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In Brief

Neligh to again host ESU 8 K-12 Art Show

Friday through Sunday, April 11-13.

The 2025 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show will be held at the Antelope County Fair Grounds Building in Neligh.

K-12 student artwork will be displayed from Antelope, Boyd, Holt, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Wheeler Counties, all served by ESU 8.

The show will be open to the public for viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day starting Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13.

The show will represent approximately 30 schools and over 5,500 students in the seven-county area.

There is no fee to enjoy the Art and everyone is welcome!

Please contact Steph Lundgren, ESU 8 Art Consultant with any questions or concerns at stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org or 402-887-5041 Ext. 1231.

Local cemetery board to hold annual meeting

April 24 at Levander Funeral Home.

The Board of Directors of the West Cedar Valley Cemetery will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday April 24, 2025 at 7 p.m. The location will be Levander Funeral Home, 107 Pine Street, Elgin. Everyone is welcome to attend. Agenda will be available at time of meeting.

Newspaper office to be closed Friday afternoon

Will re-open on Monday, April 9.

The Elgin Review office will be closed this Friday, April 4. Please use the drop box near the front door.

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.

Backflow Prevention — City of Elgin

Annual Water Report — City of Elgin

Notice of Acquisition — City of Elgin (Tree Dump)

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 87 degrees recorded on March 28.

The low temperature during the same period was 24 degrees recorded on March 25. Altogether, 0.37 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. 23	56	26	.00
Mar. 24	63	34	.00
Mar. 25	63	24	.00
Mar. 26	68	37	.00
Mar. 27	77	37	.00
Mar. 28	87	37	.24
Mar. 29	39	33	.13
Total for last week			0.37
Total for March			1.15
Total precipitation 2025			1.55

PJCC brings home three state speech medals

Crusaders finish sixth in final team standings

On Friday, May 28th, nine Pope John Crusaders speech team members performed one last time at the D2 NSAA State Championships held at Kearney High School. The team ended up sixth in the sweepstakes and had three state medal winners.

Senior Olivia Klein led the medal parade. In her final trip to state speech, she finished second in Informative Speaking.

Also earning a second place medal was junior Reese Stuhr in Serious Prose.

The third state medalist for Pope John was Jovie Borer in Persuasive.

Earning superior ratings but missing out on the final round were:

- Aiden Klein and Brooke Kinney in duet acting

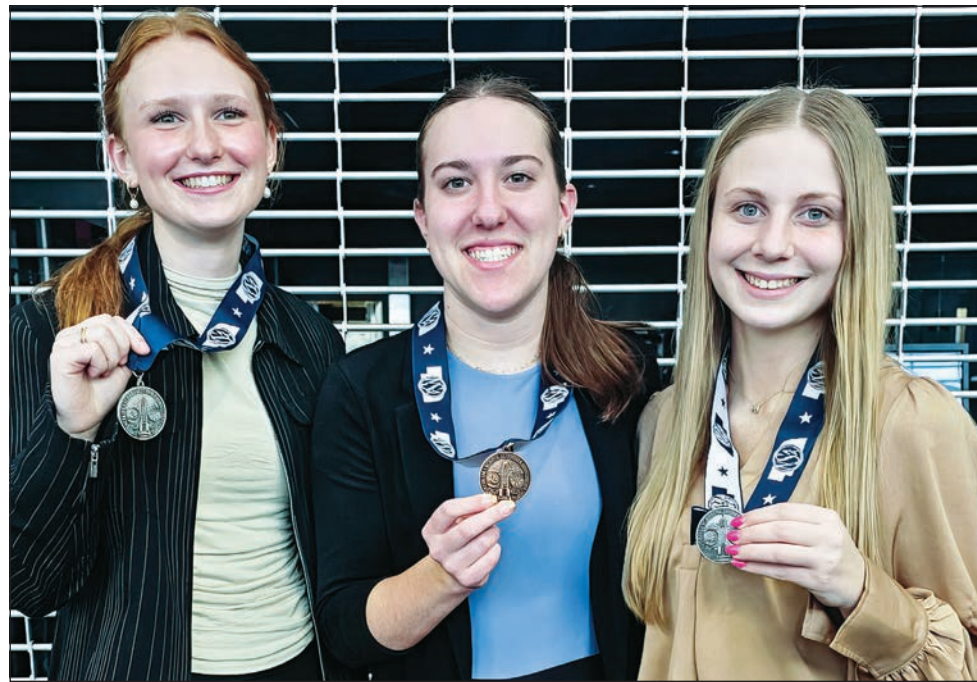
- Aiden Klein, Brooke Kinney, Camry Kittelson, Matthew Kerkman, and Tessa Barlow in OID

- Tessa Barlow in serious prose

- Jovie Borer in POI

- Harlie Tyler in poetry.

Coaches Amy Klein and Chris Grundmayer would like to thank everyone who came to watch our team compete this year.



Courtesy photo

State speech medalists from Pope John were (l-r): Reese Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Olivia Klein.

Henn brings home state medal in entertainment speaking

Chloe Henn was able to finish her career on a high note by bringing home some hardware from the Class D1 State Speech Championships on Friday. Elgin High School senior, Henn placed first, second and second in her preliminary rounds, which clinched her spot in finals. In that round, she placed fifth overall, earning her another state medal.

Coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn expressed praise for Henn.

"Chloe has had an amazing speech career. She's a four-year letter winner, a four-time State Speech qualifier, and now a three-time State medalist. She has a lot to be proud of. She was the NVC Champion and District Champion in Entertainment and was also NVC Duet Champion with her partner Callie Heithoff. In addition, she earned medals in OID as well."

The coaches felt she performed very well at State.

"She had some fantastic performances this season, and State was no different. In the finals round one judge ranked her first with a perfect score of 50/50. That's definitely something to be proud of. She finished among the best of the best in class D1."

Sophomore Zoey Buechter also turned in a solid performance in her State debut. Buechter would have been the next competitor in finals, narrowly missing a medal.

Buechter earned a Superior Rating in her Serious Prose performance which has earned her some medals this season.

Fellow sophomore Gemma Miller competed in Extemporaneous Speaking at the meet in Kearney and also earned a Superior Rating.

The coaches applauded their efforts.

"Gemma and Zoey did a fantastic job in Kearney. It's always nice when we have some new kids get down there. It prepares them for the next season



E-R photo/LMorgan

Chloe Henn brought home the fifth place medal in entertainment speaking at the Class D1 State Speech Championships held Friday at Kearney.

and has a tendency to make them a bit hungrier to get there. We're very proud of their accomplishments."

They also had words of praise for their whole team. "We're so proud of these kids. We're a pretty small team, but we put in a solid effort this year, especially in our district. Being up against powerhouses like Wausa and Osmond can be a bit intimidating, but they handled it like champs."

The team will lose two seniors to graduation—Henn and Heithoff.

"We can't say enough about those two. Their commitment over the last four years has been amazing. They are tough kids to replace, as they are talented, hardworking, and terrific leaders. They were a positive influence on our younger team members."

Congratulations on a great season, EPS Speech.

Full day debate now underway at legislature

Bills address concerns on Paid Sick Leave Initiative

March 28 marked the 52nd day of this 90-day legislative session and the final day of daily committee hearings. Full day debate will begin on March 31st. Senators are now focused on the budget as well as bills that have been designated as a priority either by a senator, a committee, or the Speaker of the Legislature.

One of the final bills heard by the Judiciary Committee this year was my bill LB395. LB395 was brought on behalf of the Nebraska Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation. In 2018, the Legislature passed LB990 which restricts anyone convicted in juvenile court of misdemeanor domestic violence or a felony offense from possessing a firearm until he or she is 25 years old. Subsequently, several judges across the state found that there was a conflict with the sealed records statutes which prevents law enforcement from determining if a juvenile is prohibited from purchasing a firearm. In Nebraska, juvenile records are normally sealed automatically when the case is closed. Testimony submitted by the Nebraska State Patrol highlighted that under the existing law, a prohibited juvenile convicted of violent felonies, including murder, could be appropriately denied the ability to buy a handgun but then erroneously be allowed to purchase a rifle or shotgun upon turning the age of 19.



State Senator Barry DeKay

Meanwhile, the Legislature debated paid sick leave over the course of multiple days. Last November, the voters passed the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, also known as the Paid Sick Leave Initiative, which mandates paid sick time in Nebraska for eligible employees to earn and use for personal or family needs. Specifically, this law requires that beginning on October 1, 2025, all Nebraska employees are to be given a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, up to an established threshold based on employer size.

In response to the passage of the Paid Sick Leave Initiative, a couple of bills were introduced this year to address concerns with the new law. LB415 brought by Senator Ballard makes a number of technical updates to bring the law into alignment with other Nebraska employment statutes. Senator Strommen introduced LB698 to create several exemptions from the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act for temporary or seasonal agricultural workers, employees younger than sixteen, and employers with less than eleven employees.

