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In Brief

School board offers contracts to current staff

Surplus property approved.

Meeting last week, the District #18 Board of Education acted like it has in past March meetings. All six board members were present for the meeting which was held Monday, March 11 at 8 p.m. to allow board members and administration to attend 'Speech Night' prior to the meeting.

What does the board do every March? They approve the offering of teacher contracts to the current staff for the upcoming school year. In this case, for the 2024/2025 school year.

Other items acted on were:

- To approve the surplus of a band saw, table saw and piano for the best price available; and for the disposal of a 3D printer.

- To table until the April meeting action on approval of a bid for chair lift replacement.

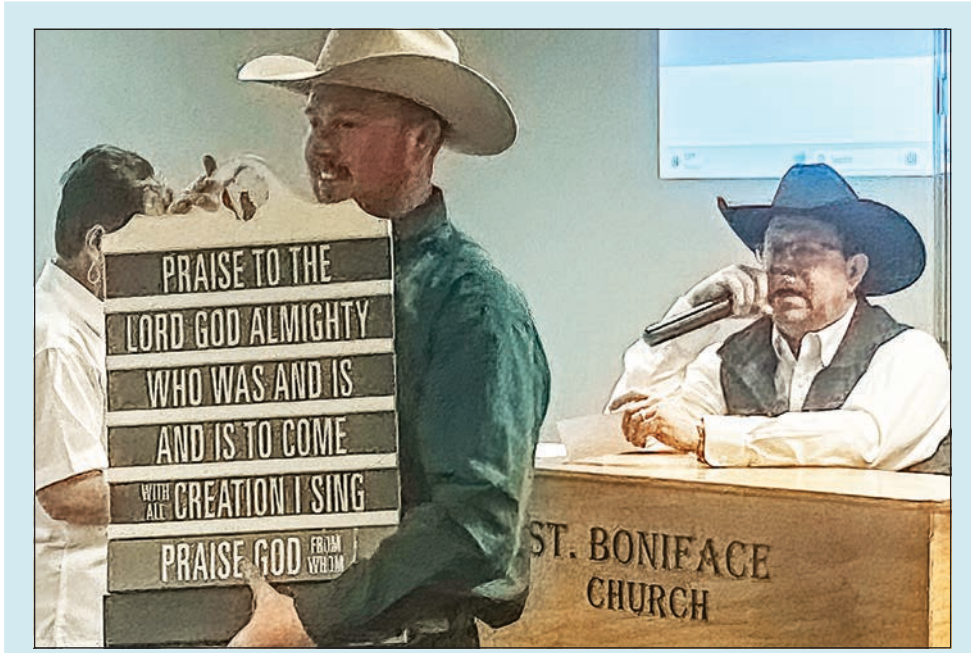
Also during the meeting, the board discussed classified staff hours, reaching a consensus that if overtime was needed it should be documented.

St. John's Catholic Church Fish Fry is Friday Night

Serving begins at 5 p.m.

The St. John's Catholic Church (rural Clearwater) annual Fish Fry will be this Friday, March 22.

Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for persons wishing to dine in or take out. This will be a free will offering event. The church is 10 miles south and one mile east of the Ewing/Corner of 509 Avenue & 848 Road.



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Bidders busy Saturday night

The St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction was well attended Saturday night. Numerous items were auctioned off. Here, Jace McKay holds up an item as auctioneer Corey Curtis looks for bids.

Summit Carbon Solutions to answer questions at open houses

Exhibit building at fairgrounds in Neligh to host event Monday afternoon

Summit Carbon Solutions has announced plans to host a series of open houses to allow citizens to come and ask questions about a proposed carbon dioxide pipeline. The open houses are scheduled to begin this week at locations across northeast Nebraska. Times and dates are:

March 25
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Atkinson Community Center

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Exhibit Building, Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh

March 26
7 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Casey's Building, Boone County Fairgrounds at Albion
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Gilman Park in Pierce

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Stanton Community Building
March 27

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Wayne City Auditorium
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Wakefield Civic Center

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Hubbard Community Center

The pipeline project has been created to establish a six-inch pipeline through the county as part of a multi-billion dollar project to create the world's largest carbon capture and storage project. According to published reports from the company, the pipeline project is a partnership among Midwest Carbon Solutions and 31 ethanol facilities in the upper Midwest.

PJ Development Dinner set for Sunday night

Ken and Joan Stuhr to be presented annual Roncalli Award

The 38th annual Pope John Development Dinner will be held this Sunday, March 24.

Werner Hall in Petersburg will be the site for the annual event.

Each year the Roncalli Award is presented. Selected to receive the award for 2024 will be Ken and Joan Stuhr.

According to a school-issued press release, they have been avid supporters of Pope John for many years. They have given their time by attending many functions and working countless hours. They have given their talents with Joan teaching in the classroom and Ken being on the school board and other committees.

Both have been a treasure to our school for their financial support and countless prayers throughout the

years. Ken and Joan have given continuously and their contribution to the long-term advancement of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic is so appreciated.

The Roncalli Award is named after Guiseppe Roncalli, which is the given name of the beloved patron Saint Pope John XXIII.

This prestigious award is presented each year to an individual or family in appreciation for their contribution to the long-term advancement of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School.

The event will be held this Sunday, March 24. Social hour and a silent auction will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Afterwards, awards and a live auction will be held.

The 2024 Elgin Community

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- 3 & 4
- 5 & 6
- 7, 8 & 9

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Organization — Botha Farm & Truck Repair, LLC

Notice of Liquor License Renewal — Antelope Country Club

Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice to Bidders (4) — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 75 degrees recorded on Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12.

The low during the same period was 23 degrees recorded on Saturday, March 16.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
March 10	55	30	.00
March 11	75	35	.00
March 12	75	35	.00
March 13	58	42	.00
March 14	58	26	.00
March 15	55	29	.00
March 16	53	23	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for March			0.00
Total precipitation 2024			2.03



Photo submitted

EPS speech team medalists at the district meet were (front row, l-r): Kayton Zwingman, Baylee Busted, Brenna Martinsen and Zoey Buechter. Back row: Kyndal Busted, Chloe Henn and Callie Heithoff.

EPS Speech team collects 14 medals at district speech meet last week

Last Wednesday, the Elgin Public Speech team competed at the D2-3 District Meet in Stuart.

Osmond walked away with the District Championship plaque, while host team Stuart were District Runners-up.

EPS placed third in team sweepstakes.

Earning top honors on the day for Elgin was the District Champion OID team of Baylee Busted, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman.

Kyndal Busted was the Runner-up in Persuasive Speaking.

The Duet Acting team of Henn and B. Busted won the third place medals.

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ECF Scholarship fund drive now underway

Every year, when Spring beckons, seniors begin to count down the days to graduation.

At the same time, Elgin and area residents donate to the Elgin Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Elgin Area Community Foundation.

The fund drive is now underway. Persons wishing to donate can do so at the Bank of Elgin during regular business hours.

Donations can also sent to the foundation at PO Box 345, Elgin, NE 68636.

Dollars collected during this fund drive will be used to finance scholarships for Elgin students graduating in 2024.

Members of the Elgin Area Founda-

See **ECF**, Page 2 ▶

PJCC Speech Night is tonight

The Pope John Speech Team, many whom will be competing later this week for state honors, will give a public performance tonight (March 20).

Beginning at 6 p.m. in the Pope John Library, speech team members will perform for the public.

Among those performing will be state qualifiers' Jack Barlow, Ashlyne Charf, Elise Ruterborries, Brooklyn Meis, Aiden Klein, Kaitey Schumacher, Olivia Klein, Juliana McNally, Jovie Borer, Tessa Barlow and Reese Stuhr.

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Good day, Spending my morning in the office, instead of sorting cattle. Things have been very busy at Elgin Livestock! I still find time to do what I enjoy the most! Cooking and baking will always be my

favorite. This week is a dessert that maybe you want to share at the next fish fry or for Easter dinner. The recipe doesn't get any easier than this! Serve it with a dollop of Cool Whip® and enjoy. So delicious!

JoAnn

DUMP CAKE (NO MIXING ALLOWED)

1 large can crushed pineapple (not drained)
1 can cherry pie filling
1 large pkg yellow cake mix

1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 cup butter (1 stick)

Grease a 9x13 pan, Preheat oven to 350°. Dump undrained crushed pineapple in pan and spread to fill the corners. Dump cherry pie filling evenly over the pineapple. Cover the mixture with the dry cake mix evenly. Sprinkle the nuts over top of the cake mix. Cut the stick of butter in parts and place on top of the nuts, and cake mix. DO NOT MIX. Bake for 1 hour until nicely brown. Yummy!

City's tornado sirens to be tested

It was announced last week that the City of Elgin will be joining communities across the state, participating in the National Weather Service Statewide Tornado Drill. Tornado sirens will sound on Wednesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. City Clerk Kristin Childers indicated that this will only be a test, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the sirens will not sound.

Scholarships

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tion Scholarship Committee are Lisa Schumacher, Dean Schrage, Greg Wemhoff, Anne Parks, Vicki Miller and Dennis Morgan.

