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In Brief

LB 840 on agenda for tonight's city council meeting

Meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Elgin City Council will hold a rare Wednesday night meeting (tonight).

Council members will have a full agenda to address, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Items on the agenda are:

- Insurance renewal with Megan Beckman, 118 Insurance
 - Update on LB 840 plan
 - Leasing the ball fields
 - Request for sales tax funds by the Elgin Diamond Boosters
 - Pool opening date
 - Approving Tenley Schindler as summer intern at Elgin Public Library
 - Update on unlicensed dogs in Elgin
 - Final report on Community Clean Up Day held last month.
- The meeting is open to the public.

Elgin FFA elects new officers

It was a night of celebration as the 59th annual Elgin FFA Banquet was held Wednesday. Elgin High's gymnasium was a festive setting for the celebration of all things FFA.

It marked the last formal event for the 2025-2026 officers led by President Isaac Hemenway.

New officers were installed near the conclusion of the festivities. They were:

- President, Gemma Miller
- Vice President, Kylee Lichtenberg
- Secretary, Braelyn Martinsen
- Treasurer, Kyla Donaldson
- Reporter, Libby Evans
- Sentinel, Brayden Burenheide
- Parliamentarian, Kinley Miller
- Junior Advisor, Lillian Moser
- Historian, Sydney Niewohner

Discovery Degree recipients were Cael Bottorf, Aurora Burke, Garrett Busted, Dominic Durre, Braxton Eisenhauer, Sheamus McLain, Rylee Rokahr, Cara Romej, Cecil Shavlik, Tenley Schindler and Jase Thomson.

Star Greenhand awards were handed out to Sophia Burke, Anna Dworak, Jayvin Erickson, Ethan Hansen,



New FFA officers for 2026/2027 are (front row, l-r): Libby Evans, Braelyn Martinsen, Gemma Miller, Kylee Lichtenberg and Lillian Moser. Back row: Kyla Donaldson, Brayden Burenheide, Sydney Niewohner and Kinley Miller.

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Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Special Meeting — District #18 Board of Education
- Notice — Estate of Marcella Schiltmeyer
- Notice — Estate of Pamela R. Meis

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 60 degrees recorded on April 30. The low temperature during the same period was 32 degrees recorded on April 29.

Altogether, 0.98 of an inch of precipitation was recorded during the seven day period ending on May 2.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as reported by the National Weather Service.

Date	High	Low	Prec
April 26	46	39	.79
April 27	53	40	.19
April 28	48	36	.00
April 29	50	32	.00
April 30	60	39	.00
May 1	55	32	.00
May 2	53	31	.00
Total for last week			0.98
Total for April			1.84
Total precipitation 2026			3.09



Dittrich says crane company not obeying routes

By Greg Tharnish
Special to The Elgin Review

Road safety and road conditions were the prime topic of discussion for the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC), meeting yesterday for their first meeting in May.

It's been discovered that some crane companies working for wind farms in the county have been taking routes not agreed to between them and Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe. County Commissioner Casey Ditttrich experienced this firsthand when, on Friday evening last week, he was almost run off 839th road east of Elgin by drivers from Atlas Crane (AC). Commissioner Ditttrich made contact with AC management about the danger the drivers were putting Ante-

lope County residents in and the potential damage to bridges unable to carry the weight of the loads being moved.

The ACC will have County Attorney Joe Smith look into charging penalties to these companies going forward, however, enforcement of penalties may be difficult.

Commissioner Regina Krebs reported to the ACC that a grant application for the Summerland/ Orchard Road was turned down. Krebs stated she would continue next year to get the grant approved.

With that road project in limbo, Commissioner Ditttrich urged the Road Department to "get a plan" going for other

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Erickson, Harkins to speak at EPS graduation

Seniors at Elgin Public School (EPS) will be awarded diplomas during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon, May 19. 'Pomp and Circumstance' will begin at 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Valedictorian of the 2026 class will be Jarek Erickson. He is the son of Aaron and Angie Anderson and J.R. Erickson. Salutatorian will be Creighton Harkins. He is the son of Kayla Vidrich and



Jarek Erickson

Derek Harkins.

Giving the 'charge to the class' this year will be EHS alumni Dr. Jared Mundorf.

Other members of the senior class are Kaiden Bode, Kyndal Busted, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Andrea Hansen, Isaac Hemenway, Halle Lueking, Haley Parks, Trey Rittscher, Ticen Sparr, Kayton Zwingman and Abigail Schneider.

Guest speaker
Giving the 'Charge to the Class' will be Dr. Jason Mundorf.

He is the current superintendent of Kearney Public Schools. Dr. Mundorf grew up in Elgin, graduating in the Class of 1991 and earned his bachelor's degree from UNK in Business Administration.

In 2017, he accepted the Associate Superintendent position in Kearney Public Schools and served in that role for five years before becoming the Kearney Public Schools Superintendent in 2022.

He is the son of Jerry Mundorf who worked in education for over 50 years as a coach, teacher, principal, superintendent, and ESU Administrator, and is in the Elgin High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and (the late) Millie Mundorf, an Elgin High School Distinguished Alumnus and graduate.



Dr. Jason Mundorf

Mother's Day graduation for PJCC seniors

For 13 years, they started school in the fall and concluded in May.

Ten seniors will have diplomas conferred upon them on Sunday afternoon, May 10, closing one chapter and embarking on a new chapter of their young lives.

The 59th graduating class of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic will receive their diplomas near the conclusion of commencement exercises on that day.

The program is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Special music, fitting for the occasion, will be performed by the senior girls.

Speaking on behalf of the class will be Aiden Klein. He is the son of Martin and Amy Klein.

Other members of the senior class are Tessa Barlow, Jovie Borer, Grady Drueke, Quinn Hoefler, Karson Kallhoff, Camry Kittelson, Reese Stuhr, Harlie Tyler and Landyn Veik.

Following the presentation of graduates, diplomas will be conferred by Father John Norman.

The event is open to the public as family and friends are encouraged this special moment in their young lives.



Class Speaker Aiden Klein

Do your patriotic duty, vote on May 12

Being a member of the Republican Party (GOP) in Antelope County gives candidates a leg up on opponents in the November General Election.

During the Primary Election in May, winners of the GOP primary are often shoo-ins come November.

In a sense, November is anti-climatic, it's May when most elections are decided.

