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In Brief

EACF Scholarship Fund Drive is now underway

Matching funds are again available.

Contributions are now being accepted for the Elgin Area Community Foundation (EACF) Scholarship Drive.

Since its inception 15 years ago, the scholarship fund has awarded 176 students with more than \$154,000 to continue their education.

Donations can be made to: Elgin Area Community Foundation, PO Box 345, Elgin, NE 68636-0345.

Matching funds will be given by the Col. Barney Oldfield and Vada Kinman Trust.

Members of the scholarship committee are Greg Wemhoff, Anne Parks, Lisa Schumacher, Vicki Miller, Dean Schrage and Dennis Morgan.

Elgin Young n Lively to celebrate 50th anniversary

This Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, the Elgin Young n Lively organization will be holding an open house/reunion this Sunday, March 30.

Former members are invited to join current members in celebrating this milestone. Other ladies interested in joining the club are also invited. RSVP to Michele Reicks at (402) 843-8707. It will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center.

Annual St. Boniface Consignment Sale set to take place Saturday

March marks the arrival of Spring (and late season snowstorms). It is also the time of the year for one of the annual traditions associated with St. Boniface Catholic Church.

The 2025 St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction will be held this Saturday, March 29.

The first item is scheduled to be

auctioned off at 5:30 p.m.

Just about any type of item can be found on the list prepared by the auction committee. That includes foods/food related, home/miscellaneous, agriculture/auto and experiences. There will be raffles for a Ruger American Gen II Bolt Action Rifle Caliber 243. Another raffle will be for a Blackstone

22" Tabletop Griddle.

Auction services are again being donated by Baum Auctions, Inc., Ted Baum & Associates.

Food will be available in the form of sloppy joes, chips & cookies/bars. And, the bar will be open.

All proceeds go to St. Boniface Catholic Church.



Courtesy photo

Devon Baum (r) was just one of many fly-in participants who met with elected representatives in Washington D.C. to discuss matters affecting livestock marketers. Baum is shown with Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer.

Baum attends LMA Fly-In at Washington, D.C.

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS — An outdated prohibition almost cost Heidi Nicholas her marriage. On paper, anyway.

When the chance arose to buy Empire Livestock — a business with six livestock auction markets across New York — she seized it. Nicholas understood the markets' vital role in the region and saw no one else stepping up to keep them running.

But there was one major obstacle: her husband owned Nicholas Meat, a packing company in Pennsylvania. A Packers and Stockyards Act requirement, which predates modern livestock auctions, prohibits livestock market owners from owning packing companies.

To address these and other issues affecting livestock marketers across the country, Elgin Livestock's Devon Baum participated in the Livestock Marketers Association (LMA) Fly-In to Washington, D.C.

Even though Nicholas planned to purchase the auction markets with personal, non-marital funds — and had the documents to prove that — she faced pushback from USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services' Packers and Stockyards Division.

At one point, she even told the authorities the couple would divorce if that's what it took. That's how strongly she felt.

Eventually, she was able to complete the sale.

But what about established auction market owners? Nicholas pointed out in many areas, there aren't enough packers and processors to encourage competition or meet demand. Allowing markets to be part of the solution, such as opening a local locker or investing in a pooled funds regional packer, would support both markets and processors — while benefiting the producers who rely on these services.

A solution was recently reintroduced in the 119th Congress. The Amplifying Processing of Livestock in the United States, or the A-PLUS Act, and Expanding Local Meat Processing Act (HR 1648 and SB 782), would allow livestock market owners to invest in small and regional packers.

Supporting the bills was just one reason Livestock Marketing Association, or LMA, members gathered in Washington, D.C., March 9-11. Throughout their annual fly-in, the group also advocated for key Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provisions to be extended before expiring. They also expressed thanks for Congress passing Livestock Dealer Statutory Trust in 2020, which improves recovery when livestock dealers default.

For first-time participant Teto Medina Wallace, who is manager and lead auctioneer for Santa Teresa Livestock Auction in New Mexico, it was an unforgettable experience — and one he

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Ready to March - Prom 2025

Juniors, seniors and their dates filled the hallway moments before the start of the Elgin Public/Pope John Prom Grand March Saturday night at the KC Hall. Mark Grundmayer caught this moment, providing a unique perspective to the evening's activities.

Zwingman, Borer selected to attend Girls State Barlow, Busted named as alternates to attend the Lincoln program

Students from Elgin Public and Pope John schools have been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State. The nonpartisan political program teaches students about local, county and state government.

Chosen to attend from EPS was Kayton Zwingman, daughter of Kim and Dan Zwingman of Elgin.

Selected as an alternate was Kyndal Busted of rural Elgin. She is the daughter of Casey and Steve Busted.

Attending from PJCC will be Jovie Borer of rural Elgin. She is the daughter of Lauren and Jeremy Borer.

Chosen as an alternate was Tessa Barlow of Elgin. She is the daughter of Rachael Barlow and Mike Barlow.

Selections were made based on the students' academic achievements and involvement in her school and community.

ALA Girls State attendees, known as "citizens," receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mock political parties.

The students then campaign, hold rallies, debate, and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and perform their prescribed duties.

Attendees not elected to office are given appointments and visit the offices of those elected to share their

viewpoints as citizens.

The American Legion Auxiliary, founded in 1919, is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military and their families.

Members assist veterans in hospitals, advocate for veterans issues, distribute poppies for remembrance, and much more.



Kayton Zwingman



Jovie Borer



Kyndal Busted



Tessa Barlow

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Organization — Moser Equipment, L.L.C.

Notice of Dissolution — Booth Hay Company, L.L.C.

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Notice to Bidders (4) — Antelope County

Proceedings — The Village Board of Bartlett

Notice of Meetings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 78 degrees recorded on March 17. The low temperature during the same period was 21 degrees recorded on March 19.

Altogether, 0.05 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. 16	54	24	.00
Mar. 17	78	36	.00
Mar. 18	61	27	.05
Mar. 19	38	21	.00
Mar. 20	54	33	.00
Mar. 21	55	26	.00
Mar. 22	65	36	.00
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Total for March			0.78
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E-R photos/DMorgan

Elgin prom held Saturday

Seniors from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School (left) attending prom were (l-r): Juliana McNally, Olivia Klein, Natalie Burenheide, Kaitey Schumacher and Darby Carstens.

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Fake It 'Til You Make It

There's an expression that says, "Fake it 'til you make it." I've heard it in the context of business, learning something

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

was laid off, I had some medical issues, and then a close friend

passed away unexpectedly. There were days that I didn't want to get out of bed. My heart felt heavy, and it all felt like it was too much.

I've written about shielding our kids and I truly believe that in some instances, that is the right thing to do. They are kids and they shouldn't be expected to carry the same burden as adults.

However, there are times when it's ok for them to see us hurting. It's ok for them to know that we are also human, and that life can be hard.

I never want them to be scared or worried, especially when it comes to financial matters. However, when a hard season comes along, there's only so much faking a person can do.

One day, my oldest child walked in the kitchen, and I was

just standing there hugging my husband. I wasn't crying, but it was obvious I was sad and was just needing a hug at that moment.

He asked why I needed a hug. I told him that I was sad. Dad doesn't have a job, I feel icky, and my friend died. I was just honest and raw because that's how I felt.

Shockingly, he was really sweet. He realized that we were both hurting and made a point a few days later to ask his dad how he was feeling. It was a very mature thing to do, and I think allowing him to see us that way was actually a good thing.

I tend to try and fake it a lot in front of the kids. When I went through my divorce many years ago, I didn't want them to see my sadness. They were sad as it was and me being sad in front of them wasn't going to help.

I would cry when I was alone, but rarely ever cried in front of

them. In that instance, it felt appropriate. They were a lot younger, and my pain would have only added to theirs.

This feels different. Of course, as parents, there's no how-to guide. We are basically feeling out every conversation, every interaction as we go. No one kid is the same and no one circumstance is the same. We can only do our best and use wisdom and our best judgement.

As the days have passed, I've felt better and better. The sadness is waning, and my health is improving. It's still scary without a predictable income, but we are trusting in God's provision. There might be days that I give in to the anxiety but overall, there's a smile on my face.

As we navigate this time, we're just trying to do our best with how much we show the kids and how much we shield them. And sometimes, I just have to fake it 'til I make it.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

March 25, 1965

Eighth grade students at Elgin Public and St. Boniface Schools took all spelling honors Saturday in the annual county spelling contest held in the Neligh High School. Grand championship went to Janice Hoefler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoefler, and runner-up last year. She will compete in the state contest in Omaha the latter part of April.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meis received word from their son, Pvt. Donald Meis, who is in the U.S. Army, stationed in Alabama, that he recently passed an examination and received a diploma at the close of a 5-week course in electronics and motors.

A total of 123 fallow deer was counted. There were 48 on the Hall Ranch and 75 were sighted on the Mignery Ranch. Sex and age classification showed one buck, 102 does, and 20 fawns.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heithoff are the parents of an 8 lb. 7 oz. son, Calvin Francis born Monday, March 22, 1965 in the Antelope Memorial Hospital.

The Norfolk Navy Recruiting Station announced today that Richard S. Pelster, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril A. Pelster of Petersburg has enlisted in the Navy for 3 years. Upon completion of nine weeks recruit training at San Diego, Calif., Seaman Pelster will be granted 14 day leave prior to reporting to a permanent duty station or school.

Fifty Years Ago

March 20, 1975

Mrs. E. E. (Anna) Skinner, former Elgin resident, is celebrating her 100th birthday anniversary on March 28. She resides at the Wolfe Memorial Center in Albion.

