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## In Brief

### Mass of Christian Burial for Marin Schindler set

Wake service to be Sunday.

Marin E. Schindler, 29 of Elgin, passed away after her three-year battle with cancer on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, surrounded by her family.



Marin Schindler

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, NE, with overflow seating in the church basement.

Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

A complete obituary can be found on Page Three.

Levander Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Michael Braband files for #18 School Board

Deadline to file was March 1.

Four candidates vying for three seats on the District #18 Board of Education.

Michael Braband became the fourth candidate, filing for a seat on the school board on Thursday, March 1.

He joined incumbents' Eric Beckman, Luke Hinkle and Steve Bustedee who filed in February.

### Chair lift replacement on EPS board agenda

Meeting to begin at 8 p.m..

A light agenda awaits the District #18 Board of Education when they meet next week.

The school board is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. on Monday night, March 11 at the high school building.

There are just three items so far on the tentative agenda requiring action. They are:

- Approve offered teacher contracts for 2024/2025 school year
  - Surplus a piano, shop equipment, 3D printer for sell/disposal
  - Approve chair lift replacement
- The regular meeting is open to the public.

## Waterbury leading effort to bring Eagle alumni home

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

*Editor's Note: This continues a series of monthly articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents and organizations.*

Eagles, maybe even a few of the bald variety, will be flying high with pride on May 25th here in Elgin. Twenty twenty-four is the 150th year for the Elgin School #18 District and the 100th year for the high school building.

Spreading her wings yet again to lead organization of an alumni event is Elgin's own Laurie Waterbury, born and raised here, the daughter of Gale

(deceased in 2015) and Dolly Schindler, and a 1980 proud Elgin Public Schools (EPS) high school graduate.

Surrounded by the school colors of orange and black yearbooks, sweat-shirts, jerseys, flags, caps, buttons, tee shirts, and other Elgin Eagles memorabilia, even shoelaces, she's gathering up for the anniversary celebration, Waterbury points alumni to the EPS Alumni Facebook page for details.

The Facebook page can be used for alumni and guests to sign up, so there'll be enough food, she explained. Or you can send a message to epsalumni@elgineagles.org, contact Waterbury

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E-R photo/JSchuchardt

In preparation of the 150th anniversary celebration May 25th, Elgin's Laurie Waterbury flips through stacks of The Eagle, formerly called The Spotlight, the yearbook of Elgin Public Schools.



### Tears flow as game ends EPPJ's season

Coaching isn't all about X's and O's, it's also about handling tears. EPPJ Coach Randy Eisenhauer embraces senior Brenna Martinsen near the conclusion of the team's loss to Southern Valley at the State Tournament. Coverage begins on Page Six.

### Neligh man fined for items left haphazardly in yard

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

Scarcely one square yard of a Neligh property was not covered by accumulated junk, trash, and debris, according to an Antelope County judge.

The Honorable Donna Taylor, on Feb. 26, reached a verdict in a Neligh nuisance case.

Kipp V. Polston, 46, of Neligh appeared in front of Taylor for a Feb.7 bench trial on a charge he violated Neligh's nuisance ordinance.

After hearing testimony and receiving evidence, Taylor took the case under advisement while she reviewed evidence and personally drove by the

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### Ambulance donation made in memory of Terry Henn

An anonymous donor contributed \$2,000 to the Elgin Ambulance fund drive in honor of Terry Henn's many years of service. Accepting the donation were rescue unit members Vicki Miller (l) and Dean Henn (r). They were joined by family members Jan Henn and Elgin Fire Chief Greg Henn.

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 72 degrees on Monday, February 26.

The low during the same period was 03 degrees recorded on Tuesday, February 27.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
February 25	59	34	.00
February 26	72	14	.00
February 27	28	03	.00
February 28	34	07	.00
February 29	60	30	.00
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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

# Rice Pilaf & Shrimp Pasta Salad



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This shrimp salad has been one salad recipe I got from a friend a long time ago. It's just simple and

delicious. Give it a try! Happy cooking! JoAnn

### RICE PILAF

1 cup rice  
1 small can mushrooms sliced  
1 can beef broth  
1 stick melted butter  
2 Tbls dry onion soup mix

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all the ingredients together. Cover and bake for one hour.

### SHRIMP PASTA SALAD

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## Bond conditions include orders to reside at Norfolk Mission

Two defendants, who were recently arrested on warrants issued Feb. 1, appeared in front of the Honorable James Kube in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday morning. Harley J. Snyder, 21, last known address, Lincoln, and Haiden Sleister, last known address, Oakdale, were both in the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore. Snyder had turned himself in to Lincoln authorities, while Sleister was arrested at the Madison County Jail when he posted bond on charges alleged there.

Both men requested court-appointed counsel. Brad Ewalt of Norfolk was appointed to represent both. Kube ordered both to reside at the People's Mission in Norfolk as a condition of bond. Snyder's bond is set at \$10,000, personal recognizance, while Sleister's is \$5,000, 10% cash.

Probation or post-release supervision revocation hearings are continued to March 27. Kube reminded the two men that they remain on probation and are compelled to abide by all terms and conditions. Revocation was requested by Snyder's probation officer, who indicated her belief he had absconded from probation. On Dec. 21, 2022, the Honorable Mark Johnson sentenced Snyder to a 24-month term of probation for March 21, 2022, break-ins at two Neligh businesses, Neligh Vape Shop and the Fit Stop.

The probation officer also alleged Sleister absconded from post-release supervision, as well as violating supervision rules when he was arrested in another jurisdiction in December. Sleister was sentenced by Kube in February 2023 to one year in the Antelope County Jail, to be followed by an 18-month stint of PRS for a conviction of criminal attempt, possession of a stolen firearm, a Class 3A felony. \*\*\*\*\* Rowdy L. Burke, 52, of Elgin faced Kube for pretrial hearing on a felony charge of driving under revocation, alleged Nov. 14, 2023, in Elgin. Burke's attorney Martin Klein of Neligh announced a

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bartlett News

Wheeler County volunteers met Saturday morning, March 2 to put up a new sign to direct visitors to the Herb Mignery Bronze Garden in Bartlett. The sign is just east of the We Mart.

Those who helped place the sign were: Denny Derner, Travis Nelson, Joe Walkowiak, Brian and Ed Hoffman and Alex Hoepker.

The sign was funded through the Wheeler County Foundation 'Mignery Sculpture Garden,' account.

The sign was laser cut by Hubel Iron of Ewing, Nebraska and painted and clear coated by Rowse Rakes north of Burwell, Nebraska.

If you travel past Bartlett take note of this attractive addition and if time warrants stop in and see the bronzes. Several bronzes have been added to the 'Garden,' this past year.

An open house was held in honor of Cork Oberg's 95 birthday Saturday afternoon, March 2nd. The event, hosted by Cork's children, was held in the new fire hall in Bartlett. I believe Cork enjoyed the day greeting many friends and family and sharing memories.

By Sherry Tetschner



Shown on the ground are (l-r): Denny Derner and Ed Hoffman. Above are Joe Walkowiak and Travis Nelson. Behind the sign is Brian Hoffman while Alex Hoepker is in Skidster behind. A new sign was placed near Bartlett on Saturday, March 2nd. The sign directs visitors to the Herb Mignery Bronze Garden.

Photo submitted

## It's best not to live under a rock

Just back from a couple of weeks traveling in Egypt. Safe. Mind-stretching. Spectacular. And sandy!

The Sierra Desert, dotted with temples, tombs, pyramids, some engulfed in sand and yet to be discovered, is a sight to behold. Actually, in Arabic, Sahara means Great Desert, so

saying Sierra Desert is repetitive.

Apart from the fertile Nile Valley, most of Egypt, short of an oasis here and there, is sand blown into prolific sand dunes. Yep, the movies you've seen have it right.

Sand is eroded rock. And with all hubby Rick and my

travels lately, we've definitely seen a lot of rocks, many with that unmistakable WOW factor. (As an aside, a friend who reviews these columns before they are sent to *The Elgin Review* suggested some readers might think the following summary of rocks experienced in our travels is flaunting. Please understand, long-distance exploration is our thing in these later years. We're thankful to have the time and resources to grasp opportunities when they arise. It's not for everyone.)

