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## In Brief

### Annual 'Smokin For The Bronze' to be held May 30

Many activities at Bartlett.

**BARTLETT** — The third annual 'Smokin For The Bronze' community celebration will be held here on Saturday, May 30.

A full day of activities are planned for that day including a backyard BBQ competition, car & tractor show, tractor pull, a sanctioned pedal tractor pull and a craft vendor show plus much more.

With the exception of the tractor pull (to be held at the fairgrounds) all other activities will be located on the north side of the Herb Mignery sculpture display at the Wheeler County Courthouse.

The tractor pull is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on the north side of the fairgrounds.

Registration will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

There will be a concession stand available with all proceeds to go to support the many activities throughout the year of the Wheeler Central Booster Club.

A kid's pedal tractor pull will be held, starting at 3 p.m.

A cornhole tournament will be held, starting at 2 p.m. Registration is \$20 per team.

The car, tractor and motorcycle show, a popular event last year, will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. near the courthouse.

Lineup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The craft & vendor show will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Bartlett.

Setup will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Perhaps the biggest event of the one-day celebration is an all you can eat BBQ. It will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the sculpture garden.

Ticket prices are \$15 for persons age 13 and over, \$5 for kids ages 6 to 12.



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

**MEMORIAL DAY** programs in our area:

**9 AM** - St. Patrick's cemetery, rural Deloit

**10 AM** - Park Center cemetery, west of Elgin Speaker - Paige Ringhoff

**11 AM** - West Cedar/St. Boniface cemeteries, Elgin Speaker - Robert Moore

American Legion/VFW members (& auxiliaries) taking part in the programs are asked to meet at the Legion building in Elgin at 8:15 AM.



Paige Ringhoff



Robert Moore

### Sheriff's department responds to 15 '911' calls in March-April

The Antelope County Sheriff's Department continues to log hours providing law enforcement in the Elgin community.

At the May meeting of the Elgin City Council, City Clerk Kristin Childers shared with members recent reports of the number of hours of service recorded in the community.

During March, sheriff patrols added up to 83 hours and 44 minutes and they responded to four '911' calls.

In April, patrol hours rose to just over 98 hours and there were 11 '911' calls.

On another matter involving law enforcement, city hall will ask the sheriff's department to address the matter of dog licenses which have yet to be renewed. The deadline to renew was earlier this month. Now, for those who did not renew, the dog license fee will be \$30.

Altogether, 82 dog licenses have been renewed so far, Childers said, and 49 have yet to be renewed.

## Father Frank - Saving lives in so many ways

By Jane Schuchardt  
Special to The Elgin Review

Said simply, cows and commitment set The Reverend Frank Baumert, Petersburg, on his life journey as a Catholic priest and avid blood donor.

In the quiet of his Pope John Catholic classroom, Father Frank, as he's lovingly known in our community, summed up his now 73 and a half years, "The whole goal in life is to serve God as best we can in this world. Being a priest helps save souls; giving blood helps save lives."

While only God knows how many souls have been saved as a result of his 1978 ordination as a priest for the Archdiocese of Omaha, his blood donation statistics are available through the American Red Cross -- just under 200 pints of whole blood (that's more than 24 gallons!), plus plasma and platelets.

What about those cows and commitment? In his calming and matter-of-fact voice, Father Frank recalled with fondness and respect his early years living on a farm near Howells, a small village in northeast Nebraska. "We were an active Catholic family," he said as he recounted his mother's 60 years as an organist and/or choir director at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. His dad, a WWII veteran, along with his older sister and five younger brothers, all sang in choir.

Two key things -- church and patriotism -- framed his childhood. His dad inspired him to be a blood donor. He was taught soldiers in wartime needed blood, veterans, too. "It's an easy way to serve my country and save lives," Father Frank said as he moved

quickly to the dairy herd. "I grew up thinking I'd be a farmer and then I knew there was no way I wanted to milk cows all my life."

So at the impressionable age of 13, he began his seminary path graduating from St. John Vianney High School in Elkhorn in 1970, then St. Thomas College (now University of St. Thomas) in St. Paul, MN in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy. Then, four more years at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver earning a Master of Divinity degree. Throughout this formal educational journey, he gave blood whenever he could and continued priesthood discernment.

Eventually, what started as "I'll try it out" venture led him to becoming a diocesan priest assigned where needed in the northeast fifth of Nebraska. He explained that in seminary you get to choose what kind of priest you want to be (e.g. religious order, monastic, missionary). "I wanted to serve people in this area (including those who milk cows), because I felt that I understood them better," he shared.

For the last two years, he's been the senior associate pastor for eight churches in this area -- Tilden, Neligh, Clearwater, Ewing, Deloit Township, Raeville, Petersburg, and Elgin. Also in Elgin, he teaches theology to Pope John high school seniors (one hour, four days a week) and visits elementary classrooms. His teaching modality is largely storytelling, often based on recollections of near-death experiences as he ministers to parishioners. In addition to the Good Book, he also accentuates concepts from his unpublished book Kingdom, the Word We No Longer See.

On his day off, generally Monday, he gave whole blood as religiously as he prays daily. "My blood type is O positive, so they're always happy to see me," he

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Photo submitted

**Father Frank Baumert**, Petersburg, is proud of the blood drive organized in his honor April 27, 2026 in recognition of his donation of more than 24 gallons of whole blood.

## #18 school board okays addition to bus barn

Meeting Wednesday night, May 13, the District #18 Board of Education had bells on their minds for a portion of their meeting.

The board approved a change to the daily bell schedule. School will now start at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m.

That was just one of two major items coming from the meeting.

The other story was approval of an addition to the school's bus barn.

The board approved a bid from Beckman Lumber for the addition with OSB walls. The addition will not have a concrete floor.

The cost of the addition will be \$79,850.

Also, electrical work as part of the bus barn addition will be done by Midwest Electrical Service at a cost of \$5,400.

In other action:

**Surplus property** - As is customary this time of the school year, the board approved the sale of surplus items which include textbooks, outdated technology and calculators.

**Handbook** — The elementary, high school and employee handbook for the 2026/2027 school year was approved with changes. School Secretary Jessica Niewohner will update all the handbooks on the school website when completed.



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### Shade brings smiles

When it's hot outside and you're done competing for awhile, what do you do? You find friends and shade under an umbrella. That's what Braelyn Martinsen (l) and Anna Dworak (c) did at last week's district track meet at Bassett.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Supervisors

Proceedings — Village of Bartlett

Notice — Estate of Pamela R. Meis

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### Library summer reading program to feature dinosaurs!

To kick off the summer reading program, Elgin Public Library hosted Dinosaur Dimensions at the Elgin Public gym earlier this month. Curt Strutz from Strutz Entertainment captivated an audience of preschool through 3rd grade students from Elgin Public and Pope John schools. Students learned that some dinosaurs were

carnivores, omnivores and some were herbivores. The highlight of the program was when they got to meet the "real" dinosaurs: Velociraptor, Pteranodon, Stegosaurus and of course, a baby T-Rex. It was quite exciting to get to meet the dinosaurs up close and personal.

### BCHC selects Janelle Tisthammer for 2026 Caring Kind award

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) announced last week that Janelle Tisthammer, RN, is the 2026 Caring Kind Employee of the Year, recognizing not only her compassion and dedication to patient care, but the lasting impact she has made as a mentor and educator to generations of nurses.

Janelle has devoted 24 years to BCHC, beginning her career as a CNA during high school before earning her nursing degree from Central Community College in Grand Island. For the past 22 years, she has worked on the hospital floor during night shifts, where her calm, steady presence and sharp clinical instincts have made her a cornerstone of care. A graduate of Albion High School, Janelle is proud to serve the community she calls home.

While she is widely known for her compassion at the bedside, Janelle's influence reaches far beyond the patients she cares for each night. She has played a critical role in shaping BCHC's nursing team, precepting and mentoring a significant number of new nurses over the years. Her ability to teach in real-time—guiding others through complex situations with clarity and confidence—has helped develop stronger, more capable clinicians across the organization. Her intelligence and critical thinking skills make her a trusted resource, especially in high-pressure moments when sound judgment matters most.

