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## In Brief

### District #18 School Board to meet tonight

Action items include gym lighting.

Watching your favorite activities at the Elgin Public School gymnasium may be a little easier on the eyes this Fall. The District #18 Board of Education is scheduled to meet tonight (April 9) for their regular monthly meeting. Among the items on the 'action' agenda will be approval of a gym lighting project.

Other items are:

- Approve graduation list
- Approve teacher requisitions
- Approve the second reading of NASB recommended updated Title IX Non Discrimination Policy 504.24; Title IX Reporting Form 504.24E1; and Title IX Nondiscrimination Procedures 504.24R1.
- Approve the first reading of NASB recommended Policy 507.05 COPPA Student Privacy Notice
- Approve the first reading of the Facility Use Agreement
- Approve transportation for the Music Booster Trip to Omaha
- Approve Gym Lighting Project
- Approve Classified Salaries - Closed Session Possible.

Also at the meeting will be reports from Superintendent Mike Brockhaus, K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff as well as the Wolfpack committee.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the board room at the high school.

### Bloodmobile to be at KC Hall next week

On Wednesday, April 16.

Elgin Public School will be hosting the Red Cross Bloodmobile later this month. The bloodmobile is scheduled to come to Elgin on Wednesday, April 16.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## 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.

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 51 degrees recorded on April 3. The low temperature during the same period was 22 degrees recorded on April 4. Altogether, 0.28 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. 30	48	31	.00
Mar. 31	46	33	.05
Apr. 1	41	40	.10
Apr. 2	45	29	.00
Apr. 3	51	34	.03
Apr. 4	43	22	.10
Apr. 5	39	27	.00
Total for last week			0.28
Total for March			1.20
Total precipitation 2025			1.83



### Elgin FFA again stands out at state convention

Champions were crowned last week at the 97th Nebraska State FFA Convention last week and Elgin FFA was well-represented. (Left) At the Agriscience Fair, Kierstyn Eisenhauer was champion in Food Systems Division 3. (Right) In Plant Systems Division 4 at the Agriscience Fair, champions were Brooke Kinney (r) and Aubrie Parks (l). See more coverage on Page Six.

Photos submitted

### Pool staff hired, search continues for manager

With less than two months before Elgin's public swimming pool opens for the summer, the Elgin City Council took one step forward by hiring pool staff.

Meeting Monday night, the council approved the hiring of lifeguards and an assistant pool manager.

Ten lifeguards were hired to work part-time. They were: Tessa Barlow, Elizabeth Moser, Jazmine McNally, Camry Kittelson, Aubrie Parks, Haley Parks, Kaitey Schumacher, Brooke Kinney, Kinley Druke and Kayton Zwingman. Also hired as an assistant pool manager was Kerri Druke.

Yet to be hired is a pool manager for the season. No date has been set for the pool to open.

On another hiring note, Trissa Russell was hired to fill the summer maintenance position.

This was just one of the stories to emerge from the meeting. See more in next week's issue of the newspaper.

### Four to attend Boys State in June

Selections have been announced for students from Elgin Public and Pope John to attend Cornhusker Boys' State in Lincoln later this summer.

Elgin Public's Trey Rittscher and Jarek Erickson will join Pope John's Landyn Veik and Aiden Klein, all juniors, and nearly 340 others from across Nebraska to participate in the American Legion sponsored event to be held June 1-7 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Erickson is the son of Angie & Aaron Anderson and J.R. Erickson. He will be attending under the sponsorship of the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce.

Rittscher is the son of Kevin and Sonia Rittscher. He will be attending under the sponsorship of American Legion Post #229 Elgin.

Veik will be attending under the sponsorship of American Legion Post #229 Elgin. He is the son of Heather and Adam Veik.

Klein will be attending under the sponsorship of American Legion Post #334 Petersburg. He is the son of Amy and Martin Klein.

Boys State is set up as a "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in athletics and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's program. National acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America." Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with devotion.



Trey Rittscher



Aiden Klein



Landyn Veik



Jarek Erickson

### Elgin native to join BCHC in Fall 2027

Boone County Health Center is excited to announce last week that Dr. Nicole Kramer will be joining the medical practice in the fall of 2027.

A native of Elgin, Dr. Kramer brings with her a deep passion for rural healthcare and a commitment to serving the communities that helped shape her journey into medicine.

With a special interest in obstetrics, she will provide comprehensive care for patients of all ages, ensuring families in our region receive high-quality, compassionate healthcare close to home.

Dr. Kramer's path to medicine began on her family farm, where she spent time working alongside her father and hearing stories about her grandfather, who lost his battle with metastatic stomach cancer at the age of 49. "Hearing my dad talk about my grandpa led me to want to pursue a career where I can help individuals and their families who are suffering," Dr. Kramer shared. With the encouragement of her family, particularly her father, she set her sights on becoming a physician.



Dr. Nicole Kramer

Her academic journey led her to Bryan College of Health Sciences, where she earned a degree in Biomedical Sciences. She then attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, graduating in May 2024. During her fourth year, she was part of the Advanced Family Medicine Training Program, which solidified her passion for full-spectrum family medicine, including obstetrical care.

She matched into UNMC's Rural Training Track in Grand Island, where she will complete her residency in June 2027.

Dr. Kramer credits two physicians in particular for shaping her path—Dr. Joel Travis and her mother-in-law, Dr. Lynette Kramer. "Dr. Travis not only delivered me as a baby but also guided me through early medical experiences. He played a pivotal role in my decision to return to Boone County Health Center," she said. She was also fortunate to learn from Dr. Lynette Kramer, whose expertise and mentorship have been invaluable in her development as a physician.