Contributions to the 4-H Bank Campaign hit \$3,940 in 1974 from a total of 62 banks in Nebraska, topping the 1973 figure of \$3,190.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoefler of Lindsay a daughter at the Tilden Community Hospital on March 5, 1975. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was named Vicki Lane.

Elgin's Eagles fought from behind in the first quarter to garner a lead, only to have their high hopes dashed following John Miller's fall and ankle injury with minutes to go in the final quarter. The Eagles lost at state to Wilsonville played at Lincoln East, 52-48.

Thirty Years Ago

March 22, 1995

Ground has been cleared for a new sidewalk on the south side of the Elgin City Park. This is one of the projects scheduled for completion this spring. Work days have been scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, for installation of the new playground equipment at the park.

Jenny Avidano of Elgin High School and Tanya Starman of Pope John Central Catholic have been named Elgin's representatives to Cornhusker Girls State this year. The selections were announced this week by Elgin American Legion Auxiliary Unit 229.

Jared Kerkman of Pope John Central Catholic and Nathan Dickerson of Elgin High School have been named Elgin's representatives to Cornhusker Boys State this year. The selections were announced recently by Elgin American Legion Post 229.

For the second consecutive year, an Odyssey of the Mind team from Elgin Public Schools has qualified for state competition. Elgin's Division II team, made up of seventh and eighth graders, earned its trip to state by placing second in the "Vaudeville" competition at the Regional OM Contest last Saturday, March 18, at Columbus High School.

Brady Hoefler of Rural Petersburg has been awarded a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship to attend Wayne State College in the fall. Hoefler, a senior at Pope John Central Catholic High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hoefler.

Twenty Years Ago

March 23, 2005

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St. Boniface Spring Benefit MAR 29
2025 AUCTION

The **BAR** will be open - be sure to enjoy **Sloppy Joes, Chips & Cookies/Bars** from 5:00-???. **~ FREE WILL OFFERING ~**

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Quarter of Beef @ Albion Locker (you pay processing, pickup TBD), Dan & Kim Zwingman | Cookie Kits 1, Kristina Sehl | Cookie Kits 2, Kristina Sehl | Mark's Sourdough Bread per Month, Mark Dwyer | Baked Item of the Month, Liturgy Committee | Prime Rib Dinner for 8 People with all the fixings, Jodine Meis | Dean's Market Grilling Bundle, Parish Council | Meat of the Month, Dean's Market | Wood Smoked Pulled Pork, Schindler Families: Jeff, Jake, Ross, Drew & Evan | Coffee Bar, River Mill Coffee Co. | \$60 Gift Certificate, Four Corners Restaurant | Gift Card, 386 Tap | Gift Certificate, Wagon Wheel Restaurant | Half Hog, processing included, Tyson Dinslage/Kevin Thiele | Half Hog, processing included, Tyson Dinslage/Kevin Thiele | 10 Individually Wrapped New York Strip Steaks, Albion Livestock | Margarita Basket (tequila, 2 glasses, salt, margarita mix), Sly's Bar & Grill | Bag of Smoker Pellets (20lb Bag), Sly's Bar & Grill | Bag of Smoker Pellets (20lb Bag), Sly's Bar & Grill | #1 Larry's Seasoning, Nancy Shavlik | #2 Larry's Seasoning, Nancy Shavlik | #3 Larry's Seasoning, Nancy Shavlik | #4 Larry's Seasoning, Nancy Shavlik | #5 Larry's Seasoning, Nancy Shavlik | 10lb Prime Rib, DC Seed & Chem | Prime Rib from the Albion Locker, Cargill | Gift Certificate to Wing Night, Clearwater Sons of the American Legion | Family Size Lasagna (frozen), Dennis & Lynell Morgan | Family Size Casserole (frozen), Dennis & Lynell Morgan | Triple Lemon Bundt Cake, Dennis & Lynell Morgan

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 Ruger American Gen II Bolt Action Rifle Caliber 243
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HOME/MISCELLANEOUS

Box of Furnace Filters, Jordan Schindler Heating & Air | Glass Display Case, St. Boniface Church | Sketch #1, Herb & Sherri Mignery | Sketch #2, Herb & Sherri Mignery | Gift Basket, Ashley Hunwarden | Gift Basket & Treatment Certificate, Danica Knapp | Hand Made Cross made from Whiskey Barrel Wood #1, Mark Schmitt | Hand Made Cross made from Whiskey Barrel Wood #2, Mark Schmitt

RAFFLE
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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

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

Edward R. Murrow

A small farm town still rides atop the Blarney Stone, not the 'Irish Capital'

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, but as always, you probably saw buttons reading "Kiss me, I'm Irish" from all sorts of people, Irish or not.

We are all Irish on St. Paddy's Day, they say.

But according to U.S. News & World Report, only about 9.4% of Americans are of Irish descent, yet 61% of us planned to celebrate on March 17.

It all got me wondering, how Irish are Nebraskans?

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

Back in the day, I did a story on this topic and found that, be gosh and begorrah, the "Irish Capital of Nebraska" — O'Neill — wasn't the most Irish town in the state.

That title went to Greeley, a village of now 434 people north of Grand Island where all the streets have Irish names and they have a wonderful half-way to St. Patrick's Day festival in September featuring great Irish folk bands.

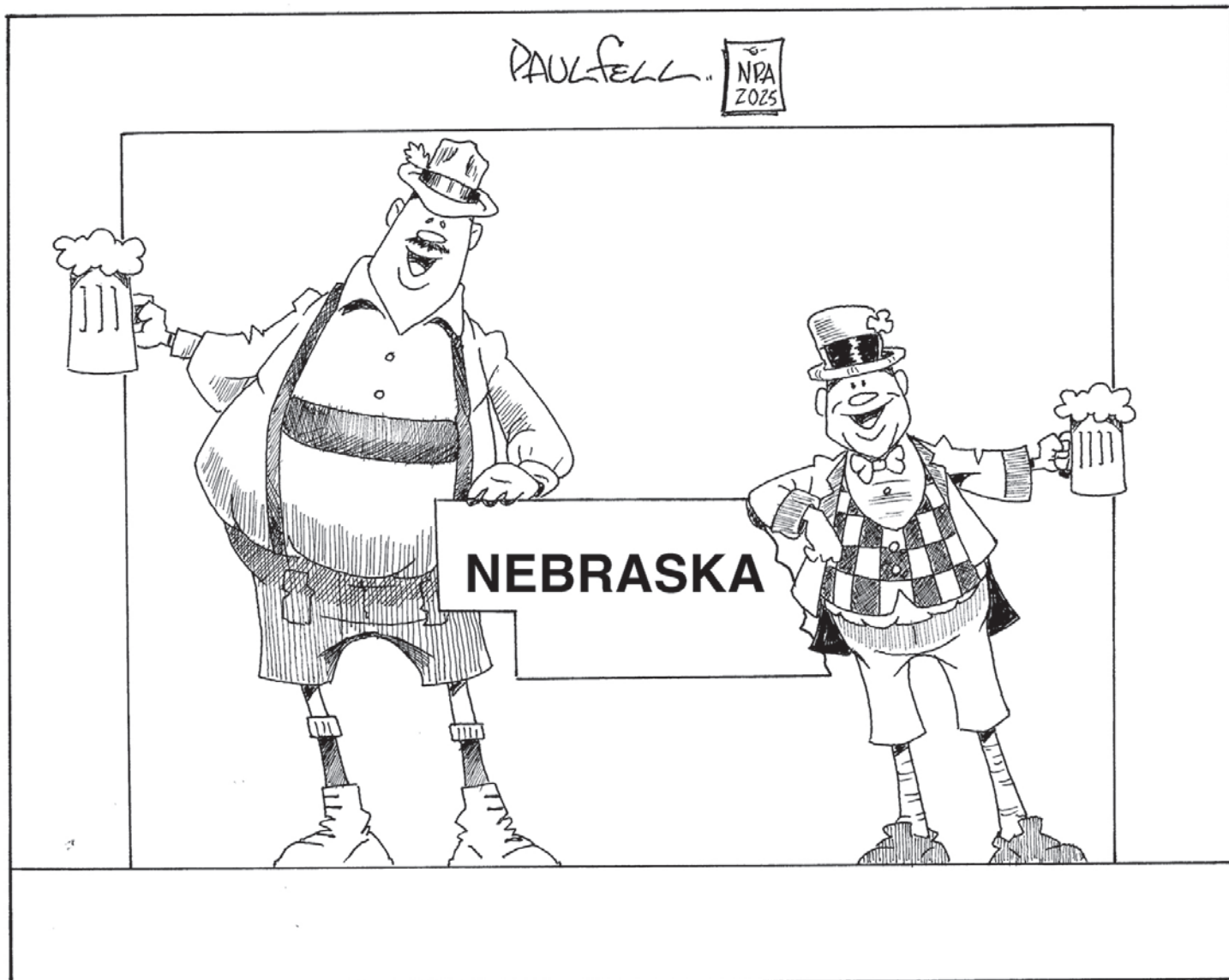
Overall, 13.5% of Nebraskans claim Irish origins, according to the American Community estimates done by the U.S. Census Bureau for 2023 (recent statistics I found thanks to Morgan Vogel, assistant director of the Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Nebraska at Omaha).

Nebraska's Irish are more than a wee bit behind New Hampshire, which leads the nation with 20.4% of its residents declaring Irish ancestry, says U.S. News & World Report. The northeast states all have large Irish populations.

