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2023/24 EPS school year may start one week later

The start of the 2023/24 school year may be moved back one week.

Superintendent Mike Brockhaus discussed the matter at last week's regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education.

Two months ago, several board members expressed the views of a number of people about wanting to start school later in August. At the same time, some teachers present at the meeting voiced their support for the idea.

Since then, administration and a committee of teachers shouldn't have to. I don't think Nebraskans should put ourselves in harms way so Californians can get lower carbon fuel."

Her goal is to see regulations put in place (in counties) to help control pipeline construction (depth cleanup, emergency response, etc.). In particular, she wants to see counties require pipeline companies to have an abandonment plan in place "so 25 years down the road if a company goes belly up the farmer, landowner or county is not left to deal (with it)."

District #5 Commissioner Keith Heithoff asked Kleebe if the pipeline was built,

an example of ordinances having been created to address concerns.

She said Bold Nebraska was formed 13 years ago and, within three months, began the fight against the Keystone Pipeline.

"We fought it and we won, fast forward to today," she said about another pipeline under consideration.

"These companies are coming to land owners for a one-time payment for a permanent easement," she claimed. "They do that all the time. They have already threatened eminent domain. We fully believe that if a property owner doesn't want wind, solar or a pipeline on their property, they

Commissioners hear from Kleebe about carbon pipeline

By Jessie Reestman and Dennis Morgan

NELIGH — An opponent of underground pipelines spoke to the Antelope County Board of Commissioners last week. The meeting room was packed with constituents, many who came to hear more about a proposed pipeline.

For nearly 25 minutes, Jane Kleebe of Bold Nebraska (and chairperson for the Nebraska Democratic Party), raised a number of concerns about a proposed carbon pipeline under development which would stretch more than a thousand miles from Iowa through Nebraska then north into North Dakota.

Kleebe spoke about pipeline property rights and shared

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Trent Mefford (24-14) Aquinas Catholic; Luke Harper (37-10) Sutherland; Tristan Krueger (33-8) North Central; Creel Weber (30-6) Hemingford and Treu Atkins (27-17) SEM.

Hemenway will begin his quest for a state medal with a first round match against Theron Miller (26-8) of Hemingford.

Other wrestlers in his half of the draw are Sid Miller (37-1) Anselmo-Merna; Grayson Petersen (24-22) Plainview; Jaycob Young (18-7) Maxwell; Chase Thomas (37-11) Neligh-Oakdale; Cameron Carr (24-9) Brady and Elijah Feel (39-8) Shelby-Rising City.

First round action for Class D begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday immediately followed by the quarterfinals. On Friday, first round consolation matches will get underway at 9 a.m. followed by second round consolations; Semifinals and third round consolation matches will start at 6:30 p.m. Friday night. On Saturday, consolation finals will begin at 9 a.m. followed by third and fifth matches. Championship finals for all classes will start at 3 p.m.

Fans unable to attend can follow the action on The Elgin Review's Facebook page or by going to www.nsaahome.org.

Sam Hemenway

Carter Beckman

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degree, Brockhaus said. Due to that, he said the school has some flexibility in the hiring process.

Currently she is student teaching at the school, now in the kindergarten classroom. In March, she will work with special education, he said.

Ms. Sanne, from Clearwater, was hired to fill the special ed position which came open when Gabrielle Williams submitted her resignation, effective at the end of the 2022/23 school year.

4-H

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petition from softball practice, league games, wrestling, and more.

It's difficult to find a time for monthly meetings when attendance can be consistent. Back in the day, when membership in Way Out West was around 25 youth, "everyone showed up," Redding recalled.

Yet, both said, nearly in unison, "4-H has a (strong) future everywhere." With one in three eligible youth enrolled in Nebraska and 4-H through Nebraska Extension known to be amongst the best in the Nation, Way Out West has the local, state, and national support to continue growing leaders for tomorrow.

From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

Hawaiian Pork Chops

A sweet and sour-type pork chop meal.

Good day,
Good Monday morning! I am in the office this morning making some choices as to what to share with you, my readers.

This is what I decided on this week. If you like sweet and sour pork, you will love these pork chops. It is really a simple recipe. You can double the recipe if you have a bigger family. They're really good if you should have any leftovers.

Not sure what to make for supper tonight? Give this a try, I bet that you will like them! Delicious.

Jo Ann

HAWAIIAN PORK CHOPS

1/2 cup vinegar
1/2 cup catsup
1 9 oz can crushed pineapple and its juice
1 Tbls soy sauce



3 Tbls brown sugar
1/2 tsp salt
4 pork chops

Brown the pork chops. Mix vinegar, catsup and pineapple, soy sauce sugar and salt. Put browned chops in a pan and pour the sauce over top. Bake in a 350° oven for an hour to and hour and 1/2. You will need to check a couple of times to see if you need to add a little water so it doesn't get too dry. Delicious!

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Stream Talk

Back in the day, a stream was merely water trickling downhill to the pond on the southern Nebraska farmland where I grew up. Still is, though lately the ability to stream is top of mind. Hulu, Netflix, YouTube TV, Amazon Prime, Sling, DirecTV – that’s all that hit me right now. These are those streaming services that bring live television, recorded movies, music, podcasts, and more to your devices.

Plainly, to stream means to download digital material from the Internet. This is in contrast to television delivered over-the-air, through cable, or by satellite. Complicated, huh. Lucky for Elgin residents who now have access to fiber optic connectivity allowing for really high speed, seamless delivery of digital content.

In psychology, William James in 1890 came up with the idea of stream of consciousness. It means that our thoughts, feelings, fantasies, and imaginings are a continuous, uninterrupted flow. Psychodynamic therapists use this clinical approach asking the client/patient to just share what comes to mind, also known as talk therapy.

My Dad, a man of much wisdom whom I reference often in these columns, always cautioned to avoid changing horses in the middle of a stream. Building a house? Maybe stick with the contractor who got you this far with the project. Frustrated with a spouse? Maybe try every which way to get the relationship back on track.

Streams carry all kinds of other advice. How about this one? Cross the stream where it is shallowest. This means to do things in the easiest way possible.

Last March while in Kenya, we floated in a hot air balloon over the Mara River where the 1,200-mile mass migration of some two million animals occurs. Antelope, zebra, wildebeests. The movement of the herds from Tanzania across the river to Kenya must be a sight to behold. Following sources of water bordered by lush greenery, the animals return to traditional birthing spots, then make the trek back to where they started.

“See there,” the balloon pilot said as he pointed out an easy terrain for the river crossing. If the animals went there, all would be well. Yet, every year, because it’s always been done that way, they cross on the rockiest slope of the stream, breaking legs, and falling to the jaws of hungry crocodiles lying in wait.

Swimming against the stream is another thought worth a comment or two. This is to act in opposition to what might be the norm. Standing when everyone else sits. Wearing a ball cap in the theater when everyone else is without head gear. More seriously, speaking out, sometimes causing an altercation, when quiet contemplation is more appropriate, may be considered upstream behavior.

Friends in Virginia used to have a current pool. Press the right button and you could swim against the manufactured water flow. Good exercise.

Another experience going upstream was canoeing with a friend in the Patuxent River in Maryland. I was warned it was a tidal river (actually a stream) and exactly on the hour when the tides flipped direction in the ocean, the flow of the river changed. Such a weird feeling. Even though we wanted to push on, paddling against the current got us nowhere. We turned the canoe around and headed back downstream to the park visitors’ center.

Another term often used is to come online or on stream. This means to become functional, sort of like when one gets that license to practice a trade or profession. Paperwork is good, giving you the clean slate to be an engineer, doctor, dentist, plumber, electrician, whatever. Know though, a stream cannot rise above its source. Attempting to function beyond one’s ability is not wise.

During these dark days of winter, let some sunlight stream in by day, stream a movie or two by night, and keep that stream of good wishes flowing to family and friends. Soon you’ll be out in the stream fly fishing, flourishing in summer’s warmth, and savoring breathtaking Nebraska scenery.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

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Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago
February 21, 1963

A summary of the results of a survey of the school patrons concerning the proposed hot lunch program was completed. Of the 81 questionnaires returned to the school there were 66 expressing a desire to install this program and 15 which answered negatively. The large majority (more than 4 to 1) of affirmative expressions was believed to be sufficient to continue to work toward providing a hot lunch program.

Twenty-four Chamber of Commerce members gathered at the Addie Batie café Monday night with the main discussion centering around Elgin’s Diamond Jubilee in 1964 and Chamber sponsored “welcome” advertising.

Tuesday night Elgin played Battle Creek there. It was a tight ball game all the way. At half time the score was tied 30-30. Elgin was defeated 70-54. Gary Busted led Elgin’s scoring with 22 points, followed by Bill Heckert contributing 15, and Rick Johnson adding 12.

