

## In Brief

### District #18 School Board to meet March 15

Civics will be the topic of a committee meeting prior to the start of next week's District #18 Board of Education regular meeting.

The committee meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the distance learning room at the high school. The regular board meeting on March 15 is scheduled to get underway at 7:30 p.m.

One of the topics scheduled for action will be setting the 2023/24 school calendar. At the February meeting, Superintendent Mike Brockhaus shared with the board a proposed school calendar which, if adopted as presented, would have the start of school one week later than the 2022/23 school year. There appears to be support for the calendar change.

Also to be presented to the board will be a technology proposal.

This will mark the beginning of regular monthly meetings which will start at 7:30 p.m. This will continue from now into the Fall months.

The meeting is open to the public.

### 2023 Ag & Farm expo concludes today in Neligh

Final preparations are underway for the annual Antelope County Ag & Home Expo.

The event began Tuesday and concludes on Wednesday, March 8 (today), at the Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh.

Expo hours today are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A number of special programs are scheduled for today. They are:

- Alex Johnson of Johnson Solution's, landscaping tips at 11 a.m.;
- Dave Spencer of Farmers Pride, energy market update at 2 p.m.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Meeting — District #45 (Wheeler Central) Board of Education

Notice of Organization — Moser Organics LLC

Notice of Organization — Rocking L5 LLC

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 47 degrees recorded on March 3. The low was 17 degrees on March 1.

No precipitation was recorded last week. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	H	L	Prec.
February 27	42	27	
February 28	42	27	
March 1	37	17	
March 2	40	19	
March 3	47	19	
March 4	43	28	
March 5	42	30	
Total for Last Week.....	0.00		
Total for March.....	0.00		
Total for 2023.....	2.50		



### Wolfpack end season under the bright lights

Elgin Public-Pope John's stay at the Class D1 Girls State Tournament was a short but memorable one last week in Lincoln. The team drew eventual state champion Centura in the first round. The Centurions pulled away late in the game to claim the victory. Still, the Wolfpack have much to look back on and be proud of. This moment captured the team, focused as one, before the start of the game. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

## Rutjens awarded bid for new water meters

### Project expected to begin in November 2023

Work is expected to begin later this year on the installation of new water meters throughout Elgin.

On Monday night, the Elgin City Council accepted a bid from Rutjens Construction to do water meter installation. The bid came in at \$328,178, approximately \$28,000 more than originally projected, according to a memo from City Engineer John Zwingman. It was the only bid received for the project. Bids were opened Friday afternoon at City Hall.

The estimated starting date will be November 2023 with completion (depending on the availability of water meters) no later than June 30, 2024.

That wasn't the only bid opening to occur at the meeting. The council opened bids for armor coating of a number of city streets later this year. Four bids were received. Upon consideration, the council accepted the bid from The Road Guy Construction Co. based in Yankton, S.D. They submitted a bid of \$4.17 per gallon for 14,000 gallons of CRS2P. Other bids were

received from H&L Asphalt of Geneva; Topkote of Yankton, S.D.; and Sta-Bilt Construction of Harlan, Iowa.

With members of the Elgin Rescue Service seated in the audience, the council gave their approval for the purchasing of a new ambulance and necessary equipment.

Having announced several weeks ago that they had received a grant from the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services for \$200,000, the rescue service has initiated a fundraising campaign asking the community for help in raising an additional \$150,000. In a related matter, the council approved a motion to designate Antelope County MFO Funds (\$5,000) for purchase of ambulance equipment.

In other action:

Request — Gary Hoefer asked the council to consider making a financial commitment to the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce to support its' activities throughout the year. He questioned whether there would be sales

tax funds available since it was originally set up for "the betterment of the community." Hoefer said the club's activities are conducted by volunteers and benefit the entire community.

Councilman Leigh Kluthe said Hoefer's request "was worth looking into." He and other council members said they would like to see more information about the civic club's finances before making a determination on whether or not to allocate sales tax funds.

Summer help hired — The council filled two summer maintenance positions with the hiring of Jack Wemhoff and Dylan Lueking to part-time positions. City Clerk Kristin Childers said there remains openings for lifeguards and pool managers as no one has applied for the positions yet.

Cleanup Day — Friday, April 21, has been designated as "Cleanup Day". The city will provide large dumpsters for citizens to bring items to dispose of. More information about cleanup day will be provided in the coming weeks.

## Tentative June dates announced for Vetch Days

It's early March and, in the weather forecast, there's a chance for snow this week in Antelope County.

Despite Winter holding on, there's no reason not to think about better times ahead this summer — warm weather and Elgin's longest annual celebration — Vetch Days.

The Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce's board of directors met last week to tie up some loose ends regarding the annual summer celebration.

The board set the tentative date for the event. Vetch Days 2023 is being planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 2-4.

The last road block in formally setting the dates for the celebration is receiving a signed contract for a carnival to be part of the celebration. The board appears ready to sign a contract and are now waiting for the carnival company to do their part to lock in the dates.

According to information provided to the newspaper, the carnival reached out to the club looking to fill an open spot in their summer schedule. Based out of Missouri, the carnival is expected to be similar in size (number of rides) to the carnival which set up for the 2022 Vetch Days celebration.

If the dates become finalized soon, then the community can look forward to several other events being finalized for the celebration. Among them are:

Antique Tractor Pull — Held in conjunction with Vetch Days, the tractor pull would be held on Saturday, June 3.

Parade — One of the most anticipated events associated with Vetch Days, the parade would be held Sunday afternoon, June 4.

The schedule for the three-day celebration has yet to be finalized. Also, organizers have yet to come up with a theme for the celebration.

## Tablescape Tea Party to be Sunday

The rarest of public events will be held this Sunday, March 12.

The Elgin Community Center will be the site of a 'Tablescape Tea Party.'

It is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the community center located at 124 S. Second Street.

The tea party will feature, according to Janna Schruck, beautiful tablescapes designed by local ladies.

Hostesses of the tables are Doris Baum, Jeanine Baum, Deb Warren, Karen Warneke, Janice Esau, Margaret Jensen, Leigh Jean Koinzan, Janna Schruck, Veronica Pflepsen, Jane Schuchardt, Vicki Miller, Lois Schruck and Beth Miller.

Approximately 85 tickets have already been sold for this social gala. Scarce few tickets remain available for the event. What is left may be purchased at the center during regular business hours. No tickets will be sold the day of the event. The cost is \$12 per ticket. Again, tickets are limited!



### Something to shout about at PJCC

The Pope John speech team earned some serious hardware Monday, winning the team title at the Class D2-2 District Speech Tournament held here in Elgin. Team members with their championship plaque are (front row, l-r): Olivia Klein, Emma Lea Ruterbories, Skyler Meis, Cale Kinney, Linus Borer, Matthew Dilly, Reese Stuhrr and Stephanie Gutierrez. Back row: Coach Chris Grundmayer, Juliana McNally, Kaitey Schumacher, Camry Kittelson, Ashlynn Charf, Brooklyn Meis, Jack Barlow, Jazmine McNally, Aiden Klein, Tessa Barlow, Elliza Borer, Jovie Vaisvilas, Harlie Tyler and Coach Amy Klein. *E-R photo/LMorgan*

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I bet a lot of you ladies have this recipe already... if you don't, here it is. We love these bars. I really want to have this recipe included in one of my recipe books. I use it a lot. Any beginner cook could make this recipe. It is super delicious.