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 12, to vote on a number of key races.

For Elgin voters, only a few races have more than one candidate seeking to represent the GOP in November.

Perhaps the most anticipated race will be Antelope County Sheriff. Incumbent Robert Moore is seeking another four-year term in office. This time he's being challenged in the primary by Neligh Police Officer Aubrey Miller.

By the number of political signs across the county, the race appears to have garnered plenty of interest.

The two candidates offer a stark contrast. Moore has more than 44 years in law enforcement, Miller has worked for the last three years at the Neligh Police Department. Moore, by his years of service, has a recognizable name, known in the county from one end to the other. Miller is relatively new to Antelope County Originally from Texas he has spent 12 years in law enforcement.

Moore is a senior citizen who battled cancer in he past year and now claims now to be in good health.

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- 1/2 cup butter cut into pats

Place meatballs in a crockpot. Mix the Au Jus, water and ranch dressing together. Pour on top of the meatballs. Stir in the jar of pepperoncini peppers and juice. Place the pats of butter on the top of the mixture. Heat thoroughly, 3 to 4 hours on low, stirring occasionally. These are amazing!

Elgin men make district court appearance

During an April 29 hearing in Antelope County District Court, a 54-year-old Elgin man told The Honorable Michael L. Long that he did not violate probation conditions tied to a 2024 case.

Rowdy L. Burke learned possible pleas and was ordered to appear May 27 for a trial for revocation of probation.

Long ordered all probation terms and conditions remain in effect. A \$900 bond remains in effect. In April 2024, Burke was sentenced to 24 months of probation after being found guilty of driving while revoked from DUI/refusal, a Class IV felony.

Robert M. Carnes, 49, of Elgin faces two felony charges, including one count of use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, a Class II felony, and one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony. He appeared for arraignment on April 29

and pleaded not guilty to both counts.

Long set a pretrial hearing for July 29, and scheduled a jury trial for Sept. 21. Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, remains in effect.

The charges stem from a Jan. 29 incident. According to the probable cause affidavit, Antelope County Deputy Darin Ternus assisted Antelope County Deputy Barker at Carnes' rural Elgin home, where he was

alleged to have had a disagreement with his brother, Billy Carnes, about selling his house. According to a witness, Robert Carnes is alleged to have grabbed a butcher knife and was "going to stab Billy."

Later, Robert Carnes allegedly told his brother "that he was joking and he hadn't sold the house." Ternus arrested Carnes and transported him to the Antelope County Jail.

Courtesy of SAM

Sentencing continued for Beatrice man

Thomas A. Warnke, 22, of Beatrice appeared for sentencing before the Honorable Michael L. Long in Antelope County District Court on April 29. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith informed Long that Dustin Garrison, defense counsel, is currently on administrative suspension.

Long informed Warnke of the right to court-appointed counsel. Warnke said he will wait for Garrison to represent him.

Long continued sentencing to May 26, and advised Warnke that sentencing "will most likely occur whether Mr. Garrison is present or not." A \$50,000-10% bond remains in effect.

Warnke pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse intentional/no injury, a Class IIIA felony.

Courtesy of SAM

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road projects in the county, specifically 839th road east of Elgin and a heavily used road north of Tilden.

County Chairman Charlie Henery agreed with Ditttrich but urged the Road Department to "do the job right" and not rush to get a road project done.

In an ongoing matter concerning a fiber build by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) connecting substations from Hoskins to Neligh, NPPD's Assistant General Counsel sent a letter to the ACC and Road Department. The letter stated that NPPD, citing statutes from other counties, is not required to pay any permit fees. For their part, the ACC once again denied the permits totaling \$180. More to come on this issue.

Elgin Community Center menus

Monday, May 11: Big mac casserole, corn, mandarin oranges, bread & butter, milk.

Tuesday, May 12: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, salad, tropical fruit, garlic stick.

Wednesday, May 13: Smothered pork cutlets, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, peaches, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, May 14: Chicken and stuffing casserole, mixed vegetables, strawberry/peaches mix, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, May 15: BBQ ribs, hash browns, creamy cucumbers, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.

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This Mother's Day, instead of writing about my own experiences (since I do that on a weekly basis), I decided to focus on celebrating my own mother. The older I get, the more I reflect on all that she did for me (and continues to do). And a lot of the reasons I am who I am today are a direct result of

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

her. I don't think 500 words is enough to do it justice, but I'll do my best. I believe we all think we know how much our moms do for us, but I think when you become a parent yourself, you truly begin to understand the sacrifices that were made. I'm not saying you must be a parent to appreciate your mother, but it certainly brings a new perspective. My mom was, and still is, the queen of crafts. She's so creative and always has crafting materials on hand. My kids always love doing crafts with Nana, and it makes me nostalgic for all the time she spent doing those same things with me. Now as a mom, my kids say their mom "always have everything." I can't say I'm as fully stocked

as my mom, but it makes me smile every time. She always supported me in ALL my many activities. She attended every band concert, every choir concert, every musical and helped drive me back and forth to practice. She stood in the heat during marching band season and paid a lot for flute and piano lessons. She invested in my passion for music, which serves me now as an adult. She put in a lot of time and money to help me do something I loved, and never once complained about it. My mom was my go-to when I was sick. I started getting migraines when I was only seven. She also suffered from migraines, so she was truly empathetic and knew just what I needed. It didn't matter if it was a migraine, a stomach bug, or some other ailment, she was always there. She would check in on me, make me hot tea, bring me an ice pack, or just sit with me. To this day as a woman in my 40s, sometimes I just want my mommy when I'm feeling ill. Silly, I know. But she was always a source of comfort. As a mother myself, I get it. When my children are sick, I want to snuggle them, watch

whatever movie they want, and wait on them. My husband acts as if they have the plague and wants to completely social distance. He is doing the wise thing by staying away, but I just can't. I need to be there to give them that comfort that was always provided for me. Most importantly, she cultivated my love for Jesus. First, she led by example. I saw her read her Bible and her devotions every morning while eating cereal at the kitchen table. She made sure I was in church every Sunday and I served as an acolyte. She encouraged my walk, and we read together, talked with one another and, to this day, I go to her for spiritual guidance. I can only hope that I am doing the same for my own children. My mom has always been a constant in my life. She's the one I turn to when I need advice, when I need to vent, or when I need spiritual guidance. I wouldn't be half the person I am today without my mother. I know I have big shoes to fill, and probably never will, but I definitely have something to strive for. Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 12, 1966

