

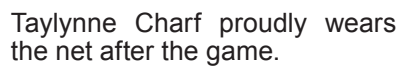
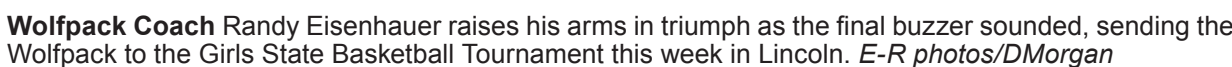
EPS Speech Night to be Sunday at 6 p.m.

Knights Fish Fry to be held Friday night

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District championship sets up first round game against 23-3 Centura

Coached by Randy Eisenhower, the Wolfpack enter the game tournament with a five-game winning streak. They're averaging 54 points per game while allowing opponents just under 37 points per game.

Juniors Keyera Eisenhower and Ashlynn Charf enter the game as the team's top two scorers, each averaging 12 points per game. Seven other members of the team average five points or more per game.

The Wolfpack's losses during the season came against Plainview, Alma, Niobrara-Verdigre and state tournament qualifier O'Neill St. Mary's.

Centura, coached by Laethion Brown, are winners of their last six games. They

are averaging 52 points per game while giving up 33 on defense.

For the Centurions, they are led by 6' senior Sydney Davis who is averaging over 15 points and seven rebounds per game. Junior Kyra Wooden is the only other player in double figures, averaging 10 points and a team high three assists per game.

Among the highlights of Centura's season was a 33 to 23 victory over #1 seed Ravenna in the subdistrict final. Twice earlier in the season, they lost to Ravenna. Their other loss during the season was to state tournament qualifier Gothenburg by the score of 69 to 36.

The two teams had one

common opponent during the season - Central Valley. EPPJ won their matchup 69 to 30. Centura also won their game against Central Valley, the final score read 64 to 26. Central Valley finished the season with a 7-14 record.

The last time Centura played in the state tournament was in 2011. For the Wolfpack, the last time they played at state was in 2017.

The winner of Wednesday's game will advance to a Friday morning matchup against the winner of Johnson-Brock and Hartington Cedar Catholic. Teams in the other half of the draw are Ravenna, S-E-M, Hastings SC and Elmwood-Murdock.



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Eight schools will be competing Monday, March 6, to qualify for the NSAA Speech Tournament to be held later this month.

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School will host the event which features a wide variety of speech categories. Competition is scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m.

Schools scheduled to participate, in addition to Pope John, are Anselmo-Merna, Ansley, Arcadia, Chambers, Elba, Litchfield and Spalding Academy.

Results will be announced to the public that evening. They can also be found on at www.nsaahome.org

Final preparations are underway for the annual Antelope County Ag & Home Expo. The event will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7 & 8, at the Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh. Hours for the event are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. A number of special programs are scheduled for both days. On Tuesday, the Neligh Thrifty Market will sponsor a presentation, at 11 a.m., on charcuterie boards by UNL Extension Educator Brittany Spieker. Later in the day, Brian Anderson of NECC will head up a program on the use of drones in agriculture. On Wednesday, Alex Johnson of Johnson Solution's will present information on landscaping tips at 11 a.m. Then, at 2 p.m., Dave Spencer of Farmers Pride will give an energy market update.

There, attendees will be able to visit with, at last count, approximately 50 vendors ready to answer any questions and offer solutions.

Among the list of vendors scheduled to participate, according to information on the event's website, are Economic Development; Upper Elkhorn NRD; Farm Bureau Financial Services; Neligh Area Community Fund; Common Sense Ag solutions; Two Rivers; Carquest; Best Basement Technologies; Flood Communications; Creighton Locker; Antelope County Chiropractor; Blackburn Manufacturing Co; Pella Windows; Simplot Grower Solutions; Carhart; JuJu Bean Coffee; 402 Beef Co; Ecowater; Pitzer Digital/Antelope County News; Antelope Memorial Hospital; Antelope County; Olson's Pest Control; Real Estate solutions Team; KBRX; RENK Seed; Cornerstone Bank; Windshield Doctor; Antelope County FFA; Heavenly Valley Log Homes; SR Design; TeeCo Water; Dial-A-Ride; Lazy T Tire & Implement; American National Insurance; Northeast Community College; Antelope County Enrichment Center; Agland Realty; Bristol Windows, Reinke's; Jonny Dodge; Wilbur Ellis; and Stealth Broadband LLC.

A concession stand, operated by Sly's Family Bar & Grill will be open during the expo.

The Expo is being sponsored by the Neligh Chamber of Commerce and the Antelope County Ag Society.



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From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

Milky Way Cake

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Good day,

Here's a fun and delicious recipe I want to share with you all. It makes a jelly roll pan size so it makes a lot. Plan on sharing with a friend or, better yet, your co-workers



or neighbors. I share a lot of my baking with my neighbors. They do enjoy it as much as I enjoy doing it. This is a very moist and rich

cake... "lots and lots of chocolate." Any recipe that calls for butter milk has to be delicious. Hope you will give this recipe a try! Yummy!

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MILKY WAY CAKE

6 Milky Way™ candy bars (full size)
2 sticks butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2-1/2 cups cake flour

1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp soda
1-1/2 cups buttermilk
1 Tbls vanilla

Frosting:

1 stick margarine
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 can milk (1/2 cup)

1 lb powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Melt the candy bars and 1 stick butter. Set aside. Cream the other stick of butter and sugar together. Add eggs. Slowly add dry ingredients alternating with the buttermilk. Mix well. Fold in candy mixture and vanilla.

Bake in a greased jelly roll pan at 350° for 40 minutes.

For Frosting:

Bring margarine, cocoa and canned milk to a boil. Remove from heat, add powdered sugar and vanilla. Beat for a few minutes until mixture starts to thicken. Spread over hot cake.

Shop at Home!

Elgin Community Calendar March

3 Elgin Knights of Columbus Fish Fry • No school (all schools).

5 & 19 Children of God Youth Group @ Elgin Public Library.

5 St. Bonaventure Spring Breakfast @ Raeville • EPS Speech Night @ 6 p.m.

6 Elgin City Council regular meeting

7 Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

7 & 8 Antelope County Home & Ag Expo @ Neligh.

10 No school (all schools)

12 Daylight Savings Time begins.

13 Red-E-4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP • Elgin VFD meeting.

14 Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

15 District #18 Board of Education regular meeting.

18 St. Boniface Parish Spring Benefit Auction.

24 St. John's Fish Fry - Deloit.

25 PJCC/EPS Prom @ KC Hall.

Every Sunday - Youth Group at Elgin Christian Community Church, 6:30 pm

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Childers scholarship available to local high school seniors

Local high school seniors are encouraged to apply for a new scholarship this Spring.

It was announced recently that the Duane Childers Memorial Scholarship will consist of two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2023.

These scholarships will be given in \$500 increments during the recipients' first year of college. It has been set up to reward academic excellence and achievement while lessening the burden of the cost of a college education.

Priority will be given to those who also exhibit high potential moving forward, and those who are interested in eventually moving back to Antelope County.

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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
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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
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Sa	9:30-12:30	Rotating schedule

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W	9:30-12:30	Dr. Thoendel	2:00-5:00	Dr. Rudloff
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T	2:00-5:00	Niewohner
W	9:30-12:30	Dr. Rudloff
Th	2:00-5:00	Good
F	9:30-12:30	Niewohner
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Submitted by Tessa Hain
Extension Educator

"I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH for better living; for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Over 6.5 million youth in the U.S. recite this pledge.

So what exactly are these youth pledging about? The answer to that is youth are pledging to "make the best better" through 4-H!

What is 4-H? It is an educational program that helps young people develop new skills, explore possible career choices and serve their communities. It is one of the largest and most respected youth organizations in the world!

The four H's of 4-H stand for "head", "heart", "hands" and "health". The 4-H motto is "To make the best better". 4-H is supported

by funds from federal, state and county governments and from donations from businesses and individuals. 4-H leaders are volunteers, many who are former 4-H members, have children in the program, or have an active interest in 4-H.

