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In Brief

Students chosen for Academic All-State

EPS and PJCC students on list.

Excellence in the classroom and in extracurricular activities is the goal of every high school student.

Students from Elgin Public and Pope John Central Catholic high schools were recognized for just that with the announcement of the Winter 2023-2024 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards last week.

Eight students from EPS were so honored for their achievement inside and outside the classroom. They were:

- Boys Basketball — Taylor Beckman and Jarek Erickson
- Girls Basketball — Keyera Eisenhauer
- Speech — Baylee Busteed and Chloe Henn
- Wrestling — Samuel Hemenway
- Girls Wrestling — Dannyka Smidt and Libby Evans

Three high school students from Pope John were selected for the prestigious award. They were:

- Girls Basketball — Ashlynnne Charf
- Speech — Kaitey Schumacher and Olivia Klein

Elgin City Council to hold meeting Monday night

At City Hall.

The Elgin City Council will meet this Monday, April 1. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the meeting is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Organization — Botha Farm & Truck Repair, LLC
- Backflow Prevention — City of Elgin
- Annual Water Report — City of Elgin
- Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education
- Notice of Election — Antelope County
- Notice of Meetings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice of Meeting — The Antelope County Board of Equalization

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 55 degrees recorded on Tuesday, March 19.

The low during the same period was 12 degrees recorded on Sunday, March 17.

Altogether, 0.20 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
March 17	35	12	.00
March 18	46	15	.00
March 19	65	27	.00
March 20	41	22	.00
March 21	50	27	.00
March 22	32	18	.00
March 23	38	21	.20
Total for last week			0.20
Total for March			0.20
Total precipitation 2024			2.23

CATHOLIC MASSES

HOLY THURSDAY
St. Theresa (Clearwater) - 7 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (Raeville) - 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
St. John the Baptist (Deloit) - 3 p.m.
St. Peter (Ewing) - 7 p.m.
St. John the Baptist (Petersburg) - 7 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL
St. Boniface (Elgin) - 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Peter (Ewing) - 8 a.m.
St. John the Baptist (Petersburg) - 8 a.m.
St. Theresa (Clearwater) - 10 a.m.
St. Boniface (Elgin) - 10 a.m.
St. John the Baptist (Deloit) - 11:30 a.m.
St. Bonaventure (Raeville) - 11:30 a.m.

ELGIN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

LUTHERAN SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY
(Trinity) - 6 p.m. (Grace) - 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY
(Trinity) - 12 noon (Grace) - 7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY
(Trinity) - 9 a.m. (Grace) - 7 & 10:30 a.m.

PARK-UCC
Easter Sunday - 9:15 a.m.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25

Easter Services 2024

Barlow named state champion!

The Pope John Crusaders speech team brought home one medal, a gold medal, from the Class D2 State Speech Competition held Friday at Kearney High School.

Jack Barlow, a senior, capped his high school speech career by placing first in Humorous Prose.

As always, at this level, it's the best

of the best. Pope John had a number of entries which just missed out winning a medal. They included:

OID — Pope John placed seventh, one spot from receiving a medal. Team members were Olivia Klein, Juliana McNally, Kaitey Schumacher, Tess-

See PJCC, Page 12 ▶



Photo submitted

Jack Barlow claimed 'gold' at the Class D2 State Speech Contest held Friday at Kearney. A senior at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Barlow won the Humorous Prose division. He's shown with speech coaches Chris Grundmayer (left) and Amy Klein (right).

4-H Youth Enrichment Center expected to open in 2025

Working tirelessly, they're nearing fundraising goal

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

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

The green clover symbolizing the four H's anchoring the 4-H motto — head, heart, hands, and health — is sprouting a new leaf in Antelope County. It stands for happiness.

Show chickens will puff their feathers, show rabbits will perk up their ears, and the youth, together with their families and adult volunteer leaders, can all feel it coming — a brand new building on the Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh. Work on the new climate-controlled structure is scheduled to begin right after county fair this summer with anticipated completion by April 2025.

Securing a general contractor and providing overall project oversight is the Antelope County Ag Society with Jeff Carr of Neligh serving as president. The new building, to replace three tattered and torn structures (one for rabbits, one for chickens, and the old concession stand) all just south of the covered show ring, takes something more than a wish on a four-leaf clover. It takes greenbacks and lots of them — a \$400,000 target to be exact.

That was the capital fundraising goal led by the foursome of Anne Meis of Elgin, Rhonda Meyer of Neligh, Tessa Hain, Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, and Paige (Redding) Ringhoff of Elgin.

The first three gathered in the basement meeting room of the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh to share the success of this monumental project launched in November 2021.

If you take the first letter of these three powerhouse women and put them together, you get the word ART. Fundraising is an art, coupled with hard

work, an inarguable need, and a powerful statement of potential impact. Anne, Rhonda, and Tessa, together with Paige, artfully took this idea from zero to \$364,000 (total at this writing).

None had fundraising experience in such a large scale, said Meis, who co-chaired the Youth Enrichment Center Leadership Team together with Meyer. The first step was engaging with a non-profit entity, in this case the Neligh Area Community Fund, an affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation.

The Ag Society, charged with managing all things county fair, including the fairgrounds buildings, is publicly funded, Meis explained.

The fundraising appeal jumpstarted the rapid response to a strong need. Meyer, affectionately dubbed 'the chicken lady', said that for the safety of the exhibitors and animals, we needed a new building.

Hain, who took the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension job in 2013, said she got the rabbit, chicken, and shooting sports fair superintendents, along with the Ag Society, and supporters together

to find a solution to a positive problem.

Thanks to strong marketing of 4-H in Antelope County, along with Meyer taking many young people under her wing, poultry exhibits have increased 44 percent and rabbit exhibits up 256% in the last five years.

With tears of prideful joy rolling down her face, Meyer said, "Two years ago, the Antelope County Fair had more poultry exhibits than the Nebraska State Fair, the rabbit building exploded with their own entries, we had to put poultry cages outside under tents." Hain continued, "Judges tell us we have the best small animal show in the state of Nebraska because of not only the quantity but quality as well."

Meis, lauding 4-H as a strong nationwide youth-serving organization where young people transform experiential learning to lifelong leadership skills, said, "Caring for a chicken or rabbit means you have a daily chore, a responsibility." At the fair, participants must have a thorough knowledge of the animal's anatomy and care.

See CAMPAIGN, Page 10 ▶

The Antelope County Youth Enrichment Leadership Team, left to right, Anne Meis, Elgin, and Tessa Hain and Rhonda Meyer, both of Neligh, watched the red line rise with pride, thanks to generous supporters. Also a member, Paige (Redding) Ringhoff, Elgin, is not pictured.

E-R photo/JSchuchardt

Youth Enrichment Center

\$400,000

— \$375,000
— \$350,000
— \$325,000
— \$300,000
— \$275,000
— \$250,000
— \$225,000
— \$200,000
— \$175,000
— \$150,000
— \$125,000

Ag Society names contractors for Youth Enrichment Center

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the Antelope County Ag Society met to discuss the new Youth Enrichment Center. Attending the meeting were Ryan Stearns, Architect, Chris Daniels from Huff Construction and Boyd Pedersen, electrician.

The board approved the general contractors bid from Huff Construction for \$940,000 and in separate motions approved Klabenes Construction for site work and Boyd's Electric for the electrical work. This will potentially bring the total cost to \$1.3 million.

The Youth Enrichment Center fund raising committee will continue to fundraiser and look for grants to help with building costs.

The proposed start date is post fair 2024.

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Members of the medal-winning OID team were (l-r): Baylee Busteded, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman.

EPS brings home two state speech medals

Members of the EPS Speech Team were rewarded Friday for all of the hard work they've put in over the last few months. Six team members qualified for State Speech in five events. Five of those team members earned medals at the contest. Two of those members medaled twice. The OID of Baylee Busteded, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman. See EPS, Page 6 ▶

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Community Calendar

- * See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review
- Wednesday, March 27**
Tornado Siren testing at 10 a.m. in Elgin.
 - Friday, March 29**
Elgin Public, Pope John and St. Boniface schools closed (Easter Break).
 - Monday, April 1**
Elgin Public, Pope John and St. Boniface schools closed (Easter Break) • Elgin City Council regular meeting.
 - Tuesday, April 2**
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting at courthouse in Neligh.
 - Wednesday - Friday, April 3-5**
Elgin FFA members attending State FFA Convention in Lincoln.
 - Thursday - Friday, April 4-5**
Educational Service Unit #8 K-12 Art Show in Neligh.
 - Wednesday, April 10**
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

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Good day, Are you looking for a dip recipe that's yummy and easy to serve when your family comes to visit over Easter? These recipes are absolutely delicious.