Family medicine offers Dr. Kramer the unique opportunity to build lasting relationships with her patients, caring for them throughout all stages of life. "I love that with family medicine, you get the opportunity to take care of the whole person," she explained. "I have a great interest in obstetrics and women's health, but also enjoy taking care of kids, adults, and geriatric patients. Family medicine allows me to see a bit of everything, and I find that incredibly special."

Outside of medicine, Dr. Kramer and her husband, Kyle, enjoy spending time back home with family, cheering on the Huskers, and exploring the outdoors.

Kyle is a respiratory therapist who will continue his work in Grand Island as Dr. Kramer completes her training. They look forward to moving back to the area that holds such a special place in their hearts.

Dr. Kramer's approach to patient care is rooted in collaboration and trust. "I love to get to know my patients—not just their medical conditions, but their home environment, their mental health,

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

This week - hints to help in the kitchen & around the house



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Hints:

- 2 op garlic cloves in the micro-wave for 15 seconds and the skins slip right off.
- To remove chocolate stains, soak the stain with club soda.
- To remove crayon from clothing, wash the clothes in the hottest water possible and add pure soap, (not detergent) and a box

- of baking soda. (Repeat if necessary)
- Keep the linings from cereal boxes. They make a great substitute for wax paper. (Perfect for when you're dipping foods.)
- Substitute half applesauce for the vegetable oil in your baking recipes. You will greatly reduce the fat contents. (Example: 1/2 cup vegetable oil=1/4 cups applesauce +1/4 cup vegetable oil)
- Make big ice cubes using a muffin pan. They are perfect for coolers and last longer.
- For easy mixing when making meat loaf use a

- potato masher. Perfect!
- Use sweet pickle juice to thin salad dressing or make french dressing with instead of vinegar. I use sweet pickle juice when I make ground roast beef salad. I grind some sweet pickles in my meat mixture, I mix salad dressing with a little pickle juice. Helps make it spreadable. Adds some awesome flavor. Delicious!
- Never overcook leftover foods that are frozen, foods will finish cooking when reheated and thawed, never refreeze thawed foods!

JoAnn

Bartlett News

The Wheeler Central Spring Concert was held Friday evening, March 21 under the direction of Sherry Tetschner. Choral selections included: K-8th - This Land is Your Land; 2nd-8th - Pat Works on the Railway and All Night, All Day with Faith Heinz and Jaycee Wagner singing solo parts. Other choral selections were: Preschool - Gonna Shake My Sillies Out and ABC Rock; K-1st grades - Doctor Knickerbocker and When the Train Comes Along; K-3rd - Goodbye Old Paint; 2nd-3rd - Old Dan Tucker, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Dreams; and 6th grade - Happy. 'Never Enough,' from the mu-

sical 'The Greatest Showman,' was sung by Macy Reich. Instrumental presentations were: 4th grade recorders - Hot Cross Buns, Merrily We Roll Along, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Amazing Grace; 5th grade band - Good King Wenceslas, Jolly Old St. Nicholas and Sweetly Sings the Donkey; 6th grade band - Jingle Bells, Laughing Song and Brother Martin, with guest musicians Aidan Maddux on the trumpet and Mrs. Tetschner on the saxophone; 7th - 11th grade band - Office Theme Song, Jeopardy and Paint it Black; 8th grade bucket drumming - Sticking With It and a trumpet solo by

Aidan Maddux - Let Her Go. My crocuses are gone but the bright yellow daffodils are blooming beautifully. They didn't make it last year due to a late snow. We are thankful for the bits of moisture. Every bit helps. There were only a handful of junior high and high schoolers at Wheeler Central Wednesday through Friday due to students attending State FFA Convention in Lincoln. Sophomores Jailynn Harrison and Breiden Renner participated in the FFA State Choir. Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Kindergarten-8th grade students singing 'This Land is Your Land' at the Wheeler Central Spring Concert.



Photos submitted

Wheeler Central 7th-11th grade band performed for the Spring Concert on March 21. Drummers - Anslee Wright and Garret Growcock. Back row l-r: Corbin Kasselder, Trey Smith, Dawson Kluver, Aidan Maddux, Jailynn Harrison and Hunter Renner. Front row: Jerrin Kleeb, Denna Skorcz and Casey Freouf.

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**Community Calendar**

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**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

**Sunday, April 13**  
Park Church Palm Sunday Continental Breakfast @ 8 a.m. followed by 9:15 a.m. worship service.

**Wednesday, April 16**  
Red Cross Bloodmobile @ KC Hall.

**Saturday, April 19**  
Petersburg Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. @ Highway 14 Park.

**Friday & Monday, April 18 & 21**  
No School (Easter Break).

**Sunday, April 20**  
Easter observed by area churches.

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Recent data from the Parkinson's Foundation indicates that nearly 90,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with PD each year, a significant increase from previous estimates. Currently, approximately one million Americans are living with Parkinson's, and this number is projected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030.

At Boone County Health Center, we are committed to supporting individuals with Parkinson's through specialized programs that enhance quality of life and

help manage symptoms effectively. Our therapists are trained in evidence-based programs, including LSVT-BIG, Delay the Disease, and Parkinson's Wellness Recovery (PWR!). These therapies are available through formal individual sessions or weekly classes. Our Rock Steady Boxing class meets every Thursday, offering a non-contact, boxing-inspired workout designed to enhance strength, balance, and coordination. On the last Thursday of each month, we follow the class with

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Tonia McGill, OTR/L, CHT,

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Even though I fail, I can still succeed

This Lent thing. After many years of practice, I've learned that I'm not that good at it. Other people seem to highlight my weaknesses. A young man whom I've become acquainted with has been fasting twice a week, consuming nothing but water on those days.