Fifty Years Ago

February 15, 1973

Four Pope John grapplers were state bound to represent the C-8 District in Lincoln. The four grapplers were juniors Bob Koenig who is 23-2 and wrestled at 98; John Thiele a senior was 19-6-2 this season and wrestled at 119; Al Hoefer, also a senior was 19-5-1 for the season and wrestled at 138; Dennis Reicks, senior, is 22-3 and a heavy-weight. Al Hoefer and Bob Koenig placed first at district. John Thiele and Dennis placed second. Dale Schindler, Gail Borer, George Lordemann and Gary Arehart placed third. Tom Borer was fourth in his class.

Snow began to fall Monday afternoon and progressed throughout most of the night into Tuesday morning. By Tuesday noon we had received around six inches of wet snow and during the afternoon a northwest wind started some drifting.

Thirty Years Ago
February 24, 1993

Rehearsals were underway for this year’s spring musical production, “Starmites,” to be presented by Pope John

Central Catholic students. “Starmites,” written by Stuart Roth and Barry Keating, features an animated plot and characters. The cast included about 18 students. Assistant directors are seniors Ann Kathol and Jeremie Kerkman and sophomores Sarah Koziol and Nikki Baum.

Niobrara Valley Conference has expanded to include three additional schools effective July 1, 1993. New to the conference are Elgin Public Schools, Wheeler Central Schools and St. Mary’s of O’Neill. Addition of these schools brings to 16 the number of schools in the conference. Long-existing members of the conference include Clearwater, Ewing, Keya Paha, Niobrara, Verdigre, Spencer-Naper, Stuart, Butte, Lynch, Orchard, Chambers, Santee and Pope John-Elgin.

Twenty Years Ago
February 12, 2003

An Elgin High School team

earned runner-up honors in the 2003 Quiz Bowl sponsored by KNEB Radio of Norfolk. The Elgin team won four matches leading up to the finals competition at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. As runners-up, the team received a trophy and \$250 contribution. Each team member also received a medal. Elgin High team members were Rachel Uhrenholdt (captain) and Justin Scholl, Juniors Whitney Sprout and Ryan Hemenway, and freshman Katie Score. The team is coached by Doug Jones.

Due to several retirements the Elgin Fire Department was left to fill vacancies. They began seeking new members to join the department. Anyone who lived or worked within a one mile radius of Elgin was eligible for membership.

By Jessie Reestman

Court News

The third juvenile involved in the Aug. 28, 2022 theft of an all-terrain vehicle from Big Red Motorsports in Neligh was adjudicated by the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh earlier this month.

The female juvenile was ordered to serve a nine-month term of probation and pay \$49 costs of prosecution. She was driving the ATV, lost control and hit a mailbox, resulting in one of the other youths being pinned under the ATV with non-life-threatening injuries.

Another female juvenile was adjudicated Aug. 31, 2022, placed on 18 months of probation and placed at Boys Town on Sept. 9. Costs of \$49 were waived.

A male juvenile was adjudicated Nov. 16, placed on a six-month term of probation and assessed \$59 costs.

Taylor also ordered the three youth to pay \$1,000, jointly and severally, to Big Red Motorsports. They each admitted Count I, theft by unlawful taking, more than \$5,000, a Class 2A felony; Count II, criminal mischief, 0-\$500, a Class 3 misdemeanor; and Count III, unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle, also a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Maverick Short, 18, of Oakdale faced Taylor for pretrial hearing on two counts, Count I, driving under the influence of alcohol (high test), a Class W misdemeanor, and minor in possession of alcohol, a Class 3 misdemeanor. A plea deal was announced. Interim County Attorney Joe Smith amended the complaint, changing Count I to criminal attempt of obstructing a police officer, a Class 2 misdemeanor. Short entered no contest pleas to the amended count and Count II, as charged. Taylor sentenced Short to a \$250 fine on each count; a six-month term of probation, including fees totaling \$220; revoked his driver’s license for 30 days and assessed \$50 costs. Short was represented by Martin Klein of Neligh.

Jessica Scott, 42, of Clearwater appeared for arraignment on two Class 2 misdemeanor counts of issuing bad checks - on May 16 and Aug. 12, 2022. She waived her right to counsel and entered a guilty plea to the May count, while Smith dismissed the August count. Taylor fined Scott \$100, taxed her \$50 costs and ordered her to pay restitution, \$25.49 to Thriftway Market and \$42.40 to Clearwater Market.

A 25-year-old Norfolk man had his first court appearance

last week on allegations of theft, criminal mischief and trespassing at a rural Clearwater location.

Benjamin T. Smith faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courthouse in Neligh on Feb. 1, for arraignment on three counts alleged Jan. 6, about eight miles northeast of Clearwater, at 85824 519 Avenue.

Smith’s charges include: Count I, theft, 0 - \$500, a Class 2 misdemeanor; Count II, criminal mischief, 0 - \$500, a Class 3 misdemeanor; and Count III, second-degree trespass, a Class 2 misdemeanor. He requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Antelope County Public Defender Pat Carney and set further arraignment Feb. 15.

Three defendants chose to plead guilty to second-degree trespassing charges, committed on the same date and at the same location as Smith’s allegations. They were cited by an Antelope County deputy sheriff.

Dawn M. Breaker, 20, of Oakdale, Rex A. Leverett, 28, and Amber Lown, 24, of Norfolk all pleaded guilty, by waiver and were each fined \$100 and \$49 costs.

Edward D. Lundstrom, 65, of Stanton appeared for further arraignment on a 2020 crime. A plea agreement was announced. Lundstrom pleaded no contest to the Class 3 misdemeanor second-degree trespassing charge in exchange for Smith’s recommendation of a fine. Taylor found Lundstrom guilty and fined him \$50 and assessed \$52 costs of prosecution. Lundstrom was represented by Martin Klein of Neligh.

Tanai R. Zlomke, 32, of Verdigre pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, an infraction committed Dec. 10, 2022, in Tilden. She was fined \$100 and \$49 costs.

Joseph McNally appeared in the Antelope County court in Neligh, as prosecutor in cases involving violations to a Village of Orchard ordinance. Three defendants were recently charged with maintaining dangerous buildings in the village, alleged in November 2022.

Jennifer L. Trease, 54, of Orchard appeared for arraignment on the misdemeanor violation Feb. 1.

She waived her right to counsel, pleaded no contest and was found guilty by the Honorable Donna Taylor. Sentencing is set May 3.

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Thursday, February 23: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.
Friday, February 24: Tuna & noodle casserole, peas, pears, milk.
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Edward R. Murrow

Opinion

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Medicinal marijuana to be considered again

This week saw the Legislature conclude the second and final week of all-day committee hearings. The schedule will return to the traditional format where there is floor debate in the mornings and committee hearings in the afternoon.

The question of whether Nebraska should legalize medical marijuana will again be considered by the Legislature this year. Senator Wishart introduced LB 588, the Medicinal Cannabis Act, which would provide a regulatory framework to establish access to cannabis specifically for medical purposes. The bill lists sixteen conditions that would qualify patients to use cannabis, limits the allowable amount of cannabis, requires a patient to have a genuine relationship with the health care practitioner and prohibits the use of edible or smokable variants of marijuana.

Several individuals told Judiciary Committee members their personal stories of how medical marijuana would help their loved ones, many of whom were suffering from chronic pain or seizures largely untreatable using other available medications. However, opponents raised concerns that cannabis remains illegal under

federal law and that the substance could have long-term health impacts on people, making them more susceptible to addiction or serious mental health conditions.

The Judiciary Committee also heard LB 482 by Senator Raybould that would adopt the Suicide Risk Protection Order Act. Under this bill,

law enforcement officers could file a petition for a protection order which alleges the person poses a significant risk of injury to themselves or others by having firearms in their custody. Once a petition is filed, courts would be authorized to issue protection orders that would require a person to surrender all firearms and firearm permits to the local law enforcement agency. Although the bill refers to a "suicide risk protection order", the order would not actually require a risk of suicide. Additionally, the bill as written is unclear as to whether such petitions could be filed by anyone else.

Meanwhile, the Health and Human Services Committee listened to over six hours of testimony on LB 574 by Senator Kauth. This legislation would adopt the Let Them Grow Act and prohibit the performance of gender altering procedures for individuals under the age of 19, such as puberty blockers, hormone treatments and surgeries for gender dysphoria. The proposal would also ban providers from offering referrals and would allow for a civil penalty against physicians who offer the procedure. The

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Build a prison, maybe two while you're at it

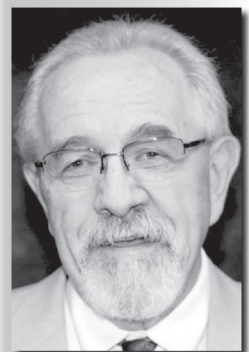
*"They're trying to build a prison
They're trying to build a prison
For you and me to live in
Another prison system
Another prison system
For you and me."*

--The Prison Song by System of a Down (2001)

To the surprise of none and the consternation of many, me included, a new report says that before 2030, Nebraska will need another 1,500 prison beds, even after building a \$350-million, 1,500-bed replacement for the aging State Penitentiary in Lincoln.