You don't need a special occasion to make these either. Keep these in your collection and next time you need something yummy for that football party or card party or that backyard cookout, whip one of these up and be the favorite hostess. Ted and I want to say Happy Easter to you all! God Bless! Enjoy!

JoAnn

HOT ARTICHOKE DIP

1 can artichoke hearts
2 - 8 oz cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 cup sour cream
1 cup Parmesan Cheese
1 tsp dill
1/4 tsp garlic powder

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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Nick Anderson

Nick Anderson is the FFA member of the month. Nick is the son of Larry and Yoli Anderson. Nick is a senior this year and has been a member since his freshmen year. Nick has been involved in almost all FFA activities over the past four years. His greatest strengths are in range judging and welding/mechanics. Nick has been on several state competing teams including; livestock judging, agricultural mechanics, farm business management, welding, and range judging. This past year, he has served as a chapter officer. Nick will be receiving his State FFA degree in April at the State Convention. While also at convention, he will compete in the welding and farm business contests. The Elgin FFA Chapter has been proud of all Nick's FFA achievements and contributions! Congratulations!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Parenting is hard enough, then to agree to disagree

Agree to disagree, as the saying goes. When two people have strong opinions that don't align and neither will budge, it's the "compromise". We will both continue to hold our beliefs while respecting that the other person has their own beliefs. But how does that work when it comes to two very different opinions on child rearing?

Parenting is hard enough as it is. Every day we're faced with different challenges, questions we weren't prepared for, or a fresh new batch of hormones in our teenager. Between school, crushes, homework, sports, and all the extracurricular activities, we're faced with a barrage of decisions every single day.

What's the appropriate age to get ears pierced, wear makeup, or wear a two-piece bathing suit? Are they limited to one activity a semester so they can focus on schoolwork? Do we let them do sleepovers with this friend or that one? What's their curfew? What kind of punishment do they deserve? And the list goes on and on.

This is more complicated when the parents are not in agreement on what is best for the children. Ultimately, most parents have the kids' best interests in mind (I'm just going with the majority here). However, we don't always agree on what that is. For example, I'm strict when it comes to electronic time for the kids. I think it's important for them to get outside, play with friends, or just be bored. This usually forces them to play a game or pick up a book. Their dad is much laxer about their screen time. This may or may not have led to several arguments about limiting their screens. An argument that resurfaces about every week or so.

Sometimes we have disagreed on what food is best, what sports the kids should play, or whether or not they should be forced to play sports if they are more inclined to music or the fine arts. We have disagreed on

pretty much everything under the sun at some point or another. There are times that we are 100% on the same page and all we must do is stick to our guns and stay aligned. So how do you move forward with a decision when the parents are not in agreement?

Should you both write out a full debate or PowerPoint presentation and see who has the best argument? Should you fight until someone feels so defeated they just give up? Perhaps we take turns making decisions or pick straws. Obviously, none of these would work well. In all seriousness, it does come down to compromise.

Both parents need to genuinely try to hear the other out and understand their viewpoint. I don't know about you, but I tend to struggle here. When I make up my mind, I'm hard pressed to change it. It's important that I listen to the other parent and really hear why they feel a certain way. It's important that we take time to pray about the decision and look for God's leading as well.

If we're honest, none of us probably ever really know what the right answer is when it comes to parenting. I've probably gotten a million things wrong in the last fourteen years. We can learn from our mistakes, hear the other parent out, and pray that no matter what, things work out for what's best for our kids. And then do it all over again tomorrow.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

March 26, 1964

Clifford Ellsworth Sheets, son of James and Ella Bahl Sheets, was born on the family homestead northwest of Elgin, June 19, 1889, and departed this life at the Tilden Community Hospital March 20, 1964, at the age of 74 years, 9 months, and one day. Mr. Sheets had suffered a stroke four days prior to his death.

In a 4:00 o'clock ceremony in the Lincoln A.F.B. Chapel, Miss Marlene K. Voorhies became the bride of Lt. Robert W. Cameron, Sunday afternoon, March 22, 1964. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Voorhies of Elgin and the bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron of Eagle Grove, Ia. Chaplin Kendell of the Lincoln A.F.B. officiated at the military, double ring ceremony.

A. E. Johns, observer for the Weather Bureau here for 53 years, was featured in the Friday issue of the Lincoln Evening Journal. Appearing in the third of a series of watching the weather in Lincoln stories by Pouling Domico, a short history of Me. Johns' activities were publicized as was an observer from Elwood.

Lackland AFB, Tex.— Airman David G. Ponton of Elgin, is being reassigned to Port Austin Air Force Station, Mich., for training and duty as a food service specialist. Airman Ponton recently completed United States Air Force basic military training here.

LeRoy J. Kerkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Kerkman, has enrolled in refrigeration and air conditioning in Omaha trades school.

Fifty Years Ago

March 28, 1974

Joan Meis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Meis will represent American Legion Post 229 Auxiliary at Girls State in Lincoln this June. She is an Elgin High School junior as is the alternate, Kathy Braband, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braband.

The public auction Saturday afternoon in the K. of C. hall of the Veronica Pelster Estate and Heirs of John P. Pelster Estate consisting of 270 acres netted a total of \$149,750.00. The 30 acres, listed on the sale bill at tract 5, consisting of the farm buildings was sold to Schindler and Koizan for \$27,250.00 for \$908.00 plus per acre.

Elgin firemen were summoned to the Wendell Muhs place southwest of here at 4p.m. Saturday. Two small stacks of hay were on fire, caused by an electric fencer. Firemen soon had the fire under control.

The Cub Scouts received their Bobcat achievement award in appropriate ceremonies held last week in the high school assembly room with their parents as guests. The youngsters received their advancement by learning the Cub Scout Promise and its meaning plus other basics of Cub Scouting.

Larry Varn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Varn, is the recipient of a four-year Board of Regents' scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The scholarship award is determined by the results of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and is available to senior students of high academic ability.

Thirty Years Ago

March 23, 1994

Three new members were inducted by the Dr. W. W. Graham Chapter of National Honor Society at Elgin High School during ceremonies Tuesday evening, March 15. The three new members are sophomores Sam Vanourney and Nathan Dickerson, and junior Mar Dietz. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

A Pope John Central Catholic team place second in the Northeast Nebraska Quiz Bowl that was broadcast by KNEB Radio over the past several weeks. Making up the Pope John team were seniors Chris Eischeid and Brian Medcalf, and junior Brady Hoefler. Nikki Baum, a junior, was alternate.

Tony and Joey Gulizia of Omaha have been serving as an artists-in-residence with the music program this week at Elgin Public Schools. The Gulizias and the students will perform a concert in the school gym this Thursday evening.

Barbara Dinslage, a 1960 graduate of St. Boniface High School and daughter of Bert and Stella Schindler of Elgin, returned to her former school building last Thursday afternoon to conduct an art workshop in Elgin for teachers of St. Boniface and from St. John's School, Petersburg.

Kristie Scholl has been awarded a \$650 Achievement Scholarship to attend Spencer School of Business located in Grand Island. Scholarships were awarded based on scholarship, leadership, activities, and participation in business classes.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, April 1: BBQ meatballs, criss cross potatoes, carrots, grapes/strawberries, milk.

Tuesday, April 2: Ham & noodle bake, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit, broccoli salad, milk.

Wednesday, April 3: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, pears in Jello, milk.

Thursday, April 4: Mock filets mignons, hash browns, cream peas, baked cinnamon apples, stewed tomatoes, milk.

Friday, April 5: Polish sausage on bun, sauerkraut, potato wedges, broccoli/cauliflower mix, fruit cocktail, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter.

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

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

Under 60 is \$9.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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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

Hope abides this Easter, seize it!

Let's talk about that big day coming up this weekend, Easter.

Some of you, like me, consider it a holy day. To others, it's just a holiday. It's also a family day, a time to gather around the table and talk about the future, maybe let the young one's hunt Easter eggs. Eat some ham. Eat some chocolate.

As a kid, it meant wearing your Sunday best. For me that was this little blue and white sailor suit, a cotton garment that required my mom to spend extra time ironing on Saturday night. Believe me, keeping that thing clean was a monumental task. Shedding it at the end of the day was cathartic.