In Nebraska, we're mostly Germans, based on what we report to the Census Bureau.

About 30% of us declare our ancestry as German, according to the World Population Review. Only Wisconsin (No. 1 at nearly 36%), North Dakota and South Dakota are more German than us.

That same review pegged Nebraska as having the most residents, percentage wise, of Czechs at 3.95%. We polka-lovers are well ahead of South



Dakota and Iowa, which are 1.84% and 1.55% Czech, respectively.

Oak Creek Township, which includes the village of Valparaiso, had the most Czechs per capita in Nebraska, according to 2021 estimates, at 38%, just ahead of Wilber's 37% and David City's 28%.

As for German towns, my favorite is the unincorporated village of Bow Valley, up in Cedar County. Nearly 67% of those living in that area claimed German origins. Every five years, that village celebrates its heritage with a traditional "schuetzenfest," a target shooting competition in which the winner is declared "king" of a festival.

There used to be quite a battle over the most Swedish spot on the Nebraska

map, with Stromsburg, Wausau and Oakland duking it out. But the census estimates from 2023 give Stromsburg the title, with 24.9% of the residents of the official "Swede Capital of Nebraska" declaring that Nordic county as their origin.

Oakland, the official "Swedish Capital" of the state had 20.8% of its population citing Swedish ancestry, just ahead of Wausau — a self-declared Swedish capital — at 20.6%.

How much stock to put on these population estimates and census form declarations is up to you. The most recent census figures indicated that one-fourth of all people didn't report an ancestry, and 20% reported "other" as their origin.

Overall, Sapp from UNO added, fewer people are indicating their ancestry on the census forms as the generations pass, and there's talk of dropping ancestry questions from the census.

As for the battle for the most Irish place in the state?

It appears that Greeley still rides atop the Blarney Stone.

One third of Greeley residents identified as Irish-Americans in the American Community Survey, while up in O'Neill, the percentage was 12.5%.

O'Neill has a much larger German population, the Greeley folks pointed out back in the day. The most current number is that 35% of O'Neill residents identify German as their ancestry.

Why, I asked the Greeley-ites, has O'Neill had a St. Patrick's Day Festival for much longer, and how has it been dubbed as Nebraska's official "Irish Capital?"

That's easy, the Irish of Greeley told me, with all those Germans up there, they are just more organized.

Securing American Agriculture

Nebraska farmers and ranchers produce the safest and most abundant food supply in the world. Agricultural inputs have further increased efficiency, improved resiliency to disease and drought, and reduced impacts on the environment. Nebraska producers have

led the way on all those fronts. They feed and fuel the world. This week, I introduced bipartisan legislation to secure our food and agricultural supply chains.

Communist China is the single greatest foreign threat we face. A Communist China-led world would mean coercion instead of choice, tyranny instead

of liberty, and dictatorship instead of democracy. We must defend our security and our way of life. I continue to fight for an all-of-government response to these challenges. One way to do that is by protecting key supply chains. We discovered the risk of being dependent on China during the pandemic.

Among other supply chains, Communist China has gained significant

market share in the production of essential agricultural inputs. Inputs like vitamins, veterinary pharmaceuticals, and crop protection tools. China now controls over 90% of vitamin C and vitamin B6 production. They control up to 85% of amino acids used in animal feed. That high market share threatens the existence of independent supply chains for key inputs.

Losing access to these inputs could have major negative consequences on productivity, prices, and food security. A University of Wisconsin-Whitewater study found that China's domination of the amino acids market could potentially destroy 30,000 U.S. jobs. It could also reduce economic activity by \$15 billion per year. We can't let that happen. We must diversify our supply chains.

This week, I introduced the Securing American Agriculture Act with Democrat Elissa Slotkin of Michigan. Our bipartisan, bicameral bill will bolster and protect our food and agricultural supply chains. It will also reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries.

Specifically, our bill does two things. First, it requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct an annual threat assessment. This would examine food and agricultural supply chains.

It would look at current domestic

production capacity for critical inputs. The assessment would also examine current and potential bottlenecks in our supply chains.

Second, our bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend solutions to mitigate threats from Communist China.

This would mean recommending new rules or laws to encourage diversifying our supply chain away from China. That way, we can onshore more production and protect our supply chains.

Our bill is bipartisan and bicameral. Iowa Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and Illinois Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi are leading the legislation in the House.

We're working to get this common-sense bill over the finish line.

China's strategic control over crucial sectors of our food and agricultural supply chains poses a serious national security threat. Food security is national security. Losing access to key inputs could reduce productivity, increase food prices, and undermine food security. My Securing American Agriculture Act will bolster and protect these supply chains.

It will reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries. It will protect Nebraska farmers and ranchers. I'll keep fighting until we pass it.

Powering our future through energy abundance

Last week the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a bevy of actions to roll back red tape and unleash American industry, effectively reversing the Biden-Harris war on affordable energy. These directives include initiating reconsideration of the unprecedented tailpipe emissions rule, a de facto mandate for consumer adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), and the so-called "Clean Power Plan 2.0," which promised to place a stranglehold on efficient power plant production.

The Biden administration's EV mandate was unworkable for Americans

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

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Delivering Justice for AG Bombing Victims

Last week, ISIS-K terrorist Mohammed Sharifullah admitted his involvement in multiple terror attacks.

He admitted that he conducted surveillance for a suicide bombing at the Canadian embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2016.

He admitted that he trained the attackers who killed 130 people in Moscow, Russia in 2016. And he admitted that he strategized for the Abbey Gate suicide bombing that occurred during the 2021 withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan — an attack that took the lives of 13 American service members, including Nebraska's own Corporal Daegan Page.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Sharifullah admitted all this. And as President Trump said in his address to Congress last week, he will "face the swift sword of American justice" for his crimes.

Earlier this month, Pakistani authorities acted on Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) information to detain Sharifullah in their country. They coordinated with the American government — the FBI, CIA, and Department of Justice (DOJ) — to extradite him to the United States to answer for his crimes.

Just last week, a court charged Sharifullah with providing and conspiring to provide material support for terrorism.

His fate will soon be determined by the American justice system.

The devastating Abbey Gate bombing resulted in the murder of members of the U.S. military and approximately 160 civilians outside the Kabul airport.

Thirteen American families were deprived of their sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters serving in Afghanistan. Like President Trump said, Sharifullah was a "monster" who was integrally involved in perpetrating that attack.

Court documents show that Sharifullah was released from prison two weeks before the bombing at Abbey Gate. Soon after his release, ISIS members contacted him for assistance in the attack.

Allegedly, Sharifullah scouted a route for a suicide bomber and conducted surveillance for law enforcement on that route. This man's 'go ahead' ensured that the suicide bomber could reach his target. The detention and trial of Sharifullah is a message for the families of the Americans who were lost in the Abbey Gate bombing. It is a message that the Trump administration is committed to delivering justice for them — however delayed that justice might be. It is a message that we will honor the lives of our service members by avenging their deaths.

It is also a message for those who would threaten Americans, especially terrorists like Sharifullah.

This administration will not stand for terror, and America will respond forcefully to attacks on our own people.

Whichever party is in power, this is how our nation must deal with terror: using the swift sword of American justice.

I will watch eagerly for that justice to be upheld in this case.

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living in rural areas like those in the Third District and promised to make us more dependent on supply chains controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. Those hurt the most by these misguided, job-killing policies are typically the ones who can afford it least. In September 2024, a resolution I cosponsored to rescind this EV mandate passed the House. Unfortunately, it was never taken up by the then Democrat-controlled Senate.

The crushing power plant rules not only undermined grid reliability, they threatened our economic future. As nearly half of our electricity comes from coal, including the power supplying our EV charging stations, Nebraskans do not benefit from bureaucratic obstacles to affordable power. This is not the way to move our economy

forward.

To meet our growing energy demands, Congress must keep pace with the executive branch to advance sound policy which capitalizes on the benefit of affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy sources, including biofuels. In addition to renewing investment-friendly tax policy from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, this begins with ending restrictions on nationwide, year-round sale of ethanol blends up to 15 percent (E15) at the gas pump.

E15 is clean, sustainable, and saves drivers 25 cents more per gallon compared to ethanol blends of 10 percent. Yet, nationwide sale of E15 is currently restricted during the summer months—when driver demand

is highest. According to a report by UNL's Department of Agricultural Economics, the ethanol industry has a \$6 billion impact on Nebraska's economy annually. In comparison, this is well over 50 times the economic impact of the College World Series. My bill with Senator Fischer to enact permanent access to E15 would open the door to investments adding an estimated \$66.3 billion to U.S. GDP and 188,000 additional jobs.

Hydropower is another sustainable energy source which holds great benefit. The ability to harness the power of moving water has paid tremendous dividends for Nebraska's economy and many other regions of the country. To promote the development of hydroelectricity

and appropriate stewardship of our water resources, last week I reintroduced a bipartisan bill which would expand investment tax credits to support structural upgrades, generator rewinds, and fish passage enhancements through 2031.

Carefully considered policy enables us to take proper care of our natural resources and spur economic growth simultaneously, all while respecting the rights of American farmers, ranchers, and small businesses. Last week, in a major reversal of the Biden administration's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers announced a collaborative effort to solicit stakeholder input toward a new WOTUS rule.

This process will provide much needed clarity and reduce permitting barriers while ensuring the EPA fulfills its mandate to protect navigable American waters.