CAPITOL VIEW

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Statehouse Correspondent
J.L. Schmidt

We have been expecting the Facility Master Plan for the Nebraska Department of Corrections to side with the staunch law and order advocates who think it best to just "lock 'em up." The ringer is the report says after the new prison is open, the state will be short about 1,300 prison beds, given the expected growth in state inmates.

It recommends decommissioning the 1,023-bed State Pen in Lincoln, the state's oldest prison, but leaves open the possibility of reusing at least some of its buildings to handle

future housing needs.

Prison consultants Dewberry issued the report that affirms what former State Sen. Steve Lathrop of Omaha, then head of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, said the state isn't looking at building just one expensive new prison, but two, unless it is willing to adopt sentencing reforms to slow the tide of inmates entering the system.

Part of the frustration that caused Lathrop to not run for another term was the realization that his colleagues were not willing to adopt such reforms.

There's a glimmer of hope in that new Governor Jim Pillen has included final funding for a new prison in his budget and mentioned some alternatives to incarceration might reduce that spending. "Minor drug offenders fill your prisons, you don't even flinch

All our taxes paying for your wars against the new non-rich."

The song continues.

State Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha has offered a bill that would block any new prison construction until reforms are adopted to reduce new inmates and improve rehabilitation work. "Building a new prison is not the answer," he said.

The song lyrics read:

"All research and successful drug policies show that treatment should be increased



And law enforcement decreased while abolishing mandatory minimum sentences."

Now you've done it.

Calling for more treatment and less law enforcement and abolishment of mandatory minimum sentences, you tree hugger!

But wait, have we tried those things? The drug courts seem to be working and a handful of similar approaches show promise.

But getting the conservative majority to alter course won't be an easy ride. That "lock-'em-up" mentality dies hard.

Corrections spokeswoman Dawn Renee Smith said the need for 1,500 additional beds was not a surprise, but that the agency's top priority is obtaining approval for the new prison now being planned.

Recent flooding in a housing unit at the State Pen, which caused its closure and the transfer of inmates to another prison, illustrates the need for the new prison, she said.

Nebraska has had the most overcrowded prison system in the nation, and now holds, on average, about 1,500 more inmates than its nine prisons

were designed to hold. The crowding has meant less space for rehabilitation programs and increased stress on staff that, until recently, was woefully short.

Hiring bonuses and salary increases have helped for now.

When the previous administration proposed the new, 1,512-bed prison somewhere in the Omaha-Lincoln-Fremont area, the goal was to reduce overcrowding, but that morphed into replacing the aging State Penitentiary.

I'm sure that easing the overcrowding is a priority for many lawmakers.

Doing it by building more beds without looking at releasing minor offenders, expanding alternative courts and treatment programs makes no sense.

Here's hoping that lawmakers will finally come to a compromise on this very important issue this session..

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

Search for new education commissioner continues

This month's State Board of Education meetings convened on Thursday, and Friday, February 2-3 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln.

With February being Career and Technical Education month, we were delighted to have students from around the state share about their participation in various Career and Technical Student Organizations. Two of the five presenters were from District 6, Bella Arrends, an eighth grader from Grand Island's Westridge Middle School, and Alex Johnson, a senior at Grand Island High School. They shared the impact of their experiences in Career and Technical Education. The other presenters focused on their involvement with Educators Rising which, according to its website, provides passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustains their interest in the profession, and helps them cultivate the skills they need to become successful

educators. Career opportunities abound in the field of Career and Technical Education.

In light of concerns over our teacher shortage, I will share actions pertaining to this issue. On January 31st, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) held a public hearing which, in addition to updating Rule 10 and Rule 14, proposed to repeal Rule 23. The repeal of Rule 23 would eliminate the requirement for educators to demonstrate basic skills competency when applying for an entry-level certificate. Some of the rationale includes that certification exams are not strong predictors of teaching effectiveness, basic skills competency examinations are costly for new educators, and a baccalaureate degree and completion of an approved educator preparation program (including student teaching) is required for an initial teaching certificate. It is believed these requirements demonstrate an applicant has the basic skills to be a teacher.

The repeal would allow Nebraska to be more competitive in recruiting teachers. No other states that border Nebraska require basic skills competency examinations for certification. This decision would result in an increase in the number of certificated teachers in Nebraska. The board will vote on this matter at the March meeting.

The search for Nebraska's next Commissioner of Education continues. The stakeholder survey ended January 31st. There were over 5,500 narra-

EDUCATION REPORT



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Committee heard from proponents who had previously received, sought or considered gender-affirming care. Meanwhile, several doctors and groups such as OutNebraska and the ACLU of Nebraska opposed this legislation. I did sign on to this bill as a co-sponsor as I have many concerns regarding the efficacy and ethics of allowing gender altering procedures on minors.

In the Government and Military Affairs Committee, Senator Briese brought forward LB 143 that would provide for year-round daylight saving time if Congress gives states the flexibility to choose and three neighboring states also pass a similar law. In his testimony, Senator Briese cited the general disdain toward time changes, health implications, and potential economic benefits as people would be more likely to shop. However, the Nebraska Broadcasters Association raised concerns regarding the difficulty of scheduling programing with a patchwork of state laws and urged the Legislature to wait for federal action.

Meanwhile, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee heard testimony on a bill that would establish a state broadband office. LB 683, introduced by the Committee, would create the Nebraska Broadband Office for the purpose of administering and maintaining broadband services in Nebraska. Under the bill, a broadband director would be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature to lead the office, which would operate administratively under the Nebraska Department of Transportation. This office would take over the maintenance of the state broadband map from the Public Service Commission and provide a structured entity to distribute federal broadband funds in an efficient and transparent manner.

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tive responses to the search firm's prompt. Thank you to those of you who completed the survey; your input is valued. This position will be advertised through March 2nd. Finalists will be presented the week of March 20 with interviews taking place the week of March 27.

I'll keep you posted.
For those of you planning to attend upcoming board meetings, please note the SBOE meeting dates for April and December have been changed to April 13-14, and November 30-December 1st.

Anyone wishing to view the February business meeting in its entirety may do so at <https://www.education.ne.gov/live/> Our next SBOE meeting dates are March 2nd and 3rd.

You can contact me at sherry.jones@nebraska.gov
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Bartlett News

By Sherry Tetschner

The Bartlett community has been saddened by the death of Roger Race of Bartlett. Roger died January 30, 2023 at the age of 82. Our prayers are lifted up for his family.

CWC basketball games were held at Wheeler Central, Tuesday, February 7 hosting Elgin Public/Pope John. The evening was packed with events. Events before and during the games included the singing of the national anthem by a large group of Wheeler Central students, a dance routine by young students of CWC and Wheeler Central; and a presentation of Wheeler Central "Teammates," mentors and mentees. Forty-five "Teammate" matches were present.

Members of the senior class sold nearly 200 smoothies during the game as a money maker for their class.

The final scores for the evening were: Girls Varsity; Elgin Public/Pope John 65-CWC 26; Boys Varsity; Elgin Public/Pope John 54-CWC 30.

Finally, I have gotten many calls on LB 768 which would transfer 30 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to support the development of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) being overseen by the Lewis and Clark NRD. I am planning to schedule a town hall in Crofton sometime later in February or early March.

Additionally, LB 77, Senator Brewer's constitutional carry legislation, was voted out of the Judiciary Committee with 5 in favor and 3 not voting. I voted in support.

As my first legislative session gets underway, I invite you to contact me with your thoughts and opinions on legislation that is before us. I can be reached at bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My State Capitol telephone number is (402) 471-2801 and my mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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Beckman, Hemenway punch ticket to State!

PENDER — The big city beckons for two Wolfpack wrestlers this week.

Wolfpack wrestlers Carter Beckman and Samuel Hemenway will be competing, starting Thursday, at the NSAA State Wrestling Championships at CHI Health Center Arena. They qualified for the state championships, earning their way with outstanding performances at the D-1 District Tournament held in Pender, over the weekend.

Beckman led EPPJ, winning the championship in the 120-pound weight class. In the championship match, he made quick work of Summerland's Alex Thiele with a pin coming just 48 seconds into the match. The victory boosted his record this season to 33-3.

