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In Brief

World champion auctioneer to be in Elgin Monday

At Elgin Livestock Sales barn.

Elgin Livestock Sales will host a world champion auctioneer at a special feeder/weigh cows & bulls sale on Monday, August 18.

Dean Edge, 2025 World Livestock Auctioneer Champion, will be at the sale barn for the sale, beginning at 1 p.m. that day.

A six-time finalist, this year he broke through to claim the championship. Edge hails from Rimbey, Alberta Canada. He is only the third Canadian to ever win the world title.

A 1999 graduate of Western College of Auctioneering, Edge will spend the rest of the year visiting auction barns and promoting the livestock industry through Canada and the U.S.

Wolfpack Booster Club to hold Sunday cookout

Starts at 5 p.m., runs til 7 p.m.

The Wolfpack Booster Club will be busy this weekend.

On Sunday, August 17, the public is invited to a 'Back-to-School Kick-off Cookout' to be held at Elgin City Park. Free will donations will be accepted. The event will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more details, see the ad on Page 12.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Dissolution — Mast Metal, L.L.C.

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — City of Elgin

Ordinance — City of Elgin

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 87 degrees recorded on Friday, August 8.

The low temperature during the same period was 61 degrees recorded on Sunday, August 3.

Altogether, .02 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
August 3	76	61	.00
August 4	74	62	.00
August 5	79	64	.00
August 6	83	66	.00
August 7	84	69	.00
August 8	87	69	.00
August 9	81	67	.02
Total for last week			0.02
Total for August			0.26
Total precipitation 2025			20.76

Pool to close for season on Sunday

'The Summer of Splash' is almost over.

After more than two months of providing persons near and far time to enjoy swimming and sunbathing, the Elgin Swimming Pool is about to close for the season.

At last week's meeting, the Elgin City Council set the closing date for the pool.

With school now underway, the pool will close for the season on Sunday, August 17 at 7 p.m.

Because of school, the pool will be open on limited hours Thursday and Friday, then be open regular weekend hours on Saturday and Sunday.

"It was a good year," Sue Vanis told the council. "The girls (lifeguards) worked out really well.

In other action:
Permit — The council approved a building permit for Elgin Public School to do some drainage work near the bus barn.

Sheriff's report — During the month of June, the Antelope County Sheriff's Department provided just over 74 hours of patrol in Elgin and answered six '911' calls.

New Ordinance — Waiving the mandatory three readings, the council unanimously approved new Ordinance #676 for the purchase of real estate from the estate of Betty Moser. The cost of the real estate, as stated in the ordinance, was \$32,000.



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It's all about the powder

Tenley Schindler was all smiles after being doused with colored powder as part of Sunday's Color Run sponsored by the Elgin Rescue Squad. The 'run' was one of a number of activities at the park.

Park to again host 'Treasures,' Car Show

The Elgin City Park will again feature some of the finest vendors from Northeast Nebraska next month.

The Elgin City Council, meeting last week, approved a request from the Young-N-Lively organization to utilize the park for the annual 'Treasures in the Park.' The day-long event will be held Sunday September 7. Vendors will begin selling that morning and continue til mid-afternoon.

Also, on the south edge of the park will be the annual Elgin Show N' Shine car, truck & motorcycle show. The car show, sponsored by local businesses and organized by Duane Esau, has become one of the top destinations for car show enthusiasts in September. Lineup begins around 10 a.m. with the formal start of the show set for 11 a.m.

The council meeting lasted for approximately one hour before adjourning, all four members were present along with Mayor Mike Schmitt.

Other items of note were:
Grinder — The council approved an expenditure of \$68,500 for a new grinder and required modifications at the sewer plant. In addition, for electrical changes necessary for the new grinder, a bid of \$7,275 was accepted from Boyd's Electrical Service.

Dates set — The date for a budget workshop for council members will be Wednesday, August 20, beginning at 7 p.m. Other dates of note - the regular September board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3 (due to Labor Day). Also at the Sept. 3 meeting, the city will hold its' annual 1 & 6 Street public hearing starting at 7:30 p.m.

Closed session — A closed session was held for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Upon exiting back into open session, the council approved a seven percent pay raise for all full-time employees and librarians effective October 1.

'First Dollars' awarded to new Elgin businesses



Trent Bauer and his wife, Taya of Bauer Welding and Repair (left) and Peter Starman and his wife Allison of Starman Seed & Supply Inc (right) received First Dollars from the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club last Friday night. The certificates were



handed out during the annual End-of-Summer Steak Fry held at Elgin City Park. Read more about the Bauers and Starmans on Page 11.

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Photos submitted

Elgin FFA members Aubrie Parks (l) and Brooke Kinney (r) will be headed to Indianapolis as national finalists in Plant Systems.

Elgin FFA trio are national finalists

More than 20 agricultural teachers and college professors from throughout the U.S. recently met virtually to determine what FFA members and teams will compete for top honors in the 2025 National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Kierstyn Eisenhauer of the Elgin FFA chapter has been named a national finalist this year in the Food Systems category, Division 3.

Also, the team of Aubrie Parks/Brooke Kinney of the Elgin FFA chapter has been named national finalist this year in the Plant Systems category, Division 4.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 29- Nov. 1, 2025, in Indianapolis.

To qualify, FFA members working as individuals or teams in grades 7 through 12 are required to conduct a scientific research project pertaining to the agriculture or food science industries and win their state's FFA agriscience fair.

Individuals or teams compete in one of six categories – animal systems; environmental services/natural resource systems; food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; or social science – in six divisions – individuals in grades 7-8, teams grades 7-8, individuals grades 9-10, teams grades 9-10, individuals in grades 11-12, and teams grades 11-12.

First-place winners in each state have qualified for the national pre-qualifying judging. The panel of judges reviewed entries and selected a maximum of 12 in each category and division to move on to the national competition. For a complete list of results, check here: <https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/agriscience-fair/>.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Kierstyn Eisenhauer was selected as a national finalist in Food Systems.

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Greetings,
Cucumbers, who has cucumbers!
This week's recipe is one that's my favorite. It's new in my recipe collection. I usually make a lot of dill pickles and refrigerator pickles. This one's simple and doesn't make a lot of quart jars. If you find you like them, double the batch.
I hope you give some of these recipes a try. You might be surprised how much you like them.
Enjoy!
JoAnn





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A 'foam' time was had by all at the library's foam party.

Library has successful year

Summer doesn't end until the Elgin Public Library says so.

The summer reading programs at the library wrapped up August 1 with a celebration, a 'foamy' celebration which recognized a successful session.

Co-Librarians Dianne Gunderson and Barb Bode shared that and other information with the Elgin City Council at their August meeting.

The theme for this year's program was "Color Our World." They again hosted two sessions of story time on Mondays and Wednesday mornings; and an activity time for older children on Thursday afternoons.

