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In Brief

EPS to host NVC Band Clinic on March 24

Free concert to start at 5:30 p.m.

Elgin Public will be hosting the annual Niobrara Valley Conference Band Clinic on Monday, March 24. EPS Music Instructor Eric Heithoff said the event will include band members from Elgin Public, Pope John, Niobrara, Boyd County, Stuart, Chambers, Veridgre, Rock County and Wheeler Central. There will be a concert at 5:30 p.m. in the EPS gym. It will consist of individual band performances and a mass group performance. The concert is free and open to the public. “We hope to see everyone there,” Heithoff said.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 12

To be held at Elgin City Park.

The date has been announced for the annual Easter Egg Hunt here in Elgin. It will be held Saturday morning, April 12 (Palm Sunday weekend), at Elgin City Park. As in previous years, the egg hunt will begin at 11 a.m. Sign-in will begin approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the egg hunt. The egg hunt is broken up into specific age divisions. The event is sponsored by the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce as well as numerous local businesses who fill eggs with candy and coins.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:
Trade Name Registration — McKillip & Sons Partnership
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Weather

The high temperature last week was 57 degrees recorded on March 2. The low temperature during the same period was 11 degrees recorded on March 7. Altogether, 0.66 of an inch of 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
Mar. 02	57	25	.00
Mar. 03	51	43	.25
Mar. 04	43	21	.02
Mar. 05	40	22	.00
Mar. 06	48	33	.39
Mar. 07	48	11	.00
Mar. 08	47	20	.00
Total for last week			0.66
Total for March			0.66
Total precipitation 2025			1.06



EPPJ faces ‘win or go home’ game Thursday

Big turnout expected for ‘Wolfpack Nation’ in Lincoln

In just one day, the Elgin Public-Pope John boys basketball team will begin their quest for a something which has eluded the Wolfpack since joining forces more than 10 years ago - a state championship. The long, hard road which began in November is set to come to fruition this week as they play amongst the best in Class D2 at the NSAA Boys State Tournament in Lincoln. There, under the bright lights at the Devaney Sports Center Thursday night, the #6 seeded Wolfpack will face #3 seeded Wynot in the first round starting at 7:45 p.m., in a ‘win or go home’ matchup. There, the Wolfpack’s late season surge will be put to the test against the Blue Devils who come into the tournament with a 19-7 record. After enduring a five-game losing streak in January, EPPJ has won seven of its last nine games and enters the tournament with a 16-10 record. Six of the Wolfpack’s losses have come against teams who will also be playing this week at the state tournament (Wausa, Fullerton, Stuart, West Holt and O’Neill St. Mary’s-2). It marks only the second time since the formation of the co-op between EHS and PJCC that the boys team has made it to state. Wynot, with just two seniors on their 13-man roster, comes into the game riding a nine-game winning streak. Perhaps the most impressive win during the run was a 61 to 41 victory over Wausa in the sub-district final. It marked the third time this season the two teams have played. The first time they met was on December 20 and the Vikings won 70 to 62. Wynot won the rematch on February 10 by a score of 61 to 27. Wynot then rolled past Cody-Kilgore 76 to 38 in the district

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Senior Dylan Kolm was all smiles after taking down the net following the Wolfpack’s district finals victory over Kenesaw. He and his teammates will have one more opportunity to take down the nets when they compete at the Class D2 State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln starting Thursday.

E-R photo/DMorgan

Kidz Life 2 Daycare brings childcare back to Petersburg

Business receives grant funding from Boone County Development Agency

Last week, the Boone County Development Agency (BCDA) presented a \$1,500 check to Jacii Lopez, owner of A Kidz Life 2 Daycare, located in Petersburg. The funds are part of BCDA’s Energizing Entrepreneurs program, which is designed to support local entrepreneurs as they pursue opening a business in Boone County. Lopez joins 12 other businesses currently enrolled in the program. The check presented last week represents the completion of the first of four steps required in order to receive a total of \$5,000 in grant funding. The Energizing Entrepreneurs program walks hopeful business owners through critical components of creating and operating a business, including writing a business and marketing plan, creating a budget, and annual check-ins during the first three years of operation.

To date, BCDA has awarded \$42,000 in funding to encourage business development across Boone County. Communities impacted since the inception of the program include Albion, Cedar Rapids, Petersburg, and St. Edward. A Kidz Life 2 Daycare brings childcare back to Petersburg after the last in-home provider closed in May 2024. The licensed In-Home Level 2 daycare is located in the west wing of the Village Campus and provides care for children 0-10 years old. Lopez opened mid-February and currently has limited spots available. Funds received as part of BCDA’s Energizing Entrepreneurs program can be used to support any area of her business. A Kidz Life 2 is Lopez’s second daycare location, with the original being located in Elgin.



Photo submitted

Jacii Lopez, owner of A Kidz Life 2 Daycare in Petersburg (l), accepts a grant check for \$1,500 from Jackie Valasek, BCDA Office Administrator.



EVFD answers mutual aid call for grass fire near Bartlett

For the third week in a row, members of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid fire call. Monday afternoon, a grass fire burned hundreds of acres north of Bartlett along Highway 281. Joining area fire departments in battling the blaze were area farmers. Also, a number of airplanes applied water from the air to get the blaze under control.

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- 1 cup chopped nuts

- 1 lb powdered sugar (2 cups)
- 8 oz cream cheese (softened)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix the first three ingredients together and press into a sprayed 9x13 pan.
Add the 1 cup of chopped nuts on top. (Set aside - do not bake yet)
In a bowl, cream the powdered sugar, cream cheese, and the egg. Mix well!
Once mixed, pour over the 1st mixture, which you set aside.
Add the 1/2 cup chopped nuts on the top.
Bake 40-45 minutes at 350°.
They will look glazed on the top.

CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix (with pudding in it)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk

- 1 pkg German chocolate shredded
- 6 oz chocolate chips
- powdered sugar

Mix cake mix, milk, eggs, and oil. Fold in chocolate chips and shredded chocolate.
Pour into a greased and floured 9 inch bundt pan. Bake at 350° for 50-60 min. Remove from oven.
Cool slightly and remove from the pan. Cool completely and dust with powdered sugar.
Yummy!

The fight against colorectal cancer

By Danielle Krohn, DNP, APRN
Boone County Health Center

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about one of the most preventable but deadly cancers. This year's theme, "You've Got Guts, Kick It in the Butt," serves as a powerful reminder to take charge of your health and prioritize screenings.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, but with early detection, it is highly treatable. Screening plays a crucial role in catching cancer in its early stages or even preventing it altogether.



Danielle Krohn
DNP, APRN

When to Start Screening

Current guidelines recommend that colorectal cancer screenings begin at age 45. However, if you have a family history of the disease, it's important to start sooner. Additionally, if you experience symptoms such as changes in bowel habits or blood in your stool, you should consult your healthcare provider about getting a colonoscopy.

Screening Options

There are two primary recommendations for colorectal cancer screening:

1. Colonoscopy: This is the gold standard for detecting colorectal cancer and polyps. It allows for the removal of precancerous polyps before they develop into cancer. While the idea of a colonoscopy may make some people nervous, the procedure itself is not painful, and the worst part is often the preparation.

2. Cologuard: This at-home test involves collecting a stool sample and sending it to a lab for analysis. While it can be a convenient option, it is not suitable for those experiencing symptoms or those with a family history of colorectal cancer. If you are symptom-free and do not have a family history, Cologuard can be a good starting point. However, it does not replace the need for a colonoscopy if abnormalities are detected.