CAPITOL VIEW



Statehouse Correspondent

J.L. Schmidt

But I learned early on that Easter was all about hope. That thought came home to me again in the Sixties with this great song written by Carole King and her husband, and performed by various artists including the Monkees and Taj Mahal. My favorite part: "Remember the feeling as a child

When you woke up and morning smiled It's time you felt like you did then." Take a Giant Step, by Carole King and Gerry Goffin

The dictionary says hope is a feeling of expectation and a desire for a certain thing to happen. Some of our hopes are shared with others. I hope we get a tax break this year, I hope we survive the presidential election; I hope that peace breaks out in the world.

Some are very personal and specific. I hope I get a new job; I hope I get a raise; I hope nobody else finds out about this.



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Don't be afraid to talk about your hopes and dreams. You'll likely realize just how much you have in common with others. The important thing here is to "talk, discuss, and mull it over." Above all else, agree to disagree agreeably.

While you're at it, go on an Easter egg hunt. Yes, you can engage in a literal one with a basket to collect your treats. Looking in all of nature's nooks and crannies might prove to be as cathartic for you as shedding a cotton sailor suit was for me. Just imagine a basket heaped with Cadbury Crème Eggs. But I digress. Chasing rabbits as

it were. Think about that great 1975 cult classic movie, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." The cast had an Easter egg hunt, but some of the eggs went unfound. They can be seen throughout the film in a variety of places. Since then, the term has been used to describe hidden messages in various forms of media.

As slang, Easter eggs are sometimes inside jokes, but can be a delightful surprise for observant viewers. The movie creators at Pixar are well known for including Easter eggs in their films, sometimes hiding a character from one movie in the background of another. Imagine hope. Imagine a delightful

surprise.

That's my Easter challenge to you. If you look for hope in a church pew; at a dinner table groaning with ham and trimmings; or on the grounds of a bona fide Easter egg hunt, I hope you find it.

When you find it, hold on to it. Share it as appropriate. Let it sustain you.

But most of all, "Remember the feeling as a child When you woke up and morning smiled..."

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

Electric vehicle mandates and safety risks

On April 17, 2021, firefighters raced to extinguish a blaze in a suburb of Houston, Texas. A Tesla Model S crashed, killing two people, and burst into flames.

The Woodlands Township Fire Department extinguished the fire. But shortly after, flames erupted again. They put it out a second time — only for the car to reignite once more. The fire chief compared the Tesla to "a trick birthday candle." Once you blow it out, you never know when it will flare back up.

After seven hours, the team of eight firefighters finally put out the fire for good.

When a gas-powered car catches on fire, first responders can put it out with 300 gallons of water. It took this team 28,000 gallons before the Tesla's fire was safely extinguished. They told NBC News that's the same amount of water their department normally uses in a month.

And it's about the same amount of water that an average American home uses over two years.

This story illustrates just one of many public safety concerns with electric vehicles — concerns that our existing infrastructure and first responders aren't equipped to handle.

I recently questioned National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair Jennifer Homendy about the risks of EVs at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing.

Last year, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln conducted a first-of-its-kind crash test of an electric pickup truck to study whether current highway guardrails adequately protect against the growing number of EVs on our roads. EVs are, on average, 30 percent heavier than their gas-powered counterparts. In the UNL crash test, the 7,000 lb electric pickup tore through a highway barrier at 60 miles per hour. The guardrail didn't even slow the truck down. I asked Chair Homendy about the NTSB's investigations into electric vehicle safety, including for first responders.

She discussed a report on the risks of lithium-ion battery fires, like the one in the Houston suburbs, for emergency responders. Homendy called EVs a "significant risk in terms of battery fire." "Stranded energy" in a vehicle can cause electric shock to first responders.

Also, damaged battery cells can experience uncontrolled increases in temperature and pressure, causing battery reignition. The NTSB concluded that electric vehicle fires pose a threat to first responders and that vehicle manufacturers have distributed inadequate guidance to responders to mitigate safety risks.

More research and clearer guidance are necessary to protect our first responders who are increasingly encountering these emergencies. These risks affect everything from our training to our infrastructure — the sprinkler systems installed in buildings now won't be enough to quench an EV fire. These initiatives will take time. If the Biden administration continues pushing an electrified vehicle fleet as quickly as it is now, safety issues will go unresolved until it's too late. If the market determines the popularity of EVs rather than the federal government, we'll have time to catch up by taking additional safety measures. Instead of glamorizing electric vehicles and concealing their problems, let's look their problems in the face and fix them.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Bill to modernize foreign land ownership laws advanced to second stage of consideration

State Senator DeKay's priority bill advanced on 39-0 unanimous vote

This week, my personal priority bill LB1301 was put before the Unicameral for the first stage of consideration.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

LB1301 would modernize our state's existing laws relating to foreign land ownership. The bill would add greater oversight and tighten restrictions on so-called restricted entities, or their agents, trustees, or fiduciaries, referenced in two federal lists: the persons and entities designated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the six countries designated as foreign adversaries by the United States Secretary of Commerce.

LB1301 would also empower the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the Attorney General to be able to enforce the state's foreign land ownership laws and update the mechanism for divestment. My bill represents the culmination

of almost twelve months of work by my office and is a companion to another bill, LB1120 by Senator Hardin, to add additional safeguards relating to foreign land ownership in Nebraska. After about 45 minutes of discussion, LB1301 was advanced to the second stage of consideration on a unanimous 39 to 0 vote.

Meanwhile, Senator Albrecht's LB441 was debated over the course of three days. LB441 would repeal the exemption from prosecution for those in educational institutions providing obscenity to minors in grades K-12. This debate was highly contested and included controversy relating to a segment of the bill's public hearing transcript from the Judiciary Committee being read aloud on the floor.

Supporters of the bill argued that LB441 would close an unintended loophole in statute that could permit teachers and librarians to provide obscene materials to minors.

Opponents of the bill contended that LB441 missed the mark on its intended goal and could threaten the free speech of librarians, teachers, and students. After a tense debate, LB441 failed to receive the required 33 votes to invoke cloture, being defeated on a 30 to 17

vote with two senators absent. I voted in support of LB441 because I felt the State Board of Education has largely neglected its responsibility to examine the obscenity issue and should consider revisiting its rules and regulations relating to learning materials to find areas in need of further clarity.

Senator Bosn's LB137 was considered during the second stage of debate. LB137 would enhance criminal penalties for distributing controlled substances which result in serious bodily injury or death to the consumer. During debate, opponents of the bill emphasized that there would be unintended consequences in the criminal justice system or result in more prison overcrowding.

Supporters of the bill countered that LB137 would help hold drug dealers accountable in the midst of the national fentanyl crisis.

After several hours of discussion, Senator Bosn asked that LB137 be pulled off the agenda to find a compromise with opponents.

Finally, the Legislature gave second round approval to the budget adjustment bills LB1412 and LB1413. During debate, several changes were considered by senators.

The Appropriations Committee's initial proposal directed a total of \$25 million into affordable housing efforts: \$20 million to the state's rural housing fund and \$5 million to the state's middle-income workforce housing fund used largely in the Omaha and Lincoln areas.

Senator McKinney brought a proposal to split the \$25 million evenly between the two funds. After a motion to reconsider, Senator McKinney's amendment to put \$12.5 million into each housing fund was adopted on a 25-23 vote that was largely split between urban and rural.

I voted against Senator McKinney's amendment because I felt more weight should be given to rural areas since labor and supplies are less available in parts of greater Nebraska which can significantly drive-up costs.

Urban areas also generally benefit from economies of scale and have more funding options available via grants and other sources when compared to rural areas.

Several other amendments were also adopted which would appropriate \$600,000 to the court system for court language interpreters as well as directing the Department of Health and Human Services to use all of the money appropriated for developmental disability services.

LB1412 and LB1413 have been placed on Final Reading and must be passed on or before the 50th day of the session, or Tuesday, March 26 under the Legislature's rules.

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.

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HOEFER FAMILY GATHERING



The Hoefer family (Leonard and Juan - deceased) is holding its annual family dinner this

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 at the Elgin KC Hall.

Dad died in 2000 and Mom died last May, so she spent 22 & 1/2 years without him. Alvin died in 2003.

As part of this annual get-together, we are inviting MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY who may be interested to stop by between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to share a few memories of them with us. We will have dessert and drinks available.

Please call Marlene Hughes if you plan to visit or have questions.... (303) 589-1404

Darrell B. Miller, 87

July 29, 1936 - March 19, 2024

He spent most of his life in Antelope County working as a farmer/rancher. He was fond of Native American culture.



Darrell B. Miller, 87, of rural Elgin, was called home to his Lord and Savior on March 19, 2024.

