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Steak fry, brunch and cookout on tap this weekend

Activities Friday and Sunday.

This weekend promises to be busy with a number of public events sure to leave no one hungry.

Tickets are still on sale for the annual Elgin Chamber of Commerce/ Community Club End-of-Summer Steak Fry.

The event will be held at the Elgin City Park on Friday, August 16 with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and the steaks to be ready to eat beginning at 7 p.m. The singing duo of Ember and Oak return to the park, providing live music from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

In an effort to make this an event for the entire family - and give parents a temporary break - the Wolfpack Dance Team will be offering onsite "babysitting" which will include games, activities and food. Contact the team co-sponsor Julie Thiessen at 402-649-9603 for details.

Tickets may be purchased at Dean's Market, Hometown Station, the Bank of Elgin and *The Elgin Review* office. **Brunch followed by cookout**

Two public events will be held Sunday, August 18.

- First off will be a brunch at the Elgin Community Center.
- Serving will begin at 8:30 a.m. and

conclude at noon.

Activity will shift to the Elgin City Park Sunday evening. The EPPJ Wolfpack Booster Club will hold a back-toschool kickoff cookout. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. in the park with free will donations being accepted.

Also starting at 5 p.m. and continuing til 7 p.m., there will be free swimming at the Elgin Swimming Pool. It will mark the last time for residents to use the pool as it will close for the season at the conclusion of the cookout. Starting at 6 p.m. will be an auction of donated items.

The event will provide residents with the opportunity to purchase business or family memberships.



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New educators begin teaching this week at Elgin schools

Five new teachers will be educating students this year at schools in Elgin. At Elgin Public Schools, Ahlona Landauer will teach Spanish and JH language arts. Across town at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic, there will be four new teachers (below). They are Faith Orcutt, PK-12 Music; Anita Kalvelage, elementary instructor; Calvin Nieman, English; and Rachel Pavelka, second grade. The first day of school at Pope John was August 14 (today). At EPS, the first day of classes will be Thursday, August 15.

E-R photos/D&L Morgan



Swimming pool to close for the season on Sunday



E-R photo/LMorgan

Volunteers have been the heart of the Elgin Bargain Box since its inception. Just a few of the many faces you'll see on any given day working there are, seated I-r: Barb Finn and Carol Eischeid. Standing: Joyce Sullivan, Judy Hestekind, Shirley Petsche, Sandy Kerkman and Linda Kerkman.

Bargain Box celebrating today with open house Over \$1 million in sales over 10 years!

Time flies when you're doing good.... well, perhaps that isn't exactly how the saying goes but it definitely is true for the Elgin Bargain Box.

The Elgin Bargain Box is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, August 14 (today). Opening on August 15 2014, it was hoped that enough donations would be received to make the Box a success. Being "built" from the vision of three women - Linda Kerkman, Phyllis Camp and Barb Finn – they had no idea where this road would lead.

'When we started, 10 years ago, we started with an empty building, and hopes to generate enough funds to support Linda's (Kerkman) mailing of the diapers to Tanzania," explained Finn. "Then we would just fund some local The intention was to receive donations, process and sell these items and share the profits. The board members and volunteers put in many hours, days, months to develop a pattern as to which items would be accepted, displayed and priced. This tweaking continues to the present day and depends on the donations received and the imagination of the volunteers. And the Box is volunteer dependent. No one has, or does, receive a salary; all volunteers give their time and talents towards the success of the Box. Throughout the last 10 years, approximately 88,420 hours of work have been donated to the Box. These hours do not include the help that is needed beyond the day-to-day activities at the Box. Volunteer carpenters, electrical and HVAC technicians, out-of-town packers, transportation to Norfolk with the Orphan Grain Train boxes and Salvation Army bags and to Neligh with recycling expand the total of donated hours. All of these volunteers and generous donors from an ever-widening area have enabled the Box to have sales that exceed \$1,090,000, far surpassing any expectations of the initial group. Because of this income, and, besides donating to multiple causes, the Box has been able to make its building safer, warmer and more attractive, enhancing downtown Elgin.

In its first 10 years the Box has



Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — Elgin City Council Ordinance #675 — City of Elgin Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.



The high temperature last week was 94 degrees recorded on August 5. The low temperature during the same period was 50 degrees recorded on August 9.

No 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 4	84	70	.00
August 5	94	60	.00
August 6	71	52	.00
August 7	83	58	.00
August 8	85	52	.00
August 9	72	50	.00
August 10	73	55	.00
Total for las	0.00		
Total for Au		2.26	
Total precipitation 2024			17.85

Elgin Swimming Pool will soon be closing for the season. At Monday night's meeting, held at the Elgin Public Library, of the Elgin City Council, it was decided that this Sunday, August 18, will be final day the pool will be open for the season.

Meeting with Pool Manager Sue Vanis, she said the pool will have to be closed at 5 p.m. on August 14. It will be closed Thursday and Friday, August 15-16, then re-open for regular hours on Saturday and Sunday, August 17-18.

On another matter involving the pool, Mayor Mike Schmitt led a discussion on pool painting and a claim submitted by Roman Sudbeck last June. The council approved Sudbeck's bill of \$5,000. The pool was sandblasted twice and power

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donated \$675,774 towards worthy and needy causes. Catastrophic medical occurrences, seven area food banks, seven area fire departments and EMT groups, community causes, area hospitals and organizations, and select state and national entities have benefited from monetary donations. Needed items have been donated to fire victims, to domestic abuse survivors, to schools and to churches, increasing the value of donations. Alongside these donations, the Box has packed and

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Taking the time to draft the right tax bill

By Barry DeKay

State Senator

state senator

This past week, the Legislature convened for only two days, choosing to adjourn early after Senator Linehan, chair of the Revenue Committee, requested

additional time for the bill drafters to finalize amendments. The Legislature was previously scheduled to remain in session through Saturday, August 10 but will instead resume the session on Monday, August 12.

During this week's session, senators and their staff received a briefing from the Revenue Committee outlining their framework to try to deliver property tax relief. LB9 by Senator Hughes is the bill now in-

Barry DeKay tended to serve as the primary vehicle. Originally, LB9 aimed to deliver additional state dollars to public schools to lower the

maximum levy cap from the current rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of taxable valuation to \$0.65 for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27. The levy would continue to decrease in 10-cent increments every two years until reaching \$0.25 beginning in FY2033-34. However, LB9 did not have a funding mechanism, leaving it up to the Legislature to find \$444 million in FY2025-26 and \$1.456 billion by FY2033-34.

The Revenue Committee has been working to find ways to generate the revenue necessary to make some version of LB9 work, taking parts from the Governor's proposal in LB1 and other bills brought to that committee. Proposals presented to senators at the briefing include imposing an excise tax on delivery services, doubling the Earned Income Tax Credit, transferring the duties of district court clerks to clerk magistrates, reimbursing county jails, having the state takeover funding for Natural Resource Districts similar to what was done last year with community colleges, taxing alternative recreational nicotine products, placing a two percent excise tax on agricultural machinery and equipment, and removing the sales tax on residential electricity. Right now, many other details remain a work in progress while bill drafters get a final amendment ready for floor debate.

I do want to give kudos to the Revenue Committee for being thoughtful in their approach and choosing

not to rush the process. The members of that committee and their staff have worked long hours well before the special session even began. I think that choosing to give more time to the bill drafters will ensure that amendments will come out well-prepared in time for floor debate.

Meanwhile, senators also debated and gave approval to multiple gubernatorial appointments. The approved appointments included positions on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, State Racing and Gaming Commission, Commission of Industrial Relations, State Fair Board, and Game and Parks Commission.

Confirming gubernatorial appointments is permissible during a special session as courts have routinely found that the confirmation process is "ministerial" in nature and not strictly legislative. Finalizing these appointments now will also mean that the Legislature will have a bit less work to do when it reconvenes next year. I welcome your thoughts and opinions as this special session continues. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.





Use up those

cucumbers!

Good day,

So it's canning season! I am a lady who has always done a lot of canning. It's so



many years. I'd like to share a few that are my favorites. For the next couple weeks I will share mostly canning recipes. Maybe you would enjoy trying them. Happy canning!

JoAnn

6-7 quarts cucumber 6-7 dill, one head per quart 6-7 garlic cloves (optional) 1/2 tsp powdered alum

1 qt vinegar 3 qt water 1 cup canning salt

EASY DILL PICKLES

Use clean sterile jars, I put one nice sized head of dill in the bottom of each quart jar. Add a clove of garlic.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Fill the jar with pickling size cucumbers. Pack it full. Put 1/2 a tsp of powdered alum per quart jar.

In a large pot mix the water, vinegar, and salt. Bring this to a good boil. Once it's boiling fill each quart jar and put on a lid. Once you have filled all the jars place in a tall pan and cover with boiling water and let stand until cool.

This makes enough brine for 6-7 quarts. This is my recipe I have used for years and they are crisp. I chill them before I eat them.

SWEET RELISH

7 cups ground cucumber with peeling 3 cups ground carrots 4 peppers (2 red and 2 green) 4 medium size onions 3 Tbls salt

5 cups sugar 3 cups vinegar 1 Tbls mustard seed 1 Tbls celery seed

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Grind and mix cucumbers, carrots, peppers, and onions. Sprinkle with salt. Mix.

- Mix sugar, vinegar, mustard seed, and celery seed. Mix it in with the ground vegetables. Boil for 20 minutes.
- Fill sterile jars and seal. Makes 6 pints!

Neligh food pantry to be August 20

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in

the area, will be dispersing food on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 2:00-3:30. pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

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Council passes new ordinance

City fulltime employees to receive 6% hike in salaries

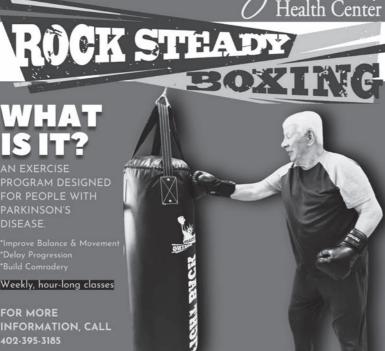
Meeting Monday night August 5, the Elgin City Council approved an ordinance which will, in the future, make the process to convey property owned by the City a more streamlined process.