According to Gunderson, they had approximately 45 children sign up for story time and another 25 for activity time.

She said they also had 18 kids finish the library's 'reading challenge.' Each person completing the challenge received a gift card to either Walmart or Blend and Brew 402.

To celebrate all of these achievements, a party was held with a foam cannon for all who participated in the summer library programs. Altogether, 40 boys and girls attended the foam finale.

Other information shared about the library were:

Users — The library has 285 registered users. The number is up 11 from one year ago.

Continued membership — The library continues to belong to Nebraska Libby. The annual fee is \$500 and provides patrons triple the amount of books to choose from. The library average over a 100 uses each month.

Still popular — Lego League remains one of the more popular activities at the library. Starting with two groups - one for younger kids and the other for older, the groups were merged toward the end of the school year.

Book club — Ladies participating in the book club now meet year round.

Outreach — The library continued its 'Book Bag' program for day care providers. Also, visits continue to Elgin schools for storytime.

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The calendars contain sporting events and scheduled activities at Elgin Public and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic schools.

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More than a backpack: Preparing the whole child for back-to-school

By Kelli Ray, PA-C
As a provider and a parent, I know August brings more than new shoes and sharpened pencils. It also brings nerves, routines, and silent questions many kids carry in their hearts: Will I make friends? Will I keep up? Will I be okay?
Back-to-school isn't just a physical transition — it's an emotional one too. At Boone County Health Center, we care for the whole child.
That means checking vision, managing allergies, treating sports injuries — yes — but it also means supporting mental health, sleep habits, nutrition, and family well-being.
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A wellness visit helps us catch small things before they become big problems. A child struggling to see the board might act out from frustration.
A student who's always tired may not need discipline — they may need sleep. Even persistent tummy aches can sometimes be a sign of anxiety, not illness.
Parents, you know your child best. If something seems off, don't wait to reach out. Our care team is here to help — not just when someone is sick, but to keep them well and thriving. You don't need to have all the answers.
Sometimes, a safe place to ask questions is all a child — or a parent — really needs.
This school year, give your child more than a backpack. Give



Kelli Ray, PA-C

them the tools that truly prepare them: steady sleep, nutritious meals, open conversations, and time to just be kids. And give yourself grace, too. You're doing better than you think.
From all of us at BCHC, we're cheering you on this school year. Let's make it a healthy one — together.

Vacations with family

I love the expression, "I need a vacation after my vacation." It's exactly how I feel right now. We just went to Branson with my entire family. I don't just mean me, my husband, and our children. I mean, my parents, sisters, nieces, nephews, basically my entire extended family. We had an absolute blast, but I am utterly exhausted and feel like I could use a few days to recuperate.
We drove up on a Saturday in our new minivan. Our exchange daughter from Italy joined us, so we had an extra family member, plus, we decided to bring our dog. The van was absolutely packed, and the trip took about 12 hours with stops.
The next six days were jam packed with activities, mostly centered around our children. Plus, there were 16 people in the house. No matter how many times I did the dishes or cleaned up the countertops, messes kept reappearing. I guess that's pretty normal when you have that many people in one house.
While there, there was a heat wave. I was hoping to escape the hot, humid weather of Houston and enjoy some chillier temperatures. Unfortunately, the weather followed us so our days at Silver Dollar City and an adventure park were sweltering. Plus, every activity costs a lot of money. We were a family of six on this trip too, so it wasn't cheap.
As much as I love when my whole family gets together, it certainly brings its challenges. Everyone had an opinion on how things should go. My sister

insisted on regular pool activities, while my mom and dad preferred early dinners. What day should we do which activity? Who is going to drive? What are we going to eat? Did anyone buy tickets ahead of time? Who is paying for what?
And when there are different ages involved, the kids have different interests and bedtimes. Who sleeps in which room? What show do we see? What movie do we watch? Some of us have teenagers. Others have smaller children. It's a lot to coordinate between such a large group.
Besides, adults all have different temperaments as well. For example, my husband would love to spend the entire time playing board games or working. I want to do things with the kids or read. My brother-in-law enjoys both games and puzzles.
See **VACATION**, Page 13 ►

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago
August 12, 1965
Miss Josephine Stuhr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Stuhr of Petersburg and Paul Eisenmenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eisenmenger of Humphrey were united in marriage at a Nuptial Mass on August 7th in St. John the Baptist church in Petersburg. Rev. Dindinger officiated at the double ring ceremony.
Helen Edna Franklin Barber was one of more than 550 students who graduated from the University of Nebraska Friday evening, Aug. 6, the largest summer commencement class in the history of the institution. She received a bachelor in science in Education from Teachers College.
The Bank of Elgin, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary, last Thursday evening honored its founder, Geo. A. Wright. The celebration also observed the 50th anniversary of Mr. Wright's career in the business of finance. Around 80 members of the banking business in northeast Nebraska, Omaha and Sioux City, Ia. were present at Flobert Lake for the steak dinner and reunion of many of Mr. Wright's old-time banking acquaintances. The Bank of Elgin presented the Wrights with a colored television set.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mundorf have purchased Bonnie's Beauty Salon at Niobrara, previously owned by Mrs. Gary Tews. The shop will operate under the name of Clip 'N Curl Beauty Salon.
A new stamp vending machine was installed last Thursday in the post office (east end of the boxes). This machine will permit customers to purchase 4c and 5c stamps during the hours or on holidays that the post office is closed.

Fifty Years Ago
August 7, 1975
Firemen were called Monday around 2:15 p.m. to extinguish an Elkhorn REA Dist. hole drilling truck fire. Two left rear tires were destroyed as was some engine wiring and the underside of the all steel truck.
A sudden downpour last Thursday gave added hopes for bumper crops in this area although the storm failed to cover as much area as would have been liked. The storm came so suddenly, dumping .72 of an inch of moisture in town, that it caught many residents outdoors without protection.
The descendants of the late John Beckman, Sr. and Anna Beckman held their reunion at the Elgin Park on Sunday, August 3rd. This year there were 114 in attendance with relatives coming from Littleton, Colo.; Manning, Ia. and from the Nebraska towns of Raeville, Stuart, Elgin, Herman, Omaha, Norfolk, Petersburg, Spalding, Lynch, Newman Grove and Verdigre.
Paul Oberbrockling and Thad Genrich have been named to the second semester Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Technology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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- **Bus Signals** When bus lights are flashing yellow, they are preparing to stop. When the lights flash red and the stop arm is extended, buses are loading/unloading. WAIT. Do not pass the bus or any stopped bus.
- **Be Alert** Kids can suddenly enter a road or street. Especially when backing out of your driveway -- look for students and/or bicycles on the sidewalks and streets.
- **Respect the Signs** ALWAYS stop for pedestrians (on foot and on bikes) attempting to cross the streets and watch for children around playgrounds, parks and side streets.