That's in addition to other mortifications and spiritual practices he does as part of Exodus 90, a 90-day program that helps men grow closer to God and become "uncommonly free." Other sacrifices the men make include cold showers and spending at least an hour a day in prayer.

For these men, the 40 days of Lent begin early and require some extra grit and grace. But me? I don't take on anything too difficult because I know my limits and I sense that God isn't asking me for Herculean efforts. Just faithfulness in smaller things. But even then, I'm weak. Usually I'm humbled within the first few days of Lent. I've learned that happens to a lot of other people too. But as another young man in Exodus 90 (one of my sons), reminded me, it's not so much our failures that God is concerned about. Rather, it's our resolve to keep trying, to get right back at it. Our Lord teaches us how to get back up through His three falls on the Way of the Cross. I'm grateful for His example – and for His Mercy.

A daughter reminds me that God's Mercy works like gravity, rushing toward our lowest places: our misery, failings, weaknesses and sinfulness. Where we are weak, we find His strength. Where we are scared, we find His love and courage. Where we lack answers, we find His wisdom. Where we are poor, we find His riches. The list of the Lord's paradoxes is endless. Because of Jesus, even though I fail at this Lent thing, I can still succeed. I learn how much I need Him. I learn that I must cling to Him. If I have God, I have everything. His multiplication miracles, like the loaves and fish, teach us that He can take our meager offerings and multiply and magnify them. We simply have to surrender and trust. Something else I've learned about this Lent thing: It seems

like it's more difficult to be faithful during Holy Week. Like most of his disciples, I fail and abandon Jesus when He desires my love and faithfulness the most. But we learn from Judas that we can't despair. Jesus is always ready to forgive – always – and will help us get us back on track. We will fall again. But we have Jesus as our Hope. Praise God!



Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

Looking Back



**Sixty Years Ago** April 8, 1965 The Elgin Public Schools received a truck load of furniture last week from the Grand Island Air Force Recovery Base. Surplus property may be used only for educational, public health, or civil defense purposes. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mason announce the engagement of their daughter, Gwen, to David Sveum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sveum of Webster, S.D. They plan a late June wedding in Omaha. A Hereford cow belonging to Kelly Hoffsten gave birth to triplet calves, Sunday. Mother and family are doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beckman are the parents of an 8 lb. 8 oz. daughter, Joyce Marie born Tuesday, March 30, 1965. Robert C. Anderson, son of Mrs. Hazel Anderson of Elgin, and Marcia Antonette Griffis, daughter of Mrs. Frances M. Griffis of Bakersfield, Calif. were married by Rev. Norman Callaway in the Wesley Methodist Church.

**Fifty Years Ago** April 3, 1975 This area fared quite well in its second storm of the spring which struck here Wednesday and before breaking up dumped .90 of much needed moisture. This followed a blizzard-like storm which hit here Monday. A covering of ice contributed to the one-car-collision Wednesday of last week at 10:13 p.m. just north of the Wm. Schuchardt driveway northeast of town. The 1969 Chevy sports coupe, owned and driven by Jeff Dinslage, was traveling west as it came to the dead-ended "Y" leading to the north and south road by the Schuchardt place. Marian Eischeid has been named by Elgin American Legion Post 229 Auxiliary to represent them at Girls State in Lincoln to be held at the first week in June. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eischeid. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ridder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joan E. Ridder to Larry E. Schroeter, both of Lincoln. A May 17th wedding is being planned by the couple. Mrs. Brian Briese recently passed the state board examination of licensed cosmetologists. She and her husband reside in Omaha where they are employed.

**Thirty Years Ago** April 5, 1995 A large number of people worked many hours last weekend, April 1 and 2, to build the new playground structure, shade shelter, tire swing and merry-go-round in the Elgin City Park. Several adults and Pope John Junior High boys removed sod last Thursday from the area where the playground structure was to be built. Elgin Public School students brought home their school's first trophy for state Odyssey of the Mind competition last Saturday, April 1. The Elgin team tied for second place among 18 teams competing in the Division II "Vaudeville" competition in the state meet, which was held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Elgin Volunteer Fire Department answered a call at 1:28 p.m. Sunday, April 2, to the Gary Dinslage farm, 1 1/2 miles south and 1/2 mile east of Elgin. A tree pile had been smoldering and embers from the pile were apparently caught by the wind and spread into a shelter belt to the east. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hage of Neligh have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jodi Renae, to Heith Allen Wilkinson, on of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilkinson, Jr. of Elgin. A May 27 wedding is planned by the couple at Grace Lutheran Church in Neligh.

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Egypt to be topic of IZ Salad Supper



Photo submitted

Elgin's Rick and Jane Schuchardt, shown here leaning on a camel in front of the Great Pyramids of Giza, will entertain attendees at the Immanuel Zion Salad Supper to be held April 30.

The annual Immanuel Zion (IZ) Salad Supper 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, features Elgin travelers Rick and Jane Schuchardt who toured Egypt last year. The evening, provided at no cost to guests, is an open invitation for women to enjoy bounteous salads prepared by IZ church members and be waited on by the men of the church. Sharon Taake, Tilden, and Lynn Bygland, Albion, officers of the church's women's group organizing the event, said the salad supper, this in its 23rd year, is designed to celebrate and thank area women. No reservation is required. Exquisite cupcakes, chocolate-covered strawberries, and macaroons will top off the evening meal in the social hall before transitioning to the sanctuary for a fast-paced, fun presentation called "Take a Ride Through Egypt". The Schuchardts, who are organic farmers near Elgin and also avid world travelers, will have you riding on a camel, floating in a hot air balloon, and sailing in a felucca on the Nile River. See temples, tombs, the 3,300-year-old body of King Tut, Muslim mosques, and how Egyptians live today. Men are welcome to attend this part of the program beginning at 7 p.m. IZ is an ELCA congregation located at 1726 310th Avenue, rural Albion. Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. at the church are live streamed on Facebook followed by Sunday School and coffee hour. Find IZ on Facebook @Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, call 402-395-2261 or check the web at http://myizchurch.com where recordings of services are available. All are welcome!