His route to the championship started Friday afternoon with a pin of Summerland's Caden Mendoza. In the quarterfinals, Beckman picked up another pin, this time against Ky Cargill of Central Valley. That set up a semifinal showdown Saturday morning against South Loup's Bo Brennan. Just as in the other matches, Beckman pinned the foe. "They're all tough," Beckman

about postseason matches. "Everybody's gotten better by the end of the season. They're all coming after you. My semifinal match, he came after me a little bit but I was ready."

Hemenway began his march to the championship round with a quarterfinal victory Friday over Cambridge's Trev Burke. In the semifinals, Hemenway battle Neligh-Oakdale's Chase Thomas. Meeting for the first time this season, each took the other's best shot before the Wolfpack wrestler pulled away late to win 4 to 1. The victory set up a first place match against Winside's Mason Topp. Hemenway's foe entered the match with a 28-6 record and, on this day, was better. Hemenway lost the match seven to one, claiming the runner-up medal.

"I've known all year I was going to get him at districts," Hemenway said about Topp. The semifinal match against Thomas was the first time the two squared off this year. "I went out there and just wrestled how I

knew how to."

Another Wolfpack wrestler came up one match short of going to state. Competing in the 220-pound division, senior David Durre reached the heartbreak round. After losing his first match Friday, Durre came back to pin Tri-County Northeast's Nate Franzluebbbers and Homer's Trent Dunn to set up a showdown against David Lozano of Riverside. Lozano controlled the match from the start, pinning Durre in 1:58.

Also wrestling Saturday was 138-pounder Landyn Veik. After dropping his first match in the tournament, Veik came back with victories over Ponca's Riley Swich and Neligh-Oakdale's Kegan Payne (sudden victory) to advance to consolation round five. Then, Stanton's Kaden Kment pinned Veik to end the freshman's season.

Aquinas Catholic won team competition with 209.5 points followed by Cambridge 131.5, Neligh-Oakdale 127.5, Wisner-Pilger 119, Howells-Dodge 79, Pender 74, Wilcox-Hildreth 59.5, Fullerton 56, EPPJ 55, Madison 50, Summerland 49, Riverside 41, South Loup 41, Central Valley 38 and Stanton 34.5.

Results of contested matches involving Wolfpack wrestlers were:

113 — Champ. Round 1 - Tycin Lampman (Wisner-Pilger) 26-14 won by fall over Austin Hinkle (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 1:27); Cons. Round 2 - Canon Holley (Central Valley) 28-20 won by fall over Hinkle (Fall 2:30). Hinkle ends the year with a 4-17 record.

120 — Champ. Round 1 - Carter Beckman (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Caden Mendoza (Summerland) 0-21 (Fall 1:09); Quarterfinal - Beckman won by fall over Ky Cargill (Central Valley) 14-17 (Fall 2:44); Semifinal - Beckman won by fall over Bo Brennan (South Loup Callaway/Arnold) 28-16 (Fall 2:51); 1st Place Match - Beckman won by fall over Alex Thiele (Summerland) 35-12 (Fall 0:46). Beckman's season record is now 33-3.

120 — Champ. Round 1 - Bo Brennan (South Loup Callaway/Arnold) 28-16 won by fall over Kaeden Schwarting (Elgin Public/Pope



Wolfpack senior Carter Beckman wasted little time in his championship match Saturday against Summerland's Alex Thiele. Beckman won the district championship by pinning Thiele in 48 seconds to earn a third trip to state. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

John) 12-17 (Fall 1:38); Cons. Round 2 - Carson Whitesel (Neligh-Oakdale) 28-16 won by fall over Schwarting (Fall 2:20). Schwarting ends the year with a 12-17 record.

126 — Champ. Round 1 - Isaac Barclay (Homer) 7-14 won by decision over Grady Druke (Elgin Public/Pope John) 7-20 (Dec 9-6); Cons. Round 2 - Charlie Houser (Cambridge) 7-22 won by fall over Druke (Fall 2:20). Druke ends the season with a 7-20 record.

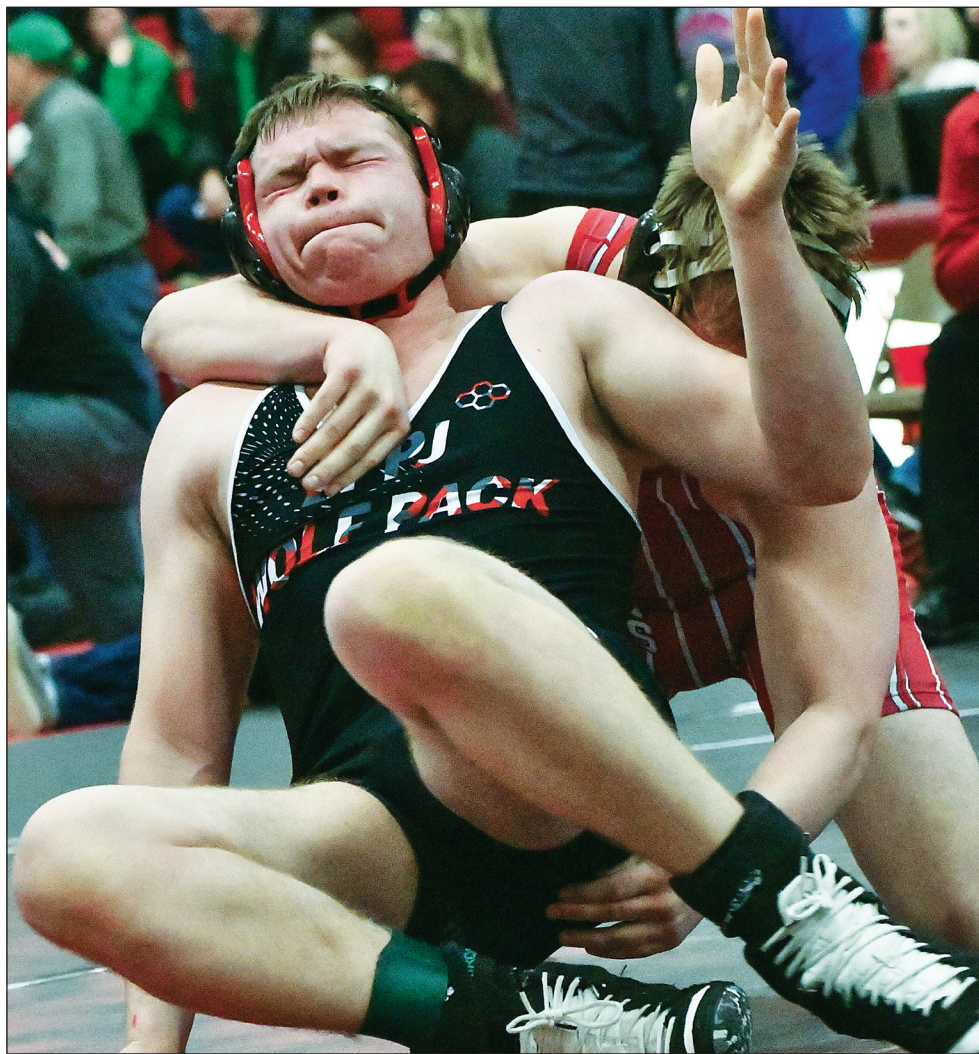
132 — Champ. Round 2 - Dylan Brichacek (Howells-Dodge) 40-3 won by fall over Isaac Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 0:45); Cons. Round 3 - Matthew Ferris (Pender) 28-23 won by fall over Hemenway (Fall 2:41). Hemenway ends the season with a 12-19 record.

132 — Champ. Round 2 - Corbin Hoefer (Neligh-Oakdale) 35-8 won by fall over Jack Barlow (Elgin Public/Pope John) 9-18 (Fall 3:11); Cons. Round 2 - Barlow won by fall over Gabe Liermann (Wisner-Pilger) 5-22 (Fall 4:52); Cons. Round 3 - Dawson Mason (South Loup Callaway/Arnold) 31-12 won by fall over Barlow (Fall 2:40). Barlow ends the season with a 9-18 record.

138 — Champ. Round 2 - Konner Bourek (Howells-Dodge) 26-22 won by fall over Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 3:00); Cons. Round 3 - Veik won by fall over Riley Swick (Ponca) 8-19 (Fall 2:03); Veik won in sudden victory - 1 over Kegan Payne (Neligh-Oakdale) 35-16 (SV-1 9-7); Cons. Round 5 - Kaden Kment (Stanton) 23-19 won by fall over Veik (Fall 0:58). Veik finishes the season with a 25-16 record.

195 — Quarterfinal - Samuel Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Trev Burke (Cambridge) 8-24 (Fall 0:57); Semifinal - Hemenway won by decision over Chase Thomas (Neligh-Oakdale) 37-11 (Dec 4-1); 1st Place Match - Mason Topp (Winside) 29-6 won by decision over Hemenway (Dec 7-1). Hemenway's record is now 26-8.