Waiving the mandatory three readings, all four members of the Elgin City Council (Jim Kittelson, Mike Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe and Craig Niewohner) approved the ordinance which can be found on Page Eight of this newspaper.

As part of the new ordinance (Ordinance # 674), any other ordinance in conflict with the terms of the newly-passed ordinance are hereby repealed. Highlights of the new ordi-

nance are:

• After passing a resolution directing the sale, notice of all proposed sales of real property described in subsection A



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terms thereof shall be publiced once each week for three consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper. Then, after the passing of a 30-day right of remonstrance period, the property shall then be sold.

 The ordinance shall not apply to the sale of real property if the authorizing resolution directs the sale and the total fair market value is less than \$5,000 ... notice of the sale shall be posted in three prominent places within the City for a period of not less than seven days prior to the sale. The notice shall give a general description of the property offered for sale as well as the terms and conditions of sale.

That was just one of a long list of items at the August 5 meeting. Other items acted on by the council were:

Pay raise — After a review of city employee wages, the Council approved a six percent pay increase for all fulltime employees and librarians effective October 1.

Resolution — The council passed a resolution allowing the City to sell real property owned by the City of Elgin to Lee and Kara Shavlik for the sum of \$1,000.

Tabled — Fees associated with a portion of property at 504 Oak Street being deeded to the City has yet to be received from Arrowhead Realty & Appraisal (ARA). The matter was tabled to the September meeting.

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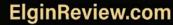
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Letting grandmas be grandmas

Nana, Gigi, Mimi, Grandma, they're all the same. The moment you turn your back, they swoop in to spoil your children. They may seem sweet and innocent, but beware. It's just an elaborate scheme to trust them.

All

kidding

me, I also

think it's

completely

aside,

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist **Katherine Cobb**

warranted

We live far from all grandparents so when they do have the chance to see our children, they want to enjoy them to the fullest.

As parents, we're often the ones telling our children no. In fact, I probably say that word a million times a day. At least, it

feels that way. I'm telling them no to sweets, no to staying up late, no to soda, no to video games, no, no, no. I want to tell them yes and of course, there are times I do. There are times we do something special, or we allow extra treats, but those times are few and far between. And when we do, it seems to rewire their brain into thinking that I'll start saying yes more often. They start trying harder and harder, so it's back to "no".

With grandparents, they did their duty. They put in their time as parents and now they get to reap their rewards. They get to put whipped cream on their waffles for no reason. They get to do a movie night on a random Tuesday. They get to bake cookies or lava cake just for something fun to do. It could be months or even a year before they see the kids again and they are jamming in a year's worth of memories into one visit.

As the mom, I want to put a stop to all the spoiling. I never want my kids to feel entitled or expect certain things. I don't want them to be sugar addicts. I try to step in and overrule the grandmas. Then, I try to



SKIP THE UNHEALTHY FOODS AND FOCUS ON NUTRITIOUS OPTIONS INSTEAD, SAFETY IS ALSO IMPORTANT: BE SURE TO RINSE FRESH PRODUCE WITH CLEAN WATER BEFORE EATING/CUTTING AND PRACTICE SAFE KNIFE HANDLING

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put myself in their shoes and I understand.

One week at grandma's house isn't going to ruin them forever. One week isn't going to destroy my authority as their mother. And one week is all this grandmother gets. As hard as it can be to hear that someone had whipped cream on their peanut butter and jelly sandwich today (ahem), it's not the end of the world.

These same grandmas are the ones that also read with them, watch movies with them, and do tons of crafts and other fun activities. These grandmas are genuinely interested in the

Summer snacks & safety

By Stephanie Scott

registered dietician, BCHC

Summer brings many opportunities for unhealthy meals and snacks, so take the time to include nutritious snacks instead. Fresh fruits and vegetables are healthy, nutrient-dense choices to refuel and refresh vou. Keep safety in mind when enjoying these foods by rinsing fresh produce with clean running water before cutting or eating. Practicing safe knife handling can make fresh produce an easy snack choice as well. Teaching safe knife handling skills to any children in your care can empower them to choose healthy snacks too and give you peace of mind that they are safe and confident using a knife on their own to prepare carrot or celery sticks, bell pepper strips, broccoli florets, sliced apples, melon, kiwi, and more!

home (and take time to teach these to any children in your care)

· Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables with running water

knives - you can't un-cut a finger!

• When moving food off a cutting board, set your knife down first

City

FROM Page 2

Plans reviewed — Sandy Kester, representing ARA, reviewed the Homestead's plans for selling a portion of their land, dividing it into six sections No action was taken following her presentation as council members' wanted to get a better idea on the City's expense with creating an alley kids and their activities, want to talk or text on the phone, and love hearing about their lives. The spoiling is just a little extra Grandma Love that they have earned.

So today, I'm going to stand back as the overbearing mother. I'm going to let my mom and my mother-in-law spoil them, treat them, and just enjoy them. Meanwhile, I'm silently plotting my revenge on my kids when they have their own children and I get to be Grandma.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

• Practice these safety tips at

before eating or cutting

• Go slowly when handling

Carry knives point down

 Never try to catch a falling knife - just step back and let it fall • Keep fingers out of the path

of your knife blade

Choose the right knife for the job. Examples include: A short paring knife is good for small, delicate produce like pears, strawberries, or mushrooms. A serrated knife (bread knife) works well for cutting

tomatoes, ripe melons, and of course, bread. And a Chef's knife is a large, all-purpose knife great for slicing, dicing and finely chopping a variety of produce. I often Stephanie

use this to slice Scott carrots, celery and cucumbers,

or chop delicate herbs like cilantro and basil. Practice and go slowly with larger knives until you are comfortable with their weight and size.

Keep knives sharp - dull knives are more likely to cause an injury

Make the rest of your summer safe and healthy! You can explore online cooking courses for kids and families at Kidscookrealfood.com. For more information or any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 402-395-3144.

including a culvert for the entrance from the street as well as the offer being conditional upon getting easements. To help determine cost estimates, the City will be consulting with Engineer John Zwingman. Nuisance — The counci

unknown origin, top bales of hay in Elmer's barn had ignited and filled the barn with smoke. Ernest Short had his 34-year rural carrier safe driving record broken Saturday when his car and one driven by Paul Whorlow were involved in a collision around 1 p.m. The cars collided three miles north and two and a half miles west of here, according to Trooper Chas. Harris of Albion, the investigating officer. The

Whorlow convertible was traveling west and struck the side of the Short car which was backing out of a farm driveway. Miss Mary Meis is one of 19 young women who will receive a diploma at the St. Francis School of Nursing graduation exercises at St. Mary's Cathedral, August 16 at 4 p.m. in Grand Island. The

diplomas will be conferred by Bishop J.L. Paschang, assisted by Fr. Frank Hoelck. Fr. P. Button will address the graduates. Mrs. L.A. Huston, 89, mother of Richard Huston of this neigh-

borhood passed away early Saturday morning in Keahaven Nursing home at Neligh after a lingering illness. Services were held in the Congregational church in Neligh Tuesday afternoon with interment in Laurel Hill cemetery with eight grandsons acting as casket bearers.

Three demonstrations from Antelope county were selected to participate at the Nebraska State Fair in September. 4-H members having the winning demonstrations were: Brenda Faith, Royal, with a safety demonstration of Hazards in Home Sweet Home; Marilyn Demerath and Kathlyn Reigle, Brunswick, Health demonstration of First Aid and Rae Jeanne Beeson and Kathleen Shoemaker, Elgin, demonstration on landscaping.

Fifty Years Ago

Sixty Years Ago

August 15, 1974

President Gerald Ford assumed the duties as president of the United States Friday after being sworn into office following the formal resignation of the 37th U.S. President, Richard Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mackel observed their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday. A Mass at 10:00 was offered by Father Schwartz in St. Boniface Church. Following the church services, a pot luck dinner was carried in and served with 100 relatives present.

Leo J. Hoefer ha been promoted to senior vice president and treasurer for the Omaha Bank for Cooperatives, according to OBC President John A. Harling. He has served as vice president and treasurer for the Bank since 1969.

Douglas G. Jessen of Neligh, driver of a 1971 Plymouth owned by Tony Tunink, was in collision with a heifer around 10:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 south of the Sam Meis lane. Mr. Jessen was driving north, came over a hill about the same time a black Angus heifer stepped out of a ditch onto the road.

United in marriage on August 3rd were Evelyn Foss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foss and Joe Petsche, son of Mr. Leander Petsche all of Petersburg. Rev. Ralph Lammers performed the 1:00 p.m. double ring ceremony in Petersburg.

Thirty Years Ago

August 10, 1994

Tara Hutchinson, nine-year-oils doughtier of Duane and Bernita Hutchinson of Elgin, was a Top 10 Finalist in the Miss Nebraska American Co-ed Pageant held July 29-31 at the Red Lion Inn in Omaha. Tara competed in the Pre-Teen Division, which included the largest number of contestants. There were 32 girls between the ages of eight and 13 in the Pre-Teen Division.

Sister Amator Vogel was honored at a mass and reception last Sunday at St. Boniface Church. After mass on Sunday, she was joined by Sister Veronica Wolff and Sister Leta Heese for a ride in a horse-drawn buggy, driven by Dale Buelt. Sister Amator is leaving Elgin after 24 years here, and moving this week to St. Joseph Convent, Campbellsport, WI.

Antelope County's total property valuation will decline by about \$7 million or 1.5 percent for the 1994 fiscal year, according to County Assessor Bernard Burbach. The county's 1994 total assessed property valuation excluding centrally assessed property will \$405,807,743, a decline of \$7,197,891 from last year's total assessed value of \$412.005.634. Family members of Ella Kinney and the late Walter Kinney held a reunion at Fort Robinson State Park, July 29 to Aug. 1, with 49 persons attending.

August 13, 1964



Elgin and Oakdale firemen answered a call around 7:30 a.m.

Friday to the Elmer Musser farm. Fortunately the blaze had been

extinguished before the two departments arrived. Through some

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agreed to a \$25 fee to be added to a resident's utility bill if a nuisance letter is sent to them within that quarter. The fee is being put in place to help cover the expense of sending out nuisance letters to, in some cases, some residents multiple times a year.

Closed session — The council went into closed session for 11 minutes to discuss possible litigation. Upon exiting closed session, the council unanimously approved a motion to authorize collection, litigation and payment of any outstanding bills.

