

District #18 school board to meet tonight

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the distance learning room at the high school.

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Date	H	L	Prec.
April 2	65	31	
April 3	52	31	
April 4	35	20	
April 5	39	16	
April 6	58	23	
April 7	68	40	
April 8	73	48	
Total for Last Week.....			0.00
Total for April.....			0.00
Total for 2023.....			3.12



Having called Antelope County home his entire life, Percy Payne joined the Navy and served his country during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning home, he soon became a member of the American Legion Post #229 in Elgin. Last week, during a brief ceremony at the Elgin Community Center, Payne (c) was recognized for being a continuous member for 70 years. Making the presentation were Legion Commander Gary Hoefer (l) and Percy's son, Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Payne (r). *E-R photo/LMorgan*

Jordan J. Knieval, 21, of Neligh faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on April 5 on three counts, Count I, third-degree assault on a police officer, a Class 3A felony; Count II, false reporting, a Class 1 misdemeanor;

Taylor advised Knievel of the possible penalties if she is convicted of the charges, including up to three years imprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine on Count I and up to one year and/or \$1,000 fine on each of counts II and III. Knievel

Ethan B. Moses, 19, of Chambers appeared alongside his attorney, Brad Montag of Norfolk on Count I, terroristic threats, a Class 3A felony; and Count II, intimidation by phone call, a Class 3 misdemeanor, alleged between March 30 and April 1. Taylor informed Moses of the potential penalties if he is convicted of the charges, up to three years imprisonment

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Elgin Community Foundation again seeking donations for scholarships

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It's been announced that again this year, the Col. Barney Oldfield and Vada Kinman Trust will match funds.



Pope John's annual spring musical will take the stage this weekend. "Singin' in the Rain" will be performed Friday night and again on Sunday night at St. Boniface Auditorium. Both performances will begin at 7 p.m. Among the many cast members in the production are (above) Linus Borer (l) and Emma Lea Ruterbories. *E-R photo/L.Morgan*

Without lifeguards, swimming pool won't open

It's a sobering thought how the pool's doors could be closed to the public

City Clerk Kristen Childers told the council last week that she has yet to receive any applications for the position of lifeguards, despite using a variety of means to get the word out about the job openings.

Childers said she has heard one of the reasons there have been no applications is that high schoolers, who have filled the positions in past years, do not want to work Friday or Saturday nights. Another problem is evening hours are when weightlifting is done by a number of students who do

All lifeguards must have lifeguard training as well as be CPR certified. Pay is commensurate with experience as Elgin is competitive with what other towns pay their lifeguards. Interested persons are encouraged to contact city hall (402) 843-5822 for more information.

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From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

Strawberry Bread & Rhubarb Bread

Two sweet breads that use some of the garden produce in your freezer.

Good morning,
It's Monday morning and I am sitting in the office having coffee and listening to the washing machine run. It's going to be another very busy day at our house. I went to the freezer to get something out for supper tonight and found some rhubarb and real strawberries.

I froze last summer. I thought I'd make something yummy, so I started looking for a recipe and found these ones.

We love sweet breads at our house. Ted grabs them on his way out the door and calls it his breakfast. The grandkids love it also. You can't go wrong. They are super easy!

For the strawberry bread, I used some berries that I froze last year. They came fresh from the patch. They were whole so I defrosted them and let them set for a few minutes. They had the best flavor. Frozen from the store works just as well!

So yummy!

Jo Ann

STRAWBERRY BREAD

3 cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp soda
4 eggs
1-1/4 cup cooking oil
1 tsp vanilla

2 cups white sugar
3 tsp cinnamon
2 10 oz pkgs frozen strawberries, thawed (2-1/2 cups)
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Mix flour, salt, soda, sugar, and cinnamon all together. Make a well in center of the dry ingredients and add eggs, oil, vanilla. Mix well.

Stir in the strawberries (juice too) and nuts very lightly so you don't mash the berries.

Pour into 2 well-greased and floured loaf pans.

Bake 350° for 60 minutes. Cool in the pan for 45 minutes then remove from pan. Delicious!

Hint: If you use frozen, thaw them (from the store) and use the juice. (I use strawberries out of the patch) thaw these and dice in pieces

RHUBARB BREAD

1-1/2 cups brown sugar
2/3 cup cooking oil
1-1/2 cups diced rhubarb
2-1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup chopped nuts

1 tsp vanilla
1 egg
1 tsp salt
1 cup milk
1 tsp soda

Combine all the above ingredients.

Pour into 2 loaf pans, well-greased and floured.

Topping: 1/3 cup white sugar, 1 Tbs melted butter and 1/2 tsp cinnamon. Mix well and sprinkle on top of each loaf.

Bake in 325° oven for 50 minutes. Yummy!

Hint: If you use frozen, make sure you squeeze all the liquid out of it. Fresh is really the best!

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Chamber asks
city to consider
financial support

Representatives of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club (ECC) needs financial support to continue to offer activities which benefit all Elgin residents.

That's the message they shared with Mayor Mike Schmitt and the Elgin City Council last week.

ECC board member Dean Schrage said funds are in short supply to continue to offer the type of activities the community has long supported. Many of the events, he said, are not money makers. Club members dues bring in just over \$2,000 annually.

The financial situation got to the point that just two months ago, in February, the club held a pancake feed to help with operating expenses. Schrage labeled the pancake feed an "emergency fundraiser".

ECC Vice President Bruce Clark said much of the work done with activities during the year falls on six or seven committed volunteers. He asked about the possibility of a percentage of sales tax being made available to support ECC events since they benefit all of Elgin.

Mayor Mike Schmitt made it clear from the start that no one at City Hall (he and the council members) are against any type of support to assist the ECC.

"We are definitely interested," Schmitt said, "we want to keep you guys going. We need to see what we can do to get some funding for you." One likely scenario would be to make a designation in the city budget, but that can't happen til the 2023/24 budget is passed in September.

Janet Koinzan asked about the designation of sales tax funds. Then Gary Hoefer questioned how an organization like the summer ball clubs are able to come in with a request and receive funds. That, she said, is not part of the operating budget. Sales tax funds were set up, among other areas, to provide funds for youth activities, pool and park. In response, Schmitt said the council will need to find out how they can access sales tax funds before going any further on the matter.

Koinzan suggested city hall look to make access to sales tax funds "more user friendly."

After that discussion concluded, the council heard from Jason Hoefer who would like to see playground equipment at Elgin City Park updated. He said communities like Albion and Cedar Rapids have been able to add new playground equipment with, he said, the use of grants.

He said he has been in contact with a woman who would be willing to come to Elgin to look at park options and present more detailed information to council members on how it can be accomplished.

"It doesn't hurt to talk to her about it," Schmitt said.

Later in the meeting, the council approved rescheduling Elgin's Community Cleanup Day to Friday, April 28.

TIF funds — The issue of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) came up before the council. City Clerk Kristen Childers said she received an inquiry about the availability of TIF funds.

Councilman Craig Niewohner moved to move forward with pursuing the necessary steps to allow the community to offer TIF funds. At an upcoming meeting, a state representative will make a presentation about how TIF works.

Community Center Menus

Elgin Community Center meals next week are:

Monday, April 17: Chicken stuffing casserole, green beans, lettuce salad, peaches & strawberries, milk.

Tuesday, April 18: BBQ meatballs, cheesy hashbrowns, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday, April 19: (Evening meal) Pork chops, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mixed berries, milk.

Thursday, April 20: Pancakes, ham patties, egg bake, blueberries, muffins, orange juice, milk.

Friday, April 21: Sloppy joes, tator tots, carrots/celery, peaches, milk.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

April 11, 1963
Tuesday April 2 considerable hail fell here on several farms that evening. About 7:30 a small funnel cloud was spotted and evidently lowered to the ground on the Milton Meis

Death Notice

Darrell L. Getzfred, 62, of Lincoln, NE, formerly of Elgin, passed away Monday, April 10, 2023, at Bryan West in Lincoln.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Rev. Steven Boes officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation and Celebration of his life will be Sunday 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the church with an 8 p.m. wake service. Memorials are suggested to St. Boniface Catholic Church and Pope John Central Catholic School.
Levander Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

St. Paul woman dies in 2-vehicle accident Wedneday

A two vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon at the junction of Highways 20 and 14 left one dead. A St. Paul woman died at the scene of the accident in northern Antelope County. According to information provided by the Nebraska State Patrol, 53-year-old Antoinette Kowalski of St. Paul, NE, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. The accident happened at approximately 2:50 p.m.
An officer with the NSP said a Ford Edge, driven by Kowalski, was southbound on Highway 14 when it failed to stop at the intersection with Highway 20. Kowalski's car struck the semi/tanker trailer. The semi driver was not injured.