Members of the Elgin High School senior class plus sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bennett, Supt. H. Klemme and J.R. Esparza, held a weekend "sneak" at Osage Beach, Mo. They left here Thursday after school for Omaha where they attended shows and left from there at 12:45 a.m. Friday by chartered bus for the Ozarks. The group toured the Ozarks and enjoyed water skiing, boat rides, etc. The Busy Bees met Thursday, May 5 at the American Legion hall. Janet Parilek and Joan Ridder gave a demonstration on keeping your room neat. Doris Josten and Carol Meis gave a demonstration on making cinnamon drop cookies and Rita Moser a demonstration on making a water basket. Members and leaders judged cinnamon drop cookies and sour cream cookies. Reporter, Joan Ridder. With temperatures in the 90's the last of the week and nearly 100 on Saturday a very welcome rain of 1/2 inch fell on Sunday. Then Monday morning, another extreme with freezing temperatures. Lightning struck at the Donald Michelson farm Sunday afternoon burning out some wires so that they had to milk their cows the hard way Sunday night and Monday morning.

Fifty Years Ago

May 12, 1976

Wednesday Night champions, Bert's Tavern were: Wendall Wagner, Bill Eischeid, Bert Schindler, Jim Kerkman and Paul Hoefer. Jane Schindler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schindler, graduated from Kearney State College Friday, May 7. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. Attending the ceremony were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schindler, Steven and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Heithoff, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schindler, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coyne, Mrs. James Temme, Mrs. Richard Renchen of Omaha, and Francis Score of Petersburg. After the ceremony a luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. Diane Heithoff broke her right wrist Saturday morning in a fall from a horse at the Howard Mickelson farm home. The Elgin Rescue Unit was summoned and she was taken to Antelope Memorial Hospital for examination. She was later transferred to the Lutheran Hospital at Norfolk for treatment. More x-rays were taken Monday morning to determine cause of a swollen shoulder. It was discovered she had a dislocated shoulder. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heithoff.

Thirty Years Ago

May 15, 1996

Chris Boes, son of Gene and Mary Jane Boes of Elgin, graduated. See BACK, Page 10

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Opinion

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"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful."

Edward R. Murrow

Is federal gas tax like an 'aging rock star on a farewell tour'?

Editor's note: Opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Elgin Review.

Back in the day, twice each year, a debate would break out at the news bureau where I used to work: "Who is going to write the gas tax story?"

It was a story you could write in your sleep. "Nebraska's variable gas tax is rising/dropping to ... blah, blah, blah."

But it was kind of important. A rise would mean a couple pennies more paid in taxes per gallon; a drop, a penny or two of a break.

Nebraska's gas tax is called "variable" because the rate was set based on the calculated needs of state highway construction and maintenance. So it rose and fell, depending on how much work needed to be funded.

Pretty smart huh? Well out in Washington, the smart pills apparently didn't get passed out because the federal gas tax - another major funder of highway work - hasn't been changed, up or down, since 1993.

Let that sink in for a moment. Back in 1993, the price of a gallon of gas was about \$1 (Wouldn't we like to return to those days?) and the gas tax was 18.4 cents per gallon, where it's remained.

If your salary or income hadn't changed in 33 years, you'd be in a world of hurt when it came to paying bills and affording groceries.

Meanwhile, during that period, the cost of highway construction (concrete, steel, labor, etc.) has skyrocketed. And with the advent of electric and hybrid vehicles, some cars aren't buying much gasoline and thus, not paying much in taxes.

The federal gas tax is outdated. One recent columnist in the Lincoln Journal Star compared it to "an aging rock star on a farewell tour."

Congress could have done the wise thing, and slowly increased the gas tax to keep up with the cost of road building.

But such politically risky moves, like raising a tax (even for a good purpose), could get someone defeated for re-election for heavens sake! So that

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
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can get kicked down the proverbial road.

Good roads are important, and according to one survey, Nebraska's highways aren't as good as they used to be.

In the most recent annual report by the Reason Foundation, Nebraska ranked 29th for condition and cost-effectiveness of its state highway system. That's down from No. 15 six years ago. That's the kind of drop that could get a football coach fired.

Anyway, Congress is apparently debating highway needs, and two columnists recently offered two alternatives to paying a tax on gasoline purchases.

An official with the American Highway Users Alliance, which represents automotive and road construction interests, said that taxing vehicles based

on their weight would be the best way of providing adequate federal funding for highway needs.

Heavier trucks and electric vehicles would pay more, and small compact cars would pay less.

Meanwhile, a co-author of that highway condition report by the Reason Foundation, a libertarian think tank, wrote that a fairer way would be to tax vehicles based on the actual miles they drove.

This is an important issue for rural residents, who likely put more miles on their vehicles to reach schools, jobs, shopping centers and hospitals.

A new tax would also reduce gas prices, by eliminating the fuel tax, and would help the federal debt because Congress has been using general tax funds to supplement the inadequate federal gas tax.

A tax on weight would be collected when we license our vehicles. The Highway Users guy also argued that it would make heavy-duty trucks - which cause much more wear and tear on highways than cars - more affordable, by supposedly reducing taxes on them. Hmm.

The "tax on miles driven" would seem the fairest, since drivers who use the highways more would pay more.

But how would you collect such a tax? With a government gauge on your odometer?

Sounds kinda "big brother" to me, though four states already have a mileage tax - Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Virginia.

Any new federal tax would require Congress to act, the same group that has allowed the gas tax dilemma to fester.

Let's hope that they can tackle a real issue. And maybe for an encore, they could work on securing Social Security for the future..

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner.

He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Working families tax cuts deliver

We're three weeks past Tax Day and Nebraskans are seeing benefits from the Working Families Tax Cuts. I've said before that this is a generational bill. And we are seeing how impactful it is. This historic tax relief will continue to support Nebraskans and put more money in their pockets.

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Already we know more than 53 million people benefitted from no tax on overtime, no tax on tips, or the bonus deduction for seniors.

I hosted a roundtable earlier this year with members of the hospitality industry in Omaha. We talked about what this bill meant to these business owners. We discussed why these tax cuts and new provisions were crucial to their workforce.