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Edward R. Murrow

# Legislative changes to voter-approved initiatives risks backlash

Legislative changes to voter-approved initiatives risks backlash

In November, Nebraska voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative allowing workers to earn sick leave for personal or family needs. They also voted to legalize marijuana used for medical purposes.

Passage of the two measures are the latest example of how politically popular issues – such as raising the minimum wage and expanding Medicaid to provide health care for the working poor – can easily pass when put to a vote of the people, after they didn't have a prayer of passage in the State Legislature.

## ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent  
**Paul Hammel**

Now, there's concern that the will of the people is being betrayed by state lawmakers.

Some background: Initiative 436, the paid sick leave measure, was approved by nearly 75% of all voters.

It allows workers at businesses with less than 20 employees to earn up to a week off in paid sick leave a year; you could earn seven days a year at companies with 20 or more workers. For every 30 hours you work, you earn an hour of sick leave.

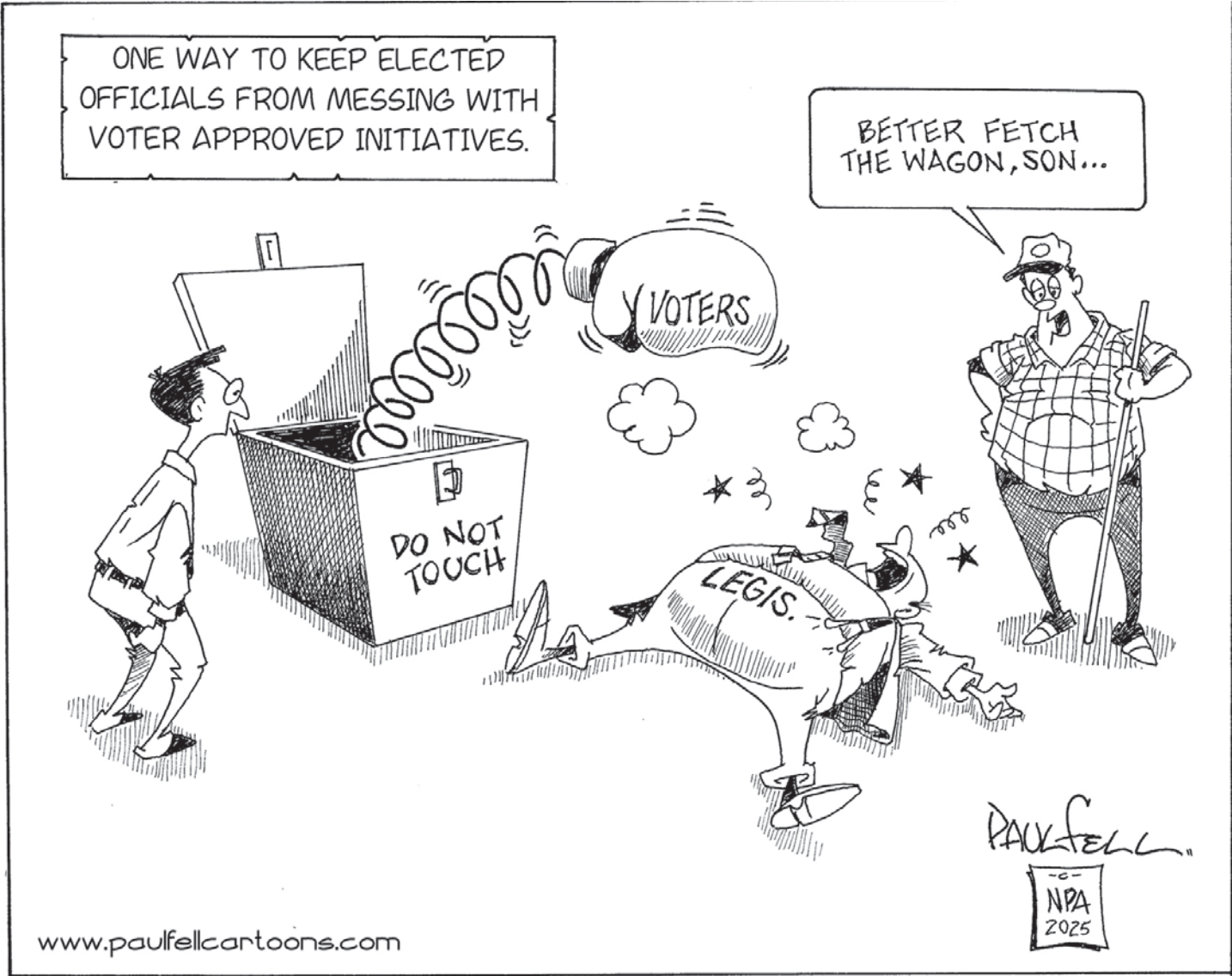
There were two marijuana issues that passed, both by more than 2-to-1 margins. It allowed a person, with written permission of a doctor, the right to acquire and possess up to 5 ounces of cannabis for medical purposes, something already allowed in at least 39 other states.

In Nebraska, the right to enact a law or amend the constitution via petition, or rescind or retain a law via a voter referendum, are essential parts of the state's unique, one-house Unicameral. The power of the people to vote on ballot issues is often referred to as the "second house" of the Legislature because of it.