To continue, here in the United States, the Rockies, with many of the peaks affectionately dubbed 'fourteeners', referencing elevations of 14,000 feet, are spectacular. With family there, we venture west often, especially in fall when the aspens paint the landscape with vibrant yellow as far as the eye can see.

Son Philip and partner Sara live in British Columbia, also dotted with jaw-dropping mountainous terrain. This Canadian province boasts several mountain ranges, namely the Canadian Rockies, Coast, Cassiar and Columbia Mountains. While a few peaks reach around 12,000 feet, about 6,000 feet is the average close to the world-renowned Whistler Blackcomb ski resort.

Traveling longer distances from home in Elgin, there's the majestic Andes we experienced in Peru. There's nothing more amazing than seeing an Andean Condor, boasting a wingspan of 12 feet, take flight across the Colca Canyon.

Closer to Lima we took flight in a small aircraft to experience the Nazca Lines in southern Peru. These geoglyphs were etched in the desert to expose different-colored soil. Winds always keep the lines depicting the condor, an astronaut, the circle of life, what looks like markings for aircraft landings, and more, perfectly visible from a vertical view. "How, why?" we asked innocently, only to get the terse response, "No one knows. Maybe ancient aliens."

We experienced Machu Picchu, the 15th century Inca citadel carved into an Andes Mountain. The expert drainage system, tiered fields to study crops in different elevations, massive rocks carved just right to withstand earthquakes -- all were spectacular.

Then in New Zealand, there was the Milford Sound, a massive fjord often dubbed one of the geologic wonders of the world. Quite impressive here was the boat captain who braved waves to expertly pull up to the bank where water careened

down to fill glasses placed in trays on the bow of the boat. We had a tasty, ice-cold, waterfall-aerated drink while admiring Mitre Peak.

After Egypt this January, we took a few extra travel days to see Jordan, especially Petra where Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade was filmed. Expert rock carvings here of tombs, temples, homes, and community meeting places are massive and breathtaking.

Oh, and another trip to Africa, this time to Kenya, found us on safari with zebras and elephants roaming against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Snow-covered atop this mountain, a famous destination for mountain climbers, is a primary water source and is the source of the Nile River that flows north (not south) into Egypt.

All this is to say that rocks (and sand) have been a theme of some memorable travel experiences. We are thankful to have these opportunities to broaden our world view. In my book, experiences are much more memorable than being showered with rocks (e.g. precious gems).

It's so much fun hearing rock music performed in other countries or to rock a gorgeous scarf purchased overseas. Or to have a stiff beverage on the rocks (in countries where the water is safe; otherwise, stay clear of ice).

While traveling, especially internationally, it's important not to be dumber than a rock, or you'll find yourself between a rock and a hard place. Be prepared, stash some rock candy to keep you motivated, don't rock the boat, and you're ready to rock and roll, then sleep like a rock knowing you're safe even though far from the comforts of Elgin. Also, for me, traveling with my hubby Rick, who is as solid as a rock, is key.

Summer's ahead. While not everyone needs (or wants) to travel to Egypt, Peru, and New Zealand, best not to live under a rock.

Right next door here in Nebraska, there are intriguing places to explore. Get out there.

### Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

# OBITUARIES

## Marin E. Schindler, 29

September 9, 1994 - March 2, 2024

She was a devoted Christian who put her faith first in her life.



Marin E. Schindler, 29 of Elgin, NE passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, NE, following a hard-fought three-year battle with a rare blood cancer known as Erdheim Chester Disease.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Fr. John Norman and Fr. Joseph Sund officiating, and overflow seating in the church basement. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.levanderfuneralhome.com](http://www.levanderfuneralhome.com).

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Marin Elizabeth Schindler, daughter of Gene Heithoff and Colleen (Borer) Rossow was born September 9, 1994, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, NE. She grew up the youngest of four children on a farm east of Elgin, NE. She loved playing outside on the farm and feeding all the stray cats that came around. Her siblings were always very special to her. She would beg her older sister, Merridie, to let her sleep with her each night, and would follow her brothers around the farm copying the mischief they were getting into. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Church, attended St. Boniface Elementary School and during her years at Pope John High School, Marin was involved in volleyball, dance, school musicals and track. She and her 4 X 800 meter relay team earned the opportunity to compete at state track. She graduated in 2013 and continued her education at Wayne State College where she studied Early Childhood Education, earning her degree in 2016. She returned to St. Boniface Elementary School to student-teach and then become the 1st grade teacher. She loved her job and looked forward to going to work every day, shaping the minds of our youth while sharing her faith.

On April 29, 2017, Marin married her high school sweetheart, Kevin John Schindler at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, NE. The couple was blessed with two beautiful

children: Mylah and Klayton. Marin adored spending time with her husband Kevin and their children and enjoyed baking, running, and going on family walks. She loved crafting and decorating their home, and was always working on an idea for her next project or remodel. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed going with Kevin and the kids to check his deer cameras. She knew how much deer hunting meant to Kevin so she made sure to provide him the time to go each fall and didn't complain about the amount of time he was gone looking for the perfect buck. Springtime meant planting flowers and hunting down her treasured lilacs to savor their unique smell when they bloomed. During the summer months she enjoyed having play dates with her friends and their kids, spending time with family and friends at county fairs, and taking Mylah and Klayton outside to play and swim in their baby pool. Most summer nights Marin and Kevin made it a priority to eat supper together on the front porch after the kids went to sleep, with the baby monitor by their side. Christmas was her favorite time of year. She found joy in Christmas decorations, Hallmark Christmas movies, Christmas music, Christmas baking, making chocolates, and the beautiful white snow.

She loved being a wife, mom, and teacher. She was a devoted Christian and put her faith first in her life. She was the sweetest person who never complained, while showing compassion and gratitude every single day. She lived to serve others, and to be the best mother and wife that she could be.

Marin leaves behind her husband Kevin Schindler of Elgin, NE; two children: Mylah and Klayton Schindler of Elgin, NE; father: Gene Heithoff of Elgin, NE; mother: Colleen (Tim) Rossow of Newman Grove, NE; sister: Merridie (Josh) Kaup of Fullerton, NE; brothers: Derek Heithoff of Grand Island, NE; Dylan (Meghan) Heithoff of Blue Springs, MO; parents-in-law: Ken "Earl" and Julie Schindler of Elgin, NE; sister-in-law: Meghan (Danny) Veik of Elgin, NE; grandmothers: Jeneida Dittrich of Elgin, NE and Susan Borer of Petersburg, NE; nephews: Chase and Caden Veik of Elgin, NE; George and Otto Heithoff of Blue Springs, MO; along with her many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded by her grandfathers: Gerald Borer and Raymond Heithoff; her uncle Don; and her unborn child.

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## Enjoy St. Pat's Bash in Tilden

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church will be holding their annual St. Pat's Bash Fundraiser.

The event will be held on Sunday, March 17, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the OLMC parish hall.

Eat, drink and enjoy soups & sandwiches, desserts and beverages for a free will donation.

Join in the fun with a variety of raffles and games for all ages. Prizes include Quilt, Husker Football Tickets, Blackstone grill, cash prizes, and more.

There will also be a bake sale.

Raffles begin at 2 p.m., and you need not be present to win. Come and enjoy this year's annual St. Pat's Bash in Tilden!

## Elgin Community Center Menus

**Monday, March 11:** Cream chicken over biscuits, peas, applesauce, milk.

**Tuesday, March 12:** Meatball soup, veggie cup, cheese sandwich, strawberry/banana mix, garlic stick, milk.

**Wednesday, March 13:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk.

**Thursday, March 14:** German "Runza" casserole, green beans,

peaches, milk.

**Friday, March 15:** Baked potato bar with all the toppings, pears, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.)

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Connecting Rural America

In 2024, broadband infrastructure is just as central to life as traditional physical infrastructure.

