

# City Happenings

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April 2026



## Lexington Driving Range Gets New Net



Now that the "Close the Loop" trail project is complete (and with warmer weather), it was time to add protective netting between Lexington's Driving Range and the new section of trail that proceeds east from the Lexington Fieldhouse. The netting is about 40 feet high and 240 feet long, and is designed to prevent any stray golf balls from veering toward the trail. City crews installed the netting in March 2024.

Lexington's Driving Range can be found on the

southeast corner of the Lexington Fieldhouse, 1502 Airport Road. The range will soon be opened for the season. It will be accessible all season except during inclement weather. The Range is self-service with a mechanized golf ball dispenser offering the following choices:

- \$3** - small bucket (about 40 balls);
- \$5** - medium bucket (about 75 balls); and
- \$7** - large bucket (about 105 balls).



## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS



As you and your dog are out walking in your neighborhoods, in the City's parks or on the trails, please remember to clean up after your dog.

A simple plastic bag slipped over your hand like a glove makes an efficient and clean pick-up tool. Picking up is just part of having a dog. It may seem silly at first, but people who see you do it will know any mess left behind is NOT from your dog. Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog. You'll set a great example for others, and will help create a positive image for dogs and their owners.

## Work Resumes on Highways 30 & 283

The [Nebraska Department of Transportation](#) has resumed the work it started last fall on U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) and U.S. Highway 283 (US-283) in Lexington. Some of this work includes North Grant, East 5th, and North Jefferson Streets.

Paulsen Inc. of Cozad, is the contractor for this project. Work includes concrete curb repairs, median and cross walk construction, and asphalt paving. Traffic will be maintained with lane closures and flagging operations. An 11-foot width restriction will be in effect. Anticipated completion is July 2026.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up, and to put phones down.



### April is Fair Housing Month

**THE FAIR HOUSING ACT IDENTIFIES NINE PROTECTED CLASSES:**

RACE	RELIGION	COLOR	SOURCE OF INCOME
NATIONAL ORIGIN	VETERAN/MILITARY STATUS	DISABILITY	
FAMILIAL STATUS	SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY		

**EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO:** EQUAL TERMS & CONDITIONS, EQUAL HOUSING LOCATION OPTIONS, PREFERENCE-FREE ADVERTISING, REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITY

**FAIR HOUSING IS NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE LAW.**

**APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH!**

It is the policy of the City of Lexington to support equal housing opportunity as a fundamental guiding principle.





## EnergyWise Tip: **Clearing the Air**



*by NPPD Energy Efficiency  
Program Manager  
Cory Fuehrer*

In 2001, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory published the results of the National Human Activity Pattern Survey. It revealed that, on average, Americans spend 87% of their time indoors and an additional 6% in enclosed vehicles. In 1800, 90% of Americans worked outside. 200 years later, less than 20% did. As more of our daily lives have been spent inside, the number of people with respiratory diseases, heart disease, certain types of cancer and/or other health problems has dramatically increased.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) as the air quality within and around buildings and structures, especially as it relates to the health and comfort of building occupants. Understanding and controlling common pollutants indoors can help reduce the risk of indoor health concerns. While a great deal of energy can be used to purify indoor air, the EPA suggests three basic strategies to mitigate the problems while minimizing the impact on energy costs.

### **Source Control**

Quite often, the most effective way to improve IAQ is to eliminate individual sources of pollution or to reduce their emissions. Some sources, like those that contain asbestos, can be sealed or enclosed. Others, like toxic and other byproducts from gas stoves or furnaces, can be adjusted or replaced to decrease the amount of emissions. Many activities such



as cooking, painting, paint stripping, welding, soldering, or sanding can be taken outside or performed in a mechanically ventilated area. Smoking should never be done inside. Pets can be bathed to reduce their dander. Excess moisture in basements and other high humidity rooms can be managed with a dehumidifier, if necessary,

to lower relative humidity to 50% or lower. In many cases, source control is also a more energy and cost-efficient approach to improving IAQ than increasing ventilation.

### **Ventilation**

As long as the outside air is fairly pollutant-free, bringing fresh air into the home is an effective approach to lowering the concentrations of indoor air pollutants. However, ventilation often requires filtering, heating, cooling, humidifying or dehumidifying. Some homes, especially much older ones, are "leaky" and exchange plenty of indoor and outdoor air through gaps and cracks around foundations, windows siding and attics. But others, especially newer ones, tend to be sealed tightly and require additional ventilation. While opening a window and operating a ventilation fan is a simple way to bring in outside air, considerable energy use is necessary to make the air comfortable. For these homes, installing an energy recovery ventilator that replaces indoor stale air with fresh outdoor air while transferring heat into or out of the incoming air depending on the season is the most efficient and practical solution.