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Food pantry dispersal to be March 18

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 2:00-3:30 pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

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Nothing prepares you for navigating puberty

No matter how much advice you're given as a mom, it's hard to truly understand something until you experience it yourself. No one's tale of pregnancy and delivery fully prepares you for that moment. The wise advice of cherishing those toddler years doesn't make them any less tiring. And all the times I heard of the terrors of raising teenagers didn't really hit until I had them...as in right now.

First and foremost, boys stink. I mean really stink! I love my children but no amount of deodorant or daily showers takes away that boy funk. It's something I've heard about but my goodness, it really does take your breath away. Driving home from soccer practice can require the windows down. I

don't want to hurt their feelings, but I also want them to have a social life so daily showers are a requirement.

They love to object and argue that their little sister doesn't have to take a shower every day. Fortunately for me, she hasn't hit puberty yet. She's an elementary school aged kid and she doesn't make me breathe through my mouth if I get too close after a long day. Sorry boys, she'll have her own struggles soon enough.

Also, it's a myth to think that only girls are emotional during puberty. Pure rubbish. Boys are just as volatile and I would argue that at times, even more so.

Apparently, they get bursts of testosterone every now and

again, which makes many of them angry or agitated as their bodies adjust. As much as it brings me comfort that it's completely normal for my teenagers to be nice and sweet one day and hulk out the next, it's still frustrating.

I was really hoping the mood swings weren't going to come until my daughter was older. That's not the case. I have watched my son have a full-on meltdown over something seemingly insignificant, slam his door, and then come downstairs an hour later as if nothing happened. Excuse me? Is this the same child?? It feels a little like whiplash and makes me feel like I must walk on eggshells because I'm not entirely certain what will or will not set off this ticking time bomb.

I also was not prepared by how much food these kids would consume. I've heard the stories but holy cow, how much milk can they possibly drink? I feel like I live at the grocery store. One second my refrigerator is stocked, and the next it's completely empty. Our food bill has gone up exponentially and every time I turn around, those boys are eating. And eating and

then eating again.

It's weird that my oldest is now almost as tall as I am, and his voice seems deeper every week. This is my baby, my first, and I knew this would happen but it's still an adjustment. I honestly didn't notice at first because I see him every day, but after grandparents pointed it out, it became painfully obvious that he's turning into a little man and I'm not quite ready.

I know I'm not through the woods yet and more is yet to come. God willing, I'll be able to deal with whatever the next phase brings my way and remember that this is just a phase. It will end, and they will not be teenagers forever. Thank God.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb



Chloe Henn brought home the gold in Entertainment Speaking.
Photos submitted



Kyla Donaldson earned the Top Novice award in Extemporaenous Speaking.

Henn named entertainment champion, OID team takes fourth at Riverside

With districts just one week away, the EPS Speech Team was on the road Monday getting in a little more practice. The team competed in the Riverside Speech Meet in Cedar Rapids.

The competitive nineteen-team meet boasted some tough competition such as Scotus Central Catholic, Columbus Lakeview, Battle Creek, Shelby-Rising City and Guardian Angels Central Catholic to name a few.

Chloe Henn brought home the gold in Entertainment Speaking, placing first in a field of 29 speakers. The OID of Henn, Callie Heithoff, Kayton Zwingman, Braelyn Martinsen and Kierstyn Eisenhauer returned with the fourth place medals, from a field of 21 OIDs.

The Duet of Henn and Heithoff placed tenth, and Kyndal Busteed also placed tenth in Informative Speaking.

Kyla Donaldson earned the Top Novice award in Extemporaenous Speaking.

Earning Superior Ratings on the day were the following: Heithoff-Informative Speaking; Busteed-Persuasive Speaking; Zoey Buechter-Serious Prose, Donaldson-Humorous Prose, Gemma Miller-Extemporaenous Speaking and Poetry and Ruby Durre-Serious Prose.

According to co-coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn, meets like this have been beneficial.

"We've seen a lot of tough competition this season, which is important in terms of preparing for districts. We moved up to D1 this year, so our road is a little tougher this time around. Facing tough competition just makes us better in the long run, and the kids have embraced that. They're working and getting better with each meet."

The team held their public performance on Tuesday night, which served as their final performance before district competition. On Monday, March 17, the team will travel to Wausa to compete in the D1-3 District Meet.

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published in *The Elgin Review*.

If weather conditions don't work on April 11, the cleanup day will be moved to April 25.

On another matter, the council extended the period of time for persons to apply for summer jobs at the pool as well as one position involving summer maintenance.

City Clerk Kristin Childers told the council that the city had received zero applications for lifeguards and a pool manager position which was advertised during the month of February.

Also, she said so far there was just one applicant for the maintenance position.

The council decided to continue advertising the positions through March and again address the issue at the April meeting.

In other action:

Office assistant — The council approved the hiring of Baylee Busteed to serve as summer office assistant.

On another matter, the council tabled consideration of pay rates for summer employees. The matter will be taken up again in April.

Armor coating — Every year in March, the council accepts bids for armor coating of streets later in the year. Mayor Schmitt opened four bids then, after reviewing the bids, the council approved a company out of Harlan, Iowa to provide 7,000 gallons at a cost of \$4.35 per gallon. The company was Sta-Bilt Construction Company.

Quotes — City Hall received two bids for an alley inlet to be placed on Bowen Street behind Elgin Public Library. After discussion, the council accepted the low bid of Seda Land Handling out of Albion at a cost of \$15,536.99.

The vote was 3-0 with Councilman Craig Niewohner abstaining.

Also submitting a bid was Rutjens Construction.

Another item tabled was for a drainage ditch at 304 N. Second Street. The matter will again be discussed at the April meeting.

Pickup — The City appears closer to purchasing a pickup as the council approved a motion made by Niewohner to purchase a pickup contingent on a number of factors. The purchase price for the used pickup, from Wm Krotter Co. of O'Neill was \$22,000.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, March 17: Corned beef & cabbage with potatoes and carrots, tropical fruit, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, March 18: Ham & bean soup, lettuce salad w/toppings, cheese/crackers, cottage cheese, pineapple, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, March 19: Goulash, broccoli, carrots/celery, strawberry/peaches mix, garlic stick/butter, milk.

Thursday, March 20: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, mixed vegetables, pears, bread/butter, milk.

Friday, March 21: Tuna & noodle casserole, peas, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).

Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older. Under 60 is \$10.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, March 12
Wolfpack Pep Rally, 3 pm ■ Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education @ EHS ■ Wolfpack Dance Team Awards.

Thursday thru Saturday, March 13-15
Boys State Basketball Tournament* Lincoln.

Sunday, March 16
Elgin Community Center Brunch (8:30 a.m. to noon).*

Monday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day Wild Game Feed at Elgin KC Hall* ■ Elgin Speech Team @ District Meet in Wausa.

Thursday, March 20
D2 District Speech Meet hosted by Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School.

Saturday, March 22
EHS-PJCC Junior-Senior Prom @ Elgin KC Hall.

Saturday, March 29
St. Boniface Catholic Church Spring Auction @ Elgin KC Hall.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago March 11, 1965

Elgin St. Boniface High School's basketball team last week battled its way through the Class D regional playoffs at Plainview to earn a berth in the Lincoln playoffs for the Nebraska Class D championship.

Girl Scout Week was observed in Elgin Sunday with the presentation of a "God and Community" award to Marjorie Hopkins, presently of Wausa but a former resident here and member of the local Methodist church. Approximately 50 Girl Scouts and their leaders and six Senior Scouts from Wausa were present for the presentation during church services.