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Tickets are \$75 per person

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COMMUNITY NEWS

'Haven't met a soul in Elgin with a visible tattoo'

Met someone in a nearby Nebraska town recently with a tattooed wedding ring. Now, that's a new one to catch my observant eye! Seems he's an incessant fidgeter, constantly spinning the symbol of everlasting love on his finger, much to the distraction of those around him. Also know someone who had the look of eyeliner tattooed on her lovely face.

While both of these examples are functional in nature, most

tattoos are decorative only. Haven't met a soul here in Elgin with a visible tattoo, though one never knows. A work colleague enamored by dragonflies proudly dropped her skirt slightly one day to show the tiny tattoo in full green flight emblazoned just below her slim waist. Another, whose entomologist brother died, cherishes his memory with a black spider crawling up her arm.

Discreet or blatantly visible,

tattooing has moved from being largely taboo to more accepted as a means of self-expression. A Pew Research Center 2023 analysis shows 32 percent of Americans have at least one tattoo with the butterfly being the most popular.

Truth-be-told, yours truly has gotten a tattoo here and there, though not the permanent kind. Last year while in Panama spending a spectacular day with the Embera tribe, a young man learning the art used a plant-based substance to create a delightful bracelet for me.

He said it would disappear in five days, took two weeks. It was fun at the time though my preference is for removable jewelry to match the whim of the day.

Back in 2018 when hubby Rick and I traveled to New Zealand, we hung out with the Maori people for a delightful day of food, dance, and immersion into their culture. Facial designs for this tribe indicate lineage and status within the tribe.

On yet another trip to Europe in 2022, we had the heart-wrenching experience of visiting the Nazi concentration camp called Dachau. Those detained, most of whom died in gas chambers disguised as showers, had identifying numbers tattooed on left forearms. This year, in Egypt, we learned the ancients used tattoos to show dedication to the gods and convey divine protection.

Bottom line - the practice of tattooing has been around a long, long time, since around 3330 BC, it's estimated. And it's practiced across the globe by many cultures with variable symbolism and cultural acceptability.

Skin art isn't to be confused with the military tattoo, a sun-down performance by marching military bands. How delightful to experience this pomp and circumstance on the Ellipse immediately south of our Nation's White House while we worked in DC! The cost to hire a tattoo artist, either hand-tapped or machine-punctured, can vary in the hundreds and thousands de-

pending on size and complexity.

In addition to cash, a high pain tolerance is good to have in your back pocket. Thicker skin and more body fat, such as on the forearm, shoulder, and parts of the back, can be less painful than, say, the face. Search the internet for a tattoo pain chart.

In Nebraska, artists must hold a Body Art License from the Department of Health. Courses in bloodborne pathogens and cardiopulmonary resuscitation are required.

Aging often results in new wrinkles, droops, and unwanted bulges. When considering a tattoo, some might question if you'd want this same design on your body in the old folk's home or when your perky boobs sag. While some employers, say in the medical, legal, and banking professions, used to shy away from hiring a tattoo-laden person, seems most don't mind now as long as the artwork is not offensive or distracting.

Generally, permanent body art is not considered dangerous to health, though infections can occur. Scratching the skin during the healing process can result in scarring that replaces the ink. Red ink is the most likely color to cause skin problems; black, the least likely.

Judaism traditionally prohibits tattoos referencing Leviticus 19:28 indicating "you shall not... tattoo any marks on you." Cuttings and marks were culturally associated with death and idolatry in Israel during Biblical times. No mention is made of tattoos in the New Testament of the Bible.

Just curious, so shopped for a tattoo design - 2,479,333 images out there on the internet. With Rick and my 50th wedding anniversary coming up in May, a fleeting thought was to honor that date with a tattoo. Very fleeting though. My dear mother always said if God wanted me to have pierced ears, you would have arrived with holes in your ears. While it never came up, it's assumed she felt same about tattoos.

Nothing against tattoos. That's your business. Just know, like a couple's gravestone etched in stone, a tattoo, short of surgery or laser treatments, is permanent body art. Perhaps some serious thought is needed to color your decision one way or the other.

Send comments to jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

March 19, 1964

Around 10 last Thursday morning, Ed Dinslage, who farms 1 1/4 miles northeast of here, became entangled in the power takeoff on his tractor and suffered a broken left leg and bruises on his right leg. Fortunately the amount of clothing Ed was wearing at the time was sufficient to stop his tractor and he was able to use his pocket knife to cut himself free.

Planning a June wedding, are Miss Eliza May Guynn of Elgin and William F. Kalvalage of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. John Guynn of Bremeron, Wash. are the parents of the future bride and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kalvalage of Omaha are parents of the groom to be. Miss Guynn will be a May graduate of Elgin High School.

The members of the Elgin Woman's Club held a Hat Show Tuesday afternoon in the American Legion hall. There were over 80 in attendance. Mrs. Vernon Bustedee received the first prize with Mrs. Howard Thille and Mrs. R. C. Huffman as other winners.

Miss Susie Squire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Squire, was among the honored "royalty" Friday evening at Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing who reigned at the annual Sweetheart Ball held at the Hotel Cornhusker. Chosen by popular vote of the nursing school, the members of the royal court were presented by members of the hospital's medical staff.

Mrs. Mary M. Fritz passed away at 12:15 Thursday, March 12, 1964 in Antelope Memorial hospital from complications of old age. She had been hospitalized 17 days and died at the age of 87 years, eight months and 28 days.

Fifty Years Ago

March 21, 1974

Elgin's Cornhusker boys State candidate for the 1974 session has been announced by American Legion Post 229 in the person of Mark Getzfred. Mark is a junior in the Pope John Central Catholic High School and is the son of Mrs. Irene Getzfred and the late Ralph Getzfred.

The engagement of Linda S. Keyes and Terry E. Wilgocki, both of Columbus, is announced by her brother, Rockford J. Keyes. Daughter of the late Harlan J. Keyes, Linda is employed by Dale Electronics. Her fiancé, son of Mrs. June Wilgocki and the late Sam Wilgocki, is a farmer.

Three Elgin girls participated in the Amateur Talent Contest held Sunday, March 17 at the Neligh High School auditorium. The contest was sponsored by the Neligh Lions Club. Kathy Heithoff and Gwen Schindler won first place trophies in the intermediate division with a dramatization. Beverly Schindler won the first place trophy with a speech in the junior division.

Two University of Nebraska Lincoln students from Elgin were recognized at the Nebraska chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta's annual scholarship recognition dinner Sunday night, March 17. Honored are these local junior students: Bruce Anderson, majoring in Ag Honors; and David Uhrenholdt, Ag Honors.

Raymond Pelster, formerly of Elgin and a St. Boniface High School graduate, was named director of systems services of Public Service Company of Colorado, Denver. He was formerly assistant director of methods and procedures.

Thirty Years Ago

March 16, 1994

Mrs. Anna Meis has recently opened new Elgin business. Meis Advertising and Design, at 122 South Second Street. Mrs. Meis offers design services for display advertising, brochures, newsletters and wedding programs, as well as copywriting for broadcast ads.

The Elgin High boys basketball team received the runner-up trophy at the D2 State Championship.

Elgin Public Schools Board of Education voted last Wednesday night, March 9, to accept the resignation of Principal Dan Schiefelbein, effective at the end of the 1993-94 school year. The action was taken after a 1 1/2 hour closed session to discuss contracts.

Creighton University student Michael S. Knievel of Elgin, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for academic achievement during the fall 1993 semester.

Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the old fire hall in Bartlett with 9 members present and two guests.

The annual Bartlett Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30. Lions members will hide eggs at 12:30 p.m. Pauline Marker will be the Easter Bunny. Age divisions will be 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10.

Steven and Janna Schrunk were meeting guests. They were presented a monetary contribution from the Bartlett Lions Club and a matching contribution from Lions District 38 I.

Members voted to donate \$100 to Wheeler Central's Post Prom which was held Saturday, March 16. It was voted to donate \$500 to Wheeler Central FFA for serving help at the Lions Ground Hog supper. It was approved to pay the Lions Mobile Screening Unit for expenses incurred, which included hotel housing for 2 nights while at Wheeler Central, Spalding Academy and Riverside schools.

Dues and scholarships will be discussed at the next meeting on April 11 at 7 p.m.

By Sherry Tetschner

Wheeler County
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6:30 p.m. in the old Bartlett Firehall

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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, March 20
Pope John Speech Night @ 6:00 p.m. at PJCC.

Friday, March 22
Fish Fry at St. John's Catholic Church (Rural Clearwater) from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

Saturday, March 23
Elgin Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce) at Elgin City Park @ 11 a.m. (Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, March 24
38th Annual Pope John Development Dinner @ Werner Hall in Petersburg*.

Monday, March 25
Summit Carbon Solutions Q&A event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Antelope County Fairgrounds*.

Tuesday, March 26
Summit Carbon Solutions Q&A event from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Boone County Fairgrounds*.

Wednesday, March 27
Tornado Siren testing at 10 a.m. in Elgin*.

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Opinion

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"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful."

Edward R. Murrow

How much power is too much?

Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely is a proverbial saying reportedly coined by the English nobleman Lord Acton in 1857.

How much power should be given to the Executive Branch of Nebraska state government is a topic for discussion by state lawmakers and political observers alike.

Currently there are 18 code agencies, which answer to Governor Jim Pillen.

The Legislature is considering measures addressing the situation. Sen Steve Erdman of Bayard wants History Nebraska (formerly known as the State Historical Society) to become a code agency again.