During the committee process, Senator Strommen's LB698 was amended into LB415 and became the focus of floor debate. Supporters of LB698 argued that it is administratively and financially a huge burden for small businesses to comply with the new paid sick leave law. Opponents filibustered the bill arguing there should be no exemptions and that all employees should be given paid sick leave. Following contentious debate, LB415 as amended was advanced to the second stage of consideration on a 34 to 14 vote.

Finally, applications are now being accepted for a program known as the Unicameral Youth Legislature. The Unicameral Youth Legislature is a legislative simulation in which high school students take on the role of lawmakers. Student senators sponsor bills, conduct committee hearings, debate legislation and discover the unique process of the nation's only unicameral. The program will be held from June 8th to June 13, 2025 at the Nebraska

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Community Cleanup Day will be April 11

It's time to cleanup your property of unwanted items and the City of Elgin is ready to help.

Elgin Cleanup Day will be held next Friday, April 11. Large dumpsters will again be placed on the lot directly north of Elgin Livestock where persons can drive up and unload items they no longer want or need.

The dumpsters are scheduled to be there from around 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. The company providing the dumpsters will pick them up after 5 p.m. on Friday.

The rules are the same as in previous years:

- Items which should NOT be placed in the dumpsters are tires, gasoline, oil, fertilizer, yard waste, tree branches and old batteries. Hazardous materials are not allowed.

As has been the case in previous years, it will be the responsibility of the property owner to haul items to the dumpster.



50 years of serving Elgin

The Elgin Young n Lively club celebrated 50 years of service to the community on Sunday afternoon. An open house was held at the Elgin Community Center where past and present members enjoyed fond memories. Current members include (l-r): Deb Warren, Janna Schrunck, Sue Vanis, Lynell Morgan, Michele Reicks, Linda Moser, Kathy Dinslage, Jane Niewohner and Jane Schuchardt.

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NVC BAND CLINIC

NIOBRARA VALLEY CONFERENCE



Elgin Public School hosted the 2025 Niobrara Valley Conference (NVC) Band clinic on Monday, March 24th. The day-long clinic was conducted by Mr. Eric Snyder of Wayne.

Schools participating in the clinic included Boyd County, Chambers, Elgin, Niobrara, Pope John, Rock County, Stuart, Verdigre and Wheeler Central.

Following the clinic, each band performed a song and the combined band performed several for the public at a free concert.

E-R photos by Dennis Morgan



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State Capitol Building. The deadline to apply is May 19th. Students interested in more information can contact the Unicameral Information Office by phone at (402) 471-2788 or email at uio@leg.ne.gov. The registration fee is \$675, which covers admission, lodging, and meals; full cost of admission may be covered by a scholarship.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Pineapple Cake



Good day, Do you like pineapple? Do you like cake? If you answered yes to both

questions, then you will love this week's recipe of "Pineapple Cake." This would be a great dessert to serve for your Easter dinner. Give this a try!

JoAnn

PINEAPPLE CAKE

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 20 oz can crushed pineapple (undrained)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 2 tsp vanilla

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Author visits Elgin book club

Elgin Public Library was privileged to have Tammy Marshall (center), a Nebraska author from Neligh, attend our monthly book club on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The ladies read *The Clearwater House* written by Marshall. This is the first of her seven published books. In addition to writing books Tammy also writes a column for the Norfolk Daily News about books, poetry, blogs, and other things. She is also an avid reader and loves the classics, likes to travel, ride motorcycles and paint. Marshall is a retired high school teacher and is the mother of two adult children. If you are looking for something good to read, we have all of Tammy's books available at our library. Come check one out!

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39th Annual Pope John Development Dinner

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Closeness of true sisters makes life better

Sisters, rather biological, through friendship, or of a spiritual nature can give life richness beyond measure. Such is my experience.

Sister Pat, Elgin's gentle giant for 53 years, now moving to Wisconsin, is a prime example. At her farewell reception recently, she gave me one last hug engulfing me with God's peace, hope and love.

With thanks for the opportunity to write occasionally for *The Elgin Review*, Sister Pat was an assignment.

Normally, writing assignments cause nary a worry. Truth be told, while raised Lutheran and practicing in that tradition all of my 73 years, the thought of meeting a SISTER, a brand-new experience for me,

made the hair on my neck stand at attention.

Homework was in order. Looked up what it takes to be a Catholic sister, to spend your lifetime dedicated to faith, minimalist living, and service. Going into the interview, questions were prepared with care with plenty of self-talk about not saying the wrong thing.

Truly, none of that was needed. Sister Pat had a way of making me feel at ease from word one. She is revered by our community and by the students who learned under her tutelage. Such an honor to know her and get a hug from her at various community events. I will miss her.

Another firsthand experience with a Catholic nun was during

our recent visit to Kenya. Sister Maureen, a Franciscan sister who works as a nurse, designed the medical unit at the St. Jerome school we visited. None of the descriptors for medical facilities here, such as white and germ-free, work there.

The walls are dirty brick. The floors are dirt. There is no air conditioning in the blazing heat. The toilet needs to be flushed with rainwater from a bucket. The medical professionals invite little ones, the elderly, and everyone in between to wait patiently in a tent outside the facility.

The most common ailments are malaria and respiratory troubles. The diagnosis and limited pharmaceuticals are available at no cost. Patients trudge home on dusty paths, sometimes for miles, or, if immobile, on small motorcycles. We can count our many blessings here.

My only biological sister is a true treasure – spirited, pensive, creative, and special in every way.

Those that heard her speak at Rick and my 50th wedding anniversary last May were rolling with laughter.

With my only sister living far away most all my life, sisters by another mother, in other words, friends, are so important to me. There are those who love gardening, those who struggle with severe illness, those who hike, bike, and tent camp, those who enjoy fancy restaurants – all so different, yet all kind, loving, and a complete joy to share time together reminiscing, planning travel together, and experi-

encing yet another adventure where memories are made.

The African culture speaks of soul sisters, women helping women.

Advice columnists, such as the late Ann Landers, often are called sob sisters, since they write about emotional issues. There are half-sisters who share one parent, stepsisters not biologically related but sharing a parent through marriage, and pseudo-sisters, those endearing and enduring friends.

Never was a sorority sister in college. Couldn't afford it. Did live in a co-op though, Love Memorial Hall on East Campus in Lincoln. Love had traditions similar to a sorority. What made it different was doing our own cooking and cleaning. This resulted in campus housing at a fraction of the cost other students paid.

Recently, membership came my way by invitation to the local P.E.O. (philanthropic educational organization). Members, all women helping each other and supporting education beyond high school, call each other sisters.

Regardless how you define sisters, let them know how much they are appreciated and loved.

While the misters in our lives are wonderful, the closeness of true sisters always makes life better.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

April 1, 1965

Lyle Beckman arrive home Saturday night from being stationed in Germany for the past 18 months. He will visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Johanna Beckman and with other relatives for several weeks. Larry Beckman of Omaha was also a weekend visitor in the home of his mother.

Al Neukirch announced this week that one new board member, Glenn Dozler, has been elected to the Rural Fire Protection District here at their annual meeting, Saturday, March 27 at the pump house. Glenn replaced his father, George F. Dozler, whose term expired.

The Pines Motel Beauty Salon will hold a grand opening Saturday, April 3 at the Pines Motel. Free coffee and tea will be served all day plus souvenirs.

Fifty Years Ago

March 27, 1975

Korene Erickson who is attending the University in Lincoln came Friday evening to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallmont Erickson. Joining them for Sunday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Anderson, Mrs. Nancy Lee, Mrs. Hattie Anderson and Maulding Adamson.

"Youth Employment for Young and Old" gives the youth of this community an opportunity to help out those who need help in farm work, yard work, garden work and work around the house. Ken Scholl, who has charge of this category for the CIP, has a listing of 12 young people who are willing to work. If you have a job of any kind that needs to be done you may contact Ken at Jensen's TV or call 843-2294.

The Young-N-Lively Extension Club met Thursday evening, March 21 at 7:30 in the Don Mackel home. The co-hostess was Mrs. Joe Moser. The evening was spent planning the 1975 club goals and also the years program was arranged. The lesson on "The Impres-sionable Years, 0-3" was given by Mrs. George Childers.

Thirty Years Ago

March 29, 1995

Lucille Busted of Elgin was honored with a surprise birthday dinner party on Saturday night, March 25, in the ballroom of the Plantation House. The party was hosted by her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Bernie Busted of Columbus and Bob and Debbie Busted of Pittsburg, PA. More than 40 guests attended the buffet dinner and a special program of toasts reflecting on her life as a wife, mother, grandmother and member of the Elgin community.

Courtney Reicks of Petersburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Reicks, who attends Pope John Central Catholic High School, has been selected for Girls State by the Petersburg Legion Auxiliary. Miss Reicks is active in musicals, dinner theaters, Junior Right to Life and C-Club at PJ. She enjoys playing sports and being with friends. She also works at the Wolf Memorial Nursing Home in Albion.