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## Clearing the Air

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### Air cleaning

Research shows that filtration can be an effective supplement to source control and ventilation. It turns out that 67% of U.S. homes already have a central heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. If the system's blower fan is powerful enough, a filter can be installed to create a highly effective whole house air purifier. Filters are rated on a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) scale that ranges from 1 to 20. The higher the number, the smaller the particles it can effectively filter. A MERV rating of at least 13 is necessary to capture 95% of dust, pollen and smoke particles, which can be as small as 0.3 microns in size. High-Efficiency Particulate Air or HEPA filters have a MERV rating of at least 17. However, not all HVAC blowers are powerful enough to overcome the increasing air resistance of the filter as the MERV rating increases. Always check with a certified HVAC professional before installing a filter with a higher MERV rating than your system currently uses.

Another way to filter air in a single room or area is to use portable air cleaners, also known as air purifiers or air sanitizers. A standard room air

cleaner, operating continuously, can use 250 to 500 kilowatt-hours a year in electricity. This is more than the energy used by some new refrigerators! Note that the energy efficiency of an air purifier is determined by its Clean Air Delivery Rate-to-Watt (CADR/Watt) ratio, where a higher number means more efficiency. Look for a rating above 1.9 for smaller units and a rating above 2.9 for units designed to provide 150 cubic feet or more of filtered air per minute.

For more detailed and extensive information about IAQ, the EPA provides "[The Inside Story: A Guide to Indoor Air Quality](#)." In addition to expanding on the importance of IAQ in your home, it offers additional ways to mitigate poor quality air and where to go for professional help.

In partnership with Nebraska Public Power District, Lexington Utilities System is happy to help you explore the most efficient way to keep the air in your home or business healthy and clean. Contact LEXUS or visit [www.energywisenebraska.com](http://www.energywisenebraska.com) for more details.



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Get the latest scoops about what's going on in Lexington!

FaceBook users: be sure to search for "City of Lexington, Nebraska" (not to be confused with the generic page the FaceBook folks created). Only our official page gives you the latest news and updates.

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*Key 2026*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

THE WELL EVENT CENTER (402 N. GRANT ST., LEXINGTON)

PREPAID RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

RESERVED, LIMITED SEATING ONLY

INDIVIDUAL SEATS \$150 | TABLES SEAT EIGHT

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

FORMAL ATTIRE

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
WELCOMES ALL TO

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**Key**

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

**PREVIEW NIGHT**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

5:00-8:00 P.M.

THE WELL EVENT CENTER, LEXINGTON

COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

AUCTION ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY

BIDDING OPEN ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS AND PULLS

THANK YOU DOWNEY DRILLING & PAULSEN INC.  
FOR SPONSORING PREVIEW NIGHT

Remember, it ALL drains to  
our lakes and rivers



**Help keep pollution out of storm drains**

**Only rain in the drain!**

That's because storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves, trash, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers. With thousands of people living in and around Lexington, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

**So what can you do? Simple:**

- Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, anti-freeze, chemicals, pet waste, dirty soapy water, or anything else down the storm drains.
- Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform your neighbors that storm drains flow directly to our lakes and rivers (contact Keep Lexington Beautiful, (308) 324-7986, or [keeplexbeautiful@yahoo.com](mailto:keeplexbeautiful@yahoo.com)).

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## Library News

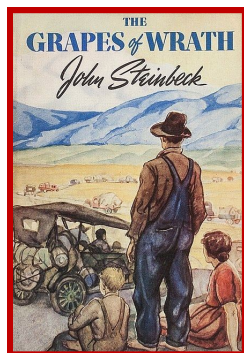


907 N Washington  
(308) 324-2151



by JoAnn Grove  
Ass't Library Director

*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." - Jacqueline Kennedy (former First Lady)*



The Lexington Public Library's book for the **2026 One Book One Lexington** is **"The Grapes of Wrath"** by **John**

**Steinbeck.** Two of our Book Discussion groups will be talking about this book in May. The Monday Afternoon Book Club will meet on Monday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m., and Literary Guild meets Tuesday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. Join us to discuss "The Grapes of Wrath."

April will feature a variety of programs around "The Grapes of Wrath." On Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m., former State Poet, **Matt Mason** will present "Tell a Story, Write a Poem." The Library will host **"A Visit with the Jewel Rodgers, Nebraska State Poet,"** on Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. (see flier next page).

If you enjoy creative writing join us for a series of workshops on Mondays in April. Poet and

instructor, **Tim Moran** will guide us through our writing journey. The classes are April 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. To register, visit the library or call (308) 324-2151 (see flier next page).