220 — Quarterfinal - Colton Sanderson (Pender) 32-19 won by fall over David Durre (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 0:40); Cons. Round 2 - Durre won by fall over Nate Franzluebbbers (Tri County Northeast) 6-29 (Fall 0:32); Cons. Round 3 - Durre won by fall over Trent Dunn (Homer) 6-17 (Fall 1:28); Cons. Semi - David Lozano (Riverside) 20-20 won by fall over Durre (Fall 1:58). Durre finishes the season with an 8-19 record.



Wolfpack wrestler Samuel Hemenway uses all his strength to try and escape the hold of Winside wrestler Mason Topp during the championship match Saturday afternoon. Hemenway will head to state by virtue of finishing second in the weight class. *E-R photo/DMorgan*



Wolfpack senior David Durre pinned Homer wrestler Trent Dunn in 1:28 to advance to the 'heartbreak round.' *E-R photo/DMorgan*



Paiton Hoefer dishes off one of his four assists against the Bobcats. He led the Wolfpack with 13 points Thursday night. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Bobcats top EPPJ 46 to 45

SUMMERLAND — Victory eluded the Wolfpack boys team Thursday night as Summerland escaped with a 46 to 45 win.

Playing their third road game in a row, Elgin Public-Pope John led late in the game only to see victory slip away courtesy of two free throws by sophomore Sam Cheatum.

The Wolfpack were down 43 to 35 midway through the final quarter before senior Paiton Hoefer led a furious comeback. Hoefer scored seven unanswered points to cut the lead to 43 to 42 with 1:42 left on the clock.

Bobcat Alec Schindler made one of two free throws to bump the lead up to 44 to 42 with 1:02 left on the clock.

Then, EPPJ put the ball in the hands of freshman Karson Kallhoff who drained a trey to give EPPJ a one-point lead.

"One thing I love about Karson is he steps out there with no fear," EPPJ Coach Matt Euse said. "Nothing fazes him."

That set the stage for Cheatum's free throws. EPPJ appeared to foul Schindler under the basket with 11 seconds left in the game. Schindler should have shot two free throws, but Cheatum stepped to the line and took the shots as the referees did not catch the error.

With Summerland ahead by one, EPPJ had one last shot. The ball ended up in Kallhoff's hands. His shot from the left corner bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

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Wolfpack coaches Shane Beckman, Mike Zegers and Adam Veik show their excitement as Jack Barlow pins Gabe Liermann of Wisner-Pilger during consolation round action Friday. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

EPPJ

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“I learned tonight that we have more heart than I even thought we had...We had our chances. We’ll learn from this and we’ll get better,” Coach Euse said.

Tied at 23-all to start the second half, Summerland gained the lead by outscoring the Wolfpack 16 to 10. Bobcat Michael Koenig scored his team’s first nine points of the quarter.

After EPPJ’s Nick Anderson completed a three-point play to cut Summerland’s lead to 34 to 33, the Bobcats scored the last five points of the quarter, all coming from Dylan Barlow.

For the game, Hoefer led the Wolfpack with 13 points, Dylan Lueking tossed in 10. EPPJ made 17 of 43 field goal attempts (four of 22 from three-point range) and made seven of nine free throws.

Jarek Erickson led the team in rebounds with eight, Lueking added six. Jack Wemhoff led EPPJ with three steals.

EPPJ will wrap up the regular season Friday night at home against O’Neill St. Mary’s. The game will be played at Elgin High School.

Summerland 46, EPPJ 45

Wolfpack.....9 14 10 12 — 45
Summerland.....14 9 16 7 — 46
Wolfpack — Blake Henn 0-0 2-2 2, Jack Wemhoff 4-6 0-0 8, Gage Thiessen 0-2 0-0 0, Paiton Hoefer 4-6 2-3 13, Nick Anderson 1-2 1-1 3, Jarek Erickson 2-6 0-0 4, Karson Kallhoff 1-7 2-2 5, Dylan Lueking 4-8 0-1 10. Team totals: 17-43 7-9 45. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-22 (Dylon Lueking 2, Karson Kallhoff 1, Paiton Hoefer 1). Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 26 (Jarek Erickson 8, Dylan Lueking 6). Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Paiton Hoefer 4, Jack Wemhoff 3). Steals — Wolfpack 7 (Jack Wemhoff 3). Turnovers — Wolfpack 11.

Wolfpack earns 14th victory

BARTLETT — Senior Paiton Hoefer tossed in 22 points Tuesday night to lead the Wolfpack to a 54 to 30 victory over the Chambers/Wheeler Central Renegades.

The Wolfpack took control of the game early, building a 19-point lead after one quarter.

EPPJ posts big win over CWC gals

BARTLETT — Everybody played, almost everybody scored.

Elgin Public-Pope John began the final week of the regular season with a decisive 65 to 26 victory over Chambers/Wheeler Central in girls basketball action.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer found plenty of time for all members of the team to see court action as the team won their 18th victory of the season.

Sisters Taylynnne and Ashlynnne Charf each scored 14 points to lead the way. Taylynnne connected on five of six from the field, her best offensive performance of the season. Ashlynnne, in addition to tying for the team-high in points, led the team in rebounds (11), assists (4) and steals (8).

Leading 31 to seven to start the third quarter, the Wolfpack didn’t let up. Over the final two quarters they outscored the Renegades 34 to 19.

EPPJ made six of 14 shots from behind the three-point arc. Taylynnne Charf had three, junior Brenna Martinsen added two and Sara Bode had one. Bode made all of her field goal attempts and all of her free throws to finish with 10 points.

The Wolfpack made 26 of 54 shots from the field and seven of 11 free throws. In contrast, CWC made 10 of 40 field goal attempts and three of six free throws.

EPPJ 65, CWC 26

EPPJ.....14 17 22 12 — 65
CWC.....5 2 14 5 — 26
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 0-0 0-0 0, Elise Ruterbories 1-1 0-0 2, Taylynnne Charf 5-6 1-3 14, Ashlynnne Charf 7-12 0-1 14, Skyler Meis 2-8 1-2 5, Brenna Martinsen 3-8 0-0 8, Kate Furstenau 0-5 2-2 2, Callie Heithoff 1-3 0-0 2, Keyera Eisenhauer 1-4 0-0 2, Maddie Kolm 0-0 0-0 0, Laia Domingo 2-2 0-0 4, Sara Bode 3-3 3-3 10, Seli Tadesse 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 26-54 7-11 65. CWC team totals: 10-40 3-6 26. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 6-14 (Taylynnne Charf 3, Brenna Martinsen 2, Sara Bode), CWC 3-7. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 37 (Ashlynnne Charf 11, Skyler Meis 6), CWC 21. Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Ashlynnne Charf 4), CWC 4. Steals — Wolfpack 18 (Ashlynnne Charf 8), CWC 9. Turnovers — Wolfpack 14, CWC 23.

Charf, Eisenhower combine for 29 points in win over Bobcats

SUMMERLAND — Down seven points early in the fourth quarter, Elgin Public-Pope John came from behind to defeat the Lady Bobcats 48 to 45.

The Wolfpack trailed 39 to 32 with 7:23 left in the game, then outscored Summerland 16 to six to claim a road victory to end the regular season.

“With six minutes left, I knew we had to get something going,” Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the game. “We switched to a man-to-man defense and that got some energy going for us.”

Junior Ashlynnne Charf took over in the fourth quarter. Having sat on the bench for much of the second half due to foul trouble, her play down the stretch allowed EPPJ to claim their 19th victory of the season heading into subdistrict action this week.

“I just knew I needed to score,” she said about the

fourth quarter heroics. “I guess it worked out.”

Charf scored nine of the team’s 12 points in a four-and-a-half minute span. The other points came on a trey by Keyera Eisenhower.

Charf’s last basket in the run gave EPPJ a 44 to 41 lead with 2:50 to play.

Summerland junior Adyson Mlnarik had back-to-back baskets to pull the Lady Bobcats to within one, 46 to 45, after two free throws by Eisenhower. Charf scored the Wolfpack’s last two points on free throws with 17 seconds left, then the defense took over to seal the victory.

Earlier in the game, Summerland had a five-point lead, 25 to 20, in the final seconds of the half before fouling Taylynnne Charf. The senior sank two free throws to cut the lead to 25 to 22 at intermission.

The third quarter saw EPPJ



Ashlynnne Charf eyes the basket during second half action. She scored 11 of her 13 points in the fourth quarter to lead EPPJ to a victory over Summerland. E-R photo/DMorgan

Samuel,
Congratulations on making your goal of state wrestling a reality! We are so proud of your dedication and work this season. Keep working hard and Good Luck in Omaha.
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playing from behind. They trailed 34 to 27 before Kate Furstenau came off the bench to hit a trey to cut the lead to four points. After Mlnarik buried a trey to bump the lead back up to seven points, Maddie Kolm answered with a two-pointer to make the score 37 to 32 heading into the final quarter.