Twenty Years Ago

March 30, 2005

Elgin Public School officials accepted a grant from Great Plains Communications Tuesday to fund the development of a Career Resource Center at the school. Elgin is one of six grant recipients this year from the Great Plains Communications Commitment to the Schools program. Intent of this project is to enhance the career education activities in place at Elgin Public Schools. An extensive career exploration class is now offered in eighth grade. Goal of the resource center is to encourage students throughout high school to use the information gained to further their educational and career planning.

Elgin brothers Robbie and Troy Moore, sons of Bob and Teresa Moore of Elgin, are both in the U.S. Marine Corps, and both are currently stationed overseas. Private Robert J. (Robbie) Moore completed basic training in San Diego, CA, in August, 2004. He then attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA. Upon completion of this training, he attended the Communication Cable/Antenna Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, TX. He graduated and received a promotion to Private First Class on March 17, 2005. PFC Robert Moore is currently stationed with the Third Marine Division at Okinawa, Japan. Private Troy Moore completed basic training at San Diego, CA, in July, 2004. He then attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA. After completing this training, he attended Fire Finder School (radar operations) at Fort Sill, OK. Upon graduation, he received a promotion to Private First Class. PFV Troy Moore then attended Urban Military Operations and Urban Training Instructor Course, Humvee Training and Enhanced Marksmanship Program at Camp Lajuen, NC. On Feb. 25, 2005, PFC Troy Moore was deployed to Iraq, where he currently serves in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War on Global Terrorism. Robbie and Troy are both recent graduates of Elgin Public School.

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Community Calendar

- Friday, April 4**
Elgin KCs Final Fish Fry for 2025
- Sunday, April 6**
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church Potato Bake @ Petersburg.*
- Monday, April 7**
Elgin City Council regular meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8**
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.
- Wednesday, April 9**
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting @ 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 11**
City of Elgin Community Cleanup Day.*
- Saturday, April 12**
Easter Egg Hunt at Elgin City Park* at 11 a.m. sponsored by Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce. *weather permitting
- Wednesday, April 16**
Red Cross Bloodmobile @ Elgin KC Hall.

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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

Angry shouts, disruptions all part of political discourse today, unfortunately

The other day, I got a text from my uncle in California. He'd just watched a news report about the tumultuous, March 18 town hall held by U.S. Rep. Mike Flood, a Republican, in which shouts and boos dominated. "I thought Nebraskans were above this stuff," texted my uncle, who grew up across the river in northwest Iowa. Gotta admit, it wasn't a great look for "Nebraska Nice."

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA

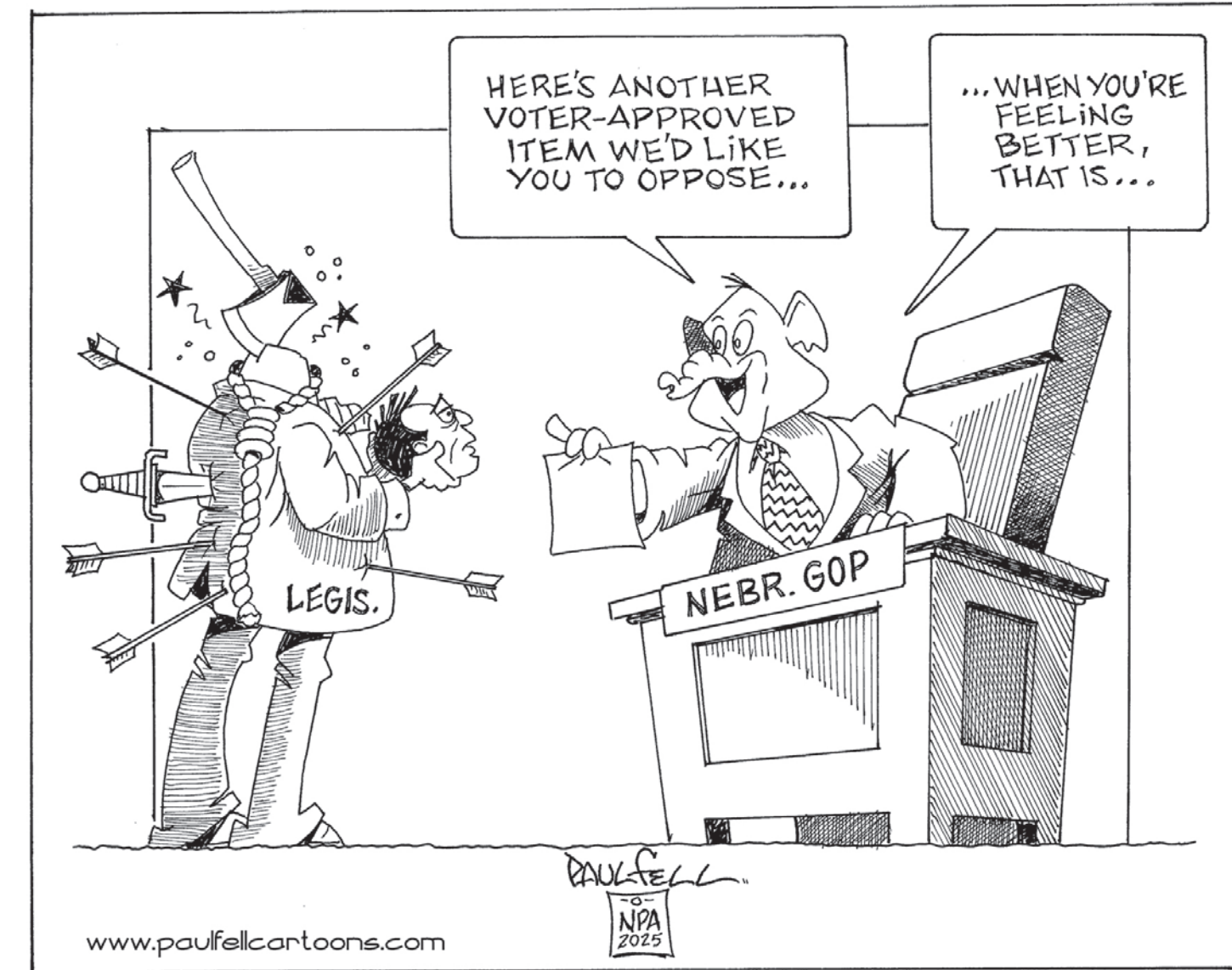


State Correspondent Paul Hammel

But also gotta admit, I wasn't surprised — it wasn't the first time I'd seen an angry crowd in Nebraska confront a politician about their positions. Back in the day, they yelled at then U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, a Democrat, about his decisive vote to approve the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare," that expanded health care to more Americans. Later, it was then U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry who got the wrath of a larger gathering at Lincoln Southwest High School over his support for dismantling the ACA.

We all saw what happened on Jan. 6. More recently, we saw supporters of abortion and LGBTQ rights noisily flood into the Rotunda of the State Capitol while state lawmakers debated legislation dealing with those issues. A couple of disruptive people had to be arrested and hauled away. And we saw at least two people openly carrying a handgun (open carry is permitted at the State Capitol despite efforts to disallow that. Carrying a gun to a raucous event where emotions are heated is not a good idea, if you ask me.)

Many people are just angry, I told my uncle, and those people are on both sides of the political aisle. Democrats are upset that an unelected band of 20-somethings, led by billionaire Elon Musk, are hacking away at federal programs that haven't faced such a hacking in decades. It creates worries about services for veterans, research into cancer and other diseases, and whether Social Security and Medicare will survive. Republicans, who took over the White House and both houses of Con-



gress, appear upset that everyone isn't jumping onboard the efforts to impose tariffs on foreign goods, annex Greenland and Canada, and the efforts to cut spending. They're also a bit defensive that inflation, interest rates and the price of eggs haven't fallen as promised on "day one."

When you see talking heads on the 24/7 news channels constantly yelling and ranting about today's world, and the leader of the free world calling our allies derogatory names and tossing them out of the White House, well that tends to signal that it's OK to be rude and crude.

Social media is likely also a factor. We can spout off against someone without confronting them face-to-face. It's much easier to be offensive.

I pine for the days when our leaders professed that "I cannot tell a lie." But

even back then there were violent disagreements, sometimes resolved by dueling pistols. Flood, for his part, should be given credit for holding a town hall with a live audience when Republican leaders were discouraging that.

He said that there's some value in allowing people to speak their mind. And he did get applause for his support of freedom fighters in Ukraine.

People don't like change, Flood said. And some of the changes we're seeing are pretty radical, like erasing (even briefly) the military history of Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in baseball, and taking down the story of the Enola Gay, a bomber built at Offutt that delivered the first atomic bomb.

Is there a solution to all this anger? I read somewhere that we should take a 30-second timeout before react-

ing to a provocation, take some deep breaths, do something calming, like pet a cat. Emotions dissipate after 90 seconds, they say.