In May, **Rose Mapel** will teach **Smartphone Photography.** If you love photography and would like to learn more techniques, this class is for you. We will meet Mondays, May 4, 11 and 18; followed by meetings Tuesday, May 26, and Friday, May 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. To register, visit the library or call (308) 324-2151.

Our final **Family Fun Night** of the spring is Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. We'll be celebrating **Cinco de Mayo.** Join us for a light meal and lots of fun activities at the Library.



Our first **Chess Competition** is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m. Call the Library for more information.

**Miss Rossy** is busy planning **Summer Reading** at the Library. The theme for this summer is **"Unearth a Story."** We begin on Friday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Veterans Pavilion with **"Dinosaur Dimensions: A Journey into the Mesozoic Era."** We would love to have you join us for this interactive dinosaur puppet show (see flier next page).

Our **Summer Reading Kickoff** is Wednesday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. It's a **Summer Safety Workshop** for children and families. Make time to join us for this fun and interactive program.



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## Library News

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FYI: The Library has a new **Card Catalog!** Check it out at <https://lexingtonne.biblionix.com/catalog/>. To login just use your Library Card number. If you need any help, visit the Library or call (308) 324-2151. Let us know what you think.

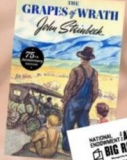
Regular programs at the library continue. **Novel Stitchers** meets on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Storytime** meets on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The **Monday Afternoon Book Club** meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. **Young Enough Book Club** meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The **Spanish Book Club** meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Literary Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.



### Making Sense of Change: Creative Writing Classes

April 6, 13, 20 & 27  
2-3:30 pm


**Lexington Public Library**



Inspired by themes of resilience, displacement, and shared humanity found in *The Grapes of Wrath*, this four-session experience invites you to explore creativity as a tool for navigating change.

- No prior writing experience necessary
- Please register. 308.324.2151
- All classes are FREE!
- Participants should attend each class.

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907 N. Washington St.  
Lexington, NE 68850  
308.324.2151



### Journey into the Mesozoic Era

## DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS SHOW

Interactive Dinosaur Puppet Show

**Friday, May 8  
at 6:00pm  
Veterans Pavilion  
1002 N. Monroe St.**

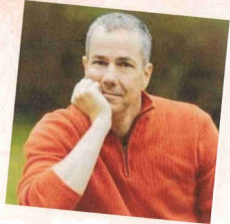


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### Tell a Story, Write a Poem with Former State Poet, Matt Mason

Thursday, April 9, 2026  
6 pm  
Lexington Public Library



Poetry isn't complicated, it's one of the original ways people have used to tell their stories. Matt will inspire participants to write and experience poetry and to talk together about the things that are important to them. Matt reads his own work, answers questions and leads participants in writing poems from a prompt he brings.

\*Free & Open to the public.

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Must be new and purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2025

Costs NOT eligible: installation, taxes, shipping/delivery, and setup costs

Chargers and additional battery purchases are eligible for the incentive at the time of initial snow blower purchase.

Proof of purchase required.



Nebraska Public Power District



Find the application form at [www.EnergyWiseNebraska.com](http://www.EnergyWiseNebraska.com)  
Return paperwork to LEXUS, 406 E 7th, PO Box 70, Lexington, NE 68850



### 801 West Vine Street

308-324-5995

Mon. - Fri.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Dispose of  
recyclables, furniture,  
appliances, and other  
large items. We do not  
accept chemicals, paint,  
oil or construction  
debris.

### SUMMER 2026:

**OPEN 3rd SATURDAYS**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 16 • June 20 • July 18

August 15 • September 19

October 17



## Lexington Hosts Tree Care Workshop



Lexington's Parks Department, along with the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS), co-hosted a Tree Care Workshop on March 18. Held mostly at the Grand Generation Center, the event featured hands-on training focused on tree health and proper pruning. NFS experts presented practical sessions to about 20 central Nebraska participants, who learned about Emerald Ash Borer identification and hands-on pruning techniques to help keep community trees healthy and resilient.

The morning session included training on identifying tree parasites, particularly Emerald Ash Borer and how to properly identify signs and symptoms of infestation. Following the lecture, there was practical training with hands-on bark scraping, a method of removing bark in order to observe any signs of Emerald Ash Borer. This insect has been decimating ash trees nationwide.

In the afternoon participants got more hands-on training on proper tree pruning at Lexington's Veterans Pavilion, where the City planted dozens of new trees over the past two years. This training was facilitated by Chrissy Land, State Forester whose territory includes Lexington.