Food pantry to disperse food April 18

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on Tuesday, April 18, from 3:00-4:30 pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh.
Volunteers will be on hand to assist with loading the product into cars, parking and collecting the necessary information from participants.

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and Frank Richart farms. An old machine shed was blown down on the Meis farm and bricks torn off the chimney. A windmill and granary on the Richart farm were damaged.
Fred N. Peterson, former Elgin resident and one time editor of the Elgin Review, was successful in his quest for the office of Police Judge of Columbus.
Members of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce will talk over the pros and cones of handling their Diamond Jubilee celebration next year with possible expenditures of over \$20,000 should a certain plan be followed. The initial cost, just to have this firm organize the celebration will undoubtedly cost this community \$5,000. Before your throw your hands up in horror

at this tremendous outlay of money, why not attend the chamber meeting Monday night and hear an explanation of how Plainview handled their jubilee.
Fifty Years Ago
April 21, 1973
A news release was received from the Nebraska Beef Industry Foundation stating that the Nebraska beef people were furnishing a "Gift Draft for Beef" redeemable for \$12.00 to each returning American POW.
Philip Kluthe has been named head basketball coach at Bergan High School in Fremont. He has coached at Bergan two years and is chairman of the social studies department there.
The New Moon Theatre is showing "Jeremiah

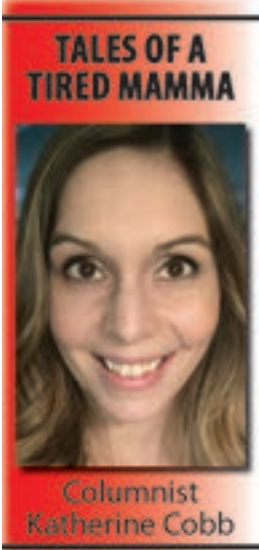
Johnson"...a dropout from civilization and alone against nature. The Starlite Drive-In is showing "The Valachi Papers," the real story of the mobs.
Thirty Years Ago
April 21, 1993
Presentations by about 20 local fourth grade students highlighted the Arbor Day program last Friday evening, April 16, at the Elgin KC Hall. Students singing "Plant a Tree" were Greg Henn, Tonya Koinzan, Wendy Woodard, Dawn Henefin, Kristen Blair, Amanda Engler, Shari Childers, Troy Moore, Tom Morrison and Josh Kallhoff. Chamber of Commerce President Ken Peters and local recycling chairperson Connie Dvorak gave presentations during the program. Bev Alderson served a mistress of ceremonies.

Cool, wet weather has delayed the spring work schedule for most area farmers. Tillage and planting work is running at least two to three weeks later this year as compared to normal. Local fertilizer dealers have moved only 10 to 20 percent of the fertilizer that they would have applied by this time in a normal year.
Elgin Diamond Booster Club has begun a donation drive to raise money for the support of local summer baseball and softball programs. Goal of the fund drive is \$2,500, and the money would be used to provide

uniforms, equipment and insurance, and to pay umpires and tournament entry fees for the teams.
Twenty Years Ago
April 9, 2003
Julie Dwyer, sixth grade teacher at St. Boniface School in Elgin, was named last week as Elementary Teacher of the Year for Catholic Schools in the Omaha Archdiocese. Mrs. Dwyer will be formally recognized at a dinner hosted by Archbishop Elden Curtiss in Omaha on Oct. 2, 2003. Mrs. Dwyer taught for 10 years at Elgin Public School, and has taught at St. Boniface for the past 10 years.

It's called 'Time Away'

There's an expression, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." I'm not sure I've ever really given this much thought until recently. In some ways I completely agree with this statement. However, there's part of me that thinks absence or distance can do the opposite.
I've been traveling quite a bit lately. I didn't plan to have trips booked three weeks in a row but that's what ended up happening. One trip was for pleasure to visit friends and celebrate my birthday. Then I was gone for a conference and now I'm about to leave again to travel for work. It's been a lot of time away from my kids, which they hate, and I've been wrestling with mom guilt and also enjoying a little time away.
A lot of moms struggle with their identity after becoming a mother. For many, kids become the entire focus. You may work outside the home, and of course you make time for your husband, but at the end of the day, the kids take up a lot of time and brain power. I spend more time coordinating their activities, reading emails from the school, helping with projects or homework, and just generally trying to make sure they are happy and healthy.
It can be extremely exhausting. I don't mean to say that dads don't do a lot as well, but the moms tend to take on the brunt of it. So, we get a little burned out. I hate spending time away from them and I really do miss them while I'm gone. But it's not all bad. On Tuesday, after I ate dinner, I went back to my hotel room, put something crappy on the television and lied in bed. I didn't have to tell anyone to brush their teeth, or fuss at anyone to go to sleep, etc. I was gloriously selfish and caught up on emails, read my Bible, and played Spider Solitaire on my phone.



Columnist Katherine Cobb

Did I miss my children? Sure. Did I enjoy my time away? Yup! That's when the mom guilt set in. Should I miss them more? Is it wrong to enjoy a little time away? I didn't have to drive anyone to taekwondo, gymnastics, or soccer. I didn't have to make dinner for three nights in a row. I didn't have to worry about packing snacks in the morning or making sure they got on the bus on time. My amazing husband did all of that and will be doing it all next week too. God bless him.
Time away really does make you miss loved ones. Too much time away can spoil you, though. Now back at home, I don't want to cook tonight, and I certainly don't want to play chauffer either. Tomorrow, we have two soccer games and a birthday party to attend and I'm tired just thinking about it. Having that time away can be like cheating on a diet. Once you taste that cake, you remember what you've been missing out on.
Perhaps the key is the right amount of time away. Not so much that you get used to absence, but just enough to re-charge a little and miss your family so that you're ready to come home. I think all of us need a break from time to time, and that's okay. It's okay to miss your kids but enjoy some alone time. Just be sure to give them big hugs and spend some extra quality time when you get back.
Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmom@gmail.com.


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Opinion

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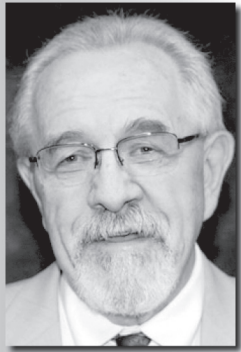
Maybe it IS the giant elephant in the room

Let’s talk about the embarrassment formerly known as the Nebraska Legislature.

The 49 elected senators are now 60 days into the scheduled 90-day session and the scoresheet is mostly bare. There are two bills awaiting “final reading,” the last of three rounds of debate by the full Legislature. Two bills have been killed, nine have been withdrawn, and 614 are being held by committees.

CAPITOL VIEW

Nebraska Press Association



Statehouse Correspondent
J.L. Schmidt

According to headlines in the New York Times and other national media outlets, the Nebraska Legislature has passed zero bills. Most credit the efforts of Omaha Senator Machaela Cavanaugh for her herculean filibuster efforts aimed at stopping a bill that would change the age at which transgender youth could receive medical assistance.

In her apparent outrage at the bill, Cavanaugh has vowed to filibuster every bill on the agenda if her 48 colleagues vow to further advance the transgender bill. She is joined often by Senator Meghan Hunt of

Omaha and Danielle Conrad of Lincoln who is a previously term-limited senator recently re-elected.