Not every state grants citizens that right – neighboring Iowa and Kansas are among the 24 states that don't.

The famous populist of the Plains, William Jennings Bryan, was a big fan of citizen-led initiatives and referendums, calling them essential "to restore government to the hands of the people and keep it within their control."

But the second house has taken some spankings lately in the first



house, the Legislature.

Lawmakers fended off a four-day-long filibuster recently to approve amendments to the sick leave measure, exempting businesses with 10 or fewer employees, seasonal employees, and young workers under 16 years of age.

Advocates said the changes made paid sick leave "more workable" for employers, would reduce wages and hours for workers, and protected small businesses from "negative consequences," which they said included increased costs.

Supporters of paid sick leave, meanwhile, decried the effort to undermine what voters approved, and pointed to research showing that paid sick leave helps employers by reducing worker turnover and keeping sick workers from having to work. My guess is that it also provides an incentive to take a job in a state with thousands of unfilled jobs.

State Sen. Megan Hunt of Omaha argued that no one should have to choose

between earning a wage and taking care of their health.

Workers, she said, "deserve the basic dignity of a paid sick day if they need it."

Just the other day, it happened again as lawmakers adopted an amendment to the 2022 vote-approved hike in the state's minimum wage. The change – if it finally becomes law – would reduce the minimum wage for 14 and 15 year olds and teen-aged workers in training from \$15 an hour to \$13.50 an hour, effective next year.

Lincoln Sen. Jane Raybould, whose family owns a grocery chain, introduced the change, maintaining that the cost of raising the minimum wage for all workers can't be absorbed by some small businesses, and that more teens might be hired if they could be paid less.

Raybould, a Democrat, also argued that lawmakers have the authority to amend voter-passed initiatives so that they're "fair for all" – something Hunt

and some other senators disputed.

Hunt went even further, accusing Raybould of "a blatant, bald-faced" case of "self-dealing," and of second guessing voters intent.

Legislators would be wise to tread lightly when making major changes to what voters approved – particularly when there's a clear mandate from voters to do something.

There's an old saying in politics, "the voters are always right," and those voters decide if a politician gets to continue to represent them..

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# Solar & wind energy wrong for Nebraska

I often oppose new wind and solar energy projects in Nebraska. I've appeared in opposition to proposals in Cass, Knox, Lancaster, Saunders and York Counties.

As an attorney, I represent Knox County and a group of Lancaster County landowners. I regularly address the Omaha Public Power District board regarding its foolish net-zero policy.

I am opposed to wind and solar for many reasons, but the main reason is economics. I do, however, agree with the Amish farmer who spoke in opposition to a solar project that was rejected in Knox County. He said, "I don't think it is a good idea to build a business based on a fad."

**Tax credits tilt playing field**

Wind and solar are all about the federal income tax credits. That's it. Goldman Sachs projected \$1.2 trillion in federal payments for renewable energy projects through 2032.

It has little to do with saving the planet. For wind and solar proponents, there is certainly an element of virtue signaling to show others how much they care about the future of mankind.

I've long been of the opinion that the theory of catastrophic anthropogenic global warming is a scam. It is based on corrupt data that is fed into faulty models by people who have a financial bias in the result.

It is a prediction about the entire climate of the planet in the distant future, a prediction unlikely to be accurate.

Adam Smith created the academic discipline of economics with his "The Wealth of Nations." In that book, he proved the economic law of natural advantage.

## Nebraska has other advantages

The natural advantage of Nebraska is the efficient production of food. Oklahoma and Texas, on the other hand, have the natural advantage of efficient oil and natural gas production.

Nebraska trades food for oil and natural gas with other states. Both states benefit. This is how the United States has become the wealthiest nation in the world.

Gov. Jim Pillen is aware that it is not possible to create additional acres of Nebraska farmland. That's part of why he has opposed putting solar panels on productive Nebraska ag land.

It is true that participating landowners get three to five times the cash rent for their land to let these projects happen.

But many landowners reject the offer because they value something more than the almighty dollar.

I saw neighbors pitted against neighbors in Cass County. I also saw a woman cry before a legislative hearing after she recited the facts of disappearing farmland.

## Debt matters

Our country is \$37 trillion in debt. For every dollar spent on an approved wind, solar and battery project, the developer gets a significant slice of federal money.

We all pay for the federal debt, even those landowners who get windfall cash rents from renewable energy developers. The other point that I repeatedly make is that as wind and solar are added to the electric grid, electricity prices increase.

Over 50% of Germany's electricity comes from renewable sources. That's why Germany's electricity is three to four times more expensive than the U.S. average. That's also why Germany's industrial base has been declining. The economics don't work.

The essential problem is that solar and wind are intermittent power sources, but electricity demand is constant. Nebraska's public power districts are required, by law, to produce only reliable power.

Only dispatchable power is reliable.

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# Stopping IRS overreach in its tracks

As we near the final days of tax season, customer service at the IRS is on the minds of many Americans. Most Americans work hard and pay their taxes in good faith, yet in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 32 percent of customers said they were dissatisfied with their experience with the agency's Independent Office of Appeals. Sadly, these rates have trended in the wrong direction since Democrats poured \$80 billion into the IRS to hire 87,000 new agents in 2022. In FY21 just 19 percent of taxpayers reported dissatisfaction with the IRS.

I continue to champion efforts to hold the IRS accountable and focus on improving customer service.

The most recent government funding legislation I supported reduced this funding by another \$20.2 billion. In fact, I sponsored legislation previously passed by the House to reclaim the entire \$80 billion.

Rather than hiring agents to supersize "enforcement" and audits, the IRS should be doing everything possible to maximize efficiency and excellent service.