This is a great step toward putting WOTUS abuse to bed. The EPA has threatened property rights and the livelihoods of rural Americans with bureaucratic overreach for far too long. In 2015, I led legislative efforts to block harmful WOTUS implementation. While my resolution was passed by Congress, unfortunately, it was vetoed by President Obama. The Biden administration's failure to appropriately comply with the Supreme Court's 2023 Sackett v. EPA ruling or seek public input has only perpetuated uncertain-

ty. EPA regulations must never put undue burdens on hard-working rural Americans and should properly reflect congressional intent in the Clean Water Act. I appreciate these bold and decisive actions by President Trump and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin. Maintaining clean water, air, and soil can accompany energy abundance and American innovation by responding to the voice of the American people and reducing regulatory burdens. To complement such actions by the Trump administration, Congress must further support American ingenuity by passing my bill to unleash E15. I will continue to fight to advance policy which powers our future. Innovation is fueled by abundance.

Law enforcement continuing education requirements debated

This past week, the Judiciary Committee heard testimony on my bill LB73 relating to law enforcement continuing education requirements.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

This legislation is the result of conversations I had with area sheriffs last year regarding law enforcement staffing shortages. In 2021, the Legislature passed LB51 which increased the amount of continuing education each law enforcement officer across the state must take each calendar

year from 20 hours to 32 hours. LB51 was brought to improve law enforcement standards in Nebraska following criticism of police violence in 2020. Following the passage of LB51, these burdensome continuing education requirements worsened already problematic staffing issues in many small, rural law enforcement agencies. Whereas law enforcement agencies in Lancaster and Douglas Counties might have several dozen or several hundred officers on staff, a rural county sheriff's department might only have 4 or 5 deputies available to cover several hundred, and in some cases, several thousand square miles. In essence, LB51 created a one-size-fits all policy that meets the needs of Lincoln and Omaha but not rural Nebraska.

LB73 offers one solution by reducing the number of required continuing education hours from 32 hours to 20 hours for law enforcement officers

serving in counties under 40,000 people. This threshold is more in line with what neighboring states like South Dakota and Iowa require for their law enforcement officers. Members of law enforcement, including Knox County Sheriff Don Henery, testified in support of LB73.

The Legislature also advanced one of my bills to Final Reading. Earlier this year, I introduced LB184 which would restrict the sale of flavored nitrous oxide products. Chronic abuse of nitrous oxide leads to permanent nerve damage that stunts cognition or even death. Nationally, there is a growing trend of flavored nitrous oxide products being sold in vape stores, kratom dispensaries, and smoke shops across the country, including in Nebraska. One such product is known as Galaxy Gas, which is marketed under the guise of making whipped cream. However, testimony at the hearing revealed

that flavored nitrous oxide is instead being marketed to minors and has very few legitimate uses outside of getting people high.

Approximately 44 states have enacted laws regulating nitrous oxide and other similar inhalants. However, in Nebraska, the sale and use of nitrous oxide is largely unregulated outside of the medical industry. Given the testimony presented at the public hearing, LB184 was advanced from the Judiciary Committee on a unanimous 8-0 vote.

I was then successful in attaching LB184 to Senator Hallstrom's LB230 (The Kratom Consumer Protection Act) during its Select File debate by a unanimous 33-0 vote. The ban on flavored nitrous oxide will become a piece of Senator Hallstrom's LB230 and will go through Final Reading at a later time.

Meanwhile, Speaker Arch

announced that one of my bills, LB50, will be a Speaker priority bill. LB50 would correct a technical mistake with the nameplate capacity tax made when the Legislature took over primary funding of the state's community colleges two years ago.

Additionally, my priority bill, LB437 by Senator Riepe which would repeal the Certificate of Need Act for nursing homes, was advanced to the floor by the Health and Human Services Committee on a 6-0 vote. This action means that it is more likely LB437 will be heard and considered by the full Legislature later this year.

As floor debate continues, 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.

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Orthopedics...Dr. Rickert/Sean Craig	April 10 th
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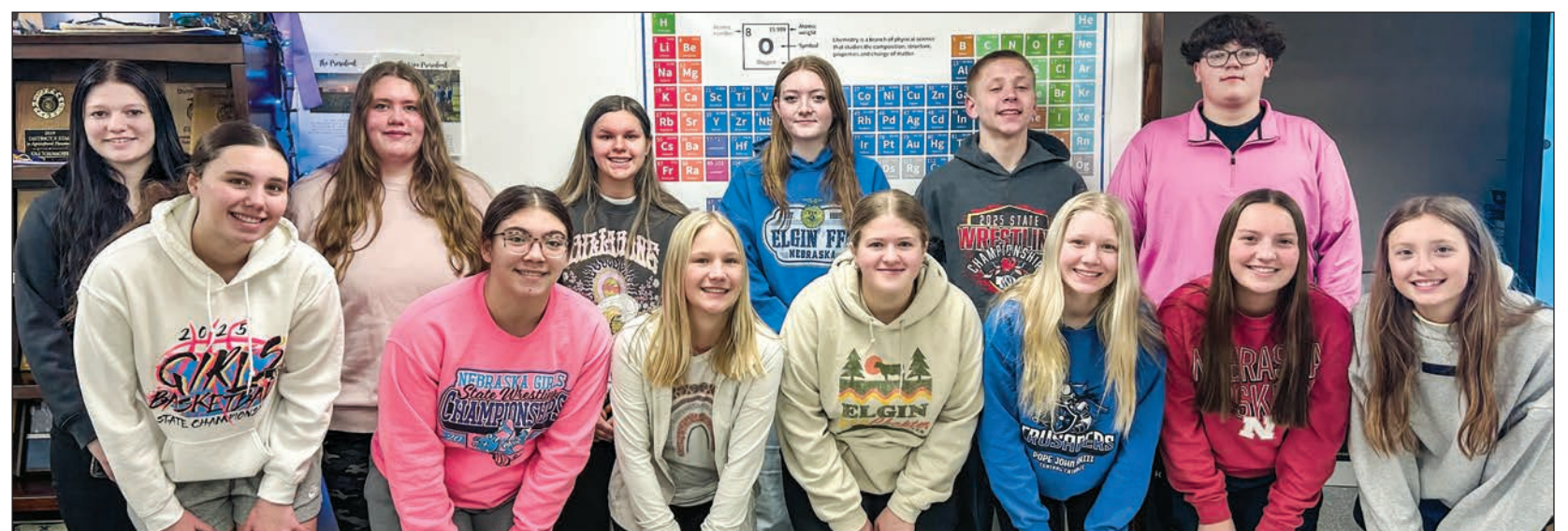


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Agriscience Fair state qualifiers from Elgin FFA are (back row, l-r): Aubrie Parks, Gemma Miller, Kyndal Busteed, Kyla Donaldson, John Zwingman and Jayvin Erickson. Front row: Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Libby Evans, Sadie Thiessen, Megan Wright, Brooke Kinney, Kylee Lichtenberg and Braelyn Martinsen.

FFA Agriscience state qualifiers; Proficiency awards announced

The FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes student researchers studying the application of agricultural scientific principles and emerging technologies in agricultural enterprises. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students.

Participation begins at the local level and progresses to state and national levels. All

Nebraska finalists submitted their reports in February for review. Those reports had to score a minimum amount of points in order to advance as a state finalist. Here are Elgin FFA's finalists:

- Kylee Lichtenberg & Braelyn Martinsen - Food Systems Division 4
- Kyndal Busteed - Food Sys-

tems Division 5

- Kierstyn Eisenhauer - Food Systems Division 3
- Jayvin Erickson & John Zwingman - Food Systems Division 2

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- Libby Evans & Sadie Thiessen - Social Sciences Division 4
- Brooke Kinney & Aubrie Parks - Plant Systems Division 4

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- Gemma Miller - Social Systems Division 3
- Megan Wright & Kyla Donaldson - Animal Systems Division 4

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- Isaac Hemenway

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Isaac Hemenway



Kaiden Bode

The awards are categorized into specific "areas," allowing members exploring or pursuing careers in agriculture to be recognized for their work. Each area has a clear description, and SAE projects must align with that description to be eligible for consideration.

In Nebraska, a member's Proficiency application must go through two reviews, one at the district level and another at the state level, to earn finalist honors at the State Convention.

Two Elgin students have advanced to the state competition. They are:

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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, March 31: Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, potato wedges, carrots, apricots, bread/butter, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Chili, cinnamon roll, carrots/celery, cottage cheese, pineapple, bread/butter, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.
Thursday, April 3: Ham & noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk.
Friday, April 4: French toast bake, scrambled eggs, hash-

browns, muffins, apple slices, orange juice, 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.
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Wolfpack Sports



Kurpgeweit, Martinsen lead girls all-NVC first team

Postseason recognition came last week as the Niobrara Valley Conference announced selections to the girls all-conference teams.

Two members of the Wolf-

pack girls team, sophomores Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgeweit were named to the first team. They were the leading scorers on a team which posted a 18-6 record.

They were joined on the first team by Gracie Williamson (JF) and Pyper Ickes (SO) - St. Mary's; Mileyl Pike (JR) - Santee; Mya Lewis (SO) - North Central; Reagan Stracke (SR)

and Addison Steinhauser (SR) - Stuart; and Ella Moses (SR) - CWC.

Wolfpack senior Kate Furstenau, one of the best three-point shooters in the con-

ference, headed up selections to the second team.