Turn off the TV, step away from social media, dig around in the garden. Or as the Bible says, turn the other cheek. Maybe, like a lot of things, this is just a temporary cycle that will pass. We can only hope.

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

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

Reinforcing supply chains in the Beef State

As the top-ranked state for commercial cattle slaughter and the nation's top beef exporter, Nebraska has long earned the title "The Beef State." In fact, 58 percent of the total value of state's agricultural production originates from livestock. This rich heritage of excellence in the cattle industry is worth celebrating and upholding. It also provides a foundation for growth.

This week I was able to offer my congratulations at the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the new Sustainable Beef processing plant in North Platte. A major step forward for Nebraska's world-leading beef industry, the opening of this state-of-the-art facility is projected to drive \$1.2 billion in economic activity annually, benefiting communities and families across our state. The Third District ranks first in the nation for cattle inventory. Yet, in recent years COVID-19, fires, lost processing infrastructure, and other disruptions have exposed vulnerabilities in our supply chain. As a new competitive option to get product to market, the Sustainable Beef project will enhance the ability of our hard-working cattlemen to get the best price for their beef and enable producers to get their product to eager consumers. Beef eaters at home and abroad recognize our high-quality product, and we must continue to strengthen our supply chains and fight for greater access to international markets. Much of my work in Washington centers around cultivating a broader understanding of the value of agricultural trade and our hardworking producers' capacity to feed consumers around the globe.

International market access is critical for a strong economic future. America's outstanding producers raise and grow more than we need domestically and consumers in other countries know and prefer the quality of our products. In Nebraska, every \$1 in agricultural exports generates \$1.09 in additional economic activity for the state. To eliminate barriers to trade, the United States must continue to set a high bar for science-driven, risk-based standards in agricultural trade. In a Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee hearing I chaired this week, we discussed unjustified barriers to U.S. products which contribute to trade imbalances. For example, in the last twenty years Australia has sold nearly \$29 billion in beef to the United States, while American fresh beef exports have been denied access.

When given a level playing field, American agriculture can compete with anyone, but for too long we haven't held our partners accountable. To address this, I am a cosponsor of the Agriculture Export Promotion Act which would increase investment in the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program. Between 1977 and 2019 such export promotion programs at the U.S. Department of Ag have generated a \$24.50 return for every \$1 invested. Nebraskans are a pioneering people. The innovative business and industry practices of the Sustainable Beef project show why the people of our state are the best in the world at what they do. We also know how to come together to achieve great things. An accomplishment like this is years in the making and doesn't happen without extraordinary teamwork and leadership. It's a testament to the importance of listening to consumer demand and meeting it through thoughtful collaboration throughout the supply chain. I will continue to advance policy to reinforce and expand opportunities for our world-class beef industry.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Necessary reforms at the Environmental Protection Agency

Overreaching environmental regulations upended the Sackett family's life.

Michael and Chantell Sackett purchased a lot in a residential area near Priest Lake, Idaho in 2004.

They simply wanted to build a home. They obtained county building permits and, in 2007, started placing sand and gravel on their property to get it ready for the build.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

But shortly after the family began preparing their lot, the Environmental Protection Agency told them to stop. The building plot contained no direct surface water connection to any navigable body of water.

But because of the plot's proximity to Priest Lake, the EPA said that placing sand and gravel on the property violated the Clean Water Act.

The Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants — such as

the rocks and sand used to prepare a building plot — into "navigable waters."

Navigable waters are ambiguously defined by the Clean Water Act as "waters of the United States," more commonly known as WOTUS. Normally, navigable waters are defined as waters that are deep, wide, and calm enough for boats or ships to go across. The surface water on the Idaho family's lot certainly didn't fit that bill.

So, the Sacketts challenged the EPA. Eventually, their case — Sackett v. EPA — reached the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously in their favor: they said that the Clean Water Act's protections extend only to wetlands with a continuous surface connection to "waters of the United States," defined as a relatively permanent body of water connected to traditional interstate navigable waters.

But even after the Supreme Court's ruling almost two years ago, the Biden administration's EPA plowed ahead with its vague definition of WOTUS. President Biden's WOTUS rule allowed EPA officials in Washington, D.C. to make case-by-case determinations of what should be considered a water of the U.S.

This rule allowed the federal gov-

ernment to heavily regulate privately owned land containing ponds, puddles, and even dry ditches, needlessly placing more people under restrictive regulations and fines.

At long last, earlier this month, President Trump's EPA announced that it will reconsider the Biden-era WOTUS rule, along with dozens of other heavy-handed regulations from the last administration.

Americans must know which waters are subject to federal jurisdiction, not be left in uncertainty that their lives might be upended like the Sacketts' were. And the Trump administration wants to provide Americans with clarity, not bombard them with unnecessary rules.

The EPA also announced that it will reconsider the Biden administration's overreaching regulations on power plants, commonly known as the "Clean Power Plan 2.0."

This plan misused the Clean Air Act to stunt electricity generation in the United States and limit Americans' choices.

It would raise prices for American families by making electricity generation less affordable and reliable. The Trump administration is fulfilling its promise to unleash American energy

by reconsidering these regulations.

In another victory for American families, the EPA is reconsidering the regulations that formed the backbone of President Biden's electric vehicle mandate: the Model Year 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles regulation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

Not only would these rules take away people's ability to choose the safest and most affordable car for their own families, they would impose over \$700 billion in regulatory and compliance costs.

Each of these Biden-era regulations created more costly hoops for families to jump through just to achieve simple parts of the American dream, like buying a car or building a house. I was pleased to see that the EPA will reconsider WOTUS, the Clean Power Plan 2.0, and vehicle emissions regulations, along with dozens of other rules. Republicans are committed to bringing sanity back to our bureaucracy, restoring the booming economy of the first Trump administration, and unleashing American energy.

I'll continue working with the Trump administration to accomplish each of these goals.

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Kyle J Thompson, Norfolk, NE 3/1/25 speeding 79/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker.

Daniel R Veik, Elgin, NE 68636 9/27/24 DUI-alcohol-1st offense, sentence includes fine of \$500.00; 12 months of probation; drug testing/probation administrative enrollment/probation fees totaling \$390.00; license revoked for 60 days; interlock device; breath test cost of \$100.00; pay restitution of \$9,327.12 - Hartley.*

Jerome L Baugher, Tilden, NE 12/19/24 DV assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, sentence includes: jail term of 30 days/24 months probation+drug test-

ing/probation administrative enrollment/probation fees totaling \$750.00 - Grassmyer.

Bryce D Hauck (Kayton Int'l), Tyndall, SD 3/3/25 driver vio. CDL class/endorse/restrict.;C-MV-brake general, fined \$100.00 - Asche.

Earl D Wilkinson, Oakdale, NE3/10/25 2 counts overweight on axle or group of axles, fined \$150.00 - Paul Asche.

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Michael A Mikler, Lincoln, NE 3/7/25 speeding 70/55 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker.

OBITUARIES

Delores Olson, 93

March 3, 1932 - March 25, 2025

Raised in Raeville, she and her husband Leonard farmed near Lindsay for many years before retiring.



Delores Olson, 93 of Kearney passed away on Tuesday,

March 25, 2025 at Mt. Carmel Keens Memorial Home in Kearney. A Funeral Mass was held 10 a.m. Monday, March 31, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Interment followed at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Lindsay, NE.

Visitation was held Sunday at St. James Catholic Church with a Rosary/prayer service at 3:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Delores was born March 3, 1932 in Elgin, NE to Henry and Mary (Starman) Beckman. She was raised in Raeville, NE and attended St. John Berchmans School.

On February 1, 1956, Delores was united in marriage to Leonard Olson in Raeville, NE. The couple made their home near Lindsay, NE where the couple farmed for many years.

Delores was a longtime member of Lindsay Holy Family Catholic Church. She was also involved in Sociable

Sues, and Benediction Oblate of Norfolk. Delores enjoyed playing cards, sewing, quilting, cooking, gardening and volunteering at Lindsay Holy Family School.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Kenneth (Teresa) Olson of Graham, NC; daughters, Joyce (Michael) Gregg of Kearney, Kathy (Joe) Turek of Gibbon, Patricia Sultan of Chesterfield, VA, Carol (Mike) Seback of Littleton, CO, Yvonne (Greg) Lilly of Richmond, VA; grandchildren, Rebecca Gregg, Ben Turek, Paul Turek, Jessica Turek, Christopher Sultan, Jonathan Sultan, Tiana Graves, Patrick Graves, Trinity Lilly, Hank Lilly; great grandchild, Riley Jo Munsinger; step-grandchildren, Austin (Alexa) Seback and family and Lauren Seback, Bryon and Synthia Durn and family; brother, Melvin (Mary Ann) Beckman of Omaha; sister, Sr. Bernadine Beckman of Norfolk; additional survivors include Karl (Rochelle) Olson, Roger (Gloria) Olson and Margaret Olson; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leonard Olson; 5 sisters; and 4 brothers; as well as several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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Wolfpack Sports



Members of the Wolfpack boys and girls track team are (front row, l-r): Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman, Mady Kurpgeweit, Kinley Druke, Ruby Durre, Gemma Miller and Megan Wright. Back row: Max Henn, Trey Rittscher, Joseph McNally, Justice Blecher, Jarek Erickson, Evin Pelster and Matthew Kerkman.