Jo Ann

**SEVEN LAYER BARS**

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 stick margarine  
1 cup chocolate chips  
1 cup chopped walnuts

1 cup shredded sweetened coconut  
1 cup butterscotch chips  
1 can sweetened condensed milk

Melt 1 stick margarine and mix with the graham crackers crumbs. Press the mixture in a sprayed 9x13 pan. Pour condensed milk over the crumb mixture. Add in layers chocolate chips, nuts, butterscotch chips, and coconut. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes. Delicious!

**PIZZA CASSEROLE**

3 - 8 oz cups mostaccioli  
2 cups pizza sauce  
1/2 cup sliced pepperoni

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat 3 quarts water and 1-1/2 tsp salt to a boil. Gradually stir in the pasta and return to boiling for 7 minutes, then drain.

In a 2 quart casserole dish, combine pasta sauce, pepperoni, and 1 cup of cheese. Add the pasta and mix. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Cover and bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

This makes about 4 servings and is super easy. Hint: might add a little brown hamburger for a one dish meal!

## Nebraska Community Foundation receives a \$5,000 grant for the Antelope County 4-H Youth Enrichment Center

Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) received a \$5,000 grant for the Antelope County 4-H Youth Enrichment Center. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

The Working Here Fund grant will be used to build a new, modern, multi-use facility that can be used year-round for 4-H activities. The new building will provide space for poultry

and rabbits during the Antelope County Fair and the 4-H council and staff will provide year-round programming in the facility.

"The new facility will offer a climate-controlled space for up to 100 rabbits and 300 poultry exhibits at the county fair," said Anne Meis, committee vice-chair. The facility will

also offer a space for "clinics and workshops to promote increased 4-H involvement in small animal projects with a goal of increasing youth participation each year for the next 5 years." Meis told *The Elgin Review* last week, with the donation, the fund drive now stands at over \$280,000. The project is projected to be

completed by July 2025.

"Supporting projects that positively impact the communities in which we live, and work is one way we can give back to the people we serve and the rural life we value so highly," said Zach Ganseboom, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's O'Neill office.

NCF is one of 56 organizations to receive an expanded Working Here Fund grant in the fourth quarter of 2022. FCSAmerica awarded each organization up to \$10,000 for a total of \$306,250 to support projects focused on agricultural education, hunger, etc.

## Public Notices

### Notice of Organization — Moser Organics, LLC

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The name of the limited liability company: Moser Organics, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 607 Bowen Street, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. 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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## Bartlett News



**Wheeler County** Spelling Contest winners were (front row, l-r): Faith Heinz, Denna Skorcz, Owen Sallach, Calvin Schlenger and Easton Kasselder. Back row: Dawson Kluver, Paige Schlenger, Reese Smith, Justin Guggenmos, Olivia Heinz and Madison Norrell. *Photo submitted*

By Sherry Tetschner

The Wheeler County Spelling “Written Competition” was held at Wheeler Central Schools on February 21. The “Oral Spelling Competition” was held Monday, February 27.

The competition included 3rd-8th grade students.

Written competition placings were: 3rd and 4th grade division - 1st place, Owen Sallach; 2nd place, Faith Heinz; and 3rd place, Madison Norrell. Fifth and 6th grade division - 1st place, Denna Skorcz; 2nd place, Calvin Schlenger; and 3rd place, Dawson Kluver. Seventh and 8th grade division - 1st place, Olivia Heinz; 2nd place, Paige Schlenger; and 3rd place, Reese Smith.

The oral spelling competition placings were: 3rd and 4th grade division - 1st place, Faith Heinz correctly spelling the words “crescent and momentous”; 2nd place, Owen Sallach, misspelling the word “crescent”; and 3rd place, Easton Kasselder misspelling the word “honey.” Fifth and 6th grade finalists were - 1st place, Dawson Kluver, correctly spelling the words “resident and requested”; 2nd place, Calvin Schlenger misspelling the word “resident”; and 3rd place, Denna Skorcz, misspelling the word “sparse.” Seventh and 8th grade finalists were - 1st place, Paige Schlenger, spelling correctly “supervisor and interior”; 2nd place, Justin Guggenmos, misspelling the word “supervisor” and 3rd place, Reese Smith misspelling the word “parallel”.

Our thoughts and prayers are lifted up for the families of Sally Renner formerly of Ericson. Marcella E. “Sally,” Renner died February 20 at the age of 97.

My daughter Angela and I attended an awesome music concert in Beatrice, February 24 featuring Christian artist, Matthew West. I was able to spend the weekend with Angela’s family and also my son Andy and his family who live in Lincoln. On the way home I attended visitation services at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Battle Creek for Sally Renner, formerly of Ericson.

## Not Enough Time

I often hear people say, “There’s not enough time in the day.” I’m pretty sure I was guilty of saying such a thing when I was young, unmarried and without children. Now that I’m in this stage of life, I realize how silly I must have sounded. If only I knew how much free time I really had and that someday, it really would feel like there wasn’t enough time.

This is my least favorite time of year. We’re past all the major holidays, the second semester of school is in full swing including tons of events and end-of-year activities, and soccer is in season. Our already hectic life gets a bunch of calendar appointments added to it and some days I’m just exhausted looking at the week ahead.

Monday through Thursday, we have at least two different activities to attend (between taekwondo, gymnastics, soccer and cub scouts). Then you add in any miscellaneous meetings (such as being on the board of the local swim team) and it’s even crazier. My husband and I must be strategic about what is for dinner, when dinner needs to be ready and who is taking whom.

### TALES OF A TIRED MAMMA



Columnist  
Katherine Cobb

After work, we’re making dinner, cleaning up and heading out. When we get home, we’re rushing the kids to take showers and get ready for bed. We then collapse onto the couch and fall into a Netflix daze as we try to recover from the day. Then at night, I have trouble falling asleep because my mind is reeling about all the things I need to get done the next day or that weekend, etc. When am I going to get the laundry done? How do I get that birthday present bought before Saturday? When will I have time to take the dog to the vet?

After working a long day, I tend to dread the evenings. And that is NOT what I want for me or for my children. It doesn’t feel as though I’m spending quality time with them when I’m schlepping them back and forth. And on the rare occasion we don’t have something occupying our time, I’m so exhausted that I feel less patient and irritable. Take my advice, don’t try and play a board game with three kids when you’re already on edge.

So I have to ask myself is it all worth it? Are they involved in too many activities? Probably! I hate to say no, and I want my kids involved in things they enjoy. On the other hand, they are growing up so fast and when we jam pack our schedules, the time feels though it’s going by even faster. So, when I say I don’t have enough time, I don’t just mean during each day. I mean, I feel like I don’t have enough time to enjoy them as they are right now, in this season.

I think the best we can do is to re-evaluate each commit-

See MAMMA, Page 10

## Looking Back

**Sixty Years Ago**  
*March 7, 1963*

Jerry Sheets announced this week that a number of doses of Type II oral polio vaccine were available at the drug store. This was the final inoculation in a series of three doses. Individuals who had not yet received their final polio immunization could stop at the drug store at their earliest convenience.

Denzel J. Anderson, prominent farmer and rancher northwest of here, was featured in the Sunday edition of the Omaha World-Herald by Dale Ohrtman, farm editor. The story stated that Denzel had started his farming and ranching 20 years ago after becoming interested in a couple 4-H projects. In fact, these projects are what helped finance his first three registered heifers. Since then he had been building up his herd through the use of quality bulls and selective breeding.

**Fifty Years Ago**  
*March 8, 1973*

School Dist. 18 Board of Education at their regular March meeting reconsidered their decision concerning the Vocational Agriculture program and made arrangements for the following programs. Henceforth freshman students must take a semester each of Vocational Agriculture and Industrial Arts. Thereafter students could elect either of these subjects and is so desired may complete their four-years course in Vo Ag.

