

Elk Point's colorful history begins with the Lewis & Clark expedition of 1804 when the explorers camped in this area in 1804 and again in 1806. Eli Wixson built a cabin in 1859, becoming the first citizen of Elk Point.

Today, Elk Point's location makes it an ideal location for a variety of businesses with two Interstate 29 exits, a railway hub with service in three directions, and close proximity to the Missouri River for both economic and entertainment purposes. This thriving town is the county seat of Union County, the ninth fastest growing county in the United States in terms of family income.

Elk Point exemplifies a traditional South Dakota community with its close-knit community with a high quality of life. The citizens are independent and welcoming, and the educational system is advanced with modern technology and advanced placement classes.

The citizens of Elk Point will be celebrating their rich heritage June 26–28, 2009 with an All-Class Reunion, Amy's Race for breast cancer research, and various games and entertainment. I congratulate the citizens of Elk Point on their accomplishments over the last 150 years and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CANOVA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize Immanuel Lutheran Church of Canova, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. This historic church has been a cornerstone of both the community and the Synod. Immanuel Lutheran Church has seen its share of struggles, but has always grown stronger from them. Today, I pay tribute to both the anniversary of the church and to the members who have kept its traditions of service and faith alive for 150 years.

The church was founded in 1884 with Rev. J. Reyhout as its pastor. The members, mainly German immigrants, joined the Ohio Synod and built the first church in 1891. The current church was completed in 1914. Known as the "German Church" or "German Lutheran", the congregation's welcome spirit for recent immigrants led to services being held in German. In 1940, they transitioned to every other week in English and German. In 1952, German services were discontinued. Immanuel joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988 on its founding.

Although changes have been coming to this community since its founding, Immanuel Lutheran Church has held steady to the core values that it was founded on. With outreach to the prison, food shelters, and the community, these members have maintained the initial ideals of service and devotion. I congratulate this congregation on reaching this monumental anniversary,

and look forward to the future as they continue their traditions.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEBANON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Lebanon, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. This historic anniversary gives the community the chance to reflect on their strong history as well as their optimistic future.

Lebanon was founded by farmers in 1883. Small businesses quickly sprung up in the town and continued to grow for 50 years. In 1926, they built an outdoor swimming pool, which is the oldest of its type today. Lebanon was given two cedar trees by the government of the Country of Lebanon, one of which still lives today.

To celebrate the town's achievement, there will be a weekend of festivities from June 20–21, 2009, with a parade, tractor pull, and various entertainers. While the population of Lebanon has declined, the spirit of the town maintains their strong work ethic and united spirit. Small towns like Lebanon are the backbone of South Dakota, and the people of this community make me proud to represent them.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I rise in order to pay tribute to the community of McLaughlin on reaching its 100th year. This strong town was founded as a railroad community for refueling and replenishment, as well as a center for Indian trade. In celebration of their centennial, there will be a tractor pull, parade, and entertainment throughout the weekend of June 18–21, 2009.

The citizens created a thriving business community soon after it was settled. Large cattle operations were run through the area and McLaughlin became a center for many activities, including trade with residents, both Indian and non-Indian. In 1889, the Standing Rock Reservation was formed, with McLaughlin at the center of the reservation on the South Dakota side. The town was named after MAJ James McLaughlin, a superintendent of Standing Rock, and the town was officially incorporated October 7, 1909. This community now has a grain elevator complex as well as a livestock auction market in town and continues as a traditional hub for its residents. The home of the Mighty Midgets has long been successful, both in the classroom and athletics.

As they reach this monumental anniversary, McLaughlin will have the opportunity to reflect on its diverse and enriched past as well as the opportunities for its future. This community has been noted for its shared history and I congratulate them on reaching their centennial.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVILLO, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Revillo, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Revillo is a warm community, filled with historical beauty and a strong sense of hospitality.