Wolfpack Spring sports teams ready to compete

The Wolfpack golf team this year is made up of (front row, l-r): Gavin Kallhoff, Molly Thiessen, Dannyka Smidt and Kellan Hoefer. Back row: Karson Kallhoff, Creighton Harkins, Landyn Veik and Michael Selting. Not pictured: Aiden Klein. The golf team began the season Tuesday afternoon, April 1, competing at Fullerton.

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In the Men's Division, the first-place winner was Tim Kester, Jr. (Clearwater), losing 15.8% of his total body weight. Second and third-place winners were anonymous.

Winners in the Women's Division were - first-place: anonymous, second-place: Lauri Huffman (Neligh) and third-place: Corrie Reynolds (Neligh).

In the Team Division, the first-place team winners were the "Born Losers", collectively losing 13.6% of their total body weight. Its members included Ed and Joe O'Brien and Sheila Meyer (all of Tilden) and Billy O'Brien (Battle Creek). Joe O'Brien led individuals in the team category by losing 18.7% of his body weight.

"I was really glad I participated in this contest," said Ed O'Brien.

"Sometimes we need a boost to get started and this contest really helped me to move forward. It was also a lot of fun to compete with other members of my family as well as other teams."

The second-place team winners were the "Slenderellas", consisting of Diann Arehart, Carrie Schrader, Christie Counts (all of Neligh) and Virginia Seier (Petersburg).

The third-place team winners were the "Team Moms", consisting of Ashley Niewohner (Elgin), Angela Sucha (Verdigre), Kelli Osborn (Meadow Grove) and Anne Labenz (Lindsay).

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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Haley Parks

Haley is this month's FFA member of the month. Haley is the daughter of Aaron & Sara Parks of Clearwater, NE., and a Junior at Elgin Public Schools.



Haley Parks

qualified for State FFA the past two years and this year is no different.

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For details, contact City Hall at **402-843-5822** or send your application to:

Apply by Monday, **April 7, 2025**

Elgin City Clerk
PO Box 240
Elgin, NE 68636-0240

AMH

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leading the challenge and we had another awesome turnout," said Carpenter.

"This year I brought back the STAC classes for group exercise and had a small but mighty group, averaging 7 - 9 women in attendance. It's rewarding to see participants lose weight. However, everyone's weight loss journey is different, so I always

like to incorporate body composition measurements. On average, we had participants lose three and a half inches off their waist, three inches off their hips and two and half percent of their total body fat."

"The AMH 'Move It to Lose It' Challenge was more than just a workout," said Nadia Malan-Cameron (Neligh), a women's individual participant.

"It was also a chance for personal growth, support from the group and some amazing accomplishments. What really made it special was the energy we built during the group workouts. We pushed each other to go further and kept ourselves accountable. With Vanessa leading us, we didn't just work out - we grew, learned and crushed our goals."

Prize donations were made by Antelope Memorial Hospital, AMH Wellness, Overland Rehab, Snider Custom Cuts, Old Mill Truck Sales, Tinsley Grain, Two Bills Steakhouse, 319 Graphics, Country Junction, Neligh Eye Physicians, P.C., Thriftway Market and State Farm - Melissa Smith.

Gateway Theatre
136 South 4th Street
402-395-3394 Albion, NE

Stop in & pick up a **POP & POPCORN TO GO** even if you're not viewing the movie!

Show Time...7:30 pm
Ticket sales begin at 7:00 pm
Concessions begin at 7:00 pm

Fri., Sat. & Sun.

April 4, 5 & 6

Rated PG

Next Weekend: King of Kings

NOTICE OF ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY CITY OF ELGIN

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NOTICE is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, that on Friday, February 7, 2025, the Mayor and Council of the City of Elgin, Nebraska authorized the acquisition and purchase of the following-described real estate owned by the Betty Moser Estate (seller), Elgin, Nebraska, to-wit:

A tract of land located in the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 1, T23N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest ¼ of Section 1, T23N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, and having an assumed bearing of N 89°11'38" E on the South line of the Southwest ¼ of said Section; thence N 01°15'22" W on the East line of said Southwest ¼, 65.00 feet to a point on the North Right-of-Way line of State Highway #70, said point being the Point

of Beginning; thence N 01°15'22" W on said East line, 920.00 feet; thence N 89°30'00" W, 612.00 feet; thence S 01°15'22" E and parallel to said East line, 933.95 feet to a point on said North Right-of-Way line; thence N 89°11'38" E on said North Right-of-Way line; 611.73 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 13.02 acres, more or less. and, further, have authorized and directed the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the transfer of title to the real property upon satisfaction of all necessary conditions required by the Municipal Code of the City of Elgin, Nebraska and Nebraska law.

The consideration for said sale is the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) and the real estate to be acquired and purchased shall be used for the tree dump.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2025.
Kristin L Childers
City Clerk

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TRACK
BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

April 8 @ Battle Creek11:30
April 15 @ Neligh-Oakdale12:30
April 23 @ St. Mary's9:00

BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

April 7 @ Plainview4:00
April 22 @ Burwell1:00

GOLF
VARSITY

April 8 Quad@EPPJ (at Neligh GC)...4:00
April 11 @ Beemer (JV only)10:00
April 12 @ Plainview8:30
April 16 @ Ewing9:00
April 24 @ Scotus9:00

ELGIN PUBLIC-POPE JOHN
WOLFPACK

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

April 2-4 State FFA Convention
April 9 Statewide ACT (Juniors) • NECC Quiz Bowl (9-12) • EPS School Board
April 11-13 ESU8 Art Show
April 11 Mario Kart Esports
April 13 PJCC Development Dinner
April 14 Northeast Singers, 11 am @ EPS Gym
April 16 Bloodmobile in Elgin
April 17 Early dismissals, 1 pm
April 18-21 No School, Easter Break
April 24-25 NVC Art Show
April 24 FFA Annual Banquet
April 25 District Music @ Verdigre
April 28 EPS JH/HS Spring Concert
April 30 PJCC Spring Concert



<p>The Willows 402-887-9059</p> <p>TC Vet Clinic 402-843-5756</p> <p>Jeff Temme - Ag Land Realty LLC 402-843-8440</p> <p>Switzer Welding/Iron Creations Country Crafts Tom, Brenda & Brian 402-750-7749, 402-750-7748 & 402-841-8184</p> <p>Starman Seed & Supply, Inc. 402-843-8393</p> <p>Snider Memorial Funeral Home - Jay Snider www.snidermemorialfh.com 402-843-2468</p> <p>Schindler Ag Services Jake Schindler 402-843-8812</p> <p>Sapp Bros. Petroleum Inc. 402-843-5621</p> <p>Sands Truck Service & Repair 402-843-1010</p> <p>Ruterbories Construction Paul Ruterbories 402-649-5827</p> <p>River Mill Coffee Company 402-929-2425</p> <p>Precision Repair 402-843-2181</p>	<p>Petersburg Building & Supply Monty & Teri Reicks 402-386-5207</p> <p>118 Insurance Megan, Marla & Jeslynn 402-843-5741</p> <p>Levander Funeral Home of Elgin 402-843-5400</p> <p>Koinzan Enterprises Inc. 402-843-5800</p> <p>Kittelson's Home Repair Jim Kittelson 402-843-5833</p> <p>Jonny Dodge CJ 402-887-4182 or 800-510-1303</p> <p>Jerry's Feed Service 402-843-5622</p> <p>Invenergy Wind Energy, LLC Insurance Mart Janet-Tracey-Tonya 402-843-2410</p> <p>Hometown Station 402-843-5812</p> <p>Keith Hemmer, CPA, P.C. Certified Public Accountant 402-843-2380</p> <p>Heithoff Irrigation 402-843-2307</p> <p>Great Plains State Bank 402-386-5297</p> <p>Elgin Veterans' Medical Clinic an outpatient clinic of Boone Co. Medical Center 402-843-5910</p> <p>The Elgin Review 402-843-5500</p>	<p>Elgin Pharmacy and Gift 402-843-5555</p> <p>Elgin One Stop & Sleepin Inn 402-843-2100</p> <p>Elgin Livestock Sales, Inc. 402-843-2275</p> <p>Elgin Body & Glass 402-843-2418</p> <p>Dwyer Manufacturing 402-843-6167</p> <p>Klein Law Office PC, Attny at Law 402-887-4910</p> <p>Dean's Market 402-843-5300</p> <p>Central Valley Ag 402-843-2416</p> <p>Beckman Lumber Inc. 402-843-2131</p> <p>Baum Seed Service, LLC 402-843-5802 or 402-843-8282</p> <p>Bar U Farms 402-843-8921</p> <p>Bank of Elgin 402-843-2228</p> <p>Antelope Memorial Hospital 402-887-4151 Elgin Clinic 402-843-5444</p>
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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.