Approved — The council approved the final payment of \$31,741.15 to Rutjens Construction for the installation of water meters earlier in the year.

Salt spreader — The council accepted the bid of \$6,199.99 for a SaltDogg 8' hopper stainless steel salt spreader.

Date set — A budget workshop will be held Tuesday night, August 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Labor Day — The council moved the September regular meeting to Wednesday, Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day holiday. At the meeting, the public hearing on the City's 1 & 6 Year Street Hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Building permits — Approved at the meeting were building permits sought by Mark Tharnish and Andrew Engle.

Box

FROM Page 1

transported approximately 10,200 boxes of clothing to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk which then sends the boxes to its missions throughout the world. According to Finn, the Bargain Box grants money based on needs and not proximity to Elgin but it should be noted that a fund of some type must be established to receive donations, such as a medical expense fund, fire relief fund, etc.

In reflecting back to those early years, it should be repeated that it has taken many hours, hard work and careful planning to bring the Bargain Box to where it is. Finn spoke briefly about one of their biggest challenges early on.

"There were many people that didn't think that this would be a success, that it would just be a junk store," she said. "...and that within a short time, our enthusiasm would disappear. But there were people that just opened their hearts and donated items, not knowing how it was going to turn out. It just snowballed".

Appearance can be everything as Finn spoke of how they continue to create a pleasant shopping experience for the public. "We choose well (items they accept to sell), and by being particular in what we put out and trying to make sure that things are arranged attractively, and cleaned...and people take notice of that," she added. Because of this ever-growing reputation, they are visited by people from all over the United States, coming to the Box as a destination to get things. That's a win for many – shoppers, donors, recipients of grants and the community.

The Box is always in need of committed volunteers so that all the areas of Box work can continue. Stop at the Box, find treasures and have a conversation with the staff about joining the group of volunteers at the Box.

So stop by, shop and visit with them during their Open House today (Wednesday, August 14). Also consider asking if they have room for another volunteer in their Bargain Box family. It's a treasured family to be a member of.





Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

Edward R. Murrow

And now for something completely different

As we all know, state legislators have been called back to Lincoln for a special session this summer to tackle the state's high property taxes.

As has been written here before, good luck with that.

It's easy to gripe about property taxes being too high; much more difficult to lower them without shifting the tax load onto someone else.

But we need to talk about something that we also all gripe about - gasoline prices.

I'm one of those guys who scans the countryside for the cheapest gas possible. I'll risk running my tank to empty if I know I can save a couple of cents per gallon in the next town.

This is a game I know others play, like my uncle-via-marriage Larry out in Osceola, and my distant cousin Jerry up in Wakefield.

They each have done the calculus, and each had some advice on where to find the cheapest tank of gas (Larry suggested a Cenex store out in Yutan; Jerry the stations on the Winnebago Reservation).

This game of "finding the lowest-priced petrol" is almost as popular as the contest over

"who should be

the quarterback

for the Huskers? (I feel sorry for

the starter, who, after throwing

one interception

or fumbling once,

will be the target

of a deluge of sec-

A shameful deal

ond guessing.)

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA

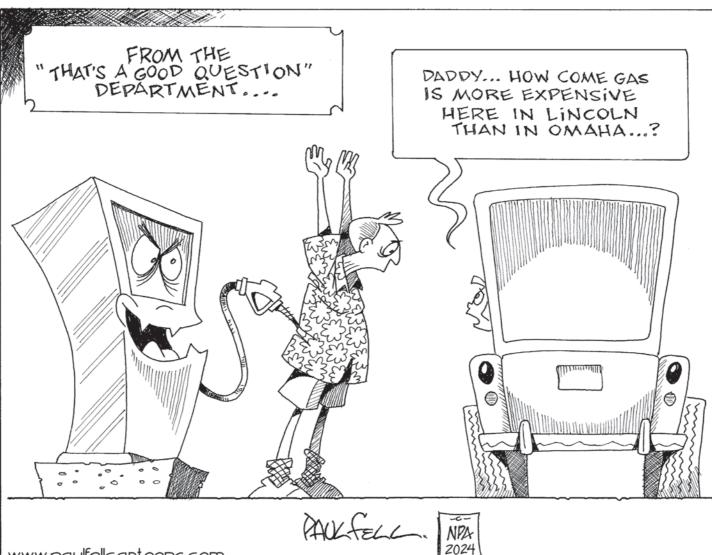


Anyway, I live in Lincoln, which, according State Correspondent to my extensive Paul Hammel research, has gas

that is always at least 15 cents a gallon more expensive than in Omaha.

Why that is the case is beyond me. But if I'm driving to Omaha and need gas, I'll wait to fill up until I get to River City because I know it will be cheaper.

Come on, 15 cents a gallon adds up



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when you're filling a 17-gallon tank on a gas-guzzling pickup!

I know, I know, there is an "app" for this. Something called "Gas Buddy" will tell you where the cheapest gas is in your neighborhood. AAA has some fuel finder map that guides you to the least-expensive fill up.

But that's cheating for some old-school dude like me. It's much more fun to just scan the roadsides and drive alternative routes to seek out the best deals.

It was on one of those drives of

istan resulting in the deaths of 19

cheap-gas discovery that I came upon that station in Yutan, which is just west of Omaha. I could not believe that they were advertising unleaded, 10% ethanol for \$2.99 a gallon earlier this summer, when everyone else was at \$3.29 or higher.

Harp music played in my head as I pulled in and discovered that this wasn't Saunders County, it was cheap gas heaven. The owner, the clerk told me, just liked to give people a break. The harp music swelled.

Ditto for another Cenex station along Highway 77 just south of the railroad viaduct in Fremont. It was \$2.99 just the other day, 20 cents a gallon cheaper than other outlets just down the road (and 30 cents cheaper than in my neighborhood of Lincoln).

Of course this game really get teresting if you travel across the state on Interstate 80. There's a truck stop at the Wood River Exit that is always

cheaper. And, on a recent trip to Fort Robinson, there was a station at the Sidney Exit, within eyesight of Cabela's, that was \$2.84 a gallon!

I could not believe my good luck, because once we got off I-80, we were paying 20-25 cents more for petrol.

Anyone can play this challenging game as they drive down the state's highways. It's much more entertaining than counting windmills like we used to do as kids.

Why this hasn't risen to an Olympic sport is beyond me.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald Lincoln Journal Star

and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston,

Nebraska, he loves traveling and writ-

ing about the state.

FROM THE

HILL

Congressman

Adrian Smith

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Major wins for online child privacy/safety

Since their creation, social media platforms have connected people and communities. That connectivity is often positive. High school friends can reconnect after decades. Grandparents can see photos of loved ones who live far away. Yet we can't ignore the dangers of these platforms, especially to our young people. When it comes to kids, safety should be the default. This week, my Senate colleagues and I passed two bills to better protect children and teenagers from these dangers online.

We've seen the horror stories. Predators use social media to target kids online. Videos go viral that promote self-harm and eating disorders. Bullies spew hateful com-

ments, destroying WASHINGTON the mental health of our children. We must do better.

The two bills we passed represent an important step towards protecting online privacy and safety. They also give parents new tools, safeguards, and needed transparency.

I co-sponsored

the Kids Online

Safety Act with

U.S. Senator

REPORT

Pete Ricketts

Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT). Our bill requires social media platforms to put the well-being of kids first. It requires platforms to provide minors with options to protect their information. It gives an option to disable addictive product features that promote "doom-scrolling." It would also allow minors to opt-out of personalized algorithmic recommendations. These tools will protect against the excessive consumption of negative content which can facilitate anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges.

Additionally, our bill creates a duty for online platforms to prevent and mitigate specific dangers to minors. This includes content that promotes suicide, eating disorders, substance abuse, sexual exploitation, and illegal products like alcohol. Companies in every other industry must take steps to prevent users from being hurt. Social media companies should do the same. Our bill makes that a reality. We also passed an updated Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). My colleague Senator Cassidy called it "COPPA 2.0." The current online privacy laws for children hadn't been updated in 25 years. A lot has changed since then. This update was long overdue. It expands age protections from 13 years old to also include teenagers under 17 years old. It bans targeted advertising toward minors. It limits data collection and strengthens parental controls. Increasing protections for kids online is common-sense. These are major wins for child privacy and safety. But it's just the first step. We must also continue our fight against Chinese Communist Party-controlled TikTok. The Justice Department just announced it is suing TikTok over "massive scale" violations of existing COPPA privacy laws of children under 13. In recent court filings, the Justice Department also claimed China has used TikTok to "to illicitly interfere with our political system." They've also used it to push their communist agenda and spy on Americans. We took action to ban China's ownership of TikTok earlier this year. I also banned it entirely on state devices when I was Governor. I'm confident these bills force social media companies to do more to keep kids safe. We need to give kids and parents the tools, safeguards, and transparency they need to stay safe. I encourage the House to pass both these bills and send them to the president's desk

last week was another bad decision by the Biden-Harris administration-a shameful one. They attempted to strike a plea deal with the engineers of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America. The deal would have consigned Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, Walid bin Attash, and Mustafa al-Hawsawi to life in prison. averting a possible

Mohammed was

Austin revoked

it. I'm glad Secre-

tary Austin saw

Buried in a flurry of news stories

WASHINGTON death sentence. REPORT



U.S. Senator **Deb Fischer**

reason and shut down this damaging deal. But the fact that the administration crafted the deal in the first place is deeply concerning-and sadly, it's characteristic of the Biden-Harris administration's foreign policy. Rather than supporting our allies and standing firm against our adversaries, this administration shrinks in the face of pressure from left-wing radicals who do not represent the interests of the majority of Americans.

That trend began right after President Biden and Vice President Harris came into office.

They oversaw a disastrous withdrawal of our troops from AfghanAmerican service members-including Nebraska's own Marine Corporal Daegan Page. Since Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, the president and vice president have waffled in their support for our enduring ally in the Middle East.

It's unfortunate, but it's no surprise that under their administration prosecutors would strike a deal with the criminals behind the worst terror attack our nation has ever seen.

Prosecutors said this plea deal was arranged to bring "finality and justice" to the case against Mohammed, bin Attash, and al-Hawsawi, but nothing could be further from the truth. The deal coddled terrorists who hate America, and it was an affront to the families of the almost 3,000 people murdered in the 9/11 attacks.