PARENTS:

Quiz your children on traffic safety rules -- don't assume they know them.

- Keep 10 feet away from the curb until ready to cross the street or enter a bus. 10 feet = 5 big steps for little kids.
- If riding a bus, always wait for it to come to a complete stop and wait for the bus driver to say it's okay to enter -- use those handrails to prevent falls.
- Face forward and, if the bus has seat belts, buckle up!
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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, August 13
First Day of school at PJCC.*

Thursday, August 14
First Day of school at EPS.*

Saturday, August 16
PJCC Annual Golf Tournament at Antelope Country Club near Neligh.

Sunday, August 17
Wolfpack 'Back to School' Cookout starting at 5 p.m. at Elgin City Park.* ■ Elgin Swimming Pool closing for the season.* ■ Elgin Community Center Breakfast 8:39 a.m. to noon.* ■ Biblical Citizenship in Modern America @ Neligh Public Library.*

Wednesday, August 20
City of Elgin Budget Workshop at City Hall.

Thursday, August 21
EPPJ Volleyball Jamboree at Stanton.

Friday - Sunday, August 22-24
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Edward R. Murrow

In a debt crisis, a new ballroom, Air Force One and billions for ICE are a waste

Producing the ‘Good Life’

Editor’s note: Opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Elgin Review.

Forgive me if I’m feeling a little confused (regular readers of this column will probably say “what’s new?”) but aren’t we in a national debt crisis?

Our national debt has ballooned to nearly \$37 trillion dollars in recent years, thanks in large part to spending during the COVID-19 pandemic to assure that businesses didn’t close and workers could still feed their families and pay the bills.

The debt is why, supposedly, that we allowed a team of 20-some-things with no government experience called the Department of Government Efficiency or DOGE to take a meat cleaver to federal agencies.

In the end, it was more of a butter knife.

Instead of cutting \$2 trillion, as the president and Elon Musk boasted, it was less than \$200 billion.

Regardless, there’s still a need to cut government spending.

So why are we spending \$200 million in donated funds to install a ballroom at the White House?

And why are we devoting \$400 million to \$1 billion in taxpayer money to retrofit (and make sure it’s not full of surveillance bugs) a \$400 million plane given to President Trump by Qatar, which he will get to keep after he leaves office?

And why are we spending an additional \$170 billion to build dozens of new immigration detention facilities, build more border wall, and hire hundreds of new agents for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement?

I’ve seen lean budget times at the Nebraska Legislature (as have four of our five congressional representatives who served in the Unicameral or the governor’s mansion) and when there’s no money to spend, or a need to cut spending to make the budget balance, guess what, there’s no spending on frills like a ballroom, a fancy new plane or a nearly 300% increase in an agency’s budget for new prisons.

Let’s take immigration enforcement for instance. The flow of immigrants over the border has been reduced to a trickle, so do we really need more border wall right now?

And the effort to round up “the worst of the worst” seems to have done that, and now ICE raids seem to be more about meeting a quota of 3,000 arrests a day, by arresting anyone, than rounding up the so-called “criminal aliens.”

You might recall that of the 76 people detained at the ICE raid on an Omaha meat processing plant, fewer than 20 had any arrest records in Nebraska and most of those were for minor offenses, according to the Omaha World-Herald.

People being detained by ICE, for the most part, are working at jobs or at

companies that desperately need workers. So rather than ship off such people to new, expensive prisons, figure out a way to keep them on the job, filling jobs that, for the most part, other people won’t do.

That would save a whole lot of taxpayer money. And guess what, if people are still working, they keep paying taxes, and contributing to society. As I recall, they call that a “win-win.”

What about the plane? Do we really need a new Air Force One right now? Isn’t that something that can be put off until our debt is under control? And why do we need to disassemble such a plane and reassemble it to assure it’s not filled with listening devices? What happened to “American First?”

The gift from Qatar is unprecedented, and comes after Trump’s compa-

ny agreed to build a \$5.5 billion golf course in that Middle East kingdom. So some folks wonder if it meets the smell test. (And don’t forget, we’ve spent an estimated \$70 million so far this year so Trump can golf, and he golfs about once every four days.)

Now we come to the ballroom. There are dozens of them in and around Washington, D.C. Do we really need one at the White House?

OK, so the president and some of his friends will donate the funds to build it.

But when we’re laying off government workers, dragging hard-working immigrants out of workplaces, and cutting off health care and food stamps for millions, the optics of building a “ballroom” – even with donated funds – aren’t good.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent

Paul Hammel



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FROM THE DESK OF....



Nebraska Governor
Jim Pillen

why I am proud we signed LB 246 into law, which bans ‘bioreactor,’ lab-grown fake meat from being made here in Nebraska or put on our grocery shelves. Recently, we celebrated the victory during a ceremonial bill signing at Shamrock Locker in O’Neill.

Other than not sounding appetizing, what is lab-grown meat? It’s a product created in a lab to mimic the attributes of real meat. We’re talking about com-

panies taking cells from an animal, nourishing them with a “cocktail” of nutrients, and “coaxing” them into growing into a product that resembles protein.

That’s not meat. That’s a science experiment. It’s unproven, dishonestly labeled, and it won’t be for sale here in Nebraska.

I’m grateful to have partnered with Senator Barry DeKay, a farmer and rancher from north-central Nebraska, to get this legislation across the finish line. This is a big, big win for Nebraska producers – and a common sense, straightforward action that is good for our state.

Having spent my career raising pigs – and as the first Nebraska Governor to come from agriculture in over 100 years – this stuff hits close to my heart. We aren’t going to let the people of our state be duped into putting this junk meat onto our plates or into our stores. As one of the first states to lead this charge, we’re also showing the rest of the country what can be done to help protect consumers and our farming and ranching families.

This isn’t about limiting choices or sticking it to vegans. In fact, we aren’t at all talking about alternatives like patties made out of black beans or other plants. And we aren’t talking about products like almond ‘milk.’ While we know that these products aren’t the real deal, at least we know where they come from and how they’re made.

Simply, the age of ‘Making America Healthy Again’ doesn’t start with fake meat – it’s getting back to basics and starts by incorporating a balanced diet

mainly of protein, fruits, and vegetables.

We can’t let our kids – in any part of the state – starve in the midst of plenty. Data show how important a healthy diet is for our youth to boost immunity, support brain development, and promote overall well-being.

On her visit to Nebraska, President Trump’s Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins approved a first-in-the-nation Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) waiver to remove pop and energy drinks from government-funded food programs. This is common sense stuff.

Research and technology have both changed a lot about how we eat and the way agriculture operates. That’s good news. But we must be proactive – and careful – about new products, especially foods, that haven’t stood the test of time.

Our agriculture industry supports countless families, jobs, and communities – both rural and urban. By signing LB 246 into law, we took a step to help defend our way of life here in Nebraska and are making sure we keep playing to our strengths.