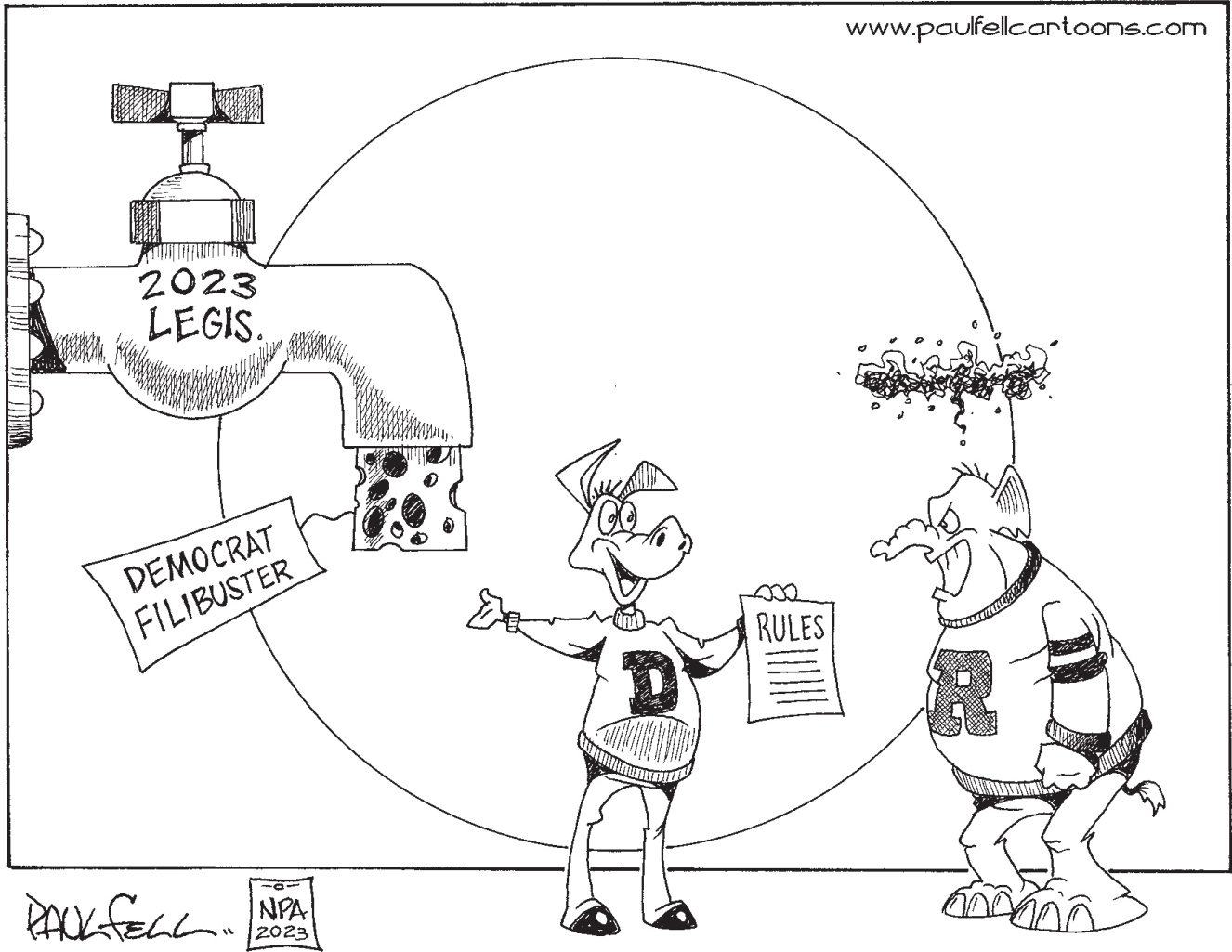
Cavanaugh’s dad was a former state senator who also served one term in the U.S. House of representatives. Her brother John is also a state senator in the officially non-partisan Nebraska Legislature. All of the opponents are among the 17 Democrats in the body. That means there are 32 Republicans.

With things at a virtual standstill, it’s easy to place blame. But you can’t blame the 17 Democrats without also indicting the 32 Republicans who chose to push a national conservative agenda pursuing issues that Nebraskans, by and large, probably don’t care about.

The controversial bill was introduced by a freshman lawmaker, Kathleen Kauth of Omaha, who was an interim appointee of then-Governor Pete Ricketts and ran for and was elected recently without serving one day. It’s one of several controversial measures that seem to have been hand-delivered by the GOP to Nebraska and several other states.

As is the national norm, Cavanaugh and Hunt are blatantly guilty of using hateful language to often berate the ones they call haters. The minority is using procedural moves that allow them to belittle “the opposition” without giving them an opportunity to speak in their defense.

The whole thing has become highly reflective of the mess in Washington DC.



I thought that Nebraska was better than that. Gone is the collegiality, civility and common sense that once characterized the actions of responsible adults in Nebraska.

“Loud and angry doesn’t make you right. It just means that you are loud and angry.” -- Seth Godin

Was it time for this issue to come to a head? Why wasn’t this idea subjected to an interim study that could have heard statewide testimony instead of just being modeled at the party’s behest on some other states and tossed into the ring bearing the name of a freshman senator who has never debated with her colleagues.

Was this really the hill for the battle? Was this the time?

Perhaps the backlash from senators who identify as Democrat comes from all those years of Republican domination of the Nebraska political culture. Yes, that 800-pound elephant.

Maybe it’s the desire of some to emulate the pockets of woke thinking that have made headlines elsewhere.

But it just doesn’t feel Nebraska nice.

It feels like a junior high lunchroom fight with the “mean girls” -- Cavanaugh said early on that she is one of those mean girls -- against the student body and the administration.

On the outside, it looks ridiculous. Yes, even embarrassing. Forget about winning voter approval for easing term limits or getting a raise. All those Nebraskans looking for property tax relief and school funding assistance and better access to broadband and guaranteed water with which to farm probably aren’t happy with the Legislature right now.

Pew Research says 64 percent of Americans strongly favor protecting trans people from discrimination.

There’s a place to start a discussion that should happen with more than just three disgruntled state senators who are busy grabbing national headlines.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

School finance, tax package discussion continues

This week saw the Legislature continue the discussion of the Governor’s school finance and tax package. LB 243, as amended by the Revenue Committee, would make a series of changes aimed at easing the financial impact of increasing property tax valuations on Nebraska’s local property taxpayers. Among the changes proposed, the measure would increase the minimum amount of relief granted under the Property Tax Credit Act to \$388 million in tax year 2024 and \$560 million by tax year 2029. This amount would then grow by the percentage increase in the total assessed value of all real property statewide over the prior year. LB 243 would also remove the 5 percent cap on the growth of the state income tax credit program granted on local property tax payments under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act and let the credit keep pace with the valuation changes. Other changes include (a) placing a new soft cap on K-12 school district spending growth at three percent of total revenue growth, (b) reinstating a fourth member to the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission to reduce the backlog of property tax valuation appeals at the state level, and (c) removing Nebraska’s regional community colleges from the local property tax rolls and funding them with state tax dollars — a tax shift of about \$300 million. LB 243 was debated for eight hours before senators invoked cloture and advanced the bill to Select File on a 41-1 vote.

LB 583 serves as one of the components of the school finance package. As amended by the Education Committee, LB 583 would ensure the state provides eighty percent of a school district’s special education funding needs when combined with federal funding. Additionally, school districts would receive \$1,500 for each student included in the TEEOSA formula. In fiscal year 2025-2026, certain districts would see funding reduced to \$600 per student per school. The bill would also reduce duplicate funding for students who use option enrollment to transfer school districts to receive just net option funding, not the baseline aid. Additionally, LB 583 would require that districts report how much additional aid is received and how much property taxes are reduced. The long-term funding for the formula changes in LB 583 would be sustained by a new Education Future Fund that would be created by LB 681.

An amendment was offered to LB 583 by Senator Brandt. This amendment would have spread out the state aid increases called for by the Governor by distributing more aid to urban school districts and smoothing out wide disparities in property tax levies among rural school districts. However, the amendment would have pulled money from funds left over from unclaimed state income tax credits available under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act which, as of September of last year, added up to \$200 million. Several senators and members of the Education Committee questioned the vetting of Senator Brandt’s plan as well as the long-term sustainability of pulling money from the unclaimed state income tax credits, whereupon the amendment failed. The cloture motion to end the debate and allow for a vote on the advancement of the bill was successful, and LB 583 advanced to Select File on a 39-3 vote.

Senators also gave second-round approval to several bills pending before the body. LB 138, which is the yearly Transportation Committee bill to update state statutes with changes to federal law, was amended

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

Strengthening our energy supply chains

Over the past two years, consumers everywhere have felt the consequences of stifled energy production and dependence on foreign energy sources. From day one of the Biden administration, the president’s misguided energy policies have caused skyrocketing energy prices. As fuel prices shot up more than 60 percent, families struggled to pay for essentials like gas and groceries. Sadly,

this forced many to resort to increasing their levels of household debt or burning through their family savings. Americans everywhere have seen firsthand what happens when we fail to prioritize domestic energy production.

We have also seen what happens abroad when nations are at the mercy of energy imports from nefarious actors. Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine brought the problem of energy security front and center and highlighted the risk of dependence on foreign energy sources. Unfortunately, the Biden administration’s response offered little relief as the president’s approach to energy policy created an

unprecedented number of obstacles to domestic solutions to the energy crisis.

I am a staunch supporter of the mission to unleash American energy independence, and this week I joined House Republicans to advance an actual solution to the problems we are seeing. If enacted, H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, would boost domestic energy production and exports, cut the red tape restricting development of all industries, and reverse the anti-energy policies of the Biden administration.

H.R. 1 expresses disapproval for President Biden’s cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline, which effectively prevented creation of an estimated 11,000 American jobs. The bill would also enforce transparency from the Biden administration on their plans for offshore oil and gas lease sales and stop the administration’s efforts to phase out gasoline and internal combustion en-

gines. Restricting access to these fuels only raises the cost of energy and makes the United States more dependent on supply chains primarily controlled by China.

The federal government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers in energy. Whether biofuels, nuclear, or petroleum to name a few, our approach must embrace an all-of-the-above path forward in which the best solutions are allowed the freedom to enhance prosperity for the future.

