

ECC Church to hold brunch on August 13

Elgin Rescue 5K Run to include water fights

Public Notices

Weather

Date	H	L	Prec.
July 17	72	59	0.25
July 18	76	61	
July 19	78	60	0.02
July 20	77	55	
July 21	79	63	
July 22	87	55	
July 23	81	66	
Total for Last Week.....			0.27
Total for July			5.55
Total for 2023.....			18.07

A photograph of a church with two towers and a rainbow in the sky. The church is yellow with red roofs and is situated behind a line of green trees. In the foreground, there is a field of tall green grass. A bright rainbow is visible in the sky above the church.

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter

Fourteen young adults, who were cited for minor in possession of alcohol June 24 during a concert in Clearwater, faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last week. Individuals who pleaded guilty to MIP charges and were fined by Taylor on July 19 include:

- Kaylee L. Bruns, 18, Wayne, \$300 fine,

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**Elgin Community
Calendar**

July

28 - 30 Tilden Prairie Days*.

29 Antelope County Trail Ride,
starting @ Neligh Airport Road to
Oakdale and back.

30 Quarterly meeting of the Antelope
County Historical Society*.

31 - August 6 Wheeler County
Fair.

August

1 Regular meeting of the Antelope
County Board of Commissioners*.

1 - 6 Antelope County Fair.

7 Elgin City Council Meeting.

8 District #18 Board of Education
meeting.

11 Elgin Community Club/Chamber
of Commerce Steak Fry.

13 Elgin Community Christian Church
Brunch* • Elgin Rescue Squad 5K Run
& More*.

19 Medical Benefit for Brandon 'Buff'
Henn @ Elgin KC Hall*.

Every Sunday - Youth Group at Elgin
Christian Community Church, 6:30 pm

Events listing is courtesy of
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1/4 cup pimiento (optional)
1 7 oz can of shrimp
2 hard-boiled eggs, diced

Cook macaroni as directed until tender. Drain.
Add remaining ingredients and chill until ready to serve.
Hint: This recipe doesn't make a lot so if you're serving a
crowd, you may need to double the recipe.
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USDA accepts nearly 2.7 million acres in grassland CRP sign-up

Nebraska second highest state for acres accepted

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting offers for nearly 2.7 million acres from agricultural producers and private landowners through this year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grassland sign-up.

This program allows producers and landowners to continue grazing and haying practices while protecting grasslands and further CRP conservation efforts. Grassland CRP is part of the Biden-Harris administration's broader effort to address climate change and conserve natural resources.

This year's sign-up results include 417,865 acres in Nebraska, behind Colorado which lead the nation with 430,899.

"This year's Grassland CRP sign-up demonstrates the continued success and value of investments in voluntary, producer-led, working lands conservation programs," said Tim Divis, Acting State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Nebraska.

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Fair

From Page One

Promotions is at 7 p.m. The beer garden will be open that evening.

The pancake feed sponsored by FFA Alumni is scheduled for Sunday, August 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A community church service at Riverside Park will begin at 10 a.m.

The small animal round robin is at 9:30 a.m. with the large animal round robin to follow.

At 11:30 a.m. will be the 4-H Fashion Revue and Awards.

The last event on Sunday is the outland truck and tractor pullers - MATTPA, which is slated to start at 5 p.m.

We hope to see you at the Antelope County Fair!

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New Arrivals

Scott and Sydney Jarecki are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Rae Jarecki, born June 24, 2023 at the Boone County Health Center.



She weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Keith and Diane Schumacher of Petersburg and Tom and Sheri Jarecki of Lindsay.

Great-grandparents are Helen Preusser of Petersburg and Ralph and Marlene Weeder of Lindsay.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

July 25, 1963
Seven excited 4-H youths from Canada and their chaperone arrived in Elgin around 11 p.m. Thursday and were greeted-not by a warmly lit city, but by dark streets and homes faintly aglow with candlelights-the result of a thunderstorm and showers that night which caused two power outages. Their hosts and families were on hand at the Bank of Elgin corner to welcome them with warm handshakes and friendly smiles that soon dispelled any qualms or fears the youths might have in visiting their next door neighbors. To help dispel the hot weather the village board gave the group free passes to the municipal pool.

From Look Into The Past - July 20, 1923 - Several carloads of gypsies stopped in Elgin Friday and attempted to work their various grafts on local people. They were given a warm reception by Acting Police Officer Kellogg, but in spite of his warnings, a few of them managed to circulate through the business district. The modern gypsies have discarded their horses and travel in high priced automobiles, two of those in the caravan being Cadillacs.

Ray's Superette - Sandwich Treat Wilson's BIF, three 12 oz cans \$1.00; Every Dog's Favorite Treat Roxey Dog Food, case of 12 cans 89¢; Town 'N Country Whole Tender Chicken, 3 1/4 lb. tin 89¢.

Fifty Years Ago

July 26, 1973
It was learned here Tuesday that Elgin has been selected as a site for the Tuesday, Oct. 9 hearing on the Railway station agent consolidation proposal presently before the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The hearing will be held in the American Legion hall at 9:30 a.m. Under the application made by the Chicago & North Western Transportation Co. Elgin and Tilden will lose their freight agents. Both will be served by the Neligh Office should the application be approved. It has been rumored here that more freight can be shipped from Elgin on the C & N W line than there is from the same line fro Norfolk to O'Neil.

American Legion Post 229 met Monday evening in their

hall with installation as the main agenda for the evening. Officers installed included: Harold Beeson, commander; Ed Eischeid, vice commander; Leland Pierce, adjutant; Lawrence Josten, chaplain; Clarence Johns, sergeant at arms; Monte Totten, firing squad; Boys Stater, Scott Beckman, is expected to give a report of his experiences at the Legion's August meeting.

The stabilization of the out-migration of young people and certain professionals from the area was of major concern to a group of residents from Antelope, Madison and Pierce counties who met in Norfolk recently to discuss what they think Nebraska's future should be like in five or ten years. The meeting was one in a series of 30 regional "Goals for Nebraska" conferences conducted by the Department of Economic Development to produce a document of citizen-suggested goals for the use in planning by state and local officials. The "Goals" project, which is a cooperative effort of a citizens group composed of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, and the Nebraska Press Association, has the full support of Gov. J. James Exon.

Thirty Years Ago

August 4, 1993

A total of 48 students attended the fourth annual Summer Enrichment Program hosted by Elgin Public Schools last week. The program featured four courses to provide enrichment of the school's existing curriculum and to expose students to curricular areas not offered on a regular basis. The program was funded by a Chapter 2 grant. Coordinators were Dianne Gunderson and Shirley Thorberg. "Espanol," taught by Barb Menning, focused on the Spanish culture by using basic vocabulary in conversation, making costumes, performing a Mexican hat dance and tasting Mexican food as they journey on an imaginary trip to Mexico. A total of 12 students attended this session. Kathy Fick taught the session entitled "Talking with Your Hands," in which 10 students learned about basic vocabulary in sign language and a general knowledge of deaf people. Seven students

attended "The Wonderful World of Chocolate" taught by Jan Stauffer. The students learned a wide variety of information about chocolate, created a new candy wrapper and prepared foods showing the uses of the manufactured product. "Nature Extravaganza," taught by Everett Rokahr, allowed students to use the scientific problem solving method while studying crayfish. They used scientific processes in conducting crayfish races, determining the types of homes that crayfish like best, building crayfish traps and placing them in a local pond. This was the largest of the four classes, with 19 students attending.

Elgin Historical Society will be hosting their second annual "Bluegrass Festival" on Sunday, August 22, in the Elgin City Park. The event will begin with ecumenical worship services at 10 a.m., and continue until 9 p.m. with a variety of bluegrass, gospel and country music. Some of the groups planning to attend during the day are "Julie's Man's Band," "Sweet Corn," "Elkhorn Valley Fiddlers," "Tune Tappers," and "Nebraska." A flea market is planned in conjunction with the festival, and concessions will be available.

Visitors attending the 2003 Antelope County Fair next week will notice a number of recent improvements in the fairgrounds facilities at Neligh. The improvements include new siding and a new roof on the bandstand, landscaping of the grandstand entrances and new metal siding on the 4-H building. Rainbow Amusements will provide a carnival midway throughout the fair. Due to past vandalism incidents, there will be no farm equipment show this year.