We aren’t going to let lab work and misleading marketing undermine the legacy or the future of our state. We have been battling fringe ideas and groups that want a vegan society and claim all Nebraska agriculture is destroying our future. Truth is, we’re doing the exact opposite. We feed the world – and save the planet. It’s time we stand up, defend our work, and keep buying the best meat that Nebraska – and the world – has to offer.

Agriculture is the heart and soul of what we do in Nebraska. Family farms, ranches, and agri-businesses are the backbone of communities across Nebraska. The One Big Beautiful Bill helps producers today and lays the foundation for strong agricultural growth tomorrow. It grows our economy at home and will help gain new markets abroad. The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) secures the future for those who feed and fuel America.

The One Big Beautiful Bill backs our way of life. It avoided a \$2,400 tax hike for the average Nebraska family. That’s \$2,400 that Nebraskans can continue to spend on groceries and electricity bills or to save for a family vacation.

OBBB also helps farmers plan for the next generation. Over 80% of Nebraska farms are family-owned. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act cut in half the number of farm and ranch families subject to the Death Tax. The Big Beautiful Bill ensures the Death Tax exemption will now be permanent and rise with inflation. This means that over \$200 billion in hard-earned family farm assets across the country will go to the next generation and not the government. Now, more farms will be passed down, not taxed away to Uncle Sam.

The 45Z clean fuel production credit is another major win for Nebraska.

Biofuels are a win for consumers who save money at the pump. It is a win to clean up our environment and for our farmers and ranchers. Last year, Nebraskans saved \$325 million using ethanol blends. Last time I fueled up with E10 at Hy-Vee, I saved 55 cents per gallon. The 45Z credit boosts biofuel production and creates value for farmers and ranchers. It narrows eligible feedstock commodities to North America, protecting Nebraska farmers from foreign competition. Producers in Communist China should be prevented from receiving American tax subsidies. All of this boosts demand for row crops and renewable fuel production. That means more jobs and better prices. Nebraska’s 25 ethanol plants support 1,300 jobs and have a \$6 billion impact. The credit gives investors the certainty they need to hire and expand.

Nebraska agriculture feeds and fuels the world. When I was Governor, I led trade missions to places like Japan and Vietnam to build strong relationships between foreign importers and Nebraska producers. I launched an international trade council to discover new opportunities overseas. Nebraska’s economy thrives when our producers can reach high-paying global markets.

Recognizing this, OBBB strengthens the Supplemental Agricultural Trade Promotion Program. This provides \$285 million annually to promote U.S. agricultural exports. It doubles funding for the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development program. That means more demand for Nebraska beef, corn, and soybeans abroad. Simply put, when agriculture thrives, so does the entire Nebraska economy. Maintaining current exports and opening up markets under OBBB will help get better prices for our products.

The big, beautiful bill gives critical support to young farmers and ranchers taking over the family business or starting out on their own. The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Benefit was extended from five years to ten years. That gives new

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Evin Pelster



Michael Selting and Kinley Miller



Premier Communication winners, l-r: Delaney Tegeler, Timber Hula, Carter Hansen, Ryleigh Young and Olivia Mortensen.



Ryleigh Young



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This week, we are featuring collections of fair activity photos that Elgin youth participated in at the 2025 fair.



Sage Stoltz



Allie Scheer and Levi Scheer



Brysen Pelster and his runaway goat



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Time to hydrate!



Logann Pelster showing his plaque to dad Kyle



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Libby Evans



Braelyn Martinsen's championship place setting



Brysen Pelster with the judge



Ryleigh Young



L-r: Shania Buschow, Sloane Miller, Kayton Zwingman, Michael Selting and Kinley Miller at the chicken judging "line up"

View **MANY MORE** photos from the fair at elginreview.com/zenfolio



Antelope County Court held last week

A 63-year-old Tilden woman charged with possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony, appeared before the Honorable Donna Taylor, Aug. 6, in Antelope County Court.

Denise Blevins was arrested June 17, during a traffic stop, when Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker pulled over the vehicle, which had a headlight out.

According to the probable cause affidavit, an unidentified driver was arrested for operating the motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. The driver told Barker that Blevins had consumed "a few alcoholic beverages" earlier that evening, so he was driving since she was "not in any shape to be driving."

According to Barker, he performed an inventory of the vehicle before it was towed and found a small baggie containing a white powdery substance on the passenger side of the vehicle. Barker administered a field test on the substance, which turned purple, testing positive for methamphetamine.

Blevins was arrested and transported to Antelope County Jail, where she was booked and released on a personal recognizance bond, "due to health concerns, under advisement from the Antelope County Attorney."

During an indigency inquiry, Taylor determined Blevins was indigent and appointed a public defender. Blevins was ordered to file a property affidavit.

A \$1,500 PR bond remains in effect, and Taylor set a hearing for further arraignment on Sept. 5.

Alan L. Rodriguez, 18, of Omaha, appeared for arraignment on one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony; and one count of possession of marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, a Class III misdemeanor.

Rodriguez requested a preliminary hearing, which Taylor set for Sept. 5.

Rodriguez was arrested July 11 after he was pulled over for speeding in Orchard city limits by Antelope County Deputy Lyle Juracek.

A passenger in the vehicle told Juracek he needed to use the restroom, and Juracek showed them the facilities located in the village's park on Highway 20. The deputy circled the block and noticed the vehicle was leaving Orchard, headed west. According to the probable cause affidavit, Juracek clocked the vehicle doing 73 mph in a 65-mph zone.

Juracek asked to search the vehicle. A passenger denied the deputy's request. When told he would contact the state patrol to bring a K-9 officer to the scene, the individual opened the trunk. Inside, Juracek located a plastic bag with marijuana. A further search led to the discovery of six marijuana vapes under the passenger seat.

Rodriguez was arrested and detained in the Antelope County Jail. Bond, set at \$20,000-10% remains in effect.

Jordan A. Merchant, 32, of Randolph, appeared for a pretrial hearing on one count of DUI-15+, a Class W misdemeanor, and speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

Merchant previously pleaded not guilty to the charges. His attorney, Preston Koehler, requested a continuance. Taylor ordered Merchant to appear Sept. 5 for a pretrial hearing.

Merchant was arrested May 15, by Neligh Police Department officer Aubrey Miller, who was alerted to a reckless driver in a Budweiser truck. Miller located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop for speeding. Merchant allegedly continued driving for three miles.

Miller could smell alcohol and asked the defendant to take a breath test, which registered .308. Merchant was arrested and transported to the Antelope County Sheriff's Office. A data master breath test, taken at the ACSO, registered .294.

Matthew L. Wilson, 23, of Page, appeared in court for sentencing in two cases on Aug. 6.

