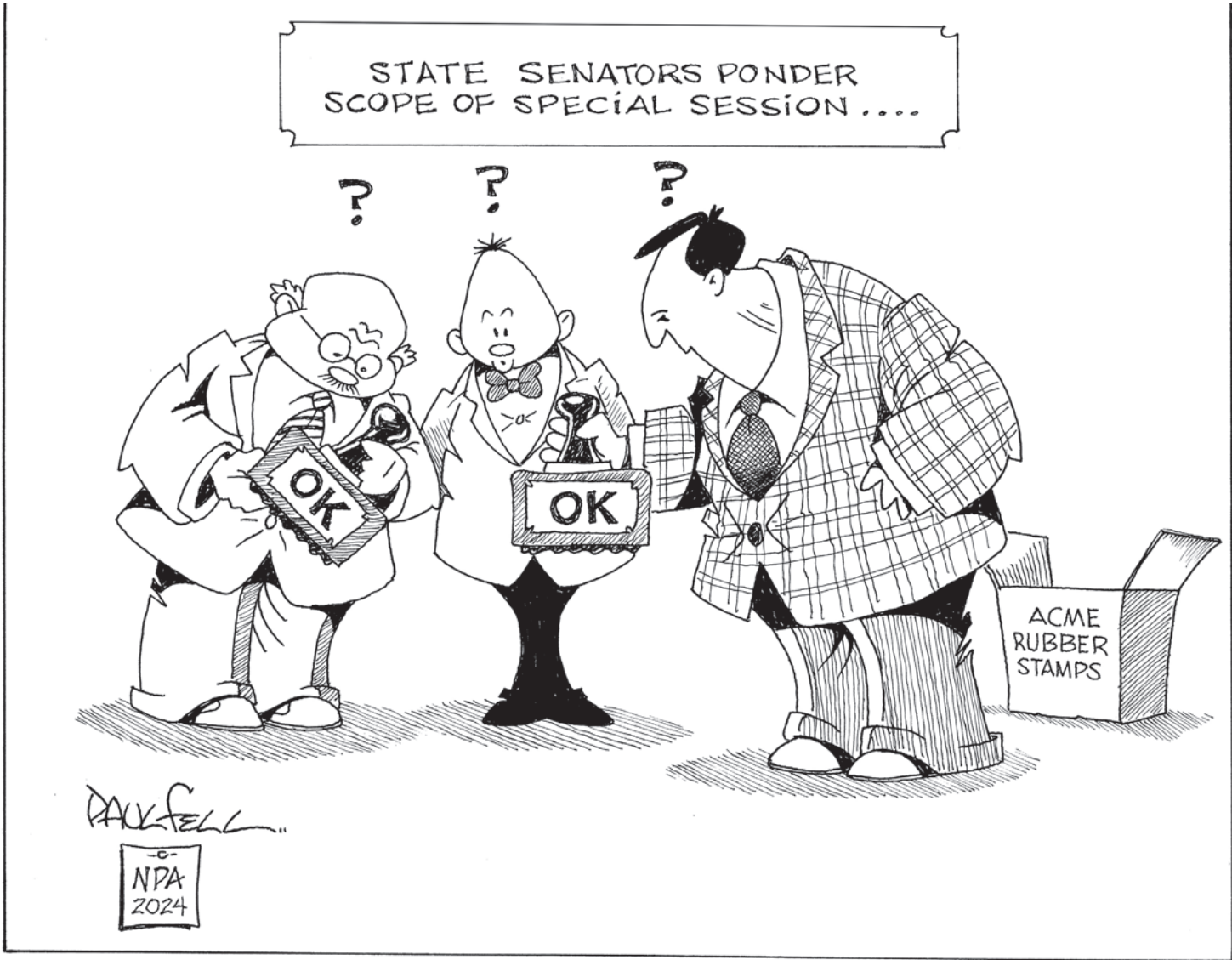
Left untouched in the Pillen plan is the highly popular tax exemption on groceries, along with exemptions on medicine and for religious groups.

You have to give Pillen credit for coming up with a concrete plan. But

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



having a plan is one thing. Getting it across the finish line — and navigating the fierce opposition to new taxes by lobbying groups and some senators — is quite another thing.

The old line about Nebraska's tax system is that we're a state with a lot of land and not a lot of people. Thus, property takes a big load in our state taxation system — a load that a lot of people, including the state's farmers, say has grown way too high and doesn't reflect today's economy.

Today's economy, they argue, involves much more spending on services, like carpet cleaning and hiring a carpenter to build a deck, so the state is missing out on revenue by not taxing them. Only about one-third of what we purchase is taxed, they point out, and spending on services keeps growing and growing.

Some background – Nebraska was among the last states to enact a state sales tax. In 1967, reacting to a voter-approved constitutional amendment that eliminated a state property tax, lawmakers enacted a 2.5% state sales tax.

That rate, as we all know, has crept up over the years. Since 2002, the state

sales tax rate has been 5.5%, and of course, now dozens of cities and Dakota County enact local sales taxes of up to 2%. On top of that, there's an additional 2.5% tax on restaurant bills in Omaha. Lincoln and Grand Island also have similar taxes.

Best of luck with this plan, but I see tough sledding ahead.

First off, this is a massive change in the way local schools are funded and are run, and would be a dramatic erosion of local control over the operation of local schools.

Such monumental changes take time to digest, and time to sell. Pillen would enter the political salesman Hall of Fame if he can sell his plan in a matter of weeks.

I can remember back in the 1980s when lawmakers were pitching increased state aid to local schools as a way to reduce property taxes. A group of influential state senators crisscrossed the state pitching the plan, a process that took months and months of explaining.

That change also had the support of the state's two more influential lobbying groups – the State Chamber and Farm Bureau.

You get the farmers and the business sector on board together, and that dog will hunt.

For certain, the state's list of sales tax exemptions (as well as tax credits) seems to grow every year, as senators seek to attract new businesses, prevent a company from moving away, or give people a break on their bills.

There are winners and losers galore. Trimming that list would be a good thing.

But sales taxes are regressive by nature — low-income folks pay a higher percentage of their bucks on purchases than the well heeled — so that makes it more difficult to expand taxes onto more purchases and services.

Jim Pillen is a heck of a pig farmer. We'll soon find out how good a salesman he is.

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.

Making way for the 'Doomsday' plane

Last year, Time magazine published a sobering article describing the devastating impact of nuclear war. If an adversary attacked the United States with nuclear weapons, each strike would create a fireball as hot as the core of the sun.

Such an attack could target key military sites, including the locations where senior officials command and control our nuclear weapons.

It could destroy much of our existing communications infrastructure, preventing the president from relaying decisions about how to respond to the attack.

In a case like this, the government would need a survivable, mobile headquarters for nuclear command and control operations. Enter America's secret weapon: the "doomsday" planes.

The U.S. Air Force's E-4B fleet of four high-capability aircraft has that nickname because it's designed to survive nuclear war.

One E-4B aircraft is on alert at all times, often traveling with the president or secretary of defense in case of emergency. All four are assigned to the 595th Command and Control Group, hosted by Nebraska's own Offutt Air Force Base. Nebraska is proud to house this remarkable fleet.

The E-4B can withstand nuclear blasts and electromagnetic effects, as well as refuel mid-air. It features advanced communications equipment and serves as a base where senior U.S. leaders can command and control both nuclear and conventional forces. As Air Force General Charles Q. Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Appropriations Committee this spring, it boasts "the most advanced capabilities that the nation has to offer."

But there's a problem. These pivotal aircraft, built in the 1970s, are aging out of service life. By the early 2030s, they'll be out of date. In 2006, then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld tried to retire the E-4B because of its age with no capable replacement. His successor, Robert Gates, knew better. The nuclear threats our nation faced then—and certainly now—demanded an aircraft like the doomsday plane. Secretary Gates kept all four planes in the fleet.