The Dennis Wiehns recently attended a Young Farmer Program and meeting as a representative of a farmers cooperative organization, District 16. They were one of 95 couples selected by the cooperative associations on the basis of this farming accomplishments and their interest in cooperative and community affairs.

**Thirty Years Ago**  
*March 10, 1993*

“Unbelievable.” That’s how Elgin High boys basketball coach Phil Kluthe described

his Eagles after they won the Nebraska D2 State Tournament last weekend. The Eagles opened with a 60-52 win over Giltner, upset previously top-ranked Prague 56-55 in Friday’s semifinals, and shocked 21-1 Hyannis, 63-62, in the championship game at the Devaney Sports Center.

Five Pope John High School basketball players received post-season honors from the Niobrara Valley Conference last week. Named to the first team All-Conference, East Division for girls basketball were Chris Kathol and Ann Kathol. Leah Spieker was named to the second team All Conference and receiving honorable mention was Sara Hoefer. Chris Eischeid received honorable mention in the All-Conference selection for boys.

**Twenty Years Ago**  
*March 9, 2003*

A new diesel powered backup generator was placed

at Elgin’s north city well. Final installation is to be completed this week. The generator allows Elgin’s city water system to operate during power outages. It was purchased with a \$33,700 Homeland Security Grant.

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department were called to a hay stack fire at the Harold Beeson farm southwest of Elgin. The fire was isolated to one hay stack and was extinguished in a short time with no other damage. The blaze apparently started when the hay stack came in contact with the exhaust pipe on a hay moving truck.

By Jessie Reestman

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Edward R. Murrow

# Opinion

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## Senator's filibuster antics hurting legislature's image

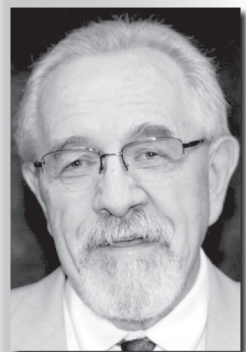
It has been 35 years since members of the Nebraska Legislature had a pay raise and 17 years since term limits took effect.

If lawmakers are wondering why, they simply need to check the actions of some of their colleagues. Omaha Senator Machaela Cavanaugh told fellow senators and a TV audience she was "going to be mean" because a fellow Omaha senator introduced a bill (restricting transgender surgery) she doesn't like.

But it's not just the one anti-transgender bill she doesn't like, she's going to oppose every one of that senator's proposals. No, wait a minute, now she says she's going to oppose every bill that comes up. The filibuster queen.

### CAPITOL VIEW

Nebraska Press Association



Statehouse Correspondent  
J.L. Schmidt

How juvenile. Act like an adult. If you don't like a bill, gather information supporting your case and share it through proper channels outlined in the rules of the Legislature.

Recently, Omaha Senator Meghan Hunt proposed an amendment that would prohibit Nebraska kids from going to church camp. She said she'd add it to a controversial bill she didn't like. That move received national attention.

We've seen your giggles and your pats on the back

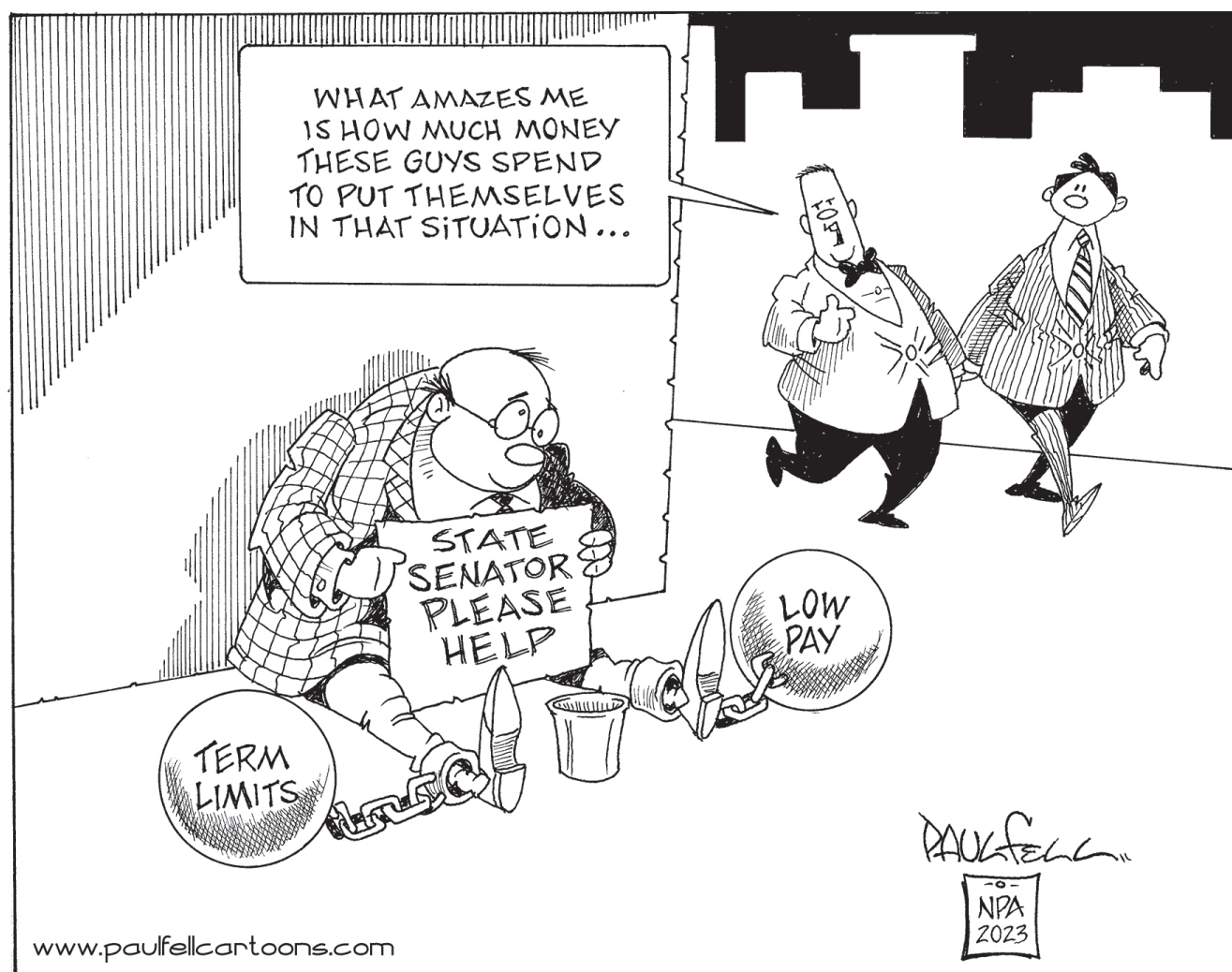
during floor debate senators. You're really going to show somebody what you're made of. And it's not just the two lawmakers I have mentioned.

But, back to that pay raise and those term limits. You wonder why the public doesn't support your desire to have those increased? It's because they see and hear and read about your petty antics. Believe me, I've seen my share of those over the years.

But this isn't new territory for Senator Cavanaugh. Back in 2021, during the second week of a special session to deal with redistricting, several women of the legislature put the male-dominated Unicameral on notice. Instead of talking about redrawing maps, Machaela Cavanaugh gave up her office at the Capitol out of anger and her commitment to the working moms of Nebraska.