Dependability is a constant in Janelle's career. Whether picking up extra shifts, staying late, or stepping in without hesitation, she is someone her colleagues rely on. Her calm demeanor brings reassurance to both patients and staff, particularly during the demands

of the night shift, earning her the well-deserved reputation as BCHC's "quiet angel."

"Janelle embodies what caring truly means," said Angie Schalk, BCHC Nurse Educator and Janelle's longtime supervisor and colleague. "She is loyal, dependable, and a brilliant nurse who brings empathy and kindness to every patient interaction. Janelle is an incredible mentor and a strong source of

support for her coworkers."

Janelle and her husband, Ryan, have three daughters—Keiley (Radiologic Technologist at BCHC), Karlie, and Sydney. Her parents are Bob and Nancy Luettel. She has two sisters, Kelly Eckhoff and Amy Olnes (Nurse Practitioner at BCHC).

"Janelle represents the heart of BCHC," said Cindy Lesiak, VP of Patient Services.

"Through the nurses she has trained and the confidence she builds in others, her impact is felt far beyond her own shift. She is truly deserving of this recognition."

BCHC congratulates Janelle Tisthammer on this well-earned honor and thanks her for more than two decades of leadership, mentorship, and unwavering commitment to patient care.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

# Kid's Trail Mix, Homemade Petsels



Good day, This week's recipes are called "Kids Fun Foods." With summertime just around the corner, maybe they would enjoy some ideas for snacks.

This trail mix would be perfect for a snack to take camping or to the pool, or even favors at a birthday party. My daughter is going to make this to sell at her friend's Lemonade Stand.

Do whatever work for you. Just have fun doing it!

JoAnn

# Looking Back

The Elgin Review

**Sixty Years Ago** **May 26, 1966**

Dave Workman, America's foremost bell ringer who toured with Spike Jones and his original "City Slickers" has been contracted by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce for their June 20 and 21 Vetch Days entertainment program.

Coach Jerry Mundorf will begin his eighth year here as summer recreation director with registration for all interested boys and girls in the Elgin area on Monday, June 6. All boys and girls in the surrounding area are welcome to take part in the program and many rural youths have taken part in the past. Although attendance at each practice session is desirable, many of the rural youths are competing on a part time basis and are given special consideration.

The program has more than tripled during the past seven summers with the total growing from 26 boys the first summer to over 100 last year.

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1 tsp honey  
1 tsp salt  
1 1/3 cup flour

1 egg beaten  
Coarse salt

Dissolve yeast in warm water, add honey and salt. Add flour and knead. Mix well!  
Roll dough in strips and form into a pretzel shape. Brush with beaten egg and coarse salt.  
Bake at 425° for 10 min.

**Fifty Years Ago** **May 26, 1976**

The University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, will graduate 109 students at its annual commencement exercise Friday, May 28. The list of graduates and their specialized study includes: Daniel F. Baum, Production Agriculture Technology, and Karen Marie Jochum, Veterinary Technology.

Navy Aerographer's Mate Second Class Kenneth L. Vanourney, grandson of Mrs. Frances Schmitt of Elgin, is participating in Operation "Solid Shield '76" aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, home-ported at Norfolk, Va. The two-week going exercise off the North Carolina and Georgia coasts involves 36 ships and more than 50,000 men and women from all branches of the Armed Forces. The exercise will include air, surface and submarine operations and amphibious assault. It is designed to test command and control plans and to provide training in the procedures for emergency evacuation of noncombatants from a simulated battle zone. A 1966 graduate of St. Boniface High School, he joined the Navy in August 1972.

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**Thirty Years Ago** **May 29, 1996**

A covered entryway was completed early this month at Getz' Grocery in Elgin, lending a new look to the local business. A photo is showing Dave Jochum and Roger Paul of Schmitt Construction Co. installing the last pieces of trim on the building.

Planting, picnics, camping trips and baseball games were just some of the outdoor activities delayed by rain and cool weather during the past week in the Elgin area.

While the wet weather has been an inconvenience for area residents, it has also leveled the earlier predictions of a spring drought in Northeast Nebraska. More than 2 1/2 inches of rain had fallen in Elgin from Wednesday, May 22, through Tuesday, May 28, and predictions called for a good possibility for more rain later in the week.

The largest single day rainfall total was 1.04 inches measured at 7 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

## End of school craziness

I recently watched a reel on Facebook that had me laughing. It was about this time of year and they called it "Maycember". It has all the craziness of December without any of the fun, presents, décor, etc.

It was the perfect way to describe one of my least favorite times of year.

May is the culmination of the school year for many of us. A lot of sports are ending, but summer activities have already kicked off.

You throw in all the end of year activities and final exams, and you have a very stressful time for everyone in the family. It feels as though every night the past few weeks has been a balancing act. My husband and I are coordinating who must be where at what time, what clothing is required and when they must be picked up.

For our elementary school aged daughter, we had teacher appreciation week (don't get me started on how they get a week but mothers only get a day), she had to write a speech and make a poster board to run for student council, and I had to order school supplies already for the next year.

She still has soccer practice for the next week but swim team practice and meets have already started.

My middle schooler had an 8th grade dance (where he made his own mask since it was masquerade themed), a mandatory parent meeting for his upcoming trip, a taekwondo tournament, and his own swim team schedule. He also has an awards night for making honor roll.

My high school student had an orchestra concert, an orchestra banquet, his first AP

**Tales of a Tired Momma**



Elgin Columnist  
**Katherine Cobb**

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**Twenty Years Ago** **May 17, 2006**

A rural Elgin home and contents were destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon, May 12. The blaze was discovered shortly after 1 p.m. at the home of the Lynn and Amy Selting and daughters. No one was at home at the time.

The Elgin Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene, about one-half mile north of Elgin, and firemen fought the fire with eight trucks until about 4:30 p.m. Cause of the fire remained under investigation by the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's office. A portion of the home's structure was saved, but it was a considered a total loss.

Corrine Becklun of Elgin was one of 19 students recognized at commencement by Northeast Community College, Norfolk, for earning perfect 4.0 grade point averages while working toward their degrees and diplomas. Miss Becklun received an Associate of Applied Science degree and diploma in the administrative assistant program at Northeast.

Dennis Wiehn passed the 14 gallon mark in total blood donations to the Red Cross Bloodmobile early this year. With his donation last Wednesday, he is already working toward his 15th gallon.

*Prepared by Kari Schindler*

# Elgin Swimming Pool

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**Tuesday, May 26:** Chicken and rice casserole, broccoli/cauliflower mix, peaches, bread & butter, milk.

**Wednesday, May 27:** Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, pineapple, garlic stick, milk.

**Thursday, May 28:** Tator tot casserole, plums, bread & butter, milk.

**Friday, May 29:** Brats on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, mandarin oranges, milk.

Community Center and are subject to change.  
**Suggested price is \$7 per meal** for persons 60 years of age and older.  
**Under 60 is \$10.**  
Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.  
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Edward R. Murrow

## A win for America's energy independence

From Falls City to Lyman, Valentine to Superior, and everywhere in between, Nebraska's Third District is home to some of the hardest-working people I know. Serving them in Congress remains the honor of a lifetime, and one I will never take for granted.

Just as Nebraskans work hard every day to provide for their families, strengthen their communities, and build a better future, I am fighting for them in Washington. Along the way, I have learned that nothing worthwhile comes easy. Few issues reflect this lesson more clearly than the fight for nationwide, year-round E15.

With global instability, volatile fuel prices, and continued uncertainty in the energy sector, energy independence is no longer just an aspiration—it is essential to America's national security and economic strength.

It is finally clear E15 is part of the solution. It is a reliable, clean, and more affordable homegrown fuel that strengthens our domestic energy supply chain while supporting Nebraska's farmers and biofuels producers.

### FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

After years of unnecessary roadblocks, I am proud to say the House recently passed my Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act on a bipartisan basis. This marks a major victory for Nebraska agriculture, American energy independence, and consumers across the country.

I am grateful to my colleagues who voted in favor of expanded market access, consumer choice, and an all-of-the-above American energy strategy. However, while this was an important step forward, the work is far from finished. American families, farmers, and fuel producers are counting on Congress to finish the job and deliver the certainty they deserve. Expanding access to year-round E15 will strengthen rural economies, support domestic

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# Newspaper stories confirm there's still good people out there

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

Every so often, you're reminded that people are generally good.