Pamela Schrage will represent Elgin at Girls' State June 12-18, the American Legion Post 229 Auxiliary, sponsors of the trip, announced this week. This is the 24th annual session on the University of Nebraska campus.

Clyde D. Sheets, son of Daniel C. and Anna Caldwell Sheets, was born here August 5, 1894 and passed away at the Tilden Community Hospital in Tilden March 5, 1965, at the age of 70 years and seven months. Clyde graduated from the Elgin High School with the class of 1913 and engaged in farming in the Elgin community until his retirement a few years ago.

Firemen were called Sunday afternoon to the Bud Hawk property in the west part of town to extinguish a grass fire. The blaze had spread from a trash fire.

Fifty Years Ago March 6, 1975

Bradley G. Norton, a senior at Elgin Public High School, has just recently been notified of his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado for the class beginning in July of 1975. Making the announcement was Senator Roman Hruska who had earlier nominated Bradley as an alternate candidate.

Rosemary Beckman, chairman of the Citizenship in Action Grant, presented the \$125 check to Gene Boes, Chairman of the Elgin Community Improvement Commission. This money will be used at a later date for pre-school play equipment at the Elgin municipal park.

Sam Meis announces the engagement of his daughter, Carol, to Joe Luettel son of Mr. abad Mrs. Lawrence Luettel of Petersburg. A July 19th wedding is being planned.

Six Cub Scouts received their Bobcat award Friday night at the pack meeting. Receiving the award were Mike Santonastaso, Joe Kallhoff, Tim Gregor, Scott Madsen, Mark Heithoff, and Eric Schindler.

Elgin is one of 230 Nebraska cities and town who realized \$1,036,745 as a result of agreements leasing their electrical distribution systems to Nebraska Public Power District, according to Bernard DeLay, Norfolk, member of the NPPD Board of Directors.

Thirty Years Ago March 8, 1995

Elgin High School's boys basketball team will be making its third consecutive trip to Lincoln this week for the D2 State Tournament. This year they will go to state as the top-seeded team in Class D2 with a 20-2 record.

A major winter storm truck Northeast Nebraska early Monday morning, March 6, dumping nine to 12 inches of snow in most locations. The snow forced local schools to close at 9:30 a.m. Monday, and made for hazardous travel conditions throughout the area.

Twenty Years Ago March 9, 2005

Elgin's Dollars for Scholars fund drive surpassed the \$2000 goal and reached \$2300 during the past week.

PJCC speech team shines at Riverside

The Crusader speech team traveled to Riverside on Monday, March 10.

Coming home with places in the "Honors" finals were Reese Stuhr fourth in serious prose, Olivia Klein fifth in informative, Aiden Klein and Brooke Kinney fifth in duet.

Receiving superior ratings were Tessa Barlow in serious prose, Christian Preister in humorous prose, Kinley Drueke in entertainment, Jovie Borer in both POI and persuasive, Harlie Tyler in poetry, and Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally in duet.

Pope John will be hosting their district competition on March 20.

School board meets tonight

The District #18 Board of Education is scheduled to meet in open session on Wednesday, March 12 (tonight).

Among the items on the 'action' agenda for the meeting are:

- Approve updating door and gate access points, intercom system
- Approve moving the IT rack in the coaches office
- Approve the first reading of the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) recommended updated Title IX Non Discrimination Policy 5044.24; Title IX Reporting Form 504.24E1; and Title IX Non-discrimination procedures 504.24R1
- Approves the second reading of updated Policy 504.02R1 Elgin Public School Testing and Honor Awards
- Approve technology purchases for the 2025-26 school year

Earlier in the meeting, members of the Americanism Committee are on the agenda to give a report to board members.

The meeting, open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at the high school.

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Edward R. Murrow

More transparency needed regarding improper payments, wasteful spending

There is an inscription above an entrance to the Nebraska State Capitol. It reads: “the salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen.”

Transparency is essential to watchfulness. Our \$36 trillion national debt is our greatest domestic threat. We must do all we can to eliminate waste and restore fiscal sanity.

This past week, I introduced the Improper Payments Transparency Act. My bipartisan bill will require more transparent and more accurate data about the scope of improper payments made by the federal government.

Improper payments continue to be a major contributor to wasteful spending. In Fiscal Year 2023, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) estimated that the federal government made \$236 billion of improper payments.

That means “payments that should not have been made or were made in the incorrect amount.” In Fiscal Year 2024, agencies reported \$161.5 billion of improper payments.

Since 2003, GAO estimates that the federal government has made \$2.7 trillion in improper payments. The true cost of improper payments is likely even higher than this. That’s because some federal programs do not report improper payments.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator

Pete Ricketts

In Fiscal Year 2023, eight federal programs were flagged as having potentially significant improper payments. They were required to report but did not do so. They should have been transparent with Americans.

Current law only requires agencies to consult with the Office of Management and Budget before deciding whether to report improper payments. This must change. Americans deserve to know whether our tax dollars are being misspent. They deserve transparent data.

My Improper Payments Transparency Act would require better reporting. This bipartisan bill, introduced with Democrat Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada, would require the President’s budget to include the amounts and rates of improper payments at each executive agency. It would require a detailed explanation of yearly trends. It would also require a summary of corrective actions taken to reduce and stop improper payments.

This data will help Congress and the American people see where money is being misspent. Transparency brings accountability. With this information, we can make better choices and save tax dollars.

Improper payments are not just numbers. They have real consequences. When federal agencies waste money, it means less money supports essential services. It crowds out money for our national defense. It reduces the dollars for critical infrastructure and deficit reduction. Taxpayers deserve better.

Transparency and accountability shouldn’t be a partisan issue. Americans work hard. Their money should not be wasted.

Waste undermines public trust and perpetuates our unsustainable fiscal path.

If we want to fix our nation’s debt, we must stop wasting hundreds of billions of dollars each year, and trillions since 2003, in improper payments.

It is time to find the mistakes, fix the problems, and save Nebraskans’ and taxpayers’ money. My Improper Payments Transparency Act will help us do that. I’m committed to improving transparency and ending wasteful spending.

No STARWARS for you as big money for nicer lakes may go elsewhere

LINCOLN – It’s daylight savings time, so let’s turn back the clock ... to four years ago when the state was still contending with the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was a silver lining of sorts to those awful days – a huge influx of federal funds to keep the economy going.

And state senators met on how to spend that glut of money with plans to finally make Nebraska a more attractive destination for new residents, and a place where more tourists will spend their vacation cash.

Lawmakers even had a flashy name for their committee – the “Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Special Committee” or STARWARS, like the movie with Yoda and the gang. Cue the theme song.

The list of proposed projects was big and expensive – \$500 million to \$1 billion for a new lake between Omaha and Lincoln; more than \$40 million for a new marina and better roads at popular Lake McConaughy; a fancy \$34 million lodge at Niobrara State Park; and \$41 million in improvements at Lewis & Clark Lake.

“This is big thinking ... very visionary,” said then-State Sen. Mike Flood, now a U.S. congressman.

Then-Sen. Mike Hilgers, now the state’s attorney general, led the charge for STARWARS, calling it a once in a generation opportunity to take “a big swing.”

Fast forward to now, and the big swing with lightsabers has mostly been a whiff. Much of the big spending called for by the STARWARS committee, and later approved by the Legislature, is proposed to be clawed back by current Gov. Jim Pillen.

He’s no Darth Vader, but the state’s forecasted tax revenue is less than needed to run state government – in large part because of generous income tax cuts passed in 2023.