Twenty Years Ago

July 23, 2003

Members of the Elgin Knights of Columbus Council 2411 completed the removal

of the former Don's Electric building early this week. The KCs recently finalized their purchase of the building, which joined the south side of the KC Hall. It was removed to make way for a future addition to the hall. The building was built in 1926 and first served as Halbur's Produce. Other businesses occupying the building through the years were Hamling Blacksmith Shop, Kluthe Feeds, Wilgocki Seed Corn and Gregor Garage. The building was purchased by Don Mackel in 1973 and housed Don's Electric until earlier this year.

Property valuations increased in rural areas, but declined dramatically in the City of Elgin this year, according to preliminary figures supplied by the Antelope County Assessor's office. The county's overall valuation for 2003 is expected to increase by more than \$27 million, or about 4.7 percent, according to the Assessor's office figures. Most of the valuation increase is due to higher selling prices for agricultural land, said Assessor Julie Harrison. In the City of Elgin, residential and commercial real estate values showed a decline of about 9.9 percent after a valuation review was conducted by the Assessor's office staff.

A group of about 18 volunteers built and erected new play structures for the elementary playground at Elgin Public Schools last Thursday, July 17. Those helping with the work were Allen Beckman, Karla VonBonn, Megan Bode, Gayla Fredrickson, Kelcey Fredrickson, Ashley Bolus, Scott Beckman, Grant Beckman, Darline Warner, McKayla Warner, Jennifer Bush and Casey Clouse. Helpers representing the Elgin FFA Chapter were advisor Phil Simpson, Clayton Hensley, Nick Schmidt, Zach Schmidt, Casey Bode and Ross Becklun.

By Betty Kallhoff

Physical therapist joins BCHC team, offers dry needling services

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is thrilled to announce the newest addition to its team of expert physical therapists. McKenna Rossmeier, DPT, has recently joined the practice, bringing a wealth of knowledge to enhance patient care. With her specialized training in dry needling, she is set to provide effective and innovative treatments to her patients.

Rossmeier earned her Bachelor of Science from Doane University and her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, KS. With a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT), Rossmeier holds the highest level of education and qualifications in the field. Throughout her academic journey, she developed a passion for understanding the complexities of human anatomy and advancements in therapeutic techniques.

Dry needling is one such advanced technique, which Rossmeier has mastered through rigorous training and clinical experience. This therapeutic method involves precisely inserting thin, sterile needles into trigger points or 'knots' in muscles. Dry needling aims to alleviate pain, improve muscle function, and promote the body's natural healing processes. By combining dry needling, soft tissue mobilization and exercise, patients can maintain proper muscle tension and train the muscles to fire correctly. Dry needling is particularly effective in treating conditions such as:

- Chronic and acute muscle pain
- Sports injuries
- Postoperative recovery
- Myofascial pain syndrome
- Tension headaches
- Fibromyalgia
- And more

"We are delighted to welcome McKenna to our team," said Allison Rankin, PT Supervisor at BCHC. "Her dedication to helping patients recover from injuries and improve their quality of life aligns perfectly with our core values. Incorporating dry needling into our range of services expands treatment options for our patients, providing a comprehensive and personalized approach to rehabilitation and pain management."

Beyond their professional accomplishments, Rossmeier brings a remarkable background in college basketball and a passion for athletics. Having played at the collegiate level, she understands the physical demands and potential injuries that athletes may face. In her spare time, you can find her outside golfing, doing yard work, walking her dogs and spending time with friends and family. Rossmeier works Monday through Friday at the Health Center. Patients interested in experiencing the benefits of dry needling or seeking expert physical therapy services can now schedule appointments with Rossmeier by calling 402-395-3187.



McKenna Rossmeier

Saying goodbye

Yesterday was one of the hardest days I've ever endured. We had to say goodbye to our sweet dog, Sawyer. We held him and loved him in his final moments. It was incredibly emotional, but we know he is no longer in pain.

As hard as yesterday was, the day before was worse. We had to tell the kids what was happening and let them say their final goodbyes. Nobody wants to see their children in pain. It was so much for their little hearts to take. They sobbed as they pet him and told him they loved him. Watching them hurt and not being able to do anything to make them feel better was terrible.

One thing I learned through all of this is how differently every person grieves. My husband got Sawyer when he was 6 weeks old. Sawyer was 14 when he passed away so caring for him was a big part of my husband's life. He is absolutely devastated. However, he doesn't like to feel sad so he's already giving away dog bowls, beds, and crates so there's less around that reminds him of the dog.

At first, he didn't want to keep the ashes or have the kids say goodbye because he thought it would be too hard.

We realized that not letting them have that chance could be worse. They needed to process what was happening and it was important for them to have closure. They gave him a stuffed animal to snuggle for his final night. They also insisted on keeping the ashes to remember him. My daughter wanted his collar and begged us not to wash it so that it would smell like him. Personally, I'd want it washed, but whatever.

Even though it may not be how I grieve or want to remember someone, doesn't mean it's wrong. I don't want to insist on what I want, just because something doesn't make sense to me.

The worst part is that our middle son still doesn't know. He's away at camp right now and didn't have the opportunity to say goodbye. It was an incredibly difficult decision to make.

We didn't want Sawyer to suffer longer than he needed to just to allow our son that opportunity. However, we know how upset he will be. We made him some videos of Sawyer and we're getting him a stuffed animal that looks like him to help ease the blow.

At the end of the day, I have no idea if I'm making any of the right decisions. Was it ok to let them say goodbye or should we not have? Should we have waited longer? Will the ashes just be a painful reminder? We used our best judgment and had the kids in mind through all the decisions. God willing, we made the right call and if not, He can heal any pain that lingers.

Saying goodbye is hard but it's something we will all have to do at some point. As much as we want to shield our kids from this type of pain, we cannot. So the best we can do is help them cope, listen, and give them the support they need.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmom-ma@gmail.com.

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Community Center Menus

Elgin Community Center meals next week are:
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Tuesday, July 25: Tacos with all the fixings, Spanish rice, refried beans, banana, milk.
Wednesday, July 26: Stuffed peppers, macaroni salad, lettuce salad, pears, milk.
Thursday, July 27: Baked pork cutlets, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, apricots, milk.
Friday, July 28: Chicken strips, tator tots, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk.
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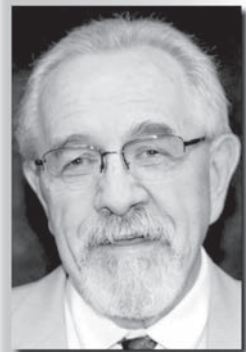
Could Critical Race Theory be the next hot button in Lincoln?

If you thought that the mostly one-sided filibuster-driven debate on transgender issues and abortion was the thing that dragged the 2023 Nebraska Legislature to a near standstill, steel yourself for what could lie ahead.

State Senator Dave Murman of Glenvil, the chair of the Legislature's Education Committee, says he wants to study the use of critical race theory and other controversial subjects in the classroom.

CAPITOL VIEW

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J.L. Schmidt

Innocently enough, the studies stem from a request to investigate the Nebraska Department of Education made by a collection of state senators.

Those were met with a trio of interim study resolutions to look at parental involvement in public schools, the usage of "social-emotional learning" in the classroom and how federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding was used for a state website aimed at helping schools through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kudos to the senator for starting with a hearing in-

stead of just landing on a topic that has the backing of the national Republican Party and cramming it down his colleagues' throats. In case you forgot, that's pretty much what happened with the transgender and abortion issues.

The 32-member Republican majority in the officially nonpartisan Legislature decided to bully the 16 Democrats and one Independent who are also state senators.

