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Norfolk High opens with win over Columbus.
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'Stanton' movie

Tobiah Powell grew up visiting his grandparents' 100-year-old family farm near Stanton.

Now an up-and-coming filmmaker, Powell has used the setting as a source of inspiration for a film script that honors the legacy of the farm and the town.

"Stanton" will make its debut at Norfolk 7 Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 10. The film is set on the family farm. Powell and his wife, Maribel, wrote, directed and produced it alongside Powell's brother, Trevor Powell of Omaha.

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Flood prevention

The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Board of Directors approved a watershed flood prevention operations (WFPO) study for the North Fork of the Elkhorn River at Thursday night's meeting. Board members also approved the hiring of JEO Consulting to conduct the study and offer recommendations on how to best address flooding on the river.

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Allegedly hit officer

A man who is jailed in Madison County on Stanton County charges has been charged with a felony for allegedly assaulting a deputy at the jail. Zachary Price, 37, was charged on Tuesday with third-degree assault on an officer, a felony punishable by up to 3 years in prison.

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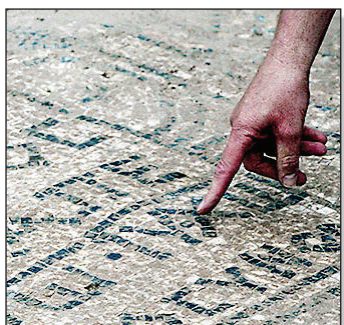
High court rulings

In May, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a series of decisions that affected agriculture.

The Nebraska Center For Agricultural Profitability with the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources examined the rulings, and Dave Aiken, professor and agricultural/water law specialist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented a webinar for Nebraska farmers and ranchers to view.

The effects on agricultural law in Nebraska are yet to be seen, but some were definitely kudos for rural America.

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Israel may uproot ancient Christian mosaic.
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Series bigger than us

Trusted local news ensures democracy and freedom

Do you remember the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart? At the crux of the story, Clarence the angel shows George Bailey, the main character, what the community of Bedford Falls would look like without the Bailey Savings and Loan. What George sees, and experiences, breaks his heart. Without the savings and loan's influence over the years, the community looked very different in a very discouraging way.

I couldn't help but think of that movie as I considered the growing crisis in our nation concerning the Fourth Pillar. And then I thought, what would Norfolk and Northeast/North Central Nebraska look like if the Daily News were not here? What would be the consequences?

For 136 years, beginning with my great-great-grandfather, my family has always loved this community. I love this community. We have felt called to serve this community the very best we can.

For five generations, we have strived to fulfill the Fourth Pillar of democracy as a strong community advocate — keeping citizens informed and those in power accountable, while looking to help and develop our wonderful community any way we can.

Regardless of the issue, no matter how contentious, we have sought to report the facts accurately from all sides of a story so each citizen could be well-informed and have an educated voice and vote.

Debate sharpens truth and leads to the best solutions for the difficult issues that arise in a community. Thus, through our Commentary page — both in print and online — we have always purposed to be a community forum, encouraging and facilitating vigorous, thorough, respectful debate.

As each community cause, and building project, has come up, we have endeavored to come alongside, helping to inform, solicit, encourage, affirm and celebrate.

Bill Huse



As the only independent, locally owned daily newspaper left in the state, we know each of these commitments helps maintain a healthy local democracy, our freedoms, and a growing vibrant community.

In the past seven editions of the Daily News, we have sought to awaken, educate and mobilize our quarter of the state to respond to the growing crisis in our country concerning the Fourth Estate.

Without a trusted, reliable, independent press, democracy and freedom cannot survive. True nationally, true locally.

The Founding Fathers organized the four pillars of democracy understanding the Fourth Pillar, an independent press, was crucial to keeping citizens informed and those in power accountable; to ensure freedom for its citizens; and to prevent abuse or inappropriate control by authority.

They understood that without a trusted, reliable, independent press, democracy and freedom cannot survive. True nationally, true locally. Unfortunately, thousands of communities, and counties, across our nation are now news deserts, and they are suffering the consequences. We have shared several of those heartbreaking stories over the last week.

Through this series, we have outlined much of what your local Daily News provides you, and thus what would be lost if we were no longer here.

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ONLINE EXTRA

The Protect the Pillar series, to date, may be found by scanning the QR code or going to www.norfolkdailynews.com



Trump sees his booking as 'a sad day' for America

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Trump posed for a mug shot Thursday as he surrendered inside a jail in Atlanta on charges that he illegally schemed to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia, creating a historic and humbling visual underscoring the former president's escalating legal troubles.

The booking photo instantly becomes part of the former president's legacy as he confronts criminal charges in four American cities while seeking to reclaim the White House. His aides swiftly seized on the image, fundraising off the first mug shot in American history of a former president as representative of the persecution they contend Trump is encountering. His opponents, meanwhile, are likely to use it to remind voters of dangers in electing a president facing

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THIS BOOKING PHOTO of former President Donald Trump "will forever go down in history as a symbol of America's defiance of tyranny," according to a Trump campaign fundraising email.

City offers one- and six-year street plans

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Norfolk city officials hosted a one- and six-year street improvement plan meeting for the community on Thursday afternoon at the Norfolk Public Library. During the meeting, officials discussed street project priorities, a schedule for those projects and how they would be funded.

Seven Norfolkans attended the hourlong meeting, along with four city staff members. The meeting was required as part of guidelines for the city to receive city highway allocation funds, which will play a big part in funding the projects.

Steven Rames, the city's director of engineering, said the funds are available to Nebraska cities for the one- and six-year projects on an annual basis, but that there are specific timelines and a set of standards for how those funds may be obtained.

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