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In Brief //

Council to discuss hiring of 2024 pool staff

Meeting to be Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The start of summer is often associated with Memorial Day weekend at the end of May.

For members of the Elgin City Council, it's not too early to start making 'summer' plans.

At their regular meeting, to be held Monday night, February 5, the council will discuss with City Clerk Kristin Childers about beginning the process of hiring a pool manager and life guards for the 2024 season. Last year the process took several months to complete.

February is the time the city begins to advertise for the position of pool manager, assistant pool manager and lifeguards.

Also expected to take place at the meeting will be an update on the installation of new water meters being done by employees of Rutjens Construction.

That's just two of the items to be discussed at the meeting which is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The meeting, at city hall, is open to the public.

EMCC Pre-Lent fish fry to be next Friday

KC Hall doors open at 5 p.m.

Nebraska is known for fish frys during Lent. The Elgin Men's Charitable Corporation (EMCC) have announced they will have a Pre-Lent

The date will be held next Friday,

Public Notices //

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

District #5 Vacancy — Antelope County **Board of Commissioners**

Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Notice of Meetings — Antelope County **Board of Commissioners**

Notice of Organization — Irish Place, LLC Notice of Organization — GEF Partnership, LLC

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 37 degrees on Saturday, January

The low during the same period was 10 degrees on Sunday, January

No precipitation was recorded last week.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
January 21	35	10	.00
January 22	28	36	.00
January 23	32	21	.00
January 24	32	28	.00
January 25	32	26	.00
January 26	28	21	.00
January 27	37	20	.00
Total for last	week		0.00
Total for Jan	uary		1.93
Total precipi	tation 2	024	1.93
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Interviews for county board vacancy to be next week

The process by which the District #5 seat on the Antelope County Board of Commissioners will be filled took another step forward this past week.

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With current District #5 Commissioner Keith Heithoff set to step off the board, effective February 14, the process to fill the position is moving forward at a rapid pace with the goal of having a new representative to be sworn in sometime in March.

Pursuant to 32-567 Nebrask vised Statutes, the vacancy will be filled no more than 45 days from the date of vacancy through appointment by County Attorney Joe Smith, County Clerk Lisa Payne and County Treasurer Deb Branstiter.

Since Heithoff's intentions were made public, the county has accepted letters of interest from applicants who are a registered voter in, and a resident of the district which is comprised of all of Grant Township and a portion of the townships of Cedar, Oakdale, Burnett and Logan.

Applications submitted will be reviewed in a public meeting with Smith, Payne and Branstiter to be held on Wednesday evening, February 7 in the commissioner's meeting room at the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, 501 M Street in Neligh.

Open to the public the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The current term of office for Commissioner District 5 ends on January

The annual salary for the position is \$18,750. Health insurance and retirement benefits are available. Antelope County does not discriminate based on

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E-R photo/DMorgan

Wolfpack Coach Randy Eisenhauer gives senior Brenna Martinsen a 'high-five' near the conclusion of Monday night's victory in the quarterfinal round of the NVC Tournament. Next up is a Thursday night matchup against Summerland at Atkinson.

EPPJ girls advance to NVC semi-finals vs. Summerland

It's conference basketball tournament week and Elgin Public-Pope John's boys and girls basketball teams are in the mix for new hardware to add to the trophy case.

The boys team opened tournament play Saturday with a two-point victory over Boyd County. They played Tuesday night (too late for press time) against the St. Mary's Cardinals on their home court in O'Neill. The winner advances to the semi-final round on Thursday and then another game on Saturday.

As for the 16-1 Wolfpack girls team, they opened tournament play Monday night with a 40-point victory over

They will play Summerland on Thursday night in semi-final round action at Atkinson West Holt High School. Game time is 6:30 pm.

The Wolfpack will be seeking to claim the championship trophy. Last year, EPPJ finished third in the tournament.

The finals/consolation finals will be played Saturday, February 3, at Summerland High School (updated brackets can be found on The Elgin Review's

Facebook page).



E-R photo/DMorgan

EMCC supports ambulance fund drive

Elgin EMTs gathered recently to accept another large donation for the Elgin Rescue Service fundraising campaign for a new ambulance and equipment. The Elgin Men's Charitable Corporation recently donated \$1,000 to the campaign. At this point, more than \$101,000 has been raised towards the goal of \$150,000. Present for the check presentation were (front row, I-r: EMTs Dean Schrage, Kari Schindler and Maria Kinney, EMCC members Mark Dwyer and Leigh Kluthe, EMTs Jessica Niewohner, Kimberly Young, Vicki Miller and Craig Niewohner. Back row: EMTs Duane Miller, Savannah Wiseman and Terry Reicks, EMCC members Jerry Heithoff, Bob Schiltmeyer and Dave Hoefer, EMTs Lacy Bottorf and Julie Schiltmeyer.



OBITUARY

Raymond L. Braband, 66

December 15, 1957 - January 13, 2024

An Elgin High School graduate, he operated Braband Trucking for many years.

Raymond L. Braband, 66 of Elgin, NE passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Faith Regional Health Center, Norfolk, NE.

There will be a private family mass with burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, rural Clearwater, NE.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.

Raymond Louis Braband, son of Earl and Gloria Ruth (Loughrey) Braband was born December 15, 1957, in Neligh, NE. He attended Elgin Public

Schools and graduated with the class of 1976. While in high school he started to farm and truck. Following graduation Ray started Braband Trucking.

On June 25, 1988, Ray was united in marriage to Pamela Henn at St. John's Catholic Church. They lived their married life on a farm in rural Elgin. From this union, Raymond was blessed with three sons.

Ray was a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Ray enjoyed watching western shows, stock car races, camping, and watching his grandchildren grow. They were his pride and

Ray is survived by his wife The Elgin Review • January 31, 2024 Pam Braband of Elgin, NE; three sons: AJ Braband of Cleveland, OH; Dean (Rhea) Braband of Omaha; Michael Braband of Elgin, NE; four grandchildren: Finn, David, Floyd, and Lilyianna Braband; brother: Roger (Joelie) Braband of Neligh, NE; sister: Margaret (Karl) Hensley of Elgin, NE; sister-in-law: Brenda (Paul) Kuhlman of Petersburg, NE; brother-in-law: Kevin Henn of Clearwater, NE; mother-in-law: Marlene Henn of Clearwater, NE; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded by his parents; and his father-in-law: Floyd Henn.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, February 5: Creamed hamburger over mashed potatoes, peas, mandarin oranges, milk. Tuesday, February 6: Chicken tortilla soup, lettuce salad, cheese sandwich, pears, milk.

Wednesday, February 7: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, milk. Thursday, February 8: Ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, apricots, milk.

Friday, February 9: Goulash, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by

the Community Center and are subject to change).

Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

Under 60 is \$8.50. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for



Blue Tie Affa

E-R photos by Dennis & Lynell Morgan

Photo above, clockwise: The committee posed prior to the doors opening. Brent Kallhoff manned the donation light board. Emcees Dave Amick (I) and Gary Hoefer. Scott Sanne was one of the "refs" at the Rock/Paper/Scissors game with 4 tickets to the College World Series as the prize - Maria and Josh Kinney square off here. Fr. John Norman eyes the flipping quarter during "Heads or Tails". Center photo: Fr. Kramper, along with all attendees, sampled the treats at the appetizer table prior to the meal, games and auctions.















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This month's FFA member of the month is freshman member Zoey Buechter. Zoey is the daughter of Andrea Buechter of Elgin. Zoey is new to the school

grade year.

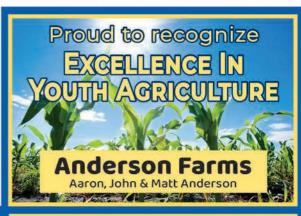
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district where she came her 8th

Right away she showed interest in FFA and became involved as much as she could. This year as a freshman, she has served proudly for the chapter, participating in several events. Her biggest strength is public speaking. Recently she competed in the District 10 FFA Leadership Development Events in Atkinson in Creed

Speaking. She put in a lot of extra time and work to present the creed amazingly. At the contest she made it to the second round of finalist (6) out of over 40. She just missed qualifying for state, but her effort was awesome! We are looking forward to all the achievements she will have as a Elgin FFA member in the future! Good job Zoeu!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

French Dip Sandwiches, Ham & Potatoes Au Gratin



Good morning, Well, I finished the pot of coffee! I enjoyed spending my morning in the office sharing some yummy ideas with you all!