The governor also wants to continue his push for property tax relief by devoting another \$400 million to that over the next two years.

You recall those income tax cuts, pushed by the state chamber and other business groups in the name of “re-

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State Correspondent

Paul Hammel



maining competitive” with our neighboring states.

They will, by 2027, reduce the state’s top individual income tax rates from a high of 6.84% to 3.99%. Corporate income tax rates are also falling, from 5.58% to 3.99%.

But the bottom line is those tax cuts will reduce state tax revenue by nearly \$1 billion by 2027. It’s like taking a big cut in pay and figuring out how to make ends meet without it.

One way is to eliminate spending on “wants” like the big lake and marinas. As Pillen often says, we need to focus on “needs” not “wants.”

The big lake idea went kaput last fall when a study confirmed what a lot of authorities had said about building a huge sandpit in a floodplain – it’s not feasible.

But tourism and economic development officials, at a recent public hearing, urged state lawmakers to restore

funding for the work at Lewis & Clark and Lake Mac.

In Ogallala, they say that summer is when “the license plates turn green.” That’s because of the influx of Coloradoans to the white sand beaches of Lake McConaughy. Better roads are needed there, they said, to keep those out-of-state dollars rolling in.

And up in northeast Nebraska, officials have fretted for years about the lack of development on the Nebraska side of Lewis & Clark Lake. Most of the tourism dollars are spent on the South Dakota side of the reservoir, where there’s a major marina, several restaurants and stores, and a major town, Yankton.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m a big fan of recreation. But if there’s an economic opportunity, can’t that be taken care of by private investment? Does the state always have to pass a tax break or spend a bunch on new amenities to get

developers to build something or a new business to locate here?

State lawmakers touted the big income tax cut as a way to attract new residents – an argument not borne out by most studies, which indicate that better-paying jobs lure most movers, followed by changes in a family situation, such as a divorce or retirement.

As with a lot of things, we’ll find out later if grounding STARWARS was a bad idea or not. Meanwhile, may the force be with you.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Bringing Americans together to confront our challenges

When President Trump took office, historic inflation and a failure of leadership by the Biden administration had hammered American families and small businesses.

Disastrous policies led to our agriculture producers losing ground in export markets, deadly fentanyl flooding across the border, and dangerous criminals and terrorists threatening our communities due to a lack of immigration enforcement.

Threats from China, Russia, Iran, and other rogue nations were rising as American influence abroad waned.

This week, after 44 days in office, the president delivered his first joint address to Congress of his second term.

In his speech, the president reiterated his commitment to meet the

challenges facing our nation. He recounted the record number of actions his administration has already taken to increase government transparency, protect our communities, and empower Americans with opportunity. His invitation for all Americans to unite around our common values for the good of our nation was especially important for our current political moment.

There is much more to accomplish, but the impact of President Trump’s leadership is already clear.

For example, according to data from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, in February illegal border crossings dropped to the lowest level on record. Commonsense border action such as reinstating the Remain in Mexico policy and acknowledging the terror perpetrated by cartels on our southern border is demonstrating proper enforcement of our laws makes a marked difference.

President Trump was also right when he spoke about getting executive agencies back to serving the American people.

In addition to bringing federal workers back into the office, the De-

partment of Government Efficiency has already identified an estimated \$105 billion in taxpayer savings. Here in Congress, my bill to hold the IRS accountable would refocus the agency toward upgrading customer service and technology systems by reclaiming the remainder of the \$80 billion Democrats poured into the agency to target middle-class families and small businesses with audits.

The Trump action to eliminate burdensome Biden-era restrictions on energy production and a coordinated, all-of-the-above approach is clearing a path to energy abundance. Since this time last year, gas prices are down by more than 8 percent and diesel prices are down by 10 percent. Embracing the flexibility offered by biofuels is an essential component of this, and my bill to permanently eliminate barriers to year-round E15 would expand access to this sustainable energy source which saves consumers up to 30 cents per gallon.

In recent years, rural Americans and agriculture producers have been disproportionately harmed by price spikes in energy and other farm inputs.

At the same time, agriculture and energy producers have lost ground in international markets due to trade complacency.

By promptly putting an end to the Biden-Harris war on energy affordability, engaging with our trading partners, and championing domestic production of fuels and critical minerals in his joint address, President Trump has shown he is committed to delivering relief and combating inflation. We have a lot of work to do to ensure hardworking families and small businesses can make ends meet and manage potential market shocks, but having a partner in the White House who understands the urgency of our needs makes a tremendous difference.

Getting our country back on track demands we secure tax relief, enhance our economic strength, stand up for hardworking agriculture producers, demonstrate leadership in the world, reinforce our defense readiness, and support the heroic efforts of our law enforcement officers.

I look forward to continuing to work with the president to achieve these goals and ensure a more promising future for our nation.

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When the Girls State Basketball Tournament tipped off in Lincoln, it was the official start of March Madness in Nebraska. It's one of the best, buzzer-beating times of the year.

For all the champions that will be crowned this month, we know that those winners spent years practicing and compet-

FROM THE DESK OF....



Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen

ing for an opportunity to earn a trophy.

We also know that many more ended their season in defeat. But through it all (and this is why youth sports are awesome) our kids are learning life-long lessons.

Occasionally sports offer a chance to chase college scholarships. More often, they're just a way to have some fun with friends or get healthy. But, almost always, sports create unity in our schools and communities.

The truth is: sports matter – a ton – to us Nebraskans.

No, sports don't feed the world or solve society's problems – but they help create people who will.

Physically, participating in sports helps girls and boys build strength, endurance, and coordination while promoting overall health – reducing the risk of obesity, diabetes, and other health issues later in life. Mentally, sports boost self-esteem and confidence. When kids master new skills, drain a shot, or contribute to a team, they feel a sense of accomplishment that carries over into other areas of life. It also teaches flexibility – learning to handle a loss or setback builds grit and valuable perspective.

Data show that youth sports are a gold mine for those that participate. Student athletes are more likely to excel academically and graduate at a higher rate than non-athletes. They learn teamwork, communication, and leadership skills that are hard to replicate in just about any classroom. They become more disciplined by juggling practices and schoolwork. They form friendships and find role

models, like coaches, who can inspire.

Sports are Life 101. Youth sports have especially benefited girls, who before the enactment of Title IX in the 1970s, had many fewer sports opportunities than boys. Now, those benefits are threatened by the rise of a movement to allow biological boys to participate in girls' sports.

Just like most Nebraskans, I want to keep politics as far from the field as possible, but this conversation – taken over by a vocal minority – needs a dose of common sense and straightforward policy. The reality is that this issue is NOT political – it's simply about protecting our girls and standing up for our values.

Anyone watching our state basketball tournaments can see that letting boys compete against girls is a bad idea – both unfair and unsafe. The majority of people agree on this issue too. In a Gallup survey of adults conducted in May 2023, nearly 70 percent of respondents said that athletes should only compete on sports teams that

correspond with their birth sex.

This is one reason why I testified in favor of the Stand With Women Act (LB89), introduced by Senator Kathleen Kauth at my request. It is also why I established the Nebraska Women's Bill of Rights by executive order and proudly stood in the White House with President Trump when he signed his own, similar order into federal law.

The four focus areas of my administration are: Kids, Taxes, Agriculture, and Values. This legislation hits on two of those priorities – our Nebraska values and standing up for our kids.