What will bring finality and justice to this case? Not negotiating with terrorists. Not letting them off easy. Instead of catering to foreign extremists, the government must consider the Americans whose children, spouses, and parents were killed by these terrorists. The administration must deliver swift and full justice—with the victims in mind, not the perpetrators.

It's good that Secretary Austin stopped this deal before it was finalized. But the Biden-Harris administration must reconsider its foreign policy.

A presidential administration's primary responsibility is to defend this nation.

President Biden and Vice President Harris have abdicated that responsibility repeatedly and flagrantly—from the southern border, to the Afghanistan withdrawal, to last week's plea deal. It's three and a half years past time for a change of course.

Losing the pathway to growth

Severe inflation, stock market turbulence, and troubling workforce data have driven recent economic concerns for American families already struggling to make ends meet. Moreover, our national debt has swelled to surpass \$35 trillion—\$12.74 trillion higher than the total national debt before the pandemic. Over the past year alone, the debt has grown by \$6.73 billion per day.

A disappointing July jobs report and a rising unemployment rate-the country's highest since 2021—clearly show how Biden-Harris policies of massive spending and growing debt are failing to create private sector economic growth.

Because a strong workforce is a critical component of economic growth, it is worrisome the U.S. workforce participation rate has still not recovered from where it was in 2020 when mass lay-offs due to COVID lockdowns and business closures sent American workers home for weeks, months, and sometimes years. American businesses have largely re-opened and recovered thanks to the Trump-era development of COVID tests, therapeutics, and vaccines, as well as a much greater understanding of the disease.

Although we cannot afford not to bring American workers back off the sidelines and connect them to opportunities via the many employers still eager to hire, the Biden-Harris administration continues to push economic

policies demonstrated to drive up inflation and drive down workforce participation such as a return to their 2021 expansion of the Child Tax Credit expansion which mailed monthly checks to millions of Americans regardless of whether they were working.

Despite these challenges, we do not have to resign the fate of the economy to weakness and uncertainty. We know what it takes to strengthen the Amer-

ican economy and get our fiscal house in order. Yet, the misguided policies

of the Biden-Harris Administration instead push us further in the wrong direction, and hard-working Americans are paying the price for bad policy

The sensational economic boon of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) demonstrat-

ed how stability in the tax code can bolster both American job creators and workers through increased corporate investment and higher wages. With many of TCJA's successful policies set to expire in 2025, we must work to secure for the long term gains which un-

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James R. Getzfred, 77

July 17, 1947 - August 8, 2024

An Elgin native, he joined the Navy and

served in the Vietnam War. In his later

years, he became a master craftsman.

Smith

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questionably benefited Americans of all income brackets.

The Biden-Harris administration has expressed opposition to renewing TCJA tax cuts which were directly targeted to reward families for working harder and small businesses for investing in America. Instead, the administration has made clear it would prefer to raise taxes on small businesses in order to fund a resumption of their welfare policies disguised



ble. TCJA laid out a clear path to growth across the economy, ture and renew policies which firmly believe this goal should enjoy bipartisan support.

I am working hard to move discussion and debate forward. As Chair of the Ways and Means Rural America Tax Team, I am holding roundtables and meetings with my colleagues and agriculture industry stakepolicy impacts our farmers and ranchers. The Ways and Means Committee has announced it will hold a field hearing at the Iowa State Fair on August 16 to hear testimony on and highlight the positive impact and importance of the 2017 Trump tax cuts for American families, farmers, workers, and small businesses. Raising taxes during a time when our economic future is in jeopardy would absolutely be the wrong direction. If we can bend the curve on spending, multiply the number of good-paying jobs in our country, and incentivize production and growth, we can restore responsibility, strength, and prosperity to our economy.



as tax credits. This is indefensiand while no tax package is perfect, we must look at the big picbenefited so many Americans. I As a member of the House's

primary tax writing committee, holders to hear directly how tax



77, a lifelong resident of Elgin whose wood carvings of Santa Clauses became cherished gifts for family and friends, died August 8, 2024, in his home surrounded by his family.

James 'Jim" R.

Getzfred,

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 12, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Rev. John Norman officiating. Visitation was 5 - 7 p.m. Sunday at the church, with a 7 p.m. wake service with Rev. Owen Korte officiating.

Burial followed at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Elgin, with Military Rites conducted by American Legion Post 229 and VFW Post 5816 of Elgin.

Memorials are suggested to the Elgin Community Foundation or Pope John Central Catholic School in Elgin. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com. *****

James Ralph Getzfred, was born July 28, 1947, to Ralph and Irene (Reicks) Getzfred, he joined two older brothers. Bob and Larry, on a farm until the family moved into Elgin. Four younger brothers, Bill, Ron, Mark and Darrell completed the family. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Church where, over the years, he had served as an altar boy, a EMHC and a member of the choir. He married Betty Brown on June 18, 1977, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Graettinger, IA, and the couple raised two children, Sara and Megan.

Jim graduated from St. Boniface School in 1966 and joined the Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Southeast Community College and returned home to work for Ward's Appliance, and Schmitt Construction. He later started a plumbing busi-

ness and became a rural mail carrier until his retirement in 2014

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He enjoyed keeping stats for volleyball, basketball and football games at Pope John. He also served as the bus driver for his daughters' high school sports' teams. He loved sports, was a master craftsman, and spent many years playing softball for Pines Bar. He often volunteered his time and expertise to help with projects at the church and schools. Jim taught himself to carve and was a member of the Northeast Woodcarver's Association. Most of his carvings became gifts, a memento that reflected his passion for his craft.

In addition to his wife and two daughters, survivors include two sons-in-law, Travis Morris of Lincoln, and Kent Furstenau of Gretna, NE; five grandchildren, McKenna and Cael Morris, and Ava, Ayden and Alayna Furstenau; three brothers: Bill (Pat) Getzfred of Gretna, NE; Ron Getzfred of Dwight, NE; and Mark (Elizabeth Austin) Getzfred of New York City; two sisters-in-law: Carole Getzfred of Elgin and Pat Getzfred of Silver Spring, MD. Along with Betty's family: Gary McClurg of Fryeburg, ME, Dan (Sandy) Brown of Bowling Green, KY, Joleen Baysore of Gwinn, MI, J.R. (Jane) Brown, Bill (Diane) Brown, and Tom (Lori) Brown all of Graettinger, IA, Tim (Carrie) Brown of Storm Lake, IA, and John (Joleen) Brown of Spirit Lake, IA. Along with many nieces, nephews and other relatives. He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Bob, Larry and Darrell; sister-in-law: Diane Getzfred; a niece: Sherry Vidmar; and a nephew: Nicholas Getzfred. Along with in-laws including William and Catherine Brown, Sheila McClurg, Patricia Brown, Paul Brown, and Paul Baysore.

OBITUARIES

Michael J. "Mike" Flaherty, 87

Michael

John "Mike'

87, of Grand

Island died

Flaherty,

on Monday, June 17, 2024 at

Visitation was held on

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at St.

Leo's Catholic Church from 4

to 6 p.m. with a Vigil service at

Memorial Mass was held

at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June

21, 2021 at St. Leo's Catholic

Burial will take place on

a.m. at St. Boniface Cemetery

All Faiths Funeral Home is

entrusted with arrangements,

Michael was born August

(Pritchard) Flaherty. He grew

St. Boniface Catholic Church

School. After completing the

10th grade, he entered Concep-

tion Seminary in Conception,

MO. He finished high school

and college there after which

he studied three years at Cath-

olic University in Washington,

He came to Grand Island in

1961 to a summer job at Island

Supply Co. as a counter and

and attended St. Boniface

up in Elgin and was baptized at

memorials are suggested to Central Catholic Schools.

18, 1936 in Norfolk, NE, son

of John and Marguerite

Saturday, August 17 at 11:30

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in Elgin, NE.

August 18, 1936 - June 17, 2024

Burial will take place on Saturday, August 17 at St. Boniface Cemetery.

> parts man. The summer job lasted 47 years. In 2008 he began working at Ace Machine Shop and Sales.

He was a lifelong Catholic, active in his church, especially in music and liturgy. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, serving in several different offices. He and Linda presented the Engaged Encounter weekends for 15 years. He was an active parent at Central Catholic while his children were there-even serving a term on the school board. While his sons were in Boy Scouts, he helped as a troop leader and, at the district level, as a Unit Commissioner and a district board member.

Mike enjoyed singing and at various times, belonged to the City Singers, All American Singers, and always the choir of the parish he belonged to at the time. He began participating in Grand Island Little Theater in 1962. Mike worked on many productions, both backstage and onstage. In 2001 he was honored with the GILT Hall of Fame award.

Mike left behind wife of 53 years, Linda Flaherty; daughter, Barbara (Robert) Vavra; sons, John Flaherty, Mark Flaherty and Greg Flaherty; granddaughters, Susie and Jamie Vavra; numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Corder.