Moser Equipment, L.L.C.
Martin V. Klein
Klein Law Office, P.C.
P.O. Box 166
Neligh, NE 68756-0166
(402)887-4190

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

BOOTH HAY COMPANY, L.L.C.

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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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BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND THE CONSUMER

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Helping Keep Our Water Safe!! Nebraska's Safe Drinking Water Act requires water systems to implement an on-going cross connection control program. An important part of this program is public education. It is believed that a well-informed public will be more aware of the possibility of cross connections within their property and will take reasonable and sensible precautions to avoid creating cross connections on their property. This brochure is intended to explain what a cross connection is, what causes it, what some of the consequences can be, and how it can be prevented.

What is cross connection? A cross connection occurs whenever there is an actual or potential physical connection between the public drinking water system and any possible source of contamination.

Sources of contamination can

include both high hazard materials, which can cause illness or death, and low or non-hazardous materials which are mainly just a nuisance and can cause the water to look, taste or smell unpleasant. Although the high hazards are the primary concern in a cross connection control program, your water utility strives to provide both safe and good quality water to its customers. Whenever there is a loss of pressure in the public water supply, these cross connections can allow unsafe substances to enter the public water supply.

What causes cross connections?

Cross connections can be caused by both permanent and temporary "piping." An example of a cross connection being permanently piped in is the drain on a water softener. Many times these discharge lines are connected directly to the sewer line without any type of protection. Hot tub and whirlpool fill pipes and swimming pool

and broiler make-up lines are other examples of permanently piped cross connections.

The most common example of a temporary piped cross connection is the common garden hose. It is estimated that 90% of all cross connections are caused by the inappropriate use of garden hoses. Garden hoses are frequently used to apply fertilizer and pesticides to lawns and gardens. They are also used to fill swimming pools, wash cars, and in rural areas, they are often used to fill stock tanks for watering cattle, horses, and other livestock.

Other temporary piping cross connections occur when hoses are used to fill waterbeds or are connected to utility sinks to fill wash tubs or mop buckets.

What are the consequences of cross connections?

The consequences of cross connections can range from something as simple as "dirty water" to something as severe as seri-

ous illness or even death. There are many recorded instances of non-hazardous contamination of public water supplies caused by cross connections. In one case, a line used for cleaning a distilling vat in a wine bottling company was left open, and an entire vat of wine flowed back into the public water system. Although this was not a health hazard, and most of the customers liked the water they drank, this cross connection could have had far deadlier results if it had been something other than wine in the vat.

There are many instances recorded where people have been made seriously ill or even died due to cross connections. There have been cases where dysentery diarrhea, hepatitis and even polio have been contracted as a direct result of a cross connection.

How can cross connections be prevented?

The best way to prevent cross connections is for each customer to examine the plumbing on their premises and look for any permanent or temporary piped cross connections. Any time there is the possibility of a cross connection between the water supply and any hazardous or unknown substance, there should be an air gap between the faucet and the questionable use.

In cases where this is not possible, as with a garden hose, a proper backflow prevention device or assembly should be installed on the supply faucet. This will protect both the public water supply and the inhabitants of the building from contamination.

In situations where extremely high hazards exist in a building or location, it is sometimes necessary to contain that entire system from the public water supply with a backflow preventer to protect the public water supply from the substances being used on that site.

What you can do to prevent cross connections and keep your drinking water safe?

1. Check your faucets to be sure that all faucet endpoints are above the flood level of the sink, tub, basin, or other apparatus they supply.

2. Protect faucet extensions by installing proper backflow prevention devices (i.e. hose bib vacuum breakers) on all faucets capable of having a hose or other extension attached.

3. Check drain lines (refrigerator drink dispensers, water softeners, heat exchangers, etc.) to be sure there is an adequate air gap between the drain line and the floor drain or sewer line into which they discharge.

4. Never use unprotected faucets to fill non-drinking water containers (i.e. water beds, wading pools, stock tanks, hot tubs, etc.)

Following these guide lines and using common sense will help to eliminate the possibility of you contaminating your drinking water, your neighbor's drinking water, and your community's drinking water. This not only affects the residents of your community, but their visitors and those people who are passing through.

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CITY OF ELGIN ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT



City of Elgin

Annual Water Quality Report
For January 1 to December 31, 2024

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Elgin water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

DONALD POULSEN
402-843-8775

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability: The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEE at 402-471-3376 or go to <http://dee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up

substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Elgin is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- * Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Elgin is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact: DONALD POULSEN, 402-843-8775. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Elgin is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dioxin, Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor,

Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichloro-benzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichloro-benzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropane, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropane, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

AL (Action Level) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

N/A – Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

- ND** – Not detectable.
- ppm (parts per million)** – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.
- mg/L (milligrams per liter)** – Equivalent to ppm.
- ppb (parts per billion)** – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.
- ug/L (micrograms per liter)** – Equivalent to ppb.
- pCi/L (Picocuries per liter)** – Radioactivity concentration unit.
- RAA (Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.
- LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.
- 90th Percentile** – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- TT (Treatment Technique)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

TEST RESULTS

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Microbiological	Highest Number of Positive Samples	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination	Violations Present
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024					

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Likely Source of Contamination
COPPER, FREE	2021 - 2023	0.131	0.0106 - 0.477	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.
LEAD	2021 - 2023	0	0 - 1	ppb	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
ARSENIC	3/13/2024	5.6	5.6	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
BIARIUM	10/5/2022	0.306	0.242 - 0.306	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
CHROMIUM	10/5/2022	1.07	0 - 1.07	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE	10/5/2022	0.319	0.251 - 0.319	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.
NITRATE-NITRITE	2/27/2024	0.455	0.173 - 0.455	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM	10/5/2022	13.4	0 - 13.4	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	1/12/2021	1.04	0.561 - 1.04	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & U	1/12/2021	13.1	2.52 - 13.1	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-226	1/12/2021	0.561	0 - 0.561			0	Erosion of natural deposits.
RADIUM-228	1/12/2021	1.04	0 - 1.04			0	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Water Quality Data	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	Secondary MCL
SULFATE	7/19/2022	10.2	0 - 10.2	mg/L	250

During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.			
Violation Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2024			

The City of Elgin has taken the following actions to return to compliance with the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act:

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

The City of Elgin lead service line inventory has been prepared and can be accessed here: City Hall

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While traveling is a bit tricky right now, don't let your passport expire. It will cost you more in time and money for your next trip!

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CLASSIFIEDS

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Deadline Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU!

Two words that are very small but are never enough to really say how blessed I am! I was overwhelmed by those who came out and supported me at my benefit on March 8!! Thank you to my kids & family for hosting! Thank you to Chris & Jeanine Baum and JW Auction for getting the live auction together! Thank you to all who donated to the silent auction, as to list all would be impossible and I would forget someone! Thank you to all who brought in a dessert as they were wonderful and to those who donated the paper products!! It was wonderful to see so many friends and family!! The kindness and generosity is very much appreciated! Living in this community, what can I say - it is one of the most wonderful places on earth!! I have been so blessed and want to thank you for your love, thoughts and prayers during my cancer journey!!! WE GOT THIS! Thank you again!!!
Janna & Steven Schrunk and Family

PASTURE FOR RENT

Pasture for rent. For 35 pairs. Call 402-336-7143 or 402-843-2237. 26-29c

PART TIME SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part-time summer business opportunity, generally from July to the end of August. I'm retiring from selling Colorado peaches. If you are interested in taking over this profitable project, contact me (Jim Fredrickson) at 402-843-0135. 26-29c

SERVICES:

PASSPORT PHOTOS: Official U.S. and foreign passport and Visa photos available here. Available in under ten minutes. \$10 plus tax. Appointments highly recommended. The Elgin Review, 116 South 2nd St, Elgin NE. 402-843-5500. tfn

In Memory of Aaron Morrison

Alice Morrison and family would like to thank everyone who attended his visitation and funeral. Aaron was a special person and would have been touched to know that you care. A special thank you to John Petersen for his very touching service along with Kimberly Meyer. We would also like to acknowledge the people who helped behind the scenes during the visitation, funeral and luncheon. It was greatly appreciated. We also appreciated everyone who stopped by Alice's house and brought food, hugs, cards and offered to help at any time in any way.

