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SHELDON SHOUTS ‘GO BIG RED’



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The Sheldon Museum of Art’s new “Go Big Red” exhibit was selected by 45 community “co-curators,” including Husker football coach Matt Rhule and Husker women’s basketball coach Amy Williams.

Museum’s new Husker-heavy exhibit on display now through end of the year

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“Go Big Red” will soon be echoing around the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, uniting the more than 80,000 Husker football fans who will fill Memorial Stadium seven times this fall.

But the chant’s already in action at the Sheldon Museum of Art in a new exhibition, titled “Go Big Red,” that aims to bring not just the fans who will be on campus for gamedays

but the broader community.

It’s part of the welcoming stance for the museum, which had been closed on football Saturdays for years prior to the 2023 arrival of Susan Longhenry, who heard “Go Big Red” as the final words in the interview that landed her Sheldon’s directorship.

“From the very beginning, it’s been clear to me how important that was and how much joy and community is involved in that,”

Longhenry said. “We’re embracing it. We’re embracing that we are part of this joyful community. It’s important and it extends beyond sports, it really does. It unites us as a community. That’s what this show is about.”

The exhibition is comprised of works selected by 45 community “co-curators,” each of whom selected a piece from Sheldon’s

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European leaders to join Zelenskyy

President of Ukraine heads to Washington to meet with Trump

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KYIV, Ukraine — European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington for talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia’s war in Ukraine, with the possibility of U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table.

Leaders from France, Britain and Germany are rallying around the Ukrainian leader after his exclusion from Trump’s summit on Friday with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Their pledge to be at Zelenskyy’s side at the White House on Monday is an apparent effort to ensure the meeting goes better than the last one in February, when Trump berated Zelenskyy in a heated Oval Office encounter.

“The Europeans are very afraid of the Oval Office scene being repeated and so they want to support Mr. Zelenskyy to the hilt,” said retired French Gen. Dominique Trinquand, a former head of France’s military mission at the United Nations.

“It’s a power struggle and a position of strength that might work with Trump,” he said.

Special U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff said Sunday that Putin agreed at the meeting in Alaska with Trump to allow the U.S. and European allies to offer Ukraine a security guarantee resembling NATO’s collective defense mandate as part of an eventual deal to end the 3½-year war.

“We were able to win the following concession: That the United States could offer Article 5-like protection, which is one of the real reasons why Ukraine wants to be in NATO,” he told CNN’s “State of the Union.” He added that it “was the first time we had ever heard the Russians agree to that” and called it “game-changing.”

Article 5, at the heart of the

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LES workers, families power through

Despite recent storms, long shifts, love prevails

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After a strong storm sweeps through Southeast Nebraska, the Anderson household often hears one question on repeat: “When’s Daddy coming home?”

Each morning following an Aug. 9 storm that swept through Lincoln, 2-year-old Dawson Anderson and his 1-year-old brother, Karter would wake up to their dad already at work helping to restore power in Lincoln after a thunderstorm knocked out electricity across the region.

“It’s kind of hard to explain to them that we don’t really know, but hopefully soon,” said their mom, Paige Anderson.

By the time Trent Anderson returned home from a long day of repairing downed wires and snapped poles, the boys were already tucked into bed and fast asleep.

In the aftermath of the storm that knocked power to nearly 35,000 Lincoln Electric System customers, nearly 300

employees like Trent Anderson left their own dark homes and families to begin the massive job of restoration.

“It’s people and humans and their own lives and families behind the work that’s being done,” said Emily Rumery, whose husband, Fredrick Rumery, is a project management supervisor at LES.

For LES families, storms mean long days and long absences. What starts as a typical eight-hour shift can quickly turn into 16 hours, with little time for rest between.

“We knew as soon as it hit that there were going to be quite a few outages and that he needed to go,” Paige Anderson said. “We just kind of start prepping for that and expect him to be gone for long hours and go on with our normal schedule as much as we can without him.”

That morning, 90 mph winds hit Seward around 5 a.m., knocking out the Andersons’ power and flattening their backyard fence. Trent Anderson did what he could to clean up before making the 30-minute drive to Lincoln. By 7 a.m. he was gone, leaving his



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Paige Anderson, from left, with her son Dawson, husband Trent and son Karter.

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