The days are far behind us when internet access was a luxury — now it's vital for daily life.

Small businesses across our state need high-speed internet to grow their operations and job seekers need it to find new employment opportunities.

But across Nebraska, broadband availability is still limited. About 50,000 Nebraska households are classified as "unserved" by fixed broadband, many of which are located in rural areas.

As anyone who's spent time in these areas knows, it's also still common to run into slow, glitchy mobile service when traveling along stretches far from the nearest town.

For all these reasons, improving broadband connectivity is one of my top priorities in the U.S. Senate.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

That historic funding was secured through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which I proudly supported.

The map is already helping federal agencies cooperate to prioritize the areas that need broadband buildout most without overlapping spending.

These federal programs complement important state-level programs, such as the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF), to bolster rural connectivity.

Any diversion of broadband funds will undermine our aim to close the digital divide as quickly as we can.

Last week, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced more good news for rural connectivity. The Enhanced Competition Incentive Program (ECIP), which expands spectrum access opportunities for small carriers and rural wireless entities, is now accepting applications.

In 2015, I introduced the bipartisan Rural Spectrum Accessibility Act with Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) to establish ECIP.

ECIP will incentivize wireless carriers to lease underused spectrum to rural and smaller carriers by providing them with spectrum license extensions and certain buildout flexibilities.

The program will encourage collaboration between both large and small wireless companies that will bridge service gaps in rural areas.

This innovative new program can benefit all parties involved by targeting spectrum resources to the entities that are best positioned to deploy them, providing rural areas with the wireless services they need.

I strongly encourage carriers to take advantage of ECIP so that rural providers can help expand high-speed internet to all Americans — no matter where they live.

Happy Birthday Nebraska, my how you've grown

Three of the four kids in my family were born on the same day in December over a span of 14 years.

The "other" one was born on March 1. To appease her, my older sister and brother and I told the March-born she was special because she shared a birthday with the State of Nebraska!

So, happy belated 157th birthday Nebraska. And happy 82nd to my late sister.

Too much cake and party hats? Where are we now? Let's take a look.

A is for agriculture. Still more counties with more cattle than people. Corn is king. A pig farmer with a veterinary science degree was recently elected governor.

N is for new as in not much is. Some homegrown innovation is winning national acclaim as evidenced by a robotic surgery tool developed at the University of Nebraska and recently approved by the FDA.

G is for gaming. Casino gambling and sports betting are blowing in like a prairie derecho. New casinos are popping up like ditch weed in a borrow pit.

The Nebraska Lottery lingers as do pickle cards. Someone has decided to crack down on Bingo and the prizes it could offer.

Sorry Grandma, some folks don't want us to have too much fun.

U is for University of Nebraska. The highly vaunted system president who once ran the Naval Academy has moved on to greener pastures, albeit The Ohio State University.

require affidavits stating that a purchaser of real property near military installations is not affiliated with any foreign adversary.

LB1169 by Senator Erdman would make the State Historical Society, or History Nebraska, a code agency under the direction of the Governor.

LB126 by Senator Day would provide a partial homestead tax exemption to veterans who are partially disabled due to a service-related disability.

LB 1284 by Senator Walz would provide state funding to expand K-12 computer science education.

In the chamber, senators continued debate on LB1067 by Senator Clements which proposes to eliminate the inheritance tax within five years.

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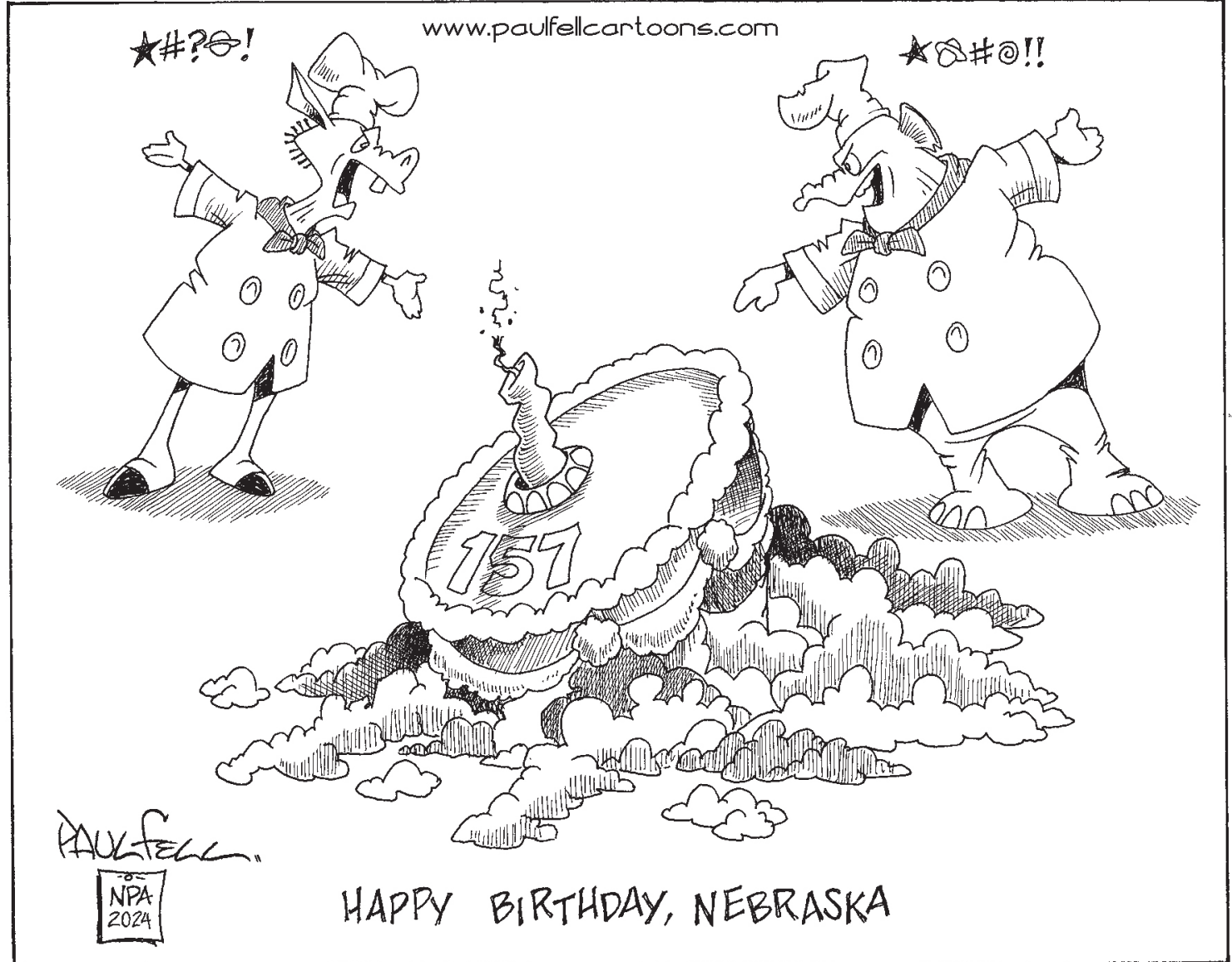
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crowd ever - 92,003 -- in the world for a match at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

I is for Independent (nonpartisan) voters who are growing in numbers - 269,224 in February -- catching up to the number of registered Democrats - 332,066 in February - against 602,197 Republicans.

Yes, Nebraska is a red state. Ben Nelson was the last Democrat governor in the state from 1991-1999. That must seem like a Century ago, or at least a quarter Century.

H is for heavy lifting. The Nebraska Legislature still acts like it's going to do some, but the big paranoia now is that the executive branch is running

ing despite "new innovative payment plans" and school choice options. The Legislature passed a bill last year authorizing tax credits for folks who donate to private schools.

shifting the balance among the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

Put them all together and they spell anguish. The dictionary says that's to "be extremely distressed about something."

Judge for yourself. I've never felt living in Nebraska was distressing. Now, the six years I lived in Illinois, well that's another story for another time.

If you're feeling stressed by it all, throw a big scoop of ice cream on that cake. It'll help!