Because I recognize the potential of biofuels to be a significant part of this path forward toward American energy independence, I recently introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation, the Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act. This bill — which I lead along with Senator Deb Fischer — would ensure nationwide, year-round sale of E-15 at the pump. Year-round E-15 has broad, bipartisan support in Congress and from key stakeholders. Moving forward with year-round E-15 would provide consumers affordable fuel options while boosting American energy independence. Consumers need year-round, nationwide E-15, and I’ll keep working to ensure biofuels are part of our all-of-the-above approach to energy production.

H.R. 1 is an important step toward American energy dominance. American energy production has the power to lower prices and strengthen our energy supply chains. Increasing production and untangling energy from burdensome regulations is key to providing certainty and lowering costs for American businesses, consumers, and families. The recent failures of Signature Bank and Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) have increased the concerns of many over the threat of a deepening international economic crisis. While the failure of major financial institutions is particularly troubling on top of the inflation and supply chain problems of the past two years, we should take time to ensure new policies enacted in response address real problems without harming the majority of local banks across states like Nebraska who are unconnected to the failed banks.

When considering the safety of assets, it is important to remember account holders at Signature and SVB, as well as at every bank and credit union insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), are guaranteed for a

minimum of \$250,000 in deposit insurance. While the steps FDIC took to insure deposits above this threshold at SVB may have helped maintain faith in the integrity of our financial system, we should be clear that this was federal funding which came from FDIC premiums paid by financial institutions across the country, just as the coverage for \$250,000 in every account.

In the same week the nation learned of these bank failures, the White House released President Biden’s budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The president’s first two years have been marked by massive levels of federal spending, continuous calls for tax increases, and a campaign to vastly increase the influence of the IRS. As predicted by many leading economists, this has been accompanied by ongoing inflation which continues to make it difficult for American families to make ends meet.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation continued in February 2023 at a 6 percent increase over last year’s prices while shelter prices rose 8 percent and food costs rose 9.5 percent. These price hikes continue to outpace gains in wages as inflation bears down like a heavy tax on every American.

Unfortunately, this budget shows the president refuses to turn away from his policy mistakes. With hundreds of billions of dollars devoted to taxpayer-funded loan cancellation, Green New Deal priorities, and far-left programs, this budget piles on more excessive spending and tax increases.

These proposals include another \$29 billion for the Internal Revenue Service on top of the \$80 billion enacted in the Democrats’ 2022 Inflation Act. Furthermore, last week, in a hearing of the Ways and Means Committee, I confirmed through testimony from Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen 90 percent of audits under this new funding would target individuals making less than \$400,000 per year. The Biden administration’s plans to supersize the IRS’ ability to audit Americans in every income bracket is unnecessary and unacceptable.

In a powerful demonstration of the effects of better policy, following the 2017 passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), we grew the economy, grew wages, and grew revenues to the federal government. This shows we can tackle the issue of

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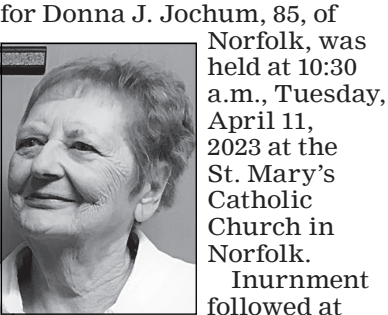
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Obituary

Donna J. Jochum, 85

A rural Elgin resident for many years, she possessed an endearing personality.

NORFOLK -- Funeral service



for Donna J. Jochum, 85, of Norfolk, was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Inurnment followed at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation was one hour prior to the service also at the church. Donna passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Donna was born on November 15, 1937 in Bassett, NE to Henry H. and Violet Opal (Johnson) Runte. She graduated from Rock County High School, and attended Norfolk Junior College for one year taking secretarial courses. Donna married Denis Jochum in January, 1973 in Yankton, South Dakota. They made their home in rural Elgin, NE and then later in Norfolk. Denis passed away on February 7, 2015. Donna worked for Wells Dental Laboratory for 17 years, the Antelope County Hospital, and then later as a cook at the St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center in Norfolk.

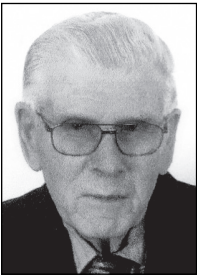
Donna loved her flowers and pets when she and Denis lived on the farm near Elgin. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards, following Husker volleyball, watching Jeopardy, and her animals (especially cats and dogs). Nothing delighted Donna more than a good story, joke, or prank. She made friends quickly and easily with her endearing personality. Donna has been a resident at Good Samaritan Center in Atkinson since 2013. Survivors include her sisters Dorothy Straka of Atkinson, Karen Olson of Norfolk, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her spouse Denis Jochum,

parents Henry and Violet, brothers-in-law Vincent and Maurice Jochum, sisters-in-law Myra Hopkins, Adeline Van Horn, Millie Zegers, Stella Schindler, and Delores Bode, brother-in-law Alvin Straka. Casket bearers were (nephews) Mike Straka, Tim Straka, Greg Straka, Patrick Straka, Carter Olson, Wade Olson, Chad Olson, and Colby Olson. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska, 1000 E. Omaha Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Sylvester "Vet" G. Starman, 91

Born near Raeville, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Sylvester "Vet" G. Starman, 91 of Elgin, NE passed away Friday, April 7, 2023 at Arbor Care, Neligh. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville, with Rev. Joseph Sund officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery with Military Rites conducted by American Legion Post #229 and VFW Post #5816 of Elgin. Visitation will be 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with a 7 p.m. wake service. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneral-home.com.



Sylvester Garhart Starman, son of Henry and Mary (Oberbrockling) Starman was born, April 25, 1931, on the

family farm near Raeville. He was baptized on April 26, 1931, and confirmed on September 1, 1937, at St. Bonaventure Church. He attended St. John's Berchman's School in Raeville through the eighth grade. Sylvester entered the United States Army on April 8, 1952. After basic training, he served in Korea for 16 months during the Korean War and before returning home and receiving an honorable discharge on February 20, 1954. Sylvester returned to the family farm where he lived with his brothers Jerome and Vince and sister Mary Margaret while farming and raising livestock until retiring and moving to town in January of 1999. Sylvester was a lifelong member of the St. Bonaventure parish. He served as a parish council member for many years and was a member of the VFW and Legion in Elgin. During his retirement he enjoyed volunteering, gardening, and lawn work. Sylvester is survived by his sister: Mary Margaret Starman of Elgin; two brothers: Ray (Beverly) Starman of Nor-

folk, NE; Henry (Mary) Starman of Albion, NE; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Mildred

(Leonard) Henke; six brothers: Leonard (Agnes) Starman, Wilfred (Genevieve) Starman, Vincent Starman, LaVern (Leona) Starman, Ralph Starman and Jerome Starman.

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Court

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and/or up to \$10,000 fine on Count I and up to \$500 fine on Count II. Montag asked for continuance, suggesting Taylor set a status hearing in 30 days. Smith requested a preliminary hearing be set instead. "It's a felony, we don't want to linger too long in county court," he said. Taylor set preliminary hearing for May 3 and continued bond posted April 2, in the amount of \$10,000, 10% cash, with condition for no contact with the alleged 16-year-old victim. Bond conditions were amended to allow Moses to take a planned trip to Iowa. Geoffrey A. Carr, 23, of Oakdale appeared for arraignment on, Count I, leave scene of property-damage accident, a Class 2 misdemeanor; Count II, littering, a Class 3 misdemeanor; and possession of open alcohol container, an infraction, all alleged Feb. 19. Carr pleaded not guilty to all three counts and requested jury trial. Pretrial hearing is set May 3. Carr is represented by Martin Klein of Neligh. Sadie M. Eberhardt, 39, of Creighton failed to appear for arraignment on a charge of driving during revocation/impound, a Class 2 misdemeanor, alleged Jan. 31 in Orchard. Taylor ordered a bench warrant be issued, setting bond at \$1,500, 10% cash. In addition, a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond filed Feb. 1 is subject to forfeiture upon motion and notice. Taylor also ruled that Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith may file motions with supporting affidavits for the arrest of three additional defendants who failed to appear in last week. William Hamernik, 83, of Omaha failed to appear for arraignment on two charges, no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor, and no valid registration, a Class 3 misdemeanor, alleged Nov. 24, 2022. Gilda Perez, 46, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, failed to appear for arraignment on two counts, driving during revocation, a Class 2 misdemeanor; and speeding, an infraction, alleged Dec. 27, 2022. Michael R. Pulis, 46, of Atkinson failed to appear on three counts, no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor; no valid registration, a Class 3 misdemeanor; and careless driving, an infraction, alleged Dec. 21, 2022. Two Oakdale residents failed to appear on complaints alleging violations of the village's nuisance ordinance. Smith, on behalf of the Village of Oakdale, made a motion to continue both cases. Taylor continued arraignment for Shane Sleister and Tom Wilkinson to April 19.