Others were Adyson Petersen (SO) and Anabelle Barlow (SR) - St. Mary's; Lizzie Gartner (SR) and Anabel Waldo (SR) - CWC; Eve Kucera (SR) and Taylen Stark (JR) - Niobrara-Verdigre; Karlene Kepledtr (JR) and Bridget Lewis (SR) - North Central; and Jaylee Lechtenberg (JR) - Boyd County.



Kate Furstenau



Kayton Zwingman

Junior Kayton Zwingman was among the honorable mention selections. Joining her were Kyra Tubbs (FR) - Stuart; Allison Sucha (SR) - Niobrara-Verdigre; Emerson Mlnarik (JR) - St. Mary's; Elly Zeisler (FR) and Kaylee Warnke (SO) - Boyd County; and Aubrinee Tuttle (SO) - Santee.



Girls First Team All-Niobrara Valley Conference
Sophomore Braelyn Martinsen



Girls First Team All-Niobrara Valley Conference
Sophomore Mady Kurpgeweit



Boys First Team All-Niobrara Valley Conference
Junior Karson Kallhoff



Boys First Team All-Niobrara Valley Conference
Junior Jarek Erickson

Erickson, Kallhoff earn top NVC honors

Two members of the Wolfpack boys basketball team have received first team all-conference honors.

Coaches in the Niobrara Valley Conference announced all-conference selections last week. Two members of the Wolfpack team received first team honors. Juniors Jarek Erickson and Karson Kallhoff were named to the first team.

Joining them were Gage Hedstrom - St. Mary's (Sr.); Ben Barlow - St. Mary's (So.); Hunter Tubbs - Stuart (Sr.); Hudson Hoffman - Boyd County (Sr.); Logan Brabec - St. Mary's (So.); Gavynn Mustin - Stuart (Sr.); Zak Swanson - North Central (Sr.); and Kayde Ramm - Stuart (Sr.).

Heading up the second team was Wolfpack senior Kellan Hoefler. Others named to the second team were Charlie Adams - Boyd County (Sr.); Elijah Heinz - CWC (Sr.); Michael Jesse - CWC (So.); Drew Schmaderer - Stuart (Sr.); Kol Otten - North Central (Sr.); Cash Sinclair - Boyd County (Sr.);

Ben Paxton - Stuart (Sr.); Wyatt Shabram - Niobrara Verdigre (Sr.) and James Eby - St. Mary's (So.).

Receiving honorable mention, from EPPJ, were senior Dylan

Kolm and freshman Max Henn. Others earning recognition were Beau Butterfield - CWC (Sr.); Issac Jensen - Boyd County (Sr.); Will Nelson - Boyd County (Sr.); Drake Berg - St. Mary's

(So.); Jameson Estill - Stuart (Sr.); Keian Fischer - North Central (So.); Collin Hagan - North Central (So.) and Coy Wickersham - Niobrara Verdigre (Sr.).

Spinning Tales

Space kids, splashdowns and dolphins

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

Four parachutes and a ton of pride. Even though people tell me I look and act younger than I am, I'm not. This vessel is 67 years old. It has its good days, bad

days and a bunch of in-between days. For a few hours last week I felt extremely young. Young, as in the age of an elementary student sitting in a classroom watching a television. Why would I feel that way? The answer is I'm a 'space kid'. A proud member of the baby boomer generation, we were the fortunate ones who grew up during the golden years of space exploration. When we were in grade

school our teachers would let us watch the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space missions, watch the rockets lift off, some heading to the moon. We were also allowed to watch the ship come back to earth, splashing down in the ocean. It was a source of American pride as we won the space race. Ok, that was then. This was now, on Tuesday afternoon, watching another spacecraft coming home. The weather just

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April 23 @ St. Mary's	9:00
April 29 @ Creighton	1:30
May 1 @ Norfolk, Track Classic	TBA
May 3 NVC@Bassett	9:30
May 6 Classic@Norfolk	4:00
May 7 @ Humphrey	9:00
May 14 Districts	TBA
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April 22 @ Burwell	1:00
April 29 @ Genoa	9:00
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May 6 @ Randolph	2:30
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VARSITY

April 1 Triangular@Fullerton	4:30
April 8 Quad@EPPJ (at Neligh GC)	4:00
April 11 @ Beemer (JV only)	10:00
April 12 @ Plainview	8:30
April 16 @ Ewing	9:00
April 24 @ Scotus	9:00
April 29 @ North Central (Bassett) (NVC)	9:00
May 3 @ West Holt	9:00
May 5 Tri@Albion	4:00
May 7 @ Niobrara	9:30
May 12 @ Bassett	9:00
May 13 @ Fullerton	10:00
May 15 Dual@Neligh (vs. EV)	2:00
May 19 Districts @ Ainsworth	TBA
May 27-28...State@North Platte	TBA

SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

March 26 NVC Quiz Bowl @ Boyd Co.	April 18-21 No School, Easter Break
March 27 Enrichment Day @ Bartlett	April 24-25 NVC Art Show
March 28 State Speech @ Kearney	April 24 FFA Annual Banquet
March 29 SFortnite Esports State Tourney	April 25 District Music @ Verdigre
March 31 EPS, Prevention Solutions	April 28 EPS JH/HS Spring Concert
April 2-4 State FFA Convention	April 30 PJCC Spring Concert
April 9 Statewide ACT (Juniors) • NECC Quiz Bowl (9-12) • EPS School Boar	May 1 EPS JH/HS Science Fair
April 11-13 ESU8 Art Show	May 2 EPS Grandparents Day with the Elementary Spring Concert to follow
April 11 Mario Kart Esports	May 3 Neligh-Oakdale Honor Band
April 13 PJCC Development Dinner	
April 14 Northeast Singers, 11 am @ EPS Gym	
April 16 Bloodmobile in Elgin	
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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Oven Fried Potatoes and Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Good day. This week I am sharing some side dishes. Ladies, are you always wondering what you can make for a potato side dish?

We don't eat lots of potatoes in our house, but I do enjoy preparing them in

different ways. I like this "oven fried potatoes" in the oven because you can make a whole meal at the same time. I make a meat loaf and a squash and potatoes all at the same time. "Simple

Supper." The creamy mashed potatoes are a great way to serve a lot of people. Here's the recipe we

used for the holidays. Hope you will try these! JoAnn

OVEN FRIED POTATOES

- 8 large unpeeled potatoes cut in 8 wedges each
- 1/2 oil (cup)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 2 Tbls Parmesan Cheese

Arrange potatoes with skin side up in a shallow baking dish. Mix all the ingredients and pour over the potatoes. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes. Yummy!

CREAMY MASHED POTATOES

- 5 lbs potatoes
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 1 tsp onion salt
- 1 tsp salt

- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup half and half (milk)

Boil potatoes until soft, cool, and mash ten. Combine butter cream cheese, salt, and seasoning salts, garlic powder and half and half. Mix well until well blended. Add the mashed potatoes. Blend and put in a 3 quart casserole dish. Dot with additional butter and sprinkle on Paprika. Bake for 30 minutes at 350°.

New 3D Mammography now available at AMH

"We are very excited to announce that we recently installed a brand-new Fuji Aspire Cristalle 3D mammography system at Antelope Memorial Hospital," said Kristen Kester, BSRT(R)(CT)(M) and AMH Radiology Director. "This machine offers state-of-the-art technology to our patients for the early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Plus, it provides a much faster exam, combining 2D and 3D imaging in a single exposure. This reduces the time the patient is in compression and drastically decreases the radiation dose to the patient as well. It also offers Comfort Paddles, that flex to accommodate the shape of the patient, and a Comfort Comp compression option, which makes the exam much more comfortable for the patient!"

In addition, the technology of our new mammography system is better able to differentiate between dense breast tissue, making small cancers that are difficult to diagnose easier to detect and treat sooner, added Kester. In 2015, Antelope Memorial Hospital was the first hospital in the area to offer 3D

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In early March, a brand-new Fuji Aspire Cristalle 3D mammography system was installed at Antelope Memorial Hospital. Pictured above (l-r): Kristen Kester, RT(R)(M)(CT) and AMH Radiology Director, Calli Allemang, RT(R)(M), and Wendi Reinke, RT(R)(M)(CT), are shown by AMH's new 3D mammography machine which offers the latest in comfort and imaging technologies. Photo submitted

Tales

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off the coast near Tallahassee, Florida, was perfect. The ocean waters were blue, the sky was blue and full of sunshine.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Elgin time, the spacecraft started to come down. Two parachutes were first deployed to slow the capsule, then after they were detached, the four main chutes opened up, slowing Dragon Freedom down to just 16 miles per hour when it splashed into the water.

It's been a long time since Lynnell and I watched a space capsule splash down in the ocean. Man it was beautiful to see.

Then, as if it wasn't enough, a pod of dolphins were soon circling around the capsule, acting like a welcoming committee.

It was reality TV at its finest. Real astronauts, real dolphins, American know how on full display as they brought the spaceship onto the ship. Then, after everything was secure, out came the astronauts.

Remember, this was a rescue mission as two of the astronauts who finally came home were only supposed to be in space for one week, instead it became nine months when the ship they flew to the International Space Station (ISS) was determined not to be safe to bring the astronauts home.

Well, they're now home. As to the politics of why it took so long, you can discuss that amongst your friends, I won't waste a breath of clean air on the matter. Believe what you want to believe, you don't have to live like a refugee, siding with whichever party in office is putting food in front of your face.

Anyway, space kids watched man walk in space for the first time, they watched man take his first steps on the moon and, a decade later, watched a spaceship fly into space on a rocket, then come home and land like an airplane.