One restaurant manager told me of a waitress whose wages were incorrectly reported. Her W-2 reported some overtime pay as regular pay. When this was corrected, she received an extra \$1,500 in her tax returns because of the no tax on overtime provision.

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Multiple arraignments heard in Antelope County District Court

Five individuals appeared for arraignment on April 29 in Antelope County District Court in Neligh. The Honorable Michael L. Long presided.

Michael S. Boughton, 35, of Krum, Texas, appeared for arraignment on a charge of operating a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fl, a Class IV felony. Long found that Boughton had not been served a copy of the complaint at least 24 hours prior to arraignment. Boughton waived service. He pleaded not guilty.

Long set a pretrial hearing for July 29, and a jury trial for Sept. 21. One exception was made on bond conditions. Long said the defendant may leave the state of Nebraska. Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, remains in effect. The judge reminded Boughton that he could face charges of failure to appear, a Class IV felony, if he does not show up for the July hearing.

Boughton was arrested Aug. 9 by Antelope County Deputy James Collins, who observed the defendant speeding on Highway 275 near Oakdale. Once the deputy deployed emergency lights for a traffic stop, Boughton allegedly quickly turned onto a county road, causing the vehicle to be airborne, damaging a barbed wire fence and crushing a telephone connection box. The vehicle continued across a field, headed toward the Elkhorn River and came to rest "with the front of the pickup off the embankment of the river bank."

Collins maintained visual contact with the driver moving through trees and vegetation along the bank, and requested assistance. Collins yelled at the driver to stop fleeing and return to the scene, which he did.

Dillon W. Eckstein, 29, of Os-kosh, Wisconsin, appeared via Zoom while in custody of a jail in Wisconsin.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith said a plea will not be accepted without the defendant appearing personally. Long issued a bench warrant for Eckstein. A bond amount was not set, and neither was a future hearing date.

Eckstein faces one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (2 prior con-

victions), a Class IIIA felony. He is also charged with one count of refuse to submit to pre-test, a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of possession of marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, an infraction. The county court waived its jurisdiction over the remaining counts.

Jace Rocha, 19, of Battle Creek, entered not guilty pleas to two counts he currently faces, including burglary, a Class II felony, and theft-shoplifting \$1,500-4,999, a Class IV felony.

The incident is alleged to have occurred on or between Feb. 1 and Feb. 21, at a Neligh residence. Rocha allegedly took a computer and equipment, totaling approximately \$1,940.

Long continued bond at \$5,000-10%, with previous conditions in effect. Rocha will appear July 29 for a pretrial hearing.

Gage T. Schultz, 27, of Tilden, appeared for a plea entry hearing. Charges were amended to assault-threaten/menacing manner, a Class I misdemeanor. A new court date was not set.

Dustin E. Zuhlke, 47, of O'Neill, appeared for arraignment on four counts, including two counts of terroristic threats, both Class IIIA felonies, and two counts of use firearm to commit a felony, both Class IC felonies. Zuhlke pleaded not guilty to all four counts.

A bond hearing was held, and the defendant requested a reduction. Smith objected and requested bond stay set at \$500,000-10%. Long denied Zuhlke's request for reduction and added multiple conditions.

Long informed Zuhlke that while he is incarcerated, he is not to have direct or indirect contact with Heath Zuhlke, Stephanie Sorensen or Brent Demerath. Long set a pretrial hearing for July 29. Zuhlke was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

The charges stem from a March 26 incident, investigated by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore. Zuhlke is alleged to have entered property at 53060 Highway 20, near Plainview,

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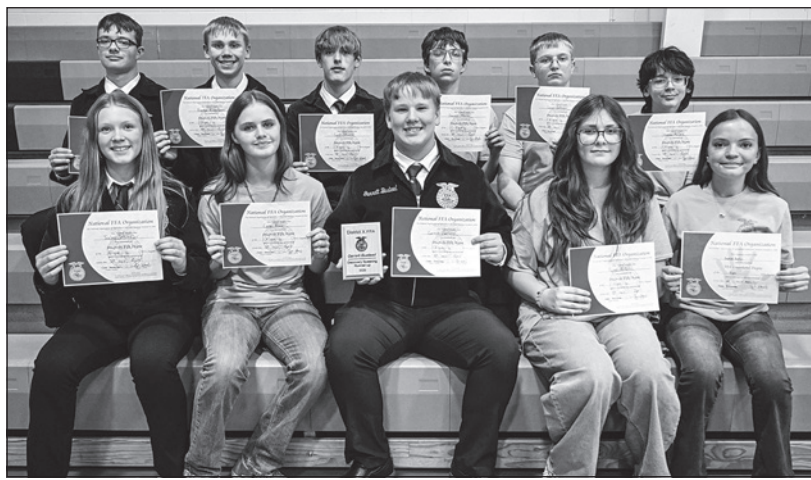
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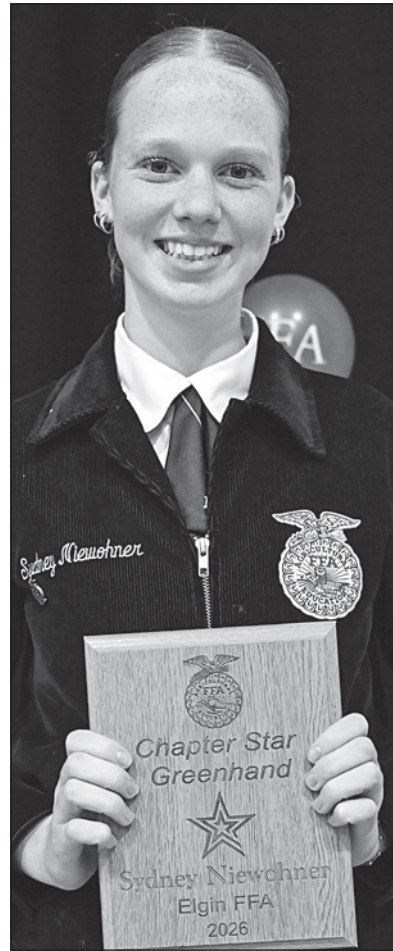
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Sydney Niewohner was selected as the Chapter Star Greenhand.