In 2019, the Air Force began its Survivable Airborne Operations Center (SAOC) program to replace the E-4B. The new aircraft, which will be equipped with highly sensitive, modern equipment, require new facilities: hangars, ramps, operations training facilities, supply storage, and a fire and rescue station.

These are essential for properly operating and maintaining the aircraft when they are delivered.

President Biden's annual budget request did not include any funding to begin planning and designing SAOC facilities.

That's why, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I secured critical funding to begin the process of constructing Offutt's new SAOC facilities. Our Fiscal Year 2025 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (Mil-Con-VA) Appropriations Act includes \$110 million to plan and design the SAOC complex so Offutt can be ready for the arrival of new aircraft by 2032.

By investing in defense initiatives like SAOC, we prepare America to outlast any nuclear doomsday that could lie ahead.

Not only that, but our investments signal to our adversaries that the United States can, and will always, fight back.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Renewing our resolve in the face of adversity

The attempted assassination of President Trump at a campaign rally held north of Pittsburgh last weekend has

shocked the nation. Thankfully and miraculously, this heinous act of violence failed to take the former president's life. To the relief of millions of Americans across the country, Trump was escorted away from the event with no life-threatening injuries.

Sadly, two attendees of the rally were seriously injured, and a third man's life was taken. Tragically, a heroic volunteer fire chief from Sar-

er, PA named Corey Comperatore was killed while courageously shielding his wife and daughter from the gunfire.

The attack marks a sobering day for our country and reminds us how precious the blessings of life and American liberty are. Violence has no place in our nation's political life. Such a horrific incident calls everyone from every party and creed to rise above the political division facing the country and affirm what unites us as Americans. Peacefully resolving differences of opinion and bringing the best ideas forward through civil discourse is a hallmark of the American system of government. No matter how intense debate becomes or how serious our disagreements are, we should never take for granted the timeless tools our Constitution provides to successfully overcome our challenges through healthy debate and an open and transparent government.

I am grateful for the Secret Service agents and other law enforcement officers who reacted bravely and rapidly to secure President Trump's wellbeing and subdue the shooter on the event grounds. However, the day's events raise extremely serious concerns about how security failures led to the compromised safety of President Trump and those in attendance. These mistakes must not be allowed to happen again.

In light of this, House Speaker Mike Johnson's plan to form a bipartisan taskforce to conduct a congressional investigation into the Secret Service's preparation for and management of the event is imperative. The consequences of law enforcement's reported failure to promptly address the threat after it was first identified and prevent the shooter from causing such havoc at the rally were tragic and could have been significantly worse. I am fully sup-

portive of House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer's decision to promptly hold a hearing to review these events and agree with the need to subpoena Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle in order to hear directly from her about the changes needed to prevent future attacks.

As the nation continues to chart its course forward, unity and decency must win out over hatred and cynicism. To accomplish this, it is critical the American people make their voices heard as Congress holds federal officials accountable for these events. Civil discourse and transparency are key components to any truly representative government.

American resolve is the confidence to press on despite setbacks and adversity. With gratitude that President Trump's life was spared and respect

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for other victims of last week’s attack, we should renew our resolve to do our part for the benefit of all citizens. Living up to the promise of the motto “E pluribus unum” requires us all to come together so “out of many,” we can be “one.”

Community Center Menus

Monday, July 29: Tator tot casse-
role, green beans, tossed salad/
tomato, pears, tomato slices,
bread, butter, milk.

Tuesday, July 30: Beef & noodle
soup, noodles, cheese sandwich,
cottage cheese, pineapple/car-
rots, bread, butter, milk.

Wednesday, July 31: Pork cutlet,
mashed potatoes/gravy, beets,
peaches/strawberries, bread,
butter, milk.

Thursday, August 1: Chicken
alfredo, noodles, lettuce salad
w/tomato, peas, tropical fruit,
bread/garlic stick, butter, milk.

Friday, August 2: Hamburger (to-
mato, lettuce, onion), sweet po-

tato fries, baked beans, tropical
fruit, bread/bun, butter, milk.
(All meals served with bread & butter.
Menus are provided by the Community
Center and are subject to change).

Suggested price is \$6 per meal
for persons 60 years of age and
older.

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

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reserve a meal for that day.

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munity center!

DeKay

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the Governor.

As of this writing, I am aware
of at least five sets of proposals
being worked on by various

NE audit blasts state transportation agency for millions spent on overtime, fuel buys

By Cindy Gonzalez

Nebraska Examiner

LINCOLN — A new probe
of the Nebraska Department
of Transportation reveals a
“stunning” spate of question-
able spending — including more
than \$6 million in annual over-
time pay racked up by 71% of its
workers and millions of dollars
more in “unexplained” fuel and
fleet-related costs, according to
the State Auditor’s Office.

A 108-page audit released
Tuesday lists myriad flaws in
oversight by the public agency
in charge of about 2,000 work-
ers, 2,100 vehicles, 599 build-
ings, 3,500 bridges and nearly
10,000 miles of public roads. The
report covers 2023.

Blasting the DOT as a “land
of opportunity” for authorities
looking to rein in public costs of
state government, Auditor Mike
Foley took particular aim at
that agency’s handling of credit
cards.

‘Sure-fire recipe for trouble’
Foley said the department
has more than twice as many
active credit cards as workers.

About 3,600 active Voyager
credit cards and 500 state pro-
curement credit cards are used
by the roughly 2,000 employees
for the purchase of fuel, service,
maintenance and repair of the
agency’s fleet of vehicles and
equipment, he said.

That number of credit cards
circulating in an agency with
“sloppy-to-nonexistent record
keeping” is a “sure-fire recipe
for trouble and abuse,” Foley
said in a media statement.

“With over 4,000 government
credit cards active and in play
at the agency under shock-
ingly weak accounting controls
and thousands of purchases
transacted at privately-owned
commercial gas pumps sprin-
kled across Nebraska, how can
NDOT possibly know whose
vehicles are really getting all
that fuel? The simple truth is,

senators, whether in a group or
independently. The most notable
proposal is from the Governor’s
property tax working group
consisting of 17 senators and the

Governor’s office. This proposal
would fund public schools with
state dollars instead of local
property taxes. The money for
state funding would come from

they don’t.”
Roots of NDOT

Originally created in 1895 as
the State Board of Irrigation,
the agency became the Depart-
ment of Roads in 1957. In 2017, it
merged with the Department of
Aeronautics to form the Nebras-
ka Department of Transporta-
tion. The DOT is responsible
for highway, bridge, rail, public
transit and other surface trans-
portation programs, as well as
development of aviation in the
state. Duties include design,
construction, maintenance and
administration of the state’s
highway system.

To remedy inefficiencies
reported by his auditing team,
Foley recommended putting all
future overtime claims through
a “proper review” that approves
only hours determined to be
both necessary and cost-effec-
tive.

He stressed the “urgent need”
for credit card oversight and
an overhaul of travel, mileage
and fuel accounting controls for
employee use of state vehicles.

“Without such drastic and
immediate measures, NDOT
remains ripe for potential and
unrestrained financial fraud
and abuse — with the taxpayers
left footing the bill,” said Foley.
DOT defends overtime

The DOT, which is led by
Director Vicki Kramer, appoint-
ed in January 2023 by Gov. Jim
Pillen, responded briefly to the
audit findings as a department,
with no one writer specifically
mentioned.

The response said the agency
would look for opportunities
to better track travel data in
state-owned vehicles, and that
it has implemented software to
better manage fuel purchases
via credit cards.

“NDOT will continue to in-
vestigate and implement further
methods to ensure proper fuel
use,” the response said.

Vicki Kramer, appointed in
January 2023 as director of the

Nebraska Department of Trans-
portation. (Courtesy of NDOT)

On the criticism of overtime,
the agency was more defensive.
The response noted that the
majority of overtime users were
construction and maintenance
workers, and said the depart-
ment will continue to review
requests to ensure overtime is
“reasonable and necessary.”