Darrell passed away as a result of a tractor accident, doing work that he loved with the love of his life by his side. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Abundant Life Christian Center in Neligh, NE with Bryan Dunlap, Lay Minister, officiating.

Visitation was one hour prior to service time. Burial followed at the Oakdale Cemetery, Oakdale, NE.

Memorials are suggested to the Elgin and Oakdale Volunteer Fire Departments. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Darrell B. Miller was born July 29, 1936, near Elgin, NE to William H. and Ethel (McIntyre) Miller. Darrell was raised in the Elgin area and graduated from Elgin High School with the class of 1954. In 1960 Darrell was united in marriage to Carol Huwaldt from Neligh, NE.

To this union two children were born, Ron and Julianne, this marriage later ended.

In the early 90's while bringing his mother to Ord, NE to see a doctor, he met the woman who stole his heart and on July

28, 1995, he was married to Rhonda Ziegler Rice in Oakdale, NE. With this marriage he acquired two more adult children, Lynda and Dan.

Darrell spent most of his life in Antelope County working as a farmer/rancher, however spending a few years away from there working in a lumber camp near Eagle, CO, the oil fields in Sterling, CO, and manufacturing in Omaha, NE. Darrell had an incredible fondness for the native American culture and enjoyed visiting reservations and attending pow-wows. He was a skilled craftsman, designing and installing intricate wood floors in his home.

Darrell loved the Lord and enjoyed sharing his faith with others. In 2007 he and Rhonda traveled to Mexico to share the word of God with others on their own personal mission.

Darrell is survived by his loving wife of 28 years: Rhonda Miller of rural Elgin, NE; children: Ron (Maria) Miller of Ft. Collins, CO; Julianne Winkleblack of Battle Creek, NE; Lynda Felton of Ord, NE; Dan Rice of LeMars, IA; brother: Howard (Janet) Miller of Orchard, NE; grandchildren: Melina Miller; Kayla (Jared) Gubbels; Megan Winkleblack; Jordan (Krysiyah) Felton; Hailey (Colin Smith) Felton; and Jason (Emily) Felton; along with many other family members and friends.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents.

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OBITUARIES

Paul Albert Hecht, 60

March 2, 1964 - March 20, 2024

He was the life of the party out with friends and at family gatherings with famous one-liners and observations.



Paul Albert Hecht was born on March 2, 1964, at Tilden

Hospital to Frank and Eleanor Nancy Forge Hecht. He died March 20, 2024, in a tragic accident. He was the third of seven siblings. Life on the Hecht farm was full of hours spent outside working and playing. The siblings were close, especially the boys, who grew up loving hunting, motorcycles, and adventures. The work was walking beans, putting up hay, and wrangling hogs.

Paul always made it fun and was full of shenanigans. When Paul was 10, he was burned in an accident on the farm that left him in the Omaha hospital for several weeks. His return was celebrated by his family and siblings, who missed a playmate. The following year, his sister Kathy was born and completed the family.

Being her older brother, Paul gave Kathy many rides on his dirt bike or motorcycle when she was a toddler.

Paul was the life of the party out with friends and at family gatherings. He made everyone laugh with his famous one-liners and observations. He attended the Sturgis motorcycle rally every year with his close friends and his brother Mark.

Paul graduated from Elkhorn Valley Schools in 1982. It was there that he made lifelong friends who have held a special bond to this day.

After graduation, he attended Chadron State College for two years, then returned to work while contemplating his next move.

He enrolled at the University of Nebraska Lincoln in January 1987 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in agronomy in December 1989. He started a job with the Farmers

Home Association (FHA) in Omaha, and from there, he was moved to the Chadron office.

In 1992, he moved back to Tilden and worked as a sales representative for Superior/Fontenelle Seeds.

Later, he joined EBM out of Norfolk and eventually started his own business named TB (Top & Bottom) Manlift. With this business, he traveled the Midwest, inspecting and servicing manlifts on grain elevators. He also fulfilled a dream to start farming part-time. In 2013, he moved to the family farm that has been in his family for over 100 years. His father, Frank, had a lifelong dream of building a log cabin on that farm, and Paul completed that dream in 2013.

On September 26, 1993, Paul married Stephanie Bachman of Glenwood, Iowa, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church in Tilden, and together they raised their son, Tucker. The couple later divorced. As a family, they shared many adventures and travels to Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, and places in the US. Paul loved to attend Tucker's activities and sporting events. They rode motorcycles together, and Paul would ride to Rapid City to visit Tucker while he attended college there. He was so proud of the man he became.

Paul is survived by his son, Tucker Hecht of Lenexa, Kansas, his mother Nancy Hecht of Battle Creek, and six siblings: Lisa (Paul) Mettler of Chicago, Mark (Mary) Hecht of Tilden, Anne (Jim) Meis of Elgin, Emily (Merle) Borer of Elgin, John (Stacy) Hecht of Lincoln, and Kathleen (Scott) Margheim of Columbus, nieces and nephews, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hecht, in 2010 and infant sister, Sarah, in 1972.

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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack track season to begin when snow melts



The Wolfpack boys track team consists of Dylan Kolm, Blake Henn, Dylon Lueking, Myles Kittelson and Kaeden Schwarting. Back row: Landon Kallhoff, Justice Blecher, Taylor Beckman, Kaiden Bode, Trey Rittscher and Landyn Veik. E-R photo/DMorgan



The Wolfpack girls track team includes (front row, l-r) Braelyn Martinsen, Samantha Stuhr, Ruby Durre, Kaitey Schumacher, Camry Kittelson, Megan Wright and Tessa Barlow. Back row: Elizabeth Moser, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Gemma Miller, Madelyn Kurpgewit, Brooke Kinney and Reese Stuhr. E-R photo/DMorgan

EPS

FROM Page 2
lie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman had found success all season long with their performance. On Friday, they proved they were among the best in Nebraska by earning the third place medals in their event. Throughout the day, the group earned three perfect ballots of first place rank and scores of 50/50, including one in finals. The Duet of Busted and Henn also continued to do well, as they brought home the sixth place medals.

Earning Superior Ratings at the State Speech Championships were Busted in Informative, Kyndal Busted in Persuasive and Heithoff in Entertainment.

EPS coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn couldn't be prouder of their team members.

"These girls have put in so much work this season. We're proud of each of them for their time, effort and commitment to the team. Considering the success of our OID and Duet, we really had some high hopes going in, and we weren't disappointed."

They credited some tough competitions for their success.

"These kids have been competing against some top-notch opponents all season long, including an extremely tough NVC, and a beyond competitive district. At districts, one of the coaches mentioned that whoever came out of our district would be on the medal stand, and she was right. Our district picked up a lot of medals on Friday." The coaches also had kind words for their seniors Busted

and Martinsen.

"These girls have been a joy to coach over the years. They are so talented, and so busy! No matter what they have going on, they always make time to practice. Baylee has been a state qualifier for four years, and Brenna, three. Baylee medaled when she was a freshman, and she was actually tripled entered at state this year, which is quite

an accomplishment. It was nice to see them both bring home some medals for their efforts. They will be missed next year."

In addition, both Henn and Heithoff were double entered at the state contest.

Congratulations on a great season! Just qualifying for state is an honor. Bringing home the medals is a tremendous feat.



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Competing in Duet, Baylee Busted and Chloe Henn earned a sixth place medal.

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Spinning Tales

Looking forward to Spring sports after the snow melts

What is there, seven weeks left before our seniors at Pope John and Elgin Public don the caps and gowns and receive their diplomas?

Yet, in that span of time, there's still much to be accomplished in the field of athletic competition. The Wolfpack track team was supposed to begin this week at Stanton, then the snow-storm hit.

EPPJ's best athletes are going to be running, jumping and throwing to their heart's content soon seeking one last opportunity to compete against the state's best in Omaha in mid-May.

There's plenty of talent on this track team to be guided by Coach Sandi Henn and her assistant Matt Euse. As I look at the roster of athletes out for track, Myles Kittelson will be seeking his third trip to state while senior Blake Henn is eyeing his second trip to state. Kittelson's specialty is the triple jump, Henn's is the shot put. Then there's sophomore Kaiden Bode. Visiting with people in the know, they believe if he has a good spring he has a solid shot at reaching Omaha in the high jump. He's got the right build for a high jumper - long and lean and has spring in his legs.

In the weights, two athletes to watch out for are senior Dylon Lueking and sophomore Jarek Erickson. Just anxious to see how their athleticism translates to the ring.

Not to be outdone, there are a number of Wolfpack girls ready to compete at Burke Stadium, home of the state track and field championships every year.