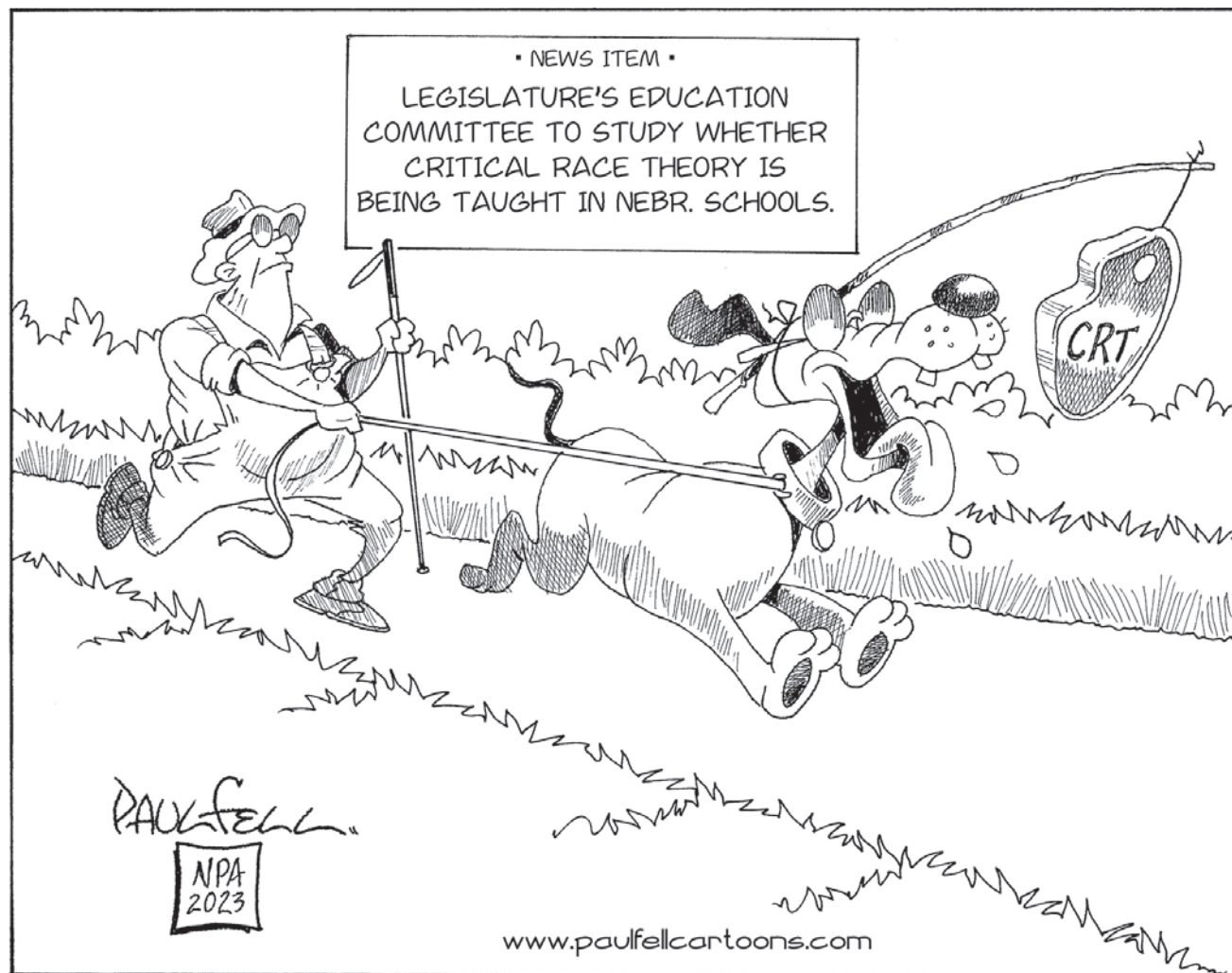
So, the hearing, albeit a little restrained, will be held July 31 and committee members will hear invited testimony from department officials, retired educators and parents. The hearing is open to the public, but the general public will not be allowed to testify, Murman said, adding it's not unusual for interim study resolutions to limit testimony to invited guests. IMHO, it doesn't do anything for goodwill.

Last year, Murman was among those calling for an investigation into the Department of Education, alleging it provided materials to teachers promoting critical race theory through the website Launch Nebraska.

Now he says that "investigation" is too strong a word to describe his goals. He wants to consider how Nebraska's education system can improve in these areas moving forward. Uh, ok. Investigate or improve. That's what parents have demanded over the past two years.

Bottom line, it boils down to CRT, the moniker for critical race theory and one document titled "Winning Racial Justice in Our Schools," by the Education Justice Research and Organizing Collaborative at New York University. The document was never directly available on the department's websites, but it was accessible by clicking a link to a different website which at one point had a link to it.

Education Department spokesman David Jespersen said this connection was in place for a few months at most. The department was not aware that the document was indirectly available until last summer, when then-Gov. Pete Ricketts' office reached out with concerns, and in response department officials removed the link. Former Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt said in October the lawmakers who backed the investigation did not reach out beforehand.



There's no evidence the document was ever used in any Nebraska public schools. But Murman said he continues to hear concerns from parents and teachers about inappropriate material being taught in the classroom.

Although people have differing interpretations of critical race theory, a central tenet of it is the assertion that the laws and legal institutions in the U.S. are inherently racist and advantage White people over other races, particularly African Americans. Adherents say the theory is a framework or lens for understanding race in history and society. But critics say it promotes the idea that members of a specific race are inherently inferior or superior.

Now here's what we like to hear from an Education Committee chairman, Murman said he would prefer Nebraska's public schools focus on "the basics," such as reading, writing and arithmetic. Social issues, he said, are best left to be taught by parents or churches.

Critical race theory has existed for decades within academia, but it has recently become a key talking point for Republican politicians, including then-Gov. Pete Ricketts. It's an academic framework that views racism as systemic, embedded in systems and policies, rather than as an individual

issue.

It's generally taught at the graduate level, but opponents often call it un-American and use the term to cover a broad range of anti-racism and diversity curriculum and initiatives.

Gov. Jim Pillen was a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents when the UNL Office of Diversity and Inclusion was created in 2018. The office was created to coordinate and advance diversity efforts, mostly focused on campus culture.

Charles Herbst, one of Pillen's opponents in the Republican Gubernatorial Primary, constantly reminded voters that critical race theory first entered the University under Pillen's watch. It didn't work; Pillen won the nomination and the governor's race.

But Herbst and his money are still out there. His political action committee has not proven to be shy in throwing money at controversy.

Let's just hope that Murman's reading, writing and arithmetic issues take precedent.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

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We prioritized giving people a hand up, not a handout. The results were incredible. By the end of my administration as Governor, hundreds of families had found new or better employment. Many are now working more predictable hours, allowing them to spend more time together as a family. They have increased their monthly income by more than \$2,100 – that's \$25,000 more per year. About 60% of these families no longer needed any state food assistance, and the other 40% reduced their need for SNAP benefits. Before beginning the program, the average monthly benefit was \$508. After SNAP Next Step, the average monthly benefit dropped to \$179, a decrease of \$318 per month.

As I said in my Maiden Speech on the Senate floor, Nebraska is what America is supposed to be. SNAP Next Step was a win for families, a win for our workforce, and a win for taxpayers. The program worked in Nebraska, and it is ready for America. That's why this week I proposed my first bill, the SNAP Next Step Act, which would bring this innovative program to every worker on SNAP across our country.

We all know the federal government is filled with wasteful spending. One of my priorities is ensuring any taxpayer money the government does spend is spent as efficiently as possible. My legislation redirects, but does not increase, pre-existing SNAP administrative spending to directly help workers. It will be used to provide services such as job search coaching, interview preparation, and resume writing. In doing so, we can give people the tools they need to get off government assistance and into new and better jobs – without spending any additional taxpayer dollars.

This redirected federal funding will also be

used to provide workers with a benefits calculator. This will help our SNAP families overcome their fear they will lose out by accepting a new job. Many workers fear that taking a promotion or finding a better paying job may result in the loss of health care or food benefits. The benefits calculator helps them see how a new promotion or job will make them better off. Workers who take these opportunities end up in an overall better financial situation. They are also able to spend more time with their loved ones. My SNAP Next Step Act is a proven way to celebrate the dignity of work and empower families to achieve greater financial independence.

Nebraskan April Claussen knows how successful the program can be. Before April started SNAP Next Step, she was a single mother of two who lived on \$700 per month and utilized government assistance to make ends meet for her family. She applied to over 1,100 jobs but the only one she could find was at a gas station. Then she found SNAP Next Step, which enabled her to go back to school to complete her associate degree. While juggling work, family, and a full class schedule, April was able to earn her degree two days before her youngest child graduated high school. Because of the program, she got a job working for the State of Nebraska helping other people find the same successes she did.

April is now able to spend more time with her family and working normal hours, which leads to a better quality of life. SNAP Next Step worked for April, and it will work for people like her across America – if Congress passes my bill.

By passing this important legislation, we can ensure that the SNAP program promotes self-sufficiency and grit. Together, we can provide a next step for all Americans in need.