And, you get some idea how important the media is in helping generate good news.

My latest refresher came via a story I wrote for the Nebraska Examiner, an online news site that used to consume most of my labors.

It involved a woman I met when writing for the Omaha World-Herald about the tiny village of Whiteclay, where four beer stores were selling more than 3 million cans of beer a year to residents of the nearby Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Pine Ridge is one of the poorest areas in the United States. Alcohol possession and sales are banned there, officially, but alcoholism is rampant. Whiteclay — the closest, legal outlet for alcohol — was the reservation's liquor store.

Reporters, like me, wrote stories until we were blue in the face about the drunken, street people who urinated and passed out along the highway running through Whiteclay.

It was a pathetic sight, something you'd think you wouldn't see in our country or state. But little changed in Whiteclay until we wrote stories about Nora Boesem.

Boesem, a former nurse, served as a foster parent for dozens of Native American kids afflicted with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, a set of often profound physical and mental handicaps caused by drinking during pregnancy.

We're talking about kids who couldn't walk and couldn't speak words, who had major deformities, shortened lifespans and had cognitive development of preschoolers.

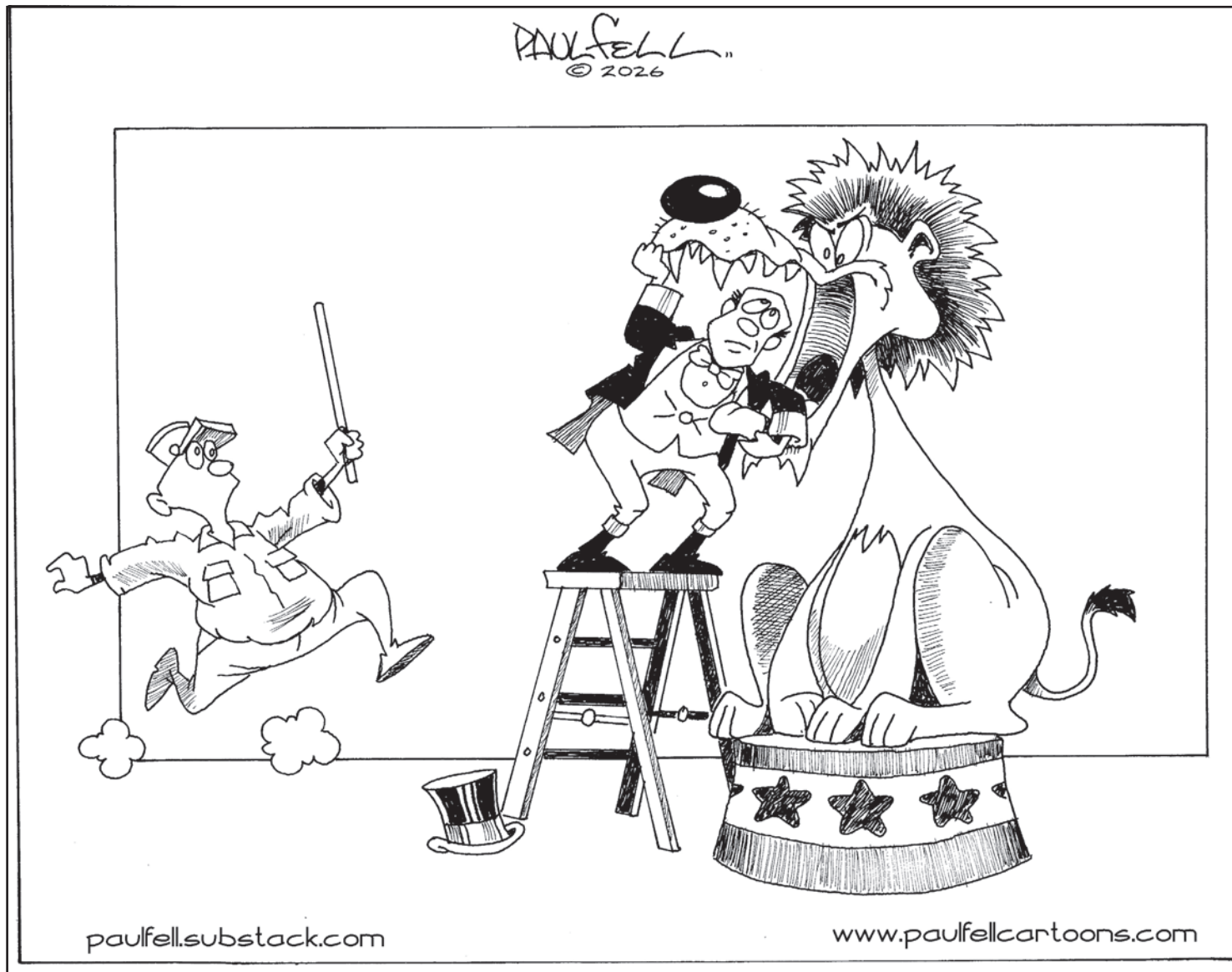
"Nora's a saint," one person told me, for taking in high-need kids that few others would. She ended up adopting several.

Anyway, upon hearing that Boesem was in dire financial straits due to a divorce, a wreck with an uninsured motorist, a cutback in government

### ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



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aid, and mounting medical bills for her now-14 adoptees, I picked up my reporter notebook and wrote a story.

The reaction blew me away, and reduced Boesem to tears. Within six hours of the story's posting, \$12,000 had been donated to a GoFundMe account started by a friend of Boesem's.

As I write this, eight days later after the story ran in other publications, donations are nearing \$29,000.

There are still good people in this world. That's the same reaction some of our Nebraska ranchers had this spring when they saw a semi-load of hay bales driving to their ranches, blackened by historic wildfires.

"People were just tearful," said Jason Christensen of Crusty's Feed Store in Arthur, where some donations were received. "They were humble and

overtaken with emotion." Christensen said his store alone saw 700 semi-loads of hay arrive from as far away as Texas, Tennessee and South Carolina.

There were also 10 donated truckloads of protein tubs. It was maybe half or a third of what was donated overall to fire victims in the state, he estimated.

"It's a 'thanks is not enough' kind of deal," Christensen said.

You often hear the same reaction after countless local chili feed fundraisers for families stressed by the pricey bills of treating a family member's cancer.

In the news business, we often don't know what, if any, impact was generated by a story.

But it's good to know that stories, like the ones about Nora Boesem and

others about the state's fire-ravaged ranches, can still have an impact.

It's also another reminder of how important a local newspaper, news site or a TV or radio station can be in spreading the word about people in need, people who need some help.

Because there's still good people out there.

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## Bartlett News

Bernard F. Fairbanks, originally of Spalding, died May 11, 2026 at the age of 93 at Heritage of Bel-Air in Norfolk Nebraska. He is the father of Jean Nordhues who resides with her husband Paul in Bartlett.

Lois A. Smith Swanson, formerly of Ericson, died May 15, 2026 in the Burwell Nursing Home at the age of 88.

Mary Ann (Markvicka) Schmeits of rural Ericson died May 10 at the age of 84. Mary was the wife of Gene Schmeits.

## Smith

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energy production, and give consumers a more affordable option at the pump. We cannot afford to let unnecessary delays stand in the way of policies that benefit both our economy and our energy security.

Now, the Senate must act. Nationwide, year-round E15 can lower prices at the pump—in some instances by over 50 cents a gallon. It is projected to increase demand for corn by over 2 billion bushels a year. This

cannot wait – we must deliver this vital part of America's energy independence.

I know Senator Fischer and Senator Ricketts will do everything in their power to pass this legislation in the Senate, and I look forward to continuing to support their efforts in any way that I can. Together, I am confident we will be able to send my Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailers Choice Act to President Trump's desk, where he will make nationwide, year-round E15 a reality.

Our thoughts and prayers are lifted up for each of these families that have lost a loved one.