Now on to planning something for your supper. If your family members are meat and potato eaters, I have the recipes for you. This potato recipe is my go-to when I need a recipe to go in the oven. You can serve it as a

main course or with something along side. Super easy to throw together!

Please try this French Dip Recipe, It's so very good. Ted says the leftovers are the best, if there are any! It's a crockpot

1 lean beef roast, 3-4 lbs

meal, it doesn't get any better than that.

There you go, supper is planned! Enjoy!

JoAnn

HAM & POTATOES AU GRATIN

2 cups cooked sliced

1 Tbls chopped parsley

potatoes

1/3 cup butter 3 Tbls flour 1-1/2 cups milk

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar 1 cup diced cooked ham

In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt 3 Tbls butter, stir in the flour until smooth.

Gradually add the milk and cook, stirring constantly, until mixtures thickens and bubbles. Add the cheese, stirring until

Stir in the ham and potatoes. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley. Bake at 400° (oven) for 20 minutes. Serves 4

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1/2 cup soy sauce 1 beef bouillon cube

3-4 whole pepper corns 1 tsp dried crushed rosemary

1 tsp dried thyme 1 tsp garlic powder Hard rolls or french bread

Remove and discard all visible fat from the roast. Place in the crockpot.

Combine soy sauce, bouillon and spices, pour over the roast. Cover and cook over low heat for 10-12 hours or until very

Remove the meat, reserve broth. Shred the meat. Serve on the bread or hard roll. Use the broth for dipping. Delicious! HINT: I toast my bread. Butter the roll and lay it in a warm

skillet until toasted. I sometimes sauté peppers and onion and cover the shredded meat with the mixture.

Talk about your mother to young women

Pro-lifers in Nebraska can't rest, even after the victory of

the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade in 2022, speaker after speaker said at the Walk for Life in Lincoln on Saturday.

This year will be particularly challenging



Faith

Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

as abortion-rights supporters push a ballot initiative that seeks to make abortion a constitutional right in Nebraska - a

referendum that has succeeded in every state where it has been

Decades of pro-life work toward legislation to protect women and children could be wiped out.

Pro-lifers know they can never rest until abortion becomes "unthinkable." That's their ultimate goal and it's not an easy one, involving winning hearts and minds one by one.

At the Walk for Life, politicians and dignitaries spoke about the work and prayers that will be needed to fight this November's ballot initiative - and to reach the longer goal.

Gov. Jim Pillen, one of the speakers at the rally before the walk, proposed a unique prolife tactic.

Let's talk about our mothers, he said. Let's inspire girls and

young women and help them see motherhood as something beautiful and worthy, something they can aspire to.

The governor went on to give a short tribute to his late mother. Many of the speakers who followed took up his challenge and did likewise.

Now it's my turn.

My mother died six years ago, and even though I'm a grandmother myself, I still miss her.

One time, when she was still alive, I set out to interview a woman for work and discovered that she knew my mom. When I first approached the woman, she was surrounded by people, busy and distracted as I tried to ask her questions.

She mentioned that she had been a nurse and decades ago studied nursing at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha.

So did my mother, so I asked if she might know her.

When I spoke my mother's name, everything changed. The woman suddenly became focused, looked me straight in the eye and said: "You're mother is a little angel.'

Of course, I knew that, and I smiled at the woman's response.

In the days following my mom's death in 2018, I looked through photos, trying to find ary. I have thousands of thousands of pictures, but the ones of my mom were disappointing. She was rarely the main subject, almost always in the background.

That was pretty much how she lived, not drawing attention to herself but always in the background, supporting and helping.

She was quiet and sweet, but outspoken when it mattered, calling out nonsense or bad behavior when she saw it. Her words were genteel, though, with the most offensive being "nincompoop," or "Oh, piff!"

She was Catholic all her life but had deeper conversions as she grew older. She kept her life ordered toward God and tried to set all her family and friends on the same track.

Now I'll stop gushing about my wise and beautiful mother. But I offer you the same challenge. Talk about your mother, especially to young women.

If you like, send me a few thoughts about your mom at susanszalewski@yahoo.com. I'd be happy to share your witness in this column.

If you didn't have a good mother and have few nice words to say about her, you talk about the Mother we all share, the Blessed Virgin Marv. She sets a high bar for mothers but is human and reachable - and the ultimate inspiration for girls and women.

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Looking Back Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

January 30, 1964

Captains of the four finalist teams in the Girls Invitational Grade School Volleyball Tournament at Elgin Public School are Gwen Peters, Mona Tracy, Sue Scott and Debbie Wagner.

The Bank of Elgin and the Elgin Drug Store have had the interiors of their business buildings redecorated the past two weeks. Both look as bright as new silver dollars.

Members of the Cedar Creek Club celebrated the club's 25th anniversary at the former Cedar Creek school house. Present members including four charter members in attendance were Mesdames Lester Wilkinson, Ralph Hunter, Clyde Fields, Herman Weeder, Roy Bailey, Elmer Swanson, Henry Wilgocki, Esther Swanson, Armin Wilgocki, Darrell Miller, Joe Swanson, William Miller and John Johnson.

Gasoline prices at filling stations here Monday took a decisive drop in price of 10 center per gallon, from 33.9c to 23.9c.

Elvin Hutchinson and Mrs. Verlon Furstenau were elected for three year terms last week at the annual meeting of the Antelope County Extension Board. Ralph Fields was elected for a one year

Terry Henn scored 17 points to lead the St. Boniface Knights to a 90 to 59 victory over Spalding Academy last week. High rebound man was Bernard Kluthe with 12.

From 'Chuckles' - Bureaucrats and crabgrass have a lot in common. Give either an inch and they'll take a yard ... There are two kinds of secrets: those that are not worth keeping, and those that are too good to keep.

Fifty Years Ago

January 31, 1974

Mike Schmitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmitt, has been named to the Dean's List of Southeast Community College at Milford for the fall semester.

Ray Elston has resigned as teller at the Bank of Elgin. He has announced intentions of forming a partnership with his father in farming at Windom, Minn.

Winter Festival Royalty were crowned during a ceremony at Elgin High School Friday night. Queen was Barbara Reestman and King was Brian Anderson. Crown bearers were Betty June Huffman and Stan Heithoff. Attendants were Jeaneen Dozler, Susan Haskin, Leigh Koinzan, Dennis Blair, Joe Bauer and Scott Beck-

AD - Due to the destruction of property and livestock there will be NO COYOTE HUNTING on land owned or operated by Michael Wagner, Jerome Klein, Linus Spieker, Jim Jochum, Russell D. Paul, Roy Schmidt, Vincent Kallhoff, Charles McKay, Robert L. Edwards, Harold B. Miller, Delbert Kallhoff, George Siems, Warren Siems, Dennis Jochum, Thomas Meis, Forrest Barker, Paul J. Hoefer, Paul J. Hoefer, Paul Moser, Louis Heithoff, Delbert Heithoff, Knapp Brothers and Emil Krebs.

The KC Hall in Elgin will host a card party on Sunday, February 3. Prizes and lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Thirty Years Ago

February 2, 1994

Two Elgin residents, Alan Reicks and Becky Cummings are cast in leading roles for the 1994 Borrowed Faces dinner theatre production at the American Legion Club in Neligh. Reicks will play "Leon Tochinsky" and Miss Cummings will play "Sophia Zubritsky" in Neil Simon's play, "Fools."

The first major storm of the winter last Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 26-27, brought 7.5 inches of the white stuff to the Elgin area. Elgin city workers spent several days clearing streets in the downtown area. The snow was hauled to a large open area just south of Highway 70 and stockpiled

More than 300 people attended the annual "Pastor's Pasta Night" at St. Boniface Auditorium last Sunday evening. Featured entertainment for the annual parish fundraiser was a melodrama, "High Noon in Elgin" directed by Terry Sweem and featuring a cast of 18 people. Rev. Korte was the chief chef. Associate chefs were Jenelda Heithoff, Julie Dwyer, Joan Schindler, and Betty

Leah Schuchardt of Elgin celebrated her 97th birthday last week at a morning coffee in her home with 12 of her neighbors.

Elgin High School's boys basketball team collected its sixth and seventh consecutive victories last week with wins over Cedar Rapids and Orchard. The two wins gave the Eagles an 11-5 record.