Working for firefighters & first responders

Earlier this year, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation honored 144 firefighters who passed away in 2021 and 2022. Four of those officers were from our home state of Nebraska: Fire Chief Darren Krull, James Bissonnette, Captain Christopher Parker, and Assistant Chief Michael Moody.

Assistant Chief Moody was a volunteer for the Purdum Volunteer Fire Department. He passed away from a medical emergency while fighting the Bovee wildfire last year. Moody, who had previously served as chief for the Purdum Department, volunteered as a firefighter for over 40 years. His obituary reads: "Whenever a fire call came in, he would be the first to the truck, not because he enjoyed going; he was there to help his neighbors save their land and structures."

Mike Moody and his fellow heroes put their health, safety, and lives on the line to protect Nebraskans. Their names are now permanently inscribed on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. I am thankful to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for recognizing and honoring our valiant Nebraskan firefighters.

As Nebraska's senior senator, I'm here to advance legislation that will minimize tragic deaths and provide our firefighters and first responders with the federal resources they need. That's why I co-lead the introduction of the bipartisan Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act late last month with my colleague Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.). This bill — supported by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Congressional Fire Services Institute, among other organizations — would reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry for the next five years as well as raise its authorized funding level.

This registry is the largest effort ever undertaken to understand the risk of cancer among U.S. firefighters, which could be elevated due to dangerous toxin exposure. After being enacted for the first time in 2018, it officially went online this year. Now, we want Congress to reauthorize the registry so that firefighters can continue to understand their risk.

The original Firefighter Cancer Registry legislation directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a database of firefighters diagnosed with cancer and to study the relationship between career-long exposure to dangerous fumes and toxins and the incidence of cancer in firefighters. Using this information, we can develop better protective gear and prevention techniques.

That's just the start of what I hope to accomplish for our first responders this Congress. I recently reintroduced the Helping Emergency Responders Overcome (HERO) Act. That bill addresses the toll that service takes on our firefighters' and first responders' mental health — a struggle that too often stays invisible and goes unaddressed. First responders have much higher rates of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder than the general population.

To address this issue, the HERO Act would task the CDC with collecting data on the incidence of suicide among emergency responders. We can use this information to research more about possible prevention methods. Importantly, the bill also creates a grant program to establish or enhance peer support behavioral

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U.S. Senator
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Aviation leadership and innovation

Air travel in the United States is on the rise in 2023. According to a survey by Forbes Advisor, 49 percent of Americans plan to travel more in 2023 than they did in 2022.

However, we have seen a number of challenges accompany this increase in demand, particularly during the summer travel season.

The modern marvel of commercial aviation allows for travel across our country and around the globe. Air transportation isn't just about traditional ticketed passengers – general aviation and air cargo are also critical components of our economy.

As airports and airlines have struggled to manage greater demand, travelers have become all too familiar with disruptions in flight plans. According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, more than 1-in-5 flights have been affected by delays this year. Furthermore, with the added challenges of staffing and pilot shortages,

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Providence, not coincidence

God certainly does work in mysterious ways. Take, for example, these words you're reading right now. If not for a small miracle 12 years ago, I wouldn't be writing this column. Back then, through a certain unusual chain of events, my son Daniel found himself dining at the home of Dennis and Lynell Morgan, who at the time were strangers to him. Daniel was one of four college-age missionaries offering a Totus Tuus youth program at St. Boniface.

The missionaries stayed with different parish families for a week in Elgin, and one night they stayed with the Morgans. At dinner Daniel happened to hear the Morgans mention my maiden name. Years later, I have no idea how it came up. I had worked with Dennis for one summer in 1985, as an intern at the *Beatrice Daily Sun*, where Dennis himself was a budding journalist. That summer, I got to know him and his new bride.

This is probably no surprise to those who know Dennis, but

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Columnist
Susan Szalewski

he was quite the character back then. I remember how he drove by a ballpark and yelled at the umpire: "I've seen better eyes on a potato!" Poor Lynell. I knew she was dealing with a handful.

But by the end of that summer, we all moved on.

I went back to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to finish my journalism degree. After graduation I worked at a couple small-town newspapers and eventually got engaged to my high school sweetheart. That meant moving back to Omaha and after a year or so landing a job at *The Omaha World-Herald*.

Fast forward 26 years and after having nine kids, my second-oldest child is eating dinner with the Morgans and fellow missionaries. He hears my name mentioned and said "That's my mom."

Dennis had him call me immediately. We all had a good laugh at that unlikely situation. What are the odds of that happening, right?

Things had changed from the 1980s, though. Now there was this thing called social media, and the Morgans kept in touch. We got together once in a while.

They met an assortment of my kids by inviting us to Husker games and for a mini vacation stay at their home in Elgin. I remember a brunch in Omaha after Dennis and Lynell flew in from Washington, D.C.

So thanks to a chance encounter and some modern technology, old friends were reunited.

And that's how you've ended up reading this column, these words. It all started with a weirdly coincidental dinner, where my son happened to have landed that summer – and even more strangely, where the name of an old colleague surfaced at dinner.

Was it really a coincidence? No. I don't believe in coincidences. I believe in Providence. I've seen so many "coincidences," so many answered prayers, so much beauty, so much goodness. I know there's a Master Planner at work.

So here we are, 12 years after my son helped rekindle my friendship with the Morgans.

The then-college student and former seminarian is now married and has a beautiful wife and 1½-year-old daughter.

She made me a grandmother for the second time. In just days I hope to be cuddling a third grandchild. As I'm writing this, my new grandson is three days away from his due date. And I can't wait.

It's been several years since I left my job at *The World-Herald* and moved on to the *Catholic Voice*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Omaha. There I continue to marvel at life's "coincidences" and miracles and am blessed to report on them as they occur across the archdiocese.

Meeting you, dear reader, is just another one of those marvels.

Obituary

Roger Haskin, 70

Born at Plainview, he was a truck driver for Velocity Rail Solutions for many years.



cremation with a memorial service to be held at 3:00 pm

on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Fairview Memorial Methodist Church.

The family has entrusted Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with the care of their loved one.

Roger was born August 23, 1952, in Plainview, NE, the son of the late Raymond Charles and Rena Maxine Brandt Haskin. Roger was a truck driver for Velocity Rail Solutions and was of the Methodist faith and attended Fairview

Memorial Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ron Haskin and Tommy Haskin; and his infant grandson.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Carol Ann Poppert Haskin of Hopkinsville, KY; his son, Robert of Nebraska; his daughter, Reva of South Dakota; his step-son, Lance Adams and his wife April of Florida; his brothers, Terry of Nebraska, Alan and his wife

Kim of Nebraska; his sisters, Susan Beard of Nebraska, Kay Heins and her husband Robbie of Kansas; his seven grandchildren; and his five great-grandchildren.

Flowers can be sent to Fairview Memorial Methodist Church, 10726 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Fairview, KY 42266. Sympathy cards can be sent to Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, KY, and will be forwarded to his wife Carol.

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weather-related delays are more difficult to troubleshoot. These factors underscore the need for improvement and innovation in the aviation industry.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), each day 45,000 flights carrying 2.9 million passengers are served by the national airspace system (NAS) — a network administering equipment, facilities, services, and manpower in American domestic and oceanic airspace.

Congress considers legislation to reauthorize the FAA every five years, and we last enacted comprehensive FAA legislation in 2018. The deadline for FAA reauthorization is September 30 of this year. This week I supported the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act. This important legislation to reauthorize FAA passed on a 351-69 overwhelmingly bipartisan vote, and I'm

glad the House came together to ensure our nation's aviation system has the resources and stability necessary to serve Americans.

In a dynamic and rapidly growing field, commonsense policy is needed to keep pace with aerospace innovations. This legislation streamlines the safe and efficient testing of new technologies, such as Advanced Air Mobility, have the potential to change our everyday lives and help the U.S. compete globally.

To enhance the experience for the traveling public, the House bill also includes improvements to air traffic control systems and infrastructure.

By increasing annual funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and cutting red tape, airports across the country — including the ones serving Nebraska's Third District — will be able to better maintain and improve their facilities for passengers

and airlines. Additionally, the bill invests in aviation workforce growth and paves the way for much-needed updates in air travel safety administration.

As the birthplace of flight, the United States has long been on the leading edge of aeronautical advancements. According to an FAA report, the aviation sector contributes

to over five percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and the NAS is on track to facilitate travel for 1 billion passengers this year.

Maintaining the valuable economic impact, scientific leadership and high safety standards of the American aviation industry are critical to continued success and innovation in American aviation.