In 4-H, members "learn by doing". They acquire valuable life skills by working on projects and participating in learning activities. Some people may tend to think of 4-H as being primarily agriculture-based, but projects focus on a wide variety of interests, such as consumer science, healthy living as well as science and technology. In fact, there are over 150 projects from which to choose. Some learning activities 4-Hers might participate in include speech contests, quality assurance training for raising meat animals, livestock judging and home environment workshops. There are also a variety of camps 4-Hers may attend during the summer that also provide learning experiences as well as fun. Many 4-H members exhibit their projects at county, regional and state fairs, which helps them feel a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Youth between the ages of 8 and 18 by January 1 of the current year may join 4-H. The Clover Kid program is for children age 5-7 as of January 1 and features educational projects and activities that are non-competitive. Some colleges and universities also have collegiate 4-H programs.

Young people may join a club in their area, or ask the county extension office for help in finding a local club. Some members are independent and do not belong to a specific club.

Why join 4-H? 4-H helps its members develop citizenship and leadership skills. The projects and activities teach members responsibility and important life-long skills. 4-Hers establish new friendships with their fellow members and become more actively involved in their communities. There are actually many entertainers who were in 4-H when they were growing up. They include David Letterman, and country singers Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Faith Hill and Luke Bryan, and that's just to name a few. 4-H offers many rewarding experiences and provides valuable benefits that shape a member's character and knowledge, which lasts a lifetime.

To learn more about 4-H, plan to attend our 4-H Open House set for March 19 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will be a fun time with activities, projects highlighted, free giveaways, animals that can be petted, and much more! Deadline to enroll in Antelope County 4-H is April 1st. Call the Antelope County Extension Office and get enrollment information today or go online to <https://go.unl.edu/pwgu>.

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Psychological exam ordered for teen accused of making threats

Koda K. Fernau, 18, of Clearwater faced the Honorable James Kube in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh on Feb. 22, alongside his court-appointed attorney, Ryan Stover of Norfolk. He was scheduled for pretrial conference on a Class 3A felony count of making terroristic threats.

Kube sustained an oral defense motion for continuance of the conference and a jury trial. The hearing is now set for April 25 and the trial, June 20. Kube ruled on a motion filed by Stover on Feb. 14. The motion asked the judge to order a psychological evaluation of Fernau, with the expense to be paid by Antelope County. According to the motion, the evaluation would “explore the defendant’s state of mind and ability to form intent at the time the allegations occurred” and “is necessary to determine any possible defenses to the allegations...”

In response to questions posed by Kube, Stover said the request was for retention of a yet to be determined independent examiner, rather than a provider from the state regional center usually used by the court. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith had no objection but asked for a \$2,000 limit to the expense. Kube sustained the motion, pending submission of an estimated cost. Fernau’s charges stem from actions allegedly committed in September. Allegedly, while riding on a Summerland bus Sept. 2, 2022, he commented about purchasing a firearm and, while at work in Neligh on Sept. 9, he allegedly threatened to “shoot up” a Summerland bus.

Talk Talk

“Been there, done that” is common from those who’ve been around the sun many times. Not so recently for this 71-year-old – saw an erupting volcano for the first time. Epic experience.

Our adventurous son, Philip, planned and led the trek to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Big Island, on a cloudless, windless night. Hike an easy mile at about 4,000 feet altitude with stars feeling close enough to touch. See the red glow in the distance and, on occasion, feel the heat.

There it was – Kilauea Caldera, a giant lava lake, with veins of red meandering throughout and then the spew of red-hot bubbly matter high into the air in several places. Mesmerizing. Truly mesmerizing, especially with the aid of binoculars. Sure, you can see videos on YouTube or sit in our farmhouse watching the national park’s livestream. Not the same.

Also, on the volcano topic, when the volcano erupts and lava flows, air quality is compromised. We have harmless fog, water droplets in the air. Hawaii has VOG, harmful sulfur dioxide and ash that can travel far distances.

The topic of ‘first’ came up again during a Super Bowl party. What would it be like to be second, to work hard all year, get to the top, and not make it all the way? The losing Eagles quarterback said, “You either win or you learn, that’s how I feel.” Not being first happens all the time. No matter how good a person or thing gets, there’s always someone or something better. Sometimes it’s luck. Sometimes it’s skill and circumstances. Most often, it’s a combination of both.

For the second in line, it’s common to console by saying, “Wow, look how much you’ve achieved!” A friend whose son nearly made it on the United States Olympic swim team. Safe to say, the experience marked him initially and maybe for life. The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Aside from winning, sports vernacular is filled with the word ‘first’. Some examples -- first base in baseball, first down in football, first leg of a relay race, head-first in a diving competition, first seed in a tournament. In bands and symphony orchestras, being the top musician means you get to be first chair.

Why is it that first impressions are the most lasting? A work colleague’s face was severely disfigured due to a burn accident as a child.

Once you knew him, one never saw that face, only his warm heart, quick wit, and amazing skill.

Sometimes in the sale of property, one gives an interested buyer the right of first refusal. With most anything, the first step is always the hardest. Take zip-lining in Mexico. “You first” -- best to see how others fared. Sheepishly asked the attendant for a shove. Loved it.

There’s the first lady of the United States of America, until we get our first female president. Amazing how there is so much press about the first woman or first black of this or that. Do you know if your medical doctor graduated first in her class? Regardless, she’s still a doctor.

Restaurants that do not take reservations are first-come, first-served. Maybe if you’re on a first-name basis with someone working at an upscale restaurant, he/she can slip you in ahead of others waiting. Now how fair is that? Not.

Men talk about getting to first base with a woman on a date. Who made the first move? Was it love at first sight?

During evacuations, women and children go first? ‘Ladies first’ used to be the norm, though chivalry has gone out the door for most. Is that equality of the sexes, or just plain rude?

It’s good when someone fesses up that they do not know the first thing about something. How frustrating when at first sight, you believed, later to learn you were bamboozled all along! Since we’re all sinners, the Bible teaches us not to cast the first stone, meaning not to be quick to blame, chastise, or criticize someone else’s actions. Is your slate perfectly clean? For some workaholics, it’s said they will be carried out feet first such as when the casket is rolled out to the hearse placing feet first of the deceased. It’s not likely you’ll see a retirement or handover of a business until the person can’t go anymore. The word first is often referenced with to-do lists. ‘First things first’ is good advice. And more sage advice from Will Rogers – if you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

Comments? Send to jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago
March 7, 1963
Miss Charlene Schindler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamber Schindler, was chosen as one of the candidates for “Queen of Hearts” at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph’s Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha.

Darlene Nielsen, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nielsen, was selected winner of speech contest at the Farmers Union state convention. Held in Grand Island, the youngsters spoke on “Cooperation Builds Stronger Family Farms.” The nine contestants who participated in the state event were selected from those ranking superior at Farmers Union summer camps.

Fifty Years Ago
March 1, 1973
Friday Feb 23, 1973 proved to be a successful day for the Elgin Woman’s Club Art and Craft Show held at the Elgin Legion Hall. The register showed 256 passing through, admiring the children’s as well as adults’ Art and Crafts. Schools entering were Elgin Public, St. Boniface Middle School and Pope John Central High School.

Merle Moser, an Elgin Chapter member, was the proud owner of five new lambs from his two “Chapter Ewe Chain” ewes. The chapter had four ewes. Merle had two and two were under the care of Kent Beckman. These ewes were donated by Dewey Car and Ralph Whitwer.

Thirty Years Ago
March 10, 1993
Jeff Henn, an eighth grader at Elgin Public Schools, won first place in the seventh and eighth grade division of the Antelope County Spelling Contest. Henn topped the field of 23 students in his division by correctly spelling the words “coriander” and “deficiency.”

Brad Clark, a senior at Elgin Public School, was selected to receive a three-year Army Reserve officer Training Corp. (ROTC) Scholarship. Clark is the son of Keith and LaVerda Clark of Rural Elgin. He was selected for the Scholarship after a formal application and interview process.

Twenty Years Ago
March 2, 2003
Interior improvements on the Elgin KC Hall have been continuing at a fast pace over the past several weeks. A suspended ceiling was installed over the older portion of the KC Hall. Two large roll-up doors were installed between the main building and the addition.