Wheeler Central student's last day of was Thursday, May 14. On that day, 6th - 11th graders helped haul out furniture and boxed items from each high school room to the old gym. Each room had to be cleared for construction workers. The students carried out the project in a short amount of time. They were amazing! The gym is amazingly neat and orderly. Wheeler Central will, hopefully, begin a number of renovations beginning the end of this month. One of the first projects is putting a new heating and cooling system in the high school.



Fourth grade students earned their last ribbon, a black one, on May 13 in the "Recorder Karate," program. It is designed to encourage achievement in learning to play recorders. Shown are (l-r): Austin Robertson, Logan Landgren, Addilyn Swick, Addie Reed, Ridge Smith and Emilia Plugge. Not pictured: Jacob Perkins.

## Fischer

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ful: introduce and honor my office's spring interns.

Each spring, summer, and fall, my offices in Washington, D.C., Omaha, and Lincoln welcome college students eager to learn how the Senate works. These young Nebraskans are often the first face you see when you visit my office. They process constituent correspondence, lead Capitol tours, attend briefings and committee hearings, track legislation, assist with federal casework, and conduct legislative research. They show up every day ready to serve, and their work ethic shows.

The interns who have passed through my office throughout my time in the Senate have proven, time and again, to be invaluable.

Their energy, curiosity, and fresh perspectives enrich our team and ensure that young Nebraskans have a voice in our work. I hope this experience has been as rewarding for them as their service has been for our state.

If you know a Nebraska college student who would thrive

in that kind of environment, please encourage them to apply. Internship positions are available year-round and are open to both current college students and recent graduates. Details and application deadlines are available on my website at [fischer.senate.gov](http://fischer.senate.gov).

A Senate internship offers a firsthand look at how government operates, how policy is made, and how one office can make a real difference for real people. I can think of no better classroom.

And to any Nebraskan planning a trip to the nation's capital: come join us for a Nebraska Breakfast.

The remaining dates this year are:

Wednesdays — May 20, June 3, June 10, June 24, July 15, July 22, September 16, September 23 and September 30

We meet at 8 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building whenever both chambers of Congress are in session. We'd love to see you there.

Thank you for participating in the democratic process. I look forward to visiting with you again next week.

## Cobb

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exam, tons of school projects due and two SAT prep courses. He also is on the swim team and is trying to get all his hours in to take his driving test.

He's applying for jobs for the summer, and he has final exams next week.

I'm honestly tired just writing all of this out. This is on top of us having full-time jobs ourselves and violin lessons and Scouts meetings. I feel like I barely see my husband, as if we're two ships passing in the night.

By the time everyone is home, I'm so exhausted from the day that I just want to crash into bed so I can rest before getting up and doing it all over again.

I know that every year I'm counting down until summer, but it only takes a few weeks before I'm wishing school would return!

It's probably just the stage of life we're in with three very busy kiddos, but rest and relaxation often feel out of reach. At least the summer seems to have a little slower pace, and the schedule is not as demanding.

I only have a few more weeks of craziness before things will die down a bit.

I'm looking forward to some vacations with the kids, including a trip to Nebraska (Runza, here I come).

We have some family visits planned, and I will not be sad about a break from soccer practice and a lack of emails from the schools. In two months, I may be singing a very different tune after having them home all summer but for now, bring it on!

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The Mario Kart 8 team included (l-r) Haley Parks, Halle Lueking, Creighton Harkins and Gavin Harkins.



The Fortnite team included (l-r): Justice Blecher, Trey Rittscher, Ticen Sparr, Kaiden Bode and Donmetrious Dredge.

## EPS eSports teams enjoyed success this spring with Coach Callahan

This spring season led to many successes for Elgin Public's eSports Teams. It all began on Saturday, March 28, the Elgin Eagles Fortnite team battled 12 other schools in Division 4 (think other Class D schools) online to place sixth out of 12 teams. They received medals for their sixth place finish from the Nebraska School eSports Association, the governing body of all middle and high school competitive eSports teams in Nebraska.

Scoring for placing was determined by the number of teams left when a team is eliminated per round and the number of

eliminations the team collected during that same round of gameplay. There were four total rounds of play.

Team members included Trey Rittscher, Kaiden Bode, Justice Blecher, Ticen Sparr, and Donmetrious Dredge. If you missed the action, all future matches played for competition are streamed on Twitch, a live-streaming platform, at Twitch.tv/elgineaglesesports.

The team has experienced further success with Elgin Public's Mario Kart 8 Team playing the second newest of the classic family game - Mario Kart. The

team composed of Halle Lueking, Haley Parks, Gavin Harkins, Creighton Harkins, and substitute Donmetrious Dredge ranked fifth at the end of regular season play with a record of 5-2, losing to the top two teams in Division 4. The Mario Kart 8 Team swept their playoff matches to make it all the way to the state tournament held in Crete at Doane University on April 17. During their playoff matches they won against two separate Arcadia teams, ranked 12th and 4th in the division from regular season play.

On that day the team consisted of Creighton, Gavin, Halle,

and Haley participated in the NSeSA State Tournament in the Haddix Rec Center at Doane University. The team participated in four separate games versus four other teams. Their first match was a rematch of the wildcard entry, Arcadia. Elgin's team battled to sweep them 2-0. Next up was a matchup against the #1 team in the division, Hay Springs. Elgin lost 0-2 in a hard fought race.

Elgin moved to the other side of the bracket to face off against #3 East Butler. Elgin pulled off the upset and won 2-0 to move them to the consolation finals against #6 Scribner-Snyder.

Playing on the main stage in the longest match of the day, Elgin lost 1-2 in a final tie breaker race. The match was anyone's game all the way through. Elgin ended up placing fourth overall and received medals for their

performance. The tournament was a great experience for the Elgin team and they represented the school well. Good job Eagles!

Submitted by Coach Brandon Callahan

## AMH Caring Kind award winner is Ryan Gallagher

Ryan Gallaher, physical therapist/certified athletic trainer, is the 2026 Caring Kind Award Winner of Antelope Memorial Hospital. He was recognized for this prestigious award on Tuesday, May 12 during National Hospital Week.

Each year, the Nebraska Hospital Association honors employees from hospitals across the state as "Caring Kind" employees.

The honored employee must exemplify the spirit of someone who gives that "something special" to others.

Ryan began providing physical therapy services eight years ago at AMH through Overland Rehab Services. He also serves as director of the AMH Physical Therapy and Wellness Departments.

This spring, Ryan was nominated and selected by his fellow employees to win AMH's "caring kind" award.

His nomination describes him as an individual who consistently demonstrates compassion, professionalism and teamwork.

He truly lives AMH's mission of "healing body, mind and spirit". He shows these qualities in every role he serves - as a co-worker, supervisor and healthcare professional. He is

known by his patients for his informative, caring and calm demeanor.

Many former physical therapy patients still stop in to say hello or share how well they're doing and to thank him for his past help.

Ryan also creates a positive and supportive work environment by encouraging professional growth, celebrating special occasions with co-workers and always taking a hands-on approach to help others succeed. And when help is needed, regardless of the department - he steps in to help without hesitation. He's always willing to go the extra mile for patients and staff.

"I was very surprised to be chosen as this year's caring kind winner," said Ryan. "It's truly an honor to be nominated for this award and even more of an honor to be chosen. I really appreciate knowing that the people I work with feel I'm deserving - as there are a lot of great people who work at AMH!"

I truly enjoy working at AMH as a physical therapist, added Ryan. I'm able to spend time with my patients. It's more of an experience where people share and let you into their lives and I get to share my experiences with them as well. Plus, AMH is a great place to work and grow professionally. I consider it a blessing to be a part of AMH's team.

Currently, Ryan and his wife, Tanya, and their family reside

in Norfolk. Their children include Jackson (age 15), Jordan (age 13) and Everly (age 7). Tanya is the underwriter and marketing/sales director for an insurance company. Ryan's

### Father Frank

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said. This dubs Father Frank as a universal donor, since what he gives can be transfused into any patient regardless of blood type.

