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## Rural nursing home closures picking up pace in Nebraska

By **MARTHA STODDARD**  
 WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — The September announcement of the Blue Hill Care Center's planned closing hit Brenda Trumble hard.

The home's closure would have forced her 90-year-old mother, Lois Mohlman, to leave the south-central Nebraska town where she had lived for more than 30 years.

Trumble would no longer be able to pop in and see her after work or supper. Relatives would have had a longer drive to visit. The workers

caring for Mohlman would no longer be neighbors and friends.

But the family would have had little choice. With growing dementia and a history of wandering and falls, Mohlman needed nursing home care, and the next closest home was more than 20 miles away.

Trumble and her mother were spared the upheaval after the town of Blue Hill successfully fought to keep the home open.

But 14 other nursing homes  
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## Huskers can't seem to wrap up a win vs. Wisconsin

Jonathan Taylor and the Badgers trailed 14-10 in the second quarter. But Wisconsin found its footing with three scoring drives that flipped momentum en route to a 37-21 win. Taylor finished with 204 yards rushing — the third time he's topped 200 against NU — and the Badgers beat the Huskers for the seventh straight time.

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## NORFOLK RIVERFRONT DISTRICT? DREAM HAS AN URGENT GOAL

By **HENRY J. CORDES**  
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NORFOLK, Nebraska — Mike Flood says the young people who work for his media and communications company in this city of 25,000 love their jobs — until right around 6 o'clock on Friday night.

"And then it's them at Mel's

City among many where investments in quality of life are seen as critical to solving state's worker shortage

drive-in bar with 40-year-old divorcees," Flood said. "When you're 24, you're not thinking about Mel's bar on East Norfolk Avenue. You're thinking, 'Am I going to get married someday?

Am I going to meet people of the opposite sex?' This is about biology. And these are the facts."

Flood recently drew big laughs when he told that story during an economic development confer-

ence in Omaha.

But he was also making a serious point about the challenge Norfolk, Omaha and communities across Nebraska are confronting as they seek to attract the workers they need to fuel the state's economic growth and future. And Flood offered an equally serious

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Norfolk, Nebraska, takes its name from the North Fork of the Elkhorn River. Mayor Josh Moenning, above, is among city leaders who envision a riverfront entertainment district on the waterway to help attract and retain young workers, a challenge cities across the state are confronting.

### Send-off for Hyten

StratCom bids goodbye to one leader and prepares for another as well as a new HQ. **Midlands**

### Big lift for Creighton

Senior Kelvin Jones provides it in the men's basketball win over Louisiana Tech, 82-72. **Sports**

### Return to 'Frozen'

Omaha native talks with us about his role as editor on the hit film and its sequel. **Living**

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