**Nebraska Forest Service's Lauren Keefe demonstrates proper techniques of bark scraping, a method for identifying tree parasite infestation. Everyone then got the chance to practice the procedure themselves.**



## Lexington Named a Tree City USA for 29th Consecutive Year



The Arbor Day Foundation has named Lexington a Tree City USA City community for the 29th year in a row. The designation recognizes

Lexington's commitment to nurturing a diverse urban forest in 2025. Communities that qualify for this honor must exhibit a high level of tree-related activities, including, community education, tree planting and pruning, and removal of dead or diseased trees.

Arbor Day 2026 is April 24. The Lexington Tree Board recommends the following trees to be good fits for Lexington's needs, climate, and soils: Mountain Ash, Coffeetree, Ginkgo (male

only!), Hackberry, American Linden, Elm (Princeton, Discovery, Accolade, Frontier, Triumph, Japanese, Jefferson, New Horizons or Lacebark), Maple (Norway, Sugar or Miyabe), Orange Osage, Goldenrain tree, Honeylocust (Shademaster), Linden (American or Littleleaf), Oak (Bur or Chinkapin), Japanese Pagodatree, and Walnut.



### National Library Week April 19-25, 2026 "Find Your Joy!"



907 North Washington Street





## National Police Week

**May 10-16, 2026**

President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 to be **National Peace Officers Memorial Day**.

Friday, May 15, is "Turn Lex Blue Day," a day to wear blue in honor of all law enforcement officers.



## 2026 National Small Business Week

**BUILDING ON AMERICA'S  
SMALL BUSINESS BOOM**

*May 3-9, 2026*



**SHOP LOCAL – SHOP SMALL**

[sba.gov/nsbw](https://sba.gov/nsbw)



**Before**



YOUR **2023** CITY

**Viaero Wireless, near Walmart**

**After**



**2025**  
PROGRESS!



APRIL 18



NATIONAL  
**LINEMAN**  
APPRECIATION DAY

National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of Electrical Lineworkers. [#thankalineman](#)



## HONOR TWO VETS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

*Announcing*



To encourage our mission of completing the Veterans Pavilion Memorial Brick Wall, the City of Lexington is offering a new promotion. The City has gone through records of three Lexington area cemeteries, and found hundreds of veterans who do not already have bricks in their honor. In this promotion, buy a brick for someone you know at the regular price of \$100, and the City will buy a brick in the name of one of these deceased heroes. **If you have already purchased a brick, don't worry, we are already adding another brick – doubling your gift!**

Call or email  
Assistant City Manager  
Dennis Burnside  
308-324-2341 x 1113  
dburnside@cityoflex.cm

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# Old Lady Trunk Show

with Virginia Witthuhn

April 9, 2026

at the Grand Generation Center

407 E. 6th Lexington, NE

6:30 pm



## GUEST NIGHT FOR ALL AGES!

Join us for a delightful evening at the **Plum Creek Quilters' Guild Guest Night!** We invite you to experience an engaging program filled with true "Quilts of Art." Enjoy delicious snacks and the company of friendly faces who share the love of quilting.

Mark your calendars for April 9th, 2026, and head over to the Grand Generation Center in Lexington, NE. "The Old Lady Trunk Show" begins at 6:30 PM. Bring a friend or two—everyone is welcome to share in the fun and inspiration. We look forward to seeing you there!

## BRING A FRIEND



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**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**617 N. GRANT, LEXINGTON, NE**



CLIP & SAVE

# TORNADO

Now that “tornado season” is here, Emergency Management Warning Sirens will sound to alert residents of an impending tornado in our area.

## TORNADO NATURAL DISASTER TECHNICAL HAZARD

### 3 MINUTE STEADY SIGNAL

This signal indicates that a tornado, natural disaster, or technical hazard is pending. Persons should take cover or move to a place of safety and listen to a local radio or television station for information and further instructions. This siren may sound more than once if deemed necessary by Emergency Management.

**Do not call the police or radio station to ask for information. People SIGHTING a tornado or funnel in this are urged to notify the Dawson County Emergency Center at 911.**

### ALL-CLEAR

The all-clear bulletin will be issued by the local radio and TV stations in cooperation with the National Weather Service.

**Local Emergency Management WILL NOT issue an all-clear statement.**

During unusual threatening weather or emergency conditions, listen to a local radio or TV station for further information.

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following are general safety guidelines for seeking shelter:

- Move to a lower level or basement
  - If no lower level is available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
  - Stay away from windows.
  - Flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries. Cover your head and make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, get out of the vehicle and seek safe shelter in a nearby building.
- If you are outside and there is no shelter immediately available, avoid trees and vehicles. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safe in a low, flat location. Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

Emergency warning system tests of one minute in duration are conducted the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. **Sirens are designed for outdoors warning only.** For optimal safety, citizens are encouraged to get weather radios using the **NOAA** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and/or **SAME** (Specific Area Message Encoding) standards.