While he donated whole blood for years, at the request of the American Red Cross, he switched to donating platelets and plasma in order to donate more often. Currently, his destination is an American Red Cross facility in Grand Island where he donates platelets and plasma. With drive and donation time, it's a six-hour excursion. Donating whole blood can only be done every eight weeks while platelet and plasma donations, a three-hour process, can be done weekly. Though he goes often, his current schedule does not allow a weekly trip. He explained this trek allows him to make a more far-reaching impact, giving three units of platelets each trip and an additional unit of plasma each month. Lately, he estimates he's given 375 units of platelets and 25 units of plasma.

Along with those milk cows and his parents, and a storytelling teacher, a nun, in elementary school, Father Frank bows to the "hard work life of farming" that keeps him in the donor chair and nudged him, along with God's whispers, to priesthood. "Farm life helped me realize how important it is to live for the sake of others, not for your own comfort," he said.

Not that he seeks recognition, the fine people in this locality recognize his good works. For

siblings include Sean, Lars, Martin and Amy.

Ryan enjoys spending time with family, attending his children's activities, fishing and golf.

example, an April 27th 'donate blood' drive in Petersburg to honor Fr. Frank's long history as an American Red Cross blood donor resulted in 34 pints collected, plus seven 'Power Red' donations, a process where red blood cells are extracted. In everyday speech, amen is a word of agreement and trust. We can all stand behind this reality - Father Frank, our community thanks you for your good and faithful service. AMEN.

### County GOP races spark interest

As is often the case, registered voters in Antelope County like to vote. Statistics show just that from the primary election held Tuesday, May 12.

On election day, just over 1,800 voters of a wide array of political parties voted in the election.

As for the two local races county voters voted on, Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore bested challenger Aubrey Miller by an unofficial total of 864 to 608. Some believed the race would be closer, but Moore easily defeated Miller by more than a four-to-three margin.

The District #5 Antelope County Commissioner race was much closer. Incumbent Casey Dittrich won the Republican primary collecting 124 votes, just seven more than Duane Miller who receive 117. Another Elgin man running in the race, Eric Meis, collected 75 votes.



Ryan Gallagher

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## ESTATE OF PAMELA R. MEIS

## NOTICE

Estate of **PAMELA R. MEIS**,  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2026, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR26-14, Joseph M. Meis, whose mailing address is 83530 526 Ave., Elgin, NE 68636, and Aaron T. Meisenheimer, whose mailing address is 4962 B Street, Omaha, NE 68106, have been appointed as co-personal representatives of

this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 5, 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  
PUBLISH: May 6, 13 & 20, 2026  
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 13, 2026 MTG.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room

May 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The board members present were Luke Hinkle, Todd Heithoff, Ron Bode, Steve Busteded, and Lisa Welding. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Todd Heithoff motioned, and Luke Hinkle second to excuse Eric Beckman from the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Todd Heithoff motioned and Ron Bode second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Board Bills #5 - Minutes of Previous Meeting, #6 - Adopt the Agenda, #7 - Financial Report. Motion carried, vote 5-0.

95 Percent Group LLC, 400.00; AMAZON, 376.75; APPEARA, 517.54; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 3,072.60; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 1,863.75; Bishop Business, 178.15; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 1,987.32; Busteded, Casey, 95.27; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 42.00; CITY OF ELGIN, 840.65; Computer Hardware, Inc., 14,216.00; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 4,650.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 19.00; Crowne Plaza Kearney, 645.80; DEAN'S MARKET, 184.67; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 1,169.50; EDMONTUM, 2,761.95; Edpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE STOP, 361.86; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 173.79; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 2,665.54; ESU #1, 25.00; ESU #8, 85,715.65; Go Physical Therapy, 2,387.40; Great America Financial Services, 1,026.88; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 337.41; HMH Education Company, 716.75; HP Inc., 1,740.19; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 153.00; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc., 207.13; JMC COMPUTER SERVICE INC., 4,310.96; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 5,966.07; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 261.00; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 1,801.99; MIDWEST MUSIC, 136.54; NEBRASKA COUNCIL SCHOOL ADM, 1,613.00; OVERLAND REHAB, 933.10; PAPER 101, 3,341.16; PIZZA RANCH, 299.00; PROTEX CENTRAL, 600.00; Rise Broadband, 19.30; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 73.60; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 5.61; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.06; WAGWORKS, INC., 144.50; WALMART, 180.31; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 24.26; Y&Y Lawn Service, 120.00

Fund number, 155,456.31  
Checking Account ID, 155,456.31  
President Welding recognized

visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments. President Welding reminded visitors of Policy 204.12.

No committee reports

In the Principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff went over events that have happened and upcoming events. Employee luncheon is May 21 at noon Board members are welcome.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Brockhaus provided an update on the CTE Review, noting that the review identified the need to install two floor sinks in the kitchen. He is currently starting to put a budget together and will have the Finance Committee go through it when completed.

Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busteded second to Approve the second reading of the Perry Firm recommended policies: 1040 Community Relations; 3540 Business Operations; 5000 Series Table of Contents; 5209 Students - School Library Materials and Parent Access; 5601 Students - Asthma, Anaphylaxis, and Allergic Reaction Protocol; 7050 New Construction. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned to approve the Option 1 Change in the Daily Bell Schedule and Ron Bode second. School will start at 8:00am and dismiss at 3:30pm. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Ron Bode motioned to approve the Elementary, High School and Employee Handbook for the 2026 - 2027 school year with changes. Steve Busteded seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, Motion carried. Will have Jessica update all the handbooks on the school website when complete.

Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busteded seconded to approve the Bus Barn Addition bid from Beckman Lumber with the OSB walls, no concrete floor for an amount of \$79,850. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Steve Busteded motioned to approve the electrical work in the bus barn addition from Midwest Electrical Service \$5,400.00 Ron Bode seconded. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned to approve the Activity Bus Driver Pay schedule and seconded by Luke Hinkle. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Steve Busteded motioned Todd Heithoff seconded to approve the sale of Surplus items: textbooks; outdated technology and calculators. Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Steve Busteded motioned and Ron Bode seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:18 pm, Vote 5-0 motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Board Retreat to follow in the board room at Elgin Public School

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Bode, Secretary  
- This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.  
PUBLISH: May 20, 2026  
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 11, 2026 MEETING

## THE BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$450. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$94.86; Rick Custard, Potholes, mow, weed eat, restrooms, branches, \$525.00; NNTC, Internet, telephone, \$131.11; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$80.30; Wemart, Park Supplies, \$10.53; Spalding Farm & Home, Lawn Sprinkler, \$31.99; Plugge's Rod Shop, Mower Repair/Oil change, \$317.39; Rick Smith, Tilling sand volleyball court at park, \$120.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Teri Ellenwood, Salary, \$318.61; Emma Smith, Salary, \$253.96

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$3,875.75

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD,

Utilities, \$64.80  
TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$64.80

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$1,092.59

TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$1,092.59

WATER: Central District Health Dept., Water Testing, \$108.00; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$529.47; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$450.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,087.47

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$6,120.61

OTHER BUSINESS: Village clean up days May 9th to May 18th, 2026.

A final design was discussed for the mural, and work should begin when available. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to approve the final drawing. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues motioned to remove Emma Smith from the village bank accounts. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The board discussed the Fraide building permit. A concrete pad will be poured to support the house. The property still needs to be cleaned up quite a bit. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner approve the permit.

Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The splashpad project is moving along, Alexis Sprout and Jennifer Wright came and discussed the new company they are going with for the equipment. They have acquired many volunteers to help with assembling the equipment. Discussed some contingencies to the project in adding a sidewalk and a shade covering 4 benches. Gray water system was discussed. Project will take around 16 weeks to complete with a possibility of being finished by county fair. Moving the sand volleyball court so the splashpad would be closer to the water supply and would move parking from 1st street to Randolph Street was also discussed. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to approve the splashpad. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was brought up about purchasing a handicapped swing and adding it to the park playground. It will be discussed and voted upon at next month's meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of May 2026  
PUBLISH: May 20, 2026  
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 11, 2026 MEETING

## ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER PC ex 522.10; CORNERSTONE MAPPING ex 56,000.00; CUBBYS ex 777.10; DAS STATE ACCT ex 537.60; DUSTYS ex 839.15; EAKES OFC SOL ex 3,717.81; EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 10,124.77; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE ex 3,005.34; ELGIN REVIEW ex 2,560.29; ELITE OFFICE PRODS ex 325.21; FED W/H tax 13,662.66; FIRST CONCORD ins 10,072.93; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 333.85; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 411.25; HOLIDAY INN ex 259.90; JACKS UNIFORMS ex 356.89; JONNY DODGE ex 652.17; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 1,104.00; WITNESS ex 804.75; LA QUINTA INNS ex 660.00; LIBERTY NATL ex 133.22; MADISON CO SHRF ex 30.84; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 123.33; MAXIMUS CONSULTING SVCS ex 46.06; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,244.01; WITNESS ex 150.80; LYNNEL MORGAN ex 60.00; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 992.23; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,727.17; NEBR LAW ENF TRAIN CENT ex 525.00; THOMAS NELSON ex 58.57; WINTESS ex 669.90; VSP-NACO VISION ins 534.95; NCPPD ut 65.67; NE NEBR RC&D ex 75.00; NE NEBR AREA AGENCY ex 5,264.00; OLD MILL SALES AND REPAIRS ex 1,610.00; PAGE MY CELL ex 3,000.00; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 20.35; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,106.17; PITZER DIGITAL ex 820.47; QUILL CORP ex 44.57; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; RODEWAY INN ex 95.39; SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP ex 1,581.10; SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL ex 17,460.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 424.09; SOC SEC 29,425.64; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,141.06; STRATTON DELAY CARLSON STOWER & STR ex 5,400.00; SUNFLOWER LAW ex 2,150.00; THE TILDEN CITIZEN ex 1,440.00; TRUSTMARK ins 243.67; TYLER TECH ex 474.94; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ex 102.46; WASHINGTON NATL ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 424.95; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 300,000.00; PAYROLL 149,135.11;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 536.41; AMERITAS ins 13,841.32; AMH ex 38.00; APPEARA ex 76.09; FIRSTNET ut 141.82; ATCO INTERNATL ex 603.36; B'S ENT ex 12,296.50; BAUER BUILT TIRE ex 430.00; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 82.50; BELL BANK ex 27,424.10; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,163.33; BCBS ins 60,842.54; BOMGAARS ex 1,412.38; GARY BORER ex 180.00; CARHART LUMBER ex 14.55; CITY OF ELGIN ut 95.82; CITY OF NELIGH ut 15.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.62; COLONIAL LIFE ins 307.96;

COLONIAL RESEARCH ex 989.90; CONSTELLATION ut 203.59; CORNER SVC & TIRE ex 35.00; CREDIT MGMT SVCS garn 520.85; CUBBYS ex 1,297.08; DIXON CONSTRUCTION ex 40,237.46; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 488.67; ERPPD ut 484.61; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 7,619.64; FARMERS PRIDE ex 34,022.70; FED W/H tax 7,199.99; VIRGINIA FILSINGER ex 1,200.00; FIRST CONCORD ins 162.80; FRONTIER COMM ut 969.90; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 342.11; DALE STELLING ex 102.89; COLLECTION SVC CENTER ex 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY ex 234.60; JEBRO ex 9,752.21; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 6,270.00; DUANE JONES ex 30.00; JONNY DODGE ex 773.74; K&S DOOR ex 71.00; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 4.22; LAMMERS TRAILER ex 1,943.55; LAWSON PRODS ex 3,939.47; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 3,060.90; LYNNIS REPAIR ex 100.00; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 63.68; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 2,728.74; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 5,339.68; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 675.24; NACU ex 110.00; NATL INS SVC ins 60.50; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT ex 987.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,495.51; NPPD ut 193.12; VSP-NACO VISION ins 406.01; NMC EXCHANGE ex 5,601.82; NCPPD ut 211.53; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 1,998.00; NNTC ut 74.76; PETERBILT OF NORFOLK ex 8,907.10; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 225.25; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 84.25; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,225.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS ex 15,528.83; ROYAL GAS & GOODS ex 223.43; RUTJENS CONSTRUCTION ex 3,230.42; JEREMY SANNE ex 26.01; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 9,852.31; WEX BANK ex 378.71; SOC SEC 18,839.36; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 63,137.66; SPUD TRUCKING ex 1,305.00; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.75; THEISEN CONSTRUCTION ex 38,000.00; TRUCK CENTER OF NORFOLK ex 21,108.03; TRUST-

MARK ins 440.87; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 1,021.62; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 92.25; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 83.79; WASHINGTON NATL ins 99.60; WESTERN OIL II ex 473.54; 319 GRAPHICS ex 296.98; PAYROLL 94,570.85;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 361.20;

Law Enforcement: BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 377.72; CASH-WA DISTR ex 5,239.65; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,262.94; CULLIGAN ex 76.25; DEANS MARKET ex 359.40; FAITH HEALTH ex 540.00; TONYA HART ex 47.50; HILAND DAIRY ex 524.88; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 456.00; O'NEILL PEST CONTROL ex 100.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 84.24; DAVID SCHMITT ex 454.74; THRIFTWAY ex 1,697.01; DENDINGER DRUG ex 268.76; WARREN GARAGE DOOR ex 276.00;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 450.08; CHARM-TEX ex 595.60; CUBBYS ex 4.98; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 429.76; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 66.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,103.81.

Approved 2026-2027 Insurance Plan.

Zoning Administrator: April zoning permit report.

Held public hearing date for conditional use permit - Old Mill Sales and Service. Approved conditional use permit.

Weed Department follow-up. Road Superintendent Report. Approved one (1) oversize permits, approved nine (9) NPPD right of way permits and three (3) underground permits.

Approved interlocal agreement with the Village of Oakdale.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY

Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/

Antelope County Clerk

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 11, 2026 MTG.

## ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD  
OF EQUALIZATION  
Neligh, Nebraska  
May 11, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved six (6) tax roll corrections.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY

Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/

Antelope County Clerk

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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
Neligh, Nebraska  
May 11th, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the May 5th, 2026, meeting. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence. Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer's Fund Balance, Treasurers Miscellaneous Revenue, Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement, Sheriff's Fee Report for April were reviewed.

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: AKRS ex 7,200.00; AMAZON ex 596.72; AMERITAS ins 22,528.10; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 308.67; ANTELOPE CO SHRF ex 543.82; APPEARA ex 81.34; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,110.40; FIRSTNET ut 651.97; AMY BAKER ex 30.00; BENCHMARK GOV SOL ex 27.90; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 958.98; BCBS ins 77,670.64; BOB BARKER CO ex 79.98; BOMGAARS ex 130.96; CAISEYS ex 115.34; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,187.31; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 294.00; COLDTYPE PUB ex 572.63; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40;

Community  
Calendar

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

Thursday, May 21  
Last day of classes at Elgin schools.

Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day observed with programs at local cemeteries.\*

Saturday, May 30  
Smokin for the Bronze community celebration at Bartlett.\*

Sunday, May 31  
Elgin Vetch Days Celebration begins with pancake feed at KC Hall (morning) and tractor pull beginning at 11 a.m.

Monday, June 1  
Vetch Days community BBQ begins at 5 p.m. followed by the parade at 7 p.m. plus free carnival rides. Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.

Tuesday, June 2  
Vetch Days Pool Party starts at 1 p.m. Cruise Night to wrap up celebration. Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Supervisors.

Sunday, June 14  
Flag Day observance at the Elgin Public Library.

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS

The Elgin Review will have an **EARLY DEADLINE** for the June 3rd newspaper. All ads and news copy will need to be submitted by Friday, May 29th at 5 pm. Beginning Monday, June 1st through Tuesday, June 9th, our office will be open only in the mornings, closing at noon. There will be **NO NEWS-PAPER** for the week of **June 8th - no June 10th** edition.

# Spring Turn-Out - drought edition

Pastures are greening up, but this spring that green-up may be slower and thinner than we would like. After a dry fall, dry winter, and limited spring moisture, many cool-season pastures are starting the season with very little soil moisture to work with. Nebraska's pasture and range conditions are well behind normal, with the May 4 report showing 32% very poor, 40% poor, 24% fair, and only 4% good, with none rated excellent.

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That makes spring turn-out decisions especially important this year. The question is not just, "Is there green grass out there?" The better question is, "Is there enough growth to graze without setting the pasture back even further?"