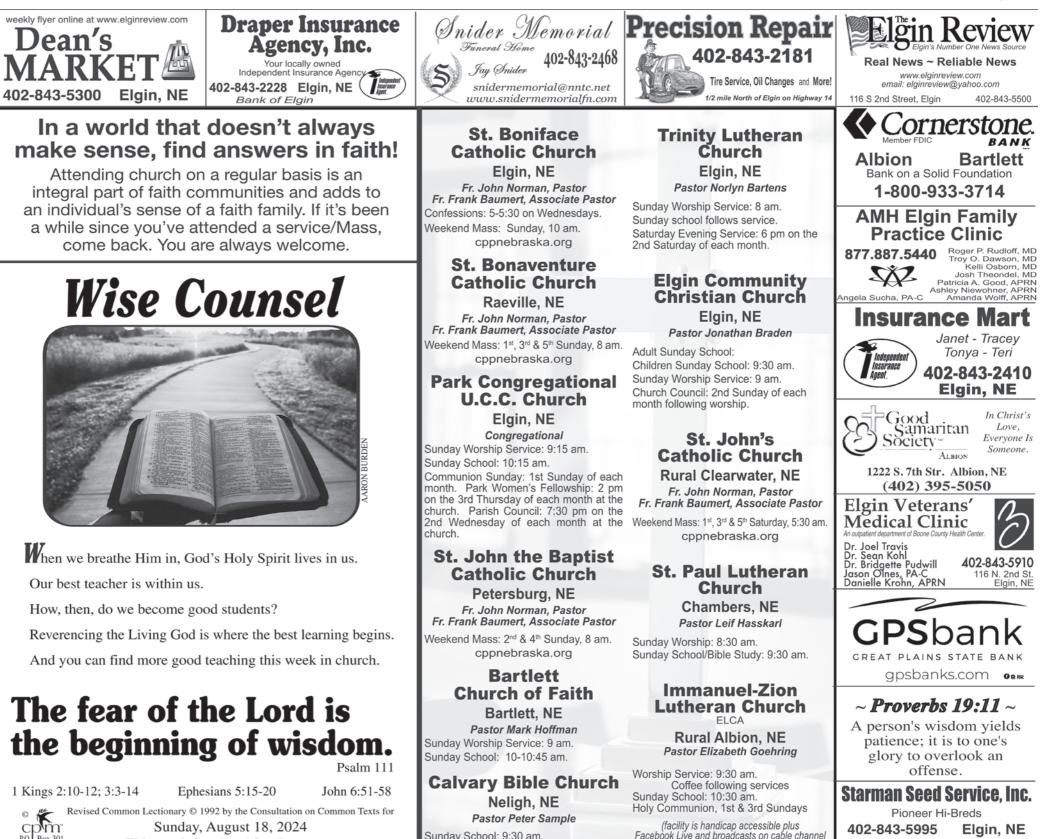
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Bartlett Bits

Last week I reported on results of Wheeler County Fair open class exhibits for Farm Produce and Home Economics. This week I will report on the fair results for Flowers and Plants, Quilts and Afghans, Needlework, Miscellaneous and Amateur Photography for both Junior and Adult Divisions.

Open Class Flowers: All Around Best Entry, Pauline Marker; Senior Division: Cut Roses, Pauline Marker; Cut Flower, Nancy

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is confidence is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1



BCHC Expands Behavioral Health Services with New Practitioners

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is excited to announce the addition of two new mental health practitioners to our dedicated team: Brittany Bertram, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, and Trevor Hyatt, LMHP, MA/BC. Their arrival marks a significant enhancement to our behavioral health services, offering comprehensive care to our community. Brittany Bertram, MSN,

APRN, PMHNP-Board Certified

Brittany Bertram, who will begin her role as a specialized Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) in October, brings extensive experience and a deep passion for mental health care. Growing up and currently residing in Fullerton, Brittany completed her undergraduate nursing degree (BSN) at Nebraska Methodist College and her graduate nursing degree (MSN) at Clarkson College. As a board-certified PMHNP, she is uniquely qualified to assess, diagnose, and treat individuals with psychiatric disorders, including the authority to prescribe psychiatric medications.

Brittany's career as a registered nurse in various nursing areas has given her a broad appreciation for different fields, ultimately leading her to specialize in psychiatry. Her commitment to mental health was deeply influenced by personal experiences, including the tragic loss of a close friend's son to suicide. This fueled her dedication to becoming an advocate for individuals with mental illness and improving behavioral health resources in rural areas. Brittany aims to integrate psychiatric care with primary care at BCHC, enhancing access to behavioral health services and reducing the stigma associated with mental health issues in rural communities.

Having started her nursing career at BCHC in 2019, Brittany is no stranger to the closeknit community and exceptional standards of care at BCHC. She shared, "Boone County Health Center sets precedence for rural healthcare and the facility exceeds the meaning of its core values. The close connections and communication were what I appreciated most, and it became more than a workplace for me; everyone was like family. To say that I'm excited to be given such an opportunity to come back to the facility as a provider and provide behavior al health services would be an understatement!" Dr. Tony Kusek, Chief of Medical Staff at BCHC, expressed his enthusiasm for Brittany's return: "We are thrilled to welcome Brittany back to Boone County Health Center in this critical role. Her expertise and dedication to behavioral health will be invaluable in expanding our services and providing comprehensive care to our community." Brittany is supported by her husband, Nick, and their three children: Reid, Brecken, and Bowen. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, baking, and watching TV. Trevor Hyatt, LMHP, MA/BC Trevor Hyatt will join BCHC on August 19 as a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), specializing in Biblical Counseling. Trevor brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to providing

compassionate mental health services to the community. Growing up around the Broken Bow area, Trevor has deep roots in Nebraska. His family farm is near the unincorporated town of Westerville, and his father served as a pastor in Broken Bow during his childhood. Trevor graduated from Lexington High School and spent the last ten years in Lincoln. Now, he and his family are excited to settle in Albion and become an integral part of the community.

Trevor holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, with a minor in Studio Art, from the University of Nebraska-Kearnev, and a Master's in Biblical Counseling from Dallas Theological Seminary. His journey into mental health practice was driven by his love for philosophy and his desire to integrate biblical truths with contemporary psychological therapies. His approach is holistic, aiming to support individuals from all walks of life through various challenges. He and his wife, Breanna, have been married for 15 years and are the proud parents of four young children: Edith, August, Esther, and Ada. In addition to his professional pursuits, Trevor enjoys making pottery and looks forward to reestablishing his home studio and participating in local vendor events.

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Earlier in the meeting, Librarians Dianne Gunderson and Barb Bode presented their annual report. They highlighted activities the library hosted during the last year and the large number of children who participate in library activities) Lego league, story time, book club, fall hayrack ride, festival of trees). The library is also hosts numerous meetings throughout the years.

Still no Antelope County Fair results for special section

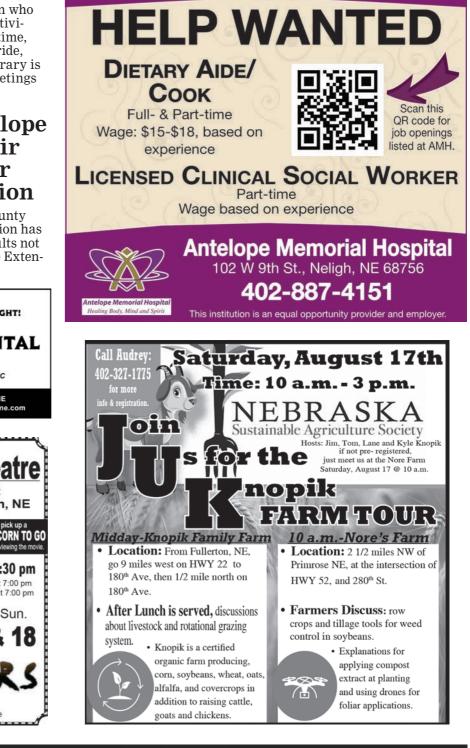
The 2024 Antelope County Fair results special section has been delayed due to results not being available from the Extension office.



Elgin Veterans Club **Steak Fry is August 26**

Legion Commander Gary Hoefer announced Tuesday the date for the annual Veterans Club Steak Fry.

The event will be held Monday, August 26, at 7 p.m. at the Elgin KC Hall. More details will be announced next week.







Brittany Bertram, Trevor Hyatt LMHP, MÁ/BC APRN

LADC, and Behavioral Health

Department Director, shared her impressions: "In meeting Trevor, I immediately noticed

his curious, calm, and welcom-

ing presence, which are strong

attributes in any therapist. His

specialty in biblical counseling

and his diverse mix of modal-

ities will be very useful in our

experience and ideas to help our

Trevor will address a range

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of issues, including relation-

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Junior Division: Cut Flower, Hunter Renner, Winchester Hoffman and Cassidy Armknecht; Outdoor Potted Plant, Addison Reed and Camara Armknecht.

Miscellaneous Juniors: Piggy Banks; Kolt Nelson and Door Hanger, Keegan Brown; Junior Photography, Paige Schlenger; Junior Sewing: Quilt, Easton Kasselder.

Adult: Photography, Cheryl Hendrick; Textile Arts: Crochet Afghan, Kathy Snider; Quilt made all by one person: Paperpieced Quilt, Deb Eschliman; Quilt Commercially Quilted: Diamond Quilt, Carol Green.

This week brought a blessing of cooler weather. Someone made the comment that people seemed more cheerful!



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2. If your child bikes to school, make sure he wears a helmet that meets safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.

3. If your child drops something near the bus, have them tell the bus driver before retrieving it. If they were to bend over to pick it up, the bus driver may not be able to see them.

4. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.

5. Teach children not to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind brushes or shrubs. Darting into the street accounts for 50 to 70 percent of pedestrian injuries among children ages nine and under.

6. Teach your children the proper hand signals to use when they turn or stop while riding their bikes to school.

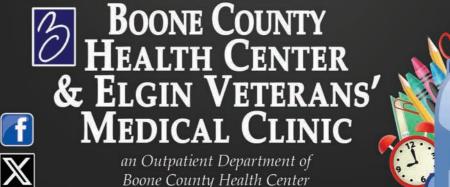
7. Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

8. Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks and stop at stop signs.

9. Never pass a bus that is stopped, has it's lights flashing or stop arm out. You may never know where a child might step out from.