Photo submitted

Lois Schrunk's family celebrated her 95th birthday with her May 1. Pictured (front row, l-r): Sherry Tetschner, Lois Schrunk, Jamison Hester and Steven Schrunk. Back row: Janet and Russ Hale, Kami, Mercie, Nicholas and Keanu Schrunk, David, Meghan and Elowen Hester and Janna Schrunk.

Bartlett News

Our thoughts and prayers are lifted up for the family of Sharon Derner. Sharon, a lifetime resident of Wheeler County, died at the age of 81 years on April 20, 2026. A Celebration of Life service was held at the Bartlett Church of Faith on April 28.

Support and prayers are also lifted up for the family of Dale Sheldon. Dale, a Wheeler County resident since 1943, died at the age of 98, April 19, 2026. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25 at the Sandhills Baptist Fellowship Church in Ericson.

Lois Schrunk celebrated her 95th birthday this past week in several ways. On Sunday, April 26 Andy Tetschner and his children Hannah and Ty took Lois and Sherry Tetschner to dinner (noon) at 4-Corners. Dessert, provided by Andy, was mini bundt cakes.

Lois had a noon meal Wednesday (again at 4-Corners) with friends Donna Vice of Elgin and Doris Ingalls of Neligh. Guests at Lois's house on Friday evening to enjoy angel food cake, strawberries and ice cream were Janet and Dave Mignery, Bev Becker, Merlyn Schrunk, Shirley Thorberg, Sherry Tetschner, Russ and Janet Hale, Steven and Janna Schrunk, Nicholas and Mercie Schrunk and children Kami and Keanu and David and Meghan Hester and children

Jamison and Elowen. Saturday morning consisted of a birthday gift to Lois from her family- a deep house cleaning.

Sunday morning Steven and Janna Schrunk, Nicholas and Mercie Schrunk and children Kami and Keanu, David and Meghan Hester and children Jamison and Elowen and Sherry Tetschner attended Trinity Lutheran Church services in Elgin. A cupcake and coffee reception was held in honor of Lois to celebrate with fellow church members. The cupcakes were baked by Lois.

Lois Schrunk was born May 1, 1931 the year of the grand opening of the Empire State

Building. She was born in a rural area west of Cedar Rapids. The doctor's fee was \$50. Her family later moved to Wheeler County. She attended first and second grades in Oakdale, staying with her grandparents who lived there. She traveled on a train from Elgin to get to Oakdale.

Lois attended the country school District 34 in Wheeler County for her remaining elementary years. She graduated from Wheeler County High School in 1949. Then, she taught two years at District 7 and two years in the upper grades at the Bartlett Grade School. She married Ellis Schrunk in 1953.

Letter to the Editor

County GOP makes endorsements

Dear Editor,

In Antelope County, elections are decided by those who show up. The population of Antelope County is approximately 6,300 people, with about 3,300 registered Republicans.

As a result, the outcome of the general election often reflects this majority. Yet only about 30% of voters participated in the last statewide primary. If you want to shape the future of

our county and Nebraska, voting in the primary is essential.

At the county party level, we have spent considerable time organizing events to meet with individuals running for office and may choose to endorse those we believe will best represent our community.

In this election cycle, we have endorsed Sherry Jones for State Board of Education, Scott Petersen for Secretary of State, David Huebner for Congress, and Aubrey Miller for Sheriff—candidates who support local control, reflect rural Nebraska values, and stay connected to the people they serve.

Make a plan to vote on May 12. Your voice matters.

Respectfully,
Connie Baker

Antelope County GOP Chair

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and began yelling at Sorensen, who was inside the residence. According to the probable cause affidavit, Zuhlke announced he had weapons in the vehicle.

Sorensen locked the doors and called Brent Demerath, her fiancé, who in turn contacted Health Zuhlke to come to the property to assess the situation.

Demerath arrived home and identified Dustin Zuhlke. Heath Zuhlke arrived shortly after Demerath did, and a confrontation occurred between the two Zuhlkes. After the fight broke up, Dustin Zuhlke is alleged to have grabbed a handgun out of his vehicle and placed the barrel against Heath Zuhlke's forehead. Demerath reported he retrieved a rifle from his pickup and told Zuhlke to put the gun down. Information in the probable cause affidavit reports that Health Zuhlke backed away, and eventually Dustin Zuhlke put the gun down and left the scene.

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Estate of **MARCELLA M. SCHILTMAYER**, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 2026, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR26-13, James B. Schiltmeyer, whose mailing address is 84146 524th Ave., Elgin, NE 68636, and Robert J. Schiltmeyer, whose mailing address is 52136 835 Rd., Elgin, NE 68636, have been appointed as co-personal represen-

tatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 28, 2026 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.

/s/ Martin V. Klein
Martin V. Klein, #22220
Attorney for Applicant

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* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review

Wednesday, May 6
Elgin City Council regular monthly meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9
Elgin High School graduation ceremony.

Sunday, May 10
Pope John High School graduation ceremony.

Monday, May 11
Antelope County Commissioners regular meeting at the Antelope County Courthouse.

Tuesday, May 12
Primary Election please vote!

Wednesday, May 13
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting ■ District Track Meet @ Bassett.

Friday, May 15
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After a spring freeze, alfalfa fields can look rough in a hurry. Leaves may wilt, turn black, or look water-soaked, and stems may bend over or lay flat. When that happens, the natural question is, "Do I need to do something?" In many cases, the best answer is still to wait, watch, and let the plant tell us how bad the damage really is.

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Continuances granted in several Antelope County District Court cases

A continuance was granted in Antelope County District Court for a 64-year-old woman charged with possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony.

Denise A. Blevins, of Norfolk, was unable to attend the April 29 court session due to illness. Her attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh, requested a continuance.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and the Honorable Michael L. Long granted the motion.

He ordered Blevins to appear

May 27 for a pretrial hearing. A jury trial in the case remains scheduled for July 20.

Bond, set at \$1,500/personal recognizance, with all previously-ordered conditions, is continued.

Kaitlyn C. Dozler, 36, of Omaha, failed to appear for a show cause hearing regarding restitution in a 2023 case. Long did not issue a warrant for her arrest at this time. Bond, set at \$50,000-10%, remains in effect.

A 33-year-old Norfolk

resident appeared for a hearing, requesting early release from post-release supervision stemming from a 2024 case.

Douglas J. Jacobs made the request; however, Long continued the hearing to May 27 since probation office personnel did not appear or file a request or objection.