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for 25 years.

Hearings done, now the work begins

This week saw the Legislature in session for only three days to conclude public hearings on the over 600 bills and resolutions introduced this year.

Committees are allowed to select two bills while the Speaker of the Legislature can designate up to 25 bills as speaker priority bills.

Since committees are limited in the number of bills that they can select, they tend to incorporate a number of other bills into the committee amendments when the bill is advanced and prioritized.

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District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

that would force them to increase property taxes. County governments tend to use inheritance tax dollars to build up a rainy-day fund (because it is an inconsistent form of revenue) and pay for unexpected or unusual project expenses.

Finally, my first legislative bill LB51 was passed by the Legislature this week. LB51 is a technical cleanup bill that would remove outdated language that referred to the practice of state senators making long-distance calls on the state telecommunications systems using state credit cards and calling cards.

This practice has not been used in many years, and LB51 would conform state statute with the internal policy changes adopted by the Executive Board of the Legislature in December 2022. LB51 was passed by the Legislature on a unanimous 44 to 0 vote.

You can always contact me with your thoughts and opinions on bills that have been introduced. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

Proponents argued that an inheritance tax is an unfair tax that punishes people wishing to make their children's lives better and hinders the passing on of family farms and ranches.

Opponents generally agreed with the idea that inheritance tax should be eliminated but raised concerns that county governments would be deprived of a large source of revenue

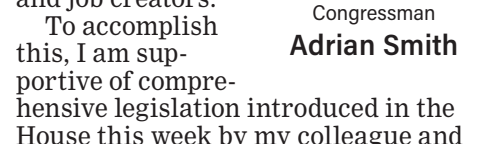
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As our leading adversary and one of the world's worst human rights abusers, the CCP continues to increase its troubling influence around the world, and the U.S. must use every tool at our disposal to responsibly hold them accountable, foster American leadership, and support American jobs and job creators.

To accomplish this, I am supportive of comprehensive legislation introduced in the House this week by my colleague and Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, Kevin Hern, the Countering Communist China Act which includes many of the China Select

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# Parenting can be tough, but it's not all bad as time shows

Parenting can be tough. Sometimes you wonder if you've done any good, if you've had any influence on your children.

**Faith**



Elgin Columnist  
**Susan Szalewski**

I was thinking that recently, after a daughter delivered some harsh criticisms of me and a son still under my charge refused to do what I asked him to do. For a while now, I've recog-

nized that several of my adult children have embraced ideas that I'd hoped they would never even consider.

I was feeling pretty down. But then came a glimmer of hope.

A son who's away at college asked if he could interview me, for a class, about leadership. I laughed a little when I first read his text. I've never, ever considered myself a leader, nor did I think I would have any profound thoughts to offer.

But, sure, I thought, I'll help.

During the interview over the phone, my son shared why he picked me. They were supposed to interview someone they thought was a good leader. As he asked questions, I realized that leadership might not be the picture I first had in my head.

He asked me about people who I thought were good leaders. He asked me about qualities of good leaders.

Then breaking from the interview, he reminded me of something that happened when he was in grade school. He and his younger brother had the day off because of fall teacher conferences, so we decided to go to a pumpkin patch. But first, we grabbed breakfast to go at a McDonald's.

Our vehicle is almost always the one you don't want to be behind in a drive through. Usually because we're a big family with a long order, but also because I can be indecisive. That was the case that morning.

I didn't think I was that bad, but I heard a man from the car behind us say: "Oh, c'mon, lady!"

At first I was indignant. How rude, I thought. And I'm sure I expressed my anger out loud, not for the man behind us to hear, but in our car in front of the boys.

Then, as we pulled ahead to the window, a sudden thought popped into my head. I had just a split second to think about it as we were about to pay for our order.

Out of the blue, I offered to pay for the order of the man

behind us. It wasn't much money. His order was small and humble.

But boy did that offer pay off. When I turned to look at the eighth-grader sitting next to me in the front seat, the one who's in college now, I saw his chin drop in disbelief.

That shows how out of character that gesture was for me. And honestly, the prompting to pay never came from my head or heart. It definitely felt like a Holy Spirit prompting.

Besides stunning my boys, paying for the meal of a grumpy man made me feel 200% better. Normally, I would have been stewing about his comment all day. Instead, I felt free. Everyone in the car hoped it was freeing for the man behind us, too. Maybe he was having a bad day. Maybe we started turning that around. At least we hoped so.

That incident was more than five years ago. But somehow that memory stuck with my college freshman.

I wish I could take credit, but I'm convinced it was the Holy Spirit at work.

I'm glad at least one of them remembered that deed and perhaps will copy it.

The other son who was in the car that day, the younger of the two, is the one who recently

refused to do something that I had asked.

I think that after he had some time to think about his refusal, he changed course. He offered to cook for me. We've had more talks.

When it was just the two of us at Sunday Mass together, he reached out his hand for me to grasp during the Our Father. Our family stopped doing that a while back, after another son said it wasn't the proper posture for the prayer at Mass.

But for at least that one time, holding his hand during the Our Father, felt right, like a little bit of reconciliation.

After Mass, he agreed to go with me to visit two of my sisters. That was a little sacrifice for a teenage boy, to be peppered with their questions and smothered with their love and concern.

He even pretended not to mind.

Sometimes parenting isn't all bad.

## Elgin Summer Youth Ball signup is March 13

Signup for the 2024 Elgin Summer Youth Ball Program will be Wednesday, March 13 from 4:00-7:30 at the Elgin Fire Hall. Please bring your registration form(s) and registration fee to signup.

If you have any questions, please call Kim at 402.843.0152

## Council approves applications for pool, maintenance help

For part of Monday night's meeting of the Elgin City Council, thoughts turned to summer and the Elgin Swimming Pool. The council approved the hiring of two part-time life guards to work at the pool which, when staffed, opens on Memorial Day Weekend.

Hired as part-time lifeguards were Natalie Burenheide and Kaitey Schumacher. Approved as assistant pool manager (full or part-time) was Julie Thiesen.

City Hall will continue to advertise a pool manager and additional lifeguards as more help is needed.

The council approved the hiring of Jack Wemhoff to fill the summer maintenance position which has been advertised.

Earlier in the meeting, Bethany Miller, representing the Elgin Ko-ed Group (EKG), made a special liquor license request for the club.

She asked for, and was granted, a liquor license for the June Bull-A-Rama to be held on the vacant lot behind Dean's Market. The event will be held on Friday night, June 7.

In addition, she said she planned to return to the council to apply for another special liquor license for a beer garden for one night during Vetch Days (June 10-12).

In other action: Building permit — A building permit sought by Cole Haddix was granted.

Cleanup day — Friday, April 19, is the tentative date for the annual community cleanup day. City Clerk Kristin Childers said the date is contingent upon being able to get dumpsters.

Mosquitoes — A contract was approved with Complete Pest Elimination (CPE) for spray for mosquitoes during the summer months.

Under the terms of the contract, CPE will spray four times a month from June through September at a cost of \$840 per month.

The City opted to prepay the entire amount, thereby receiving a five percent discount.

Armor coating — The City received three bids for 7,000 gallons of armor coating for city streets to be applied this summer. The council accepted the low bid of \$4.10 per gallon submitted by The Road Guy Construction out of Yankton, S.D.

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# Wolfpack Sports



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The Wolfpack's swarming defense led by Ashlynn Charf (4) Sara Bode (32), Mady Kurpgeweit (23) and Kayton Zwingman (1) surround Southern Valley's Vanesa Aguayo. Southern Valley handled EPPJ's pressure defense as they held off the Wolfpack late to win the game.

## Southern Valley hands Wolfpack opening round loss at State

### Eagles capitalized on EPPJ's cold shooting with 20-0 run to take the lead and never trail again

LINCOLN — Held scoreless for over 10 minutes, beginning early in the second quarter, Elgin Public-Pope John fell behind and saw their dreams of a state championship dashed by Southern Valley Thursday night in the opening round of the D1 Girls State Basketball Tournament.