10. Don't allow your child to wear headphones or play hand-held video games or text while walking to school.

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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings August 5, 2024

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The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, and Leigh Kluthe.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- July regular and special meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 124.21; Great Plains Communications, se, 89.22; APPEARA, su, 58.38; The Elgin Review, print, 116.13; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, se, 350.00; Eakes, su, 116.97; League of NE Municipalities, dues, 2646.00; Dean's Market, su, 1.49; Black Hills Energy, se, 87.61; NE UC Fund, ins, 37.88; Prudential, retirement, 358.42; American Funds, retirement, 192.90; Google, se, 14.40; US Post Office, postage, 292.00; US Treasury, tax, 5318.42; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 657.34; Payroll, 5935.52

SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 1921.32 STREET: ERPPD, se, 903.95; Verizonwireless, su, 78.35; Elgin One Stop, su, 50.45; Hometown Station, fuel, 527.95; Kittelson Home Repair, su, 1000.00; To Pav2800; Black Hills Energy, se, 40.28; Payroll, 2668.51

WATER: ERPPD, se, 1053.09; Great Plains Communications, se, 60.72; Verizonwireless, su, 78.35; NE Health Lab, se, 48.00; Subsurface Solutions, dues, 360.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues, 243.00; Sargent Drilling, rpr, 850.00; Speed Services, rpr, 300.00; US Post Office, postage, 66.45; One Call Concepts, se, 5.39; Payroll, 5337.00

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 763.07; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.06; Johnson Service Co, rpr, 5161.25; USA BlueBook, su, 121.52; Midwest Labs, se, 660.32; One Call Concepts, se, 5.39; League of NE Municipalities, dues, 243.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 4.71; Payroll, 2044.17

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 215.91; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.25; APPEARA, su, 58.38; Kansas City Life Insurance Co, ins. 2293.20; Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, rpr, 787.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 84.36

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6487.25; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00

POOL: ERPPD, se, 679.79; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.65; Bomgaars, su, 107.88; Leifeld Hardware, su, 5.67; Eakes, su, 22.18; Pettitt Plumbing & Heating, rpr, 345.00; Dean's Market, su, 1703.46; Black Hills Energy, se, 1226.24; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 665.27; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; Payroll, 14173.06

ing Assessment Fund, transfer, One Stop, su, 9.99; Colonial Research, su, 180.03; Eakes, su, 22.18; American Swings Products, rpr, 349.60; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 181.70; Payroll, 2806.09

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 77.34: Great Plains Communications, se, 59.26; Dean's Market, su, 5.78; Black Hills Energy, se, 44.99; Payroll, 1258.66

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 257.07

RESCUE: Quick Med Claims, su, 22.20; Dean's Market, su, 33.96 Statutory rule requiring read-

ing Ordinance No. 674 on three different days be suspended

Ordinance No. 674 passed and adopted Signing resolution 2024-3 en-

titling the City to sell real property owned by the City of Elgin to Lee and Kara Shavlik for the sum of \$1,000.00

• Enter into closed session for the purpose of possible litigation at 8:36 p.m.

 Reconvene in public session at 8:47 p.m.

 Authorize collection, litigation, and payment of any outstanding bills

 Adopt resolution 2024-4, a resolution to establish a debit card/ online purchases via EFT policy

Final pay application of \$31,741.15 to Rutjens Construction, Inc. for the water meter replace-

 Purchase a SaltDogg salt spreader through Tractor Supply for \$6,199.99 utilizing the debit card - Set the date for the budget

at 7:00 p.m. Set the September 2024 reg-

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 Set the 1 & 6 Year Street Hearing date for Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m.

September 4th at 7:30 p.m.

- Use of the Elgin City Park for the Treasures in the Park event on September 8, 2024

 Set the last day of the pool as Sunday, August 18, 2024

 Employee handbook policy 250 - funeral or emergency leave Pay the claim from Roman

Sudbeck for \$5,000.00 to paint the

pool - 6% pay increase for all full-time employees and librarians effective October 1, 2024

- Building Permits: Andrew Engle, Mark Tharnish

The following agenda items

were discussed: Library annual report

 Paying the fees associated with a portion of property at 504 Oak Street being deeded to the City of Elgin was tabled until paperwork is received

- Including an alley in the portion of land The Homestead is looking to sell

 Charge a fee of \$25.00 to send nuisance letters - Attorney report: dog case in

August and vehicle case in September - Gather cost to grind streets to

be added to budget · Next regular meeting will be

held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024

- Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt City Clerk Kristin L. Childers PUBLISH: August 14, 2024

Community Center Menus

Monday, August 19: Pork cutlets, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, bread/garlic stick, butter, milk.

Tuesday, August 20: Beef stir fry (broccoli/peppers/onion), rice, tropical fruit, bread, butter, milk.

Wednesday, August 21: Baked potato bar, chili/ham, cheesy broccoli, banana, bread, butter, milk

Thursday, August 22: Hot beef sandwich (mashed potatoes/

gravy), corn, pineapple, bread, butter, milk.

Friday, August 23: BBQ chicken legs, scalloped potatoes, baked

beans, fruit salad, bread, butter, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).

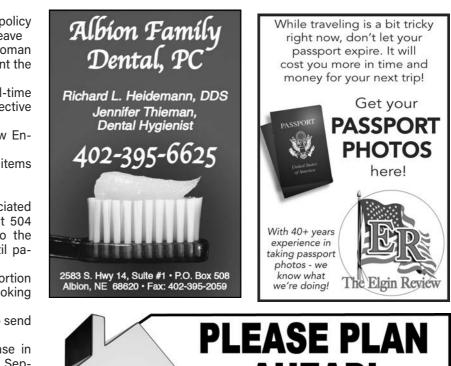
Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

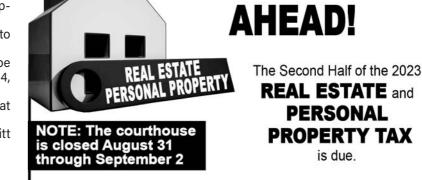
Under 60 is \$9.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m.

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

For a great meal, come to the community center!





Second Half Taxes will become delinquent

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Since August 31st falls on Saturday and the courthouse is closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day, payment must be made by the close of business day on SEPTEMBER 3RD or postmarked by September 3, 2024 to be considered on time.

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ORDINANCE # 674 - POWER TO CONVEY ANY REAL PROPERTY (CITY)

ORDINANCE NO. 674 OF THE **CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING THE POWER OF THE CITY TO CONVEY ANY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAY-OR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

which bidding shall begin or shall serve as a minimum for a sealed bid.

B. After the passage of the resolution directing the sale, notice of all proposed sales of real property described in subsection (A) of this section and the terms thereof shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper published in or of general circulation in the City; provided, if a remonstrance against such sale, signed by registered voters thereof equal in number to 30% of the registered voters of the City voting at the last regular City election held therein, be filed with the City Council within 30 days after the third publication of the notice, such property shall not then nor within one year thereafter be sold. If the date for filing the remonstrance falls upon a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the signatures shall be collected within the 30-day period but the filing shall be considered timely if filed or postmarked on or before the next business day. Real estate now owned or hereafter owned by the City may be conveyed without consideration to the State of Nebraska for state armory sites or, if acquired for state armory sites, such property shall be conveyed strictly in accordance with the condition of Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1001 to §18-1006. C. Following passage of the res-

olution directing a sale, publishing of the notice of the proposed sale, and passing of the 30-day right of remonstrance period, the property shall then be sold. Such sale be confirmed by passage of an ordinance stating the name of the purchaser and the terms of the sale. The city clerk shall, upon passage of such ordinance, certify the name of the purchaser to the register of deeds of the county in which the property is located.

D. Subsections (A) through (C) shall not apply to the sale of real Mayor

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City Clerk

ATTEST: KRISTIN CHILDERS PUBLISH: August 14, 2024

THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL mum price for such real property at

ment project

workshop for Tuesday, August 20th

PARK: ERPPD, se, 412.52; Elgin ular meeting date for Wednesday,

Section 1. Section § 6-109 of the Elgin Municipal Code is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

SECTION 6-109: REAL PROP-ERTY; SALE AND CONVEYANCE

A. The power of the City Council to convey any real property owned by it, including land used for park purposes and public squares, except real property used in the operation of public utilities, shall be exercised by resolution, directing the sale at public auction or by sealed bid of such real property and the manner and terms thereof, except that such real property shall not be sold at public auction or by sealed bid when (1) such property is being sold in compliance with the requirements of federal or state grants or programs; (2) such property is being conveyed to another public agency; or (3) such property consists of streets and alleys. The City Council may establish a mini-

property if the authorizing resolution directs the sale of real property and the total fair market value of the real property is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000,00). Instead, following passage of such resolution directing the sale of the real property, notice of the sale shall be posted in three prominent places within the City for a period of not less than 7 days prior to the sale of the property. The notice shall give a general description of the property offered for sale and state the terms and conditions of sale.

Section 2. Any other ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by State Law. PASSED AND APPROVED this

5th day of August, 2024. BY /s/ MIKE SCHMITT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 6, 2024 MEETING THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF **COMMISSIONERS** Neligh, Nebraska August 6, 2024

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the 7-9-2024, BOC meeting and minutes of the 7-09-2024 BOE meeting. Public comment.

Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement, Clerk of the District Court Report.

Solid Waste Management agreement, member appointments and resolutions all approved.

The Heating and Cooling Maintenance Contract was approved.

Zoning Administrator: Permit Report and administrative plat approved

Approved Annual Highway SupeRintendent resolution x 2.

Approved pay application for in- presented. tersection paving.

Road Superintendent Report: 11 Oversize Permits were approved, approved one (1) access permit. Approved R&B rehire, approved procuring v-plow bids.

The Highway Superintendent met with the commissioners regarding preliminary One- and Six-Year Road Plan.

Approved subdivision levy acceptance resolution.

Assessors Annual Cemetery Report, and three (3) year report was Treasurer's Distress Warrant

Report was reviewed. Short budget discussion, no ac-

tion.

Antelope County Board of Com-

CHARLIE HENERY Chairman of County Board

Sentences handed down in county court

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Tricia A. Zobrist, 44, of Oakdale faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on Aug. 7, charged with four Class 2 misdemeanor counts of issuing

Zobrist waived her right to

bad checks.

counsel and pleaded guilty to all four counts. Taylor fined her \$200 on Count I and \$10 each on counts II, III and IV. She was ordered to pay \$101.54 restitu-

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Meeting Adjourned. missioners

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Watermelon Fire and Ice Salsa

Makes 3 cups

3 cups chopped watermelon 1/2 cup green peppers

- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon green onions

2 tablespoons jalapeño peppers

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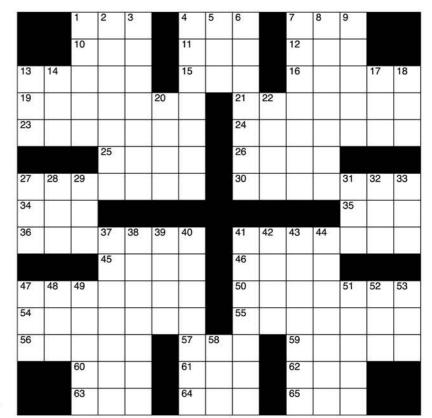
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Silage storage will be starting soon

Silage season is just around the corner, but even before anything is cut, proper preparation now can improve chances of a successful harvest. Improper silage storage and fermentation can result in losses up to 20% prior to feeding. The enemy to good

silage is oxygen. Quality silage needs anaerobic fermentation to occur to maintain quality and ensure stability over the storage period. While factors like moisture content at harvest and

packing density are

sirable fermentation bacteria, IT'S ALL

all of which lower ABOUT BEEF forage quality and can reduce yield. Lastly, heat early on in the ensiling process can end up with browning caused by a Maillard reaction. While these browned bits may be highly palatable, they are a sign of denatured protein, once again lowering silage quality. Maillard browning produces even

Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

silage trimmed up, and immediately repairing any holes noticed, wildlife damage can be kept to a minimum.