In March, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) released a report detailing how the IRS inappropriately diverted \$4.6 million to maintain outdated technology systems. These funds had been designated for systems modernization and were legally prohibited from being redirected to legacy systems.

Updates to IRS technology are needed to better protect Americans' personal data and serve taxpayers. The misuse of tax dollars to maintain business as usual was a hallmark of the Biden administration's misaligned priorities. The past administration pursued unauthorized tax prep services and schemes to audit more Americans across the income spectrum, including the 1099-K Babysitter Tax and other new ways to audit tips received by service workers.

Another March TIGTA report found the IRS underreported the cost of its unauthorized pilot program to compete with existing free tax preparation providers. Through this program, the Biden administration sought to increase the IRS's intrusion into the private finances of Americans to an unprecedented degree.

This in-house tax preparation program has not been authorized by Congress, and having the tax enforcement and collection agency calculating how much a given taxpayer owes raises serious conflict

of interest concerns.

Too often, the IRS and the taxpaying process are clouded by an air of suspicion. The last thing American taxpayers need is an IRS calculating tax liability with no incentive to ensure they are not accidentally overpaying, while simultaneously threatening to audit them. I am the lead sponsor of a bill to eliminate this so-called Direct File program.

We should be crafting policy which modernizes systems and improves customer service at the IRS, not creating costly redundancies which put the IRS into the role of both tax preparer and tax auditor. The IRS Free File program is an existing option for taxpayers who wish to file their taxes for free. More than 70 percent of American tax filers qualify to use Free File. I encourage you to visit [irs.gov/FreeFile](https://irs.gov/FreeFile) to confirm your eligibility and learn more.

Through Free File, which is authorized by Congress, Americans can file their federal taxes through private third parties without cost to themselves, virtually no cost to the federal government, and minimal administrative burden to the IRS.

Law-abiding middle-class taxpayers and small businesses should not live in fear of a burdensome, unnecessary audit from an overreaching IRS. Free File fills a need for taxpayers in an efficient, cost-effective way—just the sort of thing we should be doing more of in Washington.

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## LB246 (cultured protein products ban) advanced to Select File

This past week, my bill LB246 was debated on General File. Under LB246, the commercial sale and distribution of cultured protein products would be banned in Nebraska. Such products, also known as lab-grown meat or synthetic meat, are made by combining animal stem cells and other ingredients in bioreactors.

However, LB246 would not impact the sale and distribution of plant-based protein alternative products. My intent with this bill is to address public safety concerns and help preserve Nebraska's cultural identity as an agricultural state. After a lengthy debate,

LB246 was advanced to Select File by a 33 to 4 vote. The Legislature then debated the minimum wage over the course of two days. In 2022, the voters passed a ballot measure to increase the state minimum wage to \$15 per hour in 2026.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator  
**Barry DeKay**

After 2026, the state's minimum wage will be tied to the Consumer Price Index to adjust for inflation. In a high inflation year like in 2022, the minimum wage would have grown by 8%.

In response to this ballot measure, Senator Raybould introduced LB258. LB258 would limit who can get a wage increase in 2027. Specifically, the bill would cap the minimum wage at \$13.50 per hour for workers younger than 16 years old, except for emancipated minors. Additionally, the bill would cap annual minimum wage increases at a lesser rate of 1.5% instead of being adjusted for inflation.

Another change would modify the 90-day training wage for new employees under 18 to \$13.50 and to 75% of the minimum wage in 2027.

During floor debate, the proponents of LB258 raised concerns that businesses would face increased costs, potentially leading to reduced profits or even business closures due to higher labor costs. In response, businesses could be forced to raise prices or reduce their workforce.

Opponents of LB258 filibustered the bill arguing that the measure would harm the state's lowest earners, especially teenagers. Additionally, opponents

contended that LB258 undermines the will of statewide Nebraska voters who approved the minimum wage initiative at the ballot in 2022. Following contentious debate, LB258 was moved to Select File on a 32 to 17 vote.

I voted in support of LB258. So far, the feedback I have received from people in my legislative district has been fairly supportive of LB258 given concerns that the existing law is making it more difficult to keep small local businesses open like small-town grocery stores.

Indeed, I have been told by area business owners that the current increase in the minimum wage has led them to slow hiring and increase prices. There is a need to clarify and qualify a law that is having a serious burden on the state's small businesses, particularly in rural areas.

Debate on legislation relating to brand inspection was also heard this week. As introduced, LB646 by Senator Ibach would have provided an exemption for feedlots from the Livestock Brand Act. Following several hours of discussion, LB646 was advanced to Select File on a 26 to 2 vote.

I chose to withhold my vote on LB646 during the initial round of consideration. During

floor debate, Senator Ibach promised that she would try to work with Senator Storer and other opponents of the bill to address their concerns. My vote to abstain represents some concerns I have with LB646 as amended on the floor, but I am willing to let negotiations happen among Senator Ibach, opposing senators, and groups like the Nebraska Brand Committee. I want to see what comes out of these negotiations on this bill prior to the next round of consideration. If the resulting negotiations fall apart or produce what I feel is an unsatisfactory amendment, then I reserve the right to not support LB646.

Finally, I am pleased that the Legislature approved the final passage of my bill LB7. LB7 makes a number of updates to the foreign land ownership law that I worked to get passed last year. Its goal is to clear up definitions and be better in alignment with federal law. LB7 was passed by a 47 to 0 vote.

As floor debate continues, I would appreciate your input. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

## Minnesota man sentenced on drug-related charges

A 34-year-old Minneapolis man appeared for sentencing on two amended charges during an April 2 Antelope County Court session.

Judge Donna Taylor ordered Tyler B. Hosp to pay \$1,000, for each count of attempt of a Class IV felony, a Class I misdemeanor.