On a night where the Wolfpack got off to a fast start it wouldn't last as the Eagles

fought back to tie the game at halftime, then pull away in the second half.

"We had our shots," Coach Randy Eisenhauer said outside the lockerroom after the game. "I thought we could have done some things but we just went on a dry spell. We didn't make as many shots from the outside."

The Wolfpack, behind Ashlynn Charf's four points and a trey from Keyera Eisenhauer,

took a seven-to-zero lead with not quite two minutes off the scoreboard clock.

Charf added five more points in the quarter and Kayton Zwingman came off the bench to score two as EPPJ finished the quarter up 14 to 10. EPPJ did a fantastic job guarding Eagle senior Ann Bose. Having come into the tournament averaging 18 points per game, Bose had just two in the first quarter and would only score two more points the rest of the game.

After Brenna Martinsen sank two free throws, teammate Kate Furstenau ripped the nets for a trey to make the score 19 to 12 with 6:19 to go before halftime.

No one saw it coming, but the Eagles took their defense to another level and did not allow EPPJ to score another point for the remainder of the half.

At the other end of the court, Tori Bose and Vanesa Aguayo found the basket before teammate Brynn Baily tied the game at 19-all at the 4:37 mark.

With Ann Bose forced to the bench with three fouls, the score stayed at 19-all until Adi Hunt drained a trey with 1:38 to go before halftime. There would be no more scoring the rest of the first half.

Many coaches believe the first three minutes of the second half are crucial to determining the game's final outcome. There may be some truth to that. Southern Valley outscored EPPJ 10 to zero over that time span to start the second half. They made four of six free throws and got treys from Aguayo and Tori Bose.

Finally, at the 4:46 mark of the quarter, Sara Bode sank a trey to snap the Eagles' 20 to zero run. Having staked Southern Valley to a double-digit lead, it would prove to be a daunting task to try and overtake the Eagles.

Following Bode's trey, Eisenhauer sank her second trey of the game and suddenly Southern Valley's lead was down to seven points.

The Eagles quelled EPPJ's run with points from Hunt and Aguayo to close out the quarter. Aguayo, who came into the game averaging just five points per game, drained a trey to bump the lead back to 13. Furstenau answered before the end of the quarter as EPPJ trailed 39 to 28. Every time the Wolfpack cut

Southern Valley's lead to single digits, the Eagles would answer. The closest the Wolfpack would get in the final eight minutes was nine points when Charf sank two free throws to cut the score to 39 to 30.

The Eagles made seven of 12 free throws over the final eight minutes of the game.

Callie Heithoff came off the bench to drain a trey to close out scoring for EPPJ.

The game capped the careers of four Wolfpack seniors - Charf, Eisenhauer, Martinsen and Elise Ruterbories, Coach Eisenhauer praised the foursome for helping build the program to where it is today, having reached the state tournament in back-to-back seasons for the first time in Wolfpack history.

"You always remember the last game, but you don't re-

member the whole season. I think that's something the girls got to be really proud of what they've accomplished this year, what my seniors accomplished for four years for me," Coach Eisenhauer said. "These seniors (Ash, Brenna, Keyera and Elise) built my program."

The loss dropped EPPJ's season record to 22-3.

Southern Valley extended their winning streak to 25 games with the victory. They would go on to upset Guardian Angels Central Catholic in the semi-final round before losing to Pender, the top seed, in the championship game Saturday morning.

The Eagles were led in scoring by Hunt with 16, Aguayo had 15

**Southern Valley 50, EPPJ 39**  
Eagles.....10 12 17 11 — 50  
Wolfpack.....14 5 9 11 — 39

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 1-1 0-0 2, Elise Ruterbories 0-0 0-2 0, Ashlynn Charf 4-10 4-4 13, Braelyn Martinsen 0-2 0-0 0, Callie Heithoff 1-1 0-0 3, Brenna Martinsen 1-7 0-3 4, Kate Furstenau 2-10 2-2 7, Keyera Eisenhauer 2-8 1-2 7, Mady Kurpgeweit 0-0 0-0 0, Sara Bode 1-3 0-0 3. Team totals: 12-44 9-12 39. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 6-25 (Keyera Eisenhauer 2, Sara Bode 1, Kate Furstenau 1, Callie Heithoff 1, Ashlynn Charf 1), Southern Valley 6-16.

Eagles — Vanesa Aguayo 15, Ann Bose 4, Brecklyn Hammond 2, Adi Hunt 16, Tori Bose 6, Brynn Baily 7. Team totals: 15-42 14-26 50.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 26 (Sara Bode 6, Kate Furstenau 6), Eagles 34. Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Keyera Eisenhauer 3, Ashlynn Charf 3), Eagles 11. Steals — Wolfpack 11 (Ashlynn Charf 4, Keyera Eisenhauer 3), Eagles 11. Turnovers — Wolfpack 20,



Ashlynn Charf used her quickness inside to score 13 points to lead the Wolfpack.



Keyera Eisenhauer is shown attacking the basket. She finished with seven points in the game.

## Spinning Tales

### Layin' it on the line, Wolfpack style

LINCOLN — When you're on a high school basketball team, playing for the ultimate prize, you don't think about tomorrow. Instead, you focus on one game at a time, focus all your energies on doing what needs to be done to win the game and advance.

Those moments right after the final buzzer sounds can be some of the most painful that any athlete endures. That was all on display in front of our eyes on Thursday night when Southern Valley ended the Wolfpack's dream season in the opening round of the Class D1 Girls State Tournament.

Athletes put in untold hours in the gym, during practice and sometimes alone, to raise their level of play so they can compete in the spotlight that only a state tournament generates.

So, when it came time for EPPJ Coach Randy Eisenhauer to put in the bench for the game's final moments, there wasn't a dry eye to be found as the starters walked to the bench.

It was the same after the buzzer sounded and the teams

shook hands then the Wolfpack headed to their lockerroom.

As I and a few other members of the press waited outside to speak to Coach Eisenhauer, inside the lockerroom he was still coaching, telling the girls to hold their heads up and to be proud of all they accomplished - words that needed to be said and heard. Before he

exited the lockerroom, Southern Valley's players and coaches headed into their room, making the sounds of victory that they had every right to make, having won the game. We could hear the shouts of joy from where we were at, EPPJ players surely heard them to as only a wall separated the two teams.

Straggling behind her teammates was 5'10" sophomore Victoria Bose. She was dancing towards the lockerroom, repeating the words of an ABBA song which was playing on the PA system. She could have been a disco queen at this moment. Just a second or two after she went into the Eagles' lockerroom, the Wolfpack team came out. They walked back to the

arena, then up the stairs to the concourse where parents friends and fans awaited them. Pictures were taken, hugs were shared and, as part of the exchange, smiles replaced tears. The hurt was still there, it's going to stay there for awhile, but when you are in your late teens, you recoup faster than an older person does.

As I typed the part about getting over a loss, I remember how now 40 years later I still am angry about losing the coddled flag football championship game at Kearney State College in the Fall of 1981. The game went into overtime and we lost by two yards. Somewhere my Brew Crew jersey from that game has been put away, never to see the light of day again. I coached the team, I knew who didn't do their job on the final play. To this day, I've never said anything to him about the play. He did the best he could, we all did that day, we left it on the field.

Fast forward to Thursday night, the Wolfpack did the best they could, the team did, they gave everything they had and left it all on the court. Great team, great coaches and great players made for a season not to be forgotten, but to be cherished in the years to come.



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- March 8 NO SCHOOL • Elgin KC Fish Fry
- March 11 PJCC District Speech at Scribner-Snyder • EHS Speech Night
- March 12 EHS - District speech @ Stuart
- March 13 EPS, late start
- March 14 EPS, 1 pm dismissal
- March 15 St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction
- March 18 NVC Instrument Music @ Verdigre
- March 20 NVC Quiz Bowl @ Wheeler Central
- March 22 Enrichment Day @ Bartlett • Rural St. John's Fish Fry • State Speech
- March 23 March for Life @ Norfolk
- March 27 NECC Scholastic Contest
- March 28 EPS 5th Grade Field Trip, Stuhr Museum • PJSB 1 p.m. dismissal
- March 29 All Schools - NO SCHOOL
- April 1 All Schools - NO SCHOOL

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Sixty Years Ago

March 5, 1964

## Agricultural producers have until March 15 to enroll in USDA's commodity safety net programs

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2024 crop year have until March 15, 2024, to revise elections and sign contracts.