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CAMRYN JAMES PELSTER

Son of Jerry and Carlene Pelster

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Making Honor Roll and Student of the Year award in two classes.

Five adjectives that describe you: Strong headed, clever, alive, gifted, silly.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Work hard in your early years, so you can go through senior year easy.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Mess around and find out.

Best advice from your parents: Always push yourself, and never give up.



AUSTIN TIMOTHY GOOD

Son of Tim Good and Patti Good

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Being on honor roll and superior honor roll.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Outgoing, Hardworking, Energetic, Determined, and Grit

Advice for the incoming freshmen: You might think that you have a lot of time left, but it goes faster than you think, so enjoy it. I will also say take as many credit classes as you can.

Most important lesson you learned in school: I would say being part of a team and having team work.

Best advice from your parents: No matter what job you're given, be the best you can and give your all.



CORBIN LUKE KINNEY

Son of Matthew and Katrina Kinney; Glenn and Sarah Kumm

Biggest accomplishment in high school: I would have to say making it to state speech and placing 3rd in O.I.D.

Five adjectives that describe you: Smart, Mathematical, Humorous, Artistic, Clever

Advice for the incoming freshmen: I would give the advice of, be yourself and try every activity at least once that first year.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Do your homework in a timely fashion.

Best advice from your parents: Once you start an activity, you have to stick it out till the end.



KRISTOPHER RANDAL MORENO

Son of Melinda Arends

Biggest Accomplishment in High School: Making it to senior year.

Five adjectives that describe you: Humble, quiet, nice, artistic, and cool.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Don't park in snow with a FWD vehicle, there might be a thick layer of ice under it.

Best advice from your parents: Stop putting off your homework until last minute. (I still put off my homework until last minute.)

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CLASS of 2023



ETHAN ANDREW HINKLE

Son of Luke and Jessica Hinkle

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Going to state for football, basketball, and speech my junior year.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Creative, Determined, Smart, Fun, Involved

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Get on top of the ball early because it is a lot easier to maintain than play catch-up.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Always give 100% because even if you don't do so well, people are understanding and willing to help if you put in effort too.

Best advice from your parents: Life isn't fair.



WILLIAM HEILHECKER

Son of Heidi Rethmeier and Joe Heilhecker

Biggest accomplishment in High School: Being named coach for the Wolfpack Football Team by Coach Wemhoff.

Five adjectives that describe you: Outgoing, smart, funny, sarcastic, single.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Try every extracurricular because you don't know which one is for you, and if you pi--ed off Mr. Wemhoff, don't use excuses.

Most important lesson that you learned in school: Use lockers and don't lie to Mr. Childers.

Best advice from your parents: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

DAVID TRACY DURRE

Son of David Durre and Tori Durre

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Getting to be able to stay with my class.

Five adjectives that describe you: Outgoing, caring, funny, fun, tall.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: To keep up on your homework.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: To always pay attention.

Best advice from your parents: Just to keep going when things get hard.



ISABELLA RAEY SMIDT

Daughter of Jennifer Donaldson and Kevin Smidt

Biggest accomplishment in high school: I started the book club and girls wrestling program.

Five adjectives that describe you: kind, resilient, confident, respectful, optimistic

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Don't slack off or over work yourself.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Stuff happens, learn to adjust and not let it get to you.

Best advice from your parents: from Dad- It all starts with ordering a pizza. (adult life)



JACKSON WEMHOFF

Son of Greg and Joyce Wemhoff

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Being a member of the National Honor Society. Being a team captain for all four years of football.

Five adjectives that describe you: Outgoing, Funny, Respectful, Athletic, Smart

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Take your classes seriously; and do not slack off in your underclassmen years.

You may not think they matter, but they do.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Learning about government and what it takes to be a good citizen.

Best advice from your parents: To always be the bigger person and treat authority with respect.



JAMIE LYNN DOZLER

Daughter of Janet and Berton Dozler Jr.

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Having the 300 m girls hurdles school record.

Five adjectives that describe you: Sarcastic, trustworthy, understanding, humble, energetic.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Do your homework and don't get into all the drama.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Never get on a teacher's bad side.

Best advice from your parents: Do the best you can in whatever you do.



MADELYNN MARIE KOLM

Daughter of David Kolm and Chelsey Kolm

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Being inducted into National Honor Society.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Determined, Independent, Considerate, Persistent, and Adventurous.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Learn effective and useable study habits.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Use extra time in class wisely.

Best advice from your parents: Follow your path, not someone else's.



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COLLIN SCOTT LINDGREN

Son of Becky and Jim Lindgren

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Getting to graduation.

Five adjectives that describe you: Fun, kind, caring, friendly, protective

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Don't load up on activities, take it slow. It goes fast.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Mrs. Shoe hates Grammarly.

Best advice from your parents: Life isn't going to be easy.



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**SHARON
ROSE BARTAK**

Daughter of Paul and Sonja Bartak

Biggest accomplishment in high school: My biggest accomplishment in high school was earning first in my division with my agriscience fair project at State FFA.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Caring, opinionated, compassionate, introverted, reliable.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: My advice would be that you don't have to do every single sport or activity that our school offers-sometimes it just gets too stressful.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: The most important - to not procrastinate.

Best advice from your parents: The best advice from my parents is that life isn't fair and God will reward me for doing things for Him.



**TAYLYNNE
A. CHARF**

Daughter of Stacy and Danelle Charf

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Making it to state in basketball.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Sweet, hardworking, fun-loving, random, respectful.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Don't forget to have fun in high school, it goes by fast. Always try to get along with your classmates. You'll miss spending time with them when you get to college.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Always treat others with kindness because you never know what they are going through.

Best advice from your parents: Take the bull by the horns and just go after it.



**CARTER
J. BECKMAN**

Son of John and Tracy Beckman

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Placing at state wrestling twice.

Five adjectives that describe you: Hard working, caring, genuine, impatient, understanding.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Make the most of all your time and have fun.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: You get out of something what you put into it.

Best advice from your parents: Work hard, never give up, and dream big.



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**CALE
MICHAEL KINNEY**

Son of Josh and Maria Kinney

Biggest accomplishment in high school: My biggest accomplishment in high school is keeping a 4.0 GPA during my senior year.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Funny, rational, respectful, clever, energetic.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Follow the narrow path, read as much as possible, and don't waste your time.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Prayer fixes everything.

Best advice from your parents: Hard work will get you anything.

**LINUS
MICHAEL BORER**

Son of David and Lindy Borer

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Placing 2nd in extemporaneous at state speech had been my biggest accomplishment.

Five adjectives that describe you: Catholic, witty, opinionated, strong-willed, nutty.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Putting effort in goes a long way! Try new things; don't shut options down just because you've never done them.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Morality and values are necessary to build a strong character.

Best advice from your parents: Finish what you've started. Never quit halfway through.



**PAITON
JAMES HOEFER**

Son of Autumn Hoefer and Jeremy Hoefer

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Making State Basketball and State Golf.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Motivated, Competitive, Athletic, Humorous, and Passionate.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Don't act like an idiot during class because a mutual respect between you and your teachers will help you out along the way.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: To always respect others and how to act in a proper manner.

Best advice from your parents: Always do your best no matter the task.



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**EMMA LEA
RUTERBORIES**

Daughter of Paul and Erin Ruterbories

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Placing at State One Act in the Fall of 2022.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Smiley, Ambitious, Compassionate, Optimistic, Reliable

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Be involved, try all of the activities before saying you don't like them.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Self-discipline. If you are able to keep yourself accountable, you can do anything you put your mind to.

Best advice from your parents: Trust your own intuition. What other people think of you is not your business. If you're going to do something, do it right the first time.



**SKYLER
MEIS**

Daughter of Eric and Brenda Meis

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Making it to state in basketball, one act, and speech.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Persistent, driven, responsible, disciplined, witty.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Put forth your best effort in your academics, it will show reward in the long run.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Time management and multi-tasking.

Best advice from your parents: Mom-don't stress, everything you need to succeed is already inside of you. Dad-Use the glass! and don't be stupid.



**MATTHEW
DOUGLAS DILLY**

Son of Doug and Shawn Dilly

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Over all, I would say graduating! I would also have to say getting second place at State Speech!

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Silly, Ornerly, Friendly, Polite, and Happy.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Be yourself and be kind and respectful to everyone else.

Most important lesson you have learned in school: Respect goes a long way!

Best advice from your parents: Be kind to everyone.