It is necessary to inject normalcy into this area and protect sports for Nebraska girls and young women. We know the positive impact sports can have on an athlete's life. We need to make sure every Nebraska girl has privacy in her locker room and has a safe and fair playing field. There is no better place to learn from the sting of a hard-fought loss or – even better – the thrill of a well-earned victory.

Best of luck to all the teams competing this March. Go get 'em!

New state revenue could reach \$165 million

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met on February 28 and voted to increase revenue projections for the upcoming 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years. The Board forecasted in October of last year that the state was facing a budget shortfall of \$432 million. With the latest forecast, Nebraska is projected to receive up to \$165 million in potential new revenue, reducing the state's budget shortfall to about \$198 million. Revenue projections for the current fiscal year were raised based on an anticipated increase in corporate income tax receipts, offset by projected decreases in miscellaneous and individual income tax receipts. The Economic Forecasting Advisory Board will meet again in April to evaluate income tax receipts to the state.

This past week, the Appropriations Committee heard testimony on the proposed STAR WARS projects and my bill LB491. Relevant to northeast

Nebraska, testifiers emphasized the need to compete with South Dakota in tourism and economic development.

Receiving the bulk of tourism dollars, South Dakota takes advantage of most of the two million visitors that visit each year along the Missouri River corridor, so Nebraska not developing our side of the Lewis and Clark is a missed opportunity.

The more optimistic economic forecast and unexpected projected increase in tax revenue helps improve the likelihood that funding for the Weigand Marina and other STAR WARS projects will be maintained.

I and other members of the STAR WARS Committee remain engaged in talks with the Appropriations Committee, the Governor's Office, and the Game and Parks Commission to try to keep the money previously appropriated for STAR WARS.

LB491 was brought on behalf of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and would restore \$14 million

in state funding for a museum and visitor center honoring Chief Standing Bear intended to be built in northeast Nebraska. The funding for this project was cut by the Governor as part of an effort to close the state's

multi-million-dollar budget deficit.

Proponents to LB491 at the hearing argued that this project would help bring tourism and support the local economy. As of this writing, a final source of funds has yet to be determined. Meanwhile, the General Affairs Committee heard testimony on four bills that would

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Fear is one of our primal instincts.
People who trust in God learn there is no need to fear.
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This week in church, find help to push back on your fears.

Do not be afraid. Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27
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Wolfpack Sports



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Wolfpack senior Taylor Beckman had plenty to shout about after helping cut down the nets after EPPJ's victory over Kenesaw. He and his teammates will play Wynot in the first round of the Class D2 State Tournament Thursday night in Lincoln.

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final to earn a state tournament berth.

The Wolfpack faced Wausa, just once early in the season. Playing on the Vikings' home court, EPPJ lost by just one point, 36 to 35.

Wynot is led by junior point guard Devin Brummer. He averaged 9.8 points per game (ppg). Brummer is dangerous from three-point range, making 66 of 163 (40 percent) during the season. Senior teammate Andrew Haberman averaged 9.5 (ppg) while junior Kotner Koch tossed in 9.3 ppg.

Junior Killian Steinhaus averages nearly four assists per game and pulled down a team-high 109 rebounds during the season. Of note, their best free throw shooter (minimum 50 attempts during the season) is Haberman (45-83) at 54 percent. They are coached by Lee Heimes and his assistant Patrick Wieseler. Wynot's 13-man

roster has just two seniors. For the Wolfpack, guided by Coach Matt Euse and assistants Paiton Hoefer and Kyle Kallhoff, junior Jarek Erickson leads the team in a number of statistical categories. He averaged 14.2 points ppg and pulled down nine rebounds per game.

While no Wynot player averaged in double figures, EPPJ had three. In addition to Erickson, Karson Kallhoff averaged 12.2 ppg while senior Kellan Hoefer tossed in 11.2 ppg. Kallhoff made 64 of 188 three-point shots (34 percent). Percentage-wise, Erickson

was the team's top three-point shooter, making 42 percent of his attempts (35/83). The winner of the EPPJ/Wynot game will face the winner of the Fullerton/Wausa game in the semi-finals Friday. Game time Friday will be 7:45 p.m. at the Devaney Sports Center.

Coach Euse said inside game among keys to victory

Wolfpack Coach shared with *The Elgin Review* what he sees as the biggest factors in Thursday's game against Wynot.

1. *What are three keys to the game?* The three biggest keys to the game on Thursday are 1) Establish our inside game early, we have the size advantage and getting early looks inside will open up outside opportunities. 2) Taking care of the ball. 3) Force Wynot to take contested shots and we cannot allow them to get comfortable on the offensive end.
2. *EPPJ comes into the game having played a number of state tourney teams. Does that make your team confident?* We have played in 9 games that involved a State Tournament team along with a few other teams that made a distinct fi-

nal. It does give the team confidence knowing that we have played against some of the best teams in the state. We are battle tested, we just need to use our past experiences to prepare for another tough battle.

3. *What can you tell us about the Wynot Blue Devils?* Wynot is a very good team on both sides of the floor. Defensively, they do a great job of pressuring man to man. They put full court pressure on teams all game and really do a great job of making teams uncomfortable. Offensively, they are well balanced. They do not have a single player scoring double digits. Multiple guys average 6-9.5 PPG. They have guys who can attack off the dribble and multiple guys who can shoot the ball.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

March 12 Wolfpack Pep Rally, 3 pm • Wolfpack Dance
Awards • EPS School Board

March 13 Schools dismiss at 1 pm

March 14 No School

March 16 PJCC Speech Night

March 17 EPS District Speech @ Wausa

March 19 EPS dismiss at 1 pm, PJCC all day

March 20 PJCC No School, hosting District Speech

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
SCHRADER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
The name of the limited liability company: SCHRADER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 84920 Cemetery Road, Neligh, Nebraska 68756. 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. This company commenced

upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on February 25, 2025, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

SCHRADER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.
Martin V. Klein
Klein Law Office, P.C.
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Neligh, NE 68756-0166
(402)887-4190

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NOTICE FOR BIDS
ARMOR COATING

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Armor Coating**
The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 1st, 2025 for armor coating of oil roads within Antelope County. Said bids are for the application of armor coating using county furnished materials. Successful bidder will supply the specified product from April 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025. Price should be per mile. All work to be done according to county specifications. Contractor must supply traffic control, signing and proof of bonding and insurance. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM, on April 1st, 2025 in the Antelope County Commissioners Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelopes should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Armor Coating Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. PUBLISH: March 12, 19 & 26, 2025
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NOTICE FOR BIDS
ASPHALT OIL

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Asphalt Oil**
The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 1st, 2025 for asphalt oil. Price should be per gallon. Purchase of asphalt oil to be delivered to each county shop from April 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 for the following types of asphalt: MC-800, RC-250, MC3000, CRS2, and CRS-2P. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501

NOTICE FOR BIDS
GRAVEL

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Gravel**
The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM on April 1st, 2025, for gravel. Bids may be brought in or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026. Successful bidder will supply the specified product from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Bids will be opened and publicly read on April 1st, 2025 at 9:45 AM in the County Commissioners room of the Antelope County

NOTICE FOR BIDS
HOT MIX ASPHALT

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Hot Mix Asphalt**
The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 1st, 2025, for hot mix asphalt. Price should be per ton and per location. Purchase of hot mix asphalt picked up at location between April 1, 2025, to December 1, 2025, for all types of hot mix asphalt. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
H4 CATTLE COMPANY, L.L.C.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
The name of the limited liability company: H4 Cattle Company, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 83671 Hwy 14, 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.