That incident stemmed from the overthrowing of the mothers' room at the state capitol. A male staffer seemingly took over the room to make it his own office. The former mothers' room, a quiet and private space, consisted of four chairs for soon-to-be and breastfeeding moms.

"It is devastating, disappointing, and disheartening. Pro-life state, my butt, if you can't support working mothers in this building. Man, it's like talking out of both sides of your mouth," Cavanaugh said.



ugh said.

Recently, Cavanaugh said of the bill she despises, "If LB574 gets an early floor debate and moves forward, it will be very painful for this body. And if people are like, 'Is she threatening us?' Let me be clear: Yes I am."

Taking cues from the Ernie Chambers playbook, Cavanaugh is filibustering a bill that has the same sponsor as the one she hates. Ernie would often attack a bill on the agenda that was up for debate before the bill he disliked. But certainly not every bill.

We'll see how long this current Cavanaugh tactic lasts. Lincoln Senator Danielle Conrad suggested just skipping over the current bill.

"We don't need to dig in here. This is not going to set some sort of terrible precedent. This is commonplace in our body to say, 'We've hit a roadblock,'" she said. "This gives us a chance to remove the roadblocks — let other business proceed."

Cavanaugh agreed to the idea. But senators voted against the compromise, 32-10.

At one point, Rules Committee Chairman Sen. Steve Erdman of Bayard said he was ready to file a motion to adjourn sine die which would end the session for good. That would also leave the state without a budget and pass over a number of measures favored by the Governor.

But Cavanaugh said she's not done yet. "Take your names off that piece of poop LB574. Talk to the speaker — demand good governance. Be better. Be who the children of Nebraska deserve because they do not deserve this," she said. I appreciate people who are passionate about their work, especially if they're rational. I can't begin to understand what motivates the senator, but I do have some timely advice from the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

"Fight for the things you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you," she said.

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## Three DeKay bills heard in committee

The schedule of morning debate on the floor and afternoon public hearings continues for a few more weeks. At times, the days seem long, but very soon the Legislature will begin all-day debate before finally adjourning later this spring.

Three of my bills were heard in committee this week. On Tuesday, LB 453 and LB 454 were heard before the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. LB 453 would allow the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to change how the administrative costs of the Division of Aeronautics are paid out to free up about \$2 million for grants to small airports. It would also change the required county contribution for bridge replacement from 50 percent to "up to 20 percent" to give NDOT flexibility in assisting smaller counties with bridge repairs, and raise the threshold amount for road construction contracts to encourage smaller companies to bid on projects without needing to go through the burdensome prequalification and sealed bid process. I brought this bill to modernize statutes and help NDOT bring greater efficiencies internally and in project delivery with locals and contractors.

LB 454 would begin the process of finishing the expansion of U.S. 81 to a 4-lane highway in the state, including between Norfolk and Yankton. U.S. 81 runs north-south through Nebraska and forms part of a transcontinental roadway known as the Pan-American Highway. My bill would require NDOT to plan, design and

purchase right-of-way for U.S. 81 and declare legislative intent to appropriate funds. Finishing the expansion of U.S. 81 is not just new project; it is about finishing what was started 50 years ago. There are also notable economic, agricultural, and safety benefits to expanding U.S. 81 as well. Both LB 453 and LB 454 received no opposition testifiers at the hearing.

On Friday, LB 767 was heard by the Judiciary Committee. LB 767 would increase the indigent defense filing fee from three dollars to eight dollars to provide stable funding for the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy. The Commission was created in 1995 to provide property tax relief to counties but risks running out of money this year. When people charged with first-degree murder and serious violent or drug related felonies are unable to pay for their legal defense, the costs for the defense of the case always go to the counties unless the Commission steps in. When the Commission takes over a case, they provide services at no cost to counties. A typical murder court-appointed counsel will often bill the county at least \$100,000 while capital cases can easily exceed half a million.

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## Our commitment to a government that's accountable

This week the Supreme Court heard arguments on Biden v. Nebraska and U.S. Department of Education v. Brown, two challenges to the Biden administration's student debt cancellation proposal. The administration's debt cancellation scam is just one example of a pattern of irresponsible economic policies that have resulted in ongoing inflation, exacerbated workforce woes, and increased financial hardship hitting American households. In our Commitment to America agenda, House Republicans made a promise to deliver a government that is accountable to taxpayers. To do this, we must conduct stringent oversight, stop reckless policymaking, and move forward proposals that will get our country back on track.

This week, the House Ways and Means Committee passed H.R. 1163, The Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act. This legislation would empower states to expand their pursuit to recover billions of dollars in fraudulent COVID unemployment insurance payments. Congressional Democrats blocked efforts by Republican lawmakers to include responsible reforms and effective incentives in programs intended to provide relief to workers disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and experts say as much as \$400 billion in improper unemployment insurance payments were stolen by fraudsters during the pandemic. To date, just over \$5 billion has been recovered.

It is always better to prevent fraud than to have to try to recover it, therefore we must improve fraud prevention strategies by examining the aspects of relief programs that worked, while preventing future situations in which benefits are provided on a pay-now-ask-questions-later basis.

To further deliver on our Commitment to America, House Republicans are also increasing transparency and ensuring government accountability for other inflationary policies pushed by the Biden administration. This week, with my support, the House passed the REIN IN Inflation

Act. This legislation would require the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors and the White House Office of Management and Budget to provide reports to Congress on the inflationary impact of any executive action with an estimated impact of at least \$1 billion.

Since President Biden's day-one executive action to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline, which eliminated an estimated nearly 60,000 American jobs, the president has abused his executive power to push an out-of-touch agenda. The record inflation which has persisted throughout his presidency is a grim testimony to the harm overspending does to American families and small businesses.

On December 1, 2022, President Biden's Department of Labor published a rule to permit retirement plan fiduciaries to consider left-wing environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) agendas when making decisions on behalf of their shareholders. This rule reverses Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) protections that state fiduciaries must act for the "exclusive purpose" of "providing benefits to participants and

their beneficiaries."

Americans are already struggling to save for their futures, and in many cases are draining their savings due to overwhelming inflation. The last thing retirees need is to have their life savings targeted because some fiduciaries could decide to prioritize ESG over their financial futures. This week, with my support, the House also passed a resolution to reverse the ESG rule utilizing the Congressional Review Act. I'm pleased the Senate quickly passed the resolution the following day, but I am disappointed the president is expected to veto this effort to stop his executive action.

President Biden's economic policy is out-of-control and out-of-touch. We must get back to the business of encouraging growth and empowering Americans with the freedom to flourish. Killing jobs, incentivizing fraud, and shrinking the value of savings are the last things Americans need right now. Through a commitment to a government that's accountable and an economy that's strong, we can and will build a better future for our country.

## Senate recess time means coming home to visit constituents

Constituents often ask me in person or in their letters what my favorite part of serving as your Senator is. I always give the same answer: returning to Nebraska and hearing directly from you, my fellow Nebraskans.

That is what I did this past week while the Senate was in recess. Despite the weather's best efforts to keep us home, I was able to visit with individuals and businesses alike across Southeast Nebraska. We kicked off our travels this week in Syracuse, where I connected with some locals over coffee. I appreciated hearing

directly from them about the issues, including economic and agricultural policies that affect them directly.

Next we stopped by Tecumseh, where I had the chance to speak with the local paper, the Tecumseh Chieftain, about this year's upcoming Farm Bill, the disaster at our southern border, and ongoing threats from China. While I was there, I also had the opportunity to tour the Johnson County Hospital. Hospital staff and I had a meaningful discussion about the importance of rural health care and the 340B Program, which helps maintain health care access for low-income patients.