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Finishing second was the 2000/2016 team consisting of (front row, l-r): Nicole Beckman, Moriah Brookshier, Ace Pelster, Adam Veik, Matt Pelster and Jenna Sneed. Back row: Tyson Zegers, Trey Baum, Seth Schumacher, Scott Moser and Luke Sneed. *Photo submitted*



Taking third was the team of 2010/2014. Team members were (front row, l-r): Tyler Schrage, Jenna Beckman, Kasi Stoltz and Wes Stepherson. Back row: Jake Eischeid, Leiauna Pelster, Alex Pelster, Justin Reestman, Monica Reestman, Bryan Bode, Brett Kinney and Blake Schrage. *Photo submitted*

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Local golfers among teams at BCHC Foundation Tourney

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Altogether, 28 teams of four persons participated in 18 holes of golf.

In the championship flight, the Applied Connective Tech-

nologies team of Jerry Lampe, Justin Niewohner, Eric Beckman and Austin Williams won. Placing second was IP Pathways (Jamie McCarville, Brian Brandl, Justin Bleich and Scott Olson) while third place went to Beckenhauer Construction (Derek Stuhr, Nathan Gotier, Austin Bode and Colton Pelster).

Second Flight
1st Place - Liss/Knust/Heithoff (Brian & Rita Liss,

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A little bit of this & that

There's a lot happening now and in the coming days and weeks. Some of it you may find interesting, some won't, so please indulge me as I share a few thoughts on this here keyboard.

On Sunday morning, after attending church, Lynell helped me complete a task which was weeks in the making. I'm proud to fly an American flag in front of my house. Both of our fathers served in the U.S. Army during the time of World War II. My father was in the 656 Tank Destroyer Battalion during the way, Lynell's dad was part of the peace-keeping force in Germany right after the war ended.

Anyway, my flagpole got blown over in May 2022 when those 90 mph winds swept through town.

A couple of months ago I dug out the old hole and put the pole back up, only to see it lean heavily to the east after one of those spring storms with the gusty winds.

So, this time we used several bags of Quikrete concrete to do the job. The flag pole is back up now. The 'Stars & Stripes' again fly in front of the house. For us, it's a reminder of the freedoms we have, thanks to 'The Greatest Generation.' Without the sacrifice and bravery of that generation, we might be speaking German or Japanese today. You know what I mean?

While on the topic of flags, I hate seeing worn, torn and tattered flags on flag poles. C'mon people, flags aren't that expensive. It takes only a few dollars to buy a flag to properly display patriotism in front of one's home or business.

So, here's my two cents worth on the biggest story of the past week. Country singer Jason Aldean became the latest target by Progressives for his song 'Try That in a Small Town.' The song takes a 'Country' look at 'Urban' problems. We've all seen and heard about these things - car jackings, sucker punches on a sidewalk, spit on a cop and the list goes on and on. The song points out what would happen if actions like these were to happen in a small town. Alden is right, it wouldn't take long to find out because here, we take care of our own.

Country Music Television (CMT) banned the video, claiming it would incite violence. Yet, other stations play rap songs promoting behaviors and actions rural America would find insulting and repulsive.

We are a divided nation, two cultures (urban and rural) co-exist but have little in common. The vitriol coming from our government leaders in Washington, D.C., is little better than raw sewage. They believe the farther apart they can be from the other side, the better.

Looking ahead to the 2024 presidential election, I see no one who can attract votes from both sides. President

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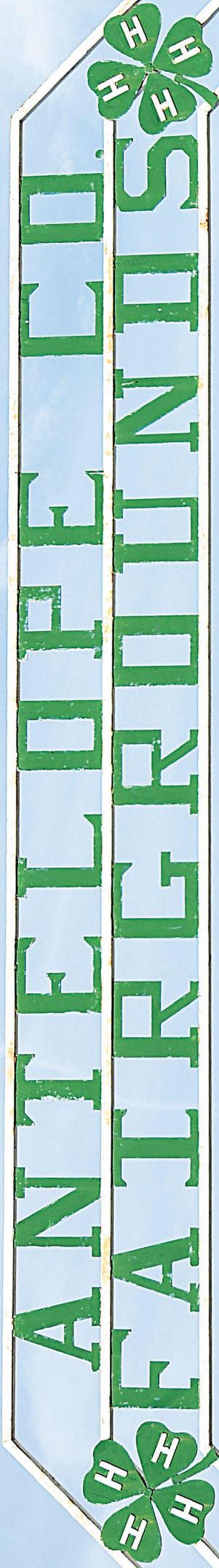
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Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Historical Society

The Antelope County Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM 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 26, 2023
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Road Closing Resolution — Antelope County

Road Closing RESOLUTION 858th Road between 521st and 522nd Avenue ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
WHEREAS, the Antelope County Board of Commissioners directed the County Highway Superintendent to study the use of the county road (858th Road) located between Sections 1, Township 26, Range 7 and Section 36, Townships 27 North, Range 7 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Antelope County, Nebraska. WHEREAS, a written report of the use of the road has been completed by the Highway Superintendent and is filed with the County Clerk. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska, that a public hearing date be set for 9:30 A.M. the 1st day of August 2023 to consider whether or not to vacate or abandon the road. The County Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution by registered or certified mail to the abutting and adjacent landowners.
PUBLISH: July 12, 19 & 26, 2023
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Notice — Estate of Rodney D. Roland

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Rodney D. Roland, Deceased. Case No. PR. 22-27
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for Authority to Sell Real Property of the Decedent has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, located at the Antelope County Courthouse, Neligh, Nebraska, on August 16, 2023, at or after 9:00 o'clock a.m.
Amy M. Eisenhauer
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 707
201 North Broadway
Bloomfield, NE 68718
(402) 373-4240
PUBLISH: July 26, August 2 & 9, 2023
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Notice of Meetings — Antelope County Commissioners

NOTICE OF MEETINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2023
Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:
August 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM
August 8, 2023 at 8:00 AM
Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
PUBLISH: July 26, 2023
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Notice of Meeting — District #18 Board of Education

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE OF VOTE TO INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY
Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elgin High School Spanish Room for a board meeting. Among other topics to be discussed, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 79-3405, the Board will vote on whether to increase the school district's base growth percentage by up to 7 percent (7%). A copy of the agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.
PUBLISH: July 26, 2023
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Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Neligh, NE July 19th, 2023
Notice of meeting published as required by statute. A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open to the public.
13 protests were heard and decided.
2023 Over/Under Report was reviewed and accepted.
Meeting adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Equalization
CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman
Attest: LISA PAYNE
Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: July 26, 2023
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Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Board of Equalization

NOTICE OF MEETING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS A COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold a County Board of Equalization meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on August 8th, 2023, at 9:30 AM, for the purpose of approving tax roll corrections, motor vehicle exemptions, cemetery report, assessors three (3) year report and various other items which may become necessary to act upon. Meetings will be opened to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's Office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
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Kelli M. Garcia, Neligh, NE 6/13/23 violate stop or yield sign, fined \$75 - Hartley.
Kraig D. Straight, Colorado Springs, CO 6/25/23 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Dostal.
David W. Fergus, Elk River, MN 7/5/23 speeding 77/65 mph, fined \$75 - Dostal.
Leonardo Luna Duran, Neligh, NE 6/25/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Pfeifer.
Danny E. Jones, Las Vegas, NE 6/27/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Kavan.
Luce E. Stephen, Wayzata, MN 7/9/23 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Kavan.
Roger Z. Stewart, Plainview, NE 6/4/23 reckless-negligent operation-vessel-skis/violate Game & Parks regulations, fined \$200 - Bauer.
Haley Parks, Clearwater, NE 5/21/23 speeding 75/55 mph/no license on person, fined \$150 - Keetle.

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..A Time for Everything...

With Nebraska Extension, I'm Ben Beckman. In the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3 begins. "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven..." Right now before things get really hectic as we gear up for harvest, weaning, and fall, the season for field days is underway.

Providing a snapshot of a growing crop while avoiding the bustle of harvest leaves a small window of opportunity to work with for those wanting to provide educational outreach to producers. That's why late July and early August may seem packed with events to attend sharing the latest and greatest in ag production. We in extension are no different.