At Getz Grocery this week a four-pound bag of California Choice navel oranges is just 99 cents.

Twenty Years Ago

February 4, 2004

The Elgin Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a new rural pumper truck, a 2003 GMC demonstrator model. The new truck carries 1,000 gallons of water and features a mid-mount pump. It has a diesel engine and automatic transmission. The new truck replaces a 1977 model pumper that will now become the new city

An increase in bookings into the Antelope County Jail has been noted over the past three years, according to the Antelope Couny Sheriff's office. During 2003, there were 229 bookings into the jail. Of that total, 183 subjects were male and 46 were female.

EVFD members were called to a hay fire on Jan. 20, at the Dave and Gwen Beckman farm southeast of Elgin. About 20 tons of ground hay and 20 tons of ground corn stalks were destroyed in the blaze. Firemen were on the scene for approximately two hours.

St. Boniface students performed last Friday with guitarist Jared Bader, their artist-in-residence, in the closing program for Catholic

PUBLIC NOTICES

DISTRICT #5 VACANCY

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE The Antelope County Board of

Commissioners has determined that the elective office of Antelope County Commissioner District 5 in Antelope County, Nebraska will be vacant in February 2024. Pursuant to 32-567 Nebraska Revised Statutes, the vacancy will be filled within 45 days from the date of vacancy by appointment by the Antelope County Attorney, Antelope County Clerk, and Antelope County Trea-

Pursuant to Section 23-150 Nebraska Revised Statutes, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy must be a registered voter in, and a resident of, his or her respective district. Commissioner District 5 is comprised of all of Grant Township and a portion of the Townships of Cedar, Oakdale, Burnett, Logan.

The current term of office for Commissioner District 5 ends

al salary for this elective office is \$18,750.00. Health insurance and retirement benefits are available.

on January 7th, 2027. The annu-

Antelope County does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or marital status. This position is subject to a veteran's preference. Notice is hereby given that ap-

plications submitted will be reviewed in a public meeting with the County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Clerk on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 with selected applicants being interviewed, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, 501 M Street, Neligh, NE. /s/ Lisa Payne, Antelope County

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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

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Judiciary staffing has returned to pre-pandemic levels

Chief Justice Michael Heavican delivered his annual State of the Judiciary address this past week. As part of a long-time tradition, I was selected to be a member of the committee to escort the Chief Justice into the legislative chamber; I felt it was a great honor and privilege to be able to serve as a member of his escort committee. In his address, Chief Justice Heavican noted that judiciary staffing has returned to a pre-pandemic level. He also said there was a 27% increase in problem-solving court participation since 2020, but only 5% of those eligible for problem-solving courts are actually able to participate. These figures both highlight the state's interest in finding collaborative solutions to address low-level issues involving drug-crimes or veterans as well as the need to do more for what is a practical and cheaper alternative to incarceration. Chief Justice Heavican also stressed the need for IT infrastructure improvements for Nebraska's courts to address potential security threats. He pointed to the neighboring state of Kansas which suffered from a sophisticated foreign cyberattack last October. This attack targeted the Kansas judicial branch and impeded the ability of that state's court system to access records for five weeks. The Chief Justice was explicit about the risk our own state's judiciary is in, stating that "without

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator **Barry DeKay**

needed upgrades we must consider ourselves equally vulnerable."

This past Monday, I designated my personal priority bill for this year, LB1301. This bill would adopt the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act and modernize existing statutes relating to the

state's prohibition on foreign

persons or foreign-owned companies from owning agricultural land. The bill would also tighten the exemptions on manufacturing and industrial establishment in areas near critical minate existing exemptions relating to oil and gas leases, railroads, public utilities, common carriers, and filling stations or bulk stations. I believe it is important to safeguard Nebraska's largest economic sector: agriculture. Yet, many of our statutes on foreign-ownership of agricultural land were first enacted in 1889 and last updated in the 1940s. Recent cases of foreign adversaries buying land near military bases in other states also raises additional concerns that our laws are insufficient to protect sensitive military installations such as Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue or the missile silos in the panhandle.

Senators also began floor debate on bills this past week. One bill that was given first-round approval was LB43, one of the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee's priority bills for the year. This bill would provide guidance to hearing officers and judges in cases to resolve doubts dealing with state rules and regulations in a manner which "limits agency power and maximizes individual liberty." The bill was then amended to include provisions from five other similar bills, including LB277. LB277 would adopt the First Freedom Act and force the government to place less of a "burden on a person's right to the exercise of religion," establish a legal cause of action when government seeks to compel people to violate their religious beliefs, and authorize indigenous tribe members who are students in public schools to wear tribal regalia at school, subject to rules for regulating student behavior.

As we continue floor debate this

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Governor Pillen vows to cut property taxes by \$2 billion somehow

I was not shocked, just disappointed when Governor Jim Pillen announced that he was going to reduce Nebraska's collective property taxes by \$2 billion this year, somehow

Imagine that. In a short session in what also happens to be an election year, but without a specific plan, the first-term Republican is going to achieve a 40 percent property tax reduction in a single year. "I'm committed. I'm all in. The problem has to be solved," he said.

As he has before, he talked again about a hard cap on local government spending and a broader sales tax base. But he has backed off an earlier bomb he dropped when he suggested the state sales tax rate would climb 2

CAPITOL VIEW

cents to 7.5 cents, the highest in the nation.



J.L. Schmidt

There has been ample pushback on that proposal including some from members of his own party and his rightwing friends at the Americans for Prosperity, a 20-year-old ultra conservative group founded by

the infamous and super rich Koch Brothers who have inserted money and ideology into the politics of many states. The Nebraska arm of that group has called for "true tax reform, not a tax shift.'

To that end, Pillen assembled a working group in July to address the issue. But it has reached no consensus, according to several state senators and business leaders who are members of the group. Still looking for an answer that would require legislation in a short session. Let me know how that works out.

This uncertainty - how many governors have talked about tax reform and how much have Nebraskans seen, save for last year's sweeping victory for the wealthiest who received several tax cuts - comes as a national report on the distribution of tax systems in all 50 states is released.

Nebraska's tax system is up side-down, with affluent Nebraskans paying less than their fair share of household income to taxes relative to low- and middle-income families. That's according to the latest edition of

the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy's Who Pays?, which assesses the economic progressivity and re-

by all income groups. The report also said that phased-in personal and corporate income tax cuts would widen the disparity in Nebraska.

gressivity of state taxes by measuring

effective state and local tax rates paid

"It's a policy choice that low- and middle-income families in Nebraska pay higher effective tax rates than the wealthy," said Dr. Rebecca Firestone, Executive Director of the Lincoln-based think tank OpenSky Police

"These choices obviously have implications for taxpayers but also for the revenue available to fund the schools, roads and public safety that Nebraskans rely on."

Key factors in the Nebraska report, she said; indicate the lowest-wage 20% of taxpayers face an effective state and local tax rate that is 56% higher than the top 1% of households. The average effective state and local tax rate is 7.2% for the top 1% of individuals and families, 11% for the middle 20% and 11.2% for the lowest-income 20%.

In addition. Nebraska has the 30th most regressive tax system in the nation. Upcoming personal and corporate income tax cuts will worsen that regressivity. If fully implemented in 2024 they would drop Nebraska by 10 places on the ITEP Inequality Index to 20th most regressive.

Florida tops the ranking of states with the most regressive tax codes, meaning its residents experience the

greatest imbalance between wealthy and low-income households in what percentage of their income remains after taxes.

Nebraska is one of 41 states that tax the top 1% less than every other income group, and one of 34 states that tax their lowest-wage residents at a higher rate than any other group, Firestone said.

Pillen said he thinks the answer is "simply that, in collaboration and partnership with the 49 members of the unicameral, the first step is that we agree that we have a major property tax problem — and then we have to fix it," he said.

That's safe. But let me say it again. It's a huge problem for a short session. And it's not the only issue on the table. A plan would be nice. Get one.