Whenever we travel the state, I appreciate opportunities to highlight local restaurants and other small businesses. This time, we stopped for lunch at the delicious Keeping Room café in Nebraska City, where I had a great Reuben and a cup of gumbo. Great food, a great atmosphere, and visited with some great folks. The same day, I visited the Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit that educates

on the importance of nurturing our environment. Meeting with the organization's leadership team was a wonderful opportunity to hear about their work.

The foundation, founded in our home state, encourages planting trees and learning more about the gifts of nature. The Arbor Day Foundation has grown into one of the world's largest nonprofit membership organizations for planting trees, and I enjoyed seeing the many natural attractions people of all ages can enjoy at its headquarters. I was also excited to visit Garner Industries, headquartered in Lincoln. In 1953, Garner Industries was a small tool and die company. Today, it's a top manufactured parts company run by dedicated, hardworking staff. After a tour of their facilities, I appreciated hearing directly from employees about their work and the issues affecting their everyday lives. The same day, I had the privilege of visiting Haleon, a

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Before the creation of the Commission, smaller counties faced the prospect of raising property taxes or declaring bankruptcy if a person or group charged with serious or heinous crimes were unable to pay for their legal defense.

I introduced this legislation to ensure counties in rural Nebraska have a backstop to provide legal defense to defendants in serious criminal cases in the event defendants cannot pay; I want to ensure counties do not have to resort to raising taxes on county residents to make up the difference.

The question of whether Nebraska will allow permitless carry was again considered by the Legislature this week. Currently, to get a concealed carry permit, applicants must submit to a background check, pay a \$100 fee, and complete an approved handgun training and safety course.

Under LB 77, introduced and prioritized by Senator Brewer, people wanting to carry a concealed weapon would no longer need to obtain a permit, though the permitting system would still be available for those who want it.

This bill, also referred to as the constitutional carry legislation, was filibustered for over eight hours during debate on General File. A cloture motion to end debate and allow for a vote on the advancement of the bill was successful on a 36-12 vote, after which LB 77 received first-round approval.

Additionally, senators are continuing to designate priority bills.

Senator Moser prioritized LB 706 which would allow NDOT to issue up to \$450 million in bonds between 2023 and 2029 to accelerate completion of highway construction projects. Meanwhile, Senator Linehan prioritized LB 753 which would adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits to fund education scholarships to assist eligible students to attend a qualified, nonprofit, private elementary or secondary school.

I would also like to announce that several cities and villages in the area received ambulance replacement offers from federal funds originating from last year's LB 1014 pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Wausa, Clearwater, and Elgin will each be offered \$150,000. Meanwhile, Ewing, Newcastle, Verdigre, Ponca, Osmond, Stuart, Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, Creighton Ambulance Service, Wynot, Coleridge, Laurel, Atkinson, Bloomfield, and O'Neill will each be offered \$75,000.

I welcome your thoughts, comments and ideas. 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.

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healthcare product company. I was impressed by the work they do as the world's producer of Excedrin.

In Gretna, I joined in on two fish fries, one at American Legion Post 216 and one at St. Patrick's Church. What great events! Fish fries have brought communities together for food and fellowship for decades. Fellow Nebraskans and I, all from different walks of life, spent time talking and getting to know one another over dinner.

Being a Senator is being a listener, and I'm grateful for the time I get every weekend and during recess weeks to hear more about Nebraskans' needs and priorities.

Obituary

Marcia Sue Redler, 56

A 1984 graduate of PJCC, she worked for many years as an administrative assistant.

Marcia Sue Redler, 56, of Milford, NE, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Bryan West Medical Center, Lincoln, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (today), at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin with Fr. Joseph Sund officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the church with a 7 p.m. Wake Service.

Inurnment will take place at St. Boniface Cemetery at a later date.

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

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Marcia Sue Redler, daughter of Phillip "Pete" and Mildred (Hupp) Pelster was born May 28, 1966 at Neligh. She was baptized and confirmed at St.

Boniface Church in Elgin. She started kindergarten in a one-room schoolhouse in Wheeler County and attended two years at Wheeler Central before attending St. Boniface Elementary School and Pope John High School, graduating with the class of 1984.

On September 27, 1986 Marcia was united in marriage to Robert Redler at St. Boniface Church in Elgin. The couple lived in Lincoln, NE until moving to Milford in 1997. Marcia worked as an Administrative Assistant at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln, Harding and Schultz law firm on and off from 1985-2011 and Southeast Community College from 2011-2023.

Marcia loved watching wrestling. She was involved with club wrestling, along with her children's academic and sports activities. Marcia enjoyed traveling (especially to the ocean), drinking margaritas, hanging out with her friends, and visiting her children in Denver, CO and Houston, TX. She took great pride in caring for her flow-

ers and worked hard to make sure the front of their home looked beautiful year round.

Marcia is survived by her husband Bob of Milford; daughter Whitney Redler Snyder (Cody Snyder) of Denver, CO; son Jordan (Shi) Redler of Houston, TX; granddaughter Clara Redler of Houston, TX; six sisters: Joann Penne of Oakdale; Bonnie (Gary) Dinslage of Elgin; Phyllis (Dennis) Cleveland of Plainview; Jeannette (Dave) Henn

of Elgin; Jeanine (Kurt) Saner of Dunning, NE; Ginni (Bill) Fangman of Ravellie; two brothers: Bob (Janice) Pelster of Bartlett; Denny (Judy) Pelster of Burwell; brother-in-law Don Bauer; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Pete and Mildred Pelster, sister Dodi Bauer, great-nephew Kayson Lauridsen, and brother-in-law Jim Penne.

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# Wolfpack Sports

## Late run by Centura ends EPPJ's dreams of a state championship

LINCOLN — Elgin Public-Pope John's stay at the D1 State Basketball Tournament was short, thanks to eventual state champion Centura.

The Centurions (24-5) pulled away late in the fourth

quarter to win 45 to 27 in the opening round played Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

In a game of numbers, Centura came up with more big plays at crucial moments



Sara Bode



Maddie Kolm

to win the game, handing the Wolfpack a double-digit, season-ending loss.

The Wolfpack were held to their lowest scoring output in a first half as Centura limited them to just four points in each of the first two quarters. Then, matching Centura point for point in the third quarter, the Wolfpack were poised to make a run at the start of the fourth quarter.

Staying in range, the Wolfpack trailed 30 to 20 when junior Keyera Eisenhauer gave EPPJ fans something to cheer about with a trey from the left corner to cut Centura's lead to seven points, 30 to 23.

At that point it appeared EPPJ suddenly had some momentum. It was quickly dashed when 6' reserve center Lakota Chelewski answered right back with a two-pointer. It would be her last basket before fouling out, but she may have been the difference-maker for Centura. She came into the game averaging two points per game. Forced into action when senior Sydney



Brenna Martinsen



Skyler Meis

Davis got in foul trouble in the first half, Chelewski finished with eight points while creating plenty of issues at the other end of the court.

After a Wolfpack free throw by Taylynn Charf cut the lead to 32 to 24, Centura put together an 11 to 2 run to bump the lead to 43 to 26 with 52 seconds left in the game. As part of the run, they were able to foul out Ashlynn Charf who finished the game with six points and 11 rebounds.

Davis came up big during the run as she scored seven of the 13 points. Centura outscored the Wolfpack 29 to 19 in the second half. When they weren't trying to score, they pulled the ball out and were deliberate with their play, taking precious time off the clock.

"I give them a lot of credit," Coach Eisenhauer said about Centura.