Grasses are built to handle grazing, but grazing still puts stress on the plant. When leaf material is removed, the plant has to draw on reserves in the crown, stems, and roots to restart growth and rebuild the leaf area needed for photosynthesis. Early spring is already a vulnerable time because plants are coming out of winter with limited reserves and are counting on that first flush of growth to recharge.

In a normal year, that early growth can come on quickly. In a dry year, growth is slower, root reserves may already be stretched, and plants may not have enough moisture to recover after grazing. If animals nip off that new growth too soon, the pasture can lose production not just early in the season, but for the rest of the grazing year.

That is why basing turn-out on a calendar date is risky, and

in a drought year it can be especially costly. A better guideline is to wait until key grasses have reached at least the 3-leaf stage before grazing. On mixed cool-season pastures, that may mean watching smooth brome, orchardgrass, wheatgrass, or whatever species make up the bulk of your forage base. In a drought year, though, that should be viewed as a minimum starting point, not an automatic go-ahead. If those plants are still short, thin, and short on leaf area, the pasture is not ready, even if the calendar says it normally would be.

During drought, delaying turn-out where possible is one of the best ways to protect season-long production. Because the 2025 grazing season ended dry, and limited moisture through winter left much of the state short on soil moisture going into spring. Spring precipitation is especially important for cool-season grass growth this year, and unfortunately we aren't seeing much of it.

If delaying turn-out is not possible, then stocking rate and grazing pressure need to be adjusted. That may mean turning out fewer pairs, using a sacrifice area, feeding hay longer, grazing crop residue or annual forages where available, or planning earlier movement between pastures. The main goal is to avoid grazing plants close to the ground while they are already struggling to grow.

In dry conditions, residual matters. Leaving more leaf area and old growth helps shade the soil, catch and hold mois-

ture, and give plants a better chance to respond when rain does come. Grazing too short removes that protection and can make a dry pasture even drier.

The "where" question also matters. When multiple pastures are available, avoid starting with the same pasture every year simply because it is close or convenient. Repeated early grazing puts the same plants under stress at the same vulnerable stage. Over time, even hardy cool-season grasses can lose vigor when grazed hard early year after year.

This spring, it may be worth starting with the pasture that has the most growth and the best chance to recover, rather than the one that is most convenient. Pastures that were grazed hard last fall, went into winter short, or are showing thin spring growth should move down the list if possible.

There is still a place for targeted early grazing, but drought changes the risk. In native range with aggressive cool-season invaders like smooth brome or crested wheatgrass, early grazing can be used to set those species back. But this year, be careful not to damage the desirable native warm-season grasses that have not started growing

yet. Once the target species has been utilized, animals need to be pulled before the broader pasture is overused.

Spring turn-out is always a balance between animal needs and pasture recovery. In a dry year, that balance gets tighter. Time turn-out to plant growth, not the calendar. Wait for the 3-leaf stage where possible. Delay grazing, reduce pressure, or provide supplemental feed if pastures are short. Leave more residual than normal, and rotate grazing pressure so the same pastures are not hit early every year.

A little patience now may help protect forage production for the rest of the season.

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- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- In a less flashy way
- Living room piece
- Shepherd dog
- A citizen of Iran
- Moved slowly
- Small finch
- Previously
- What a kid does on Halloween
- Monetary unit
- Using dry humor
- Ocean
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Not close
- NHL legend Bobby
- A ballplayer would love to do this
- Charity
- City in Finland
- Loomed over
- Vaccine developer
- Avoids capture
- We all need it
- Openwork fabrics
- Get away
- Something you might hit
- Soviet Socialist Republic

## CLUES DOWN

- Abstain from
- Admirer
- Expedition to observe animals
- Act that is legally void
- WW2 combatants
- A tool
- Looked at
- Showing wild excitement
- Banknotes
- Tired
- Printers need it
- Women's patriotic group
- When you anticipate getting somewhere
- Functions
- Breed of sheep
- Mocking pieces
- A major division of geological time
- Andiron
- Many not ands
- Cuban city
- He voiced "Olaf"
- Criticize
- "Thundercats" character
- Markings
- Gets up
- MLB lefty reliever A.J.
- An assembly of witches
- High energy lasers (abbr.)



May 31-June 2

# 2026 Vetch Days events announced

Elgin will be celebrating America's 250 years of Freedom this year during Vetch Days.

Kicking off on Sunday, May 31st, it will also feature two nights of FREE carnival rides on June 1 & 2, 6-11 pm, provided by River City Carnival.

The always "tentative" schedule of events is:

**Sunday, May 31**  
8 am-Noon Pancake Feed, Free Will Donation, Elgin KC Hall

11 am Tractor Pull FREE East North Street Bruce Clark

6:30 pm Puzzle Contest\*, VFW Auxiliary, \$50 per 4-person team, Elgin KC Hall. Contact Kim Schrage for more details & to sign up!

5 pm Kid's Kickball Tourney, grades K-5 @ Ball Fields  
9 pm JH/HS Kickball Tourney, @ Ball Fields. Contact Jill McNally

**Monday, June 1**  
10 am-4 pm Sidewalk Chalk Art ~FREE~ Downtown Elgin

11 am-1 pm Meal at the Elgin Community Center (Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookies/Bars, Water \$12)

5-7 pm Community BBQ, Elgin Firehall Elgin Rescue squad is planning to make FREE blood pressure checks!

7 pm Parade (250/Patriotic Theme). 6:15 lineup, east side of Elgin City Park (come in from the north)

8 pm Duck Races hosted by the Elgin Community Center At 3rd & Maple St intersection. Contact Janna Schunk to "buy" your ducks

6-11 pm Carnival is open & rides are FREE

**Tuesday, June 2**  
10 am-Noon Petting Zoo (Way Out West 4H Club) & Balloon Animals for kids at the City Library FREE

11 am-1 pm Meal at the Elgin Community Center (Walking Tacos, Cookies/Bars, Water \$13)

1-4 pm Pool Party at the Elgin City Pool-first 40 kids get in FREE (daily pass - \$5)

6-8 pm Karaoke Big A building FREE

5:30 pm-??? Burger Feed by the Elgin KCs at the KC Hall

7-9 pm Cruise Night  
6-11 pm Carnival is open & rides are FREE

# ELGIN LIVESTOCK SALES INC. NO SALE MONDAY, MAY 25

Another excellent auction on Monday, May 18th. Sold 1,750 head of cattle on a very active market.

## Some prices from Monday:

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12 BLK Steers	387.....612.50
25 BLK Steers	641.....451.50
24 BLK Steers	528.....502.00
30 BLK Heifers	528.....462.00
27 Red Steers	711.....417.00
39 Charolais Steers	745.....407.00
63 Charolais Red BLK Heifers	919.....322.00
147 BLK Steers	909.....365.50
121 BLK Steers	927.....361.00
120 BLK Steers	1002.....334.25
164 BLK Steers	1083.....318.75
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## Schools host end-of-the-year activities last week

Sunshine and warm weather last week proved to be the perfect combination for end-of-the-school-year activities outside. (Above) On Friday, Elgin Public Schools hosted grandparents day in the morning hours, then an elementary field day in the afternoon to take advantage of the warm weather. (Left) Across town at Pope John, they too had a number activities geared for students Friday afternoon. Among them was, for a select few, the opportunity to give a teacher a pie in the face.



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## Celebrating patriotism

Elgin Community Center Director Janna Schunk displays a patriotic tree celebrating our country's 250th anniversary. This year's Vetch Days will have a patriotic theme and all are being encouraged to decorate in red, white & blue for Vetch Days and the 250th celebration.

# Good Luck!

### Max, Ethan, Braelyn and Kayton at the State Track & Field Championships

Thanks to the Wolfpack **Golf Team** for their hard work this season.



### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- May 20... EPS Burger Bash • Sophomore parent/student prom meeting
- 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
- June 7-12... EPS Jr. Class Trip
- June 10... EPS school board mtg
- June 12... Red Cross Bloodmobile

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# Wolfpack Sports



## Four punch ticket to compete at State Track & Field in Omaha

BASSETT — In a district track meet dominated by Bloomfield and North Central athletes, Elgin Public-Pope John still made their mark here May 13.