This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on March 7, 2025, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 3, 2025 MEETING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

466.75; Payroll, 2896.67
Transfers: 150000.00
SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2656.90; General Fund: 10130.00
STREET: ERPPD, se, 968.62; Verizonwireless, su, 79.25; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 163.85; Hometown Station, fuel, 167.96; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 750.00; The Elgin Review, print, 194.37; Corner Service & Tire, se, 62.64; Brain Beckman, se, 175.00; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Complete Pest Elimination, se, 3211.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 173.44; Payroll, 1973.02
WATER: ERPPD, se, 926.26; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.92; Verizonwireless, su, 79.24; Elgin One Stop, su, 78.13; NE Health Lab, se, 291.00; One Call Concepts, se, 1.64; US Post Office, postage, 110.75; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 302.90; Payroll, 3946.06
SEWER: ERPPD, se, 1015.00; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.33; Midwest Laboratories, se, 219.62; One Call Concepts, se, 1.64; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 5400.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 1109.42; Payroll, 1518.84
FIRE: ERPPD, se, 211.06; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.52; APPEARA, su, 60.31; Black Hills Energy, se, 767.71
POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2, 800.00; J.P. Cooke Company, su, 88.85
TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING:

Betty Moser Estate, rent, 100.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6537.50
POOL: ERPPD, se, 63.53; Great Plains Communications, se, 10.00; The Elgin Review, print, 170.50; NE Dept of Environment & Energy, license, 40.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 45.43; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79
PARK: ERPPD, se, 84.90; Payroll, 454.20
LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 121.50; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.53; Playaway Products, su, 79.99; Black Hills Energy, se, 165.27; Payroll, 1333.32
YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 33.60
RESCUE: Danko Emergency Equipment, capital, 266405.00; Nicole Moore, training, 1276.00; CLIA Laboratory Program, license, 248.00; Quick Med Claims, su, 96.80
• Stop adding fluoride to the city water supply beginning May 1, 2025
• Bid from Seda Land Handling, LLC for \$15,536.99 for the alley inlet on Bowen Street
• Purchase a pre-owned 2016 RAM 1500 Tradesman 4WD for \$22,000.00 from Wm Krotter Co. Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in O'Neill contingent on availability and test drive by a council member
• Accept the bid from Sta-bilt Construction Company to furnish and apply 7,000 gallons of armor coat oil at \$4.25 per gallon
• Midwest Armor Coat to lay liq-

uid road on the eight camper pads for a total of \$1,200.00
• Nicole Moore to Elgin Rescue Service
• Baylee Busted as summer of-
fice assistant
• Set the community clean-up day for Friday, April 11th, with a rain date of April 25th
The following agenda items were discussed:
• No quotes received for drainage ditch at 304 N 2nd St.
• No bids received for old salt spreader, look at disposing for iron
• Tabled summer applications for pool and maintenance
• Tabled setting pay rates for summer employees
• Dig new hole at tree dump
• Sheriff report: January-87 hours with nine 911 calls
• Use city shed to store fire department pumper truck until a final determination to sell it is made
• Set July 1, 2025 as date for house to be removed at 311 Cedar Street
• Clerk Childers will be attending schooling March 17-21
• Antelope County MFO funds have been received for this year
• Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025
• Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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MARCH 4, 2025 PROCEEDINGS
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
March 4th, 2025**

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
Approved agenda. Tabled all BOC & BOE Meeting minutes. Public comment.
Correspondence was reviewed. Zoning Administrator Report. Approved administrative plat.
Approved resolution opposing the mandatory electronic branding. Authorized publication of bid request for painting museum church.
Heard from District Court Clerk regarding legislative and judicial developments.
Authorized Clerk to advertise for bids for micro-surfacing 6.5 miles of Orchard north Road.
Opened and accepted bid for El-

gin East culvert project.
Approved bid for spraying of courthouse lawn for 2025 growing season.
Road Superintendent Report: approved 11 oversize permits and 11 underground permits. Approved purchase of a 2007 Mack truck.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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MARCH 4, 2025 MEETING PROCEEDINGS
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Neligh, Nebraska
March 4th, 2025**

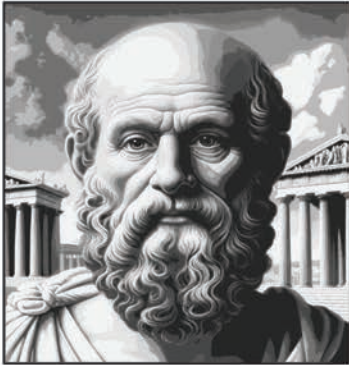
Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
Approved four (4) tax roll corrections
Approved two (2) exemption ap-

plications.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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Elgin EMTs - thank you for the quick response in transporting me to the hospital. We are so lucky to live in a small town with so many great volunteers. Special thanks to Lacy, Kari, Kim, Julie, Niki, Craig, Jay, Brian and Eric.
Kenny & Jeanine Jochum



Courtesy photo

Coming to their aid

One of Elgin's fire trucks on site was front and center in this photo from Monday's mutual aid fire call to Bartlett. This is the third instance of a mutual aid grass fire in as many weeks. For those wondering, even though recent moisture has been received in the Elgin area, prolonged dry periods have left grasses and brush dry and very susceptible to fire.

2025 Tree Care Workshops in Hartington, Norfolk and Ord

By Pam Bergstrom

agroforester, nebraska forest service - lincoln, ne

Welcome to spring in Nebraska! You can go through all 4 seasons in a single day! Along with calving and field preparation for planting, springtime is also a period to celebrate our tree planting heritage and that also means tree care! The Nebraska Forest Service will be hosting 3 Tree Care Workshops in Eastern Nebraska this March in Hartington, Norfolk, and Ord.

All three workshops will require advanced registration and will cost \$40 per person and this will include refreshments, a noon meal, and handout materials. Registration will begin around 8:30 AM with a start time of 9:00 AM and lunch around 11:45 AM. The program will be divided into classroom sessions in the morning and early afternoon and an outdoor component with hands on demonstration of either pruning trees for Hartington and Norfolk and a sawmill demonstration in Ord. The program should wrap up around 3:00 PM. You are more than welcome to bring your own pruning equipment, but that is not necessary. If you do, please make sure you can identify them from others. It is also recommended to bring your own work gloves and dress for outdoor conditions. If the weather is unfavorable to be

outside, we will have indoor instruction and activities as a backup. Hartington will kick off the first of the three Tree Care Workshops on Tuesday, March 25 at the Hartington City Auditorium at 101 North Broadway. On Wednesday, March 26, the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk on the campus of Northeast Community College will host the middle workshop. And the Lower Loup Natural Resources District office will host the final workshop in Ord on Thursday, March 27. The topics that will be discussed include pruning landscape trees and fruit trees, getting updated on insect and disease issues of trees, and why the health of the soil plays an important role in your tree's overall well-being. Additional topics such as establishing food forests in your community and tricks and tips for improving your trees' performance will be brought front and center. To learn more about Tree Care Workshops in Nebraska, contact the Nebraska Forest Service Agroforester Pam Bergstrom at pbergstrom2@unl.edu or the Nebraska Forest Service Eastern Nebraska Community Forester Graham Herbst at g Herbst2@unl.edu. You can also visit the Nebraska Forest Service's Event Brite website for more information and to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nebraska-forest-service-12430295216>.



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Could this be winter's final gasp?