"We played tentative, we were 'on edge' the whole night," Wolfpack Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the loss.

Centura point guard Kyra Wooden was a thorn in the Wolfpack's side, particularly on defense. She and her teammates forced the Wolfpack into 37 turnovers, effectively preventing EPPJ from establishing any rhythm on offense. Another key stat in the game was steals where the Centurions had 20 compared to just six for the Wolfpack.

Other numbers of note were:

Two to zero — The Wolfpack's only lead in the game came with their first basket, a two-pointer by Keyera Eisenhauer which made the score 2-0 with 4:22 left in the first quarter.

One — The Wolfpack made just one trey in the game, coming in the fourth quarter, again by Eisenhauer.

37 — EPPJ held a decisive 37 to 29 edge in rebounds.

Six — The Wolfpack's ball-hawking defense forced just six steals in the game.

For the Wolfpack (21-5), they were led in scoring by Keyera Eisenhauer with nine points, making two of six shots from the field and all four free throw attempts. Ashlynn Charf had six points and pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Davis led Centura with 13 points, Taya Christensen added 11.

**Centura 45, EPPJ 27**  
Centurions.....7 9 10 19 — 45  
Wolfpack.....4 4 9 10 — 27  
Wolfpack — Elise Ruterbories 0-0 0-0 0, Taylynn Charf 0-3 2-4 2, Ashlynn Charf 3-8 0-1 6, Skyler Meis 0-2 0-2 0, Brenna Martinsen 0-1 2-4 2, Kate Furstenau 1-10 2-2 4, Callie Heithoff 0-0 0-0 0, Keyera Eisenhauer 2-6 4-4 9, Maddie Kolm 2-5 0-0 4, Sara Bode 0-1 0-0 0, Kayton Zwingman 0-0 0-0 0, Laia Domingo 0-0 0-0 0, Selli Tadesse 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 8-36 10-17 27. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 1-16 (Keyera Eisenhauer), Centura 1-11 (Kyra Wooden).  
Centurions — Kailey Coghlan 0-3 0-0 0, Kyra Wooden 2-8 2-3 7, Katie Hadenfeldt 0-1 0-0 0, Taya Christensen 5-12 1-4 11, Sydney Davis 4-11 5-8 13, Jenna Fanta 1-1 0-0 2, Paige Crawford 2-4 0-2 4, Lakota Chelewski 4-8 0-0 8. Team totals: 18-51 8-17 45.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 37 (Ashlynn Charf 11, Kate Furstenau 8, Maddie Kolm 6, Taylynn Charf 5), Centurions 29. Assists — Wolfpack 7 (Ashlynn Charf 4), Centurions 5. Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Taylynn Charf 3), Centurions 20. Turnovers — Wolfpack 35, Centurions 16.



Taylynn Charf



Ashlynn Charf (4) and Kate Furstenau (12) E-R photos/DMorgan



Keyera Eisenhauer

## We'll get to the promised land

LINCOLN — The waiting is the hardest part.

For Wolfpack girls basketball fans, we're still waiting, but we've made significant progress towards reaching the 'promised land.'

Another season of girls basketball for the Wolfpack came to an end earlier than any of us wanted it to. Our (the fans and team's) hopes were dashed Wednesday night by a team of destiny (Centura) who would, after beating EPPJ, go on to win the Class D1 championship trophy.

Whether you watched the game at floor level, or had seats above the action or stayed at home and watched it on television, the end result was the same.

In the game of basketball, size matters and Centura had size. They had two players who were 6' tall (Sydney Davis and Lakota Chelewski). Each was two inches taller than our tallest player, 5'10"

Ashlynn Charf. Their size mattered a great deal as the game progressed, taking away the Wolfpack's inside game.

We're not the first team Davis & Chelewski leaned on, but they were a different type of team from any which we played during the season. Centura combined a strong inside presence with a pressure defense which messed up our team. When we weren't making turnovers (35), we were having the ball stolen away (20).

Centura Coach Laethion Brown (in just his fourth year) laid a trap for the Wolfpack which proved to be too much to overcome. We kept Davis in check for much of the game, till late in the fourth quarter when the game slipped away. She found a way to finish the game with four fouls. Had we been able to hang a fifth foul on her, forcing Centura to play without their ace, the outcome surely would have been different.

The Wolfpack played the biggest game of their lives. The game wasn't 'too big' for them, but it was big. The games don't get any easier once the postseason begins, it's just the opposite. The farther you advance, the tougher the games become.

If anyone felt Maywood-Hayes Center was tough, this was another level of tough to deal with and overcome.

The state tournament record books are littered with teams who make an appearance then don't make it back for years, thereby losing any opportunity to learn from their loss with a return trip the next year. This team mustn't let that happen.

The Wolfpack have the nucleus to build upon and return to Lincoln in 2024. When two of your best players are juniors, together averaging 28 points per game, you have players you can build around.

The key for Wolfpack coaches will be to find players who can fill the roles performed by departing seniors' Skyler Meis, Maddie Kolm and Taylynn Charf. Coach Eisenhauer's liberal substitution plan kept fresh players in the game while, at the same time, gave ample opportunity for reserves to gain valuable experience. Still, it's on the players to step up, to put in the extra work between now and the start of next season to get better. Who will step up in 2024?

Watching other teams play Saturday, many are playing the same type of basketball as the Wolfpack do. We're headed in the right direction. We're close, real close.

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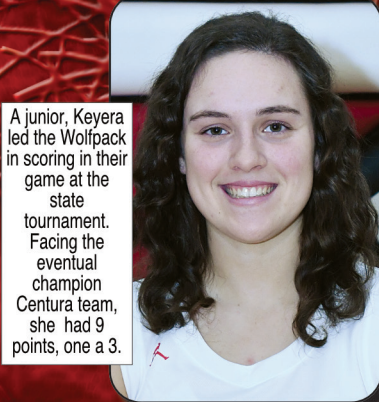
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

A junior, Ashlynn & her teammates wrapped up their basketball season at the state tournament. In the game against Centura, she had 6 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

A junior, Keyera led the Wolfpack in scoring in their game at the state tournament. Facing the eventual champion Centura team, she had 9 points, one a 3.

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# BCHC to host first annual April Fools' Day Fun Run

To start on the south side of Boone County Medical Clinic campus at Albion

The Boone County Health Center Foundation is set to host their first annual April Fools' Day Fun Run on April 1 at 10 am.

There will be a 5K and a kids 1-mile walk/run. The run will start at the Boone County Medical Clinic on the south side of campus. The course will be revealed on the day of the race.

The entry fee is \$15 for the 5K and \$10 for the kids 1-mile. T-shirts are also available for \$15/shirt and must be submitted by March 15. Water and snacks will be provided for each runner, and kids will receive a goodie bag. Metals will be given to the top 3 male and female runners in the various age groups.

BCHC Foundation has

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To register for the April Fools' Day Run, please call the Health Center and ask for Sarah Grape or Tara Leetch.

## Tales

From Page Six

Yes, we're still waiting, but this we know for sure. Just as Sam Cooke crooned so many years ago - a change is gonna come. We will get there, and when we do, it will have been worth the wait. Go Pack!

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With the winter sports season now over, we're looking forward to turning our attention to spring sports (track & field and boys golf).

It's hard to comprehend, but the school year has begun to wind down. Two months from now seniors will be donning cap and gown.

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Sleister pleaded guilty to the crime in October after reaching a plea agreement with the late Antelope County Attorney

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Controlling winter annuals in alfalfa

Spring green up is right around the corner, and it can't come soon enough for many. For producers with alfalfa, there is a short window of opportunity before this happens 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 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.