Wilson was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Taylor also sentenced Wilson to probation for one year, and ordered restitution of \$1,033 to Christopher Nohrenberg of Orchard.

In the second case, Taylor sentenced Wilson to pay a \$500 fine for one count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor. Wilson will also enroll in probation for one year, install an interlock device, and lose his license for 60 days.

Jon D. Keenportz, 35, of Beaver City, requested a continuance for a pretrial hearing. Keenportz faces one count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor; littering-1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor; and speeding 11-14 mph county/state, an infraction.

Taylor scheduled a pretrial hearing for Sept. 5.

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Bauers, Starmans receive First Dollars, about their businesses

Trent and his wife, Taya, both grew up and graduated from schools in Elgin. Trent is the first 3rd generation Bauer to graduate from Pope JohnXXIII Central Catholic. Taya graduated from Elgin Public High School. Married in September 2023, they are expecting their first child in January 2026.

Bauer Welding and Repair has been in operation since 2016 after Trent completed the welding program at Northeast

Community College. With prior experience with welding working on haying equipment for Bauer Hay Co., Trent has over 10 years of experience in the business. Materials he can weld are aluminum, carbon steel, and stainless steel. Trent has built gates and alleyways for cattle facilities, worked on small and large farm equipment repairs, stretched truck frames, repaired fuel tanks and done many more fabrication and welding

Small towns and rural communities may not always get the attention they deserve, and it's easy for their needs to be eclipsed by larger cities. Small town needs are ever-changing and unique to their respective locations.

While some rural communities have experienced a downward trend between 2010 and 2020, the numbers are complex and not universally applicable. Still, many of these areas can use help, as they are facing steep population declines, according to FWD.us. This bipartisan political organization says in the last 20 years departures from rural counties outweighed new arrivals by 700,000 people.

Empowering rural communities and helping them grow comes down to some key areas of focus.

- Create a walkable Main Street. Planning boards can carefully consider where well-thought-out development should go. While it's important to maintain the integrity of the rural community without too much building, having a walkable and attractive town center where businesses can thrive is key. Families can live close by to daily destinations, and this may encourage more people to relocate to or stay in these areas, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Help for farmers. Government officials need to hear more about the challenges farmers face. Tom Vilsack, former Iowa governor and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture during the Obama and Biden administrations, says programs like the Climate Smart Commodities Program can help farmers. This program pays farmers a premium for using sustainable agriculture tools, or practices that make use of innovative farm products that produce

projects. His shop is located on the north side of Beckman Lumber or Trent can come on site to work on projects with his mobile welder. He is exited about the opportunity to serve the Elgin and surrounding area.

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- Improve infrastructure and resources. Rural communities need access to the right resources in order to thrive. Improving access to high-speed internet, for example, can bring new business and educational initiatives to rural areas and small towns. Lenders can be more receptive to local entrepreneurs to help stimulate economic growth and job creation in these communities, according to the professional development group StrengthenND. Priority



also should be given to improving roadways so residents can safely get to and from homes, stores and businesses.

- Protect open spaces. Rural communities can rally to protect the landscape and help preserve open spaces. Focus also should be placed on providing places for recreation,

and not only for local residents. Such features can make smaller towns more appealing to tourists, which in turn can increase investments in the local economy.

Small towns and rural communities can use certain strategies to foster growth and sustainability.

A successful silage harvest starts by planning now!

Before you start cutting silage, planning for your harvest now can make for a much more smooth and successful experience. We've after we pick a good storage site, we can plan for packing, quality assessment, and covering.

Energy from corn silage when grain is produced comes in a large part from the grain itself, specifically starch set down in the kernel. While drought stressed corn without ears can produce silage with energy levels 80-90% of normal, that energy is primarily still in sugar in the stalk. When grain is present, the outer seed covering contains the kernel and protects the starch inside, even from digestion by our livestock. To counteract this, many modern choppers are fitted with a kernel processor; two opposing, ridged cylinders that roll and physical crush or damage the grain and stalks, improving digestibility. Setting these rollers at the right distance apart is critical. Similarly, machines that are able to adjust chop length can influence the ability to pack a pile as well as digestibility of the final product.

While a lab tests can tell us about problems after the fact, keeping an eye on the pile as loads come in can catch issues early and allow for adjustments. Give someone the job to watch and sample silage as it comes in. Chop length can be easily monitored and adjusted if needed. We can also assess moisture of

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the product coming in and packing efficiency.

65-70% moisture is the optimum moisture level to shoot for quality silage. Drought impacted crops can often be deceptive, looking dryer than they actually are, so running a sample before chopping can be helpful to determine true moisture levels. **The extension office in Hartington has a Koester Tester, so if you need a moisture run quick drop it by.** When packing, keep the 800 rule in mind. Multiply the number of tons dumped per hour by 800 to determine the weight needed to properly pack a pile. Try to keep each level at 6-4 inches of new material to properly get it packed.

To check kernel processing, grab a 32 oz. cup and at least once an hour, grab a sample from the pile. Spread the sample out on a flat surface and go through looking for kernels. A card table out of the way but near the pile is a great option here. Count all the kernels that are uncrushed.

The goal is to have 2 or fewer kernels in your count. Anything over that and we need to notify the chopper to adjust the processing rollers.

For those who don't have access to a kernel processor, keeping chop length short can help accomplish similar results. Typically ¾ inch cut length is the sweet spot for choppers running a processor in terms of fiber particle size for the ration. Shortening that down to

3/8 inch for machines without a processor will do more kernel damage and maintain similar fiber particles. For those who don't have to worry about particle size, mostly our beef producers, dropping down to ½ inch will damage even more kernels and provide benefits for getting a good pack.

Finally, get a plan together now for covering the pile. If you go through all the work to harvest at the right moisture, pack correctly, and put up a quality silage but don't cover, it's just like running a marathon and quitting in the last 500 yards. Even just a single layer of plastic can reduce dry matter losses by 40%, improve stability, and preserve quality. Yes it's labor intensive and a pain at feed out, but it's worth it.