Both safety net programs, delivered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provide vital income support to farmers who experience substantial declines in crop prices or revenues for the 2024 crop year.

"Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs provide excellent risk protection, for market declines, at no cost to the producer.

While we always hope for strong markets, anyone involved in production agriculture knows the only thing certain is uncertainty," said Tim Divis, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Nebraska. "Many producers may be holding off on making program elections pending planting decisions or maybe you're working with a local advisor to consider how changes in the effective reference price might impact your election decisions. Please contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to set an appointment so you're on the books well in advance of the March 15 deadline."

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-In-

dividual, which protects the entire farm.

Although election changes for 2024 are optional, producers must enroll, with a signed con-

### Smith

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Committee's recommendations. Among its many measures to counter China's influence, this bill would crack down on purchases of American farmland and confront the threat of fentanyl sourced from China by creating new authorities to hold Chinese officials personally accountable for the fentanyl poisoning of Americans.

Sadly, President Biden's foreign policy has done little to take on China. Rather his administration has produced a long list of failures to consult Congress and demonstrate leadership on the world stage, such as its recent decision to withdraw from digital trade negotiations without offering an alternative at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

This abdication effectively hands the pen over to China to write global policies governing the digital marketplace in which the U.S. has historically been the frontrunner.

Protecting incentives for innovation and intellectual property (IP) is critical in light of the CCP's willingness to threaten global cyber security and steal American IP. I have long opposed handing over hard-won American IP by waiving WTO Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) protections for COVID vaccines, but the Biden admin has repeatedly failed to stand up for American innovation.

This week I called upon the administration to oppose an additional TRIPS waiver for COVID-19 diagnostics and therapeutics. Access to COVID vaccines and therapeutics in the developing world are not hindered by IP protections, and the European Union, United King-

dom, Germany, and Japan have all expressed grave concern for the adverse impact a TRIPS waiver would have on innovation incentives, drug quality, and safety moving forward.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the significant vulnerability of our supply chains—particularly our dependence on China. In order to do address this, we must work to boost American competitiveness through growth-friendly policy and tax incentives for research and development and build on the proven economic success of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act policy to encourage innovation, production, and investment in America.

Tax legislation I recently worked to move out of the House of Representatives addresses this by improving the tax deductibility of the cost of research and development, equipment investments, and interest expenses. We can also strengthen supply chains and promote regional stability by diversifying and friendshoring trade and advancing cooperation with allied trade partners such as Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea.

To promote American energy independence, the Countering Communist China Act would also prevent any federal funds from being used to acquire Chinese-made EVs or components and ban Chinese-made EV batteries from use on American military bases. The United States cannot sit idly by while the CCP expands its influence and threatens our democratic allies. Through the Countering Communist China Act House Republicans are working to increase economic security, protect Americans, and unleash American industry and growth.

Fire of unknown origin Saturday afternoon heavily damaged the Mooney Mobil Station resulting in one of the heaviest losses in the business district for a number of years. The fire started in the furnace and storage room and was noticed just prior to 3:10 p.m. Firemen worked for an hour at the scene.

The drawings and ideas submitted by Marjorie Hopkins and Carol Fangman were incorporated for Elgin's Diamond Jubilee seal. The final drawing was made by Herb Mignery, well-known artist from Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Philben of Neligh are the parents of a 6 lb. 12 oz. daughter, Mary Jo born Feb 28, 1964 in the Antelope Memorial hospital.

Mildred Iburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Iburg, opened her Clip 'n Curl Beauty Salon here Monday in the south part of the Schlenz Barber Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary quietly at their home Friday, Feb. 28. Relatives and friends called or sent congratulations during the day.

Fifty Years Ago

March 7, 1974

Elgin High's junior FFA division placed third in the Norfolk Swine Judging contest recently with a total of 670 points. Placing were: Craig Meis, 3rd 229; Bill Anderson, 8th, 223; Clyde Meis, 15th, 218 and Steve Bettendorf 27th, 212 points out of a possible 245 points.

A 300-gallon fuel tank which had contained gasoline was found Sunday after it had been dumped in the Cedar Creek near the new bridge southeast of town. Taken from a vacant farm building area belonging to Vincent Starman, the vandals were believed to have taken gasoline for some time. The vandalism and theft were investigated by the Antelope County Sheriff's Department. It is believed 100 gallons of gasoline were taken. By press time, one young man had been arrested and another was being questioned by Sheriff Vernon Hixson.

Top creed speakers in the Elgin FFA Chapter are Bill Mickelson, Lloyd Meis, Duane Hutchinson and Steve Grothe.

David Sullivan has been hired as a teller and bookkeeper at the Bank of Elgin. He formerly was associated with Gaskill Insurance of Neligh. His wife teaches at St. Boniface Middle School.

Donna Billings of Orchard and Marvin Kallhoff were united in marriage on Saturday, February 23 at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Thirty Years Ago

March 2, 1994

A county road barn at Clearwater, containing various pieces of county equipment, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Loss from the fire is expected to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The cause of the blaze is being investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Gene and Angie Selting are the parents of a daughter, Lauren Wray, born Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Norfolk.

Planning is continuing for the new St. John's Parish Center at Petersburg. Groundbreaking for the new building is set for April. It will house the parish hall, St. John's School and the Petersburg Senior Citizens Center. The building is being made possible by a gift from Clarence Werner, owner of Werner Enterprises of Omaha, and a former resident of Petersburg.

Twenty Years Ago

March 10, 2004

The Elgin Police Department has received two hand-held alcohol breath testing units from a traffic safety grant award. The units are valued at \$268 each.

"Stay home after high school graduation or come back after college graduation" was the message Third District Congressman Tom Osborne shared with approximately 400 students from Elgin Public, Pope John, Verdigre, Ewing, Orchard and Clearwater schools who attended the presentation at Ewing High School.

Elgin Chamber of Commerce businesses are sponsoring special prize drawings for the Easter season. Three gift baskets, valued at \$200, \$100 and \$50, will be given away in drawings on April 3 during "Breakfast With the Easter Bunny".

Don and Donna Mackel attended the wedding of their daughter Tina Mackel and Chris Queen in Lincoln on Saturday.

At Getz's Grocery this week, USDA Choice chuck roast is \$1.69 per pound. Grade A Large eggs were priced at \$1.19 per dozen.

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## Community Calendar

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

### Friday, March 8

No School at EPS, PJCC/St. Boniface schools ■ KC Fish Fry @ Elgin KC Hall\*

### Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time begins (set clocks forward one hour).

### Monday, March 11

Red E 4 Fun/Red Hatters, noon at the ECC/please RSVP ■ District #18 Board of Education regular meeting ■ Speech Night @ 6:30 p.m. at EPS ■ EVFD meeting.

### Tuesday, March 12

The Movie "Let My People Go" will be shown @ 7 p.m. at the Neligh Legion Club\*.

### Saturday, March 16

St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction @ KC Hall\*.

### Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day Bash @ Tilden\*.

### Monday, March 18

Elgin EMTs meeting.

### Wednesday, March 20

Pope John Speech Night @ 6:00 p.m. at PJCC.