All post release supervision conditions remain in effect.

Jacobs was originally charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony, and one count of criminal trespass-2nd degree, a Class III misdemeanor.

A continuance was granted in a case involving 20-year-old Austin Klabenes, currently housed in the Platte County Jail.

Klabenes faces one count of deliver/dispense/distribute/manufacture/possess an exceptional hazardous drug, a Class II felon.

Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, remains in effect. He will appear July 29 for a preliminary hearing.

Klabenes was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff and transported to Platte County Jail.

Charges against Nicholes T. Stewart, 37, of Pierce, were amended. Originally charged with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person-1st, a Class ID felony, Smith amended charges to attempt of a Class I/IA/IB/IC/ID felony, a Class II felony.

Per court documents, a jury trial is scheduled for May 18.

Hannah M. Thomas, 37, of Sioux City, Iowa, appeared for a pretrial hearing. Smith announced a plea agreement had been reached, with terms that if Thomas pleaded guilty to the charges as filed, he would recommend probation.

Thomas withdrew her previous not guilty plea to one count of possession of a controlled substance - fentanyl, a Class IV felony and pleaded guilty.

Long ordered a presentence investigation be completed by June 10 and schedule sentencing for June 24.

Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, with previous conditions, remains in effect.

A bond hearing was held for Jerry Torres, 57, of Neligh. He requested a bond reduction to \$20,000-10%.

Smith objected and Long reviewed the defendant's criminal history. The judge denied the request and continued bond at \$100,000-10%, with all previously conditions in effect.

Torres will appear May 27 for sentencing on one count of assault by strangulation of suffocation, a Class IIIA felony, and one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony.

A plea agreement was reached in a case involving Calin M. Bosse, 27, of Clearwater.

Smith announced that if Bosse pleaded guilty to Counts I and III, the State will dismiss Count II, and no additional charges will be filed. Additionally, the State will remain free to recommend on Count I and will recommend a fine on Count III. Both parties agreed to conduct an enhancement hearing at sentencing.

Bosse withdrew not guilty pleas to one count of driving under the influence of alcohol liquor and one count of resisting arrest, a Class I misdemeanor, and entered guilty pleas to both counts.

Long found Bosse guilty on both counts and ordered a presentence investigation report be completed by June 10.

An enhancement hearing and sentencing is scheduled for June 24. A \$50,000-10% bond is continued.

Pretrial motions and motions in limine were held in a case involving Ray M. Connot, 61, of Neligh.

Paul Arthur Lembrick, counsel for the defense, requested that witnesses for the hearing be excluded from the courtroom during testimony.

Smith did not object and Long approved the motion.

Smith provided evidence and witnesses testified. The defense did not present evidence or testimony.

Long scheduled a hearing for the defense's motion in limine for May 5 in Madison County District Court.

Bond, set at \$50,000-10%, remains in effect.

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Neligh man accused of terroristic threats appears in district court

A pretrial hearing was held for a Neligh man charged with making terroristic threats against a Neligh Police Department official. The alleged charges are a Class III felony.

Jonathyn Gunderson, appeared before the Honorable Michael L. Long, April 29, in Antelope County District court.

Represented by Nathan Stratton, the defendant

requested a continuance. Long continued the hearing until

July 29, and scheduled a jury trial for Sept. 21.

Gunderson was arrested Feb. 20, after writing threatening posts on Facebook (Meta) about Neligh Police Officer Aubrey Miller. State Patrol Investigator Mann met with Miller and AC Sheriff Moore.

When contact was made, Gunderson told Mann he was deleting the posts. According to the probable cause affidavit, Gunderson said "he was upset the night prior he had gone to the gas station to buy alcohol and he couldn't because Officer Miller was in there and he didn't want to get a DUI."

A \$50,000 bond-10%, and all previously-ordered conditions, remains in effect.

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 A senior, Karson led the Wolfpack team at last week's Niobrara Valley Conference Golf Tournament. Held at Summerland, Karson finished 8th with an 18-hole score of 87.
MEGAN WRIGHT GIRLS TRACK
 A junior, Megan broke the Wolfpack school record in girls' discus, not once but twice, at the Niobrara Valley Conference Track Meet held at Bassett on Saturday.
MAX HENN BOYS TRACK
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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack set 3 new records Saturday at NVC Max Henn's discus throw sets new conference mark

BASSETT — In many ways, Saturday was the best day in awhile for the Wolfpack varsity track team.

Competing at the Niobrara Valley Conference Track & Field Championships, the Wolfpack set three new school records as they more than held their own against rivals near and far. Altogether, eight schools competed at Bassett.

Setting new school records were:

- Max Henn - Discus, placing first and setting new NVC mark
- Megan Wright - Discus
- Anna Dworak, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman, Braelyn Martinsen - 400 meter relay, placing first

Coaches Sandi Henn, Tiffany Moser and Brandon Callahan saw their athletes turn in some of their best efforts of the season.

On the boys side, Ethan Hansen won three individual medals, Evin Pelster claimed

two as did Henn and Trey Rittscher earned a silver medal, finishing second in the shot put, back from injury and ready to excel in May.

On the girls side, Martinsen won two individual medals as did Anna Dworak, Kayton Zwingman and Sydney Niewohner. Gemma Miller and Wright each medaled in one individual event.

North Central won the boys championship with 110 points followed by Boyd County 103, Ainsworth 94, CWC 93, St. Mary's 80.5, Niobrara-Verdigre 68, EPPJ 55 and Stuart 48.5. Ainsworth claimed the girls team title with 164 points followed by North Central 138, Niobrara-Verdigre 81, EPPJ 80, Boyd County 56, St. Mary's 54, CWC 47 and Stuart 12.