Responsible leadership to keep Americans safe

It is crucial we have leaders who immediately and decisively respond

As recent events have demonstrated, the readiness and modernization of the United States' defense capabilities are as important as ever. Keeping Americans safe and prioritizing American interests must always be a leading goal. Our open borders - paired with ongoing global unrest – not only threaten national security for the United States and our allies, they have serious implications for economic security around the world.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman **Adrian Smith**

This was clearly evidenced on a recent trip I made with many of my colleagues to Eagle Pass, TX, on our southern border. What I witnessed there was devastating. State and local agencies are being overwhelmed in an entirely preventable crisis. Despite the trafficking of minors, the unchecked flow of fentanyl, and loss of life, the administration insists the border is secure. Early in 2023, the House passed H.R. 2, a bill to address security risks on the border. President Biden must stop ignoring this problem and

As Vladimir Putin continues his aggression in Ukraine, tensions in Europe have risen. In other parts of the world, escalation by China against Taiwan and the enemies of Israel must also be taken

work with Congress to enact real solutions.

seriously as Israeli forces continue to confront the threat of Hamas and seek release of hostages taken on October 7, 2023.

This week, U.S. and U.K. forces have conducted strikes in defense of commercial shipping vessels in the Red Sea which have been suffering attacks from Iran-backed Houthi rebels from Yemen claiming the attacks as a show of support for Hamas. In fact, many of the ships targeted by the Houthis have not been linked to Israel, and this terror has severely impacted trade in the region. To deter greater escalation and secure trade routes, the best recourse for the U.S. and our allies is to respond decisively. Regional stability will not be achieved by capitulation to terrorists.

As Taiwan conducts a critical presidential election, China has continued to exert pressure on the vulnerable democracy. This week, Beijing officials have signaled a more antagonistic posture regarding trade with Taiwan and launched a satellite through Taiwanese air space, triggering a warning to the public of a possible air raid.

Considering the urgency of these challenges, I have serious concerns about the Biden administration's track record on national security issues. The administration showed weakness in its disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, and 13 Americans needlessly lost their lives. The administration's refusal to appropriately address border vulnerabilities, its slowness to respond to a surveillance balloon from China over our homeland, and the

unacceptable and dangerous breakdown of communication in our defense chain of command have all put Americans at risk.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has recently been released from the hospital, and I wish him a full recovery. However, the fact no one in the White House - and very few in the Pentagon - knew of his hospitalization or recent diagnosis is inexcusable. This week, I joined many of my colleagues in sending a letter to the Department of Defense demanding these concerns be addressed.

I am also fully supportive of the House Armed Services Committee's announcement of a formal inquiry into the secretary's failure to disclose his hospitalization and incapacitation.

Furthermore, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is failing in his responsibility to respond to the humanitarian tragedy and national security crisis at our southern border. As state and local authorities scramble to respond to the overwhelming number of illegal immigrants crossing into our country, some have resorted to using schools and government facilities to house immi-

It is crucial we have leaders who immediately and decisively respond to threats to our country and the safety of American citizens. Insisting on competence and accountability for those responsible for our national security is a duty I take seriously. I will never stop fighting to keep Americans safe and promote American interests through a safer world.

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Spinning Tales

Hell DID freeze over and ice now covers the Hades river

ELGIN — I wasn't the first to coin the phrase 'hell freezes over,' and I'm sure I won't be the last to utter the phrase, but here and now I'd like to confirm in front of God and country 'hell' did indeed freeze over earlier this month.

You may not have heard (or read) it here first, but it's not official until I decide it is. To

paraphrase a line from the movie 'Animal House' where Bluto, played by John Belushi, rallied his fraternity brothers by proving it wasn't over yet, he said, "Was

it over



SPINNING

Publisher **Dennis Morgan**

when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? No, and it ain't over now, who's with me?

Winter isn't over by a long ways and if those consecutive days when the high never climbed above zero but dipped to -21 below zero make you think Lucifer's home has indeed frozen over - it has.

When it's that cold outside, you are better off staying inside. But, if I'm like you, I can only put up with those four walls for so long before I step outside.

Such a day was Saturday, January 13. You can only listen to the scanner for so long hearing about trucks and cars stuck in drifts.

My driveway doesn't handle 10 inches of snow with high winds very well, making a drift that rivals some found outside of Elgin.

Since work is never too far away thanks to laptop computers, my excuse to get away for a short time was the need to walk down to Dean's Market. I had mentioned to Lynell how Saturday would be a great day to do some cooking. In particular, making a lemon cake. So off I went to Dean's.

Picking up a few items we needed, I realized I was the only customer in the store at that moment.

Silence may be golden, but it doesn't put gold in your pockets. Dean and Kim were as surprised to see me and I as to see them when I went into the back

Not too many customers ventured out, but before I left, two pickups pulled up and the guys emerged. I got the feeling they were there doing what I was doing. I remember how my dad, as

soon as the storm was over, would clear the snow away with a snow bucket on a FarmAll 350 As soon as he could get out

of the driveway, he went a few miles to Ulysses for no real

reason other than I think to be seen. It's a man thing.

So, too, is snow removal. Whether you have a skidloader, a pickup with a snow blade, a large or small snow blower or just a shovel, there's a testerone moment every time we move snow. Men are pigs when pushing snow. A clean driveway makes me want to grunt like Tim Allen used to do in his comic skits early in his career. Twenty below zero wind chill can't deter a man on a mission to move snow.

So, what is a woman's thing? Stuck at home, you can only watch TV for so long. Some head to the kitchen to do some cooking like my wife does. Others will clean out the closet or a junk room, some may clean and others may look at the task and instead opt to find a bottle of wine and a good movie.

So what makes a good movie to watch when the snow is blowing? Guys from my generation might opt for Ice Station Zebra (there's plenty of ice and snow in this movie which involved Russians, a submarine and the North Pole).

Ladies prefer something more on the romantic side, movies like Dirty Dancing or Ghost (for Patrick Swayze fans).

Grandmothers and great grandmothers might opt for movies featuring Paul Newman or Steve McQueen. Middle aged ladies might go for something with Patrick Dempsey or maybe Mel Gibson in *Lethal Weapon* or Mad Max movies. Others might like to watch something romantic like Sleepless in Seattle or Die Hard or Forrest Gump. Some of these movies I could sit through, others might hold my attention for awhile but there are those tear jerker movies which find me gone in 60 seconds.

Hell DID freeze over last week and ice still covers the river Hades, men will be men and women will be women when the weather requires it. In those moments, savor the situation and remember for every season

there is a reason here. After all, we are all pretty lucky. We're not cattle standing outside, half covered in snow waiting for the storm to pass.

Truth be told, if you have a roof over your head in a warm house, you have food, water and the lights stay on, then you're blessed. There's a lot to be thankful for right now. You may feel the sting on bare skin when you step outside and the temperature is below zero and the wind is gusting. I will take that any day rather than living where bombs destroy every-

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Wolfpack Sports



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Landyn Veik pinned North Central's Chase Kaczor in 3:40.

Wolfpack boys compete at NVC Duals Thursday

SPRINGVIEW — North Central hosted this year's Niobrara Valley Conference Duals on Thursday, January 25. Results of the duals for the EPPJ were:

North Central defeated Elgin Public Pope John 63-12 144 -Gavin Prewitt (North Central) over Isaac Hemenway (Elgin Public Pope John) Fall 1:19 150 - Landyn Veik (EPPJ)

over Chase Kaczor (North Central) Fall 3:40 175 - Chase Gewecke (North

Central) over Justice Blecher (EPPJ) Fall 3:31 215 - Samuel Hemenway

(EPPJ) over Beau Kaufman (North Central) Fall 1:54 126 - Jaxon Cozad (North Central) over Grady Drueke (EPPJ)

Dec 9-8 175 - Jace Rosenkrans (St. Mary's) over Justice Blecher 215 - Samuel Hemenway (EPPJ) over Dalton Herley (St. Mary's) Fall 1:26

Elgin Public Pope John defeated Niobrara/Verdigre 36-6 157 - Landyn Veik (EPPJ) over Gage Wickersham (Niobrara/Verdigre) Fall

175 - Justice Blecher (EPPJ) over Jacob Motacek (Niobrara/ Verdigre) Fall 4:32

Summerland defeated Elgin Public Pope John 60-12

157 - Matt Umphress (Summerland) over Landyn Veik (EPPJ) Fall 2:50

190 - Jason Shaver (Summerland) over Justice Blecher (EPPJ) Fall 2:30

144 - Ethan Kester (Summerland) over Isaac Hemenway (EPPJ) Fall 1:15

150 - Jesse Thiele (Summerland) over Jack Barlow (EPPJ) Fall 0:57



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Libby Evans (shown her competing earlier in the season) placed second at Amherst last week.