**SELAMAWIT
TADESSE**

Daughter of host-parents Peggy Hanlin, Kurt Hanlin

Biggest accomplishment in high school: Being an exchange student.

Five adjectives that describe you as a person: Helpful, kind, quiet, selfless, and caring.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Don't be stupid and do your homework.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: Don't change who you are for other people.

Best advice from your parents: Work hard for the things you want.



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**LAIA
COROMINES DOMINGO**

Daughter of host-parents Kurt and Peggy Hanlin

Biggest Accomplishment in High School: Being a foreign exchange student.

Five adjectives that describe you: Nice, driven, funny, adaptable, and outgoing.

Advice for the incoming freshmen: Do your homework and respect teachers.

Most important lesson that you have learned in school: To respect my classmates and teachers.

Best advice from your parents: To not be afraid to make mistakes.



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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
April 3, 2023

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmembers present for regular meeting were Mike Dvork, Jim Kittelson, Leigh Kluthe, and Craig Niewohner.

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Notice — Estate of Merle J. Sehi

NOTICE

Estate of **MERLE J. SEHI**, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on March 22, 2023, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR23-7, Megan Beckman, whose mailing address is 400 Oak Street, Elgin, Nebraska, 68636 has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Creditors of this

estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 29, 2023 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756. /s/ Martin V. Klein

Martin V. Klein, #22220
Attorney for Applicant
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STREET: ERPPD, se, 945.49; Verizonwireless, su, 75.26; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 320.58; Hometown Station, fuel, 226.31; Elgin Body & Glass, se, 92.49; Carquest of Neligh, su, 14.22; Black Hills Energy, se, 128.61; Payroll, 1753.37

WATER: ERPPD, se, 779.59; Great Plains Communications, se, 54.37; Verizonwireless, su, 75.26; NE Health Lab, se, 64.00; On Call Concepts, se, 7.98; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 6500.00; Fairfield by Marriott, travel, 109.95; The Elgin Review, print, 35.36; US Post Office, postage, 59.80; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 45.67; Payroll, 3506.72

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 955.23; Great Plains Communications, se, 49.59; One Call Concepts, se, 7.98; Iowa Pump Works, se, 2566.65; Fairfield by Marriott, travel, 109.95; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 278.35; Payroll, 1350.04

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 156.10; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.47; APPEARA, su, 30.20; Travelers; RMD, ins, 1997.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 496.65

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,700.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 13.99

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 5265.75; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00

POOL: ERPPD, se, 64.58; The Elgin Review, print, 320.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 38.60; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79

PARK: ERPPD, se, 84.54; Payroll, 403.33

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 65.21; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.48; Amazon, su, 410.65; Black Hills Energy, se, 139.23; Payroll, 1199.54

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 33.60

RESCUE: Northeast Community College, se, 595.28; Emergency Medical Products, su, 217.08; CLIA Laboratory Program; DHHS, license, 180.00

• Reach out to a tax increment financing (TIF) expert to provide an in depth explanation of the program

• Adopt Policy 235 – Vacations of the employee handbook

• Move the Elgin community cleanup day to Friday, April 28, 2023

• Building Permits: James Zwingman, Kara Funk

The following agenda items were discussed:

• Elgin Community Club request for financial support for activities they host in Elgin

• New playground equipment at the Elgin City Park

• Community worship event at

the Elgin City Park

• Tabled contract from Advanced Consulting Engineering Services for preliminary engineering report for a sanitary sewer system

• Engineer Zwingman will set a meeting to discuss test well locations

• Handling deteriorating buildings utilizing the nuisance – dangerous buildings section of the Elgin Municipal Code

• No pool applications have been received

• Tabled quote from Bob Nelson to remove and trim selected trees at the Elgin City Park and drainage ditch

• Speed signs have been installed but need to be programed

• Street sweeper is working, but needs a few repairs

• Attorney Henderson has filed nuisance case with Antelope County Courthouse

• Park board is discussing changing one of the tennis courts to a pickle ball court

• Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023

• Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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Proceedings — Antelope County Commissioners

Fee Resolution.

Approved Opioid litigation settlement and participation.

Approved Certificate of Financial Completion and Application for payment – Koinzan Road – Prouty Construction. Tabled pay application for Ashfalls north.

County Treasurer reviewed her Delinquent Tax List – no action.

Opened Bids for Gravel, Armor Coat and Asphalt as advertised. Accepted all gravel bids and single bids for armor coat and asphalt. Single cold mix bid was accepted.

Denied TRANE HVAC agreement.

Agreed to work in cooperation with Antelopes County Historical Society and City of Neligh on lot south of museum parking lot.

Road Superintendent Report: approved 62 underground permits, and one access permit.

Road project review, including proposal of purchasing land and building a shop/barn – no action taken. After the Road Superintendent gathered information regarding purchasing or renting a payloader, Commissioners approved temporarily renting of wheel loader during repair of broken loader.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY /s/

Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/

Antelope County Clerk

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Backflow Prevention — City of Elgin

BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND THE CONSUMER

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 boiler 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 serious 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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The Elgin Review

Calf scours tips to help you keep the outbreaks to a minimum

Spring is trying hard to show up despite intermittent snow. Temperatures are on the rise and newborn calves are just about anywhere you look. One thing we don't want to see in our herd this spring is calf scours. However, understanding a bit about this nuisance disease can help keep outbreaks to a minimum.

Dr. Halden Clark, DVM with the Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center and Dr. Lindsay Waechter-Mead, DVM and Nebraska Extension Beef Educator share this about calf scours: Neonatal calf diarrhea, or scours, is a common concern among cow-calf producers. Calf scours outbreaks are the result of a contaminated calving and nursing environment. This environmental contamination develops following a period of pathogen (germ) buildup, or amplification. Cows shed relatively small amounts of these bacteria and viruses into the environment often without showing any clinical

symptoms. Other scours-causing pathogens, such as coccidia, can persist in the environment year after year. As calves are born, they are

exposed to these pathogens and begin the cycle of replication and shedding of disease potentials. They shed many times more germs than they were originally exposed to, which is why we call this "amplification." The first calves born may not show clinical symptoms of scours because the pathogen load may not be high enough to overwhelm the immune system. However, as more

calves are born and stocking density increases, the pathogen load can become too much. This is when a scours outbreak occurs.

Reducing the risk of scours can be accomplished by addressing different areas of management. One way to do this is by following the Sandhills Calving Method, or a

modified version of it. The concept is to place calves into similar age groups, calving on clean environments with each group. Ideally, calves should be within 10-14 days of age in each calving area. Late gestation cows will then be moved away from new babies to calve in a fresh environment and begin another age group, and so on. This will allow reduction of pathogen shedding and exposure dose. The original concept can be modified to fit most operations by having an idea of calving dates and a little creativity.

Limiting stress during calving is another preventative measure. One example of stress includes weather concerns. Having a place for calves to get out of storms and mud may help. This can be accomplished by utilizing shelters or creating a calf escape area by adding a hot wire in the corner of the lot where calves can freely enter but cows remain outside the space. Shelters can become sources of contamination if left unclean and wet. Because ventilation and sunshine are vital factors in keeping calves healthy, moving shelters or utilizing open air concepts have been shown to be beneficial.

Testing is necessary to get a final diagnosis on what pathogens are causing problems and often the

condition contains two or more species of bacteria, viruses, or protozoa. Age of calf is helpful in knowing what may be causing the problem as each pathogen affects calves at different time frames. Understanding crucial management areas and

establishing prevention protocols with your veterinarian are essential for your operation's calf health plan.

-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

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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, food, cards, memorials, phone calls, floral arrangements, and outpouring of concern shown to us during our recent loss of Dan. We'd like to thank Tony Levander and Dee Schalk for their professional services, Father John Norman and Deacon John Starman for the beautiful services, and Jordan Engle for the beautiful music. Also, thank you to the American Legion Post 229 Honor Guard, those providing the refreshments following the wake, and Circle 6 for serving the luncheon. With heartfelt gratitude,

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Allan and Doris Kluthe family

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BartlettNews

By Sherry Tetschner

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Bartlett Lions Club, was held in Bartlett Saturday April 8 beginning at 2 p.m. Attendance was as follows: 0-3 years old, 23; 4-6 years old, 23; and 7-10 years old, 19. Children participating were from the towns of Albion, Bartlett, Burwell, Elgin, Ericson, Fullerton, Grand Island, Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Royal, Saint Paul, Silver Creek, Tilden and Burns, Wyo. Once again Pauline Marker served as our visiting Easter Bunny.

Easter dinner guests in my home were Angela and Mike Keyes of Beatrice and their children Sawyer, Winnie and Juniper; and Ellis and Lois Schruink. Highlights of the day were early Easter services at the Methodist Church following by breakfast, an Easter treasure hunt and hiding eggs with the grandkids.