Last Tuesday and Wednesday saw a winter weather system dump four to five inches of heavy, wet snow on the Elgin area. Communities closer to the South Dakota border - and further west - saw around ten inches of snow. City of Elgin employees have not spent a lot of time with snow removal during this milder-than-normal winter but Wednesday morning proved that they haven't forgotten their routine. Milder weather beginning Friday afternoon saw most of the snow disappear by Monday. With more than half of March left, there is still time for some more of the white stuff to return to Elgin.

Colostrum: setting calves up for success

Colostrum: Setting Calves Up for Success Spring is a busy time for producers, balancing fieldwork and calving season. Unfortunately, some tasks may slip through the cracks, including ensuring calves receive adequate colostrum. An estimated 11-31% of calves fail to receive enough colostrum at birth, which can significantly impact calf health, performance, and profitability. Providing colostrum early and in sufficient quantities helps calves thrive, making it a critical part of newborn calf care.

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

necessary for calf immunity, nutrition, and vigor. Studies suggest calves need at least 150 g of IgG at birth, with recent research recommending 200-300 g for optimal protection. The quality of colostrum depends on several factors, including the dam's nutrition, body condition score (BCS), and age. Older cows generally produce both higher quality and greater quantities of colostrum than heifers. Research shows cows with a BCS of 5-6 produce better colostrum, while thinner cows produce less, putting their calves at greater risk. Timing is critical for colostrum absorption. Calves absorb the highest levels of IgG in the

first four hours of life, with absorption decreasing significantly after 12 hours and gut closure occurring by 24 hours. Difficult births can cause metabolic acidosis, further limiting IgG absorption. Assisted births should prompt producers to milk the cow and offer colostrum to the calf through bottle feeding or tubing—both methods are effective. The best source of colostrum is the calf's own mother, followed by donor cows from the same herd. Going outside of your own herd for colostrum sources can open the door to disease risk, and as such is discouraged. Colostrum can be stored in quart bags in the freezer for up to one year but should always be thawed in a water bath below 140°F to preserve IgG quality. Avoid microwaving, as it can denature antibodies. If herd colostrum is unavailable, colostrum re-

placers are an option. Choose products containing at least 150 g of IgG, protein, and fat to meet nutritional needs. Colostrum supplements differ from true replacers and do not provide enough IgG. They should only be used to supplement calves that have already received some colostrum from the dam. While ensuring proper colostrum intake takes extra time during a busy season, the benefits are well worth the effort. Taking the time to provide adequate colostrum gives calves the best chance at a healthy start, supporting their immunity, growth, and long-term performance. - Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving northeast Nebraska. 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

Considering landscape lighting? Consider this...

Landscape lighting has become increasingly popular in recent years. Such lighting can extend living spaces, and many homeowners report that a well-lit landscape helps them feel more safe at home. Though the final cost to light up a home's exterior will depend on the size of a property, landscape lighting is among the more

budget-friendly home renovations homeowners can consider. According to the renovation experts at Angi.com, the average cost of a landscape lighting

project is \$4,000. Considering how much landscape lighting transforms the look of a property at night, that's a lot of bang for homeowners' bucks. Solar lights are popular, but homeowners may want to consider electrical wiring that ensures lights maintain their awe-inspiring glow throughout the night. Electrical work requires additional labor, and thus a higher price tag. However, Angi notes that modern LED bulbs consume just 25 percent of the energy used by incandescent alternatives, which can make them a more reliable option than self-installed solar lights.



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provide a more detailed regulatory framework for the two medical cannabis initiatives passed last year.

LB651 from Senator Conrad and LB677 from Senator Hansen would establish a medical cannabis system modeled off of Missouri's system which seeks to strike a balance between patient access and public health.

Both bills would allow for multiple ways for people to use cannabis, including smoking, vaping, infused edibles, and ointments.

LB483 from Senator Storm would limit permissible cannabis forms to just pills and liquid extracts, with a possible amendment coming for inhalers and nebulizers. This bill would also reduce the amount of cannabis a person can possess from 5 ounces per person with a health care practitioner's written recommendation to 300 milligrams.

LB705 from Senator McKinney largely mirrors LB677 and LB651 but includes a path to criminal justice relief for people with past marijuana convictions as well as creates other programs for "social equity applicants" from historically underrepresented communities.

In the coming days, the introducers of these four bills and the General Affairs Committee will be looking for a possible pathway to get at least one of these bills to the floor. I anticipate these bills will result in contentious in discussions among committee members and during floor debate.

As these bills are heard and debated, I would appreciate your input.

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 68509.

**SECTION 00 10 00
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "2025 Microsurfacing for Antelope County, Nebraska," JEO Project No. 250780.00, Quest-CDN No. 9563299 will be received by the county clerk at 501 Main Street, Rm. 6, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026, until 9:30 AM on the 1st day of April 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: crack sealing and microsurfacing placement for approximately 6 miles.

Opinion of Probable Cost

\$500,000

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of Antelope County, Nebraska as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in

accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with Antelope County, Nebraska for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please contact Sandy Walker at 402.371.6416 / swalker@jeo.com to coordinate your request and send your check to: 404 S 25th Street, Ste. B, Norfolk, NE 68701. In order to bid the project, the con-

tract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

antelope county, nebraska
CHARLIE HENERY,
Board Chairperson
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PAINTING - ST. PETERS CHURCH, ANTELOPE COUNTY MUSEUM

NOTICE - Painting - St. Peters Church, Antelope County Museum

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids for the painting of the Antelope County Museum's St. Peters Church located at 411 L Street,

Neligh being a part of Antelope County Museum Complex. Bids will be accepted until 9:15 AM on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the wording "Bid for Painting" in the lower left-hand corner. Bids may be addressed to the Antelope

County Clerk, 501 Main Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 or dropped off at the County Clerk's Office. Bids will be opened at the April 1st, 2025 board meeting at 9:15 AM, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex. For bidding information

and specs please contact the Antelope County Clerk at (402) 887-4410. The Antelope County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Decrease in federal share of
Nebraska Medicaid costs
increases budget shortfall

LINCOLN — The federal government is again planning to decrease the percentage of state Medicaid costs it will cover for Nebraska, leaving state lawmakers on the hook for an additional \$90.3 million this budgeting cycle.

State Sen. Rob Clements of Elmwood, chair of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee, announced the revision Thursday, one day after legislative staff found the overlooked Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) revisions from January.

That oversight will eat into the progress of a recently amended two-year economic forecast, which decreased an initial \$432 million shortfall at the start of the session to \$267 million.

That's because of an additional \$65 million in projected tax revenue over the next two fiscal years. Lawmakers also have the option of accessing an additional \$100 million in revenue from this fiscal year that went automatically to the cash reserve.

The change Clements discussed this week determines federal matching funds to offset state Medicaid costs, meaning the recent decrease in federal funds leaves the state needing to pay for more.

The initial decrease in the federal share of state Medicaid costs from October passed \$235 million in Medicaid costs back on to Nebraska.

That was before the January adjustment.

That decrease and the latest are on regular Medicaid costs and not hoped-for matching federal funds for provider assessments as approved in 2024 and pending in 2025 under legislation led by State Sen. Mike Jacobson of North Platte.

Clements' committee issued a preliminary budget Feb. 18 that identified \$171 million toward closing the shortfall. However, some of those items, including a \$14 million cut to the University of Nebraska, will be fought in committee and, if advanced, during floor debate.

With the Medicaid changes but without the committee's recommended cuts, the state budget shortfall for the 2025-27 fiscal years is \$457 million. Including the committee's changes, the shortfall would be about \$289 million, according to the legislative fiscal office.

Clements said it will be "a tougher year than we thought" to balance the budget.