CAPITOL VIEW

Nebraska Press Association



Statehouse Correspondent

J.L. Schmidt

Another proposal would bring tourism back into the Department of Economic Development, a code agency. Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne wants to take the Department of Corrections away from the Executive Branch and place it under the oversight of the Legislature. He said lawmakers currently have that authority under the state constitution. The power to make such a change is already prescribed to lawmakers in Nebraska's Constitution, which grants the Legislature the power to manage "all state charitable, mental, reformatory and penal institutions."

So maybe we should take it back. Maybe we should create an independent board, like Arkansas.

Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont wants the mega Department of Health and Human Services broken into three in 2025: Children and Family Services, Public Health and Healthcare. The first two, Children and Family Ser-

vices and Public Health, would elevate existing divisions, while the Department of Healthcare would be composed of the three Divisions of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Medicaid and Long-Term Care.

Walz says the current consolidated department is fraught with problems such as a lack of response to mental health needs, financial mismanagement and underperformance and hundreds of millions in accounting errors.

Those are the things she has noticed in her six years on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee.

The current system is just way too big.

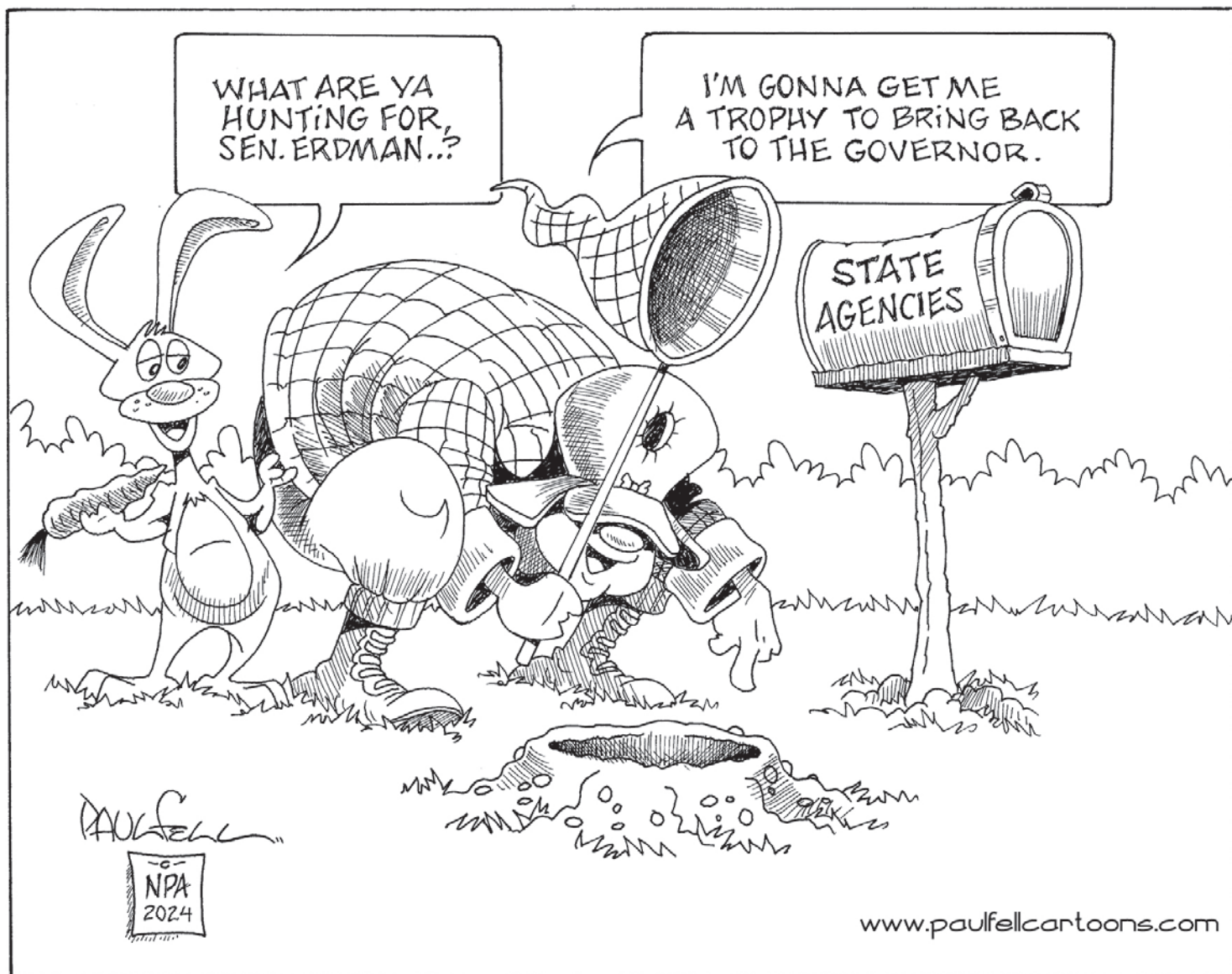
Last fall the executive branch took away access by state inspectors general to prisons and the child welfare system after an opinion from state Attorney General Mike Hilgers, a former lawmaker.

After much pushback from lawmakers and in some cases the general public, Pillen recently agreed to restore access to the Legislature's watchdogs tasked with investigating the systems.

Pillen signed a memo of understanding with representatives from the Legislature agreeing to restore much of the access to records and personnel. The memo took effect after a resolution was passed by the Legislature calling for a study of the oversight system and the two departments again began providing the watchdog offices with broad access to records, data sets, policies, audio and video recordings and interviews with employees, as well as access to physical facilities.

The memo is a stopgap solution set to expire at the end of the 2025 legislative session, giving lawmakers more than a year to study the Legislature's newly controversial oversight system instead of rushing to restore oversight in this year's 60-day legislative session, said Speaker of the Legislature John Arch of La Vista.

Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh



accused the executive branch of purposefully keeping information hidden from the public and said the Legislature must have a means of holding the administration accountable.

"Those who are imbued with power must have that power checked," she said.

Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha said attorney general opinions do not have the power to change state law,

and yet state departments treated Hilgers' opinion as though it did. Sen. John Fredrickson of Omaha said those departments broke the law.

"Simply rushing to fix the inspector general issues, I believe, is shortsighted and could lead to serious unintended consequences," Arch told the Legislature's Executive Board.

"It is simply not possible to do this work during a short session while also

tackling the larger, more immediate issues currently before the Legislature," he said.

Plenty of ideas on the table. Maybe next year.

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

With a large cash reserve, state senators looking at property tax relief

Seeking to strike a balance that is fairer to everyone

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 29, to review their forecast for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year.

The Board increased the previous forecast for fiscal year 2023-2024 by \$575 million and decreased the previous forecast for fiscal year 2024-2025 by \$525 million, for a total net increase of \$50 million over the two-year period.

Most of the increase can be attributed to increased receipts from corporate income taxes relative to individual income taxes since the Board met last October.

Economic experts advise that the cash reserve fund should equal 12-16% of the budget.

With the additional \$50 million, the cash reserve is now equal to 16.6% of expenditures, which is a bit over where we should be.

With this revised forecast as well as flush coffers, many senators and the Governor believe it is time that the Legislature take up additional property tax relief this year.

Senator Linehan, chair of the Revenue Committee, is working with many different groups to try to strike a balance for property tax relief in a manner that is fairer to everyone. For example, 4% of all people in Nebraska, primarily agriculture producers, pay

about 24% of all property taxes levied in this state.

In contrast, people in urban areas who rent do not directly pay property taxes but do pay income and sales taxes.

So far, Senator Linehan and the Revenue Committee have not come to a compromise to spread out property taxes more evenly across the state.

In the meantime, senators began work on the biennial budget adjustment bills introduced this year: LB1412 and LB1413.

These bills were subject to many hours of work by the Appropriations Committee to make changes in how the state should spend the state's money. The resulting work by the Committee would make room for additional tax cuts while ensuring necessary services remained funded.

One common strategy by the Committee was following a suggestion by Governor Pillen to claw back or "sweep" around \$200 million in extra funds held by state agencies sitting unused and instead direct those dollars to balance the two-year, \$10 billion budget and help pay for property tax cuts.

During floor debate, however, several senators argued against adopting the budget bills, contending that the Appropriations Committee did not do enough to fund assistance for developmental disabilities, behavioral health, unemployment insurance, and court interpreters.

The resulting filibuster over these issues resulted in few amendments to the budget bills being considered on the first round of consideration. Both bills were debated for many hours before being advanced by the Legis-

lature. Select file debate for the two budget bills will begin the following week.

Finally, the Legislature took up its first veto override attempt of the year. Last year, Senator Hunt introduced LB307 which would authorize cities and counties to create programs known as Syringe Service Programs, or SSPs. SSPs can provide a range of services, including substance use disorder treatment, distribution and disposal of sterile needles and syringes, and vaccination, testing, care, and treatment for infectious diseases. Senator Hunt prioritized LB307 earlier this year where it survived three rounds of debate before being vetoed by the Governor.

I agree with Senator Hunt that the Legislature needs to explore policies to combat drug usage and disease transmission.

However, conversations with constituents and the presentation of new information did not leave me 100% confident that LB307 as amended on Final Reading would not result in negative public health and social outcomes. After roughly two hours of discussion, LB307 failed to get the 30 votes necessary to override the Governor's veto in accordance with our state's constitution.