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AB: Sierra Plugge (7), Hadley Pokorny (7), Hayes Pokorny (7), Garrett Renner (7), Kluver, Jr. (9), Jayna Guggenmos (10), Elijah Heinz (10), Cooper Pokorny (10), Clancey Seamann (10), Kaitlyn Leibert (11), Jayden Sheldon (11), Chloe Smith (11), Benton Harrison (12), Nick Keber (12), Brady Renner (12), and Ethan Schoenenberger (12).
HONORABLE MENTION: Franklin Schmidt (7), Jackson Wright (7), Bailey Leibert (8), Wyatt McCain (8), Jayden Abbott (9), Aidan Maddux (9), and Jairo Lazos-Hernandez (10).

Perfect Attendance

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Etta and Otto Koinzan, children of Greg and Courtney Koinzan of Tilden, enjoyed a photo with the Easter Bunny in Bartlett on Saturday, April 8. Photo submitted

Former Neligh resident bound over for felony domestic assault

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter

Brennon J. Coleman, 39, of Randolph appeared alongside his court-appointed attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh for preliminary hearing on a Class 3A felony, third-degree domestic assault, second offense, alleged March 12 in Neligh. Coleman waived the preliminary hearing and Taylor bound the case over to Antelope County district court, where he is set for arraignment April 26. Bond posted March 27 is continued at \$20,000, 10% cash, with conditions including no contact with the alleged victim.

Ryan J. Pelster, appeared to show cause for a 30-day jail stent, ordered as part of an Oct. 19 probation sentence for his conviction of a Class 1 misdemeanor, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest. Pelster told the judge he had complied with all terms of probation, had paid all fees and had completed out-patient treatment and aftercare. A letter received from the probation officer confirmed what Pelster told the judge. Taylor waived jail time.

DeKay

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to include my bill, LB 453. LB 453 would better integrate the Division of Aeronautics into the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) by authorizing all administrative expenses to be paid out of the Highway Cash Fund, increasing the sealed bid dollar threshold for NDOT projects, and updating the State-Aid Bridge Fund statutes by reducing the amount of match a county must provide from fifty percent to "up to" twenty percent to be considered for project funding.

I am thankful to the chair of the Transportation Committee, Senator Geist, for allowing my bill to be included as part of a broader package. Other bills passed by the Legislature this week include LB 296 which would provide a framework for pet insurance, LB 276 which would allow for the implementation of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model in Nebraska, and LB 683 which would create the Nebraska Broadband Office.

I also attend the news conference announcing the appointment of Carolyn Bosn to the now vacant seat for District 25 in the Legislature. Senator Bosn will be replacing Senator Suzanne Geist in District 25, who departed to concentrate on her campaign for Mayor of Lincoln.

Feel free to call my office anytime at (402) 471-2801 or email me at bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Elgin Community Calendar

April

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

12 District #18 Board of Education regular meeting • Da Ladies Night Out @ Elgin KC Hall*

13 Starting date for BCHC 'Live Well' Weight Management Program.

14 & 16 Pope John Spring Musical performances.

17 Elgin EMTs meeting • Northeast Apprenticeship Visit @ EPS.

19 Bloodmobile 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ KC Hall.

20 PJCC/St. Boniface School Board meeting.

21 District Music Contest at Norfolk.

24 EPS Spring Music Concert • Governor Jim Pillen to visit PJCC, speak at St. Boniface Auditorium @ 9 a.m.

25 PJCC/SB 1 pm dismissal.

26 Elgin Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter Banquet at EPS gymnasium.


28 Elgin Community Cleanup Day • NVC Art Show.

29 Elgin Community Cleanup Day • NVC Junior High/Senior High Track Championships @ West Holt High School.

Every Sunday - Youth Group at Elgin Christian Community Church, 6:30 pm

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II Wolfpack Sports

Victory seen from a pew

Some days you just know where you are meant to be. Easter Sunday is one such day, you just know you need to be in church.

For Lynell and I, we almost always spend Christmas and Easter at her mother's home in Randolph.

Little more than an hour from Elgin, it's an easy drive. The Catholic church there is the one she grew up in, the one where we were married back in 1985. In September, it will be 38 years. It's not the number of years that's important, it's the quality of years.

The first lesson one learns about Easter is to get to the church early. We were seated in a pew towards the back of the church by 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. service. It didn't take long for the pews to fill up and, with 10 minutes to go before the start of the service, folding chairs were being brought out for the overflow of parishioners. Then, as the service was about to start, sunlight shined through the stained-glass windows

Don't try to tell me Christianity is waning in

SPINNING TALES



Dennis Morgan
Publisher

America, it's alive and well here. The church was full of families, many with young children on this day.

To one side of us in the pew was a classmate of Lynell's from

high school. Her husband had his arm around her shoulder for most of the service. In front of us was a young family of five (mom, dad, two young boys and a middle sister). They appeared to be rushed to get to church and it didn't take long to see why. Young children can be a handful at home, put them in a pew packed tight with people and it becomes a battle of wills. On this day I think the outcome was a draw. Mom won some of the battles, the kids won a few and dad seemed to be oblivious to the situation. Truth be known, this was years in the making. I admired this young family. Despite all the challenges, being in church was more important than staying home.

Things you don't seem to notice in your regular place of worship, seem to catch your eye when you visit another church in a different town. I noticed a few pews ahead of us another young couple with a small child. During one of the early hymns I watched Mom continually run her fingers through the child's hair and, when not doing that, hold him close. It's what mothers do when children are young.

It wasn't long before the young boy, maybe five years old, had heavy eyelids and fell asleep.

Whether you be Protestant or Catholic, Christians everywhere in each church has worship traditions which are uniquely their own. What may be done, as part of the worship service here, isn't necessarily done there. In Randolph, the choir performed music fitting the occasion prior to the start as well as throughout the worship service. That's nothing new. What made the music unique was the use of a trumpet. Guitars, organs and wind instruments all have their

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Girls sixth, boys eight at BC Track Invite

BATTLE CREEK — Temperatures in the 30s didn't deter the Wolfpack track team as EPPJ competed at the Battle Creek Invite on April 4.

Leading the way for the Wolfpack girls were the three relay teams, all who placed. The 3200 meter relay team (Tessa Barlow, Baylee Busteded, Kaitey Schumacher and Jovie Vaisvilas) placed fifth in the first running event of the day.

The 400 meter relay team (Camry Kittelson, Brenna Martinsen, Reese Stuhrr and Kayton Zwingman) placed fourth.

Then, in the last event of the day, EPPJ's 1600 meter relay team (Martinsen, Schumacher, Stuhrr and Zwingman) placed third.

On the boys side, junior Myles Kittelson finished second in the long jump with a leap of 20'2". The boys 400 meter relay team (Kittelson, Corbin Kinney, Dylan Lueking, Camryn Pelster) finished fourth.

"Despite the cold conditions I thought our athletes handled the day very well. We had some personal bests and season bests from the day," Coach Sandi Henn said after reviewing the results. "Some athletes knew to warm up really well prior to their events and it showed when they did. We did allow athletes to step away from the cold a bit by warming up on the bus."

Battle Creek won the girls team race with 126 points, two more than Norfolk Catholic. Of the 12 teams competing at the meet, EPPJ finished sixth with 35 points.

In the boys team competition, Battle Creek edged Norfolk Catholic by five points, 146.5 to 141.5. EPPJ finished eighth with 16 points.