"We all need to work together to balance the budget," he said. "It's not just the Appropriations Committee's budget. It's the Legislature's budget, and we're required to balance it."

Editor's note: This story has been revised to clarify that the Legislature would have to take an affirmative step to use the \$100 million in additional revenues from this fiscal year to close the budget shortfall.
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Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated Wednesday afternoon March 5, at Wheeler Central with various activities that related to Dr. Seuss. (l) Elijah Heinz, Wheeler Central senior, reading to Ridge Smith. (r) Dawson Kluver, Wheeler Central 7th grader, reading to Gage Reed (l) and Tate Swick (r).

A benefit was held Saturday evening, January 8 at the KC Hall in Elgin in support of Janna Schrunk who has multiple myeloma.

Many community members, family members and friends from far and wide attended the supper.

Both silent and live auctions were held in conjunction with the event.

The supper included pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cheesy potatoes and a choice of dessert which included various types of cake, cookies and pie.

Read Across America, an annual event, was celebrated at Wheeler Central Wednesday afternoon, March 5.

Older students are paired up with younger students to read

Dr. Seuss books, color Dr. Seuss coloring pages or play Dr. Seuss games.

The event was organized by Wheeler Central staff member Kimmie Reed.

Wheeler Central school days were at a minimum this week. No school was held Monday or Tuesday due to a blizzard. Wednesday was a 10 o'clock late start. Thursday was a normal school day (normal can have a variety of meanings) and no school Friday, a scheduled Spring Break vacation day.

Andy Tetschner was a guest in my home Saturday evening late and Sunday morning; He came to help with Janna Schrunk's benefit.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Many friends and family of attended a benefit supper for Janna Schrunk, Saturday evening, March 8, at the KC Hall in Elgin.

Courthouse News

A plea agreement was reached in case involving a 44-year-old Tilden man during the March 5 session of Antelope County Court.

Jonathon L. Werner pleaded guilty to an amended complaint of driving during revocation/im-pound-1st, a Class II misdemeanor.

Per the agreement, the state agreed not to file additional charges from the incident.

The Honorable Donna Taylor sentenced Werner to pay a \$1,000 fine and serve four days in jail.

Werner was given credit for four days previously served. Taylor also ordered Werner not to drive and revoked his driver's license for one year. Additionally, he will pay \$50 in court costs.

Dallus L. Christiansen, 27, of Neligh, appeared for sentencing on one count of DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor; and one count of Speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, an infraction.

On count one, Taylor sentenced Christiansen to serve 10 days in jail and pay a \$500 fine. He will receive credit for two days previously served. Christiansen's driver's license will be revoked for 18 months.

Taylor ordered an ignition interlock permit and placed Christiansen on probation for 12 months.

The defendant was fined \$75 on the speeding charge.

Taylor ordered the defendant to pay \$150 in court and lab costs. Christiansen agreed to have his bond be applied to payment of fines and costs.

Hector A. Perez, 46, of Orchard, was sentenced to five days in jail, with credit for one day served, on one count of driving during revocation/im-pound-2nd/3rd, a Class II misdemeanor.

Perez agreed his bond be applied to payment of fines and costs.

Benjamin Garcia Vicente, 55, of O'Neill, appeared for sentencing for one count of driving during revocation/im-pound-1st, a Class II misdemeanor. Taylor sentenced Vicente to pay a \$500 fine and revoked his license for one year.

Mark W. Patrick, 26, of Neligh, failed to appear for a bond forfeiture hearing on one count of drive during revocation/im-pound-1st, a Class II misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, an infraction.

A warrant was previously issued for Patrick on Feb. 5, after he failed to appear for a hearing.

Taylor granted the state's motion to forfeit bond.

Tyler R. Bellar, 21, appeared for a pretrial hearing. The Elgin man accepted a plea agreement and entered a guilty plea to one count of DV assault-3rd/threat/

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Spinning Tales

We're better - you know it, I know it, let's show it

State tournament week. There's nothing bigger or better for a small town than to lock its doors and head down in multitudes to cheer their sons or daughters in a tournament which matches the best teams for ultimate glory.

Elgin, that's what we're about to do in just a matter of hours. Some will leave Wednesday after the pep rally, but I think

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

We haven't played the fine folks from Wynot this season. I can't remember a time when we have played Wynot. Of the few opponents we have in common, the one that creates the most interest is Wausa. Earlier in the season, on December 14 to be exact, we played Wausa on their home court and came up one point short, 36 to 35.

Wynot has played Wausa three times, losing the first two, then just weeks ago they rolled the Vikings by 20 points

Like every team who has any postseason aspirations, they get better as the season progresses to the point that they want to be playing the best when the games matter the most. Wynot has to be better than they were at the start of the season, when the Vikings defeated them. That's a given. So to, is the fact the Wolfpack are much improved since that one-point loss to the Vikings. You know it, I know it and Wynot will know it, so why not show it Thursday night?

Wouldn't it be great to get the Wolfpack fans to provide a home-court advantage. Be proud, get loud, get real loud. I'm not saying to stand the

whole game like the student body does, you can if you want to but not everybody has the stamina or the willpower to do that and block the view of a fan sitting behind you. But you can make noise. You can let out a roar every time the Wolfpack score or force a turnover.

Having been on the floor photographing games for 40 years now, you can feel the noise. The players feel it, I know they do. And, when they play in an environment like that, they play better. Playing in a gym where the opposing team's fans make more noise than your fans do, is hard to play in.

There's plenty of spirit just waiting to be tapped into. Against Kenesaw last week, the Wolfpack dads were decorated in one-piece white plastic overalls with their son's number on them. Granted, some of those white garments made a few of the dads resemble Pillsbury dough boys, but that didn't

matter. Anything to pump up the team or the crowd is okay during March when your team is playing for a state championship. I've heard a rumor the mamas may be doing something special for the Wausa game. Bring it on!

The best thing is the fans should get to do it again Friday and Saturday. It doesn't matter the opponent or the venue where the game will be played in, be proud, get loud! At no school were the fans more supportive than Perkins County High School during the late 1980s-early 90s. But it all began years before that when their biggest fan, Bill Long, started making signs to stir up the fans. It started in the late 1960s and got to the point where it felt like Grant was obligated to fill a spot in the state tournament field. I don't know if EPPJ fans can ever match what they did at Perkins County, but this would be a good year to start.

Court

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bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Per the agreement, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith will not make a recommendation at sentencing.

Taylor ordered a full pre-sentence investigation and continued Bellar's bond, set at \$10,000-10%.

Bellar will appear for sentencing on April 16.

Austin R. Klabenes, 19, of Neligh, appeared for a pretrial hearing on one count of DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor. Martin Klein, representing the defendant, requested a con-

tinuance.

Smith did not object and Taylor granted the motion.

Klabenes will appear March 19 for a pretrial hearing.

Katharine A. Stuthman, 44, of Neligh, appeared for arraignment on one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; and one count of operate or park unregistered vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor.

Stuthman pleaded guilty to both counts and Taylor ordered Stuthman to pay a \$200 fine on the first count and a \$25 fine on count two, in addition to \$50 in court costs.

Stuthman will appear April 16 for a show cause hearing if fines and costs have not been paid by that date.

Michelle R. Zelms, 38, of Norfolk, appeared for further arraignment on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Zelms, appearing with court-appointed counsel Patrick Carney, pleaded not guilty.

Taylor set a pretrial hearing for April 2.

Bond, in the amount of \$25,000-10% remains in effect. All previous bond conditions are continued.

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