But the response said that
long overtime days or nights for
the workers often means that
state roadways will open sooner
to the traveling public. During
the winter, it said, overtime
hours for experienced workers
often helps ensure the safety of
travelers.

Furthermore, DOT represen-
tatives noted that the Legisla-
tive Audit Office conducted an
overtime use audit of the agency
in October 2022 that covered
three years. They said that
review yielded no recommended
changes.

Findings

Foley and his auditing team
detailed numerous findings.
Among them:

• Regarding overtime pay, 37
employees reportedly increased
their annual salaries by 40%
or more by working beyond
40 hours a week. A standout
case involved an employee who
boosted his salary by 62%, from
about \$76,000 to nearly \$123,000.

• A quirk in accounting prac-
tices led to workers being paid
for unused leave that typically
gets paid only upon termination
of employment. The audit team
believes that more than \$750,000
may have been overpaid to
workers as a result.

• Employees often did not
properly complete mandatory
vehicle log reports or specify
the purpose of travel. Reported-
ly more than 7,000 times during
the year, certain employees
revised travel reports with-
out proper documentation or

a combination of state agency
spending cuts, changing the
LB1107 income tax credits to
direct property tax credits and
expanding those credits, new
or increased taxes on tobacco,
vaping, alcohol, and hemp prod-
ucts, and elimination of over 100
sales tax exemptions.

These changes would be
paired with caps on cities, coun-
ties, and other political subdivi-
sions which would limit their
property tax asks to whichever
is greater: zero or the Consum-
er Price Index (CPI) plus real
growth. Exemptions would exist
for situations involving pub-
lic safety and voter-approved
overrides.

One possible alternative
includes adopting the EPIC
Consumption Tax, which
would likely be modeled off of
legislation brought by Senator
Erdman in 2023, LB79. Another
likely proposal involves expand-
ing the state’s tax base, such as
by legalizing and taxing online
gambling or marijuana, and us-
ing those revenues to generate
property tax relief. Other ideas
include tweaking the state’s
school funding formula and
choosing tax exemptions differ-
ent from the ones selected by
the property tax working group.
Whether these proposals can be
brought forward will depend on
the scope of the proclamation
issued by the Governor.

Right now, I am not backing
any one specific proposal. It is
important for me to see every
proposal brought forward in
writing before I will commit
to anything. It may be the case
that all sides may end up need-
ing to compromise and give up
something to get meaningful
property tax relief and that no
one will leave the room fully
happy.

Regardless, the main objec-
tive should be that any proposal
enacted in the upcoming special
session needs to result in a net
tax decrease for as many people
as possible.

Death Notice

Goldie W. Poulsen, 89 of
Elgin, NE died Monday, July
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we cannot see.*
Hebrews 11:1

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and for him are all things.
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Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago July 23, 1964

Eighty-five Chamber of Commerce members and their wives accepted the invitation from “Bert” Vanderheiden to hold a steak feed at Flobert Springs Monday evening. “Bud” Mooney and his crew of cooks and helpers prepared the food and barbecued the steaks.

A blaze at the Alvin Nelson farm, east and south of here, Tuesday evening around 6:30 destroyed a pickup truck and irrigation pump engine. Richard Zwingman, who farms the place, was slightly burned by the fire. Local firemen extinguished the blaze after first cooling down the fire sufficiently to shut off the LP gas tank.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schindler are the parents of a 6 lb. 3 oz. son, Paul Jay born July 14, 1964 in the Antelope Memorial hospital.

Miss Ruth Petsche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Petsche and Kenneth Kerkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kerkman, all of Petersburg were married on Monday, July 13. The double ring ceremony and nuptial Mass was performed in St. Bonaventure church in Raeville. Rev. Adrain Vanveen officiated.

Alfred Beelart received a trophy for placing first in the 650 cc class in the Nebraska Championship Hill Climb held here Sunday. Alfred came the closest in ascending to the top of the steep bank at the Sandy Derry farm on the Cedar Creek.

Fifty Years Ago July 25, 1974

School Dist. 18 census enumerator, Mrs. Kenneth Peters, in recently completing the school census for 1974 has announced there are 525 school age children 5-18 years of age inclusive in the district. There are 266 boys and 259 girls in this age group.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, was the setting for the July 13th wedding of Deb Zegers and Chuck Petsche. The Rev. Ralph Lammers officiated at the 12:00 o'clock double ring ceremony.

Alphons Ignatius Klein, 63, died around 2:00 Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha two and a half hours after open heart surgery. He had been in poor health for the last two years.

The drought which has plagued this state for nearly two months, but for small showers in some areas, continues and at this writing there appears to be little relief in sight. Dryland crops are practically cooked and irrigated crops just don't respond to ground water like they do to rain.

The July meeting of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 16, at the Assembly Room in the courthouse annexing O'Neill. The annual budget hearing was held directly preceding this meeting. Since no opposition was heard, the board reviewed and approved a proposed total budget of \$140,815.00 for fiscal year 1975.

Thirty Years Ago July 20, 1994

An airplane crash landed during the Fly-In Breakfast in Elgin at 10:22 a.m. last Sunday, July 17, but there were no injuries to the pilot or his passenger. Antelope County Sheriff's office said the crush landing involved a 1943 Beech single engine by-plane, owned and piloted by Edgar Eugene Overturf, 60, of Columbus.

Two Elgin area families will be recognized this year as Nebraska Pioneer Farm Families by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. Rose Baum of Elgin, and descendants of Meinolph Meis, will be among 169 families honored this year

Elgin Public Schools Board of Education voted to override the zero percent lid on the school's 1994-95 general fund expenditures and handled a variety of other business during its regular meeting last Thursday night, July 14. Approval of the motion to override the zero percent lid followed a public hearing on the matter. Various aspects of the lid and the school budget were discussed.

Keith and Lynne Heithoff of Elgin are the parents of a son, Beau Garrett, born Saturday, June 25, at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. He weighed seven pounds, 14 1/2 ounces, and joins a sister, Samantha, at home.

Twenty Years Ago July 28, 2004

On Monday, July 19, the Sheriff's Department received a tip regarding the location of a 1998 Chrysler Fifth Avenue that had been stolen from Orchard overnight on July 15-16. The car was located on July 19 at an abandoned farm site in the rural Royal area.

New coated metal park benches were installed recently at the Elgin City Park as one of the finishing touches to last year's fund drive for park improvements.

Antelope County 4-H

has new fundraisers

Two hogs and a bull....

No, this isn't the beginning of a joke but a tale of how animals are contributing to the future comfort of 4-Hers and comfort and health of other animals at the Antelope County Fairgrounds.

Over two years ago, a fund drive began to raise money for the construction of the Antelope County 4-H Youth Enrichment Center. Plans are for it to house archery events along with small animals - poultry, rabbits and more.

As time passes before the build can begin (slated to start following next week's county fair), the construction costs are rising. In response to these increases, two new fundraisers have been launched. This is where the two hogs and a bull come in.

The Antelope County 4-H is currently selling tickets where four lucky ticket holders will win half of a processed hog. The two hogs - giving the ultimate sacrifice for the cause - were donated by the Ryan and Koryn Koinzan and Terry and Rachel Frey families. Tickets are just \$10 each or 3 for \$20. To purchase, contact Anne Meis (402-843-8449) or Rhonda Meyer (402-750-6006) and tickets will be available at the Antelope

County Fair from any committee member.

Now for the bull....Howdy Doody is doing his “doody” for the cause again. The Watusi African bull, owned by Lee and Rhonda Meyer of rural Neligh, has again lended his likeness on t-shirts and sweatshirts. While a well-known and long-time fixture in Antelope county, Howdy Doody caused a stir last summer when Lee was pulled over by a Norfolk police officer while driving his car customized to haul Howdy Doody as a passenger. The incident went viral and made a celebrity out of Howdy Doody. These would also be a great gift item for your “city” family and friends. The apparel may be viewed and purchased at https://howdy-doody-fall-2024.itemorder.com/shop/home or scan the QR code.