Planning for silage harvest is critical for success, but just developing the plan doesn't help if it isn't followed through. Figure out now who will be responsible for checking things like kernel processing, packing, and moisture. How often will these be checked? If something is off, how will information get back to the chopper? A plan without follow-through helps no one.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUG. 5, 2025 MEETING
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
August 5th, 2025
Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
Approved agenda. Minutes were tabled. Public comments.
Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Treasurer's Sweep Account Report, Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue Report.
Zoning Administrator Report: permit report and approved administrative plat.
Approved Antelope Country Club liquor license. Approved Miles of Smiles participation and sponsorship. Approved five (5) year leasing of postage machine from Pitney Bowes.
The Assessor shared her 3-Year Plan of Assessment and Cemetery Report.
Discussed with Highway Superintendent the One- and Six- Year

Road Program. Appointed Road Superintendent to negotiate right of way with landowner. Approved Highway Superintendent 2025 certification.
Open and approved/accepted bid for communications/radio update. Approved various LEC repairs.
Authorized clerk to advertise for selling of pickup boxes/bumpers.
Approved signing of Change Order, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Pay Application for Elgin East project.
Road Superintendent Report: approved 20 oversize permits, two (2) right of way permits, and one (1) access permit.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 4, 2025 MEETING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

rtn deposit, 122.54; To Robert Suhr Account, rtn deposit, 77.46; Blackburn Manufacturing, su, 123.84; NE Water Resources Association, dues, 105.00; US Post Office, postage, 162.20; Payroll, 3879.33
SEWER: ERPPD, se, 701.48; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.28; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 12.30; Payroll, 1481.39
FIRE: ERPPD, se, 170.51; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.47; APPEARA, su, 60.31; 118 Insurance, ins, 1225.00; Applied Connective Technologies, su, 773.76; Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, rpr, 285.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 34.69; Black Hills Energy, se, 95.01
POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2800.00
TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6707.65
POOL: ERPPD, se, 682.11; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.83; Sue Vanis, su, 17.73; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 34.56; Amazon, su, 20.99; Bomgaars, su, 107.88; Black Hills Energy, se, 811.32; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 599.02; To Debit Card Account, transfer, 1662.93; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; Payroll, 10307.29
PARK: ERPPD, se, 229.09; Midwest Electrical Services, se, 12928.20; Elgin One Stop, su, 89.59; WW Concrete, capital, 3930.00; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 33.56; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 87.90; Payroll, 1897.21
LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 79.25; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.48; Amazon, su, 325.67; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 93.49; Black Hills Energy, se, 50.32; Payroll, 1333.32
YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 289.73
RESCUE: Patriot's Landing, su, 150.00; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 85.50; Quick Med Claims, se, 200.99
• Use of the City Park on September 7, 2025 for Treasures in the Park
• Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 676 on three different days be suspended
• Ordinance No. 676 passed and adopted
• Estimate from Rutjens Construction for \$68,500.00 for grinder and required modifications at the sewer plant and quote from Boyd's Electrical Service for \$7,275.00 for the electrical changes necessary for the new grinder
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• Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
The following agenda items were discussed:
• Public comment: none
• Library annual report
• Cement at circular shelter ground down and caulked, shelter needs painted
• Scanning and storing files electronically through Bishop Business
• Armor coating and crack sealing went well in July
• Sheriff report: June-74 hours and 39 minutes and six 911 calls
• Red Cross swim lessons finished well in July
• New "Welcome to Elgin" signs have received required permits from the State, so they have been ordered
Next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Mayor MIKE SCHMITT
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS
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ORDINANCE #676
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 676 OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FROM THE ESTATE OF BETTY MOSER; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, IF ANY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:
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Elgin, Nebraska, held on the 5th day of May, 2025 and pursuant to Resolution 2025-4 is hereby confirmed.
2. Any other ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.
3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2025.
BY MIKE SCHMITT Mayor

ATTEST:
KRISTIN L. CHILDERS
City Clerk
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Courthouse News

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Nancy S. Krueger, Kansas City, KS, 7/9/25, Speeding 85/65

mph, Fined \$125 - Asche
Julian P. Eiselman, Fox River Grove, IL, 6/19/25, Speeding 78/65 mph, Fined \$125 - Ternus
Andria L. Livingston, Colorado Springs, CO, 7/3/25, Speeding 80/65, Fined \$75 - Ternus
Keir D. Harner, Columbus, NE, 7/12/25, No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$25 - Barker

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Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Isaiah 5:1-7 Luke 12:49-56 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
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when applying for financial aid. For young Nebraskans, the bill expands Pell Grant eligibility to short-term job training. That includes hands-on fields like welding, diesel tech, and irrigation systems. Now, a young Nebraskan in Scottsbluff can learn a trade and start working at places like Aulick Industries without piling up debt. The Big Beautiful Bill helps Nebraska producers grow and reinvest. Full expensing is now permanent for property like tractors and other heavy machinery. A corn grower in Custer County will be able to fully write off a new, more efficient combine. Another provision in the bill boosts expensing for tools and equipment. This helps small

businesses from welders to seed dealers invest to improve productivity. The One Big Beautiful Bill gives producers needed updates to the farm safety net. Reference prices now reflect today's markets. Drought aid under the Livestock Forage Program has been improved. Now, producers facing feed losses from grazing shortfalls will see faster relief. These updates give producers support, stability, and long-term certainty. Nebraska's future depends on certainty for farmers, ranchers, and agri-business. The One Big Beautiful Bill supports agriculture today and protects the next generation of farmers and ranchers. That is how we keep producing the Good Life.

More Antelope County Court cases

Michael P. Doty, 32, of Orchard, appeared for arraignment in Antelope County Court last week on three felony counts, including possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, a Class ID felony; and two counts of terroristic threats, both Class IIIA felonies. According to Acting Antelope County Attorney Joe Hurd, Doty is alleged to be possessing a firearm between July 26 and July 29 and threatened two individuals with violence with the intent to terrorize another. Based on the probable cause affidavit, Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore invested an incident that culminated in a 911 call from an Orchard residence on July 29. A warrant was issued for Doty's arrest. Doty turned himself in on Aug. 5. Originally, bond, in the amount of \$100,000-10% was set. During an Aug. 6 arraignment, Doty and his attorney, public defender Patrick Carney, requested a preliminary hearing. Taylor ordered Doty to appear Sept. 5 for the hearing. A bond review hearing was also held. Taylor set bond at \$50,000-10%, with eight conditions. Doty was remanded back to custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Obstruction case, tied to a district court case from last week: A Plainview man who was arrested on May 30 at a rural Antelope County residence appeared in county court, Aug. 6, facing a charge of obstructing government operations. While serving a search warrant, Christopher L Beltz became agitated with Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Schroeder as he took Beltz into custody, leading him to a different location. Beltz continued to become more agitated and argumentative with NSP officers, who ordered Beltz to sit on the ground. The defendant refused their commands, requiring Schroeder to use force to make Beltz move to the desired location and sit down. James Walz, defense counsel, requested a continuance in the case, and the Honorable Donna Taylor granted the motion. She set a pretrial hearing for Sept. 5.

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Still in committee, but ...

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Spinning Tales

School time, smart phones and facts

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I feel sorry for these wonder-kind, knowing full well they will never experience what the last of the baby boomers did day after day, year after year.

Speaking of those phones, I'm glad we didn't have such things when I roamed the back roads of Seward County in the mid-70s. I, like the rest of us baby boomers, didn't know how good we had it then, nor how much the world would change in our lifetimes.