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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 and 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

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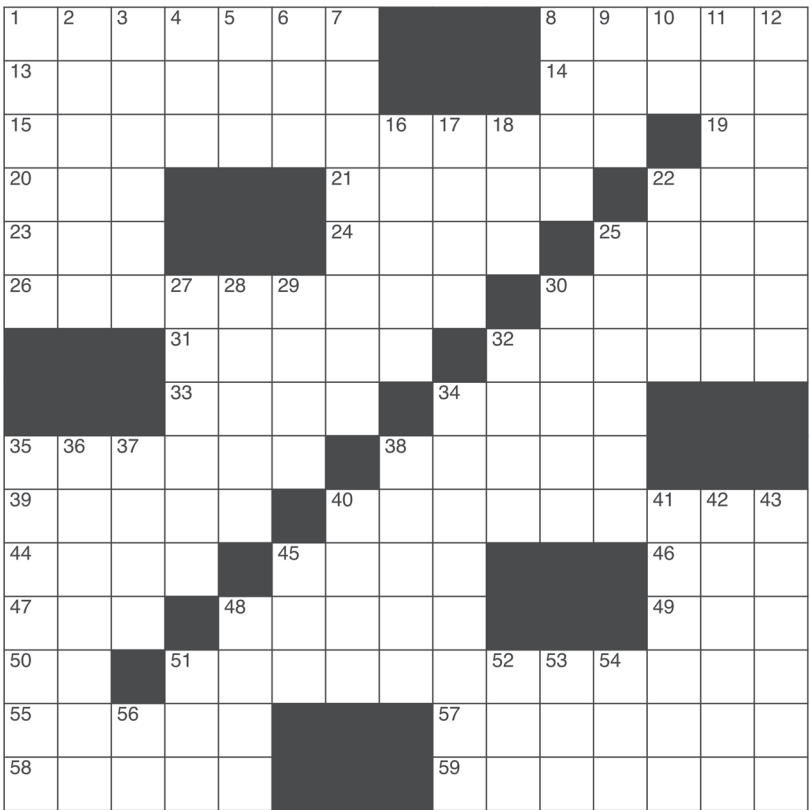
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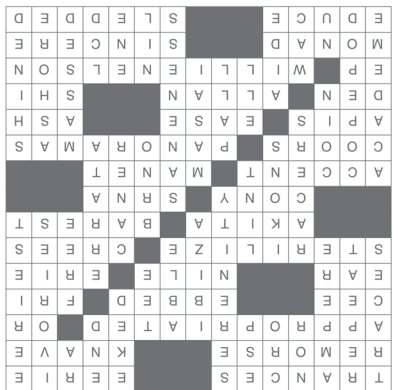
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## NVC All-Conference selections announced

### Eisenhauer, Charf, Hoefer and Beckman earn first team honors

Niobrara Valley Conference coaches selected their all-conference athletes for wrestling, boys and girls basketball.

In wrestling, Wolfpack senior Carter Beckman was named to the first team at 120 pounds. Teammate junior Samuel Hemenway was named to the second team behind Neligh-Oakdale's Chase Thomas at 195 pounds. And, at 220 pounds, EPPJ senior David Durre was named to the second team behind Neligh-Oakdale's Hayden Wilkinson.

No other Wolfpack wrestler earned postseason honors from NVC coaches.

**Boys basketball**

Wolfpack senior Paiton Hoefer led selections to the All-NVC first team. He was joined by Brendyn Ollendick, Elkhorn Valley; Austyn Saul, Santee; Schuyler Mustin, Stuart; Isaac Everitt and Gage Hedstrom, St. Mary's; Bryson Gadeken, Neligh-Oakdale; Derris Hansen, Boyd County; Raden Orton, North Central; and Michael Koenig, Summerland.

EPPJ senior Jack Wemhoff was named to the second team while junior Dylan Lueking received honorable mention.

**Girls basketball**

Two Wolfpack juniors were among players named to the All-NVC first team. Keyera Eisenhauer and Ashlynn Charf garnered first team honors along with Josilyn Miller, Niobrara-Verdigre; Mya Hedstrom, and Alissa Brabec, St. Mary's; Adyson Mlnarik and Hadly Cheatum, Summerland; JJ Black, Elkhorn Valley; Maci Nemetz, West Holt; and Amelia Hoffman, Boyd County.

Receiving honorable mention were Wolfpack seniors Skyler Meis and Taylynn Charf.

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# Area News

## Trial date set in Orchard dangerous building case

By Sandy Schroth  
Court reporter

Earleen F. Jensen, 81, Royal faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on March 1, charged with a Village of Orchard ordinance violation - maintaining a dangerous building, a Class 4 misdemeanor or alleged in November 2022. Jensen entered a not guilty plea and asked for more time to hire an attorney. She told Taylor that she had communicated with attorney Ron Temple of Norfolk, who had advised her how to proceed on arraignment. Taylor set trial for May 3. The case is prosecuted by Orchard Village Attorney Joseph McNally of Neligh.

Katelynn Westley, also known as Katelyn Marker, 25,

of Stromsburg appeared on two counts of disturbing the peace, Class 3 misdemeanors alleged Jan. 26. Westley requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor found her indigent and appointed Martin Klein of Neligh. She subsequently appointed Dennis Morland of Norfolk, after Klein indicated a conflict. Further arraignment is set March 15.

Doug E. Lewis, 56, of Norfolk appeared for pretrial hearing, alongside Temple, on Count I, third-degree assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Count II, disturbing the peace, a Class 3 misdemeanor, both alleged Aug. 21 in Tilden. The hearing was continued to March 15, on a defense motion.

Austin R. Bertschinger, 30, of Oakdale was granted continuance of his status hearing on a Class 4 felony count of possession of tramadol, alleged Dec. 10 near Tilden. The hearing is continued to April 19. Bond posted Dec. 28, in the amount of \$1,000, 10%, is

continued as well.

Several defendants had their charges dismissed last week.

McNally dismissed, without prejudice, a charge of maintaining a dangerous building in Orchard against Jay Pettijohn, 63, of Royal. Costs were waived.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith dismissed a Class 3 misdemeanor count, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, against Michael D. Fox, 37, of Orchard and costs were waived, pursuant to a Feb. 22 plea agreement in an Antelope County district court case.

Smith also dismissed charges filed against James Greenhalgh, 43, of Tilden and Jason Voborny, 41, of Neligh. Each had bad check charges dismissed after payment of restitution to Thriftway Market in Neligh and \$51 costs.

Christopher B. Brady, 32, of Elgin appeared for trial on a violation of probation charge. Brady admitted the allegation. Taylor ordered an update as to

his performance on probation and any recommendations from the probation officer and set sentencing March 30. Bond posted Jan. 27, in the amount of \$4,000, 10% cash, is continued. Taylor reminded the defendant that he remains on probation and is to comply with all terms and conditions.

Ron Crumly, 74, Page, appeared for sentencing on Class 4 misdemeanor committed a year earlier, on March 1, 2022. Taylor fined Crumly \$250 and taxed him \$50 costs for violating a statewide burn ban. Crumly was self-represented.

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). A plea agreement was announced. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith filed an amended complaint, charging Hurtig with a Class 3 misdemeanor, reckless driving and agreeing to file no additional charges arising out of the incident, in exchange for Hurtig's guilty plea.

Taylor fined Hurtig \$300 and placed him on probation for six months. He was assessed probation fees totaling \$220 and \$150 costs. Hurtig was represented by Ronald Temple of Norfolk.