Two sophomores shall lead the way. Camry Kittelson in the sprints and Kayton Zwingman in a multitude of events showed promise last season and this year she should only get better this time around.

The golf team will get their season underway in April. Junior Kellan Hoefer is the only returning letter winner for Coach Trent Ostransky's team so the season promises to be, shall we say, interesting. Hoefer is the only returning member of the golf team which competed at state last May at North Platte. Week in and week out he should be the Wolfpack's best golfer. I hope he can lead the Pack to back-to-back trips to state. If that isn't possible, he should play well enough to be in contention for one of those at-large berths at state.

An old Chinese proverb says, "May you live in interesting

times." We're there right now my friends. This past week the Huskers men's and women's basketball teams competed in NCAA Basketball Tournaments. The 64 best teams competing for one of the ugliest, yet most coveted, trophies in collegiate sports. The men entertained us all season, but forgot how to play defense in a double-digit loss to Texas A&M.

Coach Amy Williams' women's team won their opening round game in convincing fashion, then lost in the second round by 10 points to Oregon State on the Beavers home

court. The best thing about the Huskers winning was that it kept me away from some of those machines that like to eat your money and give you nothing in return (aka Las Vegas).

There are plenty of other things to do in Vegas. Here, you can find what you're looking for even when you're not looking for it. More than anything, I guess that's the lure of Vegas.

One final thought, flying out of Grand Island to Vegas, it doesn't get any easier than this. The same can't ever be said for the airport in Las Vegas.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

Get To Know The MARCH Wolfpack

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

ASHLYNNE CHARF
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Q & A

What is one thing about yourself that people that don't know you well would be surprised about? I have three raccoons and one coyote. I like taking in animals.

Which is your favorite sport, volleyball or basketball and why? Volleyball. I feel like it's easier to control than basketball and everyone has a role to play. Basketball is a team sport, but volleyball is more so. Each piece has to work together to be successful.

If you were trying to talk someone into trying the sport, what are some of the things you would talk about? We have a good coach, we have fun practices and it can get you in shape. You meet new people and make new friends.

Which is more exhilarating, a kill spike, a solo block or beating an opponent to the basket? A kill spike. You just get a good feeling when you put the ball down for a kill.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? Summer because I get a good tan, go to the river, make money, etc.

You need help and the main character on the last television show you watched has to come to help. Who is rescuing you? SpongeBob Squarepants.

What is one talent you wish you had that you do not possess? I wish I could be better at bowling. I wish I could ice skate.

What is your ideal vacation? I like Hawaii when the UV is like 11 because then I get a really good tan.

Last question, who inspires you and why? Brenda Kuhlman inspires me. She motivates me. She pushes me to be my best and she always has a smile on her face.

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Sophia Burke, Braedon Hinkle, Kinley Miller, Macy Rokahr, John Zwingman, Kaidynce Schrad, Justice Blecher, Zevon Blecher, Kyla Donaldson, Libby Evans, Gavin Harkins, Braelyn Martinsen, Dannyka Smidt, Kyndal Busteded, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Haley Parks, Trey Rittscher, Kayton Zwingman, Taylor Beckman, Samantha Durre, Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Kellan Hoefer*, Emma Kinney, Myles Kittelson, Dylon Lueking*, Brenna Martinsen and Dylon Parks.



HONOR ROLL

Anna Dworak, Jayvin Erickson, Jael Lammers, Bristol Buschow, Max Henn, Makenna Mortiboy, Molly Thiessen, Ruby Durre, Madelyn Kurpgeweit, Rylen Schwarting, Sadie Thiessen, Megan Wright, Autumn Forbes, Andrea Hansen, Isaac Hemenway, Halle Lueking, Ticen Sparr, Landon Kallhoff, Dylan



Kolm, Trissa Russell, Kaeden Schwarting, Lauren Vitamvas, Blake

Henn, Steven Nelson, Gage Thiessen and Abriel VonBonn.

*Not pictured



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Juniors: Kaitey Schumacher.
Sophomores: Camry Kittelson.
Freshmen: Brooke Kinney.
7th Grade: Sydney Niewohner.

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High Honors: All A's Honor Roll: An average of at least 92.5%

HONOR ROLL:

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Juniors: Olivia Klein.
Sophomores: Tessa Barlow, Jovie Borer and Landyn Veik.
Freshmen: Elizabeth Moser and Samantha Stuhr.



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Judge orders GPS for elderly man who awaits sentencing

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

Sentencing on a 90-year-old Tilden man's latest conviction of violating a harassment protection order was delayed last week after court officials discussed his felony charge in Pierce County.

The Honorable Donna Taylor granted a defense request to delay sentencing for the third time, in Denis Kerkman's current Antelope County case, after hearing that a felony charge of violating of the same protection order in Pierce County had been bound over to district court. Local sentencing was previously scheduled Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 and was continued each time. He was convicted Jan. 3.

Kerkman appeared in the Antelope County courtroom March 20, alongside Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Carney requested continuance. Taylor granted the request but added new bond conditions requiring Kerkman wear a GPS monitor until the new April 17 sentencing date.

She ordered that he is not allowed to be in the city of Neligh, except to travel through on highways 14 and 275. When he claimed to attend church services in Neligh, Taylor added an exception allowing him to attend 10 a.m. Sunday services at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Kerkman also claimed he had business to conduct in downtown Neligh, "to pay bills," and asked, "What if I want to get groceries?"

She said county officials have received calls alleging Kerkman has been driving around his former spouse's Neligh residence. The judge said people call and ask why the victim is not being protected and she in-

dicated the order also protects the defendant. "If someone says you are at a place you aren't supposed to be, you can say, 'My GPS proves it.'"

Kerkman questioned the cost of the monitor. "I don't have money to pay for it," he said.

Taylor recessed court to investigate logistics of application of the monitor and the service's cost. She instructed Kerkman to take a seat in the gallery. She later ordered \$5,000 of his \$20,000 bond exonerated to allow a \$500 refund to pay monitor program fees.

During recess, Kerkman, from his seat in the gallery, continued to voice claims of injustice to Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith and a county deputy. They both advised him to follow the judge's instructions.

"I had the sheriff check," Smith told him. "Make sure you

follow the judge's orders...They have more stuff on you."

In addition to the current cases in the two counties, Kerkman has twice been convicted of violating the protection order in Pierce County, where he was sentenced to the county jail for 180 days and 270 days. He also has a previous violation conviction in Antelope County, for which he served 51 days in the county jail.

In the current Pierce County felony case, he waived his right to preliminary hearing and awaited arraignment in district court March 28.

The domestic abuse protection order was issued April 13, 2022, and renewed April 13, 2023, in Boone County district court, with Kerkman's former spouse listed as the protected party. She alleged mental and physical abuse.

Two defendants had first-of-fense charges of writing bad checks dismissed after paying restitution and costs. Both said they had attempted to pay restitution but were told to "show up" in court. They each faced a up to \$1,000 fines and/or six months in jail if convicted of the Class 2 misdemeanor charges. April Barlow of Ewing paid restitution of \$146.12 for a check written to Thriftway Market in Neligh on May 16, 2023. Orion Hunt of Columbus paid restitution of \$429.70 for a July 6, 2023, check written to Thriftway.

William J. Demerath, 47, of Plainview pleaded guilty, by waiver, to a Class 3 misdemeanor, knowingly authorizing an unlicensed driver to drive a farm truck. He was fined \$50 and \$49 costs for the March 9 offense, committed west of the 13/20 junction.

Texas man bound over to district court on meth charge

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

Joaquin S. Echeverria, 28, of Brenham, Texas, (in custody) appeared in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last week for preliminary hearing.

Escheverria is accused of a Class 1C felony, possession of more than 28 grams of methamphetamine, with intent to deliver.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith called Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Seth Miller to the stand. Miller testified that Escheverria possessed 74-76 grams of methamphetamine when he was stopped for speeding Feb. 19. Miller also testified that during a five-minute period, the defendant had offered several stories about his plans for the drugs.

Carney cross examined the trooper about the defendant's intentions for the drugs within the state of Nebraska. He said if there was an intent to sell, it was not in the state of Nebraska. He opined, "There needs to be some nexus (link, connection) to Nebraska."

Taylor disagreed. "Mr. Carney, that's a very interesting argument," she said. "(It) might be an argument for motion to quash in district court."

She bound the case over to Antelope County district court, where Escheverria was scheduled for arraignment March 27. Escheverria was remanded back to the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore, pending posting 10% of a \$100,000 bond.