Once we've selected a location, how we plan to store our silage needs to be considered. Bagged silage is a versatile option that allows the storage location to move year to year. An additional bonus is the oxygen free environment right away, especially if we are vigilant in repairing any holes or tears in the bag. Silage piles are the more traditional approach and can allow for greater volumes of silage to be stored in a smaller area. Placing your pile on a cement pad or bunker is optimal for oxygen exclusion, but be sure to check these structures for cracks and repair any that are found annually to maintain their integrity. If silage is an annual feedstuff on your operation, the reduced loss a permanent structure provides can offset the cost when spread out over several years. Even temporary piles can be made more oxygen free if planed for ahead. Line the sides of your planned pile with bales and place an oxygen barrier plastic down on the sides and for several feet under the bottom to really seal the pile's

sides. At a bare minimum, placing plastic on top of the pile is an investment worth the time, labor, and money. By covering the pile we prevent oxygen from moving into the pile from the top and reduce precipitation exposure. Both rain and snow can penetrate the pile if uncovered, bringing more oxygen into the pile dissolved in the water itself, can throw off fermentation by upsetting the moisture balance leading to spoilage, and can result in the pile "weeping" and leaching out valuable energy and protein.

Corn silage is a valuable feed resource, but can suffer from high levels of loss when stored incorrectly. Whether choosing temporary option like bag or drive over pile or something more permanent like a concrete bunker, doing what you can to keep oxygen out of your silage requires planning now. Pick an appropriate location for harvest and feed out success and store correctly to minimize feed losses later on. -Ben Beckman is a livestock systems Extension Educator based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@ unl.edu

Crossword Puzzle Clues Across/Down

5. Helps little firms

8. Makes possible

13. Engine additive

17. Written account

18. Consumed

22. No (slang)

27. Gov't lawyers

29. Small amount

32. Fall behind

7. Takes down

6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.

9. Wife of Julius Constantius

20. Something the first shall be

14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

28. Peyton's little brother

31. Investment vehicle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Major American automaker (abbr.)

- 4. Pressure measurement
- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
- 11. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Bog arum genus
- 19. Perceptible by touch
- 21. Type of test 23. Monetary units

26. Type of sword

- 24. Collection of various things
- 25. Sum of five and one
 - 33. Midway between northeast and east
 - 37. Head pain 38. Popular sport in England and India 39. King Charles's sister 40. Boat race 41. About fish 42. Maidservant 43. Able to be marketed 44. Tinier 47. Parts per billion (abbr.) 48. Paddle 4.9 Oneness 51. Bitter chemical 52. Not around

53. Very fast airplane

58. Swiss river

important to main taining an oxygen free environment, the physical location and way silage is stored can play an equally impactful role.

When too much oxygen is present in the silage pile, respiration occurs, turning plant sugars into heat and carbon dioxide. This results in lower forage quality and overall yield, though it may not look like it at first glance. The burning off of sugars during respiration causes the left over plant structural components to condense. In the end, the visible layer of spoilage often seen on silage piles may represent 2-3 times that amount, as layers shrink and condense while they degrade.

Respiration also produces heat. This heat build-up causes three negative outcomes in silage piles. First, it limits the activity of lactic acid bacteria. These microbes prevent protein binding to plant lignin during fermentation, without which feed becomes less digestible by the animal. Second, heat encourages the growth of undetion is possible.

more heat during

reaction, increasing

the risk that tempera-

tures rise to the point

spontaneous combus-

Selecting a good storage location is the first step we need to tackle. Bags and piles should be placed on elevated locations that allow snow and rain to drain away from the silage and feed out area. Special consideration should be taken for snow drift patterns to prevent restricted access during the winter. Equipment traffic for feeding out of a pile or bag will be high and the ground will take a beating, Sites with poor drainage can result in ruts and mud holes making feeding more difficult. Provide plenty of room around the silage for maneuvering of equipment during both harvest and feed out. Finally, keep the area around bags or piles away from trees, trash piles, and other possible shelters for small animals. Creatures like mice, squirrels and other small animals will gnaw holes in silage coverings, seeking food and shelter. By limiting possible shelters, keeping weeds and grass around

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- 57. Sea bream
- 59. A way to cause to be swollen
- 60. One and only
- 61. People get one in summer
- 62. Wreath
- 63. Thus far 64. They _
- 65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French) 2. Toy dog
- 3. Inflamed colon disease 4. Can't move

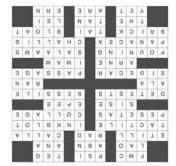


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It Pays

County Court Judge Taylor issues arrest warrants

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

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Kade G. Coble, 39, of Magnolia, Minnesota, failed to appear in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, Aug.7, for arraignment on a Class 4 felony, possession of a controlled substance. Public defender Pat Carney requested continuance.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith objected. The Honorable Donna Taylor ruled a bench warrant be issued with new bond set at \$20,000, 10%. Bond filed July 3, in the amount of \$10,000, 10%, is subject to forfeiture

A warrant was issued Aug. 5, for the arrest of Christopher L. Graae, on a charge of attempted procuring alcoholic beverages to a minor, a Class 2 misdemeanor alleged June 11 at Cubby's in Neligh. Bond is set at \$1,500, personal recognizance.

Michael Husak, 38, of Neligh appeared, without counsel, for further arraignment on a June 9 Class 1 misdemeanor assault charge. Husak waived his right to counsel and pleaded no contest. Taylor found him guilty. Sentencing is set Sept. 4. Smith said he needed to contact the victim prior to sentencing. He said there had been an ongoing conflict between Husak and the victim and that Husak had "struck Ray Connot at least once." Smith said there was no evidence it was self-defense. Husak said he just "open-

hand slapped" the victim. He further explained to the judge that he had previously won a court judgment over Connot and had not been paid. He said he had asked Connot about payment each time he saw him and claimed he was antagonized. Court records show a civil judgment for \$3,060.55 was awarded to Husak in November 2023 in an Antelope County civil

court case. "You can hire an attorney to help collect," Taylor told him last week.

Alec M. Ferry, 29, of Elgin appeared for an entry of plea hearing on a charge of making terroristic threats, a Class 3A felony alleged June 23 in Elgin. Ferry pleaded guilty pursuant to a plea bargain with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith, who reduced the charge to intimidation by phone call, a Class 3 misdemeanor. Taylor ordered Ferry obtain, at his own expense, an alcohol/drug evaluation and to submit to any

counseling recommendations. Sentencing is set Sept. 4. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$20,000, 10%, with condition requiring counseling. Ferry is represented by court-appointed counsel, Joel Carlson of Norfolk.

Stephanie A. Suhr, 39, of Elgin waived her right to counsel and pleaded not guilty to two misdemeanor counts of allowing dogs to run at large, alleged May 19 in Elgin. The case is set for trial Sept. 4. The case is prosecuted by city attorney Luke Henderson of Norfolk.

Justin A. Paulsen, 37, of Oakdale appeared with his attorney, Brad Easland of Norfolk, on a felony charge of violating of the Sexual Offender Registry. Easland requested continuance. He said he anticipated resolution "that would keep (the case) in county court." Smith agreed. Taylor continued the hearing to Sept. 4. Smith agreed.

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

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Court

tion to Thriftway Market and \$163.64 to Mr. S's (three checks) and was taxed \$50 costs. *****

Daley J. Bearinger, 18, of Clearwater was sentenced to a six-month term of probation for second-degree criminal trespass, a Class 2 misdemeanor committed May 12, on the grounds of the former Clearwater Public School. Probation terms include payment of \$210 in fees. He was fined \$50 for a violation of his provisional driver's license, an infraction, and was assessed \$50 costs. He was represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney. He pleaded guilty July 3, pursuant to a plea deal and Antelope **County Attorney Joe Smith** dismissed an infraction count of careless driving.

Ronald Dugal, 61, of Neligh was fined \$100 and assessed \$50 costs for a Class 3 misdemeanor,

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driving under suspension committed Feb. 21.

Thailer R. Zawacky, 29, of Elgin appeared for further arraignment on a charge of no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor committed June 10. Zawacky presented proof of valid insurance. Taylor fined her \$100 plus \$50 costs.

Jesica M. Woockman, 46, of Plainview pleaded guilty, by waiver, to fishing without a permit, a Class 2 misdemeanor. She was fined \$100 and taxed \$49 costs. She was cited by a Game and Parks officer June 13 at Grove Lake south campground.

Keith A. Miller, 29, of Sioux City, Iowa, waived his right to counsel, waived extradition and voluntarily agreed to return to Iowa to face charges. Taylor remanded Miller to the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore to be delivered to Woodbury County Iowa authorities.



Calendar

Wednesday, August 14 Back-to-School Open House at EPS .

Thursday, August 15 First (1/2) Day of school at EPS*.

Friday, August 16 End-of-Summer Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce annual Steak Fry @ City Park*.

Sunday, August 18 Elgin Community Center Breakfast Buffet fundraiser*
Elgin Public/Pope John Wolfpack Booster Club Cookout @ Elgin City Park.*

Thursday, August 22 Wolfpack Volleyball Jamboree vs Stanton @ Elgin Public Gymnasium.