A fantastic foursome of Wolfpack athletes earned their way to the State Track & Field Championships to be held Friday and Saturday at Burke Stadium.

Qualifying for the state track meet from EPPJ were:  
 • Senior Kayton Zwingman. She will be competing in the long jump and 300 meter intermediate hurdle events. She finished second in the long jump and qualified for the hurdles with a wild card with one of the fastest third place times.

• Freshman Ethan Hansen. The sprinter finished second in both the 100 and 200 meter dash events. In both races, he earned his spot at state by a minuscule fraction of a second over the third place entry. It was a photo finish in both races.

• Sophomore Max Henn. In both events, he earned a trip to state by virtue of the wild card route. At Bassett he finished fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

• Junior Braelyn Martinsen. She qualified via wild card to compete in the 100 meter dash at Omaha.

Individual results from the district meet were:

### Boys

- 100 dash — 1. Brock Jeannoutot, Bloomfield, 11.52 seconds; 2. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 11.53
- 200 dash — 1. Jaxon Ward, Plainview, 23.63 seconds; 2. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 23.82
- 400 dash — 1. Evan Hollander, Bloomfield, 52.62 seconds; 3. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 55.36
- 800 run — 1. Conner Rohrer, Creighton, 2:06.59
- 1600 run — 1. Conner Rohrer, Creighton, 4:49.89; 8. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 5:15.32
- 3200 run — 1. Ty Freeman, Bloomfield, 10:20.95; 8. John Zwingman, EPPJ, 12:07.72
- 110 hurdles — 1. Trey Anthony, North Central, 15.10 seconds
- 300 hurdles — 1. Noah Seberger, North Central, 41.61 seconds
- 400 relay — 1. Bloomfield, 45.79 seconds
- 1600 relay — 1. Ainsworth, 3:40.37
- 3200 relay — 1. Bloomfield, 8:33.80
- Shot put — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 53'4.75"; 4. Max Henn, EPPJ, 48'5.5"; 5. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 47'5"
- Discus — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 159'6"; 5. Max Henn, EPPJ, 142'10"; 8. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 121'6"
- High jump — 1. Madden McManigal, CWC, 5'11"
- Pole vault — 1. Zaine Evans, Ainsworth, 12'6"
- Long jump — 1. Trey Anthony, North Central, 21'2.25"
- Triple jump — 1. Noah Seberger, North Central, 43'8.5"

### Girls

- 100 dash — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 12.57 seconds; 5. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.15; 7. Anna Dworak, EPPJ, 13.53
- 200 dash — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 26.48 seconds; 7. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 28.37; 8. Anna Dworak, EPPJ, 28.46
- 400 dash — 1. Claire Meyer, Creighton, 59.90 seconds; 6. Reese Stuhr, EPPJ, 1:07.99
- 800 run — 1. Reagan Moody, Ainsworth, 2:27.55
- 1600 run — 1. Reagan Moody, Ainsworth, 5:47.22
- 3200 run — 1. Reagan Moody, Ainsworth, 12:26.91; 7. Gentry Zwingman, EPPJ, 15:10.19
- 100 hurdles — 1. Makinna Lovell, Bloomfield, 16.13 seconds
- 300 hurdles — 1. Makinna Lovell, Bloomfield, 48.61 seconds; 3. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 49.03
- 400 relay — 1. Plainview, 51.33 seconds; 3. EPPJ (Kayton Zwingman, Reese Stuhr, Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen), 53.40

- 1600 relay — 1. Ainsworth, 4:24.19
- 3200 relay — 1. North Central, 10:30.86
- Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 46'4"; 4. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 32'9.25"
- Discus — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 150'8"; 4. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 108'2"
- High jump — 1. Pressley Alexander, Plainview, 4'11"
- Pole vault — 1. Peighton Arlt, Plainview, 8'8"
- Long jump — 1. Emma Sauser, Plainview, 16'4"; 2. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 15'9"
- Triple jump — 1. Emma Sauser, Plainview, 33'5"



State qualifier Ethan Hansen



State qualifier Braelyn Martinsen



State qualifier Kayton Zwingman



State qualifier Max Henn

## More photos from last week's district meet at Rock County High School



Matthew Kerkman raced in the 1600 meter run.



Sydney Niewohner competed in the long jump.



Gemma Miller made the finals of the shot put.



Reese Stuhr and Anna Dworak (r) in the 400 meter relay.

# Wolfpack golfers compete in three events over a four-day span

HUMPHREY — Elgin Public-Pope John golfers played 45 holes of competitive golf last week, wrapping up the regular season.

On Monday, the Wolfpack competed at the Highway 20 Invite at Bassett. There, they played some of the best golfers from that part of the state, staying competitive from the top to the bottom of the varsity roster.

North Central took the team championship with an 18-hole score of 321, nine strokes better than second place O'Neill JV at 330. EPPJ finished ninth in the team standings with a score of 387.

Medalist was Keian Fischer of North Central with a 71, seven shots better than second place Jaxon Rucker of Ainsworth at 78.

Karson Kallhoff led the Wolfpack with an 88 to finish 24th. Landyn Veik shot a 96, the same score as Michael Selting. Other Wolfpack scores were Jarek Erickson 110 and Gavin Kallhoff 107.

On Tuesday, EPPJ was in action again, competing at the Fullerton Invite which was held at Humphrey. Winning the team title was Ord with an 18-hole score of 326, Boone Central was second, two strokes behind with a 328. EPPJ finished with a 373.

Kallhoff again led the Wolfpack. He shot an 18-hole score of 86. Selting was just three strokes behind with an 89. Other Wolfpack scores were Gavin Kallhoff 99, Veik 99 and Erickson 101.

The Wolfpack wrapped up the week on Thursday at a triangular

at the Antelope Country Club.

Competing against Neligh-Oakdale and Elkhorn Valley schools, EPPJ finished third in the team competition with a score of 194.

Kallhoff finished second with a nine-hole score of 41. Other varsity scores were Veik 50 and Selting 51, Erickson carded a 52 and G. Kallhoff came in with a 59.

Also competing were the Wolfpack JVs who finished with a 231. They were led by Braedon Hinkle with a 55 while teammate Dan-nyka Smidt came in with a 56. Additional JV scores were Grady Druke and Aiden Klein both shooting 60, Joseph McNally shot a 61. Other scores were Creighton Harkins 63, Raaf Klein 65 and Molly Thiessen 70.



Braedon Hinkle watches this putt head towards the hole during Thursday's triangular.



Michael Selting closely follows his tee shot on Hole #5 at the Antelope Country Club.

# Northeast Community College Spring graduates announced

Northeast Community College recognized the achievements of 992 graduates during its 53rd Annual Commencement Ceremony, held Friday, May 8, 2026, at the Cox Activities Center on the Norfolk campus.

Graduates received degrees, diplomas, and certificates representing programs across the College.

Among the local graduates were:

- Clearwater -- Aislynn Kester
- Elgin -- Amanda Fritzen, Nicolas Anderson, Gage Thiessen, Blake Henn, Trissa Russell
- Neligh -- Jazmine McNally, Abby Kerkman, Colson Krebs, Kyah Gray, Matthew Dilly, Sara Sanchez-Juarez, Fritz Cloete, Sydney Sands, Alberto Avila
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## Good Luck at State track!

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

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**MICHAEL SELTING**  
BOYS GOLF

A junior, Michael was the lead scorer for the Wolfpack team at the District Golf Tournament held at Ainsworth. He ended his season shooting an 18-hole score of 95.

**MAX HENN**  
BOYS TRACK

A sophomore, Max's strong showings in meets this season paid off as he qualified for the State meet (as a wild card) in both of his events, the discus and the shot put.

**KAYTON ZWINGMAN**  
GIRLS TRACK

A senior, Kayton finished 2nd in the girls long jump to qualify for the State meet. She had to wait a while but did also qualify (as a wild card) in the 300 meter hurdles.

**BRAELYN MARTINSEN**  
GIRLS TRACK

A junior, Braelyn has been having great times all season in the 100 and 200 meter races. While not advancing from her district runs, she qualified (via wild card) in the 100 meter.

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