James Brady, 69, accompanied by his attorney Joel Carlson of Norfolk, faced Taylor for pretrial hearing on a count of third-degree assault. Carlson announced a plea agreement, which included Brady pleading no contest. Carlson asked a fine be assessed that day but Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith requested a presentence report or "at least an alcohol evaluation."

Taylor found Brady guilty and ordered a presentence report by the probation office. Sentencing is set May 1. Bond is continued at \$4,000, 10%.

A plea bargain was announced between Smith and an Oakdale man, who was set for trial in two cases.

Shane Sleister, 49, (in custody), appeared in two similar cases, accused of Count I, resisting arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Count II, driving during suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor, alleged Sept. 20, 2023, in Oakdale; and Count I, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor; Count II, driving during revocation, a Class 2 misdemeanor; and Count III, reckless driving, a Class 3 misdemeanor, all alleged Jan. 5 in Oakdale.

Smith filed amended complaints, changing Count I in the September case to obstructing a peace officer, still a Class 1 misdemeanor. Count II remained DUS, a Class 2 misdemeanor.

In the January case, Count I remained operating a motor

vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor; Count II was reduced to a Class 3 misdemeanor and Count III was dismissed.

Carney requested probation sentences. Taylor ordered a PSI and set sentencing April 17.

Sleister, who also has two cases pending in Knox County and one in Madison County, requested a reduction in bond in the Antelope County cases.

"I have a lot on my plate in court, a lot on my plate at home,

billings are piling up," he said. "I have a fine due May 1 also."

Taylor reduced bond in the January case from \$25,000, 10%, to \$10,000, 10%, the same as the September case.

"I don't think it will help you much," she said. "(It) still means you need to post \$2,000."

Sleister was remanded to Moore's custody, pending posting of bond.

Joyce D. Beach, 23, of O'Neill

faced Taylor on a three-year-old case.

Beach was convicted in March 2021, of driving under suspension Feb. 17, 2021. She failed to show up for sentencing June 2, 2021, and a warrant was subsequently issued for her arrest. The warrant was served March 15 in O'Neill by a Nebraska State patrol officer and she posted 10% of a \$1,500 bond.

Taylor granted Beach's request to continue sentencing, to

April 17, warning the defendant it was the last time a continuance would be granted.

First hearing for Dennis Statler, 54, of Neligh, on a Class 4 felony bad check charge is continued to April 3.

Pretrial hearing for Tyler J. Bredvick, 28, of Butte on a Class 2 misdemeanor, driving under suspension, alleged Dec. 15, 2023, is continued to April 17.

Local judge passes case to Madison County judge

Antelope County Attorney says he has no conflict

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

County court cases in Antelope County are routinely heard by the Honorable Donna Taylor, one of three county court judges presiding from benches in the Nebraska's Seventh Judicial District.

Last week, Taylor passed a case to one of her peers. The Honorable Ross Stoffer will travel to Neligh to hear a case involving a former Neligh police officer, Michael D. Wright. Wright is set for further arraignment April 3. Bond is continued at \$5,000, 10% cash.

Referring to previous work through Antelope County involving Wright as an officer, county prosecutor Joe Smith said, "I want to state on the record I don't have a conflict."

Wright, 50, of Neligh appeared in the Antelope County courtroom March 20 on a Class 1 misdemeanor charge of third-degree domestic assault, alleged March 17 in Neligh.

Wright requested continuance to consult an attorney. He also requested amendment of his bond to allow contact with family members and permission to obtain personal items from residence.

Amy Wright asked Taylor to lift a no contact order.

"I don't want to set a precedent for this case," Smith said after he objected to Wright moving back into the family home. However, he said he did not object to phone contact.

"I don't want to be involved in this case very much," Taylor said before amending bond conditions.

Wright will be allowed to contact his wife regarding arrangements for visitation with their minor child and collection of his personal items from the family home.

In addition, Taylor prohibited contact with Wright's older son, who she said may be a witness in the case.

Daniel C. Hohrein, 46, of Oakdale appeared for arraignment on three counts alleged March 16 - Count I, drive under suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor; Count II, leave scene of property-damage accident, a Class 2 misdemeanor; and Count III, provide false information, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Potential penalties if convicted include up to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail on Count I; up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail and up to one-year license revocation on Count II; and up to \$1,000 and/or one year in jail

on Count III.

Hohrein requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Antelope County public defender Pat Carney and set further arraignment April 3.

According to an arrest affidavit filed by a Neligh police officer, Hohrein was allegedly the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident at the intersection of Highway 275 and 2nd Street in Neligh on March 16. The officer alleged Hohrein, whose license was suspended, left the scene of the accident and denied driving the white Chevy Avalanche, despite damage to the vehicle that was allegedly

parked behind his residence. He was arrested at the residence and posted 10% of a \$4,000 bond.

Ronald Dugal, 61, of Neligh waived his right to counsel and pleaded not guilty to a count of driving under suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor alleged Feb. 21. He requested continuance to obtain his driver's license. Taylor continued arraignment to April 17.

Taylor issued a warrant for the arrest of Marta Yanes Cambara, 54, of Neligh, who failed to appear for arraignment in two cases. Bond is set at \$10,000,

10% cash. Yanes Cambara was arrested March 7 on a warrant that had been issued after she failed to appear in court March 5. She was released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and ordered to appear in court last week.

Yanes-Cambara is charged a Class 4 felony, issue bad check-aggregate, including three checks allegedly written between May 30 and June 2, 2023, to Thriftway Market in amounts of \$1,052.40, \$740.81 and \$354.31. She is also charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor, disturbing the peace, alleged Jan. 3.

Easter Egg Hunt Held Saturday at KC Hall



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The Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce held its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday. Due to inclement weather, the event was moved from Elgin City Park to the Knights of Columbus Hall which was packed for the event. Winners of the prize baskets were (l-r): Ember Jean Erickson (Age up to 2 years old); Tatum Childers (3-4); Westen Childers (5-6) and Jaxson Haddix (7-9).

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Safe haven expansion bill: More options to surrender newborns

Senators voted March 20 to advance LB876, which would expand options for parents to surrender their newborn babies. Current state law allows people to leave a baby 30 days old or younger with a hospital employee. LB876, introduced by Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bellevue, would amend this law by approving additional drop-off locations such as fire station and police stations. It would also increase the maximum age limit of newborns to 90 days. According to the bill, hospitals, fire stations and police stations could install "newborn safety devices," commonly called baby boxes, as another



Aidan Maddux (l) and Jai Lynn Harrison participated in the NVC Conference Honor Band held Monday, March 18 at Stuart High School. The band consisted of students from Chambers, West Holt, Rock County, Boyd County, Wheeler Central and Stuart schools. Photo submitted

Bartlett News

by Sherry Tetschner

Wheeler Central musicians Jai Lynn Harrison and Aidan Maddux were among approximately 52 who participated in the NVC Conference/Honor Band held in Stuart Monday, March 18. Guest clinicians were Christopher Weddel who directed the conference band and Jessica Steckly who directed the honor band. Christopher is the 11th Director of Instrumental Music at Fremont High School. There, he directs the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pep Band and Music Appreciation. Christopher graduated from Wayne State College and received his Master's of Music with an emphasis in Music Education from the American Band College of Central Washington University. Steckly is a 10th

year music teacher at Ponca Public Schools. She graduated also from Wayne State College. She obtained a Master's Degree from Wayne State College in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on music education. A concert featuring the bands was held at 5:30 p.m. Songs performed by the band were: Above and Beyond; James Swearingen, Hymnsong Variants; Robert Smith and Spania; David Shaffer. Honor Band featured Infinite Horizons; Robert Sheldon, Fire Dance; David Shaffer and Celtic Air and Dance No. 2. Wheeler Central students thoroughly enjoyed the day. What a great experience to play with a large band! Aidan and Jai Lynn both worked very hard to prepare for this day. I am very proud of both of them.

Nebraska Legislative Round-Up

by Livia Ziskey, Nebraska News Service

option for parents to anonymously surrender their babies. The bill defines the device as a padded, climate-controlled box that alerts the location's staff and law enforcement when used. Nebraska's current safe haven law took effect in 2008. Holdcroft said 14 babies have been surrendered following the law while nearly 200 were abandoned during the same period, according to the Unicameral Update. He said he hopes to address this disparity and reduce abandonment to zero. During debate, Sen. Carol Blood of Bellevue said she supported expanding drop-off locations but

was against the installment of newborn safety devices, saying that they are not subject to approval by federal safety organizations and could put babies at risk, according to the Unicameral Update. Holdcroft agreed to work with senators to remove the newborn safety device section of the bill, and senators voted 38-0 to advance the bill to select file, according to the Unicameral Update. *****

Felon voting rights Senators voted March 20 to advance LB20, which would give felons back their voting rights after completing their sentence.