Hosp agreed to have his bond exonerated and applied to payment of the fines. He agreed to pay an additional \$250 that day.

Taylor set a show cause hearing for May 7, if fines are not paid by that time.

On Sept. 3, Nebraska State Patrol officer Hartley initiated a traffic stop for speeding. Once contact was made with the driver, Hartley detected marijuana odor coming from inside the vehicle.

The driver indicated she and Hosp smoked a marijuana cigarette in Colorado and other marijuana edibles were inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the location of several dispensary containers of marijuana edibles, marijuana cigarettes and THC wax.

Inside a backpack and luggage bag, other products, including Psilocybin-based products and amphetamine/dextroamphetamine, a Schedule 2 drug, were located.

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tivities are geared towards "the kids". An afternoon Sand Volleyball tournament is planned. It will be followed by a youth Kickball Tournament (grades 3-6) and then the night time JH/HS Kickball Tournament. For Tuesday, the hope is to hold the annual Pool Party for kids. Then the ECCCC will host their Community BBQ from 5-7 pm followed by the parade at 7 pm. The EKG will once again hold a "duck race" following the

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April 2, 2025 (WAYNE, Neb.) – Approximately 50 students from Wayne's St. Mary's Catholic School participated in Wayne State College's Family Math, Science, and Art Night held April 1 at St. Mary's School. The event featured several STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) exercises for the elementary school students. Many Wayne State Service-Learning students served as instructors for the numerous exercises, activities, and projects. Dr. Mary Kuchta, associate professor of mathematics at Wayne State, and her students enrolled in math for elementary school teachers created the exercises for the elementary school students. Family Math, Science, and Art Night was held in conjunction with Wayne State's Service-Learning Program, which began in 1999. Each year, hundreds of Wayne State students make a difference in the



**Wayne State** College students help elementary students from St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne with a Polyhedra Challenge exercise during Family Math, Science, and Art Night held April 1 at St. Mary's School. Wayne State students pictured (l-r) are Luci Brockhaus of Malcom, Raegan Maas of Wayne, and Keyera Eisenhower of Elgin. Brockhaus is majoring in Special Education, while Maas and Eisenhower are majoring in Elementary Education at Wayne State.

community by participating in Service-Learning projects, contributing nearly \$250,000 to the region in community service. Family Math, Science, and Art Night is one of the long-standing events in the Service-Learning Program, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this academic year.

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portant as problems here can impact bull ability to travel and mount. Overall wellness is also noted as injured, sick, or old bulls are less likely to successfully mate and may have lower quality semen. An external and internal evaluation of the reproductive tract is done to ensure there are no obstructions or damage to the reproductive organs. The testes, spermatic cords, epididymis, and external under-

line are examined. Scrotal circumference is measured and noted as it directly relates to the total mass of sperm producing tissue and sperm cell normality. An internal examination is also conducted to detect any abnormalities in the internal reproductive organs. Finally, a semen evaluation is done by examining a sample under a microscope. The veterinarian will estimate the percentage of sperm cells that are moving in a forward direction. This estimate is called "motility". In addition, the sperm cells will be individually examined for proper shape or "morphology". Less than 30 percent of the cells should be found to have an abnormal shape. Any bull meeting all minimum standards for the physical exam, scrotal size and semen quality will be classed as a "satisfactory" potential breeder. Bulls that fail any minimum standard will be given a rating of "classification deferred". This rating indicates that the bull will need another test to confirm status. Mature bulls should be retested after six weeks. Mature bulls will be classified as unsatisfactory potential breeders if they fail subsequent tests. Young bulls that are just reaching puberty may be rated as "classification deferred", and then later meet all of the minimum standards as they further mature. Cows may take a lot of our focus when it comes to herd fertility. However, for a complete herd fertility program, don't forget to pay attention to your bull health too. - Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving north-east Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 1 MEETING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Neligh, Nebraska  
April 1st, 2025

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.  
Approved agenda. Approved March 11th, 2025, BOC meeting minutes & March 4th, 2025, BOE meeting minutes. Public comment.  
Correspondence was reviewed. Quarterly jail inspection.  
Zoning Administrator Report. Approved two (2) administrative plats.  
Opened and accepted bids for gravel, armor coat, asphalt oil, hot mix, and micro-surfacing 6.5 miles.  
Opened and tabled acceptance bid for painting museum church.

Elgin Community Center Menus

**Monday, April 14:** Taco salads, refried beans, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk.  
**Tuesday, April 15:** Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, apricots, bread/butter, milk.  
**Wednesday, April 16:** Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, potato wedges, baked beans, coleslaw, peaches, bread/butter, milk.  
**Thursday, April 17:** Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, carrots/peas, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk.  
**Friday, April 18:** Lemon pepper fish, rice, green beans, strawberry/peach mix, bread/

Heard from Nebraska Bead Grant – Next Link – approved support letter.  
Heard from a representative from Colonial Life, denied life insurance policy.  
Road Superintendent Report: approved 10 oversize permits, approved two (2) access permits and four (4) underground permits. Tabled one (1) underground permit and two (2) oversize permits.  
Meeting Adjourned.  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
CHARLIE HENERY  
Chairman of County Board  
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/  
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butter, milk.  
(All meals served with bread & butter.  
*Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).*  
**Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older. Under 60 is \$10.00.** Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.  
Meals are served Monday thru Friday.  
Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day. For a great meal, come to the community center!

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Seventh grade girls from Elgin Public Schools recently completed a fund-raising project to help provide lights for the tennis courts at the city park. Five of the girls sold a total of \$668 worth of Home Interiors products, and the class received \$134 of this amount for the lighting project.