Easter Sunday Mass/service draws crowds

Easter Sunday is a time for Christians to embrace the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is the holiest event on the liturgical calendar, and Easter Sunday Mass/service is often the most-attended service of the entire year. Although the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass/services every Sunday, pews are not typically as full on most Sundays as they are on Easter Sunday. According to a 2024 report released by Lifeway Research, 90 percent of surveyed Protestant pastors listed Easter as either the most-attended Sunday service or in the top three across the United States. Some estimates suggest that 30 million people attend Easter services who would not normally go to church regularly. Pew Research Center states there is a sharp increase in church attendance during Easter as well as Christmas. Mother's Day also is a day that sees increased Mass/service attendance.



The weather outside was cool, the bidding inside was hot

Saturday evening, a number of St. Boniface parishoners and others gathered at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall for the 2025 St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction. The event has been held annually as a fundraiser for the church. Businesses and individuals donate items which are then auctioned by silent or live auction. A variety of items were available to bid on from services, ag and yard equipment, foods and much more. Auctioneers calling throughout the evening included Ted Baum, Trey Baum, Corey Curtis and Matt McKay. Those attending were able to enjoy sloppy joes with chips, cookies and/or bars for a free will donation and a cold one (or two) from the KC bar. E-R photo by Lynell Morgan

The Red Cross Bloodmobile



will be at the Elgin KC Hall on Wednesday, April 16th Set up your appointment online today!

Be on the lookout for signs of grass tetany

Greening spring pastures and growing cover crops are great opportunities for livestock to graze and reduce the need for fed forage. This fresh growth also allows animals to start putting back on condition that may have been dropped over the winter months. However, this is also the perfect set of conditions for a case of grass tetany. Grass tetany is the result of low levels of magnesium in an animal's blood stream. This mineral imbalance can be brought on by diet due to low magnesium levels in lush, newly growing grass. Because high

levels of potassium interfere with the body's ability to absorb magnesium, diets that are high in potassium (greater than 2.5%) are at even higher risk. Another mineral to look at is calcium. Calcium can act as a sort of buffer, limiting the impact of high potassium. Diets with calcium levels below 0.4% are considered low. In lactating animals, this drain on magnesium and calcium from milk production throws these imbalances off even more. Animals with tetany issues will often graze separate from the rest of the herd, be irritable or excited, show muscle twitching especially round the ears and face, and walk with an uncoordinated, stiff, or staggering gait. Eyes may be wide and staring. In severe cases, animals will collapse, thrash around and can lapse into a coma leading to death. To prevent tetany problems this spring, it's best to wait till grass in pastures has grown to at least 6 inches high before grazing. Legumes like alfalfa or clover, are a good source of magnesium, so grazing pastures with a good mixture of grass and legume can help balance mineral demands and prevent possible problems. Keep an especially close eye on high milk producing or older animals, as these are the most likely candidates for a tetany issue.

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While cultural practices can reduce risk, providing correct and adequate mineral supplementation may be the most fool proof solution. Sodium is important in the absorption of magnesium into the cell, so ensuring adequate salt is available and being consumed by the herd is important. A sure prevention for grass tetany is feeding a mineral with supplemental calcium and magnesium included. Cattle should be consuming 3-4 ounces daily of mineral containing 10-13% magnesium oxide. This needs to be fed at least 30 days before grazing begins to ensure proper intake has been established. Most high magnesium mineral utilize magnesium oxide, which is bitter tasting and can reduce animal consumption. Mixing magnesium fortified mineral with salt into a complete package may help intake. If

the 3-4 ounce target is still not being met, consider mixing the mineral with a highly palatable protein or energy supplement.

High magnesium mineral should be provided for animals until cool season grasses slow down growth and the levels of lush, fresh forage are reduced. This usually happens around mid-May.

Dealing with grass tetany in the spring is one of the annual cycles producers must deal with every year. However, with proper management, it doesn't have to negatively impact your herd. Plan now to adjust grazing management or mineral supplementation for a tetany-free spring.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

Tentative Vetch Days 2025 schedule

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 (ECCC) 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 ECCC will host their Community BBQ from 5-7 pm followed by the parade at 7 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 ECCC, those rides will be FREE!! Only games and food items will require payment.

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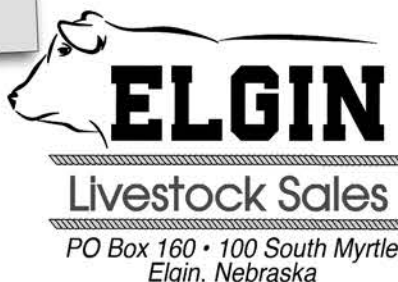
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Judge Kube presides over pretrial hearings in AC District Court

Multiple pretrial hearings were held March 26 in Antelope County District Court.

Jasmine M. Maughan, 21, of Neligh, appeared on four counts, including DUI-cause serious bodily injury, a Class IIIA felony; procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, a Class I misdemeanor; criminal mischief-\$0 to \$500, a Class III misdemeanor and possess or use drug paraphernalia, an infraction.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith advised the Honorable James Kube that the defendant tested positive for THC prior to appearing in court.

Maughan's court-appointed attorney, Patrick Carney, said Maughan has had issues with urine samples provided in Platte County, where she is currently on probation and that the probation office sent samples to a lab for analysis. According to Carney, samples taken on Feb. 26, Feb. 28, March 5 and March 14 all tested positive for THC, but levels were decreasing, indicating that it was residual.

Carney noted a trial in the case was scheduled for April and she would have requested a continuance for the pretrial conference and jury trial. Due to circumstances, Maughan was unable to waive her rights to a speedy trial. Kube said he would allow Carney to submit a written waiver of his client's speedy trial rights after she was remanded for 24 hours.

Kube revoked Maughan's bond and remanded her to the Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore. Once released, Maughan's bond was reinstated in the amount of \$10,000-10%, with conditions previously ordered.

She was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

On March 27, Carney submitted a waiver of Maughan's speedy trial rights. She will appear April 30 for a pretrial conference. Jury trial is slated for June 16.

A plea agreement was reached in a case against Andrew R. Paulsen, 37, of Tilden.

Carney said his client agreed to plead guilty to count one, charge of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, a Class IV felony and Smith agreed to dismiss count two, possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony. No agreement had been made regarding sentencing.

Paulsen pleaded guilty to the charge and Kube found him guilty. A presentence investigation was ordered. Paulsen will appear for sentencing, May 28. Bond, in the amount of \$20,000-10%, was continued.

Shayla N. Prochaska, 33, of Brunswick, appeared with her attorney, Nathan Stratton, and noted a plea agreement was

reached on two counts.

Prochaska agreed to plead guilty or no contest to amended information and Smith would request intensive probation at sentencing. Prochaska pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, a Class IV felony; and count two, second-degree trespassing, a Class III misdemeanor.

Kube requested a presentence investigation be completed and

set sentencing for May 28. Bond was continued in the amount of \$20,000-10%, with conditions as previously ordered.

Marie A. Sands, 42, of Petersburg, appeared for a pre-trial hearing on one count of unauthorized use of a financial transaction device/under \$500, a Class II misdemeanor.

Defense counsel, Frederick Bartell, told Kube amended information had been filed in

regards to a plea agreement, but he needed additional time to complete a restitution agreement. Bartell moved for a continuance. Smith did not object.

Kube continued the pretrial conference to April 30 and set a jury trial for June 16. Bond, in the amount of \$10,000-personal recognizance, was continued.

Thomas A. Warnke, 21, of Beatrice, appeared on one count of sexual assault-1st degree, a

Class II felony; and one count of attempt of a Class II felony, a Class IIA felony.

Dustin A. Garrison, defense counsel, requested a continuance since he had not had an

opportunity to review discovery with his client.

Kube granted the request. Warnke will appear for a pre-trial conference on April 30.

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Arraignments held last week

Two individuals appeared for arraignment before the Honorable James Kube, March 26, in Antelope County District Court.

Hunter E. Ashburn Taylor, 30, of Tilden, pleaded not guilty to one count of use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony - firearm, a Class IC felony and one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony.

Kube set a pretrial conference for April 30 and scheduled a jury trial for June 16.

According to the arrest affidavit, Ashburn Taylor is alleged to have held a gun to the neck of 24-year-old Gage Schultz on Dec. 9, 2024, while Schultz was engaged in a verbal argument with Samantha Dusenberry.

"The altercation lasted around 10 seconds while Schultz fought to get away from the weapon before he drove away and reported the incident," the report reads.

Schultz reported the incident to Tilden Chief of Police Bob Peterson. Ashburn Taylor alleges he wanted to "intimidate Schultz" into not arguing on his property. Bond in the amount of \$50,000-10% is continued.

Suni R. Moone, also known as Jeshua Divis, of Pierce, appeared for arraignment in three cases. Moone appeared on one charge of burglary, a Class 2A felony; and two counts of theft by unlawful taking \$5,000+, Class IIA felonies.

In all three cases, Moone requested a court-appointed attorney. Kube appointed Patrick Carney to serve as counsel.