For the game, Eisenhower made four treys and finished with a team-high 16 points, Ashlynnne Charf had 13 (11 in the fourth quarter). EPPJ (19-4) held an edge at the free throw line, making 13 of 19 while Summerland connected on five of eight.

EPPJ 48, Summerland 45
Wolfpack.....13 9 10 16 — 48
Bobcats.....15 10 12 8 — 45
Wolfpack — Elise Ruterbories

0-0 0-0 0, Taylynnne Charf 1-5 5-5 7, Ashlynnne Charf 5-8 3-4 13, Skyler Meis 1-5 1-4 3, Brenna Martinsen 0-3 1-2 1, Kate Furstenau 1-3 0-0 3, Keyera Eisenhower 5-10 2-2 16, Maddie Kolm 2-2 1-2 5, Sara Bode 0-1 0-0 0. Team totals: 15-37 13-19 48. Summerland team totals: 18-55 5-8 45. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-14 (Keyera Eisenhower 4, Kate Furstenau), Summerland 4-19.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 30 (Ashlynnne Charf 7, Skyler Meis 7), Summerland 24. Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Ashlynnne Charf 3), Summerland 8. Steals — Wolfpack 7 (Brenna Martinsen 2, Taylynnne Charf 2, Ashlynnne Charf 2), Summerland 10. Turnovers — Wolfpack 20, Summerland 13.

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Pride of the ‘Pack
A senior, point guard Jack helped steer the team last week as they split two games. He had a combined 11 points (including a buzzer-beating trey) and 5 assists to his fellow teammates.
A senior, Taylynnne had a combined 21 points, 3 treys (against CWC) and 2 steals in the team’s two victories last week over Chambers-Wheeler Central & Summerland.
A junior, Samuel earned his first trip to state wrestling at the district tourney in Pender on Saturday. In the championship match, he fell to claim the 2nd place medal at 195#
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Saving hay by limit feeding corn

The lack of forage due to drought and current hay prices have producers considering alternative options for feeding cows this winter. One option we might consider is replacing some hay in the diet with corn.

Erin Laborie, Nebraska Beef Systems Educator shared some thoughts in a recent BeefWatch article. Since corn has a higher energy content than hay, the cost of feeding hay is often higher than corn on a price per pound of energy basis. For example, corn priced at \$6.76/ bushel (\$241/ton) with a total digestible nutrients (TDN) value of 88% equates to approximately \$0.16 per pound of TDN while hay priced at \$205/ton with a TDN value of 52% is nearly \$0.22 per pound of TDN. If you need to compare other feeds, the UNL Feed Cost Cow-Q-Lator is a great resource for comparing feedstuffs on a per pound of energy or protein basis.

While hay can be offered free choice due to its low energy content, high energy feeds like corn should be limit fed to avoid putting too much condition on cows. Corn is relatively low in protein, so providing a 30-40% protein supplement can help meet the cow's protein requirement. We can also consider a non-protein N source as the added dietary starch allows for full utilization. Additionally, there must be some forage (0.25-0.5% of body weight on a dry matter basis) included in grain-based diets to promote rumen function and prevent digestive upsets.

While corn can be used as a supplement in a primary hay diet (no more than 2-3 lb. whole corn per day), we should

recognize that this approach brings some inefficiencies into the system. Microbes in the rumen change depending on diet. Those that use the fiber in a hay diet are not the same as those that digest the starch in corn. As such, any diet that is in the middle lowers the amount of energy we can expect from corn in the ration from 88% to 83%.

When utilizing a limit fed, grain-based diet, there are several factors producers should take into consideration to help facilitate the success of the

- program:
- Adjust cows to the limit fed diet over a week to ten-day period by gradually increasing the corn and reducing the hay to desired levels. This will help cows transition to the new ration and minimize digestive upsets.
 - Provide at least 24 to 30 inches of bunk space per cow. Adequate space is needed to ensure that all cows have an opportunity to eat the limited feed that will be provided.
 - Utilize an ionophore to improve feed efficiency and help minimize digestive upsets. Ensure that the one you choose is

- labeled for cows.
- Divide cows into groups based on age and pecking order, if possible, so that boss cows do not keep younger and more timid cows from getting their share of the ration.
 - Realize that cows will act hungry when receiving a limit fed diet, even though the ration is meeting the nutrient needs of the cow.
 - Feed cows at a consistent time each day to help minimize cows displaying discontented behavior.
 - Adjust the ration for changes in the cow's nutrient requirements as needed. The nutrient needs of the cow are highest during late gestation and early lactation. Additionally, cold weather events can increase the energy requirements of the cow.

High hay prices and low supply may mean getting creative with cow diets. Corn can be used as an energy source, but needs to be priced out and a ration developed appropriately to avoid digestive issues and to get the full benefit in a diet.

-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@unl.edu

Demand for organic foods growing

The popularity of organic foods is undeniable. According to a 2021 survey from the Organic Trade Association, total sales of organic foods topped more than \$60 billion in 2020. Data from Mercaris, which provides market insight and analysis on organics and non-GMO foods, supports that finding and indicates that organic food sales grew by 9

percent between 2009 and 2019. During that same time period, conventional food sales grew only 3 percent, which illustrates just how popular organics have become over the last decade and a half. And despite being a year marked by a pandemic and the considerable economic uncertainty it unleashed, 2020 proved to be an especially good year for organics.

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#4 Boyd County 41.3889* 10-8		Game 1 Feb. 13 6:30 pm	
#5 Creighton 37.7000* 4-16	#3 Plainview 41.3913* 12-11	Game 3 Feb. 14 7:30 pm	
	#2 Elgin Public-Pope John 44.1364* 18-4		



Boys Basketball Subdistrict D1-5

games played at
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Power points as of date of seeding	#1 Elgin Public-Pope John 42.3810 14-7	Game 2 Feb. 21 6:15 PM	Game 4 Feb. 23 6:30 PM
#4 Central Valley 38.8889* 6-10		Game 1 Feb. 20 6:30 PM	
#5 Neligh-Oakdale 38.8421* 4-15	#3 Riverside 41.3810* 14-7	Game 3 Feb. 21 7:30 PM	
	#2 Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family 42.2727* 13-9		

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Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
February 7th, 2023

Chairman opened meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute. Approve Agenda. Approved minutes of the January 10th,

2023, Board of Commissioner Meeting & January 10th, 2023, Board of Equalization Meeting. Correspondence was reviewed. Zoning Administrator Report. Zoning Permit Report, Clerk of the District Court Report; Treasurer's Fund Balance and Miscellaneous Revenue Reports,

Approved Pay Application- Ashfalls North. Approved Change Order -519th Avenue. Road Superintendent Report: Discussion of 516th Avenue and 525th Avenue T-intersection, approved Underground permit, approved increasing access permit fees. Authorized Highway

Superintendent to road study on 516th Avenue and 858th Road. Approved public defender contract. Appointed County Attorney. Approved 2023 Depositories. Tabled discussions on AED Unit, Commodity Transfer and Bond Release Letter. Heard opposition of Carbon

Pipeline. No formal action on maintenance position/mowing and snow removal. Met with insurance consultant regarding proposals for County benefits/insurance. Meeting Adjourned. Antelope County Board of

Commissioners
CHARLIE HENERY /s/ Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: February 15, 2023 ZNEZ

Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
EPS Distance Learning Room
February 8, 2023, 6:30 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular February Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteed, Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle, and Lisa Welding. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

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.

The 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.