Space kids appreciate the effort it took to create new technology which allowed U.S. spaceships fly to the moon and back.

Back

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Elgin firemen extinguished a grass fire along Highway 14 south of Elgin last Thursday morning, March 10. Strong wind gusts caused the fire to

spread rapidly.

Pope John Central Catholic students have started a busy schedule of rehearsals for their spring musical, "Big River," which will be presented April 1, 2 and 3 at St. Boniface Audi-

torium.

John and Michelle Stuhr of Gothenburg, NE, are the parents of a son, John Francis Stuhr, Jr., born March 14, 2005.

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The fire was midway between Bartlett and Four Corners.

The majority of the fire was contained west of Highway 281, but eventually crossed over and was extinguished shortly after.

NEBRASKA STRONG starts pretty young in our area. One young boy, Kolt Nelson, age 6, was worried about his parents because they were some of the fire fighters. He wanted to do something to help also. This little guy worked so hard setting up the Wheeler County Ag Building for a meal to serve.

Submitted by Pauline Marker

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Baum

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cannot recommend enough to fellow LMA members.

"I came here with high expectations, but this has completely blown me away," Medina Wallace said.

Nicholas agreed. "I'm 66 years old and it's the first time I've ever been to D.C.," she said.

Additionally, the two participants enjoyed the connections they made, both with policymakers and their fellow LMA members.

Wallace Medina said he was impressed by the group's ability to come together and work toward common goals.

"I'm just so proud of the number of members who took time away from their busy schedules and families to come advocate for our industry on Capitol Hill," he said.

In addition to Baum, others attending the fly-in were: Justin Cozzi, Dos Palos Y, California; Jarod Cozzi, Dos Palos Y, California; Bowdy Griffin, Galt, California; Joe Nelson, Lanesboro, Minnesota; Barb Nelson, Lanesboro, Minnesota; Laura Fidler, Fairview, Illinois; Addison Fidler, Fairview, Illinois; Cody Harold, Bowling Green, Missouri; Mike VanMaanen, Bowling Green, Missouri; Neil Bouray, Mankato, Kansas; Justin French, Broken Bow, Nebraska; Rich Robertson, Crawford, Nebraska; Alicia Robertson, Crawford, Nebraska; Jay Nordhausen, Ogallala, Nebraska, and North Platte, Nebraska; Jeff Ebersdorfer, Mitchell, South Dakota; Molly Ebersdorfer, Mitchell, South Dakota; Larry Schnell, Dickinson, North Dakota; Jake Billington, Twin Falls, Idaho; Sara Evans, Paris, Kentucky; Randel Arnett, Paris, Kentucky; Steve Sterchi, Oakland, Kentucky; Jim Akers, Lexington, Kentucky; Jackson Tolle, Maysville, Kentucky; Mark Barnett, Guthrie, Kentucky; Wade Leist, Boyne City, Michigan; Josh LeMaster, Gaffney, South Carolina; Amanda LeMaster, Gaffney, South Carolina; Chris Boerjan, Wister, Oklahoma; Ben Hale, Woodward, Oklahoma; Seth Hale, Woodward, Oklahoma; Bracken Marburger, Milano, Texas; Stephanie Marburger, Milano, Texas; Teto Medina Wallace, Santa Teresa, New Mexico; John Robertson, Coleman, Texas; Christi Robertson, Coleman, Texas; Mandy Geistweidt, Fredericksburg, Texas; Brian Glick, Belleville, Pennsylvania; Heidi Nicholas, Loganton, Pennsylvania; Chad McNew, Greencastle, Pennsylvania; Jeff Showalter, Staunton, Pennsylvania; Beth Showalter, Staunton, Pennsylvania; Nick Boyer, Staunton, Pennsylvania; and Kristina Boyer, Staunton, Pennsylvania.

Aaron B. Morrison, 73

September 18, 1951 - March 22, 2025

A graduate of Tilden High School, for many years he worked construction, drive a truck and was a farmer.



Aaron B. Morrison, 73, of Elgin passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at his home near Elgin.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Antelope County Ag Society Event Center in Neligh, NE with John Petersen officiating.

Interment will follow at the Oakdale Cemetery, Oakdale. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Antelope County Ag Society Event Center.

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

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

Aaron Boyd Morrison, son of Waldo and Wilma (Meyer) Morrison, was born on September 18, 1951, at Orchard, NE. He attended elementary school at District 5 in Wheeler County and high school at Tilden High School in Tilden, NE.

On July 23, 1982, Aaron was united in marriage to Alice Carr in Neligh.

The couple made their home

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OBITUARIES

Karen Rodriguez, 78

November 24, 1946 - March 10, 2025

A Tilden native, she attended and graduated from St. Boniface High School and taught for 45 years in Sioux City.



Karen Rodriguez, longtime Catholic elementary school teacher and ESL teacher, died March 10, 2025, at Avera Dougherty Hospice House.

A Memorial Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 3112 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The interment will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025, at the South Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, 25965 477th Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Karen Marie Bohnenkamp Rodriguez was born November 24, 1946, in Tilden, Nebraska, to Lawrence and Marcella (Schmitz) Bohnenkamp. She attended St. Boniface Grade School and High School and graduated from Wayne State College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

On August 2, 1969, she was united in marriage with Julio Rodriguez in Sioux City. Residing in Sioux City, they

soon became loving parents to their two children. Later in life they moved to Sioux Falls. Karen enjoyed volunteering at Blessed Sacrament Church and reading at the masses. She also was a member of the Red Hat Society.

In addition she was a member of League of United Latin American Citizens. Karen liked to read and follow the weather very closely. She also thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her dogs. Additionally she enjoyed spending time outside and decorating for each holiday, especially Christmas. She loved visiting with her mother and sisters and visiting her son in Washington.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Julio; son, Jamie and his wife, Angie, Sioux Falls, SD; Jamie's daughter, Morgan, Union Gap, WA, and his son, Caleb, Port Orchard, WA; daughter, Jenni and her husband Steve Koutz, Watertown, SD; Steve's daughter, Mallory, Sioux Falls, SD; and her sisters Cheri Schwager, Orchard, NE, and Mary Jo (Patrick) Newburn, Sioux City, IA; and her nephew, Joey Rodriguez, Sioux Falls, SD.

Memorials made be directed to the family, who in turn will forward it to the Alzheimer's

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AMH

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mammography. And now with our new 3D mammography machine, we are excited to continue to offer the latest technology to our patients close-to-home.

"We have been using our new mammography unit for a couple of weeks now and have already had many comments from patients about how much faster and more comfortable their mammograms were this time," said Kester. Plus, it is a lot faster and easier for the technologists as well - which has been great!

In December, Antelope Memorial Hospital was awarded a grant from the "For The Girls" organization in Norfolk in the amount of \$30,000. In addition, AMH's "end-of-the-year appeal" fundraiser was also used toward the purchase of its new mammography unit. The AMH Radiology Department offers mammograms Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM. Call 402.887.6269 to schedule your an appointment/

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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 contract 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.

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 CHARLIE HENERY,
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PAINTING - 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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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

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 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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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

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 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

68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM on April 1st, 2025, 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 OF ORGANIZATION

H4 CATTLE COMPANY, L.L.C.

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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SCHRADER ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.

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.

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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.

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NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

KNBB ENTERPRISE LLC

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

In accordance with State Statutes, Section 53-134, notice is hereby given that an application for a Class C Liquor License has been filed by:

KNBB Enterprise LLC,
 dba City Limits
 200 S 2nd Street,
 Elgin, Antelope County, Nebraska,
 68636

with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

A hearing has been set for April 7, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., at the Elgin City Hall, at which time all persons desiring to give evidence before the Elgin City Council in support of or protest against the issuance of the license, may do so at the time of the hearing.

Kristin L. Childers
 City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 17, 2025 MEETING

THE BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 17 MARCH 2025

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Tetschner and Nordhues. Also present: Members of the public and 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 Tetschner, seconded by Nordhues to approve the February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Tetschner and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Einspahr. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The street project was discussed. The new signs at the school should be put in soon. Chairman Williamson signed various documents regarding to the street project. The board members also discussed fixing some areas of the streets. Board member Einspahr arrived.

WATER: Was discussed. Someone in town would like their water line separated, so that was discussed.

SEWER: The board discussed having someone grind the roots in the sewer system. They will look into it.

KENO: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Were discussed.

MAY CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, Tetschner and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Williamson, Tetschner and Einspahr. No: None. Absent:

None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$67.56; Elgin Review, Newspaper publication, \$147.50; Nebraska Northeast Telephone Company Internet, telephone, \$266.56; Rick Custard, Potholes, etc., \$120.00; CNEDD, Housing Program report, \$85.00; Sapp Bros, Propane, \$2,315.22; Barco Municipal Products, Posts, signs, \$368.95; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, 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, Remote PC, \$29.50, Salary, \$407.89

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$5,800.18

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Hubel Iron, Drain pipe with cover, \$55.31; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$59.48

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$114.79

STREETS: WeMart, Fuel, \$417.97; CNEDD, Grant Administration, street, \$6,115.00; Cornerstone Bank, Interest payment, \$4,955.18; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$1,079.64

TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: \$12,567.79

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$537.93; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES:

\$837.93
GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$19,320.69

OTHER BUSINESS: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to proceed forward on building a splash pad in the current village park legal description as follows: ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 1 LOTS 1-17 BARTLETT VILLAGE in Bartlett, NE. The project construction is contingent on receiving complete funds or pledged funds to build the splash pad prior to construction. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, Tetschner and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

In regard to the splashpad project, the committee members for this will be Einspahr, Nordhues and Tetschner. The board discussed a document that will make sure the village receives the funds for the project.