Individual results were:

Girls
100 dash — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 13.01 seconds; 2. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.35;

3. Anna Dworak, EPPJ, 13.82
200 dash — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 26.39 seconds; 3. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 27.93; 6. Anna Dworak, EPPJ, 29.04
400 dash — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 1:00.72
800 run — 1. Delani Runnels, NV, 2:22.61
1600 run — 1. Delani Runnels, NV, 5:43.34
3200 run — 1. Reagan Moody, Ainsworth, 12:35.74; 4. Gentry Zwingman, EPPJ, 14:23.47
100 hurdles — 1. Emerson Mlnarik, OSM, 16.57 seconds
300 hurdles — 1. Emerson Mlnarik, OSM, 47.88 seconds; 2. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 49.98; 6. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 57.02

400 relay — 1. EPPJ (Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 53.29 seconds
1600 relay — 1. St. Mary's, 4:24.52; 5. EPPJ (Cielo Kuhlman, Sydney Niewohner, Reese Stuhr, Gentry Zwingman),

5:16.84
3200 relay — 1. North Central, 10:58.21
Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, NC, 43'2"; 5. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 32'8.25"
Discus — 1. Karlene Kepler, NC, 142'11"; 6. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 100'11"
High jump — 1. Cassidy Heermann, BC, 4'10"
Pole vault — 1. Lexi Plugge, CWC, 7'6"
Long jump — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 15'11.5"; 4. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 14'6.75"

Triple jump — 1. Paige Wolinski, CWC, 33'5"
Boys
100 dash — 1. Jose Gallardo, CWC, 11.85 seconds; 3. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 12:16
200 dash — 1. Jose Gallardo, CWC, 24.11; 5. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 24.67
400 dash — 1. Will Nelson, BC, 51.75 seconds; 4. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 54.12
800 run — 1. Will Nelson, BC, 2:01.76
1600 run — 1. Will Nelson, BC, 4:56.30; 6. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 5:18.87
3200 run — 1. Max Berg, OSM, 10:42.88; 4. John Zwingman, EPPJ, 11:39.49
110 hurdles — 1. Trey Anthony, NC, 15.16 seconds
300 hurdles — 1. Noah Seberger, NC, 41.04 seconds
400 relay — 1. Niobrara-Verdigre, 46.96 seconds
1600 relay — 1. North Central, 3:35.26
3200 relay — 1. North Central, 9:06.07
Shot put — 1. Cameron Kaup, Stuart, 49'2.5"; 2. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 46.9"; 5. Max Henn, EPPJ, 45'5.5"

Discus — 1. Max Henn, EPPJ, 158'9"
High jump — 1. Madden McManigal, CWC, 6'
Pole vault — 1. Zaine Evans, Ainsworth, 12'9"
Long jump — 1. Trey Anthony, NC, 20'10.5"; 3. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 19'9.5"
Triple jump — 1. Noah Seberger, NC, 42'6"

EPPJ athletes shine at Creighton

CREIGHTON — Four runners each running 100 meters with a baton in hand equals new school record.

Elgin Public-Pope John girls 400 relay team set a new school record last week, competing at the Creighton Invite held Tuesday, April 28. Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr and Kayton Zwingman posted a time of 53.69 seconds to finish second in the event behind Bloomfield with a time of 53.00 seconds. That was the highlight of a cold day competing.

Still, the Wolfpack posted times and distances which were rewarded with medals.

Finding success for the girls were Gemma Miller and Megan Wright (shot put); Miller (discus), Kayton Zwingman and Sydney Niewohner (long jump), Braelyn Martinsen (100), K. Zwingman (300 hurdles) and Gentry Zwingman (3200).

North Central claimed the girls team title with 115 points followed by Creighton 102, Bloomfield 82, Wausa 78, Randolph 60, EPPJ 41 and Osmond 37.

Boys turning in medal-winning efforts were Ethan Hansen (200), Max Henn (shot put), Henn and Justice Blecher (discus), Evin Pelster (long jump), Pelster and Matthew Kerkman (1600), Hansen (400) and John Zwingman (3200).

Creighton won the boys team title with 122 points followed by Bloomfield 94, Wausa 85, North Central 73, EPPJ 48, Randolph 43 and Osmond 41.

Girls
Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, NC, 42'2.75"; 3. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 31'1.75"; 5. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 29'10.5"
Discus — 1. Karlene Kepler, NC, 140'5"; 6. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 93'1"
High jump — 1. Carlie Kleinschmit, Wausa, 4'6.5"
Long jump — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 15'5.25"; 4. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 14'5"
Triple jump — 1. Ireland Buell, NC, 32'11.5"
Pole vault — 1. Michelle Neuman, Creighton, 7'6"
3200 relay — 1 North Central, 10:36.59
100 hurdles — 1. Bella Bolling, Creighton, 18.46 seconds
100 dash — 1. Miley Pinkelman, Bloomfield, 12.78 seconds; 5. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.45
1600 run — 1. Angela Frick, NC, 5:57.91
400 relay — 1. Bloomfield, 53.00 seconds; 2. EPPJ (Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 53.69

400 dash — 1. Emily Gilliland, Randolph, 1:03.50
300 hurdles — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 52.19 seconds
800 run — 1. Paisley Hoffman, NC, 2:39.83
200 dash — 1. Claire Meyer, Creighton, 27.00 seconds
3200 run — 1. Angela Frick, NC, 13:26.09; 4. Gentry Zwingman, EPPJ, 14:52.47

Boys
100 meter dash — 1. Cody Bloomquist, Wausa, 11.44 seconds; 4. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 12.03
Shot put — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 49'10.25"; 2. Max Henn, EPPJ, 45'2.25"
Discus — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 153'6"; 3. Max Henn, EPPJ, 129'7"; 4. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 129'1"
High jump — 1. Luke Harder, Randolph, 5'10"
Long jump — 1. Trey Anthony, NC, 19'10.5"; 4. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 16'10"
Triple jump — 1. Noah Seberger, NC, 42'1"
Pole vault — 1. Landon Stephen, NC, 11'
3200 relay — 1. North Central, 9:03.46
110 hurdles — 1. Trey Anthony, NC, 15.19 seconds

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Max Henn threw the discus 158'9" to set a new NVC record as well as a new school record Saturday.



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John Zwingman finished fourth in the 3200 meter run.



Megan Wright twice broke the school record in the discus. Her best throw was 100'11".

Spinning Tales

Discus throwers have career day at NVC

BASSETT — Here, on the northern plains of Nebraska, it's our version of 'big sky' country. The land is flat and you can see for miles and miles. It's here, last Saturday, where it seemed as though anything was possible, especially if you are a spring athlete.

The first Saturday in May should be declared conference meet day. The eight schools of the Niobrara Valley Conference gather here annually, in part, because the facilities here for track are the best of member schools.

The best part of the day - the weather. Chilly in the morning warmed up to the 70s by mid-afternoon. Winds out of the south were five to 10 miles per hour.