I voted no on Senator Hunt's motion to override the Governor's veto.

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

My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Biden chose to tear down instead of lift up Americans

Like many Nebraskans listening to the State of the Union address, I was hoping to hear President Biden correct course on his failed policies weakening border security, perpetuating inflation, and neglecting America's trade interests. I was disappointed. Rather than embracing commonsense policies with potential to bring us together, the president needlessly continued down an extreme, far left, partisan path, distant from the views and struggles of most Americans.

When President Biden took office, inflation was at 1.4 percent. As a result of President Biden's errant leadership, our nation is trillions of dollars deeper in debt and everyday expenses for American families continue to rise. While inflation has cooled from more than 9 percent thanks to Republican efforts to block the worst of Democrats tax and spending policies, it still remains double the January 2021 rate.

The strong, bipartisan United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, negotiated by the Trump administration, gave momentum to trade policy efforts to improve market access for American producers. However, because the Biden administration has failed to pursue enforceable trade agreements, American producers have lost ground in international markets.

In 2021, the brutal aggression of Vladimir Putin and Hamas had not yet spilled over into the violent conflicts raging today. Since then, through the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal and botched Iran deal, we've displayed weakness on the world stage.

When President Biden took office, policies such as "Remain in Mexico"

and construction of a wall on our southern border were making clear that entering our country illegally would not be tolerated. On his first day in the White House, Biden suspended "Remain in Mexico," halted border wall construction, and made it easier to enter the country illegally, clearly sending the wrong message.

Under President Biden's watch, the Department of Justice has villainized parents seeking to be involved in the education of their own children. President Biden's IRS has targeted petty, everyday transactions in what amounts to a "Babysitter Tax", and the EPA has relentlessly sought to seize control over the drainage ditches and ponds belonging to private landowners.

The confrontational tone of his State of the Union address reflected the far more divisive path President Biden has chosen, especially compared to the 2020 candidate, Joe Biden. In what is traditionally a unifying moment for our country, the president shamefully broke decorum to directly berate members of the Supreme Court. Although he had an opportunity to take responsibility for the challenges we face as a nation and offer new ideas built around our shared values, he chose to tear down those who disagree with him on important policy issues.

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Merle Frank Dinslage, 77

August 1, 1946 - March 11, 2024

A man of many passions, among them family and friends, hunting, fishing, traveling and telling stories.



Merle Frank Dinslage, age 77, went to heaven in his Husker shirt on March 11, 2024. He left just as he would have wanted doing what he loved. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Papillion Gun Club on Friday, March 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Merle had many passions. Family, friends, hunting, fishing, traveling & telling stories. He was the glue that brought family and friends together. He was very proud of all of the

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Edith Helen Finkral, 93

September 5, 1931 - March 6, 2024

She loved reading, quilting, sewing and looking for treasures at any garage sale within driving distance.



Edith Helen Finkral, 93 of Neligh, Nebraska passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at The Willows in Neligh. Edith's wishes were to be cremated and no services. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Edith Helen Bennett Finkral was born September 5th 1931 to Guy "Ted" Bennett and Alma Rohrer Bennett in Winnetoon, NE.

She attended grade school in Winnetoon and Madison then later her family moved to Newman Grove where she graduated from high school. She lovingly raised her children on a farm South of Battle Creek. She spent several years in Benkelman NE working as head dietary manager in the nursing home. In her later years she moved

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OBITUARIES

Janet Franzluebbers, 82

July 6, 1941 - March 9, 2024

Family was at the center of her world, and she cherished the moments spent visiting with loved ones.



Janet Franzluebbers, 82, of West Point, died Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Wisner Care Center.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, March 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. James Weeder as celebrant. Burial followed at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery at Monterey. Visitation was held Tuesday with a Christian Mothers Rosary at Stokely Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the family for future designation.

Arrangements by Stokely Funeral Home.

Janet Mae Franzluebbers was born on July 6, 1941 to Adolph and Anna (Buresh) Peplinski in Dodge. She graduated from Dodge High School in 1959.

On September 16, 1961, Janet married Emil Franzluebbers at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Dodge. The couple established their home near West Point, where Janet worked alongside Emil, nurturing their family. Shortly after Emil's death in 1991, she moved to West Point.

Janet's commitment to her faith was evident through her membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church and her involvement with the Christian Mothers.

She also devoted her time to volunteering at the Sunshine Senior Center.

Janet found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Crafting, polka dancing, and word puzzles were some of her favorite hobbies throughout her life. Janet found solace in nature, taking leisurely walks and cherishing the presence of cardinals. Baking was another of Janet's

passions, and her kitchen was always filled with the aroma of delicious treats that brought joy to her family and friends. Family was at the center of her world, and she cherished the moments spent visiting with loved ones.

Janet's face would light up with love and pride whenever she saw her children and grandchildren.

Janet is survived by sons, Gary (Sherry) of Lake Butler, FL, Dan of West Point, Pat of Oakland, and Duane of Kearney, daughter, Brenda (Eric) Meis of Elgin; grandchildren, Brian and Amber Franzluebbers and Ashtyn, Skyler, and Brooklyn Meis; great grandchildren, Rylan, Emory, Kylee, Gracelyn, and Emilia; brother, Duffy Peplinski of Dodge; sisters, Vlasta (Dick) Roubal of Dodge, Darlene Glenn of Rapid City, SD, Sylvia Wesely of Omaha, Margie (Darol) Broekemeier of Petersburg; brothers-in-law, Tony (Connie) Franzluebbers of Dodge and Jim Eggerling of Norfolk; and sisters-in-law, Rose Franzluebbers of West Point, Irene Franzluebbers of Dodge, Cel Franzluebbers of Beemer, and Margie Peplinski of Pender; and several nieces and nephews.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Emil; daughter-in-law, Betty Franzluebbers; great granddaughter, Kayla; brothers, Gilbert, Donald, Delvin, and Robert; sister, Marcella Eggerling; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe Franzluebbers, Sr., Gertrude (Richard) Ernesti, Charlie Franzluebbers, Wenzel Franzluebbers, Bernie (Mel) Kampschneider, Marie Moser, Mary Ann Franzluebbers, Evelyn Peplinski, Pat Glenn, and Maynard Wesely.

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Wolfpack Sports

Charf, Eisenhauer named All-NVC First Team

Wolfpack seniors' Keyera Eisenhauer and Ashlynn Charf head up selections to the NVC all-conference first team selected by coaches last week.

In an announcement made Wednesday, March 13, EPPJ's top two scorers on the team which qualified for the Class D1 State Tournament, Eisenhauer and Charf each tossed in over 13 points per game during the season.

They were joined on the first team by:

- Josilyn Miller - Niobrara-Verdigre - Senior
- Mya Hedstrom - St. Mary's - Senior
- Adyson Minarik - Summerland - Senior
- Alissa Brabec - St. Mary's - Senior
- JJ Black - Elkhorn Valley - Junior

- Lorissa Reiman - St. Mary's - Senior
- Paige Druke - Boyd County - Senior
- Adisyn Anderson - North Central - Senior

Wolfpack junior Kate Furstenu led second team selections. Others named to the second team were:

- Lydia Robertson - Summerland - Junior
- Karlee Broberg - Elkhorn Valley - Junior
- Laine Smith - West Holt - Senior
- Lizzie Gartner - CWC - Junior
- Hailey Hortsmann - Neligh-Oakdale - Senior
- Lacey Paxton - Stuart - Senior
- Miley Pike - Santee - Sophomore
- Morgan Lewis - North Central - Senior

Erickson leads EPPJ All-NVC selections

The 2023-2024 NVC Boys Basketball All-Conference teams were announced last week.

Selected by conference coaches, they are not allowed to vote for their own players.

- Chosen to the First Team were:
- Lincoln Konrad - West Holt - Junior
 - Gage Hedstrom - St. Mary's - Sophomore
 - Preston Hoke - Summerland - Junior
 - Derris Hansen - Boyd County - Senior
 - Kellyn Ollendick - Elkhorn-Valley - Junior

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Wolfpack sophomore Jarek Erickson was named to the All-NVC Second Team.

- Annabelle Barlow - St. Mary's - Junior
- Athletes receiving honorable mention were Brenna Martinsen - EPPJ - Senior; Cameron Rutjens - Elkhorn Valley - Freshman; Joslynn Larson -

- Elkhorn Valley - Senior; Jaycee Gadeken - Neligh-Oakdale - Freshman; Ella Moses - CWC - Junior; Mya Lewis - North Central - Freshman; Preslie Robertson - Summerland - Senior; Ainsley Galyen - West Holt - Junior; Reagan Stracke -

- Stuart - Junior; Brynn Almgren - Stuart - Senior; Lanie Lechtenberg - Boyd County - Senior; Mckenzie Snyder - Boyd County - Senior; Taylen Stark - Niobrara-Verdigre - Sophomore; Summer Vesely - Niobrara-Verdigre - Senior



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Wolfpack seniors Keyera Eisenhauer (l) and Ashlynn Charf (right) were named First Team All-NVC by conference coaches last week.



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Spinning Tales

Money isn't everything, but it changes everything

At a weekly newspaper office, Wednesdays are busy early then slow down after lunch.