The board discussed the sirens in town. Grant opportunities will be investigated in regards to the sirens in town.

The board discussed shutting down a few streets in the afternoon on May 31st for the car show and cook off.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 17th day of March 2025.

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NOTICE OF APRIL MEETINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

April 1, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 April 8, 2025 at 8:00 AM
 Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
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Hopefully, it's never too late to say "thank you". I want to thank the Elgin EMTs for all the times they came to my aid while still living at my house - including neighbors Lacy & Jessie. Your help and care will never be forgotten. Kurt Dinslage

A very heartfelt thank you to all those who remembered me for my 75th birthday -- and all the cards, oh my! A big THANK YOU. Rae Jeanne Peterson

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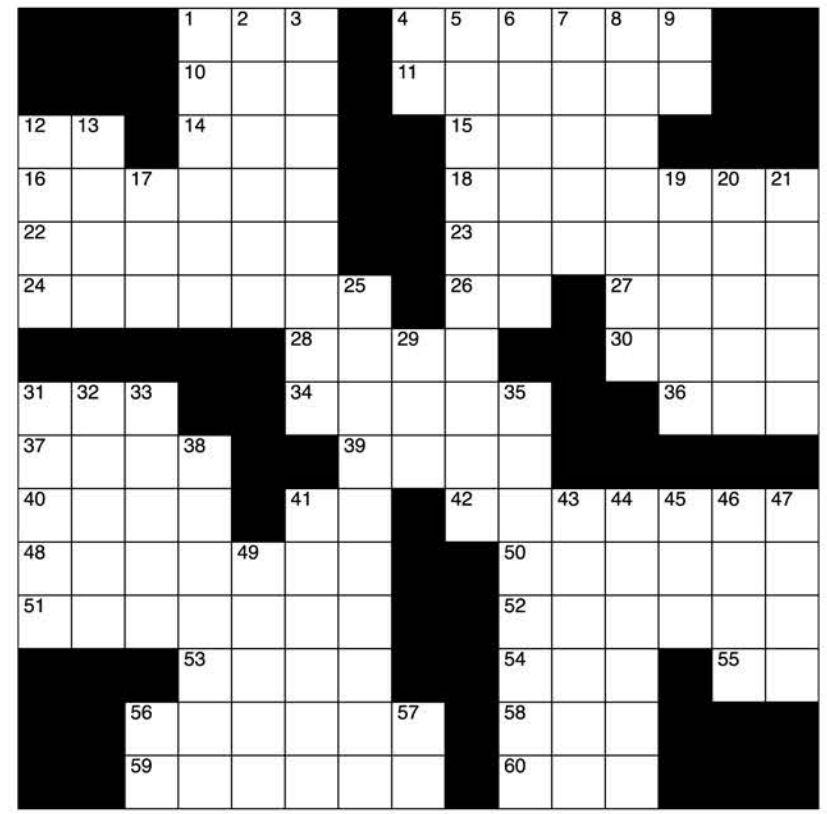
CLUES ACROSS

- State in southwestern India
- Pashto
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Supervised release from prison
- Greeting
- Type of drug
- __ Sagan, astronomer
- Every year
- Nasal cavities
- Nova __, province
- In an inactive way
- Cream-colored root
- Nervous system disease
- Guitarist Clapton
- Three came to see Baby Jesus
- Lebowski's nickname
- Play a role
- Not fresh
- Where golfers begin
- Negatives
- Wild goat
- Releasing hormone
- Makes up
- Fastens
- Exists in large numbers
- A connecting word
- A phase of the heartbeat
- Northern Ireland county
- An independent ruler or chieftain

- Pacific sea bream
- Commercial
- Azure
- Doctor of Education
- Protected oneself against loss
- Car mechanics group

CLUES DOWN

- Pastes for filling crevices
- Acquire
- Heralds
- News group
- Exact copies
- Particles
- Noted 20th C. performer Lena
- Tempted
- Midway between north and east
- Slotted, hinged metal plate
- South American hummingbird
- Neither
- Walk with confidence
- Omit when speaking
- Imperial Chinese currency
- A bakery specializing in French pastry
- Talk incessantly
- Ethnic group of Nigeria
- Longtime NY Times film critic
- Beginners
- Makes a trade



- Sleep
- Not moving
- Popular drink: Pina __
- Potential benefits
- A place you can get stuck in
- Ancient Greek City
- Chalcedony
- Rover
- Digraph
- Investment vehicle



ELGIN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12
Hunt begins at 11 am, Elgin City Park (weather permitting)

Did you know?

The benefits of exercise for seniors are innumerable. In order to get the physical activity they need, many older adults are turning to pickleball. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, wiffle ball and ping-pong into an activity that is drawing new enthusiasts every day. Fans often say that pickleball is the most fun racket sport they have played. With a smaller court than tennis and a lighter ball, pickleball is ideal for seniors who won't have to worry about the sport being too high-intensity. The Medical University of South Carolina says pickleball is the fastest-growing sport today, particularly among seniors.

It may seem months away but the time to firm up events for the 2025 Vetch Days celebration is upon us!

At Monday's Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club (ECCCC) meeting, several activities were decided upon. The most important of those items is the fact that the carnival rides this year will be FREE.

This year's celebration will kick off on the afternoon of Monday, June 9th. Tentative activities are geared towards "the kids". An afternoon Sand Volleyball tournament is planned. It will be followed by a youth Kickball Tournament (grades 3-6) and then the night time JH/HS Kickball Tournament.

For Tuesday, the hope is to hold the annual Pool Party for kids. Then the ECCCC will host their Community BBQ from 5-7 pm followed by the parade at 7

Vetch Days 2025 tentative schedule being put together

pm. The EKG will once again hold a "duck race" following the parade at 8 pm.

Wednesday will likely find activities for the kids moving to the public library vicinity with games, possibly the Petting Zoo returning and more. That evening, the Elgin Knights of Columbus are planning to host a Burger/Braut feed to coincide with a Cruise Night. Drivers can cruise the town and pickup food to enjoy while cruising. The club is hoping to work with a radio station to provide cruising music and promote the event.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday nights, River City Carnival will be providing a number of rides, games and food trucks for kids and adults to enjoy. The best news -- courtesy of the City of Elgin and the ECCCC, those rides will be FREE!! Only games and food items will require payment.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks as more details are finalized.

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Evaluating your early season alfalfa stand, pest management

As the 2025 growing season begins, evaluating alfalfa stands and preparing for insect pests can help maximizing yield and maintaining healthy fields this year. Assessing plant health in the spring helps set expectations, while timely scouting can prevent pest infestations from reducing production. Proper evaluation and management allow for more informed decisions regarding fertilization, irrigation, and harvest timing, ultimately improving overall forage quality and yield.

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

We'll start with plant health. Dig down 4-6 inches down next to a plant and inspecting the taproot. A healthy plant will have a white, firm taproot, while winter-damaged plants may show stringy, brown, or yellow roots. Next, examine the crown for basal buds, which are critical for strong early growth. The presence of intact buds indicates a productive first cutting, while missing buds suggest reduced initial yields. Plants that have sustained significant winter damage may struggle to regrow, making it necessary to consider replanting or overseeding where stand density is too low.

Stand counts provide further

insight into potential productivity. Established stands should have 4-5 healthy plants or at least 55 stems per square foot for optimal production. Newly seeded stands should maintain at least 12 plants per square foot to remain viable. Using a hay square—either a 17x17 inch square or a 19-inch diameter circle—makes counting plants or stems per square foot simple. Sampling 4-5 random areas ensures an accurate assessment.

If stand density is below recommended levels, yield potential will be significantly reduced, and supplementation with other forages may be necessary.

Spring insect pressure has been an issue the past few years and can often sneak up on us. The most significant pests to monitor for early are army cutworms and alfalfa weevils. Army cutworms, which feed at night, cause semi-circular leaf damage and can delay green-up. Higher bird activity in fields

can indicate their presence, and scouting should begin in early April.

Alfalfa weevils, start feeding in early spring. Their feeding causes pinholes in terminal leaves, progressing to skeletonization and a frosted field appearance. Early detection and intervention can help keep pest populations below economic thresholds. Adults typically overwinter and lay eggs in the spring in northeast Nebraska, so scouting should begin at 200 to 250 GDD. While there isn't evidence of fall laid eggs overwintering, if this does occur, the timer for scouting should be lowered to 180 GDD, which we have already reached. Peak damage occurs around 575 GDD. If left unchecked, these pests can cause severe yield loss and diminish forage quality, leading to reduced feed value for livestock.

By evaluating alfalfa stands early and implementing a proactive pest scouting program, producers can set realistic yield expectations and protect their crops from potential losses.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator 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.



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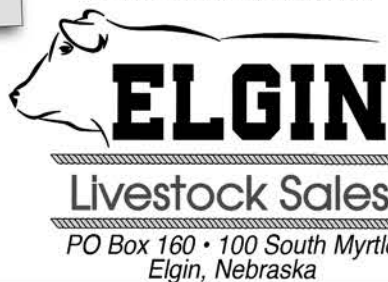
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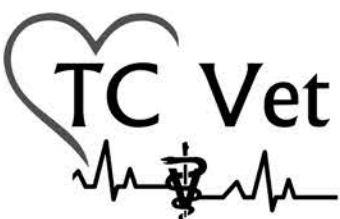
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Heithoff's prom efforts recognized Saturday night

Prior to the start of EPS/PJCC Junior-Senior Prom Grand March, event organizer Dorothy Heithoff (l) was recognized for her many years of service making choices of toppings to remember. Making the presentation was Chris Grundmayer (r) who helped organize this year's event with Heithoff who will be retiring at the end of the school year.