Wolfpack duo pile up pins at Amherst, Centura

AMHERST — The Wolfpack's dynamic duo of Libby Evans and Dannyka Smidt both medaled Saturday at the Amherst Girls Invite.

Facing some of their toughest competition

of the season, Evans placed second in the 190-pound weight class while Smidt took fourth in the 170-pound division.

Individual

Individual match results were:

170 pounds — Quarterfinal - Dannyka Smidt (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by major decision over Sofia

Dannyka

Smidt

McDonald (SEM) 7-15 (MD 10-2); Semifinal - Ashlynn Latimer (Southwest) 25-8 won by major decision over Smidt (MD 17-4); Cons. Semi - Smidt won by fall over Paige Codr (Weeping Water Girls) 13-13 (Fall 2:11); 3rd Place Match - Taylor Pavlik (Niobrara-Verdigre Girls) 12-6 won by fall over Smidt (Fall 0:57). Smidt's record is now 16-15.

190 — Round 1 - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Emily Robinson (Hi-Line Girls) 1-14 (Fall 0:42); Round 2 - Evans won by medical forfeit over Zoe Barela (Ansley Litchfield Girls) 5-9 (M. For.); Round 3 - Chanya Zavala (Grand Island Girls) 15-6 won by fall

over Evans (Fall 5:02). Evans

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Brenna Martinsen (foreground) and Elise Ruterbories reach high to attempt to grab a rebound against Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family. EPPJ cruised to a 79 to 28 victory Thursday.

Wolfpack score 79 in win over H/LHF

Eisenhauer sets new school record with seven treys

ELGIN — Wolfpack senior Keyera Eisenhauer was in the zone Thursday night, helping lead the Wolfpack to their 15th victory of the season.

Eisenhauer scored a career-high 34 points and set a new school record with seven treys as EPPJ claimed a 79 to 28 victory over Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family in girls basketball action at the EPS gym.

From her first trey at the start of the game to the final one early in the fourth quarter, Eisenhauer kept draining open shots from behind the three-point arc.

"I thought to myself, when I came out tonight, to just play the game and stay calm," she said after the game.

As has been the case in many of their victories, EPPJ got off to a fast start. The Wolfpack jumped

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As teammates look on, Keyera Eisenhauer lines up for one of her seven three-point baskets.

Wolfpack snap losing streak with victory over Bulldogs

ELGIN — Down three with less than a minute to play, the Wolfpack tied the score and went on to defeat Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 57 to 50 in overtime

Returning home to the friendly confines of the EPS gymnasium, the Wolfpack boys snapped a four-game losing streak by capitalizing on the play of seniors Gage Thiessen and Blake Henn.

The Bulldogs, who seemingly were ahead of EPPJ for most of the second half, took their last lead on a trey with 45 seconds left to play.

Following a Wolfpack timeout, Thiessen got inside the Bulldog defense and was fouled with 16 seconds left. He made the first free throw but missed the second. That's when Henn, at 6'4", grabbed a rebound and scored on a putback to tie the score at 48-all. Wolfpack fans were ecstatic in the stands with the sudden turn of events and, seemingly, the Wolfpack rode that wave of energy into overtime.

Henn gave EPPJ the lead in overtime with a basket at the 3:06 mark. Then, Thiessen added a basket almost a minute later for a four-point lead, 52 to 48.

The Bulldogs were unable to find the basket and were forced to foul. Three times they sent EPPJ to the line and, much to the visiting team's dismay, the Wolfpack made their free throws. Junior Kellan Hoefer made three of four and Thiessen was a perfect two-for-two to seal the victory

In the overtime period, EPPJ outscored the Bulldogs nine to two.

"We got great looks at the basket all night, but our defense, that's the EPPJ defense that we're used to, that we haven't seen the last couple of weeks ... It's great to see that energy," Coach Matt Euse said after the game.

Playing without two starters (Jarek Erickson and Dylon Lueking), the Wolfpack built a seven-point lead in the second quarter thanks to a nine-to-two run. Sophomore Karson



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Blake Henn (r) and Dylan Kolm (l) shut down the Bulldogs inside game Thursday night.

Kallhoff had five points in the run and Henn added four, the last two coming off a steal. To their credit, the Bulldogs fought back. After a Myles Kittelson basket off an assist from Kallhoff made the score 26 to 22, the Bulldogs scored the last five points of the half to take a 29 to 26 lead.

Henn had his biggest game of the season, finishing with 19 points and a team-high four steals. Thiessen had 14 points and Kallhoff added 10. Nick Anderson dominated the boards with 10 rebounds, one more than Thiessen. A key statistic in the game was free throws as EPPJ made eight of 13. The Bulldogs were just two of five from the charity stripe.

EPPJ 57, H/LHF 50

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 30 (Nick Anderson 10, Gage Thiessen 9), Bulldogs 23. Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Dylan Kolm 2, Gage Thiessen 2, Nick Anderson 2), Bulldogs NA. Steals — Wolfpack 11 (Blake Henn 4), Bulldogs 9. Turnovers — Wolfpack 17, Bulldogs

EPPJ pick up 14th win at CV

GREELEY — Holding Central Valley to single-digit scoring in all four quarters, the Elgin Public-Pope John girls cruised to a 56 to 15 victory Tuesday night.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a 22 to nine lead at halftime, then

22 to nine lead at halftime, the outscored the Cougars 34 to six in the second

half.
Nine Wolfpack players
scored in a game
which wasn't as
close as the final
score might
indicate. Senior
Ashlynne Charf
led the team
with 13 points

Ashlynne Charf enna Martin

and teammate Brenna Martinsen tallied 10 points. EPPJ's defensive pressure

forced Central Valley to commit 39 turnovers in the game. In addition, EPPJ recorded 27 steals led by Braelyn Martinsen with six.

The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 14-1.

EPPJ 56, Central Valley 15 Wolfpack......10 12 21 13 - 56 Cougars......4 5 2 4 - 15 Wolfpack - Kayton Zwingman 1-2 0-0 2, Elise Ruterbories 2-3 0-0 4, Elizabeth Moser 0-0 0-0 0, Ashlynne Charf 5-9 3-4 13, Braelyn Martinsen 3-8 1-1 7, Callie Heithoff 0-1 0-0 0, Brenna Martinsen 3-7 4-6 10, Kate Furstenau 3-8 0-0 6, Keyera Eisenhauer 2-9 2-2 6, Mady Kurpgeweit 3-6 0-0 6, Sara Bode 1-6 0-0 2. Team totals: 23-61 10-13 56. Cougars team totals: 6-36 2-2 15. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 0-9, Cougars 1-11. Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolf-

pack 38 (Ashlynne Charf 8, Brenna Martinsen 7), Cougars 34. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Ashlynne Charf 5), Cougars 3. Steals — Wolfpack 27 (Brenna Martinsen 6), Cougars 8. Turnovers — Wolfpack 13, Cougars 39.

Cougars edge Wolfpack by 3

GREELEY — Playing Tuesday night, EPPJ lost their fourth game in a row as Central Valley scratched out a 42 to 39 victory in boys basketball

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Hemenway, Veik medal at Central Valley Invite

GREELEY — The Wolfpack boys wrestling team wrapped up a busy week Friday, competing at the Central Valley Invitational. Friday brought a return to tournament wrestling and the Wolfpack earned two medals. Landyn Veik raised his win total to 25 by finishing fourth in the 150-pound weight class. In the consolation finals, Gatlin Reimers of Palmer de-



feated Veik nine to zero.

The Wolfpack's other medal came from senior Samuel Hemenway in the 190-pound weight class. After posting victories in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Hemenway faced Fullerton's Brett Bridger. Bridger came into

Jack **Barlow**

time all season and he kept that mark intact, defeating Hemenway 11 to 0.

the match having lost just one

Individual results of Wolfpack matches were:

126 — Champ. Round 1 -Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/ Pope John) 20-16 won by fall over Traven Reznicek (Shelby-Rising City) 6-21 (Fall 1:49); Champ. Round 2 - Christian Lemburg (St. Paul) 16-13 won by fall over Drueke (Fall 3:01); Cons. Round 2 - Drueke won by fall over Finn Kerznar (Hi-Line) 1-7 (Fall 1:59); Cons. Round 3 - Drueke won by fall over

Trevin Klein (Anselmo-Merna) 10-18 (Fall 1:10); Cons. Round 4 - Landon Shoemaker (Central Valley) 20-13 won by decision over Drueke (Dec 5-2). Drueke's record is now 20-16.