Along with these fundraisers, donations continue to be accepted. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to:

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Checks should be written to Neligh Community Fund with a designation to Youth Enrichment Center or donate online at www.nebcommfound.org/give/neligh-area-community-fund



Neligh's Carnegie Library

Named to National Register of Historic Places

History Nebraska announced last week the Neligh Carnegie Library, located in Neligh has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The Neligh Carnegie Library's nomination recognizes its association with events that have significantly contributed to the broad patterns of our history, its embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or its possession of high artistic values.

It is significant to local history as part of the histories of Education and Architecture. It was nominated under the cover of a Multiple Property Documentation Form, or MPDF, "Nebraska Carnegie Libraries, 1902-1922."

The Neligh Carnegie Library was built in 1910 with funding from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. It is one of approximately 2,500 Carnegie libraries constructed worldwide, 69 of which were built in Nebraska.

Before constructing the library, Neligh was one of many communities that subscribed to a traveling library. Once built, the Neligh Carnegie Library became a center of local educational efforts through its collection and hosting of events. The Carnegie libraries helped make libraries a public undertaking because Carnegie grants were to be used for construction costs only and were contingent upon communities' pledges to provide a certain amount of support annually for its furnishing and maintenance.

The building's architect, Paul O. Moratz, designed 69 libraries throughout his career, 27 of which were Carnegie libraries. Moratz was commissioned to build libraries in Nebraska, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, and Tennessee. He designed the Neligh Carnegie Library predominantly in the Classical Revival style, which he used frequently.

The style's identifying characteristics of this building include the general consistency and symmetry of window sizes and placement, the columns that flank the front entrance, and the cornice and parapet at the entrance.

The Neligh Carnegie Library was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 26, 2024. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's inventory of properties deemed worthy of preservation. It is



Photo submitted

The Neligh Carnegie Library was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places, according to Nebraska History.

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part of a national program to coordinate and support local and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect the nation's historic and archeological resources.

For more information on the National Register program in Nebraska, contact History Ne-

braska's Historic Preservation Office at hn.hp@nebraska.gov or visit history.nebraska.gov/historic-preservation.

An MPDF simplifies nominating a property to the NRHP by conducting and presenting substantial contextualizing research.

99th annual Wheeler County Fair

is next week

The Wheeler County Fair will be held next week in Bartlett. This year marks the 99th Wheeler County Fair & Rodeo! The fair will run from July 29 to August 4.

Cleanup around the fairgrounds will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, July 29.

The first "event" of the fair to take place on Tuesday, July 30 is the Dog Show at 6 p.m.

The Horse Show will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31. GLW Roping, Working Ranch Horse & Goat Tying will begin after the Horse Show.

The final event of the day is That Hypnotist at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday gets underway with Interview Judging of static exhibits at 9 a.m. Open class entries are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Persons interested in roping must be entered for Wheeler County Roping by 6 p.m. Buckles will be awarded to the top Header, Heeler, and top Junior Roper.

The first event on Friday, August 2 will be the Small Animal Show. Livestock Weigh-In is from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Fireman's BBQ goes from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the new Fire-hall. Sheep Riding Friday night starts at 6:30 p.m. The Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding, Wild Horse Racing, Kids Events During Rodeo, and the Slack Rodeo all follow at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 3 starts off with the Livestock Show at 8 a.m. The 4-H Council Award & Recognition Program is at 5 p.m. The Livestock Premium Auction is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The Steak Feed is from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Wheeler County Foundation Scholarship and Awards as well as the Herb Mignery Good Hand Award will be presented at 6:30 p.m. The Rodeo will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 4 is Community Day. The first event of the day is the Community Worship Service at 9 a.m.

The Draft Horse Show is at noon.

The Turtle Races will begin at 1 p.m., the cost is \$1 per turtle. The Cornhole Tournament is at 3 p.m., the cost is \$10 a team. The Community Pot-Luck starts at 6 p.m. The last event of the day is the Ranch Rodeo at 6:30 p.m. It is \$300 a team.

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OBITUARIES

Jefferey C. Voborny, 62

January 13, 1962 - July 18, 2024

Born in Neligh, he grew to have a love for travel, adventure and photography. He enjoyed the simple things in life. He was content.

A private family celebration of life for Jefferey C. Voborny, age 62 of Neligh, Nebraska will be held at a later date.

Brockhaus-Harlan Funeral Home in Tilden, Nebraska is in charge of arrangements.

Jefferey C. Voborny, son of Dewayne Richard and Germaine Lois (Richart) Voborny, was born January 13, 1962, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, Nebraska and died on July 18, 2024, at his home in Neligh. Jeff attended the Neligh schools and Pope John XXIII High School in Elgin, Nebraska in 1980.

Jeff had a love for travel, adventure and photography which took him west to California. He traveled extensively up and down the western coast of our country into Mexico and Central America and down to South America.

He began working for American Airlines while in California. This eventually brought him to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area where he continued working for American and was able

to travel to many places. While at home he maintained several aquariums with the tropical fish that he loved.

Jeff's dream was always to have his own piece of land to live on and live off of and be self-sufficient. He was able to buy some land in Texas, west of Fort Worth. He loved being out there on that land. Eventually he sold that land and moved back to his roots in Northeast Nebraska, helping his dad with his bees, the sawmill and being close to family. He enjoyed the simple things in life. He was content.

Jeff is survived by his son, Jason Voborny; his six siblings, Barbara (Jon) Magwire of Paris, TX, Marian Kraft of Bellevue, Laurie Kreizel of Elgin, Stanley (Wendy) Voborny of Elgin, Stephanie Alvarez of Lincoln, and Teresa (Bob) Hyde of Norfolk; and many, many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewayne and Germaine Voborny; and grandparents, John and Bea (Heithoff) Richart and Mary (Karella) and Stanley Voborny.

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Bloodmobile in Elgin August 13

The date for the next Red Cross Bloodmobile in Elgin has been announced. The bloodmobile will be in Elgin on Tuesday, August 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Elgin KC Hall. To make an appointment, contact Kyle Jensen at (402) 910-0681.