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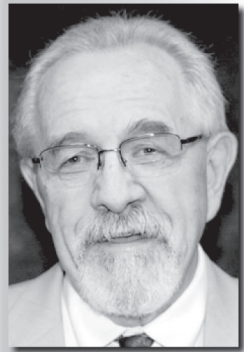
Just what is the ‘State of the State’?

The State of the State on its 156th birthday. It’s still a very red, heavily conservative and largely Republican mecca situated in one of those mostly square states out west that a lot of people couldn’t find on an unmarked map. And we like it that way.

Well, a lot of us seem to. Might that change? Could Nebraska be the place where high school and college graduates want to stay? Could it become a magnet for young people and innovation? Progress in that direction is slow, but it could happen.

CAPITOL VIEW

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J.L. Schmidt

Governors (they’ve all been Republicans for decades) and legislatures (they’re “officially nonpartisan” but have been heavily Republican, 32 of 49 this year) seem to try to come up with something new, something very Nebraska-centric, every year.

This year, while the Legislature seems to be putting a lot of effort into anti-abortion and open carry gun issues; the governor is trying to provide state money for every public school student – about \$1,500 per head – as a way to reduce local school districts’ reliance on property taxes to do the job. Sounds nice. The problem? Sustainability. There is no mechanism for growing that amount over time, especially after the largely pandemic related cash overflow disappears.

Spending billions on programs and projects using money filtered through the federal government for pandemic relief is bound to be a poor business model, according to at least one think tank and other legislative observers. The bigger problem, caps on school district’s ability to generate local revenue will cause inequitable distribution of funds in at least nine districts.

Unless you’re reading this column for the first time in more than a decade, you know what I like to say. The problem with developing tax policy is that it’s a matter of whose ox is getting gored. Some who own oxen scream louder and longer than others. Besides, equitable means equal with no “ifs, ands or buts.”

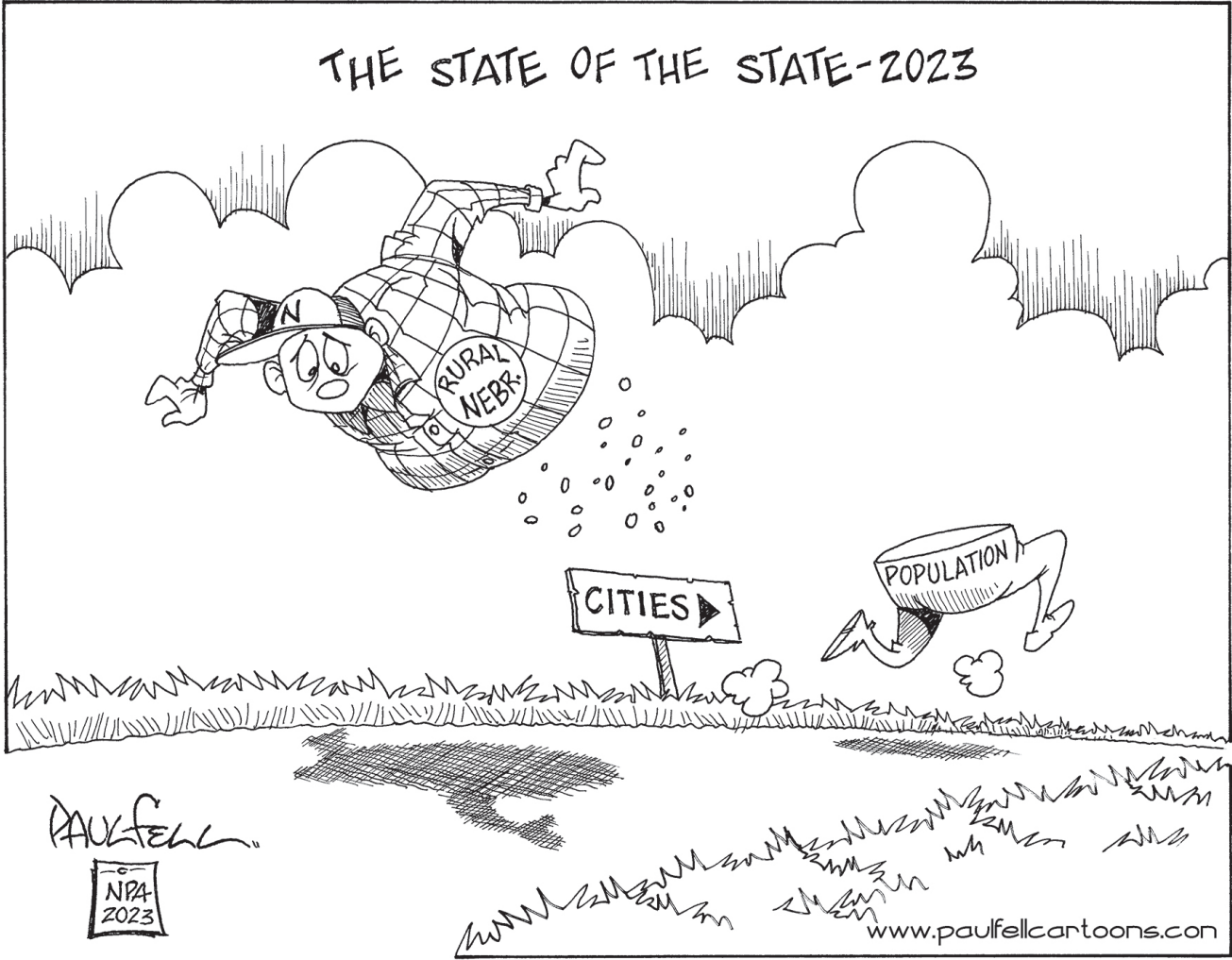
The same problem exists with the governor’s budget bill, even as modified by the Appropriations Committee. Sustainability.

Then try to account for spending multiple millions for: not one, but maybe two new prisons because the state is too stubborn to look at programs and sentencing reforms; a big ditch to take largely non-existent water from the South Platte River in Colorado – anybody notice the drought lately? Or maybe a bigger than Okoboji lake between Lincoln and Omaha.

While those issues continue to be wrangled at the state Capitol, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research says one pandemic-related factor appears to be working. A survey reveals that more Nebraskans are working remotely and it seems more businesses appear comfortable with the arrangement.

The survey found changes in attitudes about working from home and the frequency of employees doing so; yet little change in the usage of office space. On average, 16.5% of workers are fully remote or have a hybrid work schedule according to the survey, compared with 10.7% before the pandemic. The survey also found that 27.6% of businesses are more comfortable with remote work now than they used to be, while 13.3% are less comfortable.

But businesses are not downsizing their physical footprints. More businesses (7.3%) increased space than reduced it (3.7%). The rest kept the same amount of space. Bureau Director Eric Thompson said 52% of businesses believe it is vital to maintain office space for remote workers



on occasions when they come into the office. Many surveyed businesses also own their own building and do not rent out space. These businesses would have difficulty quickly changing office space use.

Finally, University of Nebraska-Lincoln athletics are generating buzz again. At this writing, the women’s basketball team has a 14-13 record, the men are an unbelievable 14-14 and the football program has a new team of coaches and a recruiting class – including a hot quarterback from the transfer portal – that has finally drawn national

recognition.

Ah yes, hope springs eternal on all fronts.

Now, about that brain drain and making the state a magnet for new business and industry. Maybe after the Legislature goes home in June some folks with good ideas can get together and finally be heard.

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

Keeping the Biden Administration in line

One in 12 Nebraskans are employed by the trucking industry, making it the third largest industry in our state. Over three million Americans work as commercial truckers, carrying essential products across our country. American truckers transported 10.93 billion tons of freight to their destinations in 2021. Consumers rely on trucking to bring goods to markets quickly and affordably.

Truckers play a valuable role in our communities and economy, but the Biden administration doesn’t seem to agree — choosing to prioritize excessive environmental regulations over people’s livelihoods. Nowhere is this clearer than in the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) new rule establishing stricter emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles.

The Biden administration wants to saddle the trucking industry with an onerous regulation that will increase vehicle costs and deal a blow to good-paying jobs. This aggressive EPA rule will hit mom and pop truck operations the hardest by making compliant trucks cost-prohibitive for small busi-

ness owners. The EPA estimates that the technology required to meet this new rule’s standards will cost between \$2,568 and \$8,304 per vehicle.