Field days offer an opportunity not only to learn from those presenting but also to make some connections and interact with fellow attendees. I know everyone has a busy schedule and fitting extra time in to attend an educational event may not be at the top of the list, but I've found that the connections made and bits of new information gained usually make the trip worth while if the topic is one I'm interested in. Here are a few local field day options you might find of interest:

August 1-3, the Haskell Ag Lab will be hosting a Soil Health School covering a wide number of soil topics including lysimeters, cover crops, manure management, and many hands on demonstrations. Haskell is located just east of Concord, Ne along the 26B spur. To register and for more information visit <https://extension.unl.edu/>

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To register, visit extension.sdstate.edu/events and search "Forage".

August 8th and 9th the annual Nebraska Grazing Conference will be held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. Kicking off with a field tour focusing on stress-free livestock management at 9:30 AM on the 8th the meeting itself begins at 12:45 and ends at noon on the 9th. Emerging issues in grazing

management, recognition of the Leopold Conservation Award winners, and precision livestock management are conference focuses this year. More specific info on the conference is available on the website of the Center for Grassland Studies at: <http://www.grassland.unl.edu> under the News & Events tab.

August 10th from 8:30 AM to 3 PM, the Haskell Ag Lab will be holding their annual Science and Ag Family Field Day. This event has activities for all members of the family along with presentations and farm tours. More information and a list of events and topics can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/hal/>.

Row Crop producers may want to check out Soybean Management Field Days, August 9th at the UNL Haskell Ag Lab or August 10th at UNL's Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center (ENREEC) south of Mead. Visit <https://enrec.unl.edu/crop> for more information.

Finally, though a bit of a drive, livestock producers may consider attending the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory open house north of Whitman on August 23th. More information and registration can be found at beef.unl.edu.

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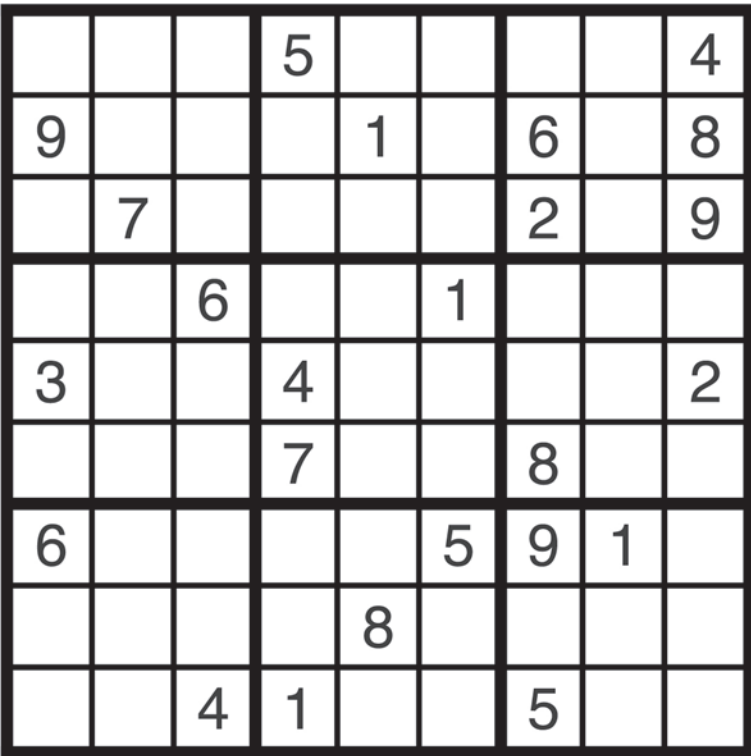
CLUES ACROSS

1. Bonus materials
7. Formal names
13. Free from restraints
14. One who scrapes away
16. Type of device
17. Skin cancers
19. The Show Me State
20. Plate glasses
22. Red-brown sea bream
23. Small (Fr.)
25. Flightless Australian birds
26. High IQ group
28. Stiff structures
29. Revolutions per minute
30. Where a bachelor lives
31. Licensed for Wall Street
33. A place to park
34. Energy, style and enthusiasm
36. An important creed in Catholic Church
38. 18-year astronomical period
40. Furies
41. Removes from the record
43. Noted child psychiatrist
44. Feline
45. High schoolers' test
47. Not happy
48. They ___
51. On top

53. Precious stones unit of weight
55. Moved quickly
56. Seagulls
58. A seed with hooks or teeth
59. Partner to "ooohed"
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. Most unpleasant
64. Organization help service members
65. Type of cockatoo
67. Humorous criticisms
69. Went through and organized
70. Wakes up

CLUES DOWN

1. Settle in tents
2. Big
3. Books
4. Masses of eggs in fish
5. Language
6. Not standing
7. Chinese philosophy
8. Computer giant
9. A device to catch
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. Actor O'Neill
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Not lower
15. Revolves



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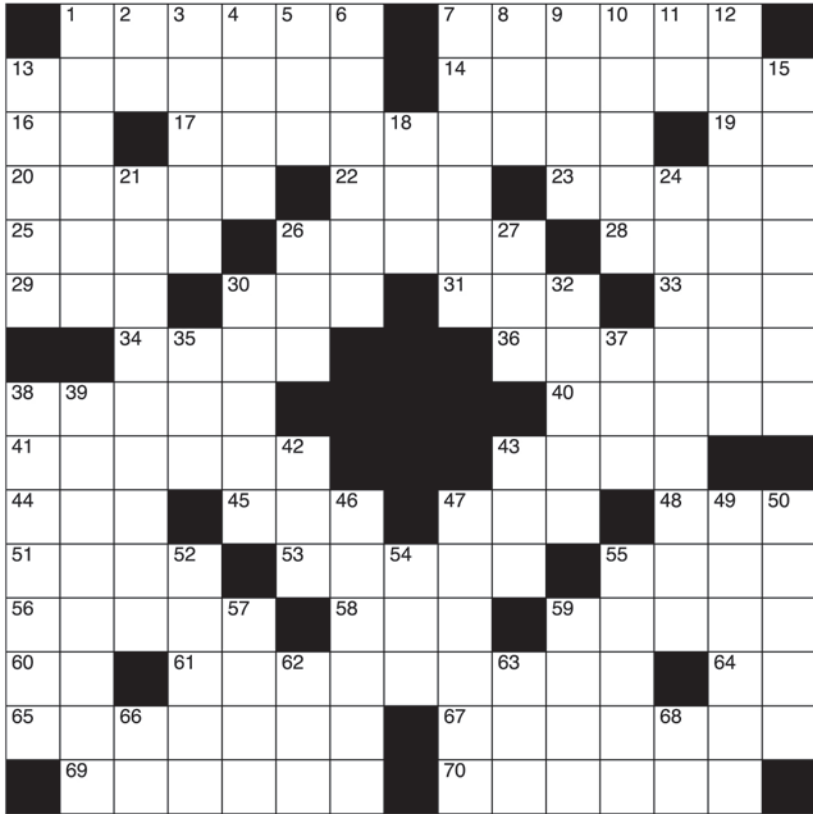
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The family of Harold Heithoff would like to extend our most heartfelt thank you to everyone for the cards, food, memorials, flowers and plants, prayers and hugs. A special thank you to Dr. Travis, our family was so grateful for your compassion, concern and kindness for our dad. The Boone County Health Center ... we are blessed to have such an amazing facility, with kind and caring nurses. Thank you to Dee Schalk and the Levander Funeral Home staff, for providing exceptional service. We appreciated your guidance and sincere sympathy to each of us. Thank you to Father Sund and Deacon John Starman for the beautiful service honoring our dad. Mark and Julie Dwyer, thank you for providing the beauty of your voices in song. Thank you to the Marvin Meis family for the luncheon following the visitation and to the ladies of St. Boniface for the meal after the funeral. It was appreciated! To Legion Post #229, VFW Post #5816 and the Legion Riders, thank you for the honor you provided Dad with holding the flags before and after the service and at the cemetery. Legion Riders, thank you for taking a fellow veteran "home." There aren't enough words to express our gratitude to everyone who helped in some way during this difficult time.

Tammy Nolan, Dale & Pam Heithoff, Gary & Kathy Seier, Joe & Teresa Simons



18. Leavened bread
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Cable
26. Adult male
27. Airborne (abbr.)
30. Bullfighting maneuvers
32. Broadcast
35. ___ Angeles
37. Vehicle
38. Not religious
39. North American peoples
42. A baglike structure
43. Body art (slang)
46. Picked for a role
47. Actress Tomei
49. Former hoopster "Big Country"
50. Icelandic poems
52. More pleasant
54. It can add flavor to meat
55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
57. Expression of annoyance
59. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. Consumed

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NOTICE:

NOTICE: **MASS** at St. Bonaventure's in Raeville on Sunday, July 30 will be held at 10:30 am, for the Missionary Benedictine Sister's Jubilee. Therefore, Mass at St. Boniface, Elgin will be at 8:00 am. 44c

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63. Body part
66. Thus
68. In reply (abbr.)