For junior Megan Wright and sophomore Max Henn, conditions were perfect for competing in the discus. Henn is rapidly putting his name into the mix as being one of the best three-sport athletes Wolfpack has produced. Time will tell, but he appears well on his way.

On Saturday, having scratched on his first two throws, he delivered when he had to in the second flight to advance to the finals.

Then, in the finals, he seized the moment and launched a throw for the ages. Throwing into the south breeze, he glided the discus into the wind and, when it landed, it measured 158'9". Simply put, it was a personal best. From my vantage point, as I watched from the east side, it sailed in a way one rarely sees. The angle of the discus was pure as it sailed.

Henn said afterwards, he knew it was good

when it left his hand. In essence, he found the rarified air. In other words, he was in the groove. Henn won the event by almost six feet over Stuart's Cameron Kaup who has dominated the competition during his time in school.

The girls discus followed the boys. Wright was in the second flight so she rested on the grass next to her mom Pamela.

So, too, in the second flight was North Central's Karlene Kepler. When Kepler is on, and she was on today, nobody beats her. She won the competition by 25 feet over second place Jaylee Lechtenberg of Boyd County.

That's not the story. The story here is that on this given day, when conditions were perfect, twice Wright threw personal bests. Her best throw, 100'11", allowed her to finish sixth.

Wright is the younger sister of Colton Wright, who qualified for state in the same event his senior season. She may have learned a thing or two from him, but I suspect she and Max learned more from their event coach, Brandon Callahan. Both athletes go to Callahan after they compete to learn how to improve.

Callahan has put together quite the group of throwers in both the discus and shot put. Trey Rittscher, Justice Blecher and Jayvin Erickson on the boys side, Gemma Miller on the girls side. They've all been successful this season and, I think, we're not done yet. Athletes are gifted, they become better with good coaching. Of the group, Rittscher is the only senior.

For you and I, that means we have more to look forward to from these fine throwers.

Also having a stellar day was the Wolfpack's 400 meter relay girls team. Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr and Kayton Zwingman posted their season best time of 53.29 to win the event. Only one question remains, just how fast can they run?



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EPPJ sixth at NVC last week

SUMMERLAND — Simply put, it wasn't their best day on the golf course.

The Wolfpack varsity golf team placed sixth out of seven varsity teams competing at the Niobrara Valley Conference Golf Tournament held here Thursday.

Wolfpack senior Karson Kallhoff led the team with an 18-hole score of 87 to finish eighth.

Keian Fischer of North Central shot a 72 to lead all golfers.

Teammate Riar LeZotte was one shot behind with a 73 followed by Collin Heiser, Stuart, 80; Jasper Metschke, CWC, 81; Carter Metschke, CWC, 81;

Blaine Frizzel, NC, 81; Daniel Kluver Jr, CWC 86, Kallhoff; Bear Rea, Ainsworth, 90; and Carson Koch, Ainsworth, 90 to round out the top 10.

Competing on the varsity for EPPJ, and their scores, were Michael Selting 107, Gavin Kallhoff 95, Jarek Erickson 113 and Landyn Veik 105.

JV scores were Dannyka Smidt 117, Creighton Harkins 111 and Grady Druke 118.

North Central won the team title with a score of 316 followed by CWC 342, N-V 370, Ainsworth 373, Stuart 385, EPPJ 394 and Boyd County 410.



Landyn Veik eyes his iron shot at Summerland last week. He shot a 105.



Creighton Harkins used a wedge on Hole #4. He shot a 111 for the day.

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1600 run — 1. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 4:58.70; 6. Matthew Kerkman, EPPJ, 5:22.20

400 relay — 1. Bloomfield, 45.43 seconds

400 dash — 1. Mason True, Osmond, 53.96; 2. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 54.78

300 hurdles — 1. Noah Seberger, NC, 42.53 seconds

800 run — 1. Conner Rohrer, Creighton, 2:04.57

200 dash — 1. Evan Hollander, Bloomfield, 24.13 seconds

3200 run — 1. Jaxson Woods, Creighton, 11:33.89; 4. John Zwingman, EPPJ, 12:04.37

1600 relay — 1 Osmond, 3:57.76

TRACK

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY

May 13 ..Districts @ Bassett..... TBA

May 22-23 ..State @ Omaha..... TBA

JUNIOR HIGH

May 7 ... @ Plainview 12:30

GOLF

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY

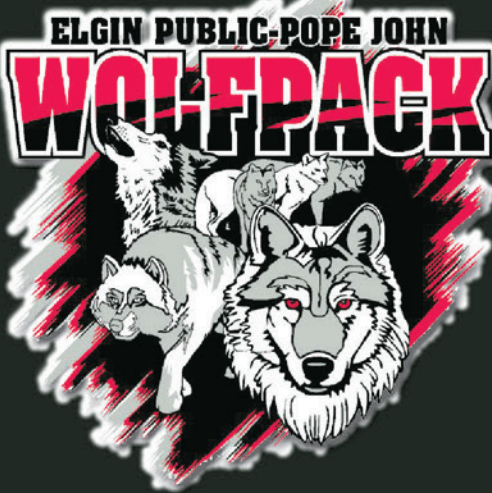
May 11... @ Bassett 9:00

May 12... @ Fullerton 9:00

May 14... @ Antelope Country Club 2:00

May 18... Districts @ Ainsworth..... TBA

May 27-28 StateTBA



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

May 7..... PJCC Seniors Last Day/Awards Day • EPS PreK-3 Library presentation

May 8..... WSC Math Contest • EPS 5 & 6 grade field trips

May 9..... EPS HS graduation

May 10..... PJCC HS graduation

May 11..... EPS Honor Day • PJCC PreK field trip

May 12..... EPS 6th grade orientation • JH football mtg

May 13..... EPS school board mtg

May 14..... PJCC Impact Testing (gr 6-8-10) • PJCC Prek graduation

May 15..... EPS Elementary Grandparents Day/Field Day • PJCC Horseshoe Hustle rewards

May 19..... EPS Preschool & Kindergarten graduations (their last day) • EPS 3rd grade field trip

May 21..... EPS & PJCC last day of school, 11 am dismissal

May 25..... Memorial Day, EPS band plays

May 29..... NVC All Star Basketball Game

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