These increased costs, in turn, will hurt consumers across the country by raising prices. During a period of high inflation and supply chain disruptions, the last thing this country needs is more expensive freight costs and fewer truckers.

That’s why I recently led the introduction of legislation to push back against this misguided regulation. Through the Congressional Review Act (CRA), Congress can vote to overturn new executive branch rules.

President Biden’s obsession with unhelpful and unnecessary regulations is motivating me and my colleagues to introduce CRA legislation to fight back.

I joined my colleague Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) in an effort to overturn President Biden’s new environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) rule on retirement funds. Instead of prioritizing the best returns for hard-working Americans, Biden’s rule allows fiduciaries to focus on woke factors when selecting investments and exercising shareholder rights. This means pensioners and retirees could unknowingly be investing in these ESG funds, which may not align with their financial goals or political views.

The Biden administration shouldn’t be playing games with Americans’ hard-earned retirement

Medicinal marijuana to be considered again

We are now past the one-third mark of this 90-day legislative session but still have a great deal of work to do. The various standing committees are busy holding public hearings on the 820 bills and 22 substantive resolutions that were introduced in January. We have around four more weeks of hearings yet to go. Thus far, two of my bills have been presented before committees.

The week began with Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican delivering the State of the Judiciary address to lawmakers. He began by noting the “extraordinary measures” taken to fill the approximately 1,600 vacant judicial positions across the state by offering salary upgrades, bonuses, and increased education opportunities for advancement. In addition, he noted that efficient and economical management of both adult and juvenile probation has allowed the Nebraska Supreme Court to return \$35 million to the state’s General Fund in the last two state budget cycles. With those successes, however, Chief Justice Heavican noted that challenges remain – most notably in the area of mental health. The Legislature has increased

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District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

provider reimbursement rates in recent years, he said, but the need to expand provider access remains, particularly in 24-hour care facilities for the mentally ill. Currently, county jails are the default 24-hour facility. This problem has festered for many years, with Chief Justice Heavican calling for additional resources to clear out the backlog.

The Revenue Committee considered LB 706 by Senator Moser which would authorize the State Highway Commission, upon recommendation of the Nebraska Department of Transportation, or NDOT, to issue up to \$450 million in bonds between 2023 and 2029 to accelerate completion of highway construction projects under the Build Nebraska Act. The Act, passed by the Legislature in 2011, dedicates one-fourth of 1 percent of state sales tax revenue to road projects, including the expressway system, until 2033. Governor Jim Pillen testified in support of the proposal, saying it would allow the department to complete needed highway projects on a “much faster timeline.” He said Nebraska has sacrificed economic growth and public safety by using a pay-as-you-go method to fund the long-delayed expressway and other highway projects. NDOT and Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry testified in support of the proposal as well.

Meanwhile, the Health and Human Services Committee advanced LB 626 and LB 574 to the floor for full

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debate this week on 4-2 votes. LB 626 would adopt the Nebraska Heartbeat Act and restrict abortion in Nebraska to when a fetal heartbeat is first detected, thereby reducing the current 20-week abortion time window to about 6 weeks. LB 574 would adopt the Let Them Grow Act and block any gender altering procedures prior to a person's 19th birthday. I expect both bills to be up for debate in the next couple of weeks.

On the floor, the Legislature considered LB 140 by Senator Brandt which would create a new specialty license plate cel-

Fischer

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funds. Studies show that ESG investing policies have worse rates of return. In one study, ESG funds were found to underperform the broader market, averaging a 6.3% return compared to the general 8.9% return. The bottom line is that this rule will hurt Americans and their hard-earned retirement savings to advance the political preferences of their retirement fund managers.

A third woke regulation pushed by the Biden administration is an illegal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rule providing abortions through the taxpayer-funded VA health care system. I joined my friend Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) and 26 of our other colleagues in introducing legislation that would nullify this rule.

Not only does the rule set up VA medical facilities to blatantly violate state laws, it's also in clear conflict with Section 106 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, which explicitly prohibits the VA from providing abortion services. The rule is vague and extends abortion services to any woman who considers her mental or emotional health a reason to procure an abortion. The rule also extends taxpayer-funded abortions to certain veterans' dependents and fails to institute any conscience protections for VA medical staff.

Taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund abortions, and current federal law clearly prohibits the VA from carrying out this extreme agenda. The VA should be focused on providing care to our veterans — not promoting abortions and distracting from the VA's core mission.

ebating Czech heritage. The fee for alphanumeric plates would be \$5 and a personalized license plate would cost \$40. During debate, an amendment was proposed to remove the "Choose Life" specialty license plates from state law. The "Choose Life" plates were created by the Legislature in 2018 to give Nebraskans an opportunity to express pro-life values or support for the protection of children if they so choose. After about 3 hours of debate, the amendment was struck down on a 4-26 vote. I then voted with 43 of my colleagues to advance LB 140 to the second round of debate.

LB 140 and others are being filibustered or being drawn out into the wider debate on LB 626 and LB 574. Opponents of both bills have vowed to eat up time the Legislature could use to pass other bills, with one senator expressing that they would rather burn the session to the ground and have nothing advance than to see the Legislature debate LB 626 and LB 574. Other senators have raised concerns that this tactic would delay discussion on senators' priority bills and topics such as school finance reform, tax reform, corrections reform, the budget, medical cannabis, and voter ID.

The last few weeks have generated many contacts via email, phone, and letters. I welcome and encourage you to keep these lines of communication open. Feel free to call my office anytime to (402) 471-2801 or email me at bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

PJCC speech team shines

Congratulations to the PJCC Speech Team and coaches on their third place team finish at Lutheran High Northeast last week.

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Eliza Borer - Persuasive - 5th
Jack Barlow - Humorous - 4th

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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack punch ticket to State!

Charf scores last seven points as EPPJ tops Wolves 49 to 45

KEARNEY — Trailing late in the fourth quarter, Elgin Public-Pope John scored the last seven points of the game to claim a 49 to 45 victory over Maywood-Hayes Center.

The victory punched the Wolfpack's ticket to the D1 Girls State Basketball Tournament which begins today in Lincoln.

In a game which saw momentum switch back and forth, the Wolfpack outlasted the Wolves and exorcised memories of a heartbreaking loss one year ago in the district finals.

"We knew we were going to have our hands full," Coach Randy Eisenhauer said. "

The two teams mirrored each other, befitting a matchup between the #8 and #9 seeds in Class D1. Pressure defense, fast-paced offense. Each team forced turnovers. Each team made plays when they had to and, in the end, the Wolfpack made just a few more when it counted.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a three-point lead behind a three-point play by Skyler Meis less than a minute into the fourth quarter.

The Wolves then put together a five-point run, all by #12, to take a one-point lead (38 to 37) with 5:09 left to play.

Again the Wolfpack answered with a basket by Ashlynn Charf and a three-point play from senior Maddie Kolm to lead by four, 42 to 38, with 3:56 to play.

The Wolves answered back

with a seven-point run of their own to lead 42 to 45 with 1:58 left in the game.

With the season on the line, the Wolfpack finally took control of the game. It started when Meis, hearing Coach Eisenhauer saying "attack the basket," drove the right side of the lane for a layup to cut the lead to one point, 45 to 44.

Then, after getting the ball back, Ashlynn Charf's off-balance eight foot shot found the net to give EPPJ the slimmest of leads, 46 to 45 with 32 seconds left.

Charf then closed out the game with two steals. Each time the Wolves were forced to foul. She stepped to the line and, seemingly with ice in her veins, sank the biggest free throws of her career to provide for the final margin of victory.

"I was so scared," Charf said about the game's final moments. "I kept thinking I've got to make these shots for my team."

The game's final moments reflected the frenzied action by both teams displayed earlier in the game.

EPPJ jumped out to a six-point lead early in the game, only to see the Wolves go ahead 10 to nine at the end of the first quarter.

The Wolves led by five points late in the second quarter before Taylynn Charf drilled a trey to cut the margin to 20 to 18 at halftime. She then started out the second half with back-to-back baskets to tie the score at 22-all.