Felons currently regain voting rights two years after completing their sentence and parole, and LB20 would remove the two-year period. Sen. Justin Wayne of Omaha introduced the bill last session. He said Nebraska is the only state with an arbitrary waiting period, according to the Unicameral Update. Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon spoke in support of the bill, saying that people who have paid for their crimes must be able to reenter society or they risk reentering the correctional system, according to the Unicameral Update. In opposition to LB20, Sen. Robert

Clements of Elmwood said Nebraska used to impose a lifetime voting ban for felons, and two years is a reasonable amount of time to wait. Before 2005, felons in Nebraska permanently lost their right to vote unless given an executive pardon. The Nebraska Legislature introduced LB53 in early 2005, which would have restored voting rights upon sentence completion, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. The Legislature passed the bill, but former Gov. Dave Heineman vetoed it. Legislators included the two-year waiting period as a compromise and overrode the veto.

NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN

Upper Elkhorn NRD

The Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District is accepting applications to fill the Natural Resources Technician position. Responsibilities will include assisting the Water Resources Department and supervising the conservation tree and wildlife programs.

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Evaluating your alfalfa stands for the coming season

Were you expecting more from last year's alfalfa yields? Did your plants get enough time to winterize in the fall or are you concerned about winter kill? Evaluating your alfalfa stand in the spring is key to planning management and setting expectations for this year. Scouting can help focus efforts later on problem locations as days get busier with spring planting. First, dig down next to a plant 4-6 inches and look

at the taproot. A healthy plant will be white and firm, while winter damaged plants will have stringy taproots, yellow or brown in color. Next, look for basal buds at the crown of the plant. Buds form in the fall and proper growth is a big reason the winterization period in the fall is so important for alfalfa stands. In-tact, alive buds will start growth sooner and produce a larger first cutting. No buds doesn't mean the plant is dead and won't recover, but will more than likely mean a smaller first cutting.

Finally, take a stand count. There are two options when evaluating your stand: 1) by the

number of plants per square foot (typically recommended for new stands, like plantings last fall) and 2) by the number of stems for established stands; University of Wisconsin research shows that stem count more accurately predicts yield compared to plant number. However, either method will give you more information when making management decisions.

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For stands planted last fall, you will see more plants per square foot compared to stems. Remember, that a good rule of thumb is, for every pound of seed planted, expect 3 to 5 plants. With that in mind, a seeding rate of 20 lbs. per acre

would have the potential for 60 to 100 plants per square foot. The University of Wisconsin suggests reseeding new plantings that contain fewer than 12 plants per square foot.

Bottom line: evaluate your established and newly seeded stands this spring to set expectations and inform management later on in the year. Look for a healthy tap root, in-tact basal buds, and 4 to 5 plants or 55 stems per square foot for established stands. In newly seeded stands, having 12 plants or greater per square foot will still leave you with a productive stand.

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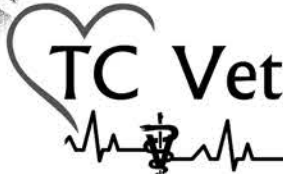
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bonding and insurance. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM, on April 2nd, 2024 in the Antelope County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope 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 - 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 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 OF MEETINGS ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2024**
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 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM
April 9, 2024 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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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION RJ KOENIG FARMS, LLC

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF
RJ KOENIG FARMS, LLC
A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
RJ KOENIG FARMS, LLC
Norfolk, Nebraska**
Notice is hereby given that RJ Koenig Farms, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 51951 844th Road, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. The initial agent's name is Karen J. Koenig, and it's street and mailing address is 51951 844th Road, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. This company

is organized to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business authorized under the laws of the State of Nebraska as well as any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on March 18, 2024, and the Company shall exist perpetually unless terminated sooner. The affairs of the limited liability company shall be conducted by its members until such time as their successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.
Karen Koenig, Registered Agent
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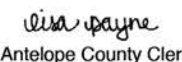
NOTICE OF 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION ANTELOPE, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 2024, at the designated polling places in the precincts of Antelope County, Nebraska, an election will be held for nominating, or in some cases electing, candidates to various offices and for voting on measures. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Some races may not appear on your ballot as the candidates and issues are elected by specific subdivisions, districts or wards.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL TICKET	UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET	CONGRESSIONAL TICKET	COUNTY TICKET
For United States President Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Republican Nikki Haley Perry Johnson Donald J. Trump Democratic Joseph R. Biden Jr. Dean Phillips Libertarian Charles Ballay Jacob Hornberger Lars Mapstead Chase Russell Oliver Michael Rectenwald Mike ter Maat Legal Marijuana NOW - No Filings	For United States Senator Six Year Term - Vote for ONE Republican Deb Fischer Arron Kowalski Democratic - No Filings Libertarian - No Filings Legal Marijuana NOW Kenneth Peterson Kerry Eddy For United States Senator Two Year Term - Vote for ONE Republican Pete Ricketts John Glen Weaver Mac Stevens Democratic Preston Love Jr. Libertarian - No Filings Legal Marijuana NOW - No Filings	For Representative in Congress District 3 Two Year Term - Vote for ONE Republican Adrian Smith John Walz Robert McCuiston Democratic Daniel Ebers David J. Else Libertarian - No Filings Legal Marijuana NOW - No Filings	For County Commissioner - District 4 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Charlie Henery - Republican Harlan Brandt - Republican For Plainview Public School Board Member Four Year Term - Vote for up to THREE Chance Anderson Deb Jensen Tom Krause Trenton Tarr Caden Alexander Justin D. Doerr Lonna Mosel

AUTOMATIC ADVANCEMENT TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

In compliance with Sec. 32-802 & 32-811, Nebraska Revised Statutes, where the names of candidates properly filed for nomination at the primary election for the offices listed below do not exceed two candidates for each position to be filled; these candidates shall be declared nominated and their names shall advance to the general election. Their names will not appear on the Primary Election Ballot. ***Unless otherwise indicated, all offices are 4 Year Terms.***

NONPARTISAN TICKET	COUNTY TICKET	CITY TICKET	SCHOOL TICKET
Northeast Community College For Board of Governors - District 1 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Donovan Ellis	For County Commissioner - District 4 Vote for ONE Matt Klabenes - Democrat Antelope County Weed Board At Large - Vote for up to THREE Robert Willats Dennis Bly Gordon Doerr	Village of Brunswick For Board Member - Vote for up to THREE No Filings	Elkhorn Valley Public School Board District 80 - Vote for up to THREE Jenny Schutt Tyler Tegeler Lucas Negus Adam Rutjens
Northeast Community College For Board of Governors - At Large Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Jeff Scherer	Antelope County Airport Authority Board At Large - Vote for up to TWO No Filings	Village of Royal For Board Member - Vote for up to THREE No Filings	Summerland Public School Board District - Vote for up to THREE Nathan Schwager
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 1 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Jay Reikofski Kelsey Jones	CITY TICKET City of Elgin For Council Member - Ward 2 Vote for up to ONE Craig S. Niewohner	Village of Clearwater For Board Member - Vote for up to TWO No Filings	Creighton Public School Board District 13 - Vote for up to THREE Greg D Kuhlman Erik Burns Eric Roskeland
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 5 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Cody Frank	City of Elgin For Council Member - Ward 1 Vote for up to ONE No Filings	Village of Oakdale For Board Member - Vote for up to TWO Delayne L. Fulsaa	Boone Central Public School Board Vote for up to THREE Andrew Roberts Ed Knott Justin D. Frey
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 6 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Arthur R. Tanderup	City of Neligh For Council Member - At Large Vote for up to TWO Bryan Funk Leonard Miller Tyler Pedersen	Village of Orchard For Board Member - Vote for up to TWO No Filings	SCHOOL TICKET Neligh-Oakdale Public School Board District 9 - Vote for up to THREE Peter Sample Cory Furstenuau Mary Oakes Tonya Strom
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 7 Four Year Term - Vote for ONE Bruce Anderson	City of Tilden For Council Member - At Large Vote for up to THREE Lisa A. Meyer Carla Loop Darrell Wyatt	Elgin Public School Board Member District 18 - Vote for up to THREE Luke A. Hinkle Steve Busted Eric Beckman Michael Braband	The Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any amendments or referendums once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 19th day of March, 2024.  Antelope County Clerk

Polling sites: **Tilden Precinct**- Tilden Public Library; **Oakdale Precinct**-Oakdale Community Center; **Neligh Precinct**-American Legion Post 172, Neligh; **Brunswick Precinct**-Brunswick Community Room; **Elgin Precinct**-KC Hall, Elgin; **Royal Precinct**-Royal Auditorium; **Clearwater Precinct**-American Legion Post 267, Clearwater; **Orchard Precinct**-Orchard Community Center.
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Campaign

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Small animal projects also allow youth who live within city limits to have direct experience with agriculture. Every town in Antelope County except Neligh allows female chickens (no roosters crowing).