Benjamin T. Smith, 25, of Norfolk faced Taylor for sentencing on a theft charge committed Jan. 6, northeast of Clearwater. Taylor fined Smith \$500 and taxed him \$50 costs. Smith admitted the crime when he appeared in court Feb. 15 and told the judge he had taken one gallon of gasoline. Charges of criminal mischief and trespassing were dropped as part of a plea deal. He was represented by Antelope County Public Defender Pat Carney.

Kimberly A Polston, 46, of rural Elgin pleaded guilty, by waiver, and was fined \$25 for allowing a dog to run at large in Neligh. She was assessed \$49 costs.

Polston was cited by a Neligh officer Jan. 8.

## Mundorf Family Scholarship offered to EPS students

Elgin Public Schools Guidance Counselor Sonia Rittscher recently announced a new scholarship available to EPS Students — The Jerry & Millie Mundorf Family Scholarship

A local scholarship committee will award a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Family of Jerry and Millie Mundorf to a graduating senior from Elgin Public High School.

Millie (Iburg) Mundorf was raised in Elgin and graduated from Elgin High in the Class of 1962 as the class valedictorian. Millie was active during her time at Elgin High participating in numerous school events and along with the late Kate (Donner) Krause helped write the Elgin High fight song. Millie was named the 2013 “Honored Alumnus” by the Elgin Alumni Association. A lifelong entrepreneur in Elgin, Mille ran the Clip ‘N Curl beauty salon on the main street of Elgin for 48 years before her retirement in 2012.

Jerry Mundorf began his educational career in Elgin in 1959 as a teacher, coach, and eventually principal. In 1969, Jerry moved into the position of Superintendent where he served the district for 10 years in that capacity. Jerry was a highly successful educator and coach resulting in his induction in the inaugural class of the Elgin High Hall of Fame in 2010.

This scholarship is to reward academic excellence and the proven determination to achieve great accomplishments in all aspects of life. This scholarship is to reward an Elgin High graduate for such accomplishments and for those who exhibit high potential. A special preference will be given to candidates who graduate and intend to attend cosmetology school or to pursue a degree in any field of education.

For more information, contact the school.

## Elgin Community Calendar March

- 8** Antelope County Home & Ag Expo @ Neligh.
- 10** No school (all schools)
- 12** Daylight Savings Time begins
  - Tablescape Tea Party @ Elgin Community Center.
- 13** Red-E-4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP • Elgin VFD meeting • NVC Quiz Bowl @ Elgin Public Schools (no school @ EPS)
- 14** Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
- 15** District #18 Board of Education regular meeting • Elgin Community Center Evening Meal.
- 17** Class D1 and D2 State Speech Tournament @ Kearney.
- 18** St. Boniface Parish Spring Benefit Auction @ the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall.
- 19** Children of God Youth Group @ Elgin Public Library.
- 20** Elgin EMTs meeting.
- 24** St. John's Fish Fry - Deloit.
- 25** PJCC/EPS Prom @ KC Hall.

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## Court

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Joe Abler. In exchange, Abler reduced the original Count I from possession of a stolen firearm, a Class 2A felony, which carried a potential for up to 20 years in prison, to attempted possession, dismissed Count II, felony theft, and agreed to file no additional charges in the case.

“You benefited from a very good plea agreement,” Kube said.

## Community Center Menus

Elgin Community Center meals next week are:

Monday, March 13: German casserole “runza”, green beans, pears, milk.

Tuesday, March 14: Chicken noodle soup, relish cup, orange, cheese/crackers, milk.

Wednesday, March 15: (Evening meal) Bangers & mashed (sausage w/onion gravy & mashed potatoes), corned beef & cabbage, carrots & peas, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, March 16: Pancakes, ham patty, egg bake, mixed berries, milk.

Friday, March 17: Baked potato bar with all the toppings, Jell-O w/peaches, milk.

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

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

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

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m.

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**Qualifying for State Speech in Class D1** were EPS speech team members (l-r): Corbin Kinney, Baylee Busteded, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff, Samantha Durre and William Heilhecker. *Photo submitted*

## EPS speech team places third at D1-3 District

The Elgin Public Speech team competed at the D1-3 speech meet hosted by Creighton on Monday. Eight of the team's 10 events reached finals, resulting in a third place team finish behind Wausa and the host team Creighton. Seven team members qualified in four events for the State Speech Championships in Kearney next week. Bringing home top honors was the OID of Baylee Busteded, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Samantha Durre. They placed second in the event. Corbin Kinney also earned the district runner-up medal in POI. The Duet of Martinsen and William Heilhecker placed third, as did Durre in Serious Prose. These events were all state qualifiers. Just missing out on a trip to state were a number of EPS students. Placing fourth, just one place out of qualifying range was the

OID team of Heilhecker, Kinney, Jack Wemhoff, Austin Good and Ethan Hinkle. The Duet of Henn and Busteded also placed fourth, as did Heithoff in Serious Prose. Austin Hinkle placed fifth in Humorous Prose. Earning Superior Ratings were Henn in Humorous Prose and Seli Tadesse in Poetry. The coaches (Stacy Shumake Henn and Jessie Reestman) were proud of their team's performance. "We really didn't know what to expect, as this was our first year competing at the D1 level. Qualifying eight events for finals definitely surpassed our expectations, as this was a tough district. We are thrilled for our state qualifiers and proud of all of our speech kids. We have a lot of talented kids who have put in some terrific performances. We'd like to thank our seniors for their dedication to our program. They have had very successful speech careers and have much to be proud of." Qualifying members will compete in Kearney on Friday, March 17, at Kearney High School.



**State speech qualifiers for Pope John** were (front row, l-r): Brooklyn Meis, Olivia Klein, Skyler Meis, Emma Lea Ruterbories, Kaitey Schumacher and Reese Stuhr. Back row: Coach Chris Grundmayer, Aiden Klein, Ashlynnne Charf, Cale Kinney, Linus Borer, Matthew Dilly, Jack Barlow, Eliza Borer, Jovie Vaisvilas and Coach Amy Klein. *E-R photo/LMorgan*

## PJCC to send numerous entries to state speech

The Pope John Speech Crusaders are District D2-2 Champions! Competing Monday at the D2-2 District Tournament, hosted by Pope John, long hours of practice culminated in qualifying students in multiple events for the state meet next week in Kearney. Medalists and state qualifiers are as follows: Earning first place medals were the oral interpretation of drama (OID) team of Linus Borer, Matthew Dilly, Cale Kinney, Jack Barlow and Aiden Klein, as well as Linus Borer in extemporaneous speaking. Coming in second place was Matthew Dilly in entertain-

ment speaking, Linus Borer in informative speaking, Reese Stuhr in serious prose, and Eliza Borer in persuasive speaking. Third place honors go to Olivia Klein in persuasive speaking, Jack Barlow in humorous prose, and Skyler Meis in program of interpretation (POI). Also earning third place medals were Jovie Vaisvilas in poetry, Emma Lea Ruterbories in serious prose, and the OID team of Skyler Meis, Brooklyn Meis, Emma

Lea Ruterbories, Ashlynnne Charf and Kaitey Schumacher. Also earning district medals in fourth place were Aiden Klein in entertainment speaking, the duet of Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally, and Tessa Barlow in poetry. Fifth place medals were earned by Jazmine McNally in informative speaking and Eliza Borer in humorous prose. Earning a superior rating in their duet acting event were Tessa Barlow and Jovie Vaisvilas.

The team will now focus on the state tournament, to be held at Kearney High School on Friday, March 17.

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