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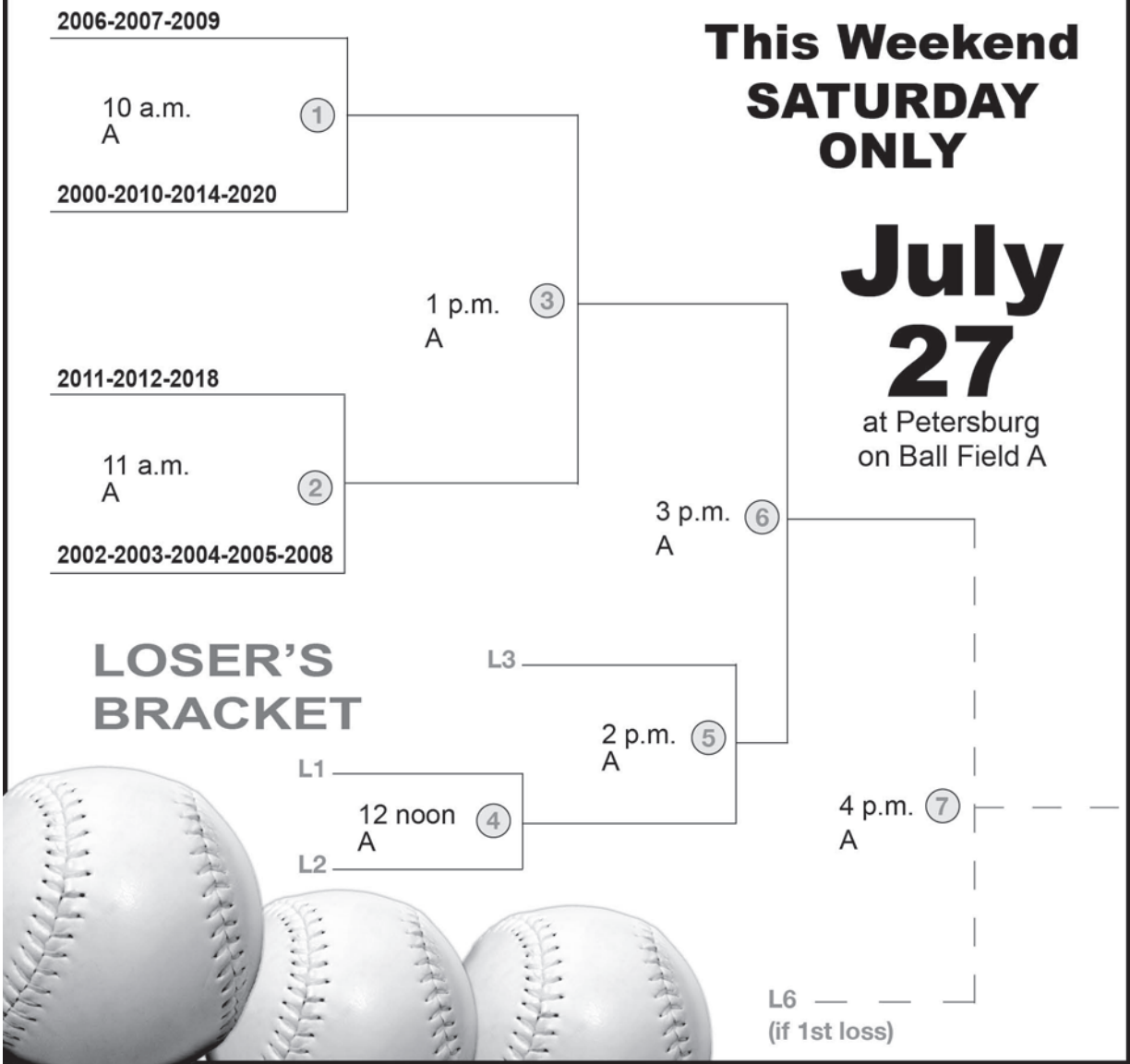
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Longtime special education Louise Schindler earns McAuliffe Award

For courage and excellence in education

Louise Schindler, a teacher who spent 48 years leading the special education program for the Educational Service Unit 8 Learning Center in Clearwater, Nebraska, has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Christa McAuliffe Prize for Courage and Excellence in Education.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Education and Human Sciences presents the award annually to a Nebraska teacher who exemplifies the character of McAuliffe, the first teacher in space, who died in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster.

"I remember vividly that day, on Jan. 28, 1986, when I sat down with my students to watch the Challenger leave the Earth,

with the courageous teacher Christa McAuliffe, never to return," Schindler said. "Never could I have imagined that 38 years later I would be receiving this award in her name. I am very grateful to all the courageous special education directors and paraeducators along the way who contributed to my receiving the Christa McAuliffe Prize in her memory."

Schindler served as the head teacher at the ESU 8 Learning Center from August 1976 until her retirement in May.

Over the course of her career, she spearheaded special education program development, implementing innovative teaching methods tailored to meet the needs of individual students.

"Louise possesses the remarkable ability to inspire others through her profound

impact on both students and staff members," a nominator wrote. "Her empathetic demeanor and unwavering dedication

have transformed the lives of countless students, instilling in them the social and emotional skills needed to navigate life with confidence."

Schindler introduced a sight word program for students with significant disabilities, resulting in improved reading achievement and increased parental engagement.

She also designed and implemented leisure activities, community-based work experiences and life skills training to foster social skills, responsibility and independence among students.

Schindler will be recognized July 26 during Administrators' Days, a conference for Nebraska school administrators.



Louise Schindler

Antelope County hearings continued

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

The Honorable Donna Taylor continued several hearings to a later date when she presided from the bench in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last week.

Justin A. Paulsen, 37, of Oakdale was granted a continuance so he could hire an attorney. Paulsen faces a charge of violating requirements of the Sexual Offender Registry by failing to register his vehicle with the Antelope County sheriff.

Arraignment is set Aug. 7. If convicted, Paulsen faces up to a \$10,000 fine and/or up to three years imprisonment.

He is subject to registration requirements due to a December 2009 conviction in Madison County District Court, for a Class I misdemeanor, attempted sexual assault of a child, third degree, according to the Nebraska State Patrol's SOR listing.

Michael Husak, 38, of Neligh appeared for arraignment on a Class 1 misdemeanor assault charge alleged June 9. If convicted, Husak faces up to a \$1,000 fine and/or one-year

imprisonment. He was also granted continuance to allow consultation with an attorney. Further arraignment is set Aug. 7.

A pretrial hearing for Julius Tauber was again continued, now to Aug. 21, at the request of his attorney, Doug Stratton of Norfolk.

Stratton said new evidence had been received regarding a "bigger issue."

Tauber is charged with two counts of intimidation by phone call, Class 3 misdemeanors alleged in May 2023. If convicted of the charges, he faces up to \$500 fines and/or 90 days in jail on each count, which jail terms may be ordered served consecutively. The case had been continued earlier in July after Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith alleged recent contact with the victim at a public event.

"I think (there is) another side to the story," Stratton said. "This is important to my client if somebody is trying to put him in jail."

Smith did not object. He said two investigators in the case are Marines stationed in North

Carolina.

Status hearings in two cases for Marta Yanes-Cambara of Neligh, regarding results of a recent competency evaluation, are continued to Aug. 7. Taylor ordered the Antelope County sheriff's staff to transport Yanes-Cambara from her home to the courtroom.

Two defendants failed to appear for arraignment.

Taylor ruled the county attorney may file affidavits and motions seeking warrants for Jessica M. Woodkman, 46, of Plainview, who failed to appear on a waivable offense, fishing without a permit, alleged June 13 at Grove Lake, and Christopher L. Graae, 23, of Norfolk, who is charged with criminal attempt of procuring alcoholic beverages to minors, alleged June 11.

Tilden Prairie Days gets underway on Friday

Final preparations are being made for the annual Tilden Prairie Days Celebration. The three-day event will be held this Friday through Sunday, July 26-28.

The street dance featuring Wonder Rising will be Friday night from 8 p.m. to midnight.

On Saturday the Prairie Days' Family Parade will begin

Brunch fundraiser to be August 11

The Elgin Community Christian Church will hold a brunch fundraiser on Sunday, August 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Audit

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support.

• In one situation, a Valentine-based worker was tasked with traveling to Holdrege for a replacement part to be delivered to North Platte. Managers couldn't explain, auditors said, why the person would drive more than 600 miles round-trip when someone in another district could have done it in 200 miles.

• Fuel purchases with credit cards were not always reviewed or monitored. Auditors identified almost two dozen fuel purchases, totaling thousands of dollars, for specific vehicles on days when those cars weren't even in service.

• About 8,500 fuel transactions by agency employees were not tied to any travel log, making "legitimacy" of those expenditures impossible to verify.

More than 700 times, Foley said, the quantity of fuel purchased appeared to exceed the fuel tank capacity of that vehicle. Likewise, the audit said there were hundreds of instances when fuel type purchased (diesel or gasoline) did not appear to match the fuel requirement of the agency vehicle reported to have been filled.

On two separate occasions, one fleet vehicle supposedly fueled twice at the same state-owned facility on the same day. In another case, three purchases of fuel on a single credit card occurred at a commercial facility within nine minutes of each other. The department could not produce records to identify the vehicle for which the purchases were made, thwarting the team's ability to verify the spending.