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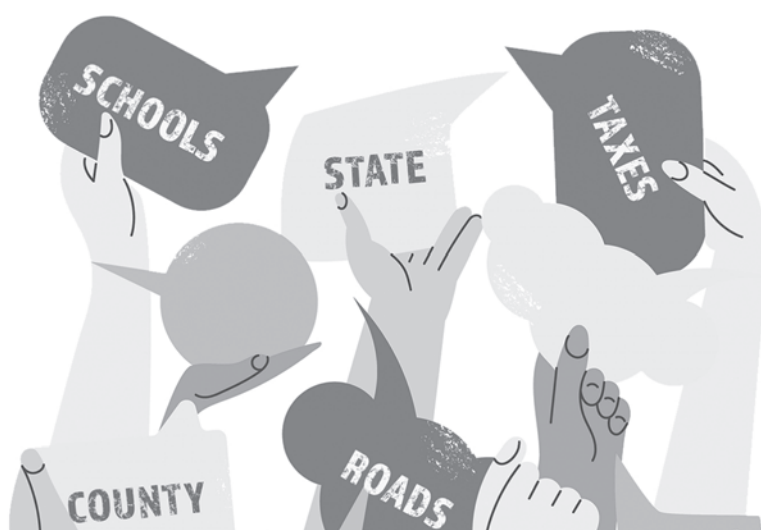
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# Controlling winter annuals in alfalfa

Spring green up is right around the corner. For many it can't come soon enough. Producers raising alfalfa may want to pay close attention to their stands this time of year. Before alfalfa plants begin to grow there is a short window of opportunity to control some pesky weeds in our stand, winter annuals.

Plants like henbit, pennycress, shepherd's purse, mustard, annual bluegrass, and cheatgrass seem to magically appear in our stands about this time every year. These winter annuals germinate in the fall, lie dormant during winter, then pick up growth quickly in the spring as warm temperatures return. Greening up before almost any other plants in our fields gives these species a competitive advantage, and they capitalize on

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

it with fast growth and quick maturity, often setting seed before other summer annuals have done much more than starting to grow.

This speedy life cycle means our window for control is limited, especially in alfalfa. Because we don't want to damage our alfalfa plant during the fall as it prepares for winter, or later in the spring as it starts new growth, the best window of opportunity is the short time in the spring where winter annuals have started to grow again, but alfalfa is still dormant.

To take advantage we need to act as soon as winter annuals begin to grow. Scout alfalfa fields and determine if weed pressure is enough to warrant the cost of control. Weeds can reduce overall yield, lower hay

quality and palatability, and slow dry-down time for the first cutting. Producers whose goal is dairy quality hay will most likely find the benefit of control worth the expense. If the hay is destined for dry cows in a beef herd, the difference between benefit and cost may need a closer examination.

It is also important to identify what species need to be addressed. Herbicide efficacy varies by species, so picking the product that best controls your problem weed can prevent future applications and save money in the long run. Need for broadleaf or grass weed control is especially important to identify as some broadleaf products have no action at all on grasses.

Producers with Round-Up-Ready alfalfa varieties can apply glyphosate at almost any time without the worry of damaging their crop. However, best control will occur when weeds are small and by treating early, you can count on a cleaner harvest at first-cutting.

If we miss the window of opportunity when plants are dormant, select an herbicide that allows application after growth has initiated to minimize damage to the crop. Most of these products target alfalfa growth under 2-3 inches and have pre-harvest intervals, so do your research before applying. If you need help selecting the right product for your situation, your local extension office will be happy to connect you with an educator that can provide guidance.

Winter annuals can be a seemingly never ending fight in alfalfa stands, but by being prepared and acting quickly when the time is right, we can take control.

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

## Dittrich sworn in, to serve District 5

On Tuesday, March 5, Casey Dittrich was sworn in as the new District 5 Antelope County Commissioner. Dittrich, of Tilden, was selected to fill out the term previously held by Elgin's Keith Heithoff. Pictured (right) is Antelope County Clerk Magistrate of the County Court Linda Mitchell swearing in Dittrich.

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Kipp V Polston, Neligh, NE 7/31/2023 Speeding 83/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Detlefsen.

Kipp V Polston, Neligh, NE 9/28/2023 Speeding 100/65 mph, fined \$200.00 - Detlefsen.

Wade Silbernagel-Perry, Orchard, NE 10/28/2022 No operator's license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00+Reimburse County \$17.00 - McHale.

Thoren C Farabee, Hickman, NE 12/11/2023 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley.

Max A Masin, Lincoln, NE 1/4/2024 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Tighe.

Israel E Vance, Ponca, NE 12/9/2023 No proof of insurance, fined \$100.00 - Miller.\*

Steven R Neuhaus, Orchard, NE 1/4/2024 No

valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$25.00 - Detlefsen.

Michael W Christiansen (Frahm Trucking), Plainview, NE 11/17/2023 Overweight on axle or group of axles & Overweight capacity plates, fined \$75.00 - Asche.

Austin L McCullough, Hudson, WI 7/12/2023 Possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st off & Possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400.00 - Howard.

Thomas B Combs, Fairfax, VA 11/10/2023 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Mohr.

Brian P Flynn Jr, Omaha, NE 1/16/2024 Overtaking/passing prohibited, fined \$25.00 - Howard.

Erin D Rose, Norfolk, NE 12/7/2023 No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$75.00 - Miller.

Ronald D Francis, Inman, NE 12/29/2023 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Miller.

Andrew D Hertges, Austin, MN 11/28/2023 No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$75.00 - Hartley.\*

Derrick L Boger, Madison, NE 6/4/2023 Unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab & No motorcycle operator's license, fined \$125.00 - Ray Johnson.

Austin S Crane, Ainsworth, NE 12/20/2023 Operate or park unregistered vehicle, fined \$25.00 - Miller.\*

Joshua F Hofmann (DDI Trucking), McLean, NE 1/27/2023 Overweight on axle or group of axles, Overweight capacity plates & Improper/defective vehicle lighting, fined \$125.00 - Asche.

Michael R Pulis, Atkinson, NE 6/8/21/2023 No proof of insurance, Operate or park unregistered vehicle &

Careless driving, fined \$25.00 - McHale.

Ronald E Murray, Norfolk, NE 5/5/2022 Operate or park unregistered vehicle & No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$125.00 + Reimburse County of \$17.00 - Howard

Brandon L Zehner, Orchard, NE 1/10/2024 No proof of insurance, fined \$100.00 - Howard.\*

Kegan J McAllister, Tilden, NE 2/7/2024 Dom asslt-3rd degree, Jail Sentence - Term of 030 Days; Probation - Term of 12 Months; Evaluation/Treatment/Drug Testing Fee of \$60.00/Probation Administrative Enrollment Fee of \$30.00/Probation Fee - Regular of \$300.00 - Petersen.

Lily A Jessen, Bloomfield, NE 2/16/2024 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Tighe.

Jody M Tinker, Norfolk, NE 1/24/2024 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Detlefsen.

Savannah G Blackmoon, Rosebud, SD 5/10/2018 Speeding 65/55 mph, fined \$25.00/Reimburse County of \$17.00 & No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$75.00 - Hallock.

Kristopher T Dorie, Albion, NE 6/8/2023 8/22/2023 Assault-3rd degree, fined \$800.00 + Restitution of \$500.00 - Keetle.

Damian J Wolfe, Sioux Falls, SD 8/16/2023 Speeding 85/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Mohr.

Kipp V Polston, Neligh, NE 9/29/2023 Junk/Weed nuisance, fined \$100.00 - Ternus.

Brady W Brown, O'Neill, NE 2/19/2024 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley.

Caleb M Trimble (Bottom Line Inc), Pender, NE 11/17/2023 Overweight on axle or group of axles & No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$225.00 - Detlefsen.

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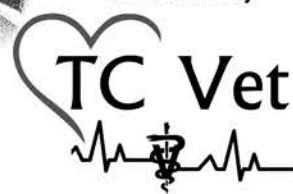
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# EPS earns more medals at Riverside

The Elgin Speech Team competed in their final regular season meet on Wednesday. The team traveled to Riverside for a nineteen-team meet featuring approximately 300 entries.



Baylee Busted brought home the runner-up medal in Informative Speaking.

Baylee Busted captured top honors earning the runner-up medal in Informative Speaking. The OID of Busted, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman continued their success taking home the fourth place medals.



Chloe Henn placed fifth in entertainment speaking.

Henn earned the fifth place medal in Entertainment Speaking. Due to the size of the meet, Riverside also featured an Honors Final Division. In this division, Kyndal Busted won the fourth place medal in Persuasive Speaking. The Duet of Baylee Busted and Henn won the sixth place medals.