Wolfpack individual results (finished in the top eight in an event) were:

Girls
Discus — 1. Anslee Watters, Winside, 100'4"
Shot put — 1. Reagan

Brummell, Battle Creek, 36'8.25"

High jump — 1. Channateé Robles, Norfolk Catholic, 5'

Long jump — 1. Sophie Humphrey, Battle Creek, 16'7"

Triple jump — 1. Abbie Kromarek, Plainview, 33'11.5"

Pole vault — 1. Mya Zohner, Battle Creek, 10'

3200 meter relay — 1. O'Neill, 11:12.92; 5. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Baylee Busteded, Kaitey Schumacher, Jovie Vaisvilas), 13:12.49

100 meter hurdles — 1. Sophie Humphrey, Battle Creek, 15.77 seconds

100 meter dash — 1. Presley Heiss, O'Neill, 13.11 seconds; 4. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 13.60

400 meter dash — 1. Kenzie Janssen, Norfolk Catholic, 1:04.89; 2. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 1:07.10; 5. Brenna Martinsen, EPPJ, 1:09.69

3200 meter run — 1. Joslynn Larson, Elkhorn Valley, 13:47.30

200 meter hurdles — 1. Presley Heiss, O'Neill, 27.77 seconds; 4. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 29.14

800 meter run — 1. Cali Gutz, Osmond, 2:35.61; 6. Kaitey Schumacher, EPPJ, 2:54.78

300 meter hurdles — 1. Sophie Humphrey, Battle Creek, 50.95 seconds; 4. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 54.83

1600 meter run — 1. Cali Gutz, Osmond, 6:07.11

400 meter relay — 1. Norfolk Catholic 'A', 52.67 seconds; 4. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Brenna Martinsen, Reese Stuhrr, Kayton Zwingman), 57.40

1600 meter relay — 1. Norfolk Catholic 'A', 4:38.63; 3. EPPJ (Brenna Martinsen, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhrr, Kayton Zwingman), 4:49.09

Boys
Discus — 1. Trent Uhlir, Battle Creek, 155'8"; 7. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 118'1"

Shot put — 1. Trent Uhlir, Battle Creek, 59'8.5"; 7. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 40'5"

High jump — 1. Spencer Hill, Plainview, 6'2"

Long jump — 1. Spencer Hill, Plainview, 20'9"; 2. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 20'2"



Shown competing Tuesday at the Neligh-Oakdale Invite, Kaiden Bode (above) continued to excel in the triple jump. (Right) Baylee Busteded (l) and Jovie Vaisvilas helped EPPJ's 3200 meter relay medal again, this time finishing third at Neligh. *E-R photos/DMorgan*

Triple jump — 1. Cameron Bormann, Norfolk Catholic, 42'7"; 6. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 37'6.25"

Pole vault — 1. Clayton Carney, Norfolk Catholic, 12'

3200 meter relay — 1. Battle Creek, 8:51.49; 6. EPPJ (Nick Anderson, Kaiden Bode, Blake Henn, Hudson Napier), 10:19.86

110 meter hurdles — 1. Jackson Ricchio, Battle Creek, 15.51 seconds; 5. Corbin Kinney, EPPJ, 18.21

100 meter dash — 1. Mitchell Hupp, Stanton, 11.17 seconds; 7. Camryn Pelster, EPPJ, 11.82

400 meter dash — 1. Canyon Talton, Norfolk Catholic, 53.81 seconds; 8. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 57.31

3200 meter run — 1. Jaxon Kilmurry, Battle Creek, 10:43.20

200 meter dash — 1. Mitchell Hupp, Stanton, 23.06 seconds

800 meter run — 1. Parker Clausen, Battle Creek, 2:10.47;

7. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 2:22.59

300 meter hurdles — 1. Jackson Ricchio, Battle Creek, 42.47 seconds

1600 meter run — 1. Jaxon Kilmurry, Battle Creek, 5:06.54

400 meter relay — 1. Battle Creek 'A', 45.65 seconds; 4. EPPJ (Corbin Kinney, Myles Kittelson, Dylan Lueking, Camryn Pelster), 47.89

1600 meter relay — 1. Battle Creek 'A', 3:43.64



Letter winners for the Wolfpack wrestling team this season were (l-r): Carter Beckman, Samuel Hemenway, Isabella Smidt, Landyn Veik and Kaeden Schwarting. Not pictured: David Durre. *Photos submitted*

End-of-season wrestling awards announced

End of the season wrestling awards for the Wolfpack wrestling team were handed out April 1.

Six members of the team were awarded varsity letters for their efforts on the mats

which began with practice in November and concluded in February. Receiving letters were Carter Beckman, Samuel Hemenway, Isabella Smidt, Landyn Veik, Kaeden Schwarting and David Durre.

Also during the program, individual awards were handed out. They were:

Most Valuable Wrestler (girls) — Smidt

Most Valuable Wrestler (boys) — Beckman

Wolfpack Award — Grady Druke

Most Improved Wrestler — Jack Barlow

During the season, both Beckman and Hemenway qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha.

At the conclusion of the season, Beckman was named first team All-NVC in his weight class; Hemenway and Durre were both second team selections in their respective weight class.

Earning Academic All-State honors were Hemenway, Smidt and Beckman.



Individual award winners were (l-r): Isabella Smidt, Carter Beckman, Grady Druke and Jack Barlow.



Senior Ethan Hinkle led EPPJ with a 48 over nine holes at Summerland Golf Course Thursday. *Photo submitted*

Hinkle leads EPPJ golfers at Summerland Quad

SUMMERLAND — The Wolfpack varsity golf team played their first event of the season Thursday afternoon at Summerland Golf Course.

Competing in a quadrangular against teams from Chambers/Wheeler Central and Summerland, the Wolfpack had four golfers compete in a nine-hole competition.

Senior Ethan Hinkle led the Wolfpack with a nine-hole score of 48 which placed him fourth in the individual competition. Another senior, Austin Good, placed seventh with a 52.

Isabella Martinez finished with a 72 while teammate Isabella Smidt finished with an 86.

The best round of the day was turned in by William Jesse from Chambers/Wheeler Central who shot a 40.

Up next for EPPJ will be the Ewing Invite on Wednesday, April 12, again at Summerland.

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Tales

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place, an offering of sorts. On this day, the sound of voice and instrument melted together. If one got nothing

else out of the service, the music made you want to hear more.

I'm older than I once was and, hopefully younger than

I'll be. My faith journey began like those young families and continues on. Each one's journey is uniquely their own. Still, the clock keeps ticking.

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A senior, Ethan led the team in their first meet of the season at Summerland. He shot a Wolfpack-best score of 48 over 9 holes. The quad consisted of the Pack, Summerland & CWC.

A junior, Brenna placed 5th in the 400 meter dash at the Battle Creek Invite last week. She was also a part of the 400 & 1600 meter relay teams which medaled. The team finished 6th.

A junior, Myles had a 2nd place finish in the long jump at the Battle Creek Invite with a leap of 20'2". He was also a part of the medal-winning 400 meter relay team.

EPPJ junior high track team competes at Plainview

PLAINVIEW — Wolfpack track athletes competed April 4 at the Plainview Junior High Invite.

In the girls division, EPPJ finished first in a battle of four teams. In the boys competition, EPPJ finished third. Points were awarded to the top four finishers in each event.

Wolfpack athletes placing at the meet were:

Girls

Long jump — 2. Kinley Druke, 11'4"

Triple jump — 1. Braelyn Martinsen, 30'3"; 3. Brooke Kinney, 27'5.5"

High jump — 1. Mady Kurpoweit, 4'4"; 4. Kierstyn Eisenhauer, 3'10"

Shot put — 1. Gemma Miller, 26'9"; 3. Megan Wright, 24'11"

Discus — 1. Megan Wright, 67'10"; 3. Gemma Miller, 56'6"

100 meter hurdles — 1. Elizabeth Moser, 21.00 seconds; 2. Mady Kurpoweit, 21.91

100 meter dash — 2. Braelyn Martinsen, 14.60 seconds

1600 meter run — 1. Brooke Kinney, 7:38.53; 2. Elizabeth Moser, 7:50.40

400 meter relay — 2. EPPJ (Mady Kurpoweit, Kinley Druke, Brooke Kinney, Braelyn Martinsen), 1:01.62

200 meter hurdles — 2. Mady Kurpoweit, 42.21 seconds

800 meter run — 2. Lillie Kinney, 3:11.62

200 meter dash — 2. Braelyn Martinsen, 32.03 seconds

1600 meter relay — 3. EPPJ (Rylen Schwarting, Bristol Buschow, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Elizabeth Moser), 6:13.76

Boys

Long jump — 2. Even Pelster, 13'6"

High jump — 4. Max Henn, 4'10"

Shot put — 1. Justice Blecher, 35'2"; 3. Max Henn, 30'1"

Discus — 2. Justice Blecher, 81'

400 meter relay — 3. EPPJ (Matthew Kerkman, Justice Blecher, Max Henn, Evin Pelster), 1:00.14

1600 meter relay — 4. EPPJ (Gavin Kallhoff, Max Henn, Matthew Kerkman, Evin Pelster), 5:21.77

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April 18	JH @ Burwell	1:00
April 19	V @ St. Mary's	9:00
April 25	V @ Creighton	2:30
	JH @ Genoa	9:00
April 27	V @ Norfolk Classic	TBA
April 29	V & JH @ Atkinson (NVC)	9:30

GOLF

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY

April 12	V @ Ewing	9:00
April 15	V @ Plainview	8:30
April 20	V @ Scotus	9:00
April 25	V (EPPJ hosts NVC)	TBA

SPRING SPORTS

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

April 12	EPS School Board meeting
April 14	PJCC Musical "Singin in the Rain", 7 pm
April 15	ACT, So/Jr
April 16	PJCC Musical "Singin in the Rain", 7 pm
April 17	Northeast Apprenticeship Visit, EPS
April 19	Bloodmobile @ KC Hall, 9 am-3 pm
April 21	District Music @ Norfolk
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