Meis said, "It's so rewarding to see kids help each other at the fair" especially the older ones helping those younger. With more than 230 donors in amounts \$1-\$150,000, Meis lauded the generosity of those near and far, some without 4-H backgrounds, all who want to keep local families involved. One interesting fundraising twist resulted when Meyer's husband, Lee, gained national acclaim with Howdy Doody, the African long-horned steer riding shotgun in a car cut out to accommodate the massive bovine.

Wife Meyer turned his stardom into a tee shirt fundraiser that netted about \$9,000 to date. What's next? A raffle for four butchered hog quarters. The winners will be announced at the fair this year.

Donations continue to be accepted by sending a check to Antelope County 4-H Extension, 501 Main Street, Suite B9, Neligh, NE 68756 or visit www.nebcommfound.org/give/neligh-area-community-fund.

The result -- slightly more than a year from now, a new, climate-controlled building, open all year long, will welcome local 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and other youth organizations for meetings, gun and archery practice, dog training drills, educational workshops, and more. Ringhoff, who serves as secretary of the fundraising team, took time off the tractor to answer the 'why volunteer' question like this -- "4-H had a huge impact on my life. I judge at local and state fairs now and help my mom who leads the Way Out West 4-H Club. This building is something our county needs."

For the ART threesome, each had this response to why they put in so much time and effort into this fundraising campaign. For Hain, "I do it for the kids" and from Meyer, "I want to help Antelope County 4-H be the best it can be."

Finally, Meis said simply and with conviction, "I believe in 4-H" adding she wanted to express thanks to all the "amazing supporters".

Thanks to these dedicated community leaders who saw a need, stepped up, and took what seemed like an insurmountable goal close to the finish line in record time.

It pays to Advertise in the Elgin Review

Ken and Joan Stuhr receive Roncalli Award from Pope John

The 38th Annual Pope John Development Dinner was held Sunday evening, March 24 at Werner Hall in Petersburg.

Approximately 150 tickets were sold for the event. Dave Beckman served as Master of Ceremonies. The evening included a social hour, sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and various raffles.

One of the highlights of the Development Dinner is the presentation of the Roncalli Award. This award is named after the school's patron, Saint Pope John the XXIII who was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli. This prestigious award is presented each year to an individual or family in recognition of their long-term contribution to Pope John. Father John Norman presented this year's award to Ken and Joan Stuhr of Petersburg. They both have been actively involved in supporting Catholic education for many years.

"Ken was a member of the Pope John School Board and helped with many school work nights. Ken and his son Brian also take care of oil changes on the school buses. Joan taught at St. Boniface for 25 years and helped with the Pope John Library for 3 years. When St. Boniface moved from the old building into Pope John's building, Joan even had a makeshift classroom in the library to continue to be able to teach students. They pay the tuition for one student every year through the tuition assistance program, make extra donations above and beyond for the "wish list" items at Evening with Friends and the Development Dinner, generously donate to help toward covering the cost of the new t-shirts for each student at the beginning of each school year, and support Pope John in any way they can." said Father Norman.

Ken Stuhr, a member of the second graduating class from Pope John, said he and Joan were accepting the award on behalf of their parents who strongly believed in Catholic education.

The evening concluded with a live auction conducted by Jonathan Temme.

Ken and Joan Stuhr (center) display the plaque for receiving the annual Roncalli Award. Joining them were their children and spouses (l-r): Ryan and Rachel (Stuhr) Blobaum, Mike and Jennifer Stuhr; and Clarissa and Brian Stuhr. E-R photo/LMorgan



TRACK		
VARSITY		
April 2	@ Battle Creek.....	11:30
April 9	@ Neligh-Oakdale (Neligh).....	12:30
April 11	@ O'Neill.....	9:00
JUNIOR HIGH		
April 2	@ Plainview.....	4:00
April 16	@ Burwell.....	1:00
GOLF		
April 2	Quad @ Summerland.....	4:00
April 6	@ Plainview.....	8:30
April 10	@ Ewing.....	9:00
April 16	@ Beemer (JV only).....	10:00



OTHER UPCOMING SCHOOL- & YOUTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES		
March 28	EPS 5th Grade Field Trip, Stuhr Museum • PJ/SB	1 p.m. dismissal
March 29	All Schools, Easter Break - NO SCHOOL	
April 1	All Schools, Easter Break - NO SCHOOL	
April 2	EPS - no preschool	
April 3-5	State FFA Convention	
April 4-5	ESU 8 Art Show	
April 7	St. Boniface First Communion	
April 8	PJCC Jr. Job Shadow Day	
April 10	NECC Quiz Bowl • EPS school board meeting	
April 13	ACT	
April 17	Bloodmobile (EHS host) • EPS Miles of Smiles	
April 19	PJCC District Music	
April 20	EHS/PJCC Jr/Sr Prom	
April 22	EPS Spring HS Concert	
April 23	EPS 5th Grade Field Trip, Stuhr Museum • PJCC/SB	1 p.m. dismissal
April 26	NVC Art Show @ Rock County • SB Miles of Smiles	
April 27	N-O 5th/6th Grade Honor Band	
April 26 & 28	PJCC Spring Musical	
April 30	PJCC Crusader Jam	
May 2	PJ/SB Spring Concert	

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Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School Speech Team's



SPEECH NIGHT

Members of the PJCC speech team performed for the public prior to the State competition. Pictured (upper left, then clockwise): Duet of Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally; Duet of Camry Kittelson and Brooke Kinney; Entertainment Reese Stuhr; Humorous Prose Jack Barlow; OID of Tessa Barlow, Kaitey Schumacher and Jovie Borer (not in scene, Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally) and OID of Aiden Klein, Jack Barlow, Elise Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf and Brooklyn Meis.



Knots, chains and Easter

Wearing a brown scapular and a Crucifix have become important to me, as spiritual aides and reminders. I try to wear both at all times, even when sleeping. Usually when I wake up, they end up a bit tangled, though. That's not normally a problem. I take them off, untwist, and put them back on.

One morning, though, it wasn't that easy. Half asleep, I tried to untwist the scapular and chain, not even really looking at what I was doing, and ended up with a colossal knot.

I probably spent 15 minutes on it before I gave up for the time being, stuffed the tangled mess in my pocket and headed to work.

My situation reminded me of the tangled problems of my life and of Mary, Undoer of Knots.

Knots can be difficult to untie, as I learned from my scapular-Crucifix situation.

The knots in our lives develop when our bad choices, mistakes and sins get compounded, often by more bad choices, mistakes, missteps and sins. I see those errors manifested in my own life and in the lives of others, sometimes resulting in addictions, bad relationships, mental illness and other health problems, and often in turning further and further from God.

Sometimes when we try to fix the tangles in our lives – when we're not focused on God and half asleep, so to speak – we only make our problems worse. Ultimately, we may realize we need help.

That's where the Mary, Undoer of Knots, devotion comes in. The Blessed Mother has long been known for her help in our most difficult situations, even in

the mess Jesus came to fix. St. Irenaeus wrote in the second century: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith."

I've learned from experience how Mary can undo the most difficult, complicated knots. She unties knots, while her Son, Jesus, breaks chains. Especially during Holy Week, we remember how He broke the chains of sin and death that had kept us in bondage. He continues to set us free.

Mary's hands, meanwhile, untie our knots, which sometimes are so complicated, becoming tangled into the lives of others, especially loved ones, and even through generations.

During this Holy Week and always, may our Blessed Mother intercede for us and may Jesus break the bonds of our chains.

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-vena>

PJCC

Barlow and Jovie Borer. Pope John's second OID team placed ninth. Team members were Ashlynn Charf, Aiden Klein, Jack Barlow, Elise Ruterbories and Brooklyn Meis.

Duet — Olivia Klein and Juliana McNally placed eighth, two spots short of a medal in a competition which featured 18 entries.

Other Pope John entries who competed at State were Reese Stuhr in Entertainment Speaking where she finished 13th.

In the team race, Pope John finished in a tie for 13th out of 17 teams. Winning the team title was Chambers.

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