Superior Ratings were earned by the following speakers: Samantha Durre-Serious, Ruby Durre-Poetry, Zoey Buechter-Poetry and Callie Heithoff-Entertainment. Earning Excellent Ratings were Kyla Donaldson-Extemp and Humorous and Gemma Miller-Extemp and Persuasive. Coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn are pleased with the team's efforts this season.

"This meet was a huge one with a lot of top-notch competition. It was a great preparation for our district, which will be competitive.

"We were really pleased with the results today, as we had some kids show tremen-



Photos submitted

Placing fourth in OID were the team of Callie Heithoff, Kayton Zwingman, Baylee Busted, Chloe Henn and Brenna Martinsen.

dous improvement. It's really a testament to the work they are putting in even when they are busy with other activities. We've got some hard workers, and it's paying off for them."

The team will hold their public performance on Monday,

March 11, at 6:30 in the EPS lunch room in preparation for

their district contest hosted by Stuart on March 12.

## Mission

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plea bargain.

In exchange for Burke's guilty plea, Antelope County attorney Joe Smith agreed not to object to probation, if recommended in a presentence inves-

tigation report and additionally, agreed to file no further charges in the case.

Kube ordered a PSI report and set sentencing April 24. Bond, in the amount of \$10,000, 10% cash is continued.

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PJCC OID team members (l to r): were Aiden Klein, Ashlynn Charf, Brooklyn Meis, Elise Ruterbories and Jack Barlow.

## PJCC speech team displays talents at Riverside competition

The Pope John Speech Team brought home a slew of medals last week, competing at the Riverside Speech Meet.

Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally earned a second place medal in Honors Finals Duet. Jack Barlow captured the

third place medal in Champs Finals Humorous Prose.

Reese Stuhr placed sixth in Honors Finals Serious Prose.

Pope John's OID team consisting of Barlow, Aiden

Klein, Ashlynn Charf, Elise Ruterbories and Brooklyn Meis took fifth in the championship round.

Public speech night is March 20 at 6 p.m. at PJCC.



Reese Stuhr placed sixth in Honors Finals Serious Prose.



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Juliana McNally (l) and Olivia Klein took second in Honors Finals Duet.



## Wolfpack 5th/6th roundballers complete season

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Wolfpack 5th/6th grade boys basketball team finished the season 13-7 and placed second in two of their four tournaments. Team members (front row, l-r) Jory Drueke, James Lodge, Carter Selting, Jacob Niewohner, Axel Suhr, Charlie Miller. Back row: Garrett Busted, Brian Selting, Cael Bottorf, Ryker Lammers, Harmon Borer, Braxton Eisenhauer, Keith Borer. Not pictured Tyler Parks.

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# Waterbury

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at 402-843-8463, or be in touch with Karin Kinney at 402-843-6526.

Kinney and others are helping with the event which, on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, includes a campus open house from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, an evening meal in the school gym anytime from 5:00 – 7:00 pm and more time for alumni to socialize at Elgin's Knights of Columbus (KC) Hall from 6:00 – midnight, including music suitable for dancing. No banquet is planned.

Freewill donations and a silent auction will cover food, KC Hall rental, and other expenses with any remaining money going to senior scholarships.

Why lead this effort which has been her mainstay community contribution for decades? Waterbury got a bit emotional when she shared, "As a teacher for 35 years, it's to help kids, it's what I do." Ungirding her comment is her commitment for alumni to provide scholarships for post-secondary education.

Waterbury, who teaches fourth grade at the St. Michael's Catholic School in Albion, said this profession gives her great joy "when they get it (what she has taught). I care about kids." She adamantly supports both of Elgin's schools, public and Catholic, as she emphatically proclaimed, "People just don't realize how lucky we are here, to have two excellent schools."

Her teaching career spans 35 years, first at a country school by O'Neill, then four years at St. John the Baptist in Petersburg (now closed) and now for 21 years at the Albion school. Bursting with boundless energy and a captivating, joyous spirit, Waterbury said she plans to stay in the classroom a bit longer and then be a volunteer, maybe at Elgin's Bargain Box; travel, and spend more time with her three grandchildren, two girls and a boy all three years and under.

Following high school Waterbury said she wasn't quite ready

for college and worked various jobs in Elgin including the City Limits, the former Sunset Lanes and Lounge, and Pronto, which now is One Stop. She attended Northeast Community College, earned a teaching degree from Wayne State College in 1988, and got her first paid teaching assignment at age 27.

Her history of involvement with EPS is robust. Both of her children, Becki and Cordell, graduated there along with numerous relatives. "At any one time, my mom had eight to 10 grandkids in EPS," she said.

Waterbury, who is married to Chris, a Central Valley Ag employee, said she never taught in Elgin, though was a Girl Scout leader and taught CCD (Catholic Catechism) at Elgin's St. Boniface church. She served 12 years (three terms) on the EPS School Board, including three years as president. Then Norma Peters (deceased 2017), Phyllis Kinney, and others "pulled me in" to be on the EPS Alumni Committee.

Leading the effort most years, except during times affected by the covid pandemic, she hired caterers for the alumni banquet, secured a location and speakers, sent invitations

## Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday

(Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night)

**Pride of the PACK**  
**ASHLYNNE CHARF**  
 GIRLS BASKETBALL

A senior, Ashlynn was a statistical leader in the team's final game of 2024. She had 13 points, pulled down 5 rebounds, dished out 3 assists, had 4 steals and blocked 3 shots.

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## Date set for ESU 8 K-12 Art Show

The 2023 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show will be held at the Antelope County Fairgrounds Building in Neligh.

K-12 student artwork will be displayed from across a seven-county region. The show will be open to the public for viewing from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day starting Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7.

to alumni (sometimes mailing more than 1,000 invites), helped name scholarship winners, and more. Since she said schools are largely moving away from alumni banquets due to difficulties in securing volunteers to organize the event, no further events beyond 2024 are planned for EPS gatherings.

Rifling through orange and black mementos, she noted a

stocking cap from the 1970s. "Maybe someone will want this and bid on it at the silent auction," she said. One could see her mind soaring with ideas to make the May 25th event for EPS alumni one to fill the yearbook.

Thank you, Laurie for this dedication and strong service to our youth, our EPS alums, and our community.

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Antelope Memorial Hospital was recently recognized as a 2024 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital among the nation's 1,353 rural hospitals by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Pictured are AMH department directors (l-r): Megan Becklun, Merry Sprout, Gayle Carlson, Dan Payne, Marvi Pruden, Sarah Dunn, Diane Brugger (CEO), Ryan Gallagher, Mary Tomjack, Molly Navratil, Meggie Anderson, Kristen Kester and Randee Wright. Last fall, AMH was also the winner of Chartis' Performance Leadership Award and Rural Provider Excellence in Quality Award, reflecting AMH's status in the Top 10 percent in overall quality performance among Nebraska's 63 Critical Access Hospitals.

## AMH earns top 100 critical Access Hospital Award

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Award for excellence and Rural Provider Excellence in Quality Award, reflecting AMH's status in the Top 10 percent in overall quality performance among Nebraska's 63 Critical Access Hospitals. "We are truly honored to receive the 2024 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital Award," said Diane Brugger, CEO of

Antelope Memorial Hospital. "It is based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital performance INDEX™ which is the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. It's leveraged nationwide by rural hospitals, health systems, hospital associations and state offices across the country to measure and monitor performance in a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance."

This special award truly reflects our commitment to providing a continuum of health care excellence for our patients, added Brugger. We are focused on the latest education and healthcare strategies while remaining dedicated to the patient's overall care and best interests. We consider it an honor and privilege to be a part of our patients' health care plan while being in service-to-others. It is

truly rewarding. "During an era of profound uncertainty for rural healthcare, the Top 100 rural hospitals continue to provide a unique lens through which we can identify innovation and inspiration," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "They demonstrate how to deliver high quality care to increasingly vulnerable populations."

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### Outstanding LEAD Alumni

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