The first cars we got served one purpose - to learn how to drive. For me, the first car I ever owned I paid \$400 for in 1973. It was a 1966 white Chevy Impala I bought at Bereuter's in Utica. Back then every town had a car dealer of one make or another. Bereuter's sold Chevys. That car, big as a boat, just happened to be Congressman Doug Bereuter's car when he was in college. It probably had a few stories to tell, I added to the list ... And we did all this without camera phones.

If you were a sophomore in high school and you had a car, no matter the make or model, you had a leg up on everyone else. You were only as popular as the amount of gas you had in the gas tank. Those cars back then were easy to disable when dad wanted to make sure you didn't go anywhere. You could work on your own cars back then, not like today when they have to be hooked up to a computer to figure out why they're not running.

Cars like mine had just an AM radio. Really, it was all you needed on a Friday night. There were the local stations, then there were the giant stations like WLS out of Chicago and KOMA out of Oklahoma City. Great music there during the waning years of AM radio, then came FM, 8-tracks and cassettes. Now, for us, it's about nights we don't remember, with friends we'll never forget.

Little did I know at the time, the best music ever was being played in the 1970s. Rock, soul, jazz, country, disco, punk, anything you were looking for you could find on the radio dial. Your favorite bands put out 2-3, sometimes 4 albums, a year. If you had a car, had some good tunes on the radio, cruising around town led to many good times, and sometimes a visit from mister PD man. And we did all this without the aid of smart phones.

Depending on how close (in terms of miles) you were to school, it had a way of determining how often you were in town. In my case, I had a choice - Friday or Saturday night. Otherwise, it was home right after school to do the jobs farm kids did back then. Didn't need smart phones to do what we did. When the animals were hungry, we fed them; when they were thirsty, we watered them; and when they got out, we rounded them up.

Breakfast was a grab and go, school lunch was anybody's guess (name that food) and the best meal of the day was supper at home.

Farm kids always seem to eat better than city kids because we had livestock we could butcher. Meat, potatoes, a vegetable and sometimes dessert.

Afterwards, it was homework and maybe a little TV before bedtime. Today, what they consider classic TV was just regular programming back then. We had ABC, NBC, CBS and something called PBS which no-body watched til Saturday night when Monty Python's Flying Circus was on. Local stations went off at midnight with the playing of the National Anthem.

We didn't need cell phones back then because they didn't exist and we didn't miss them. What would we have done with them? Truth be known, probably the same things that are being done today. But, then again, maybe not because the technol-

ogy didn't exist back then. No satellites for instant communications, no GPS for the general public to utilize. And through it all, our generation somehow, someway, had the best music, the best cars, and arguably the best movies. We didn't need smart phones.

Fast forward to today - school begins this week here in Elgin. Some will drive a few blocks, others will drive a few miles. They and their phones will record every moment. Everything that happens in the world is at their fingertips in real time. And they will tell us one day, that these were the best days of their lives.

If you're like me, you'll want to say 'let me tell you what the

best days were really like.' But will anybody listen? Probably not because they are on their smart phones.

Last week, trying to understand more about my father's journey in World War II, I watched a documentary titled "The U.S. and the Holocaust." The most important thing I learned was that Auschwitz was liberated by the Red Army of Russia. My father misspoke. What he should have said was he helped liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp in April 1944, one month before the end of the war in Germany. I only bring this up now because facts matter - yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Judge Taylor presides over Antelope County Court

A 23-year-old Lincoln man pleaded not guilty to one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor during further arraignment in Antelope County Court on Aug. 6.

Judge Donna Taylor continued bond, \$4,000-10%, and ordered Dillan Knapp to appear Sept. 5 for a pretrial hearing. Knapp requested a jury if the case goes to trial.

Ray M. Connot, 60, of Neligh, for further arraignment on one count of assault by strangulation of suffocation, a Class IIIA felony.

On July 6, Connot is alleged to have grabbed a juvenile "by the throat and strangle him during an argument," over a tootsie roll candy, based on information in the arrest/probable cause affidavit. Connot is also alleged to have forced the juvenile to the door, pushed him outside and locked him out of the residence. Neighbors witnessed the altercation and contacted Neligh Police Department.

After investigation by NPD office Aubrey Miller, Connot agreed to meet the officer at the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center, where he was arrested. Bond was set at \$50,000-10%. Connot was ordered to have no direct or indirect contact with Michelle Kreuders or her grandchild.

During a July 16 arraignment, Connot requested a continuance to hire an attorney. Taylor granted the motion.

On Aug. 6, Connot appeared with attorney Joel Carlson and requested a preliminary hearing. Taylor ordered the defendant to appear Sept. 5 for a preliminary hearing. A bond review was held and Taylor kept the bond amount intact.

Darren V. Stewart, 26, of Meadow Grove, appeared for arraignment on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor. During the Aug. 6 court session, defense attorney Martin Klein was allowed to withdraw, due to a conflict. Taylor appointed a new attorney and continued the case until Sept. 5, when Stewart will appear for further arraignment.

Bond, set at \$4,000-10%, remains in effect. Stewart was ordered not to have contact with Dillon Knapp.

Blake R. Baldwin, 27, of Albion, appeared for arraignment on one count of domestic violence assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Defense attorney Brad Montag motioned for a continuance and told Taylor he was working for an amended complaint to be filed, at which time a plea may be entered. Taylor instructed Baldwin to appear Sept. 5 for a pretrial conference.

A 30-year-old Omaha man missed a second court date for arraignment.

Harley J. Finazzo is charged with one count of theft - shoplifting, \$0-500, a Class II misdemeanor, stemming from a June 17 incident at Cubby's in Neligh.

According to the court documents, Finazzo missed a July 16 court session also. Taylor informed the county attorney that a motion, affidavit and order for arrest may be filed.

A man charged with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, a Class 1D felony, waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Antelope County Court on Aug. 6. Nicholes T. Stewart, 36, of Plainview, will appear in district court, Aug. 12, for arraignment.

Taylor set bond at \$20,000-10%. He was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff. According to the probable cause affidavit, Stewart was in possession of a firearm between April 30 and May 30.

A Tilden man facing two counts of criminal trespass-2nd degree, both Class III misdemeanors, requested a continuance. Denis Kerkman, 92, was scheduled for a trial due to medical issues. Defense counsel Patrick Carney told Taylor that Kerkman "has medical issues, has been placed in a neck collar and is being medically monitored." The county attorney did not object.

Raymond F. Poli, 48, of Neligh, appeared for arraignment on one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor.

Poli requested a continuance in order to consult with an attorney. Taylor granted the request and ordered Poli to appear Sept. 5 for further arraignment.

Sixty-one-year old Joanne D. Schottler was committed to the Antelope County Jail until fines and costs are paid and sentenced her to seven days in jail, from a 2024 case for DUI-alcohol-1st, a Class W misdemeanor.