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

Antelope County Clerk, Board Expense, \$213.19; Appear, Maintenance, \$409.45; Beckman Lumber, Instru Expense, \$122.20; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$4,421.25; Bomgaars, Maintenance, \$1,091.68; Central NE Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$765.00; City of Elgin,

Maintenance, \$972.11; Corner Service & Tire, Transportation, \$348.08; Dean's Market, Board Expense, \$75.65, Instru Expense, \$48.41; D&L Towing & Recovery, Transportation, \$605.00; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$43,926.60, Title IIA Expense, \$675.00; Eakes, Maintenance, \$696.61; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$362.29, Instru Expense, \$240.44; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$2,766.04; Elgin Review, Board Expense, \$378.44; Elite Office Products, Business Expense, \$633.59, Business Expense, \$1,000.21; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,521.92; Great Plains Communication, Business Expense, \$270.92; Green Thumb Landscaping, Maintenance, \$901.84; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$534.85; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$586.99; John's Disposal, Business Expense, \$212.00; Jonny Dodge, Transportation, \$2,365.59; Jordan Schindler Htg & Air, Maintenance, \$621.60; Ken's Band Instrument Repair, Instru Expense, \$158.00; Literacy Resources, LLC, ESSER III Expense, \$319.68; Moby Max, ESSER III Expense, \$85.26; MSM Enterprises, SpEd Expense, \$262.41; NASB, Admin Expense, \$572.00, Board Expense, \$3,058.00; NRCSA, Admin Expense, \$80.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$105.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$318.98; Precision

Repair, Transportation, \$964.85; School Specialty, Instru Expense, \$152.93; Textbook Warehouse, Instru Expense, \$55.50; TMS, Business Expense, \$66.00; US Bank, \$1,518.07; Veik, Meghan, SpEd Expense, \$55.02; Verizon Business, Business Expense, \$87.64; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$199.27; WageWorks, Instru Expense, \$139.25

Total Board Bills: \$31,433.21
Payroll: \$239,581.10
Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$271,014.31

President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

In Committee reports, committee assignments were distributed to the board members. It was reported that there would be a Civics meeting at 7:00 pm. on March 15th. The Wolfpack committee met and the volleyball jerseys were approved and have been ordered. Also gave an update re-

garding hiring a Head Coach for Girl's wrestling.

In the principal's report, Principal Wemhoff reported on upcoming activities. Gave an update on the ALICAP report as well.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the health inspection in the kitchen. Also reported that EPS will host NVC Quiz Bowl on March 13th. We will not have school that day as classrooms and staff will be utilized for competition.

In action items, Luke Hinkle motioned and Ron Bode second to approve on 2nd reading Policy 508.13 School Wellness Policy. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned, and Eric Beckman seconded to approve the disposal/sale of surplus items and the sale of the snowblower motor for \$300 or the best offer. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned, Ron Bode second to accept the bid from Y and Y Lawn Service for

lawn care for \$4860.00. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Beckman motioned, Hinkle second to approve the use of bus and fuel for Music boosters' trip to Omaha in April. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned and Busteed seconded to approve the bid from Court Floors for \$2,200.00 for gym floor resurfacing. Vote 6-0 motioned carried.

Bode motioned, Beckman second to approve the teaching contract for Taylor Sanne for the 2023-2024 school year. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Busteed motioned, Hinkle second to approve the early retirement application and resignation from Sue Vanis with regret and thanked her for 34 years of service to Elgin Public Schools. She will be missed. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

In discussion items, the board discussed a proposed 2023-2024 school calendar and a

technology proposal, which will be presented at the March Meeting. Teacher requisitions and Retreat dates were discussed.

A board retreat is scheduled for June 13, 2023, to review board goals. The regular June school board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. The board retreat will follow the regular meeting.

Motion by Heithoff and second by Busteed to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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Proceedings — Elgin City Council

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
February 6, 2023

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmembers present for regular meeting were Mike Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, and Leigh Kluthe. Councilmember Craig Niewohner was absent.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

January regular meetings minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 108.31; Great Plains Communications, se, 54.88; APPEARA, su, 82.52; The Elgin Review, se, 162.41, Brenda Reikofski, se, 143.00; Dean's Market, su, 12.27; Eakes, su, 144.98; International Institute of Municipal Clerks, dues, 185.00; Northeast NE Clerks Association, dues, 20.00; AMGL CPAs & Advisors, se, 8000.00; Antelope Co. Clerk, se, 100.44; Google, se, 12.00; US Post Office, postage, 300.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 276.64; Prudential, retirement, 394.41; American Funds, retirement, 186.20; US Treasury, tax, 3374.52; NE UC Fund, tax, 20.43; Payroll, 3864.55
SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2471.74

STREET: ERPPD, se, 923.38; Verizonwireless, su, 75.26; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 857.25; Home-

town Station, fuel, 961.81; Antelope Co. Clerk, se, 10.00; Mid; American Research Chemical, su, 497.81; Complete Pest Elimination, se, 3192.00; Blackstrap Inc., su, 390.50; Carquest of Neligh, su, 23.57; Neligh Auto Parts, su, 4.25; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 2800.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 169.40; Payroll, 2986.56

WATER: ERPPD, se, 857.69; Great Plains Communications, se, 81.69; Verizonwireless, su, 75.26; NE Health Lab, se, 48.00; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 7000.00; Kittelson Home Repair, se, 225.00; Kaleb Williams, rtn dep, 200.00; Municipal Supply, Inc, su, 372.84; Holiday Inn Kearney, travel, 115.95; League of NE Municipalities; Utilities, se, 115.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 59.17; US Post Office, postage, 174.37; Payroll, 5973.13

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 925.91; Great Plains Communications, se, 50.10; Midwest Laboratories, se, 193.42; Carquest of Neligh, su, 65.42; Neligh Auto Parts, su, 48.24; Holiday Inn Kearney, travel, 115.95; US Post Office, postage, 146.67; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 49.56; Payroll, 2274.45
FIRE:ERPPD, se, 158.18; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.98; APPEARA, su, 82.52; Kittelson Home Repair, se, 450.00; Fyr; Tek, se, 492.41; Black Hills Energy, se, 602.14

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,700.00; JP Cooke Co; su, 84.95

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 5369.00; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00; US Post Office, postage, 146.66

POOL: ERPPD, se, 67.13;

Black Hills Energy, se, 35.58; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 23.69

PARK: ERPPD, se, 517.37; Schmitt Construction, se, 7012.00; NE Dept. of Revenue, tax, 85.38; Payroll, 712.09

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 75.40; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.99; Amazon, su, 67.17; Black Hills Energy, se, 170.07; Payroll, 1199.54

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 33.60
RESCUE: Hometown Station, fuel, 14.50; Justin & Monica Reestman, misc, 200.00; Quick Med Claims, su, 112.46

Pay electric bill of cottage at 401 Plantation St. until the ground can be dug and a shut-off to the property can be established

Authorizing advertising and to go out for bids on the water meter replacement project and set the letting date for March 2nd at 2:00p.m.

Resolution 2023-1, a resolution allowing prepayment of bills
Send for bids for two tankers (14,000 gallons) of armor coat oil to be opened at the March meeting

Complete Pest Elimination, Inc. contract for mosquito spraying and to prepay for a total of \$3,192.00

Advertise for pool and maintenance summer help

The following agenda items were discussed:

Colonial Life group benefits for employees

City owned lot at 304 N. Second St.

Proclamation signed designating March Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Sidewalk snow removal
Sheriff's report: 83.25 hours and nine 911 calls in December

Review audit
Review hazard mitigation plan

4-H flags will hang on downtown street lights for month of February to support 4-H month

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023
Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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*Roger Rudloff, MD
*Kelli Osborn. MD
*Patricia Good, APRN
*Angela Sucha, PA-C

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*Ashley Niewohner, APRN
*Amanda Wolff, APRN

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	1:30-5:00	Dr Rudloff/Dr Thoendel/Good/Niewohner
T	9:00-1:00	Dr Rudloff/Good/Sucha/Niewohner
	1:30-5:00	Dr Rudloff/Dr Dawson/Sucha/Wolff
W	9:00-1:00	Dr Osborn/Good/Niewohner
	1:30-5:00	Dr Osborn/Good/Niewohner
Th	9:00-1:00	Dr Osborn/Good/Sucha/Wolff
	1:30-5:00	Dr Dawson/Dr Thoendel/Sucha/Wolff
F	9:00-1:00	Dr Dawson/Dr Osborn/Wolff/Dr Thoendel
	1:30-5:00	Dr Dawson/Dr Rudloff/Dr Osborn/Dr Thoendel
Sa	9:30-12:30	Rotating schedule

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M	9:30-12:30	Sucha	1:30-5:00	Sucha
T	9:30-12:30	Dr. Dawson	2:00-5:00	Good
W	9:30-12:30	Dr. Thoendel	2:00-5:00	Dr. Rudloff
Th	9:30-12:30	Dr. Thoendel		
F	2:00-5:00	Sucha		

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T	2:00-5:00	Niewohner		
W	9:30-12:30	Dr. Rudloff		
Th	2:00-5:00	Good		
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On Friday, February 10 the Pope John speech team competed at the Lindsay Holy Family Tournament. Coach Amy Klein said the team did extremely well, earning 4th place overall, behind Class C1 and C2 schools.