144 — Champ. Round 2 - Jesse Thiele (Summerland) 26-9 won by fall over Isaac Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) 10-14 (Fall 1:20); Cons. Round 2 -Gunner Marushak (Aquinas Catholic) 5-10 won by fall over Hemenway (Fall 0:33). Hemenway's record is now 10-14.

144 — Champ. Round 2 - Gage Friesen (High Plains Community) 31-9 won by fall over Jack Barlow (Elgin Public/Pope John) 11-17 (Fall 3:21); Cons. Round 2 - Barlow won by fall over Jacob Wingebach (Mullen) 0-10 (Fall 2:30); Cons. Round 3 - CJ Quandt (South Loup) 24-12 won by fall over Barlow (Fall 0:32). Barlow's record is now 11-17.

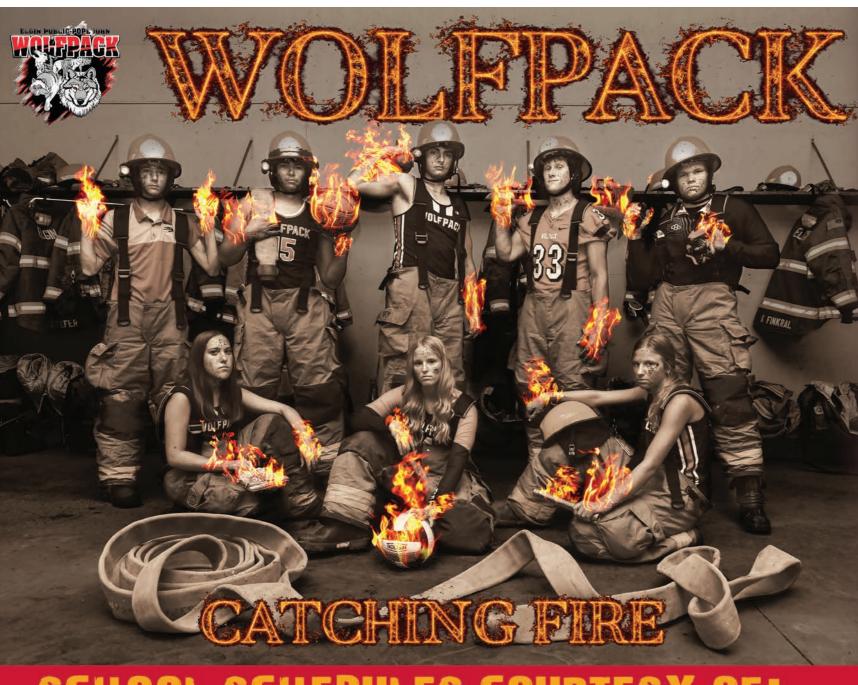
150 — Champ. Round 2 -Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/ Pope John) won by fall over Colton Perks (Cambridge) 23-12 (Fall 1:59); Quarterfinal - Jacob Moravec (Aquinas Catholic) 19-2 won by fall over Veik (Fall 1:58);

Cons. Round 4 - Veik won by major decision over Caden Straka (Central Valley) 17-13 (MD 12-0); Cons. Round 5 - Veik 25-10 won by decision over Grady Schutz (Hi-Line) 26-10 (Dec 4-1); Cons. Semi - Landyn Veik won by decision over Jadon Wells (Anselmo-Merna) 21-4 (Dec 5-2); 3rd Place Match - Gatlin Reimers (Palmer) 32-5 won by major decision over Veik (MD 9-0). Veik's record is now 25-10.

175 — Champ. Round 1 - Maddox Jones (Sumner-Eddyville-Miller) 32-2 won by fall over Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 1:07); Cons. Round 1 - Bryan Flores (Wood River) 17-14 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 0:43).

Blecher's record is now 6-23. 190 — Quarterfinal - Samuel Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by decision over Chase Thomas (Neligh-Oakdale) 35-8 (Dec 5-2); Semifinal -Hemenway won by decision over Cooper Stokebrand (Tri County) 31-5 (Dec 9-3); 1st Place Match - Brett Bridger (Fullerton) 27-1 won by major decision over Hemenway (MD 11-0).

Hemenway's record is 34-7.



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Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

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year, you may occasionally see or hear me serve as the presiding officer in the chamber. Under the Nebraska Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Legislature. The Speaker serves as acting President and presiding officer when the Lieutenant Governor is absent, and the Speaker may also name alternate senators to serve as presiding officers under the Legislature's rules. Last fall. I was provided training to serve as the presiding officer. This year, I presided over an afternoon session during the rules debate and can be asked to step in when the Lieutenant Governor or Speaker are absent. I feel it is a great honor and privilege to be able to preside over the Legislature during floor debates.

Meanwhile, just over 600 bills and constitutional amendments were introduced during the 10day bill introductory period for this legislative session. Currently, the various committees are in the process of holding public hearings on every bill and resolution introduced. As the public hearing process continues, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts and opinions on bills that have been introduced. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

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It may have been an upside world, for a moment, for Wolfpack wrestler Justice Blecher in his match Tuesday night at Summerland.

Wolfpack wrestlers show well at Summerland Duals

SUMMERLAND — Wolfpack wrestlers competed at a triangular January 23, at Summerland. The Bobcats beat EPPJ 48-18 in dual action. Results were:

190 - Justice Blecher (EPPJ) over Jason Shaver (Summerland) Dec 7-6 144 - Jesse Thiele (Summer-

land) over Jack Barlow (EPPJ) 150 - Isaac Hemenway (EPPJ))

over Logan Kester (Summerland) Dec 5-3

In the other dual, North Central defeated Elgin Public/Pope John 66-12. Individual results

175 - Chase Gewecke (North

Central) over Justice Blecher (EPPJ) Fall 3:14

144 - Isaac Hemenway (EPPJ) over Trace Kaupp (North Cen-

150 - Chase Kaczor (North Central) over Jack Barlow (EPPJ) Fall 4:16



Isaac Hemenway records a pin against NC's Trace Kaupp.

Bulldogs

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out to a 17 to 0 lead as four different players scored for EPPJ. Eisenhauer had three treys in the first quarter, Ashlynne Charf had six points, Brenna Martinsen added four points and Kate Furstenau had two.

The Bulldogs didn't get into double digit scoring til the 1:24 mark before halftime. By that time EPPJ held a 35 to 12 lead as reserves kept up the scoring parade led by Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman.

Eisenhauer drilled two more trevs in the third quarter as the lead grew to 66 to 23. Sara Bode had a three-point play to close out the quarter.

Eisenhauer's final trey came at the 7:22 mark of the fourth quarter. Reserves played the rest of the game as Braelyn

Martinsen, Elizabeth Moser and Mady Kurpgeweit contributed baskets.

"They're a lot better team than their record is," Coach Eisenhauer told *The Elgin Review* after the game. "I challenged our girls last night to get back to our level of playing and moving the ball and getting down the floor."

Aside from Keyera, the Wolfpack got big nights from Charf and Elise Ruterbories. Charf had a double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds. Ruterbories and Charf tied for the team-high with five assists

The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 15-1.

EPPJ 79, H/LHF 28 Bulldogs......5 7 11 5-28 Wolfpack.....25 17 24 13 -79 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 1-2 0-0 2, Elise Ruterbories 0-1 1-2 1, Elizabeth Moser 1-1 0-0 2, Ashlynne Charf 5-9 0-0 10, Braelyn Martinsen 2-2 0-0 4, Callie Heithoff 1-20-02. Brenna Martinsen 2-82-3 6, Kate Furstenau 3-8 0-0 8, Keyera Eisenhauer 11-14 5-6 34, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 10-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 3-4 0-0 7, Sara Bode 1-3 1-1 3. Team totals: 30-56 9-13 79. Bulldogs team totals: 11-47 3-6 28. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 10-18 (Keyera Eisenhauer 7, Kate Furstenau 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 1), Bulldogs 3-9.

Team statistics: Rebounds -Wolfpack 33 (Ashlynne Charf 14), Bulldogs 27. Assists — Wolfpack 19 (Elise Ruterbories 5, Ashlynne Charf 5), Bulldogs 5. Steals -Wolfpack 15 (Ashlynne Charf 6), Bulldogs 2. Turnovers - Wolfpack 6, Bulldogs 24.