At least that's the case here at the Review office. Each week the paper truck from Sheldon, Iowa, drops off our papers between 9 and 10 a.m. Then, for the next half hour, we insert an advertising flyer from Dean's Market before we start to label the papers. First the papers here in Elgin are delivered to the post office, the the area and out-of-state papers are taken over around 11:30 a.m. The postal report is done just before noon to wrap up a busy morning.

The afternoon is spent doing billing and other tasks before 3:30 p.m. when our newest employee Kari Schindler wraps up the day then heads to pick up her children from school. She started in January and has been a welcome addition to our team. Stop in and say 'hi' to her when you get a chance.

No two Wednesdays are ever the same, fortunately the surprises are few. Generally, what surprises do take place come from outside the office.

Such was the case last week when, after the papers were mailed, I looked at my cellphone and saw social media blowing up over NU Athletic Director Trev Alberts leaving the university to take a similar position at Texas A&M University.

Alberts' departure for College Station, home of the Aggies, stirred up Husker Nation at a time when everything seemed to be going forward. Alberts, during his playing days in the early 1990s, was one of the most beloved Husker football players. Heck, I remember some of my female friends (some get this paper) wishing they could have

his babies. Alberts said Nebraska was his dream job when he took the position several years ago. His accomplishments were many, the biggest may have been the firing of Coach Scott Frost and the subsequent hiring of Matt Rhule. Then there was Volleyball Day last August when more than 92,000 filled Memorial Stadium for an event like none other.

The success of mens and womens' basketball where both teams are headed to the NCAA Basketball Tournament later this week. Every program seems to be on the rise thanks, in large part, to Alberts' vision and leadership.

Talk about multi-tasking. Being an athletic director of a university with as many athletic programs as NU has has to be a monumental task. From football to field hockey, volleyball to softball and all sports in-between, you deal with all the coaches, the budgets for each program. Good ADs are the ones who work best in the background, step to the foreground when necessary. He was good at what did, but he was a man not a God.

So why leave? I can only speculate, like you. Generally, people leave jobs when they aren't

happy, plain and simple. The inner workings of the university, the inability to fill key positions in the hierarchy and the departures can make a compelling argument. With the right people in leadership positions, you create loyalty to a point where one will literally run through a wall for that person(s).

Another reason why people leave is money. Even though Alberts received a hefty pay raise just a few months ago, he's going to get paid significantly more by the Aggies. Money isn't everything, but it changes everything. I guess the bottom line, in my view is this, Alberts wanted to leave and now he's gone. Husker fans should be focused on finding the right man to fill the position, not lament on the guy who chose to leave. In business, you hate to see good people leave. But, you would rather have someone working for you who wants to be there rather than someone who is collecting a paycheck while, at the same time, looking to go somewhere else. Through the years, I've hired a lot of people and watched a number of people leave. The good ones you hate to see leave because, once they're gone, you're not as good as you were before they left. Conversely, when some employees leave, you're happy they found another job because it gives you another chance to find the right person. Move on!

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The public will have an opportunity to meet the staff and discuss what Extension can do for you!

Educators that will be available to help serve your needs will be Jordan Rasmussen - Rural Prosperity; Wayne Ohnesorg - Water & Cropping Systems;

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Antelope County Extension is excited to provide a community garden once again this year, to help aid in food insecurities in the county, which affects 670 people.

Danielle Mortensen, who will serve as the Master Gardener, will be present as well to promote the garden efforts.

All community members are invited to attend!

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, March 25: Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich on bun, potato wedges, carrots, apricots, milk.

Tuesday, March 26: Chili, cheese sandwich, carrots/celery, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, March 27: Hot beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, pears, milk.

Thursday, March 28: Tator tot casserole, green beans, apricots, milk.

Friday, March 29: Breaded fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit cocktail, milk.

Center and are subject to change).

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April 2 @ Battle Creek	11:30
April 9 @ Neigh-Oakdale (Neigh)	12:30
April 11 @ O'Neill	9:00
April 17 @ St. Mary's	9:00
April 23 @ Creighton	9:00
April 25 Classic @ Norfolk	1:30
April 27 NVC meet @ West Holt	4:00
May 1 @ Humphrey	9:30
May 8 Districts meet @ TBA	TBA
May 17-18 State meet @ Omaha Burke	TBA

BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

April 2 @ Plainview	4:00
April 16 @ Burwell	1:00
April 23 @ Genoa	9:00
April 27 NVC meet @ West Holt	9:30
April 30 @ Creighton	2:30
May 7 @ Plainview	12:30



GOLF

VARSITY

April 2 Quad @ Summerland	4:00
April 6 @ Plainview	8:30
April 10 @ Ewing	9:00
April 16 @ Beemer (JV only)	10:00
April 18 @ Scotus	9:00
April 23 @ Tatanka Golf Course (NVC)	9:00
April 27 @ West Holt	9:00
April 29 Tri @ Albion	4:00
May 1 @ Niobrara	9:30
May 6 @ Bassett	9:00
May 7 @ Fullerton	10:00
May 9 Dual @ Neigh (vs. EV)	2:00
May 13-14 Districts @ Ainsworth	TBA
May 20-21 State @ North Platte	TBA

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March 20 NVC Quiz Bowl @ Wheeler Central	April 23 EPS 5th Grade Field Trip, Stuhr Museum PJCC/SB 1 p.m. dismissal
March 22 EHS Enrichment Day @ Bartlett	April 26 NVC Art Show @ Rock County
March 23 March for Life @ Norfolk	April 27 N-O 5th/6th Grade Honor Band
March 24 PJCC Development Dinner	April 26 & 28 PJCC Spring Musical
March 27 NECC Scholastic Contest	April 30 PJCC Crusader Jam
March 28 EPS 5th Grade Field Trip, Stuhr Museum • PJ/SB 1 p.m. dismissal	May 2 PJ/SB Spring Concert
March 29 All Schools - NO SCHOOL	May 3 EPS Grandparents Day • WSC Math Contest • EPS Elementary Spring Concert
April 1 All Schools - NO SCHOOL	May 7 EHS National Honor Society & Activities/Academic Awards Night
April 2 EPS - no preschool	May 8 EHS Seniors Last Day
April 3-5 State FFA Convention	May 9 PJCC Seniors Last Day • PJCC Awards Day • EPS Reading Celebration Party
April 4-5 ESU 8 Art Show	May 10 SB preschool graduation
April 7 St. Boniface First Communion	May 11 EHS Graduation
April 8 PJCC Jr. Job Shadow Day	May 12 PJCC Graduation
April 10 NECC Quiz Bowl • EPS school brd	May 15 EPS preschool & kindergarten graduation
April 13 ACT	May 17 ALL SCHOOLS 11 am dismissal
April 17 Bloodmobile (EHS host) • EPS Miles of Smiles	
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PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 11, 2024

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT MARCH BOARD MEETING

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 11 MARCH 2024

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on March 11, 2024. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Nichols, Plugge, Einspahr and Nordhues. Also present: Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nichols, seconded by Nordhues to approve the February 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nichols, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The board will be meeting with the project engineers for the street grant.

WATER: Was discussed.

SEWER: It was moved by Plug-

ge, seconded by Einspahr to hire the city of Ord to come and clean out the sewer lines. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nichols, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

KENO: Was discussed.
USER FEES: Were discussed.
FEBRUARY CLAIMS: It was moved by Nichols, seconded by Einspahr to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nichols, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nichols, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$51.50; RSR Electrical Contracting, Repair of West Alarm Siren, \$292.00; Elgin Review, Newspaper Publication, \$54.11; NE Dept of Revenue, Lottery License Renewal, \$100.00; Postmaster, Roll of Stamps, \$68.00; Northeast Nebraska Tele-

phone, Telephone & internet, \$131.25; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,627.75; Letti Nichols, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Salary, \$310.92; Printer Ink, \$115.92

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$3,001.45

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, February Utilities, \$46.39

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$46.39

STREETS: WeMart, Fuel, \$80.12; Hubel Iron, New Pin, \$77.76; Dan Williamson, Pothole Repair, \$154.50

Rick Custard, Pothole Repair, \$169.50; Loup Valley RPPD, February Utilities, \$876.99

TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$1,358.87

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, February Utilities, \$548.22; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$848.22

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$5,254.93

OTHER BUSINESS: The siren next to the school was discussed along with the plans to get it fixed. It was moved by Nichols, seconded by Nordhues to pay the Columbus Motor Company the difference of the total amount due minus the insurance claim check for the damage to Scott Howells pickup. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nichols, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion carried. The village will be putting up a mowing bid for the park, pump house and water tower in the next several weeks. The discussion of a splash pad was brought up to the board.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of March 2024

Dan Williamson, Chairman/
Scott Plugge, Vice-Chairman
Emma Smith, Village Clerk
PUBLISH: March 20, 2024
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - GRAVEL

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE FOR BIDS Gravel

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM on April 2nd, 2024, 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, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Bids will be opened and publicly read on April 2nd, 2024 at 9:45 AM in the County Commissioners room of the Antelope County

Courthouse Annex. The Antelope County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. **ROAD GRAVEL** - Purchase of Road gravel to be bid as follows: Priced per Ton, transported by county, loaded by pit operator. **ARMOR COAT GRAVEL** - Priced per Ton, transported by county, loaded by pit operator. All bids must be plainly marked "Gravel Bid" on lower left-hand corner of envelope. **Pricing all types of fill and aggregate.**
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - ARMOR COATING

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE FOR BIDS Armor Coating

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 2nd, 2024 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 May 1, 2024 to December 1, 2024. **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 2nd, 2024 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.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - HOT MIX ASPHALT

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE FOR BIDS Hot Mix Asphalt

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 2nd, 2024, for hot mix asphalt. **Price should be per ton and per location.** Purchase of hot mix asphalt picked up at location between April 1, 2024, to December 1, 2024, 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

68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM on April 2nd, 2024, in the Antelope County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelope should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Hot Mix Asphalt Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS - ASPHALT OIL

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE FOR BIDS Asphalt Oil

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 2nd, 2024 for asphalt oil. **Price should be per gallon.** Purchase of asphalt oil to be delivered to each county shop from April 1, 2024 to December 1, 2024 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

M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM on April 2nd, 2024 in the Antelope County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelope should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Asphalt Oil Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

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PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 11, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room March 11, 2024, 8:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular March Meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Luke Hinkle, and Lisa Welding. Also present were Principal Greg Wemhoff and Supt. Mike Brockhaus.