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Thousands of Nebraskans have lost Medicaid coverage for not returning paperwork on time

By Dan Golden
Flatwater Free Press

Since April, nearly 17,000 Nebraskans have lost their health care coverage previously provided by the state's Medicaid program.

About half of them lost coverage not because they are ineligible, but for procedural reasons, such as missed paperwork. Over the coming year, that number is expected to grow by tens of thousands more.

The shift in the state's Medicaid rolls is neither a surprise nor unique to Nebraska. States across the U.S. are adjusting to the end of a federal pandemic-era protection that temporarily barred removal of recipients. The resumption of annual eligibility screening marks what Nebraska Medicaid Director Kevin Bagley called a return to normal.

However, Bagley and Nebraska health care advocates remain concerned that many people are unaware that the process is resuming and that procedural issues, such as the paperwork problems, could cause Nebraskans who still qualify for Medicaid to lose coverage.

"As we watch what's happening in Nebraska and we watch what's happening across the country, we're a little concerned at the early numbers of people who are already losing coverage," said Amy Behnke, CEO of the Health Center Association of Nebraska, which works statewide on Medicaid outreach and enrollment.

As of early this year, the massive state and federal program provided health care for about one in five Nebraskans. It is intended to provide coverage to low-income individuals and families and people with disabilities. More than half of those on Medicaid are children.

Buoyed by the state's Medicaid expansion, the number of enrollees grew rapidly in recent years, rising from 249,000 in February 2020 to 392,000 in February 2023. The three-year federal pause, which ended in March, contributed to this growth.

Over the coming year, the state's Department of Health and Human Services will review the eligibility of each enrollee. Early estimates are that 10%-20% of those who receive Medicaid services in Nebraska, or about 40,000-80,000 people, could be deemed ineligible.

"This is us getting back to what we normally do as a Medicaid program," said Bagley, noting that the annual reviews have been a feature of Medicaid since 1965.

But for many Medicaid recipients, this will be new.

"We have a lot of people who got benefits during COVID for the very first time and so they've never gone through this process," said Behnke.

Reaching these people has become a key goal of DHHS and advocates. For most, the basic message is the same: Make sure DHHS knows how to find you.

"Our big concern is that there are a lot of people who don't know that this is coming or they've moved and don't have an address updated so they're not getting notices about renewals," said Behnke. "Or they just don't know what to do with a renewal notice once they get it because they're not always the easiest to read and follow and figure out what you're supposed to do next."

Nebraska, like other states, has resumed Medicaid eligibility screenings after a federal pause on them ended earlier this year. The massive program provides health care to low-income individuals and families and people with disabilities. As of earlier this year, one in five Nebraskans received Medicaid. More than half of those on Medicaid are children. Photo by Dan Golden for the Flatwater Free Press

Kelsey Arends, a health care access attorney with Nebraska Appleseed, agreed that helping enrollees understand the process will be key to make sure that people don't lose health coverage for procedural reasons – because they didn't return paperwork on time, or moved and couldn't be reached or didn't understand the paperwork and completed it incorrectly.

When those disenrolled for procedural reasons are added to the up to 80,000 expected to be removed due to changes in income or situation, Arends said the total number removed could reach 145,000 – enough people to fill Memorial Stadium once, then fill it more than halfway full again.

"Those folks who still rely on Medicaid and still qualify but are terminated anyway because of administrative barriers, those are the folks that we are really interested in reaching," Arends said. "We don't want to see anyone who still qualifies for Medicaid being terminated for those procedural reasons."

Behnke said her group, which helps oversee federally qualified health centers across the state, has already heard about hiccups in the renewal process.

Notices come in the wrong language, she said. Or they come partly in English and partly in Spanish.

Some Nebraskans have received two notices on the same day.

"And one says they're eligible and one says they're not eligible," Behnke said.

DHHS said reports of discrepancies have been rare. A spokesman encouraged residents who receive letters with potential errors to contact the department immediately through the AccessNebraska website or by calling 855-632-7633.

From when it resumed reviews in March to the end of June, DHHS has reviewed the eligibility of 77,329 recipients, and has disenrolled 16,974 of them.

According to data compiled by health information organization KFF, as of early July 36% of Medicaid recipients reviewed by states had been disenrolled. About 73% of those removed were for procedural reasons. The numbers are not apples to apples, however, because each state has set up its own process for conducting reviews.

With most of Nebraska's reviews still to happen, advocates are keeping a close eye on the early numbers.

"We're all affected by how our neighbors are doing," said Arends. "If folks in our communities don't have access to coverage and therefore lose access to health care, that impacts the overall health of our communities."

The state's hospitals are also paying close attention. In a given year, 60%-80% of total revenue from Nebraska hospitals comes from Medicaid and Medicare.

Jeremy Nordquist, president of the Nebraska Hospital Association, said the group is working with DHHS to explore more proactive ways of getting the word out to Medicaid enrollees.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times, hospitals are having to deal with this in moments of crisis when people come to the

emergency room," Nordquist said.

Bagley said that DHHS has emphasized an outreach approach that targets trusted voices in communities, such as pharmacists, other health care professionals and faith leaders.

While Nordquist acknowledged the department's efforts, he's still concerned about the implications.

"If it doesn't go well, and we don't get the proactive engagement and outreach right, it will become a significant drain as more and more people fall under charity care," Nordquist said. "And it just is additional losses for hospitals at a time when half of our hospitals are running in the red right now."

Hospitals will not turn away people who need emergency care, but he noted the importance of coverage that also covers preventive visits and management of chronic conditions.

"A strong Nebraska requires healthy Nebraskans," Nordquist said.

Help is available for those who have received notices and are trying to understand how to respond.

But help can be scarce, particularly in rural Nebraska. Behnke shared an example from the health center in Gering near the Wyoming border.

"They had somebody drive almost two hours to come in and receive help from an outreach and enrollment staff person because they didn't have anybody in their community who could help them with the redetermination process," she said.

For those who lose Medicaid coverage, DHHS recommends visiting healthcare.gov to get information about and enroll in an Affordable Care Act plan. The Health Center Association has a specialized website – howtogetcare.org – that helps people find new coverage options.

Major insurers who provide ACA plans have already begun courting these potential new customers. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, for instance, has rolled out new

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The Applied Connective Technologies team of Jerry Lampe, Eric Beckman, Austin Williams and Justin Niewohner won the championship flight at the BCHC Foundation Golf Tournament. Photo submitted

Golf

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Lee Knust and Stan Heithoff); 2nd Place - Homestead Bank (Bart & Cameron Johnston, Brady and Jackson Nelson); 3rd Place - John Temme (Ben & Colton Simons and Mason & Jesse Temme).
Third Flight
1st Place - Ruzek/Ray (Steven & Courtney Ruzek and Weston & Kelli Ray); 2nd Place - Levander Funeral Home (Nicole Levander, Melissa & Paul Kyncl and Eric Petsche); 3rd Place Lesiak - (Cindy Lesiak, Schuyler & Katie Sharp and Grant Phillips

NDOT hay permit applications accepted online beginning July 30

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has announced hay harvesting permit applications for the public will be accepted through an online application portal beginning July 30 at 12:01 a.m. CDT. Applications will be processed in the order they are received during normal business hours beginning Monday, July 31, 2023. Individuals must have a permit to harvest hay on State Right of Way.
An individual may purchase hay harvesting permits online from July 30 through September 15 on a first-come, first-served basis, with each permit limited to five miles of roadside hay total. The hay is for private use only and only one permit is allowed per person. With the online option, an integrated online map will better aid customers and staff to select miles to mow, and will be routinely updated showing available the miles that are available for permits.
Landowners are given the opportunity to renew last year's permits between March 1 and July 29.

The Hay Harvesting Permits Application and Help Docs will be available on the NDOT website. The option to purchase permits from specified NDOT locations will still be available. Please visit ndot.info/haypermit for more information.