Each time the Wolves would start to pull away the Wolfpack would answer right back. A three-point play by Keyera Eisenhauer and a trey from Kate Furstenau cut the Wolves lead to one, 29 to 28. Then, after Maddie Kolm tied the score with a free throw, Eisenhauer drilled a trey then followed up with two free throws for a 34 to 29 lead late in the third quarter.

"I kept telling my teammates this isn't over," Keyera Eisenhauer said. "Everyone works together and we wanted it so bad and after what happened last year, tonight we proved we were the better team."

Eisenhauer finished as the

Wolfpack's leading scorer with 14 points. A key to the team's success was their balanced scoring as all but one player who saw the floor scored.

EPPJ got nine points from Meis while the Charf sisters combined for 16, Kolm had five.

The Wolfpack made their free throws when it mattered most, finishing with an impressive 11 of 15. Ashlynn Charf led the team in rebounds with 11.

The loss was just the second for the Wolves who ended their season with a 20-2 record.

EPPJ 49, Maywood/HC 45
Wolfpack.....9 9 16 15 — 49
Wolves.....10 10 11 14 — 45
Wolfpack — Taylynn Charf 3-6 0-0 7, Ashlynn Charf 3-8

3-4 9, Skyler Meis 4-5 0-0 9, Brenna Martinsen 0-3 0-0 0, Kate Furstenau 1-4 1-1 3, Maddie Kolm 1-5 3-5 5, Sara Bode 0-1 1-2 1. Team totals: 17-39 11-15 49. Wolves team totals: 17-44 7-12 45. Three-point shots: Wolfpack 4-9 (Taylynn Charf, Kate Furstenau, Keyera Eisenhauer 2), Wolves 4-10. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 25 (Ashlynn Charf 11, Maddie Kolm 5), Wolves 23. Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Skyler Meis 3, Ashlynn Charf 2, Keyera Eisenhauer 2), Wolves. Steals — Wolfpack 14 (Ashlynn Charf 5, Skyler Meis 3), Wolves 15. Turnovers — Wolfpack 30, Wolves 28.



Ashlynn Charf would not be denied in the fourth quarter, scoring the last seven points to lead the team to the district championship. *E-R photo/DMorgan*



Skyler Meis' two-point basket in the fourth quarter set the stage for a fantastic finish.



Keyera Eisenhauer celebrates the victory with her father.



Euphoria reigned over the Wolfpack as they hoisted the championship plaque Friday night.

For all the world to see

KEARNEY — Their motto for the 2022/23 season has been "Stay Hungry."

The Wolfpack girls basketball team is still "hungry" as they prepare to feast on some Centurions tonight at the Devaney Sports Center.

That hunger was evident for all to see Friday night at Kearney Catholic High School. Amidst the green & yellow colors of the host school, EPPJ and their fans turned the gymnasium into a celebration of red and white with a 49 to 45 victory over once-beaten Maywood/Hayes Center.

Our cameras, both still and video, captured all the sights and sounds of the game. Publisher Lynell Morgan has been capturing all kinds of things lately with our 'last minute' videos, something we've been doing for quite some time now. The final 60 seconds of Wolfpack boys versus Summerland game caught the eyes of many.

However, the final 60 seconds of the girls game Friday night against the Wolves will forever be a favorite of mine. If you haven't seen it on our Facebook page, it shows how junior

SPINNING TALES



Dennis Morgan
Publisher

Ashlynn Charf scored the final seven points of the game to snatch victory away from the Wolves. It shows how the team's most impressive trait, their defensive pressure, resulted in two steals to end the game.

Great as they were, they are not my favorite moment. It comes immediately after the final buzzer when junior Keyera Eisenhauer sprints the length of the court to jump into the arms of her father, head coach Randy Eisenhauer.

I'm sure if the other Wolfpack parents would have been on the floor, their daughters might have done the same thing.

But, this moment had 'special' written all over it.

There was jubilation as coach and player, together with the rest of the team, had stared defeat in the eye and rallied for victory. The Eisenhauers achieved the dream of qualifying for the state tournament, returning EPPJ to the elite eight who play in March in Lincoln.

And, in that rush of emotion, it erased the memory of one year ago when a big first half lead slipped away, losing in overtime to BDS. That loss, as painful as it was then, I suspect hadn't been forgotten. Now, that memory can be replaced with one of accomplishment.

The Elgin Review was granted access to the locker room where team members released their emotions, having won as a team, knowing their next stop would be Lincoln.

As owners of this community newspaper, we see every moment, we hear even more. On these pages we celebrate what makes Elgin special.

On Friday night, in a gymnasium full of fans from both teams, this team gave us something to be very, very proud of for all the world to see.

With temperatures in the single digits, a clear sky above and white snow below, the sun rose Friday morning.

If you are a Wolfpack basketball fan, Wolfpack red flowing through your veins, perhaps you might have thought the sun would not rise, not today.

All the hopes and dreams of this year's Wolfpack boys basketball team and its fans were

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GOOD LUCK GIRLS!



PARENT "SHOUT-OUTS"



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martinsen

Good luck at state, Brenna! We are so proud of you! Let's do this, Pack!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kaylee & Braelyn

#11



KATE
furstenau

Good luck to you and your team! We are so proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Paige, Chase and Reid.

#12




KAYTON
zwingman

Good luck Kayton! We are proud of you and your efforts this season. Enjoy the ride and best wishes at State!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, John and Gentry

#1



LAIA & SELI
Domingo Tadesse

So proud of your determination. Good luck and have fun!

Love,
your Elgin family

#23



CALLIE
heithoff

Good luck Lady Wolfpack! We are proud of you Callie.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Cade

#13



MADDIE
kolm

We are so proud of you! Good Luck!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Dylan

#22




SARA
bode

Good luck at State Lady Wolfpack! We love our #32 Sara Bode! Stay Hungry and Fight to the Finish.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Stephanie, Dexter and Baby Jax!

#32



ELLIE
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We're so proud of your hard work and dedication to helping the team get to State. Good luck to everyone.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Emma

#2



TAYLYNNE & ASHLYNNE
charf

Best of Luck to you both!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Hunter and Kellan

#3



KEYERA
eisenhauer

We are proud of you #21 and team! Play your game and have fun! Good luck at State! #StayHungry

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kierstyn and Braxton

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State bound for you, your team and coaches!!! So proud of your hard work, determination and leadership you bring to the team Skyler! LET'S GO!!

We love our #10 - Dad, Mom, Ashtyn and Brooklyn

#10



Section 0100 – Invitation to Bidders

• General

The City of Elgin will receive bids for Water Meters until March 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the offices of the City of Elgin, 104 Pine Street, Elgin, Nebraska.

At that time, the bidding will be closed, and no other bids will be accepted for any reason. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud, and all bidders will be informed of the award of the project.

The proposed project consists of the replacement of approximately 425 meters. Existing meters are installed in house or in pits, along with the installation of new meters, meter sets, and/or pit installations.

Engineer's Estimate of Costs = \$300,000

The Owner intends to award one contract for all work to be performed.

The Owner will award the contract to the low, responsive bidder based on grand total bid prices, construction start and completion times, materials, and contractors past performance with the Owner and Engineer.

Invitation to Bidders – City of Elgin

• The Owner reserves the right to award the project including any combination of the base bid, alternates, or additions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject all bids, and to waive any irregularities in bidding.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to fully examine the plans and specifications for the project and include all labor, materials, and cost of equipment that will be included in the construction of the project.

The bidder shall not qualify bids in any manner.

Bids submitted to the owner shall remain current for a period of 30 days.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days without written consent from the Owner.

Contract Documents

Shall be kept on file by the Owner and shall be made available to the public.

Bidders shall obtain a set of contract documents, plans, and specifications from Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, Inc. (402) 372-1923 or via email at jrolf@acesne.com.

Plans and specifications for bidding will be provided for a lump sum fee of \$60 to the contractors.

The bidding set will include a bid form, instructions to bidders, contract documents, and construction specifications, along with an 11-inch by 17-inch set of plans

Bid Security

Bidders shall submit a bid security certificate in the amount of 5% of the grand total base bid with all bids.

In lieu of a bid security certificate, the Bidders may submit a certified check in the amount of 5% of the grand total base bid. The certified check shall be made out to the Owner.

Checks and bid securities shall be returned to unsuccessful bidders.