Ron Bode motioned, Eric Beckman seconded to excuse Todd Heithoff and Steve Busted from the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Steve Busted and Todd Heithoff arrived at 8:11 pm.

Eric Beckman motioned, and Luke Hinkle seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting, #5 - Adopt the Agenda, #6 - Financial Report, #7 - Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 6-0.

AMH, Transportation, \$195.00; Appears, Maintenance, \$507.05; Beckman Lumber, Maintenance, \$343.50; Instru Expense, \$174.00; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$2,537.21; Bomgaars, Maintenance, \$25.42; Central NE Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$1,448.28; D&L Towing, Transportation, \$880.00;

COR Therapeutic, ESSER III, \$2,125.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$17.97; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,740.68; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$50,460.40, Instru Expense, \$180.00, Instru Expense, \$1,605.78; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$254.21; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$2,516.88; Elgin Review, Business Expense, \$1,340.46; Elite Office Products, Business Expense, \$210.22; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,666.62; Flinn Scientific, Instru Expense, \$33.83; Floor Maintenance, Maintenance, \$315.12; GP Communications, Business Expense, \$446.46; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$992.36; HP Inc., Instru Expense, \$455.17; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$102.08; Jonny Dodge, Transportation, \$5,689.03; KSB School Law, Admin Expense, \$285.10; Lakeshore, Instru Expense, \$2,483.30; MidAmerican Research Chem, Maintenance, \$804.55; NCSA, Admin Expense, \$75.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$161.40; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$702.80; Precision Repair, Transportation, \$838.97; Schneider, Jill, SpEd Expense, \$131.32; Textbook Warehouse, Instru Expense, \$60.40; TMS, Business Expense, \$66.00; Truck Center Companies, Transportation, \$1,913.85; US Bank, \$2,242.72; Veik, Meghan, SpEd Expense, \$28.14; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$157.70; Wage-Works, Instru Expense, \$144.50; Y&Y Lawn Service, Maintenance, \$5,519.50

Total Board Bills: \$92,877.98

Payroll: \$245,215.44

Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$338,093.42

President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons

had any comments.

In committee reports, Americanism Committee Hearing will be held April 10th at 7:00pm, with regular board meeting to follow.

Principal Wemhoff reported on previous events and upcoming calendar events.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the Infrastructure Grant through the NDE and an update on the NVC conference.

Todd Heithoff motioned, Steve Busted second to approve the offering of teacher contracts to the current staff for the 2024-25 school year. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Eric Beckman motioned, Ron Bode seconded to approve the surplus of band saw, table saw and piano for the best price attainable and disposal of 3D printer. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

The motion to approve the bid for chair lift replacement was tabled until next month.

In discussion items, the classified staff hours were discussed. Discussion was held that if overtime was needed it should be documented.

Motion by Bode, second by Hinkle to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elgin Public School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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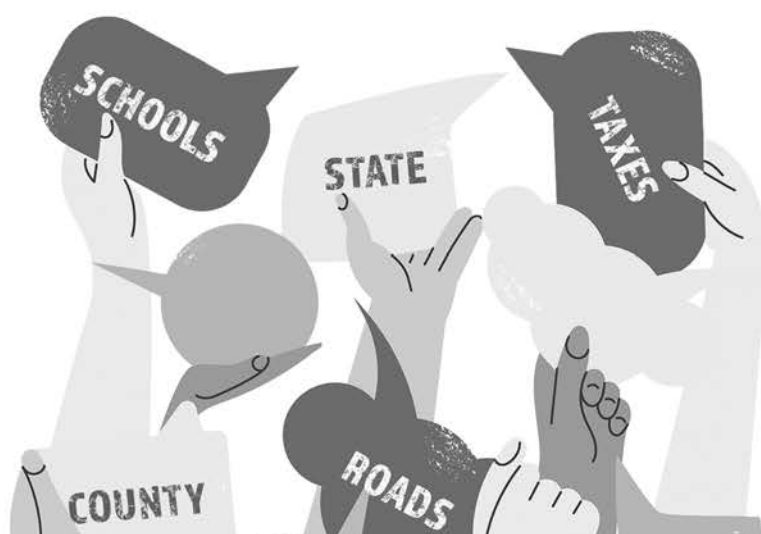
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April 1 presents an opportunity to have a little lighthearted fun. Laughter can be the best medicine, and by engaging in some good-natured April Fool's Day antics, people can have fun and get their fill of the giggles. The following are some generally harmless pranks to make the most of the day.

- Make "surprise" cake pops. Cake pops feature a moist cake filling engulfed in melted chocolate. Swap out the filling for something unexpected, like Brussels sprouts or mashed potatoes.
- Frozen surprise: Freeze cereal and milk in a bowl (stick to metal or plastic bowls to be safe). When hungry breakfast-seekers try to eat it, they'll be in for some frozen fun.
- Tip over: Make a gelatin dessert that is the same color as the juice or other beverages enjoyed at meals. Put a cup of this "juice" on the table, then

accidentally knock it over. People will gasp ready for the full cup to pour all over, but it won't because it's jiggly gelatin.

- Random alarms: Set alarms or reminders to go off on someone's cell phone all day long.
- Popping over: The term popping over to visit takes on new meaning if you put a layer of bubble wrap under the welcome mat so visitors will get a loud surprise when they come to the door.
- Crayon creations: Remove all writing implements from a coworker's desk and replace them with crayons.
- Colored milk: Add a few drops of food coloring to the milk container (cardboard milk containers work best to conceal the trick). When someone pours a glass, they'll be met with a brightly colored beverage.
- Cupcake dinner: Bake some mini meatloaf in muffin cups. Then frost them with creamy tinted mashed potatoes. Everyone will think they're getting dessert but it's really a meal in disguise.
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Popular 'Benchwarmers' to entertain at upcoming IZ Salad Supper in April

The annual Immanuel Zion (IZ) Salad Supper 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2024 features four-hand keyboard entertainers Pat Miller and David Shipley.

The Lincoln duo, known as The Benchwarmers, are fan favorites at area events.

The evening, provided at no cost to guests, is an open invitation for women to enjoy bounteous salads prepared by IZ church members and be waited on by the men of the church.

Sharon Taake, Tilden, and Lynn Bygland, Albion, officers of the church's women's group organizing the event, said the salad supper, this in its 22nd year, is designed to celebrate and thank area women.

No registration is required. Exquisite cupcakes and chocolate-covered strawberries will top off the evening meal in the social hall before transitioning to the sanctuary for entertainment celebrating the church's 150th year.

Miller, formerly of rural Elgin, was a local music teacher, and Shipley, most recently from Norfolk, is a skilled church organist.

Men are welcome to attend this portion of the program beginning about 7 p.m.

IZ is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) at 1726 310th Avenue, rural Albion. Sunday services are at 9:30 am followed by Sunday School and coffee hour.

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Planning for your early season forage

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

With Nebraska Extension, I'm Ben Beckman. Spring is fast approaching and producers looking for a bit of extra forage to supplement low hay stocks this year may consider planting a spring crop. Spring oats are one option that can be planted early, produce a large amount of high-quality forage, and are adaptable to fit for your particular system. Typically in north-east Nebraska, planting dates for oats range from the middle of March into late April. This gives us a window to plan for, but ideally, soil temperatures should be the ultimate factor for putting seed in the ground. Oats germinate when soil temperatures are above 40°F. When we hit that milestone and are past the danger of a killing frost, planting can commence. Seed at a rate of 60-80 lbs/ac on dryland and up to 100 lbs/ac on irrigated fields to get max-

imum production. 40-60 lbs of nitrogen can also boost yields, though with high fertilizer prices, a smaller rate or alternative nutrient source like manure may be worth consideration. With the right conditions, oats can support 1 to 2 cows per acre for several months, or provides the flexibility to harvest as hay, green chop, or silage. If allowed to grow to maturity, production of 2-2.5 ton/acre are common.