Taylor awarded one day credit for time served. She also revoked Schottler's license for six months and ordered an ignition interlock permit. Schottler's probation was revoked. She was

Bartlett News

A parade, celebrating the 100th year of Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo, was held downtown in Bartlett Tuesday evening, July 29. The parade, which went around town twice, consisted of fire trucks from Bartlett, Ericson and Chambers and 24 entries. The parade was coordinated by Jessica Swick and Makayla Reiter with Mr. Dan Kluger as the announcer. Spectators fully enjoyed the variety of entries and kids loved the candy and other items tossed out to them.

A barbecue, with a free will offering and sponsored by the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo, was held in the Village Park after the parade beginning around 7:00. The meal was prepared by Kurt Einspahr who smoked pulled pork. Others helping him with the prep of the meal were Lila Einspahr and Brian Watson. The meal

consisted of pulled pork sandwiches, chips, potato salad and smoked apple cobbler. Those who helped serve were Cara Snider, Randi Brown, Kathy Snider and Teresa Swick. The

event was well attended, with approximately 300 being served an absolutely amazing meal. A volleyball tournament was

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11 am ... Tractor Talk with Randy Pelster
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Bartlett

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also held at the park that evening with 9 teams competing. Co-ordinators of the tournament were Jerilee Wright and Amber Marcellus with the help of the CWC high school girl's volleyball team. The event, was a fund raiser for the CWC high school volleyball team. Unfortunately the games had to end due to an oncoming storm. Everyone scattered and headed home just before a drenching rain hit.

No winners could be declared. But the event was considered a success because of the amount of teams participating and the numbers of people who came to cheer them on.

The evening was just perfect. A big thanks to all who made that possible.
By Sherry Tetschner

Vacation

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My father just wanted to watch the television the entire time. It's much easier when it's just our immediate family and my husband and I get to dictate the

schedule, the activities, and the meals.

We tend to limit sweets, whereas others feel like on vacation it's okay for the children to have something every day. We are usually stricter about bedtime too when we know we have an early morning.

Not everyone feels the same way.

All in all, we had an amazing time seeing family that we don't see often. The cousins loved spending time together and I enjoyed time with my sisters. Even though it can be stressful, and it doesn't always go the way that I want it to, these are the vacations where lasting memories are made. But I'll stick to the fact that I could use a vacation to recover from the past week.

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CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

Sept. 5...Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC.....	10:00
Sept. 11..Boyd Co. Invite @ Butte GC.....	4:30
Sept. 15..Neligh-Oakdale Invite @ Antelope CC.....	4:30
Sept. 19..O'Neill Invite @ O'Neill GC.....	3:30

Sept. 26..Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC.....	4:30
Oct. 3....Battle Creek Invite @ Evergreen Hills GC.....	4:00
Oct. 9....NVC CC @ Ainsworth.....	4:00
Oct. 16...District CC.....	TBA
Oct. 24...State CC @ Kearney.....	TBA

FOOTBALL

VARSITY

Aug. 29...vs Burwell.....	7:00
Sept. 5...@ Walthill.....	3:00
Sept. 12..@ CWC.....	7:00
Sept. 19..vs North Central.....	2:00
Sept. 26..@ Creighton.....	7:00
Oct. 3....@ St. Mary's.....	2:30
Oct. 10...vs Neligh-Oakdale.....	7:00
Oct. 17...vs Ainsworth.....	7:00
Oct. 23...Playoffs--First Round.....	TBA
Oct. 31...Playoffs--Second Round.....	TBA

Nov. 7...Playoffs--Quarterfinals.....	TBA
Nov. 14...Playoffs--Semifinals.....	TBA
Nov. 24...State Championship @ Lincoln.....	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 2...@ Fullerton.....	4:30
Sept. 8...vs Creighton.....	4:00
Sept. 22..vs Central Valley.....	5:00
Sept. 29..vs Riverside.....	5:00
Oct. 6....@ CWC.....	5:00
Oct. 13...@ Archangels Catholic.....	4:00

ACTIVITIES

Aug. 13..PJCC 1st day of school • EPS All School Open House
Aug. 14..EPS 1st day of school
Aug. 16..PJCC Golf Tourney
Aug. 17..Wolfpack boosters BBQ
Aug. 19..PJ Student Council • Elgin FFA meeting

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY

Aug. 21..Jamboree @ Stanton.....	6:00
Aug. 28..vs Lutheran High Northeast (EPS).....	7:30
Sept. 2...vs Burwell (Senior Night, PJ).....	7:00
Sept. 4...Tri @ EPPJ (PJ).....	5:00
Sept. 9...Double Tri @ EPPJ (EPS).....	5:00
Sept. 11...@ Boyd County.....	6:30
Sept. 13...Tourney @ *Howells-Dodge.....	9:00
Sept. 16...Tri @ EPPJ (EPS).....	5:00
Sept. 23...@ O'Neill.....	7:00
Sept. 25...Tri @ Nebraska Christian.....	5:00
Sept. 27...Tri @ EPPJ (PJ).....	3:00
Oct. 2...Tri @ Boone Central.....	5:30
Oct. 6...@ Niobrara-Verdigre.....	7:00
Oct. 7...Tri @ St. Mary's.....	5:00
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Thayer Central.....	10:00
Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.....	7:30
Oct. 20...NVC Tourney (Top 2 seeds host).....	TBA
Oct. 21...NVC Tourney @ TBD.....	TBA
Oct. 24...NVC Tourney Finals @ Niobrara.....	TBA
Oct. 27-28 Subdistricts.....	TBA
Nov. 1...Districts.....	TBA
Nov. 5-8..State @ Lincoln.....	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Aug. 28..vs Lutheran High Northeast (EPS).....	5:00
Sept. 2...vs Burwell (Senior Night, PJ).....	5:00
Sept. 8...@ Fullerton.....	5:30
Sept. 11..@ Boyd County.....	4:30
Sept. 16..Tri @ EPPJ (JV only, PJ).....	5:00
Sept. 20..Tourney @ Riverside (JV only).....	9:00
Sept. 22..vs C. Valley (JV only, PJ).....
Sept. 23...@ O'Neill.....	5:00
Sept. 27..Tri @ EPPJ (JV only, EPS).....	3:00
Oct. 2...Tri @ Boone Central (JV only).....	5:30
Oct. 6...@ Niobrara-Verdigre.....	5:00
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Thayer Central (JV only).....	10:00
Oct. 13...@ Battle Creek (C team only).....	5:00
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Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.....	5:30
Oct. 17...Tourney @ Neligh (C team only).....	9:00

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 8...vs Creighton (PJ).....	2:00
Sept. 17..vs Neligh-Oakdale (PJ).....	3:00
Sept. 22..vs Central Valley (PJ).....	4:30
Oct. 6...@ CWC.....	3:00
Oct. 8...@ Riverside (Spalding).....	2:00
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Riverside.....	9:00

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