Auditors identified more than 10,000 fuel transactions for which employees recorded odometer readings that were inaccurate by 1,000 miles or more. Some inaccuracies were off by tens of thousands of miles, Foley said.

'Frustration' of an auditor Foley said the department "failed consistently" to enforce its own regulations requiring that vehicles be refueled, when possible, at one of 95 state-owned fuel pumps located across Nebraska.

Auditors identified more than 3,500 separate purchases at commercial pumps, totaling about 85,000 gallons of fuel, that they said likely would have cost as much as 85 cents per gallon less at a state-owned pump.

In all, the DOT spent more than \$3 million in taxpayer funds at commercial pumps statewide during 2023. Additionally, auditors said, \$6 million for other vehicle-related costs was charged on the agency's credit cards at more than 2,000 merchants.

"The disconcerting trifecta of loose fuel purchasing practices, sloppy-to-nonexistent record keeping, and glaringly inadequate oversight led the auditors to surmise that fuel obtained with NDOT credit cards could have been diverted quite readily — perhaps in appallingly large volumes — to personal vehicles," Foley said.

The latest audit follows two other recent reports that raised questions about similar issues within the DOT.

Work to be done this week on football field driveway

The Elgin Public School football field driveway is having work done this week. It will be done either today or tomorrow (July 24 or 25).

District #18 Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said the driveway will be closed off while the work is being done.

at 10 a.m. Other activities that day include a mud volleyball tournament, vendors and a car show.

Sunday activities include Treasures along the Trail, a community worship service and an antique machinery show.

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in the church fellowship hall. Proceeds will go towards a new church furnace/air conditioning unit.

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Norfolk Cardiology	Dr. Hartzell/Dr. Rome	Aug. 20 th
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Courthouse News

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

Jason M Clark, Julian, NE, 06/28/2024, speeding 06-10 MPH Municipal/No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$100, Lawson.
Sanyika K Shakur-Scott, Houston, TX, 02/18/2024, speeding 80/65, fined \$75, Miller.
Luis M Cuevas, Fort Worth, TX, 06/26/2024, speeding 75/65, Fined \$25, Miller.
Yohanky Ramos, Grand Island, NE, 06/24/2024, 78/65, fined \$75, Detlefsen.
Richard A Rich, Tilden, NE, 05/20/2024, Animals Running at Large, Fined \$25, Molden.
Preston S Smith, Neligh, NE, 06/26/2024, Overweight on axle or group of axles/overweight capacity plates, fined \$525, Asche
Logan L Pioche, Shiprock, NM, 06/11/2024, speeding 80/65, fined \$75, Hartley.
Mason K Weissner, Apo, NY, 06/16/2024, speeding 75/65, fined \$25, Hartley.
Troy G Hurtig, Oakdale, NE, 06/17/2024, speeding 75/65, fined \$25, Hartley.
Johanna E Fuchtmann, Creighton, NE, 06/14/2024, CMV-Brake general, fined \$50, Asche.
Madyson L Meuret, Lincoln, NE, 05/06/2024, speeding 80/65, fined \$75, Miller.
Sabrina M Utter, Columbus, NE, 05/22/2024, speeding 60/50, fined \$25, Detlefsen.

Judge Taylor hands down sentences

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Two defendants waived their rights to counsel, admitted to committing offenses and were fined by the Honorable Donna Taylor when they appeared in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, July 17.
Taylor Hasebroock, 19, of Oakdale was fined the statutory amount, \$300, for possession of marijuana, \$10 for possession of drug paraphernalia and \$49 costs. She was cited when she was stopped May 14 by a Nebraska State Patrol officer for speeding.
Cole R. Aschoff, 26, of Plainview was fined \$100 for each of two counts of no proof of financial responsibility and taxed \$49 costs for offenses committed June 14. Drivers of two trucks owned by Aschoff were each cited by the same NSP carrier enforcement officer in separate stops.

Several defendants appeared in front of Taylor for arraignment.
Thailer R. Zawacky, 29, of Elgin appeared on two counts, Count I, no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor committed June 10, and Count II, fail to use child passenger restraints, an infraction. Zawacky pleaded guilty to Count I and Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith dismissed Count II. Taylor set sentencing for Aug. 7.

Cameron J. Schindler, 20, of Neligh appeared for sentencing on a violation of his probation. Schindler, through his attorney,

Nuisance case dismissed due to procedural error

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Seven counts of violating Neligh's city nuisance/junk ordinance, filed by city attorney Jame McNally against Kipp Polston, 46, of Neligh were dismissed by the Honorable Donna Taylor after a trial was held at the courthouse in Neligh last Wednesday, July 17.
Junk/nuisance violations were alleged on consecutive days, May 1 through May 7, at his 502 N Street residence.
On July 3, he pleaded not guilty and told the court he was in the process of moving to Iowa and his belongings would all be gone before the scheduled trial.
During trial proceedings last week, an emotional Polston again said he planned to leave the city and his personal items would all soon be moved.
The judge found procedural error by the city. However, she ruled the city may refile and she told Polston he can expect \$500 a day fines for each day his property at 502 N Street remains in violation.
"I hope you are a man of your word," Taylor said. "The city is not going to step back."

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public defender Pat Carney, asked to continue probation.
"I know I made some mistakes," Schindler said. "(I'm) trying to do better."
He said he was attending AA meetings and planned to get probation fees paid to date.
"I don't think you want to be on probation, you just don't want to go to jail," Taylor said. She continued sentencing to Oct. 2.
"So, I'm not going to sentence you today," Taylor said. "If you are sincere about probation, it will show over the next 60 days."
Schindler was placed on a nine-month term of probation by Taylor on March 6, for a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol.
He had a positive urine test and a preliminary breath test of .109 May 23.
Preliminary hearing waived
A number of preliminary hearings were waived or continued. They were:
Shayla N. Prochaska, 32, of Brunswick, appeared alongside Doug Stratton, who appeared on behalf of her court-appointed attorney Ryan Stover. She waived her right to preliminary hearing on a Class 4 felony, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, alleged May 18 at the Oakdale Cemetery. Taylor bound the case over to Antelope County District Court, with arraignment set July 31.

Shane R. Farrier, 32, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, appeared for further hearing via Zoom from a Nebraska Department of Correctional Services facility, with his court-appointed attorney, Antelope County public defender Pat Carney appearing in the courtroom. Farrier requested preliminary hearing on a charge of theft by unlawful taking, more than \$5,000, a Class 2 felony alleged Nov. 19, in Brunswick.
Taylor set the hearing Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Bond is continued.

Preliminary hearing for Kade G. Coble, 39, of Lincoln was continued to Aug. 7. He is charged with a Class 4 felony, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) alleged July 1. Bond is continued at \$10,000, 10% cash.

End-of-Summer Steak Fry date set

Tickets are now on sale!