Once they begin growth, oats can come on fast. If grazing, be prepared to turn out once plants get around 5-6 inches in height, usually around mid to late May. If left unused, plants can quickly grow up to a foot and mature in no time. At this point the plant will be trying to initiate seed production, so if grazed, regrowth may be limited. Keeping plants vegetative and grazing before they reach 8 inches in height keeps new growth occurring and will stretch the grazable period out. Oats can be mixed with other

forage species to add diversity and further extend the grazing period. Brassicas like turnip, collards, and canola can provide high quality forage, but will tend to mature quickly and bolt as temperatures warm, so grazing early and often is recommended. Legumes like spring pea can decrease nitrogen demand and provide forage, while vetch may be added purely for its nitrogen benefits.

From a grass standpoint, other spring grains like triticale and barley can add production and extended grazing. Annual ryegrass is another option to consider that pairs well with oats. Ryegrass grows rapidly later in the spring, usually around early June, about the time oats are slowing down. With enough water, it's a high quality forage that can provide grazing opportunity well into the summer and into the fall. To seed an oat/ryegrass mix, 60-70 lbs/oats per acre along with 15-20 lbs/ryegrass per acre should provide a good mix. Growth might be a bit slower to initiate, so grazing may need to be a bit lighter in the beginning. However, the extended grazing period into the summer will more than make up a slower start.

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NVC

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- Chase Furstenu - Neligh-Oakdale - Senior
- Michael Koenig - Summerland - Junior
- Sam Cheatum - Summerland - Junior
- Korbin Werner - Elkhorn Valley - Sophomore
- Hunter Tubbs - Stuart - Junior

Elgin Public-Pope John sophomore Jarek Erickson headed up selections to the Second Team. Others recognized were:

- Dawson Hansen - Elkhorn Valley - Senior
- Ben Barlow - St. Mary's - Freshman
- Alec Schindler - Summerland - Junior
- Zach Hooley - West Holt - Junior
- Gavynn Mustin - Stuart - Junior

- Jackson Hallock - North Central - Senior
- Logan Brabec - St. Mary's - Freshman
- Hudson Hoffman - Boyd - County Junior
- Drake Nemetz - West Holt - Junior

Receiving honorable mention were Blake Henn - EPPJ - Senior; Karson Kallhoff - EPPJ - Sophomore; Andrew Rentschler - West Holt - Junior; Kellen Medina - Santee - Junior; Justus Denney - Santee - Senior; Carter Bergman - Summerland - Junior; Zak Swanson - North Central - Junior; Kol Otten - North Central - Junior; Charlie Adams - Boyd County - Sophomore; Kayde Ramm - Stuart - Sophomore; Elijah Heinz - CWC - Junior; Michael Jesse - CWC - Freshman



E-R photo/DMorgan



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Earning All-NVC First Team honors last week for their efforts during the season were Wolfpack wrestlers (126-pound) Grady Drueke (left) and (190-pound) Samuel Hemenway (right).

EPPJ has 29 athletes out for track season

Close to 30 students will compete this Spring in track and field for the Wolfpack. Head Coach Sandi Henn said 29 athletes from Elgin Public and Pope John will be competing in track starting next week at Stanton. Out for track are:

Girls — Kaitey Schumacher, Kayton Zwingman, ReeseStuhr, Camry Kittelson, Halle Lueking, Andrea Hansen, Tessa Barlow, Megan Wright, Samantha Stuhr, Elizabeth Moser, Gemma Miller, Braelyn Martinsen, Mady Kurpeweit, Brooke Kinney, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Ruby Durre.

Boys — Blake Henn, Myles Kittelson, Dylan Lueking, Kaeden Schwarting, Dylan Kolm, Landon Kallhoff, Taylor Beckman, Landyn Veik, Trey Rittscher, Jarek Erickson, Grady Drueke, Kaiden Bode and Justice Blecher.

NVC coaches select Drueke, Hemenway for First Team honors

Two members of the Wolfpack wrestling team garnered First Team All-NVC honors last week. Senior Samuel Hemenway (190 pounds) and sophomore Grady Drueke (126) were recognized by their achievements on the mats this season. Both wrestlers qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament after compiling winning records. All-conference selections were made by wrestling coaches. They were:

- 106 1st Tyson Blakeman (NO)
- 2nd Brett Olson (NC)
- 113 1st Andrew Henery (NO)
- 2nd Even Decker (EV)
- 120 1st Owen Vondra (EV)
- 2nd Dylan Furstenu (NO)
- 126 1st Grady Drueke (EPPJ)
- 2nd Jaxon Cozad (NC)
- 132 1st Mason Nitz (EV)

- 2nd Ausitn Mendoza (SUM)
- 138 1st Corbin Hoefer (NO)
- 2nd Isaac Eckert (EV)
- 144 1st Mavrick Hagemann (EV)
- 2nd Gavin Prewitt (NC)
- 150 1st Michael McFarland (EV)
- 2nd Kegan Payne (NO)
- 157 1st Mason Schaffer (EV)
- 2nd Branson Anderson (NC)
- 165

- 1st Caleb Davis (WH)
- 2nd Trev Halsey (EV)
- 175 1st Jace Rosenkraus (SM)
- 2nd Bryson Gadeken (NO)
- 190 1st Sam Hemenway (EPPJ)
- 2nd Chase Thomas (NO)
- 215 1st Jacob Henery (NO)
- 2nd Beau Kaufmann (NC)
- 285 1st Kip Leonard (NC)
- 2nd Matt Koehlmoos (SM)

Public Notices

PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 12, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
March 12th, 2024

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the 3-5-2024 BOC Meeting.

Approved Payroll.
Approved Vendor Claims.

General: AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 19,047.64; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 168.00; APPEARA ex 35.31; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 4,829.82; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 2,697.68; BCBS ins 60,532.81; BOMGAARS ex 191.93; BROGAN & STAFFORD ex 616.75; CANDLEWOOD SUITES ex 319.90; CARNEY LAW ex 15,209.00; CITY OF NELIGH ut 3,434.45; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ex 1,000.00; CITY OF NORFOLK ex 24,426.00; CLEARFLY ut 155.74; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 37.00; COLDTYPE PUBLISHING ex 584.31; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 100.88; THE CORNHUSKER HOTEL ex 149.00; CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES ex 1,460.00; CUBBYS ex 907.44; CUMING CO ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ex 25.00; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO ex 33.95; DUSTYS ex 451.25; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS ex 382.54; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 163.76; ELGIN REVIEW ex 330.04; ELITE OFFICE PRODS ex 142.71; FED W/H tax 11,159.64; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 3,334.40; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 330.96; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; LYLE HART ex 250.00; JACKS UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT ex 159.89; JONNY DODGE ex 679.64; KLEIN LAW OFFICE ex 2,504.21; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; LICHTENBERG TIRE SVC ex 24.00; LUNA PLUMBING/HEATING/AC ex 171.68; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 117.06; MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS ex 1,390.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,048.13; KELLY MUELLER-OLTJENBRUNS ex 27.25; NACO ex 80.00; NATIONAL INS SVC ins 53.25; NEBR ASSN OF CO CLERK ex 50.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,605.45; NEBR HEALTH/HUMAN SVCS ex 93.00; NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN ex 150.00; VSP-NACO VISION ins 572.86; NCPPD ut 63.36; NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE ex 1,639.00; LISA PAYNE ex 1,968.97; PETTY CASH (CO DIST COURT) ex 20.24; PINNACLE BANK ex 85.99; PITNEY BOWES LEASE ex 864.18; PITZER DIGITAL ex 306.33; PROTEX CENTRAL ex 228.50; QUILL CORP ex 275.22; REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM ex 6,249.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; SANNE REPAIR ex 1,861.99; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; SOC SEC 25,986.76; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,145.32; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; US CELL ut 639.73; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 285.92; LISA WELDING ex 23.95; WESTERN OIL II ex 122.09; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 200,000.00;

ex 55.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 2,431.77; BCBS ins 45,466.04; BOMGAARS ex 3,426.78; CARHART LUMBER ex 43.46; CARQUEST ex 663.15; CITY OF TILDEN ut 71.40; COLONIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 18.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR ex 1,856.60; CORNER HARDWARE ex 4.99; CORNER SVC/TIRE ex 1,765.55; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SVCS garn 521.50; CUBBYS ex 443.02; DINKEL IMPLEMENT ex 7,146.90; DUSTYS ex 66.50; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 124.93; ERPPD ut 597.53; EMBASSY SUITES HOTELS ex 535.00; EMME SAND/GRAVEL ex 50,147.63; FARMERS PRIDE ex 18,417.76; FED W/H tax 8,244.62; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 796.91; FRONTIER COMM ex 369.01; FUNK CONSTRUCTION ex 1,950.00; LARRY FUNK FARMS ex 3,393.75; G I TRAILER ex 761.87; G WORKS ex 4,155.00; GRAHAM TIRE ex 760.48; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 277.82; GRUBB GRINDING ex 3,052.50; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 2,494.10; HEARTLAND HYDRAULICS ex 179.49; HILLTOP AUTO SALES ex 5,150.00; HOLT CO TIRE ex 195.00; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO ex 213.44; HEATHER JAMES-GUGGENMOS ex 21.70; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 7,742.50; JONES AUTOMOTIVE ex 1,799.99; JONNY DODGE ex 4,483.95; KAYTON INTL ex 2,674.04; KIMBALL-MIDWEST ex 383.96; LEIGH KLUTHE ex 27.95; LAWSON PRODS ex 6,903.75; LAZY T TIRE ex 968.42; LIBERTY NATL ins 235.77; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 54.76; MAIN STREET REPAIR ex 80.00; MATTEO SAND/GRAVEL ex 10,052.10; MBFS USA LLC (DAIMLER TRUCK FIN) ex 27,938.04; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES ex 210.00; MITCHELL MACHINE WORKS ex 125.00; MURPHY TRACTOR-POWER PLAN ex 13,849.58; N&B GAS CO ex 1,148.49; NACO ex 20.00; NATIONAL INS SVC ins 58.75; NEBR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK MGT ASN ex 780.00; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PMT CENTER ex 153.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,926.80; NPPD ut 278.88; NELIGH AUTO/MACHINE ex 176.84; VSP-NACO VISION ins 426.90; NMC EXCHANGE ex 2,258.01; NCPPD ut 277.97; NNTC ut 77.36; ORCHARD LUMBER ex 233.49; PINNACLE BANK ex 33,071.05; ADAM POFAHL ex 25.95; QUALITY IRON/METAL ex 902.64; QUICK SERVE OIL ex