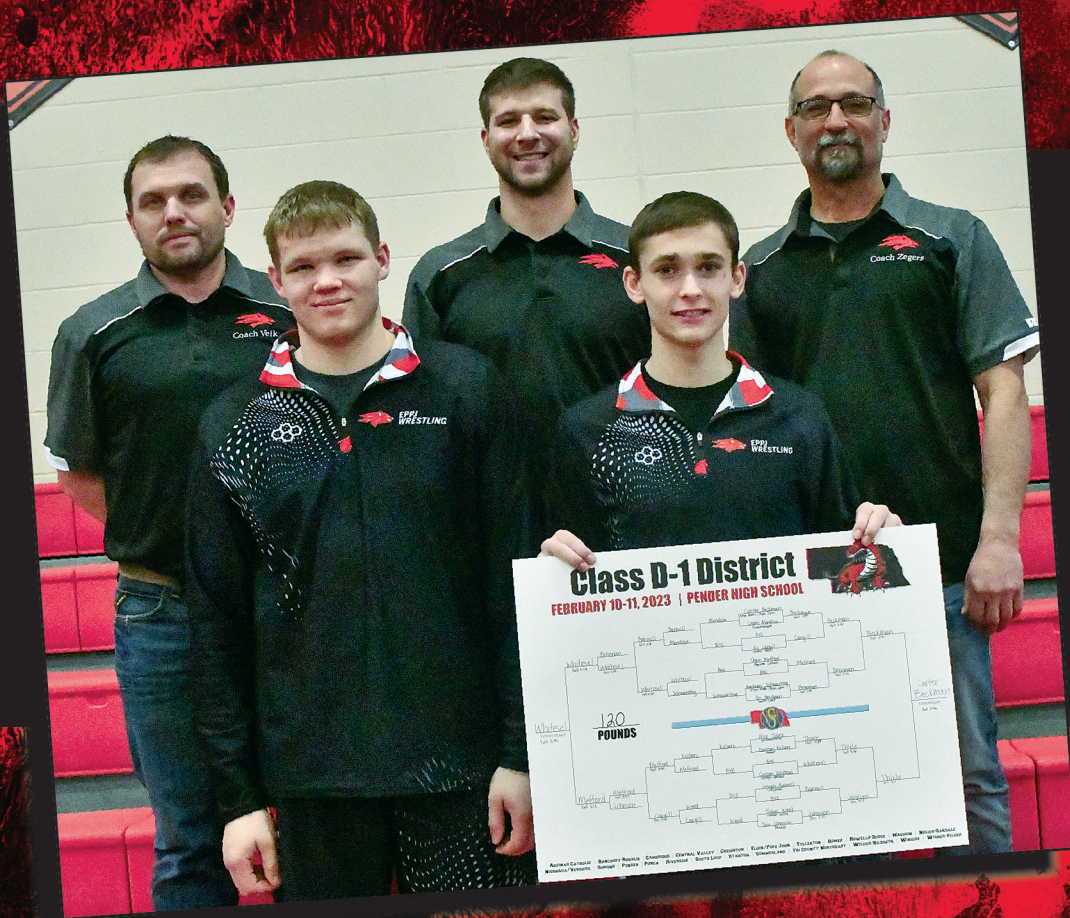
Bringing home medals are the following:

Linus Borer: 1st in extemporaneous and 4th in informative; Matthew Dilly: 1st in entertainment; Aiden Klein: 6th in entertainment; and Eliza Borer: 2nd in persuasive and 5th in humorous prose.

Also competing and earning superior ratings were: Olivia Klein and Julianna McNally in duet acting, Jovie Vaisvilas and Tessa Barlow in duet acting, Camry Kittelson in humorous prose, Olivia Klein in persuasive, Tessa Barlow in poetry, Jovie Vaisvilas in poetry, Skyler Meis in program of oral interpretation, Reese Stuhr in serious prose, and the OID group of Skyler Meis, Brooklyn Meis, Emma Lea Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf, and Kaitey Schumacher.

Competing and earning an excellent rating were Emma Lea Ruterbories in serious prose, Stephanie Gutierrez in serious prose, and Jazmine McNally in informative speaking.

GOOD LUCK!



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Carter Beckman - 120#
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Feb 14-16 Girls Subdistricts	varies
Feb 17 vs St. Mary's (B) (E)	6:15
Feb 20-21 Boys Subdistricts	TBA
Feb 23 Boys Subdistricts	TBA
Feb 24 Girls Districts	TBA

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Feb 15	NVC Speech @ Summerland • SB only no school
Feb 16	NO SCHOOL, SB & PJCC
Feb 17	NO SCHOOL, all schools • State Dance @ GI
Feb 18-25	National FFA Week
Feb 22	Blood Mobile (PJ)
Feb 23	Newman Grove Speech
Feb 24	LHNE Speech Invite
Feb 27	District FFA CDE #1 @ Norfolk/NECC

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Pipeline

From Page Two
“wouldn’t this help the cause of green house gases?”
Her answer was there is no example to show that it would. “I don’t believe they are being built for climate change but tax credits,” Kleeb said.

Keith Heithoff

Heithoff next words were more direct. He pointed out how Kleeb “used 25 minutes of their (the commissioners’ time)” and then asked her to be factual. He agreed there should be setbacks.

Board Chairman Charlie Henery then addressed Kleeb. She had earlier mentioned how she (from Florida originally) met a “cute” Nebraska cowboy and moved to the Cornhusker state. “Does your cowboy use distiller grain?” Henery asked. She admitted he did, but then said there was no proof that any ethanol plant will be forced to shut down in the future.

Kleeb wasn’t the only one to address the pipeline issue. Rick Christiansen shared a plethora of statistics opposing carbon pipelines, speaking on the eco system and how plants can’t survive without it. He claimed climate change does not exist, it’s just a money laundering

scheme. Commissioner Regina Krebs said she would do followup with him at a later date.

Many of those in attendance came for the discussion of the condition of 516th Avenue Road near Clearwater.

Curt Thiele, with the support of others, raised concerns about the condition of the road. In response, Commissioner Neil Williby tried to offer hope, noting how repairs to the problems with the road “would not be easy or cheap.”

Contractors are estimating it could cost in excess of \$2.1 million but that wouldn’t include the new construction standards which would be required to be met.

County Road Boss Aaron Boggs said, “The problem we will run into is time. With concrete, it could be 2024.”

Board Chairman Charlie

Henery asked about repairs to the road section near the bridge, if they could be done this year along with concrete repairs to the intersection near Curt’s father’s place at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

Boggs said his budget can’t cover the costs, so money would need to be found somewhere else.

Thiele said the county’s response was the same one they have been told for three years now, there has to be a way to get the money.

Three options for repairs include asphalt, concrete and cold mix.

“I think we need to move forward and profile the whole thing, then make the decision,” Henery said.

Thiele agreed, “There is no reason we can’t move forward. You guys don’t want to see us here every month.”

To that end, the commis-

sioners approved going to Brian McDonald of JEO Consulting to begin surveying and profiling the road (the first required step in the process of repair).

On another matter, McDonald is to do a road study on the possible closure of one mile of 858th Road between 521-522nd Avenue.

Also at the meeting the commissioners acted quickly to fill the vacancy created last month with the passing of County Attorney Joe Abler.

They approved the hiring of Madison County Attorney Joe Smith to serve out the remainder of Abler’s term. Smith is no stranger to county residents, having worked for a number of months to assist Abler prior to his passing.

District #5 Commissioner Keith Heithoff thanked Smith for being willing to fill the vacancy.

EPS begins speech season at Lindsay

On Friday, February 10, the Elgin Public Speech Team traveled to the Lindsay Holy Family/Humphrey St. Francis Meet.

The Duet of Baylee Busteed and Chloe Henn placed sixth. Corbin Kinney placed sixth in this season’s newest event, Program Oral Interpretation.

Both of Elgin’s OID’s just missed finals and received Superior Ratings. The boys’ OID is made up of Kinney, William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle, Austin Good and Jack Wemhoff.

The girls’ OID includes Busteed, Henn, Brenna

Martinsen, Callie Heithoff and Samantha Durre.

Also earning Superior Ratings on the day were the following: Heilhecker and Martinsen-Duet Acting, Durre-Serious Prose, Heithoff-Serious Prose and Trey Rittscher-Humorous Prose. Henn received an Excellent rating in Humorous Prose.

Coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn were encouraged by the team’s efforts.

“It was nice to get the kids in front of an audience today. We saw some great performances at a competitive meet.”The

team will be in action at the NVC meet on Wednesday at Summerland High School.

Corbin Kinney placed sixth in program oral interpretation. Photos submitted

Baylee Busteed (r) and Chloe Henn (l) placed sixth in duet.

Wolfpack JH team takes second

The Wolfpack Junior High Basketball Team recently earned runners-up medals in the Elkhorn Valley Tournament in Tilden. The team defeated Neligh-Oakdale in the opening round and then fell to the host team in the championship. Team members include (back row, l-r): Coach Kyle Kallhoff, Donmetrious Dredge, Christian Preister, Brayden Burenheide, Max Henn and Gavin Kallhoff. Front row: Cameron Kallhoff, Joseph McNally, Matthew Kerkman, Michael Selting and Evin Pelster. Photo submitted

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