The town of Revillo was founded on the homestead of John Hillstrom in 1884 when the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway entered the area. The Revillo flour mill was built in 1904, where farmers would bring their wheat crop to have it made into Monogram flour to meet their annual needs. In the years before World War I, Revillo was booming with businesses, including two implement dealers, a drug store, two banks, three elevators, and an Opera House.

Today, Revillo is maintaining its history with four churches in town, many members having a lineal connection to those who first established the churches. This thriving community is also looking forward with a modern school and lighted athletic field, the Revillo Farmers Co-op elevator, and a maintainer for the Grant County highway department.

The people of Revillo are celebrating their heritage and their accomplishments June 20–21, 2009. One hundred and twenty-five years after its founding, Revillo holds its history close while continually looking to the future, demonstrating what is great about South Dakota, and why I am proud to call this great State home.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENECA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Seneca, South Dakota. After 125 years, this agrarian community will have the chance to reflect on both its industrious history as well as the potential of its future.

Beginning with a sod shanty that served as a stopping post as well as the local post office, Seneca began to thrive after the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad pushed west and created the town in 1886. After drawing the name Seneca from a hat, the town immediately began to boom with local businesses being brought in from the surrounding towns. Seneca transitioned from a cattle range to a farming community, with progressive modern conveniences including a notable water system.

This strong town has bound together throughout the years to accomplish whatever came their way. From sending engraved gold rings with their soldiers to World War I in 1917, to building a community center for one thousand dollars in 1937, the citizens of Seneca support their town and its people. This spirit of unity has sustained Seneca through one hundred and twenty-five years of changes and will support them

as they move forward. I congratulate the people of Seneca on reaching this historic anniversary.●

COMMENDING 153RD INFANTRY OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding humanitarian assistance recently provided by Company C, 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard.

In early April, Mena, AR, was hit by an F3 tornado which devastated this small town in western Arkansas. These severe storms killed 3, injured more than 100, and left thousands of residents without power. The tornado also damaged important emergency response centers in the town and county, including the hospital, the police and fire departments, and the courthouse, which houses the 911 emergency dispatch center.

However, under the leadership of CPT Rodney Lay, Company C of the 153rd Infantry, including team leaders 1LT Brian Lawrence Inman, 1SG Eric Schnell, SSG James Schnell, SSG Jacob Sullivan, SSG Neal Badger, and WO Jeffrey Shores, helped to immediately restore order to the devastated community. Company C provided downtown security during the aftermath of the tornado and went door to door to check on area citizens. In addition, they provided aid to victims of the storm that could not be transported to the city's hospital.

Our military simply could not function without the thousands of reservists and guardsmen on bases and armories in communities across this country. Since September 11, 2001, they have been called upon to serve in unprecedented numbers. We honor the tremendous service they provide in preserving our freedoms, but we must also not forget the critical role they play in responding on the homefront in communities like Mena that desperately need their help in restoring order and stability in their time of need.

I am honored to recognize the outstanding service of these citizen soldiers to the State of Arkansas and to the thousands of others who have helped provide assistance and support to communities in need.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. OBEX, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and Ms. GRANGER.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2751. An act to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting automobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles.

MEASURES HELD AT THE DESK

The following concurrent resolution was ordered held at the desk, by unanimous consent:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1912. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1913. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Eggplant from Israel" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0153) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1914. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifluridazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8414-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1915. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36 on Pistachio; Extension of Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8416-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1916. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residues of Silver in Foods from Food Contact Surfaces Sanitizing Solutions; Exemption from the Requirement of Tolerance" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1917. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Reachback Distributed Decision Support; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1918. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1919. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a document entitled "The Ground Water Rule Implementation Guidance" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1920. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a document entitled "The Ground Water Rule Triggered and Representative Source Water Monitoring Public Review Guidance" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1921. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8900-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1922. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8900-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1923. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8902-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1924. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Davidson, Knox, and Memphis-Shelby Counties, Tennessee" (FRL No. 8912-3) received in the Office of the President of the