EPPJ wins NVC opener over Spartans 55 to 53

NELIGH — Trailing by 15 points in the second quarter, Elgin Public-Pope John came all the way back to defeat Boyd County 55 to 53 in the opening round of the NVC Boys Basketball Tournament.

"I wasn't worried at halftime," Coach Matt Euse said about the Wolfpack. He said he knew the team's woeful shooting would turn around.

A key point in the game came late in the second quarter. Trailing 25 to 12 with just under three minutes left on the clock, junior Dylan Kolm came off the bench to spark a run. His 15-footer from the right side of the basket ignited a 10-to-two run to narrow the Spartans' lead to just five points

(27-22) at intermission. EPPJ took their first lead in the game at the 4:23 mark in the third quarter as Lueking dished the ball off to Kellan Hoefer for two points. Hoefer added another basket, then Lueking scored the last five points of the quarter as the Wolfpack took a 38 to 34 lead. The Spartans fought back to take a one-point lead, 49 to 48 with 2:10 left in the game. EPPJ answered with a Kallhoff trey and the Wolfpack never trailed the rest of the way.

Derris Hansen led the Spartans with 24 points.

EPPJ 55, Boyd County 53 Spartans......15 12 Blake Henn 4-9 1-6 9, Myles Kittelson 1-4 1-1 3, Nick Anderson 1-3 1-3 3, Gage Thiessen 3-9 2-2 8, Karson Kallhoff 5-7 0-0 14, Kellan Hoefer 3-6 0-0 6, Dylon Lueking 3-3 4-5 10, Dylan Kolm 1-2 0-0 2. Team totals: 21-43 9-19 55. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 4-10 (Karson Kallhoff 4). Team statistics: Rebounds -Wolfpack 26 (Gage Thiessen 8). Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Dylon Lueking 6). Steals — Wolfpack 5 (Nick Anderson 2). Turnovers - Wolfpack 13.



Myles Kittelson attempts to block a shot during Saturday's game against the Spartans. The defense limited Boyd County to just 26 points in the second half.

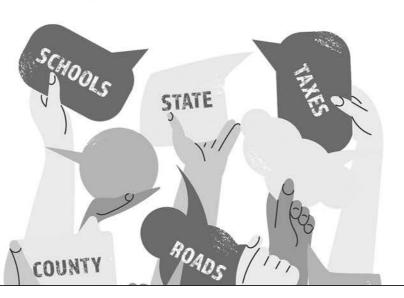
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3. Extreme disorganization, which includes piles of objects, as well as pest infestations, could indicate a likely hoarding disorder.

4. Professionals should be contacted if clutter is preventing access to many exits, stairs and rooms. Structural damage to a home and general disrepair, as well as rotting and expired food, are

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ditions with no ventilation, unusable spaces, pervasive mold and mildew, and animal health risks are indicative of an

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High fertilizer prices mean decisions about pasture fertility need to be weighed carefully, balancing the cost with rewards. However, it may also be an opportunity to consider alternative fertility options like interseeding legumes.

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Picking the right pasture is critical to successful legume establishment. Legumes need adequate levels of phosphorus and a pH of 6 or greater. Some species prefer pH closer

Ben Beckman to 7. With this in mind, taking the time to soil sample is worth the time and effort before spending more money and time on seed.

Additionally, maintaining legumes in a pasture may require a closer eye on soil nutrients as well as adjustments to current weed management strategies. Most legumes are herbicide sensitive, so pastures with heavy weed pressure that need treatment not good candidates.

While winter may not be the time of year we typically think of for planting seed, an open winter like this does provide some opportunity. Two methods that might be considered are feeding seed and frost seeding. Both can occur with frozen soils and have less topographical limitations than using a no till

the name implies. Hard seed, typically clover, is mixed in with a supplement or mineral and fed to animals in the hope that some seed passes through the digestive system still viable and is able to germinate on the other side. Studies at North Carolina State University have shown that uncoated seed has a better chance at remaining viable than coated, especially when fed through loose mineral. Coated seed retained more moisture allowing the high salt environment to negatively affect the enclosed seedling. Coating also reduced viability once in the animal, although the exact reason for this interaction was hard to pin down.

One last thing to consider when feeding seed is seedling survival. Since seed is deposited in manure, you might think this would be the perfect place to start life. However, the same North Carolina study showed that the cow pie environment was often too dense and nutrient rich to maintain seedling survival beyond a few weeks, even if the seed germinated. Their study showed improvements of 40-60% when pastures were dragged and manure pats spread out.

Another method that might have higher success than feeding seed, is frost seeding. Frost seeding is a general broadcast of seed across the ground during the winter, allowing the natural freezing and thawing of the ground to in effect plant the seed for you. One draw-back to frost seeding is the need for a relatively snow-free landscape for the seed to get down to the soil surface and take advantage of the freezing and thawing action.

As things green up in the spring, heavily flash grazing to set back the established grass can reduce competition to the new seedlings and improve success. You'll have to do a bit of scouting to make sure the timing is right. Wait until the grass is 3-4 inches above the seedlings, then graze it down to the seedlings height. While winter may not seem

like the time to put seed in the

ground, alternative seeding

methods like frost seeding and feeding seed may be exceptions to the rule. Both may be worth exploring as ways to improve pasture performance and reduce fertilizer costs while not having to worry about seeding during busier times this spring. - Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@

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At Thursday night's Wolfpack basketball games, student-athletes were recognized for participating in the 1st Annual Wolfpack Dribble and Shot Clubs. At the end of last school year, local students who are now in Kindergarten through 8th grade were sent home with logs to participate in the Wolfpack dribble club. The summer goal was to dribble for 10 minutes, 3 times per week. Students were encouraged to look up different dribbling drills to learn new skills. Recognized above (not in order) were Harmon Borer, Sydney Niewohner, Chloe Kielty, Reid Kielty, Judd Schindler, Mark Schindler, Carter Selting, Hayley Selting, Kinley Selting, Boyd Spieker and Leo Spieker. Also, at the end of last school year, students who are now in 3rd-8th grade were given Wolfpack Shot Club forms. They were encouraged to participate at any level, but once they reached 3,000 shots made, they earned a t-shirt. Most who returned their forms reached 3,000 made shots. There was also one student who made 5,000 shots. Between these 11 students, 34,653 made shots were logged. Recognized (below) for participating in the Wolfpack Shot Club (not in order) were Jacob Niewohner, Harmon Borer, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Chloe Kielty, Reid Kielty, Sydney Niewohner, Mark Schindler, Tenley Schindler, Kinley Selting and Leo Spieker. Recognized as a 5,000 shot club member was Carter Selting. Helping recognize the hard work of local youth included The Bank of Elgin, Dean's Market and Sands Truck Service and Repair. (Note: Students pictured who didn't receive a ball or shirt didn't fully complete the requirements but turned their paper back in with what they did get done. They got a concession stand gift card.)



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Champions receive basketballs at Knights of Columbus Free Throw



The Elgin Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was held Sunday afternoon at St. Boniface Auditorium. Winners in the girls division were (I-r): Tenley Schindler (11), Chloe Kielty (12), Kinley Miller (13) and Molly Thies-



Winners in the boys division were (I-r): Mark Schindler (9), Reid Kielty (10), Carter Selting (11) and James Lodge



Fifth and sixth grade Wheeler Central students attended the 'Sing Around Nebraska Festival Choir' event held Saturday, January 27 at Central City Performing Arts Center. Participating were (back row, I-r): Music instructor Sherry Tetschner, Trey Smith, Madison Norrell, Paiton Tucker, Anslee Wright, Dawson Kluver and Owen Sallach, Front row: Denna Skorcz, Macy Reich, Faith Heinz, Corbin Kasselder and Lincoln Mallett. Photo submitted

Bartlett News

Wheeler Central 5th and 6th

grade students attended a 'Sing Around Nebraska Festival Choir,' at Central City Performing Arts Center Saturday, January 27.

Students who participated in this event were: Faith Heinz, Corbin Kasselder, Dawson Kluver, Lincoln Mallet, Madison Norrell, Paiton Tucker, Macy Reich, Owen Sallach, Trey Smith, Paiton Tucker and Anslee Wright. Sponsors were Karen Pokorny and Sherry Tetschner.