Payment and Performance Bonds

The successful bidder shall be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds in the amount of the sum of the contract.

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The name of the limited liability company: D-Kal Contracting, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 84628 529 Avenue, Oakdale, Nebraska 68761. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W. 4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

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Notice of Budget Workshop – Wheeler Central School District #45

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF WHEELER CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

DISTRICT #45-WHEELER COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHEELER CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THE WHEELER CENTRAL OLD MEDIA ROOM IN BARTLETT, NEBRASKA.

ON: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHICH MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AN AGENDA FOR SUCH MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, WHEELER CENTRAL SCHOOLS, BARTLETT, NEBRASKA.

DREW KASSELDER

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEELER CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Chloe Henn (l) and Baylee Busted placed third in Duet Acting. Photo submitted

EPS brings home speech medals from LHNE meet

The Elgin Public Speech Team competed at the Eagle Classic hosted by Lutheran High Northeast on Friday, February 24. Earning first place on the day was the OID of Ethan Hinkle, William Heilhecker, Corbin Kinney, Austin Good and Jack Wemhoff. Chloe Henn and Baylee Busted placed third in Duet Acting. Samantha Durre placed 6th in Serious Prose. Earning Superior Ratings were the following: Kinney-POI, Henn-Humorous, Austin Hinkle-Humorous and Trey Rittscher-Humorous.

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Samantha Durre placed 6th in Serious Prose. Photo submitted

Community Center Menus

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Monday, March 6:

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Tuesday, March 7:

Cheeseburger soup, carrots/celery, cheese/crackers, peach cobbler, apple juice, milk.

Wednesday, March 8:

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, & gravy, corn, strawberries, milk.

Thursday, March 9:

BBQ meatballs, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday, March 10:

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Alternative legume seeding

Despite recent snows, spring is coming on fast. Those looking to improve pasture quality and soil fertility often turn to commercial fertilizer, however interseeding legumes may be another option to consider. Most legume species: alfalfa, clover, birdsfoot trefoil, are high in protein and energy. By adding them to the grazing options for your animals on grass, the overall diet throughout the course of the year can be improved, impacting animal condition and productivity.

Additionally, legumes are well known for their ability to pull nitrogen from the air and fix it in a form useable by plants. In a grass/legume mixture, the legumes are not producing nitrogen for the whole pasture. What they are doing is making enough for themselves, enough so that the nitrogen demand for the pasture as a whole is greatly reduced.

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 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, but there may still be 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 drill.

Feeding seed is exactly what 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.

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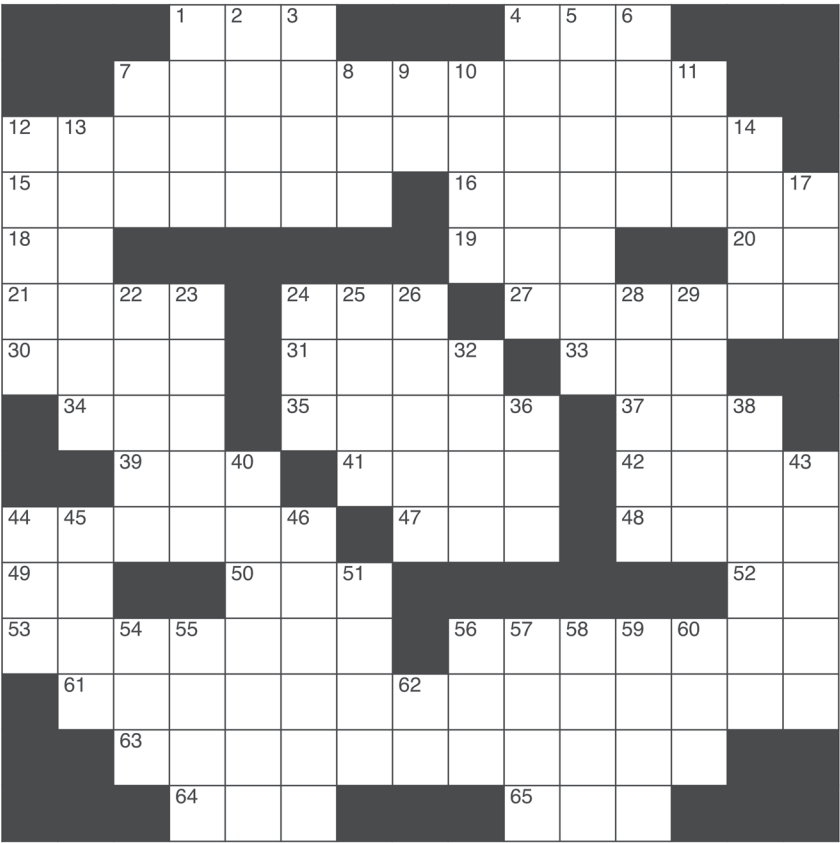
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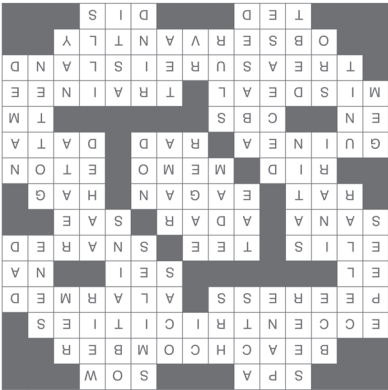
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6. "The Martian" author
7. Degree
8. 60-minute intervals
9. A detective's pal
10. Group of nations (abbr.)
11. Popular Georgia rockers
12. Fencing swords
13. Basement
14. Samoan monetary unit
17. Male parent
22. Finnish lake
23. A smooth fabric
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
26. Very willing
28. Expressed pleasure
29. Lasso
32. Hindu model of ideal man
36. Move your head in approval
38. Ill-__: gained illegally
40. Die
43. Accused publicly
44. Precious stone
45. Individual thing or person

46. Behaved in a way that degraded
51. Derogatory term
54. No seats available
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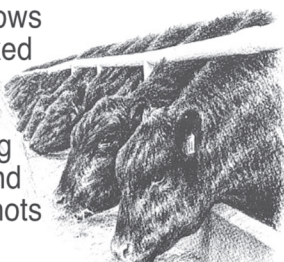
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17 Black Heifers	570	199. ⁰⁰
10 Black Heifers RQ	732	181. ⁰⁰
181 Charolais Heifers	838	180. ⁵⁰
63 Black Heifers	902	166. ⁷⁵
80 Black Steers	735	190. ⁷⁵

High Yielding Cows	98. ⁰⁰ to 108. ⁰⁰
Average Yielding Cows.....	88. ⁰⁰ to 97. ⁰⁰
Thin Cows	65. ⁰⁰ to 70. ⁰⁰
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Warriors have no answer for Wolfpack in first round of subdistricts

ELGIN — Down by one to start the second half, Elgin Public-Pope John turned it on to post a 54 to 42, over Neligh-Oakdale in the opening round of the Class D1-5 Subdistrict Boys Tournament.

After a first half where the Wolfpack saw a double-digit lead erased by the Warriors, they turned it on in the final two quarters by outscoring their opponent 33 to 20.

Senior Paiton Hoefer had five of the team's first 14 points in the second half to help turn a one-point deficit into an eight-point lead midway through the third quarter.

Warrior Colson Krebs gave Neligh-Oakdale some hope when he drilled a trey to cut EPPJ's lead to 35 to 28.

After that point, it was all Wolfpack as EPPJ closed out the game outscoring the Warriors 19 to 14.

When Hoefer wasn't scoring, the Wolfpack turned to Jarek Erickson, Dylon Lueking and Jack Wemhoff.

Erickson finished with 13 points while Wemhoff made three of four field goal attempts to finish with seven points. Lueking finished with 10 points and also pulled down

six rebounds. Erickson led the team in rebounds, capping a double-double with 13 points.

Hoefer led the Wolfpack with 15 points, one of three players to score in double figures.

As a team, the Wolfpack had an excellent shooting night, making 20 of 41 field goal attempts and 10 of 13 free throws.

With the victory, EPPJ improved to 15-8. The loss ended the Warriors' season at 6-15.