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club End-of-Summer Steak Fry.
This year's steak fry will be held at the Elgin City Park on Friday, August 16 with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and the steaks to be ready to eat beginning at 7 p.m. The singing duo of Ember and Oak return to the park, providing live music from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Due to rising costs, this year's rib eye dinner will be \$40 and the ticket includes a free drink stub to be redeemed at the on-site cash bar.
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ESTATE OF DEAN S. HENN, DECEASED, ESTATE NO. PR 24-34

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Dean S. Henn, Deceased Estate No. PR 24-34

Notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2024, at the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the

Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and that Denis J. Henn, whose address is PO Box 3 Elgin, NE 68636, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file

their claims with this Court on or before Sept. 24, 2024, or be forever barred.
/s/ Linda Mitchell
Clerk of the County Court
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 17, 2024 MEETING

THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings July 17, 2024

The Elgin City Council met in special session on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, and Leigh Kluthe.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office. The following agenda items were approved:
Building permit for Elgin Live-

stock Sales, Inc.
Special Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.
Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB

NOTICE OF RENEWAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Class C Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2024; said license issued to Antelope Country

Club address: 52580 E Hwy 275, Neligh, NE 68756 on the premises described as follows: on the entire 100-acre tract in the NW 1/4 of Section 35, the NE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of Section 34, all in Township 25 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before August 12th, 2024, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more

persons, hearings will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.
Dated the 22nd day of July 2024
Lisa Payne /s/
Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: July 24, 2024
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NOTICE OF COUNTY SALARIES

ANTELOPE COUNTY

NOTICE ANTELOPE COUNTY - SALARIES: July 2024

The following salaries are to be published each year between July 15 and August 15, according to Nebraska State Statute 23-122, revised by LB299 in 1996. Antelope County Employees are paid on a monthly payroll. The salaries vary in each department, due to job titles, years of employment and merit. The following are payroll figures:
GENERAL FUND: Commissioners annual: (4) \$18,000.00 (1) \$19,200.00; Officials annual: (4) \$68,226.00; Deputies hourly: (1) \$25.19; (1) \$24.19; (1) \$24.00; (1) 23.00; Administrative manager hourly: (1) \$26.00; (1) \$23.84; Clerical hourly: (1) \$24.50; (2) \$18.00; (1) \$18.50; (1) \$16.50; (1) \$16.08; Seasonal Clerical hourly: (1) \$12.50; Custodian (1) \$15.00; Sheriff annual: (1) \$76,836.00; Emergency Manager: (1) \$10,000.00 annual; Deputies hourly: (1) \$31.00; (1) \$23.00; (1) \$24.00; (1) \$33.00; Part-time Deputies hourly: (1) 28.00;

(5) \$27.00; Dispatchers hourly: (2) \$18.00; (1) \$20.50; (3) \$20.00; (1) \$19.50; (1) \$19.00; (4) \$21.00; (1) \$22.00; Part-time Secretary: (1) \$19.50, (1) \$11.50; Attorney annual: (1) \$70,570.00; Veterans Service Officer Part-time hourly: (1) \$28.75; Zoning Administrator hourly: (1) \$22.00; Weed Board Members (5) \$50.00 per meeting; Weed Super-

tendent annual: (1) \$45,000; Part-time Clerical hourly: (1) \$18.00; (1) \$15.00;
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Full-Time Road Workers hourly: (1) \$23.80; (2) \$21.25; (1) \$22.60; (1) \$22.00; (4) \$25.40; (2) \$20.85; (2) \$20.00; (1) \$19.75; (1) \$19.50; (1) \$20.50; (1) \$25.15; (1) \$19.20; (2) \$20.25; (1) \$21.85; (1) \$21.35; (2)

\$20.75; (2) \$24.00; (1) \$21.15; (1) \$18.00; (1) \$19.25; Part-time road workers hourly: (2) \$15.00; (1) \$22.00; Road Superintendent annual: (1) \$68,226.00; Road Safety Officer annual: (1) \$61,403.40; Highway Superintendent annual: (1) \$1,200.00.
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John and Jeanne Knievel

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Managing summer annual harvest

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems
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Ben Beckman

Summer annuals are a great option for producers wanting lots of biomass production during the warmest months of the year. Species like sudangrass, sorghum-sudan hybrids, forage sorghum, and millets are all reaching their harvest window for grazing and haying now. Managing these species correctly no matter how you harvest is critical for success.

If you plan on grazing, sudangrass and sorghum-type species need extra precautions due to the risk of prussic acid poisoning. Prussic acid or cyanide is produced in all sorghum species at various levels with forage sorghums producing the highest amount, sorghum-sudan hybrids in the middle, and sudangrass producing the least. Prussic acid shouldn't be feared, but it does need to be managed correctly.

The first rule for using sorghum species is to never turn out hungry animals to graze. While an all you can eat buffet of new growth sounds pretty appetizing from a cow's perspective, it can also lead to a quick

overdose of prussic acid. A better method is to limit grazing for a short period or feed animals prior to turn out so grazing is slower and any issues that may arise can be caught and corrected.

Next, ensure animals are avoiding areas of the plant where prussic acid is highest. Typically, prussic acid is at its highest concentration in new shoots. By letting plants grow to a proper height before grazing, we can dilute the

prussic acid and prevent an overload. Sudangrass should reach a height of 15-18 inches before grazing where forage sorghum and sorghum-sudan hybrids with higher risk should be 18 to 24 inches tall. Regrowth following grazing can contain even higher levels of prussic acid, so use a grazing rotation and back fence to prevent animals from snacking on new growth until it has reached appropriate heights.

Both foxtail and pearl millet are great options for producers wanting a summer forage without having to worry about

prussic acid, as neither are in the sorghum family. Pearl millet may be a better option for those looking to graze as it will regrow if 8 niches of stubble is left over, unlike foxtail millet.

While only sorghum species pose a risk for prussic acid poisoning, all summer annual species do need to be watched for nitrates. Nitrates build up in lower portions of the plant, particularly during drought, other weather stress like lodging or hail damage, or excessive nitrogen fertilization. Avoid grazing too low in fields where you suspect nitrate risk to avoid issues.

For producers putting up hay, prussic acid isn't a concern as it dissipates out of dead plant material in a few days. Nitrates are something to watch out for and fields where the risk is high should be cut high or ensiled. Fermentation that occurs during ensiling can cut nitrate levels by 60%, making high nitrate forages feedable. If you still want hay, leaving at least 8 inches of stubble height not only avoids the portion of the plant where the highest nitrate levels are concentrated, but also holds the windrow up off the ground to aid in dry-down.

Hay from high yielding species like forage sorghums and millets can be difficult to

dry, leading to mold and heat in the bale. Besides cutting high, crimping the hay and breaking open the stem is a great way to speed up the dry down process. Another thing to consider is cutting early. Harvesting when plants have less stem and more leaf may reduce yield, but will produce a higher quality hay that is more likely to be put up at the correct moisture. Leave enough stubble height so that plants can regrow for a second cutting to make up for some of that lost yield early one.

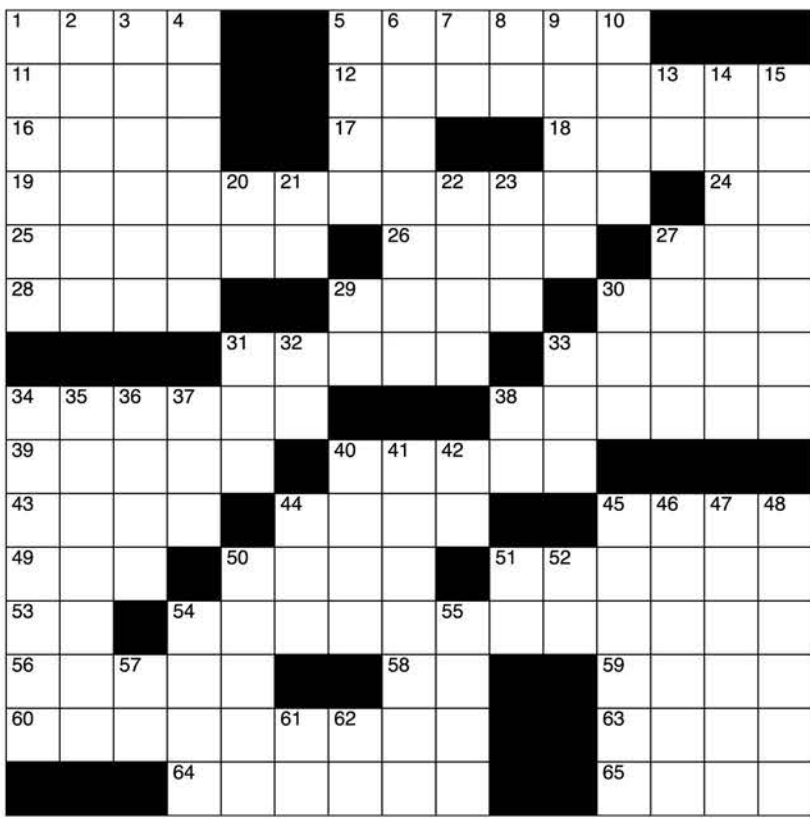
Summer annuals are a great opportunity for added forage in any operation and can be harvested in a number of different ways. When grazing, don't turn out hungry animals, ensure enough growth to prevent prussic acid issues with sorghum species, and leave stubble in fields where nitrates may be of concern. Those looking for hay should cut high, cut early, and crimp to ensure a dry and quality product.

Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. 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

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
11. Colombian Town
12. Sour
16. A way to stuff
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Carried or transported
19. Cannot even fathom
24. Hammer is one
25. A way to separate
26. Not moving
27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
28. German river
29. Quantitative fact
30. A person's head
31. Process that produces ammonia
33. French modernist painter
34. Too much noise
38. Agree to a demand
39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
40. Employees
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
44. Component of hemoglobin
45. Quick and skillful in movement
49. Passing trend
50. Part of the eye
51. One who acclaims
53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
54. Taste property
56. Genus of mosquitoes
58. Blood type



59. A group of countries in special alliance
60. Institute legal proceedings against
63. Shade of a color
64. Spoke
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. Charge with a crime
2. Mended with yarn
3. North Atlantic flatfish
4. Boil at low temperature
5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
6. Poisonous plant
7. Atomic #22
8. 36 inches
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Type of gin
13. An alternative
14. Alone
15. A way to ooze
20. Publicity
21. American firm
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Comedian Cook
29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
30. Political action committee
31. Make a low, steady sound
32. Legendary sportscaster

- Michaels
33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 34. Designed to keep ears warm
 35. One who scrapes
 36. Tear into two or more pieces
 37. Supervises flying
 38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
 40. District in Peru
 41. One died leaving a will
 42. Morning
 44. The world of the dead
 45. Widen
 46. Drink containing medicine
 47. Celebrating
 48. Secret encounters
 50. A type of tag
 51. Halfback
 52. Modern tech
 54. Monetary unit
 55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
 57. Execute or perform
 61. "The Golden State"
 62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)



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Fair

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The 4H Static Exhibit Judging begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m., and is also not open to the public.

The 1st year bucket calf interviews are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Dairy Show begins at noon and milkers are released after the show. At 1 p.m. the 2nd year bucket calf record books are due.

The Open Class set up of displays goes from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is not open to the public. The 1st year bucket calf show is at 4 p.m.

Check in for all 4-H and FFA Livestock is from 8 a.m. to noon. The Bucket Calf Interviews are from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

derway at 8 a.m. with the Rabbit Show.

on Thursday, August 1 is the Rabbit Show.

From 9 a.m. until noon are the 2nd year Bucket Calf Interviews. The Sheep Show will be at 1 p.m.

The Exhibit Building and Livestock Facilities are open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Pavilion is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Goat Show begins at 3:30 p.m. Registration for the Livestock Judging Contest is at 5 p.m.

The Livestock Judging Contest starts at 6 p.m.

The Beer Garden is Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Bull Riding is at 8 p.m. at the Grandstands.

On Friday, August 2, the Swine Show is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. The Judging of eggs and Poultry Caged Classes goes from 8 a.m. to noon. The Poultry Show begins at 1 p.m.

The carnival is open from 6 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

The Beer Garden will be open from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Bull Riding is the last event of the day and is at 8 p.m. at the Grandstands.

Saturday, August 3, is jam-packed with activities.

The Beef Show starts at 8:30

a.m. The exhibit building and livestock Facilities are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Horseshoe Pitching Contest begins at 1:30 p.m. The Antique Tractor Parade is at Riverside Park at 3:30 p.m.

The Livestock Premium Auction is at 4 p.m. followed, at 4:30 p.m. by the Antelope County Barbecue and the Brownie/Ice Cream Social at Riverside Park.

The Aksarben and Pioneer Farm Family Awards are at 5 p.m.

The Demo Derby begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday activities get underway with a pancake feed at Riverside Park from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A community church service will be held at 10 a.m. by the Pavilion.

A Small Animal Round Robin will be followed by a Large Animal Round Robin at 10 a.m.

At noon will be the 4-H Fashion Revue and Awards Ceremony in the Livestock Show Arena.

A Scavenger Hunt will be held after the awards ceremony around 2 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. the Exhibit Building Closes. The Livestock exhibits release and cleanup is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The final event of the fair is the Outlaw Truck and Tractor Pullers at 5 p.m. at the Grandstand. The Beer Garden will be open during this time.

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6:00 pm Dog Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
8:00 am Horse Show begins. Show order will be posted.
GLW Roping, Working Ranch Horse & Goat Tying (after the horse show)
7:00 pm That Hypnotist

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
9:00 am Interview Judging of static exhibits.
10:00 am- 2 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 2
10:00 am Small Animal Show
1. Cats
2. Small Animals
3. Rabbits
4. Poultry
3:00 -5:00 pm Livestock Weigh-In
All livestock weighed and in place except stocker feeders and lactating dairy
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, Wild Horse Racing, Kids Events
During Rodeo, Slack Rodeo
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WHEELER COUNTY TALENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 - COMMUNITY DAY
9:00 am Community Worship Service
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.
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SATURDAY AUGUST 3
8:00 am Livestock Show: Show order will be posted.
1. Swine 4. Beef
2. Dairy Goats 5. Sheep
3. Dairy 6. Meat Goats
5:00 pm 4-H Council Award & Recognition Program
5:30 pm Livestock Premium Action
5:00 pm-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)

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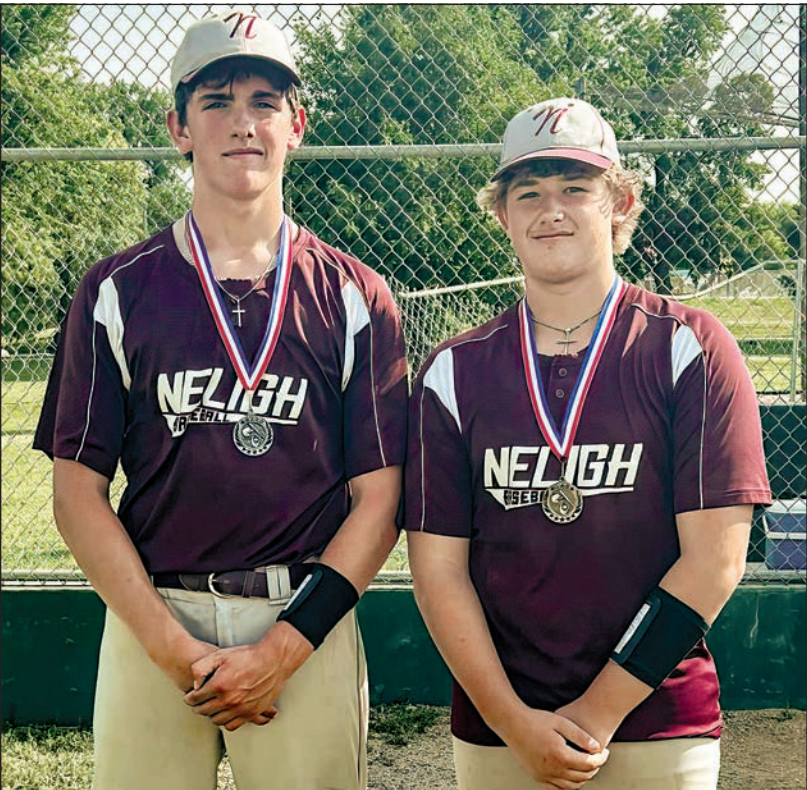
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Henn, Blecher help lead Neligh Pony team to 14-3 season record

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