Schools attending the Central City event were Boone Central, Central City Middle and Elementary, Humphrey Public Schools, McCool Junction, Hampton Elementary, Riverside, Shelby-Rising City, St. Paul, St. Edward and Wheeler Central.

Approximately 125 students attended the event.

Guest clinician was Dr. Clark Roush who is in his 38th year at York University in York, Nebraska where he conducts the University Singers and is the Endowed Chair for the Performing Arts. He is scheduled to conduct Carnegie Hall in May

Piano accompanist for the event was Micah Hesterman who is the elementary music teacher at Central City Public

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He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Besides being an elementary teacher he also plays trombone for the Hastings Symphony Orchestra and directs the Grand Island City Singers.

Students rehearsed for a good portion of the day, then gave a concert at 4 p.m. Musical selections were Carry the Light, Andy Beck; Gatatumba, Ruth Morris Gray; Sarasponda, Ruth Boshkoff; Circle Round the Moon, Mark Hierholzer; and Why We Sing, Greg Gilpan.

Dr. Roush was an amazing clinician!

He was full of energy (at age

65), passionate about music, very professional, yet made the experience fun for those participating.

The concert was phenomenal! The last song Why We Sing was so beautiful it not only brought tears to my eyes, but also to Dr. Roush. The evening ended with a long standing ovation.

I am very proud of the Wheeler Central students who participated in many, many extra practices.

I am very thankful for their teachers Kimmie Reed and Suzanne Dierks who gave us extra

By Sherry Tetschner

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Cougars

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The Cougars took a six-point lead at halftime, then held off



Katherine A. Kusek, DDS, PC

a Wolfpack rally in the second

Over the final two quarters, EPPJ outscored their opponent 25 to 22.

Karson Kallhoff led the Wolfpack, making four treys and finishing with 14 points. EPPJ made just 14 of 41 field goal attempts in the game.

Dylon Lueking and Gage Thiessen each had six rebounds in the game.

Central Valley 42, EPPJ 39

KEYERA EISENHAUER

outcome? Yeah, St. Mary's this

play better against them. They

the district final my sophomore

year against Bruning-Davenport-Shickley (an overtime loss).

What was the best moment for

final last year when we qualified

for state. I like that moment which

you on the court? The district

I shared with my dad after the

Playing at a small school,

you do more than just play basketball, right? Band is

something fun for me (after the

game before the boys game). It

just kind of shows how involved I

am. I don't just do one thing. I'm

What's it like to play basketball

I know he's part of the reason I'm

the player I've become today. At

the same time, I know he tries

to make me better but I just get

hear about it and then at home

frustrated sometimes when things aren't going our way. He lets me

for your dad as a coach? It's sometimes good and sometimes bad because he pushes me and

trying to be involved in a lot of

things that are school related.

always get in our heads. OR,

year. Just because I know we can

Kallhoff 4, Dylon Lueking 2, Kellan hoff 4-9 2-2 14, Myles Kittelson 1-6 0-0 2, Nick Anderson 0-3 0-0 Hoefer 2), Central Valley 7-17. **FOR SALE**

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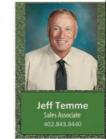
Wolfpack - Blake Henn 3-6 3-6

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0, Dylan Kolm 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon

Lueking 4-5 0-0 10. Team totals:

14-41 3-6 39. Central Valley team

totals: 16-44 3-6 42. Three-point

shots - Wolfpack 8-20 (Karson

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Central Catholic Girls) 7-5 (Dec 13-12). Her record is now 15-4.

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Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolf-

pack 25 (Dylon Lueking 6, Gage

Thiessen 6), Central Valley 20. As-

sists - Wolfpack 9 (Blake Henn 2,

Gage Thiessen 2, Dylon Lueking

the Centura Girls Wrestling Invite.

Duo

record is now 17-5.

- Sean Kohl, MD
- Danielle Krohn, APRN
- Jason Olnes, PA-C

2), Central Valley NA. Steals -

Wolfpack 9 (Blake Henn 3), Central

Valley 4. Turnovers — Wolfpack 9,

Central Valley 7.

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Earlier in the week EPPJ w competed Monday, January 22, at

170 — Round 1 - Dannyka Smidt (Elgin Pope John Girls) won

City Girls) 14-4 won by fall over Smidt (Fall 2:52). Her record is now

190 — Round 1 - Libby Evans (Elgin Pope John) won by fall over Leslie Garcia (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 7-5 (Fall 1:54);

Round 2 - Evans won by decision over Leslie Garcia (Grand Island

by fall over Madalyn Renz (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 4-10 (Fall 1:06); Round 2 - Smidt won by fall over Lauren Sladek (St. Paul Girls) 12-7 (Fall 1:34); Round 3 - Sierra Kluthe (Ord Girls) 24-6 won by fall over Smidt (Fall 1:12); Rylee Kursave (Arcadia-Loup

Smidt split her four matches. Individual results were:

Libby Evans won both of her matches while teammate Dannyka

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Get To Know The JANUARY Wolfpack

Is there a game you wish you could have back to change the

Where's your favorite place to play a basketball game away from EPPJ? Niobrara, it's just a bigger gym and it's kind of a cool environment because of how big

Do you consider yourself a 'shooter' or a 'scorer'? Kind of both because I'll shoot the ball which creates points for me. So I'd say I'm a scorer, but honestly, maybe more of a shooter.

When did you first start playing game OR my career 1,000th point basketball? I've been playing as long as I can remember, probably when I was three or four years

If you could live anywhere else in Nebraska's, besides here, where would it be? Probably Lincoln because the Huskers are down there so I would be able to go to the games.

You've been playing basketball for a long time, do you have aspirations to play at the next level? I did until I had my knee problems and that kind of took me away from having that chance because I don't want to make things worse in college. I wish I could go further, but I just don't think with my knee.

During a practice shoot around, I get to hear about it too. He how many shots will you take a pushes me a lot. day? Probably 500 overall, that's my minimum on a day then I'll do sometimes 50 free throws after

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BACK PAGE

Schools approve plan to leave Niobrara Valley Conference

As expected, four current members of the Niobrara Valley Conference (NVC) will in the near future be leaving the con-

Current members Atkinson West Holt, Summerland, Neligh-Oakdale and Elkhorn Vallev will be leaving the conference at the end of the 2024/2025 school year.

They will be joining Lewis & Clark Conference members Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Hartington-Newcastle and Plainview, as well as Lutheran High Northeast to form a new conference which will begin in the 2025/2026 school year. Opportunities for students in all activities has been cited as a reason to form a new alliance.

The pending exodus means the NVC will be reduced to 12 schools which, due to co-ops, will have just eight athletic teams.

Left in the NVC are Elgin Public, Pope John, Boyd County, O'Neill St. Mary's, Chambers-Wheeler Central, Santee, North Central and Niobrara-Verdigre. All sports schedules, with the exception of football, will be affected.

Football schedules are set by the Nebraska School Activities Association.

It's not known at the present time whether or not the NVC will seek to add more schools.

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Sunday, February 4

Monday, February 5

Friday, February 9

Sunday, February 11

Monday, February 12 Red-E-4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP • MidplainsAg annual meeting.* • EVFD meeting.

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Elgin City Council regular meeting.*

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Holt High School.*

quarterly meeting.*

Calendar

In recent years, Ainsworth has sought to join the NVC.

The issue of conference alignment likely will be discussed when the District #18 Board of Education holds their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 14.

The meeting is open to the public.

Vacancy

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race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or marital status. Also, the position is subject to a veteran's preference. Coming up fast

The deadline for incumbents to file for re-election is rapidly approaching. Positions on the Elgin City Council and the District #18 Board of Education are up for election in 2024.

At City Hall, seats held by Jim Kittelson (Ward 1) and Craig Niewohner (Ward 2) are up for election.

For the school board, seats held by incumbents Steve Busteed, Eric Beckman and Luke Hinkle are up for election this year. According to the Antelope County Clerk's office Tuesday morning, no one has yet to file for re-election to the city council or school board.

The deadline for incumbents to file for re-election is Thursday, February 15. Non-incumbents have til March 1 to file for public office.

Other filings

So far, just two persons have filed at the courthouse in Neligh. Charlie Henery, chairman of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners has filed for re-election.

Also, Peter Sample has filed for election to the Neligh/Oakdale Board of Education.

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