EPPJ 54, Neligh-Oakdale 42

Warriors.....2 20 8 12 — 42
Wolfpack.....12 9 19 14 — 54

Wolfpack — Blake Henn 3-6 0-0 6, Jack Wemhoff 3-4 0-0 7, Paiton Hoefer 5-10 4-5 15, Austin Good 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 6-9 1-2 13, Karson Kallhoff 1-6 0-0 3, Dylon Lueking 2-4 5-6 10. Team totals: 20-41 10-13 54. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-13 (Dylon Lueking, Karson Kallhoff, Paiton Hoefer, Jack Wemhoff). Team statistics: Rebounding — Wolfpack 26 (Jarek Erickson 12), Dylon Lueking 6). Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Paiton Hoefer 4, Jack Wemhoff 3). Steals — Wolfpack 2. Turnovers — Wolfpack 7.

Fourth quarter rally not enough as H/LHF wins

ELGIN — Down by 16 points early in the third quarter, Elgin Public-Pope John almost came all the way back in the finals of the Class D1-5 Boys Basketball Tournament.

Wolfpack senior Jack Wemhoff's desperation three-point shot, just before the final buzzer sounded, bounced off the rim to give Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family a hard-fought 48 to 46 victory. The victory allowed last year's state champs to advance on in postseason play while EPPJ's season came to an end two victories short of a trip to the state tournament.

Sage Frauendorfer led his team to victory, scoring the Bulldogs' last seven points, the biggest being a two-pointer with 37 seconds left in the game to give his team a 48 to 43 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Wemhoff drained a trey from the left side of the key to cut the lead to two points, 48 to 46 with 29 seconds left.

After a missed free throw by Bulldog Owen Kurtenbach, the Wolfpack had a chance to tie the game. After a timeout, EPPJ Coach Matt Euse set up an out-of-bounds play which eventually put the ball in Paiton Hoefer's hands. His shot, bounced, off the rim into the hands of Frauendorfer who was fouled with five ticks left on the clock.

Shooting one-and-one, Frauendorfer's miss ended up in the hands of Jarek Erickson who passed the ball to Wemhoff who got off a shot just past the half-court stripe to end the game.

The game's final moments were indicative of the play in the second half as EPPJ staged a furious comeback. Down 16 points, 36 to 20 with just under three minutes to play in the third quarter, EPPJ cut the lead to just 10 points by the end of the third quarter as Erickson had a three-point play, Hoefer added a two-pointer and Blake Henn made a free throw.

Wemhoff got the crowd roaring with back-to-back treys, cutting the lead to 39 to 32 with just under seven minutes left. After a Frauendorfer basket, EPPJ answered back with a trey from Dylon Lueking and another basket by Erickson to cut the lead to four points, 41 to 37. Hoefer added another trey and Erickson added another three-point play to set up the game's final, frantic moments.

"I told them when we were behind by double digits, to get back in the game it would be one possession, one rebound, one stop at a time.," Wolfpack



Shown here driving to the basket, Jack Wemhoff hit three treys and finished with 11 points against the Bulldogs. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Coach Euse said.

The Wolfpack couldn't catch a break in the first half as the Bulldogs came out firing in the first quarter, building a nine-point lead in large part due to the play of Frauendorfer and Randal Gronenthal. The lead grew to 14 points midway through the second quarter. Then EPPJ made a run. Erickson, Wemhoff and Blake Henn had points as part of a seven to four run to close the margin to 27 to 16 at halftime.

A freshman, Erickson led the Wolfpack with 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, Wemhoff (with three treys) scored 11 points and Hoefer added nine points to go along with four assists. The loss ended the Wolfpack's season at 15-9. It also marked the final game for EPPJ seniors Hoefer, Wemhoff, Austin Good, Ethan Hinkle, Corbin Kinney and Camryn Pelster.

H/LHF 48, EPPJ 46

Bulldogs.....17 10 9 12 — 48
Wolfpack.....9 7 10 20 — 46

Wolfpack — Blake Henn 0-3 5-6 5, Jack Wemhoff 4-8 0-0 11, Paiton Hoefer 4-18 0-0 9, Austin Good 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 6-7

2-2 15, Karson Kallhoff 0-3 0-0 0, Dylon Lueking 2-5 0-0 6. Team totals: 16-46 7-8 46. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 7-23 (Jack Wemhoff 3, Paiton Hoefer, Jarek Erickson, Dylon Lueking 2). Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 23 (Jarek Erickson 10, Blake Henn 5). Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Paiton Hoefer 4). Steals — Wolfpack 5 (Jack Wemhoff 2, Paiton Hoefer 2). Turnovers — Wolfpack 10.

Tales

From Page Six

dashed away Thursday night as Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family left St. Boniface Auditorium with another game to play on their postseason run. With a two-point victory, the Bulldogs ended EPPJ's dream of back-to-back appearances at the Class D1 State Basketball Tournament.

Wolfpack fans packed themselves into the worn wood bleachers expecting results similar to the last time these two teams played — an EPPJ victory.

But the returning state champs had something else planned. And with the final buzzer, just like that EPPJ's season was over.

One thing is for certain, next year's Wolfpack basketball team will look different. Six seniors (Paiton Hoefer, Jack Wemhoff, Austin Good, Ethan Hinkle, Camryn Pelster and Corbin Kinney) will graduate in May. They've laid the foundation for future Wolfpack teams to build on. From the time they stepped on the court, when victories were rare, to last year when they 'arrived' to earn a trip to the state tournament, to this year when opposing teams considered a win over the Wolfpack to be a highlight of their season. Thanks for leading the way to better seasons ahead!

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A senior, Jack and his teammates saw their season end too early despite a tremendous comeback against Humphrey-Lindsay HF. In his final game, he had 11 pts (3 treys).

A junior, Ashlynn's "cool under fire" at the charity stripe sealed the win over Maywood-Hayes Center. She finished the game with 9 pts, 11 rebounds, 2 assists & 5 steals.

A junior, Samuel finished his year being 2-2 at the state wrestling tournament. In both his victories were by pin. With the final whistle of his final match, his junior season ended at 28-10.

Stanton man convicted of trespass after taking vape to wife in jail

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter

Michael Hansen, 36, of Stanton appeared in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on Feb. 16, for pretrial hearing on a charge of obstructing government operations, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

In an unusual interpretation of the charge, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith amended the charge to second-degree trespassing, a Class 3 misdemeanor, and recommended a fine only at sentencing, in return for Hansen’s guilty plea. The charge had a potential penalty of up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail. Taylor fined him \$250 and taxed \$50 costs.

According to defense attorney Frederick Bartell of Norfolk, Hansen had taken a vape product to his wife when he visited her at the Antelope County Jail on Nov. 26, 2022.

Smith said when Hansen passed by signs prohibiting contraband in the facility, with vape product in his possession, he committed the trespass.

Timothy D. Anderson, 66, of Neligh appeared for sentencing on a Class 2 misdemeanor, leaving scene of property-damage accident, committed Oct. 28, 2022. Anderson faced up to \$1,000 fine and/or up to six months in jail, along with up to 30 days impoundment or up to one year revocation of his driver’s license.

Public defender Pat Carney told the Honorable Donna Taylor that damages had been covered by insurance and repairs completed. He said Anderson did not want probation and requested a fine, or if fine wasn’t appropriate, 10 days in jail.

Taylor sentenced Anderson to 10 days and assessed \$50 costs. As he was taken into custody by a Antelope County deputy, she said, “I should have impounded or revoked your license, but I didn’t.” She advised him that he would be assessed six points against the license.

Bobbi S. Jenkins, 38, of Plainview appeared for pre-trial hearing on two counts, Count I, no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor, and Count II, travelling on a closed road, an infraction. Jenkins changed her plea to guilty on Count II, pursuant to a plea agreement and Smith dismissed Count I. Taylor fined Jenkins \$50 and taxed her \$50 costs. Sheriff’s fees, in the amount of \$5.66 were waived.

In answer to questions by Taylor, Jenkins said the road she was traveling July 12, 2022 – 844 Road, between 528 and 529 avenues - “used to be an open road.” It is located about one and one-half miles south-east of Oakdale.

Jenkins was represented by Carney.