E-R photos/DMorgan

The Junior/Senior Prom for Elgin schools was held Saturday night, March 22, at the Elgin KC Hall. Juniors attending from Elgin Public were (front row, l-r): Haley Parks, Kyndal Busted, Kayton Zwingman, Jayda Chessmore and Abbey Schneider. Back row: Jarek Erickson, Kaiden Bode, Isaac Hemenway, Creighton Harkins, Ticen Sparr, Sam Mortiboy and Trey Rittscher.

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EPS, PJCC juniors attending prom

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION BOOTH HAY COMPANY, L.L.C.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
BOOTH HAY COMPANY, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, with its registered address at 84707 Airport Road, Neligh, Nebraska 68756, was dissolved on March 20, 2025. The terms of the dissolution provide for the payment

of liabilities of the Limited Liability Company and the distribution of any remaining assets to the members. Daryl Booth, the President of the Limited Liability Company, is to manage the corporate affairs, wind up and liquidate its business, and distribute its assets. The Limited

Liability Company has no assets and no liabilities.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION Moser Equipment, L.L.C.

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The name of the limited liability company: Moser Equipment, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 607 Bowen Street, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W. 4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful

business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on March 20, 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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Community Calendar

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

Friday, March 28
NSAA State Speech Meet at University of Nebraska-Kearney (EPS, PJCC) ■ Fish Fry @ Petersburg Legion Hall.*

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

Sunday, March 30
Neligh Knights of Columbus Ham & Beef Dinner* ■ Young n Lively 50th Anniversary Open House at Elgin Community Center*.

Sunday, April 6
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church Potato Bake @ Petersburg.*

Monday, April 7
Elgin City Council regular meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 12
Easter Egg Hunt at Elgin City Park at 11 a.m. sponsored by Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce.

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Elgin Young n Lively

50th Anniversary

OPEN HOUSE/ REUNION

THIS SUNDAY, **March 30th**
2:00 — 4:00 pm at the Elgin Community Center

Former Members of the Elgin Young n Lively club are invited to join current members in celebrating this milestone! Other ladies interested in joining the club are also invited.

Please **R.S.V.P.** to Michele Reicks
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Nebraska had 44,300 farms and ranches during 2024; the average operation consisted of 993 acres. One in four jobs in Nebraska is related to agriculture.

In 2022, every dollar in agricultural exports generated \$1.09 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing and production. Nebraska's \$9.98 billion in agricultural exports in 2022 translates into \$10.68 billion in additional economic activity.

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- The Elgin Review



Photo submitted by Sherry Tetschner

Members of the Wheeler Central Speech Team who won awards at the NVC Speech Meet held at Wheeler Central, March 3, were (back row, l-r): Brandon Plugge, Jose Gallardo, Justin and Jayna Guggenmos, and Daniel Kluver. Front row: Sierra Plugge, Olivia Heinz, and Zane Potter.

39th Annual Pope John Development Dinner
Palm Sunday,
APRIL 13
2025
Werner Hall ~ Petersburg, NE

Silent Auction and Social beginning at 5 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm followed by awards and the live auction.

Tickets are \$75 per person

Contact Pope John XXIII Central Catholic school for tickets. **402-843-5325**



Thank You!



Elgin Rescue members, from l-r: Savannah Wiseman, Carla Bolli, Niki Moore, Kimberly Young, Duane Miller, Jessie Hofer, Terry Reicks, Vicki Miller, Julie Schiltmeyer, Kari Schindler, Lacy Bottorf and Jessica Niewohner. Not pictured: Craig Niewohner and Brandon "Bud" Miller.

A little over one year ago, members of the Elgin Rescue asked for help.

Elgin's ambulance was becoming dated and was not 4-wheel drive for inclement weather/road conditions. So, when the ARPA grant became available, the squad applied for it. After they received notice that they had received the grant that would pay for half of the unit's cost, the EMTs reached out to the community.

Thanks to extremely generous donations, Elgin now has a new ambulance! A new design on the outside and updated equipment on the inside. The Elgin EMTs now have the updated unit needed to provide high quality care to their patients as they are being treated and transported to area hospitals.

The members of Elgin Rescue would like to thank all who donated toward the new ambulance. The EMTs look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the community of Elgin.



Plea agreement reached between Smith, Klabenes

A plea agreement was reached in the case of a 19-year-old Neligh man during the March 19 session of Antelope County Court.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith filed an amended complaint against Austin R. Klabenes.

He was originally charged with domestic violence assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Per the agreement, Smith amended the charge to assault-threaten/menacing manner, a Class I misdemeanor, and agreed not to file additional charges in the case. Smith will be able to make recommendations at sentencing.

Klabenes entered a no contest plea and was found guilty by The Honorable Donna Taylor. A presentence investigation was ordered and the judge noted a presentence investigation has already been completed in Platte County. Klabenes will appear April 16 for sentencing. Bond, in the amount of \$10,000-10%, remains in effect.

Two individuals appeared

before Taylor for sentencing. Daniel R. Veik, 40, of Elgin appeared on an amended charge of DUI-alcohol-1st, a Class W misdemeanor. Veik was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$9,327.13. Taylor also sentenced him to pay a \$500 fine, serve 12 months of probation, have his license revoked for 60 days and install an interlock device.

Jerome L. Baugher, 36, of Tilden, appeared on one count of domestic violence assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor. Taylor sentenced Baugher to a jail term of 30 days and 24 months of probation.

Two Omaha residents pleaded guilty by waiver. Malachi J. Vaughn, 18, of Omaha, pleaded guilty by waiver on one count of take/possess fish without permit, a Class II misdemeanor. He was sentenced to pay a \$100 fine.

Gabriel N. Morse, 19, of Omaha pleaded guilty by waiver on one count of take/possess fish without permit, a Class II misdemeanor. He was sentenced to pay a \$100 fine.



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State speech qualifiers from Pope John were (front row, l-r): Brooke Kinney, Camry Kittelson, Tessa Barlow and Jovie Borer. Back row: Matthew Kerkman, Aiden Klein, Reese Stuhr, Olivia Klein and Harlie Tyler.

PJCC speech students to compete in 8 events at State

The Pope John Crusaders spoke their hearts out at the D2-3 District tournament on March 20, and saw their hard work throughout the season pay off.

The team narrowly missed bringing home the runner-up trophy by just two team points.

The Crusaders earned 10 team medals, qualifying 8 events for the state competition.

Medalists include Kinley Druke 5th place in Entertainment and Christian Preister 5th place in Humorous Prose.

Those earning a medal and qualifying for the NSAA State Speech Tournament are Harlie Tyler in 3rd place for poetry, Jovie Borer in 3rd place in both Program of Oral Interpretation (POI) and Persuasive, and the Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) group of Aiden Klein, Camry Kittelson, Tessa Barlow, Brooke Kinney, and Matthew Kerkman.

Olivia Klein placed 2nd in Informative and Tessa Barlow came in 2nd place with her Serious Prose.

Bringing home the gold are district champs Brooke Kinney and Aiden Klein in Duet Act-



Pope John speech team members this season were (front row, l-r): Camry Kittelson, Brooke Kinney, Tessa Barlow, Kinley Druke, Jovie Borer, Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally. Back row: Coach Amy Klein, Christian Preister, Aiden Klein, Matthew Kerkman, Reese Stuhr, Harlie Tyler and Coach Chris Grundmayer.

ing and Reese Stuhr in Serious Prose.

Also earning a superior rating were Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally in Duet Acting.

The team will travel to Ke-

arney to compete at the state tournament this Friday. They

are coached by Amy Klein and Chris Grundmayer.



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Parishoners and friends attend Sister Pat's farewell

A farewell open house/reception was held for Sister Pat Hoffman who will be leaving Elgin in the coming weeks. Those attending shared moments with her during the course of the two-hour event held in the basement of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Among those attending and bidding her a fond farewell was Father Ross Burkhalter.

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Love - Mom, Dad, Faith and Cale

Brooke Kinney
OID Team Member & Duet Acting

Tessa, we are very proud of you.

Congratulations on your hard work and making it to State!

Love - Dad, Mom, Jack and Kate

Tessa Barlow
OID Team Member

Good Luck

to you and your team at State Speech!!!! You're gonna do amazing!

We love you - Mom & Dad

Reese Stuhr
Serious Prose

Good Luck at State! You've been fun to watch all season! Finish stong!

Love - Mom and Dad

Matthew Kerkman
OID Team Member

Good Luck at State! We are so proud of you!

Love - Dad, Mom, George and Tom

Jovie Borer
Program of Oral Interpretation & Persuasive

Good Luck at State Speech.

Love - Mom, Dad, Benton, Stephanie and Frankie

Harlie Tyler
Poetry

Best of Luck at State Speech!

Love - Mom, Dad, Myles and Bentley

Camry Kittelson
OID Team Member

Olivia and Aiden, we are so proud of both of you! Use the talent God gave you and have a blast competing at State!

Good Luck

We love you! Mom, Dad, Raaf and Diedrick

Olivia Klein
Informative

Good Luck

We love you! Mom, Dad, Raaf and Diedrick

Aiden Klein
OID Team Member & Duet Acting