547.99; R.F. MACHINE WORKS ex 175.00; RAZOR TRACKING ex 900.00; RDO TRUCK CENTER ex 1,900.34; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 441.83; SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex 7,961.73; WEX BANK ex 595.97; SOC SEC 18,130.38; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 6,048.25; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 22,826.48; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.44; MYLES SVATOS ex 2,475.00; TAYLORMADE CATERING ex 459.03; NATHAN THIEMAN ex 26.95; VILLAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 109.00; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 85.50; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 56.78; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 277.90; WESTERN OIL II ex 1,752.46;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 347.80;

Veterans Aid: ANTELOPE CO VETERANS SVC OFFICE ex 285.04;

Law Enforcement: APPLIED CONN TECH ex 1,531.86; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 467.10; BLOOD PHARMACY ex 10.61; BOMGAARS ex 12.01; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING ex 3,339.43; CITY OF NELIGH ut 5,568.39; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS ex 38.49; ELGIN PHARMACY ex 21.32; HILAND DAIRY ex 549.08; HUNT INS GROUP ex 4,456.20; NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS ex 3,782.69; PINNACLE BANK ex 642.30; DAVID SCHMITT ex 1,173.48; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 445.60; TRANE U S ex 14,491.00;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING ex 845.57; CHARM-TEX ex 798.20; KEEFE SUPPLY CO ex 240.00; OMAHA WORLD HERALD ex 342.99; PINNACLE BANK ex 736.74; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 50.96;

Building: URBANEC'S FURNITURE 750.95.

Correspondence was reviewed. Clerk of the District Court Miscellaneous Report for February. Treasurer's Return of Public Sale Report.

Zoning Administrator Report.

Road Superintendent Report: Approved two (2) Oversize Permits, approved four (4) Underground Permits.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENRY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: DENISE KURPGEWAIT/s/ Antelope County Clerk, Deputy
PUBLISH: March 20, 2024
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NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB

NOTICE OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

ANTELOPE COUNTRY CLUB
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-134(7) that a Class C Liquor License may be issued for Antelope Country Club; said license issued to Antelope Country Club address: 52580 E Hwy 275, Neligh, NE 68756 on the premises described as follows: on the entire 100-acre tract in the NW 1/4 of Section 35, the NE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of Section 34, all in Township 25 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Notice is hereby given

that written protests to the issuance of expired renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before April 1st, 2024, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more persons, hearings will be held to determine whether said license should be allowed.

Dated the 18th day of March 2024

Lisa Payne /s/
Antelope County Clerk

PUBLISH: March 20, 2024
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EHS Speech Night



E-R photos by Dennis and Lynell Morgan

The "Drama Queens" shine

Members of the Elgin High School speech team presented their pieces to the public last Monday evening. Pictured (from upper left, clockwise): Duet of Baylee Busted and Chloe Henn; Callie Heithoff; the OI team of Baylee Busted, Chloe Henn, Brenna Martinsen, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman; Samantha Durre and Kyndal Busted.



Speech

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Brenna Busted also earned the third place medal in Informative Speaking.

Heithoff picked up the third place medal in Entertainment Speaking.

These five events placed in the top three, qualifying them for the State Speech Championships in Kearney on Friday,

March 22.

Other medalists include Zoey Buechter who placed fourth in Poetry and Henn who won the fifth place medal in Entertainment Speaking.

Heithoff and Martinsen also placed fifth in Duet Acting.

Superior Ratings were awarded to Kyla Donaldson in Humorous Prose and Gemma Miller in Persuasive Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. Donaldson also picked up an Excellent Rating in Extemporaneous Speaking.

EPS Coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn were complimentary of their small but mighty speech team.

"We brought nine team members today who completed

in twelve events. Eight of those events made it to finals and five qualified for state. The most impressive part of that is that we were in an extremely tough district. You never know how days like this are going to turn out, especially when there is that much talent around you."

The coaches credit the team's success to their hard work and their coachability.

"We are really blessed with some kids who work hard and want to be better. They have goals, and they will put the work in, no matter how busy they are with other activities. We definitely saw the results of that today. That being said, we also had some kids who didn't finish where they had hoped. They definitely put in the work, but that's just the nature of speech. We are equally proud of their efforts."

Six team members will travel to Kearney High School on Friday to represent EPS in five different events.

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OLIVIA KLEIN

Liv, you have worked so hard this season, and it has paid off!! We are so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, Aiden, Raaf, and Diedrick.



BRENNA MARTINSEN

Good luck to our favorite speech drama queen, Brenna! Hopefully you win the cookie selling competition!
Love Mom, Dad, Kaylee and Braelyn



CALLIE HEITHOFF

Congratulations Callie and the EPS Speech Team! We are very proud of you! Good luck to everyone at state!
Love, Dad, Mom and Cade



ASHLYNNE CHARF

Ash -- Good Luck!!
from Mom and Dad



BROOKLYN MEIS

Good luck to you and your team Brooklyn! We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Ashtyn and Skyler



BAYLEE BUSTEED

Congratulations, Baylee!! So proud of you and all of your hard work!! Good Luck at state to you & your teammates!! Go get em!
Love Mom, Dad, & Garrett



CHLOE HENN

Best of luck at State Speech, Chloe! We are proud of you and your little cookie pushers! Hoping your troop will "BEE" successful and bring home some medals in all of your events!
Love you! Mom, Dad, Blake, Max... and Sasha



JACK BARLOW

Your hard work and time put in has paid off!! So proud of you! Good luck!!
Love Mom, Dad, and Kate!



ELISE RUTERBORIES

Congrats to all of the PJCC speech team on your great accomplishments this season!! Keep up the good work at state!! Ellie, you and your OID team are quite the class act, for sure...keep working and enjoy your time at state speech!! GO PACK!!
Luv ya, Mom, Dad and Emma Lea



KAYTON ZWINGMAN

Great season "Drama Queens", and good luck qualifiers. We are proud of you, Kayton!
Love, Mom, Dad, John, and Gentry



KYNDAL BUSTEED

Congratulations, Kyndal! So proud of you & your courage to try something new!! Good Luck at state!! You got this!!
Love, Mom, Dad & Garrett



REESE STUHR

Congratulations Reese! We are so excited for you & very proud of the time and effort you have put in this speech season. You have earned this. Good Luck at State!!!
We love you - Mom & Dad

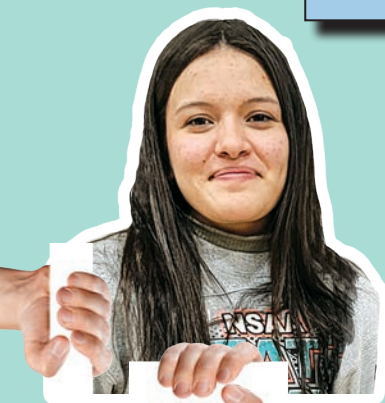


AIDEN KLEIN

Aiden, your creativity and hard work know no bounds. We are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Olivia, Raaf, and Diedrick.

JULIANA MCNALLY

Your hard work has paid off!! So very proud of you.
Love, Mom



JULIANA MCNALLY

Your hard work has paid off and we're all so proud of you! Good luck!
Dad and family



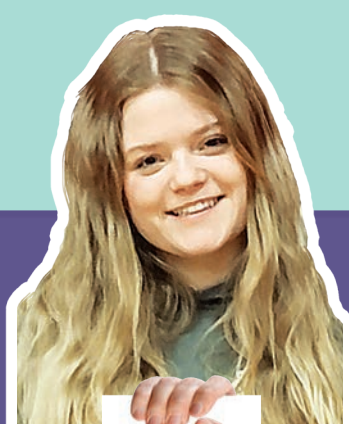
KAITEY SCHUMACHER

Good Luck, Kaitey!
We are proud of you!



JOVIE BORER

Congratulations on making it to State! So proud of you and your teammates!
Love, Dad, Mom, George, and Thomas



TESSA BARLOW

Your hard work and time put in has paid off!! So proud of you! Good luck!!
Love Mom, Dad, and Kate!

Great Job Speechsters!!!
You all deserve to have a **BIG HEAD**