Lynn D. Koinzan, 63, of Elgin, appeared for pretrial hearing on a charge of reckless driving. Koinzan entered a guilty plea to an amended count, per terms of a plea bargain. The charge was reduced to careless driving by Smith. Taylor fined Koinzan \$100, impounded his driver’s license for 30 days and taxed him \$49 costs for the Aug. 30, 2022, offense. She ordered a temporary license to allow Koinzan to get home from court. He was represented by Bradley Easland of Norfolk.

Marcos V. Dos Santos Spohr, 35, of Bartlett appeared for pretrial hearing on Count I, leave the scene of a property-damage accident, a Class 2 misdemeanor committed Sept. 10, 2022, and Count II, reckless driving, a Class 3 misdemeanor. A plea agreement was announced, which included Dos Santos Spohr pleading guilty to Count I and Smith dismissing Count II and agreeing to file no additional charges in the case. Taylor fined the defendant \$300 and impounded his driver’s license for 30 days. The judge ordered a temporary license which expired at 4 p.m.

Feb. 15, to allow Dos Santos Spohr to get home from court.

Randi Mack, 35, Elgin appeared for arraignment on three counts of issuing bad checks, 0 to \$500. Pursuant to a plea agreement, Mack pleaded guilty to one count and Smith dismissed the other two. It was noted that restitution had been paid for two checks to Thriftway Market and one to Clearwater Market, totaling \$433.07, written in July and August 2022. Taylor fined Mack \$150 and \$50 costs.

Three defendants entered guilty pleas by waiver and were fined for their offenses, including:

- Dalton J. Herring, 23, of Atkinson was fined \$300 and \$100, respectively, and as-

sessed \$49 costs for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, both infraction. He was cited Jan. 8 by an Antelope County deputy west of Clearwater on Highway 275.

Roscoe L. Wallace, 55, of Sioux City, Iowa, was fined \$300 and \$49 costs for possession of marijuana, less than one ounce. He was cited Dec. 10, 2022, west of Elgin on Highway 70, by an NSP trooper.

Sheldon M. Zierke, 22, of Valentine was fined \$100 and \$50, respectively, and \$49 costs for possession of drug paraphernalia and an open alcohol container, both infractions. He was cited by a NSP trooper Jan. 11, near Royal on Highway 20.

Antelope County judge sets future trial dates

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter

Barbara Youngblood, 42, O’Neill, appeared in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last month for a pretrial hearing on Count I, third-degree assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Count II, disturbing the peace, a Class 3 misdemeanor, both alleged Set. 24, 2022.

“I would like to go to trial,” Youngblood told the judge.

Taylor set the case for jury trial March 27 and issued instructions to attorneys. A status report filed by Smith in January estimates trial will last one to two days. Youngblood is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Christopher B. Brady, 32, of Elgin is scheduled for a trial March 1, on violation of probation allegations. Brady was placed on probation by Taylor on Nov. 2, 2022. Bond posted Jan. 27, in the amount of \$4,000, 10% cash, is continued.

Brady failed to appear for a 9:30 a.m. arraignment hearing Feb. 15. Carney told the court he had a phone call from Brady, who requested continuance. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith objected, opining Brady had absconded.

“I believe he has made similar promises to probation officers at times,” the county attorney said. Taylor noted the failure to appear and ordered a warrant would be issued after Smith filed appropriate documents. However, Brady showed up in the afternoon and denied the violation allegations.

Reva J. Talton, 44, Antelope County Jail, faced Taylor on a Class 4 felony, possession of methamphetamine, alleged the previous evening. Talton requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Carney. Further arraignment is set March 1. Bond had not yet been set. The judge followed a recommendation from the county attorney for modest bond, setting it at \$7,500, 10% cash. Talton was remanded back to the Antelope County sheriff’s custody, pending posting of bond.

Talton was arrested by Nebraska State Patrol officers in Oakdale on Feb. 14, according to a probable-cause affidavit filed by one of the troopers, who also noted an active South Dakota warrant, no proof of ownership, unlawful plates, no insurance, no operator’s license and no registration on the vehicle. She was also issued a warning for failure to use turn signal. During inventory of her vehicle, officers allegedly located a bag with paraphernalia on the front seat that field tested positive for meth.

Kimberly K McAllister, 20, of Ewing waived her right to counsel when she appeared for arraignment on a count of driving during revocation/impoundment, alleged Jan. 21. McAllister entered a guilty plea before Smith addressed the judge, indicating the charge would be amended to driving under suspension. Taylor, who said it is “what should have been filed originally,” continued arraignment to March 15, indicating penalties for the two charges are quite different. The original charge, a Class 2 misdemeanor, carries a penalty of up to \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail, with a one-year revocation of license and no option for provisional driving, while the amended charge, a Class 3 misdemeanor, would carry up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail with no revocation of license and, if license has been reinstated, only \$150 fine. McAllister was cited by a Nebraska State Patrol officer Jan. 11, near Elgin on Highway 14.

Benjamin T. Smith, 25, of Norfolk faced Taylor for further arraignment on three counts alleged Jan. 6, northeast of Clearwater. He was charged with 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. A plea deal was announced, with the defendant pleading guilty to Count I and the county attorney dismissing counts II and III. When questioned by Taylor, Benjamin Smith said he took one gallon of gasoline. County Attorney Smith asked for sentencing to be continued so he could notify the victim. He said it was an “employer/employee thing.” Taylor set sentencing March 1. Benjamin Smith is represented by Carney.

Austin R. Bertschinger, 30, of Oakdale appeared on a count of possession of tramadol, a Class 4 felony alleged Dec. 10 near Tilden. Taylor granted a defense request for continuance and set the case for a status hearing March 1. Bond posted Dec. 28, in the amount of \$1,000, 10%, is continued as well. Bertschinger is represented by Carney.

Roland Hurtig, 61, of Orchard appeared for pretrial hearing on Count I, a Class W misdemeanor, driving under the influence of alcohol, second offense; and two infractions, Count II, possession of open alcohol container, and Count III, speeding (85 mph in 65 zone). Hurtig’s attorney, Ronald Temple of Norfolk, requested continuance. Taylor continued the hearing to March 1.

Ray M. Connot, 57, of Neligh appeared for pretrial hearing on a Class 3 misdemeanor, second-degree criminal trespass, alleged Oct. 27, 2022. The hearing was continued to March 1 at Smith’s request.

Jay A. Pettijohn, 63, Royal appeared for arraignment on count of maintaining a dangerous building, a Village of Orchard ordinance violation alleged in November 2022. Taylor advised that conviction of the offense could lead to a \$500 fine, abatement can be ordered and the village attorney could have filed charges each day that the violation remained unresolved. Pettijohn requested continuance to allow him to retain an attorney. Taylor continued arraignment to March 1.

Orchard village attorney Jim McNally advised that another defendant, Earleen Jensen of Royal, who faces the same charge, had called requesting continuance due to road conditions. Her case was also continued to March 1.

March is colorectal cancer awareness month

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the 3rd most common cancer in both men and women and is very preventable. The most common form of colorectal cancer starts out as small abnormal growths, called polyps, that can grow and mutate over time to transform into cancer. If these polyps are removed when they are small, they never get the chance to evolve into cancer. These polyps grow slowly so screening doesn’t need to be an annual event. Intervals depend on several factors and most people wait years between screenings. Polyps are more likely in people with certain genetic risk factors, tobacco use, alcohol use, and poor diet, but colorectal cancer is so common that even people without any risk factors should be proactive and get screened.

Colonoscopies are the gold standard for screening. A camera is used to look at the inside of the colon along its entire length and any polyps that are seen are removed. The procedure is done under sedation which makes it much more comfortable for the patient. A laxative prep is required the night before to remove stool from the colon. If no polyps are seen and there are no increased risks of cancer, it can be up to 10 years before the procedure needs repeated.

Stool-based tests analyze a small sample of stool and look for blood or DNA associated with cancer. These tests are less invasive because there is no prep involved; however, any positive tests will require a colonoscopy. Stool-based tests are also less accurate than a colonoscopy and need to be repeated more frequently.

The United States Preventative Services Task Force recommends all people between the ages of 45 and 75 be screened for Colorectal Cancer. Previously, screenings were for ages 50 to 75 but the age was lowered due to many cases of advanced cancer being found during the initial screen at age 50.

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