Medicare

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marketing for its Heartland BLUE plans. BCBS estimates that about 10% of Nebraskans losing Medicaid eligibility will eventually enroll in an ACA plan. As of the middle of June, nearly 100 former enrollees had signed up with the insurer. The average cost of an ACA plan is about \$700 a month, but for most people, an income-based subsidy can reduce that significantly.
According to BCBS, many of those losing Medicaid coverage could end up paying \$0-\$100 a month for new coverage.
As this process continues, advocates urge current recipients to review their information, respond promptly to any requests from DHHS and plan proactively if it appears that they may lose eligibility.
“We don’t want to scare everyone,” Arends said, “but we want to make sure people are paying attention.”
The Flatwater Free Press is Nebraska’s first independent, nonprofit newsroom focused on investigations and feature stories that matter.

Fischer

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health and wellness programs at fire stations and emergency medical service agencies.
The CDC has already begun collecting information on suicide incidence among firefighters and first responders, thanks to language included in legislation that I supported at the end of 2020.
From wildfires to burning homes, our firefighters put their lives on the line daily to protect others in their communities.
We honor and thank them for their self-sacrifice and loyalty. And in the Senate, we plan to put teeth in that expression of honor by passing protective measures like the Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act and the HERO Act.

Tales

From Page Six
Lincoln once said something about ‘a house divided cannot stand.’ Those words may one day come to pass here in this century.
Some of my best friends see the world differently than I do. When ideas are exchanged, and that’s not often, it helps me and I hope them also to better understand each other. We respect each other while choosing to disagree. There’s not a thing I wouldn’t do to help them, and I trust they would do the same for us. They have in the past.
Trust me, if I could somehow market what works for us, this country would be a better place to live and work in.

Next week starts the Antelope and Wheeler County Fairs. Fairs have been going on since long before I was born and I hope they continue on for many years to come.
These events are the culmination of months of hard work by our 4-H youth. But fairs aren’t just for those four-leaf clover boys and girls, the open class features the many talents of men and women in a variety of fields.
These are all good and important moments to recognize. Still, I look at county fairs for what they were meant to be when first started.
Days of activities provide an opportunity for county residents to gather together. Every year I attend I meet people from other parts of the county that, until that moment, I didn’t know. Afterwards, I feel I’m better for getting to know these new friends.
Face to face conversations will always be better than exchanging texts on a cell phone or computer.
There’s something for everyone at these upcoming county fairs. Hope to see you there!

With this issue we introduce a new columnist. Susan Szalewski, who works for The Catholic Voice newspaper, will

be writing a regular column exclusively for *The Elgin Review*.
As she shares in this issue, we have known Susan going back to 1985. She has a gift for the written word and I’m sure as you get to know her through her columns you will agree.

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By Olivia Klein
Student Intern

The 98th Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo is just days away.
Events are scheduled for July 31 to August 6.



Dave Hoerle
a big supporter of all things Wheeler County.
Fair events get underway

Tuesday, August 1, at 6 p.m. with the GLW dog show.
The horse show begins Wednesday, August 2, at 9 a.m. GLW roping and working ranch horse and goat tying are scheduled for after the horse show at 1 p.m.
On Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. interview judging for static exhibits will take place. All exhibitors must be checked in by 11 a.m. to be judged and eligible for State Fair and Champion Awards.
Wheeler County roping (youth followed by adults) must be entered by 6 p.m. on Thursday. Buckles will be awarded to the top header, heeler, and the top junior roper.
The small animal show is scheduled for Friday, August 4, at 10 a.m. with check-in being

from 9-9:45 a.m. These include cats, rabbits, poultry, and other small animals.
Livestock weigh-in will be Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All livestock are to be weighed and in place except for stocker feeders and lactating dairy by 4 p.m.
The Fireman's Barbecue will be from 5 to 8 p.m. and held at the new Firehall. Ice cream will be provided by Cornerstone Bank.
At 6:30 p.m. the Pioneer Award will be awarded. Following this, the rodeo will get underway at 7 p.m.
Ranch bronc riding kids events take place during the rodeo and slack takes place after. After the rodeo, attendees can listen to Wheeler County talents.
Kicking off Saturday,

August 5, is the livestock show which starts at 8 a.m. Animals in this show include swine, dairy goats, dairy, beef, sheep and meat goats.
The 4-H council award and recognition program will be held at 5 p.m. The livestock premium auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. The steak feed is from 5-7:30 p.m.
At 6:30 p.m. the Wheeler County Foundation Scholarship and Awards, and the Herb Mignery Good Hand Award will be given out. The rodeo and ranch bronc kids events take place at 7:30 p.m. The Loose Cannons are playing after the rodeo.
Sunday is 'Community Day' at the fair. Activities taking place on Sunday include the draft horse show, turtle races, corn hole tournament, and the community pot-luck dinner. The ranch events are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with limited entries to \$300 a team, entries close on July 31st. Contact Bret Schlenger at (308) 201-0778.
The Bartlett Lions Club will again operate the concession stand.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
- 6:00 pm GLW Dog Show

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
- 8:30 am Horses in place
- 9:00 am Horse show begins. Show order will be posted
- 1:00 pm GLW Roping, Working Ranch Horse & Goat Tying

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
- 9:00 am-12:00 pm Interview judging of static exhibits. All exhibitors must be checked in by 11:00 am to be judged and eligible for State Fair & Champion Awards
- Wheeler County Roping (youth followed by adults) must enter by 6 pm. Buckles to the Top Header, Heeler, and Top Junior Roper

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
- 9:00 am-9:45 am Small Animal Check-In
- 10:00 am Small Animal Show
1. Cats 2. Small Animals
3. Rabbits 4. Poultry
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Livestock Weigh-In
- 4:00 pm All livestock weighed and in place except stocker feeders and lactating dairy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 (CONTINUED)
- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Fireman's BBQ at the new Firehall. Ice Cream provided by Cornerstone Bank
- 6:30 pm Pioneer Award
- 7:00 pm Rodeo, Ranch Bronc Riding Kids Events During rodeo, slack after rodeo
- After the rodeo, listen to the Wheeler County Talents

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
- 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 Awards & Recognition Program
- 5:30 pm Livestock Premium Auction
- 5 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)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
Community Day
Enjoy the rodeo, entertainment, BOUNCY Houses and kids foam machine.
- Draft Horse Show
- Turtle Races, \$1 per turtle
- Cornhole Tournament, \$10 a team
- 10:00 am Livestock and Static Exhibit Release & Clean-Up
- Community Pot-Luck
- Ranch Rodeo at 6:30 - Limited Entries \$300 a team... entries close July 31st For Ranch Rodeo, contact Bret Schlenger @ 308-201-0778

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Bartlett News

By Sherry Tetschner

Several changes have taken place in the Bartlett Churches recently. Our Savior Lutheran Church officially closed Sunday, July 23, 2023. The Bartlett Methodist Church has removed their membership from the United Methodist Church. The church has been renamed 'Bartlett Church of Faith.'
Guest speakers have included Mark Olson, Syd Mignery and Sherry Jarvis all with ties to the Wheeler County Community.
Next Sunday Cork Oberg will be the guest speaker.
The Bartlett Church of Faith is actively searching for a permanent minister, but in the meantime will continue with guest speakers.

Henn benefit to be held August 19 at Elgin KC Hall

A benefit for Brandon "Buff" Henn will be held next month in Elgin.
The event will be Saturday, August 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Elgin.
Starting at 5 p.m., the medical fundraiser will feature a hamburger supper with salads and more. There will be a silent auction.
As part of the benefit, a Henry Lever Action .22 Magnum, made in America, will be raffled off.
The benefit will be held to help Henn with medical bills that are going to result from his fight against cancer. He was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 liver cancer.

Pillen announces valuations reform working group

Governor Jim Pillen announced Monday the membership of a new working group that will examine property valuations in Nebraska.
"Valuation increases in Nebraska have become an unbearable burden for homeowners, businesses, and agriculture producers across our state," said Governor Jim Pillen. "We will find a solution that will reduce the burden of insurmountable valuation growth in recent years. It is our job to make sure Nebraska continues to be the best place to live and reckless valuation increases on home and property hinders that commitment to Nebraskans."
Participants in the Valuations Reform Working Group includes:
• Governor Jim Pillen, Chair
• Members of Governor Pillen's Policy & Research Team
• State Senator Lou Ann Linehan
• State Senator Joni Albrecht
• State Senator Eliot Bostar
• State Senator Mike McDonnell
• State Senator Brad von Gillern
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