Moone pleaded not guilty to all charges. Carney told Kube the cases were a direct file to district court and Moone requested preliminary hearings. The defendant withdrew his prior not guilty pleas.

Kube set preliminary hear-

ings for April 15 in Madison County District Court. Moone said he would waive venue but Kube ordered him to appear on the date set.

Bond hearings were held. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith advised that Moone has multiple cases in which he is being held on bond. Both Smith and Carney did not feel bond needed to be set in the cases.

Kube ordered bond, in the amount of \$25,000-10%, in each case. Moone was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff and returned to the Pierce County Jail.

In other cases:

Blake M. Couch, 19, of Inman, appeared for a termination hearing from the Northeast Nebraska Adult Felony Drug Court Program. Couch was represented by Nathan Stratton, on behalf of Joel Carlson. Stratton told the court a motion for a hearing on termination and a motion to recuse the judge had been filed. Smith had no objections and the court sustained the defendant's motions.

County court will be contacted to appoint a judge to preside and, once an appointment is made, to schedule a hearing.

Couch requested a bond reduction, which was \$50,000-10%. A new bond amount - \$25,000-10%, with conditions previously ordered, was established. Couch was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

A status hearing was held for Shayd S. Rokahr, 20, of Elgin, in regards to drug court termination.

Rokahr appeared with counsel, Patrick Carney. He voluntarily waived his right to have a hearing on his termination from the Drug Court Program. Kube advised Rokahr that he had a right to recuse the

judge since Kube is the presiding judge for the Drug Court Program. Rokahr waived his right to recuse and requested to proceed. Kube ordered a presentence investigation report from the probation office and ordered Rokahr to meet with the probation officer to prepare the report. Rokahr will appear for sentencing on May 28.

Bond was continued in the amount of \$25,000-10%, with conditions previously ordered. Rokahr was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Harley J. Snyder, 22, of Norfolk, appeared for a probation revocation hearing. Snyder was originally convicted of attempted burglary, a Class IIIA felony.

Snyder requested court-appointed counsel. Due to a potential conflict, Kube appointed Brad Ewalt to represent Snyder. He will appear April 30 for further arraignment for revocation of probation. A bond hearing was held. Smith requested a PR bond be set and Kube agreed, establishing a \$20,000-PR bond, with conditions previously ordered. He also ordered Snyder to comply with terms and conditions of the probation order.

Kube issued a continuance for Arnulfo Adame-Salas, who is charged with three counts of deliver/dispense/distribute/manufacture/possess a controlled substance-Schedule 1,2,3, Class IIA felonies.

Adame-Salas did not appear, but was represented by Carney, who told Kube he was working on a stipulation in the case and requested a continuance. The evidentiary hearing was continued to April 30.

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State's ag land values decline as farm finances tighten

Net farm income in Nebraska is forecast to decline again in 2025 due to ongoing crop prices and input expenses.

Nebraska's agricultural land values decreased by 2% in the past year, with an average value of \$3,935 per acre, according to preliminary findings of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 2024-25 Farm Real Estate Market Survey. This is the first decline in the non-inflation-adjusted market value of Nebraska agricultural land in six years and follows a record high of \$4,015 per acre in 2024.

The survey's preliminary report was published March 12 by the university's Center for Agricultural Profitability, based in the Department of Agricultural Economics. It provides current estimates of agricultural land values and cash rental rates, broken down regionally across a variety of land types and classes.

Industry professionals who responded to this year's survey attributed the decline in land values to current crop prices, interest rate levels and farm input costs, said Jim Jansen, an Extension agricultural economist who leads the survey and report.

"High interest rates and lower crop prices have tightened farm finances, leading to cautious land and equipment investments," Jansen said. "With borrowing costs at multi-decade highs, land markets have slowed as producers navigate these financial pressures."

Net farm income in Nebraska decreased by about 17% in 2024, to \$7.69 billion. Lower corn and soybean prices reduced crop receipts in the state by about \$1.59 billion but were partially offset by higher cattle and calf prices. Jansen said those differences between crop and livestock profitability were reflected in the market value of the land classes that serve each industry.

The report found that the market value of center pivot irrigated cropland averaged 4% lower across the state in the past year, while gravity irrigated land was down 5%. Dryland cropland with no irrigation potential decreased by 2% and dryland cropland with irrigation potential dropped 3%. Average grazing land and hayland values increased by between 1% and 5% across Nebraska.

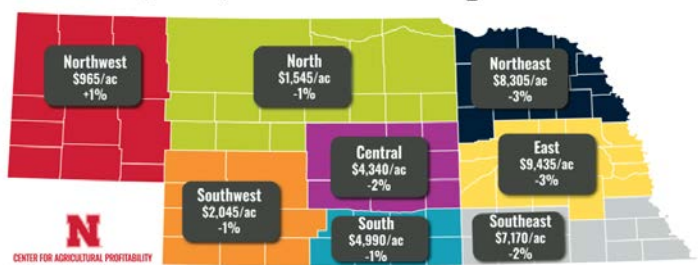
Average cash rental rates in Nebraska for the upcoming growing season have followed a similar trend, with dryland and irrigated cropland down between 1% and 7%.

However, rental rates for pasture and cow-calf pairs increased by about 3% to 4% compared to the previous grazing season.

"Rental rates for cropland generally trended lower in the survey responses, as crop prices declined and input costs remained relatively high, pressuring margins," Jansen said. "In contrast, grazing land and pasture rental rates saw increases, reflecting the strength in the cattle market and adjustments in national livestock inventories."

According to the report, net farm income in Nebraska is forecast to decline again in 2025 due to ongoing crop prices and input expenses. Lenders have also noted that the tightening of financials for many farm and ranch operations in the

Average Value Per Acre of Nebraska Agricultural Land as of Feb. 1, 2025, and Percent Change from Prior Year



Statewide All-Land Average: \$3,935 per Acre (-2%)

region means lower income and liquidity positions for those businesses.

Despite those pressures, Jansen said Nebraska's agricultural real estate remains a key asset for producers and understanding market trends and management choices will be critical.

"In volatile markets, staying informed about land and commodity trends is essential in making informed decisions," he said. "Lease adjustments for crop price fluctuations, production costs and water availability can help ensure fair agreements for both landlords and tenants navigating uncertainty."

The Nebraska Farm Real Estate Report is available on the Center for Agricultural Profitability's website, <https://cap.unl.edu/realestate>. Two webinars covering new land values and cash rental rates, along with other topics relevant to agricultural landowners and tenants, will be March 25 and 27. Registration is free on the webpage above.

The report is the product of an annual survey of land professionals, including appraisers, farm and ranch managers, and agricultural bankers. Results from the survey are divided by land class and agricultural statistic district.

Land values and rental rates presented in the report are

averages of survey participants' responses by district. Actual land values and rental rates may vary depending on the quality of the parcel and local market for an area. Preliminary land values and rental rates are subject to change as additional surveys are returned. The final version of the report will be published in July.

Updated Nebraska Farm & Food Economy report is out

Nebraskans spend more than \$5 billion per year buying food that is sourced from out of the state. A report released indicates this loss of economic potential is driving a growing interest in locally-produced food. This and other findings are highlighted in the "Nebraska Farm & Food Economy" report, released by the Center for Rural Affairs and Heartland Regional Food Business Center. The study is authored by Ken Meter, Crossroads Resource Center. The report provides a snapshot of the agricultural economy in Nebraska, including statistics about farm sizes, commodity production and sales, and how residents spend their money on food.

"These facts can provide a starting point for conversations about strengthening our local food systems," said Kjersten Hyberger, local foods associate, with the Center. "Despite being the fourth largest farm state in the country, only a small amount of what farmers raise feeds Nebraskans."

Key findings include:

- Net cash income for farmers

has a history of volatility, with annual farm income falling below zero 9 times since 1969, most recently in 2017.

- An average annual combined total of farm subsidies equaled \$1.1 billion between 1989 to 2022.

- An average annual combined total of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program receipts equaled \$201 million per year between 1989 to 2022.

- Subsidies received by farms mostly support production of crops that do not directly feed Nebraskans while food insecurity is rising in the state.

- The number of farms and farmed land in Nebraska has steadily declined. Between 2017 and 2022, Nebraska lost nearly 2,000 farms and 1 million acres of farmland.

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- U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that net farm incomes nationally have fallen 37% since 2020.

- While the average age of farmers is steadily rising, 26% are new and beginning farmers.

- Nebraska lost 1 million acres of farmland from 2017 to 2022.

- Farmers sold at least \$16.6 million of food directly to households in 2022, an 84% rise from 2017 sales.

"Investment in developing and strengthening local food systems has multifaceted benefits, but has not received as much attention in the state compared to others," Hyberger said. "If each Nebraska resident purchased \$5 of food each week directly from farms within the state, this would generate \$512 million of new farm income."

To view the "Nebraska Farm & Food Economy" report, visit cfra.org/nebraska-farm-food-economy-report.

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