Friday-Sunday, August 23 thru 25 42nd Annual Nebraska State Antique Tractor & Thresher's Reunion.*

Saturday, August 24 PJCC Golf tournament.*

Sunday, September 1 Second Half county taxes become

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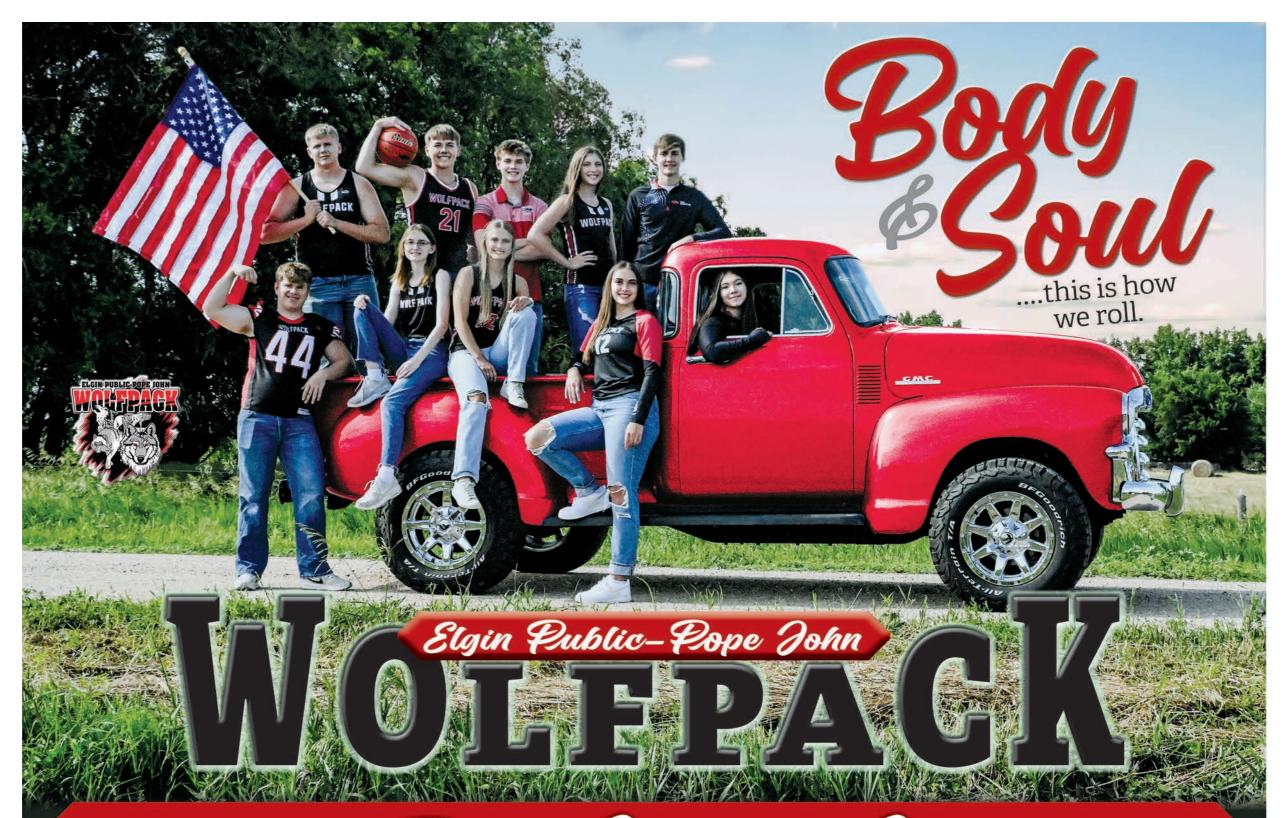
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Sept. 6 Boone Central Invite@Albion CC	4
Sept. 12 Boyd Co. Invite@Butte GC	4
Sept. 16 Neligh-Oakdale Invite@Antelope CC	4
Sept. 20 O'Neill Invite@O'Neill GC	3
Sept. 27 Boone Central Invite@Albion CC	4
Oct. 4Battle Creek Invite@Evergreen Hills GC	4
Oct. 10 NVC CC@Boyd County (Butte)	T
Oct. 17 District CC	
Oct. 25 State CC@Kearney	T

FOOTBALL

	VARSITY	
	Aug. 30@ Burwell	.7:00
	Sept. 6vs. Walthill	7:00
	Sept. 13 vs. CWC (Homecoming, Senior Night)	7:00
	Sept. 20@ North Central (Rock Co.)	.7:00
	Sept. 27vs. Creighton	
	Oct. 4vs. St. Mary's	7:00
	Oct. 11@ Neligh-Oakdale	
	Oct. 17@ Ainsworth	.7:00
l	Oct. 24 Playoffs-First Round	.TBA

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY	
Aug. 22 Jamboree vs. Stanton (EPS)	6
Aug. 29@Lutheran High Northeast	7
Sept. 3 @ Burwell	7
Sept. 5 Tri@CWC	5
Sept. 10 Double Tri@Summerland	
Sept. 12vs. Boyd County (EPS)	6
Sept. 14 Tourney@Howells-Dodge	<u> </u>
Sept. 17 Tri@Hartington CC	

Nov. 1 Playoffs—Second Round	ТВА
Nov. 8 Playoffs—Quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 15 Playoffs—Semifinals	
Nov. 25State Championship@Lincoln	

JUNIOR HIGH/JUNIOR VARSITY SCRIMMAGES

Sept. 19@ Creighton	7:30
Sept. 26 Tri@Riverside	
Sept. 28 Tri@Plainview	
Oct. 3 Tri@EPPJ (JV-EPS, V-PJ)	
Oct. 7vs. Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ)	
Oct. 8 Tri@Archangels Catholic (Lindsay)	5:00
Oct. 10Tri@EPPJ (PJ)	
Oct. 15 Tri@EPPJ (EPS)	
Oct. 21 NVC Tourney (Top 2 seeds host)	
Oct. 22NVC Tourney@Santee	TBA
Oct. 25 NVC Tourney Finals@Niobrara	TBA
Oct. 28-29Subdistricts	TBA
Nov. 2 Districts	TBA
Nov. 6-9 State@Lincoln	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

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	Burwell	Oct

Sept. 23 @ Central Valley (JV only)	6:00
Sept. 28 Tri@Plainview (JV only)	
Sept. 30 vs. O'Neill (PJ)	
Oct. 3 Tri@EPPJ (JV only) (EPS)	
Oct. 7vs. Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ)	
Oct. 7vs. CWC (JV only) (PJ)	
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Sept. 9 @ Creighton	
Sept. 18@Neligh-Oakdale	
Sept. 23 @ Central Valley	4:30
Oct. 7vs. CWC (PJ)	
Oct. 9vs. Riverside (EPS)	
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Sept. 12vs. Boyd County (EPS)	4:30
Sept. 17 Tri@Hartington CC (JV only)	
Sept. 19@ Creighton	5:00
Sept. 21 Tourney@Riverside (JV only)	
Sept. 23vs. Boone Central (C team) (PJ)	6:00



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Wolfpack Sports

Spinning Tales Curry, LeBron & Durant vs. 'The Dream Team', who would win?

Sixteen days of Olympic games concluded Sunday night with the spectacle of the closing ceremonies.

As far as I can tell, and I watched very little of the coverage, everything turned out okay. If there were protests by the Palestinians, I didn't see them. Same for the Ukraine.

Only two events captured my attention - the men's golf tournament and the men's basketball gold medal game. All I saw were highlights of each event on the Entertainment & Sports Network (ESPN). Scottie Scheffler shot a 62 in the final round to win the golf tournament. That's six victories this season for the man who seems to be the new face of professional golf. The Spaniard (Jon Rahm) seems lost this year playing

in the LIV league. Boisterous Bryson DeChambeau didn't play in the tournament, but was heard off in the distance ranting how he would have beat Scheffler by 10 strokes and, making an even bigger ass of himself, said Scheffler shouldn't have even played in the tournament as a vehicle he was driving struck a pedestrian at the entrance to the U.S. Open in Kentucky where the man died.

DeChambeau just doesn't understand that every time he opens his mouth, he just make more people dislike him. Suck sand big guy, you don't belong where sportsmanship exists, where you represent your country.

Now the men's basketball gold medal game was everything it was advertised to be. For the eighth time in the last nine Olympics, the U.S. won the game, this time by 11 points over France.

Steph Curry put on a shooting exhibition for the ages. He made eight treys, four coming in the final three minutes to seal the victory. He's the best pure shooter of his generation, maybe in the history of professional basketball. He's fun to watch and doesn't come with all the excess baggage that other NBA all-stars/Olympians do.

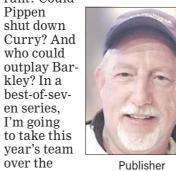
Even more impressive was the gold medal ceremony. When the Americans stepped up to receive their medals, there were no displays or political protests. No, each and every one of them stood there proud of their achievements, many adorned by our flag. In my mind this team

Pippen) were to play this year's team (LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Joel Imblid, Devin Booker and Curry) for the right to be called 'the G.O.A.T.,' who would win? Would Jordan outplay James?

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1988 team. **Dennis Morgan**

Bird and Johnson were past their prime, Jordan would have an edge over James (we can argue for years on that one). On the other hand, Curry would be too much for Pippen to handle. I'm a big Curry fan, I'm picking his team.



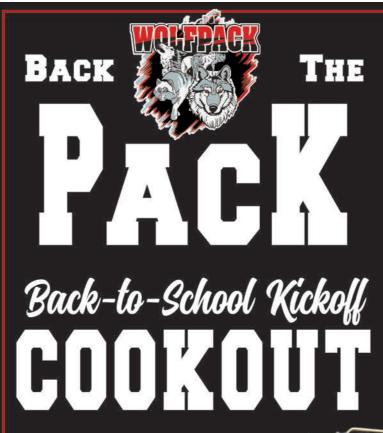




National finalists Kaidynce Schrad (I) and Brystol Buschow. Elgin FFA qualifies four national finalists!

Two Agriscience Fair teams and four young FFA members have been notified that they are national finalists in their respective

compares favorably with 'The Dream Team' of 1988. So here's the question - if the Dream Team (Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Larry Bird and Scottie



Chloe Henn & Samantha Durre were selected from a pool of 35 teams as a top 10 national finalist. Their division is Plant Science, grades 11-12, teams of two.

Kaidynce Schrad and Brystol Buschow were selected as a top 10 finalist team in the division of Food Science, grades 7-8, teams of

According to FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz, this marks the first time in recent years Elgin FFA has qualified four as national finalists.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes student researchers studying the application of agricultural scientific principles and emerging technologies in agricultural enterprises. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students. Participation begins at the local level and progresses to state and national levels. The 97th National FFA Convention will be held October 23 - 27, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN.



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