Twenty Years Ago  
April 6, 2005

Several piles of brush and trees, along with old buildings, were burned in a field northeast of Elgin on Sunday night, April 3. The blaze was noticed by many passing motorists on Highway 14, and the Fire Department was notified. It was a false alarm. The fires were allowed under a burning permit, as the field is being cleared to allow irrigation.  
Elgin FFA members are congratulated by their advisor, Phil Simpson after receiving their State FFA Degrees last week. The local members honored at the State FFA Convention were Kim Allen of Orchard, Cole Haddix, Adam Vanis and Whitney Sprout.  
Kyle and Deb Warren have been named Development Directors at Pope John Central Catholic High School. Their appointment was announced during the annual Pope John Development Dinner on March 20.  
Karlene Moser of rural Elgin has been serving as executive director of The Homestead in Elgin since March 1, 2005. Mrs. Moser replaces Betty Mackel, who retired from the position at the end of February.  
Melissa Eischeid, a senior at Pope John and a member of the girls basketball team, has been awarded the Doug Gilson 6th Man Award for Class DI from Huskerland Prep. The award is designed to recognize the efforts of the best bench players in each class of both boys and girls high school basketball in Nebraska.

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GOLF

At the golf teams first meet of the season, junior Karson Kallhoff led the Wolfpack, placing 5th with a 9-hole score of 46.

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## EPPJ golfers battle foes, weather at Fullerton

FULLERTON — The Wolfpack golf team started their season Tuesday, April 1, competing at a triangular at Pawnee Hills. With limited practice prior to the first meet due to inclement weather, EPPJ golfers showed they could still be competitive. Junior Karson Kallhoff led the team with a 46 over nine

holes to finish fifth. Right behind Kallhoff was sophomore Michael Selting who carded a 52, good enough for 10th.

Other varsity scores on the cold, overcast day where winds were more than 20 miles per hour were Kellan Hoefer 59 (12th), Landyn Veik 60 (13th) and Gavin Kallhoff 60 (14th).

Medalist for the event was Fullerton's Cayden Scheffler who finished with a 40, Cross County's Brock Allen was one shot behind with a 41.

Cross County won the team competition with a score of 183, Fullerton finished with a 184 and EPPJ came in at 217.

Three Wolfpack JV golfers saw their first action of the season.

Dannyka Smidt posted a 68 followed by Creighton Harkins 71 and Molly Thiessen came in with an 81.

On Saturday, EPPJ will compete at the Plainview Invite.



Kellan Hoefer



Gavin Kallhoff

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## Spinning Tales

The Huskers are unbeaten when there's a potato bake in Petersburg

PETERSBURG — What do you do if you've spent Saturday and Sunday outside getting ready for the end of snow season and the start of warm temperatures? You tell the wife you're headed to a potato bake.

On Sunday evening, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg held their annual potato bake fundraiser.

Now, next to the local fish fries (Elgin Knights held their second this past Friday and

drew a big crowd), the Petersburg potato bake is one of the dates I mark on the calendar.

Two days earlier, on Friday, the newspaper office was closed to allow Lynell and I to attend a family funeral.

There was a 'celebration of life' ceremony which was followed by an open house in Lincoln.

These 'celebrations' offer the opportunity to see family but the reason for the gathering is never a good thing. I hardly knew my brother in-law over the past 20+ years, but that's part of this thing called life, particularly when you don't live nearby.

As time passes, the younger generation becomes the older generation. And that's the case

with myself and my family. I'm now a member of the older generation, the ones who are proud to wear the title of grandparents, uncles and aunts.

Among the younger generation present was one Travis Vokolek, my 6'7" great nephew, fresh off signing an extension to continue playing football for the Arizona Cardinals for the NFL. I gave him some grief about the guy ahead of him on the depth chart signing a huge contract making him the highest paid tight end in the league.

He seems leaner than his playing days with the Huskers, he's cut in the mold of former Dallas Cowboys/Nebraska native Jay Novacek. He said he's as healthy as he's ever been. If that's true, this could be a breakout season for him.

Anyway, we "flew" home to catch the Elgin Fish Fry, showing up around 7 p.m. I think I was the best-dressed attendee that night (leather blazer, white shirt and black tie). The fish and fries were fantastic. But you know that, no surprise there.

On Sunday night we were at Werner Hall for the potato bake. I've never seen so many toppings for a baked potato and the butterscotch dessert topped off the feast. I'm not sure feast describes a potato bake, but my plate was full at the start and empty as I crossed the 'feast' finish line.

Joining us at the table were Janna and Steven Schrunck. Now there's a couple who have battled health issues in recent

years. Yet, through it all, they continue to smile, laugh and believe better days are ahead.

As we shared fellowship, we kept an eye on the stage as a big screen was showing the Huskers' mens basketball team playing the University of Central Florida in the championship game of the inaugural College Basketball Crown Tournament (CBC).

Midway through the second half the Huskers were trailing by 14 points and, I must admit, I didn't hold out much hope for a Big Red victory. In the history of Nebraska basketball, they've won only one postseason tournament (the NIT back in the 1990s).

Big Red Basketball has lived on the 'boulevard of broken dreams' for so long, it's been hard for me to get excited.

Then it was almost like the Huskers suddenly woke up. Down 49 to 35, they made big play after big play and the score was tied at 52-all. Nebraska then closed out the game with a 25 to 14 run to win the game.

At Werner Hall, having been joined by Fr. John Norman, people were watching the game's final moments. Then, when the final buzzer sounded and victory was ours, fans watching the game applauded the Huskers' tournament victory.

NU Coach Fred Hoiberg achieved a rare feat (in the Cornhusker state) of posting back-to-back 20-victory seasons. The team finished with a 21-14 record, winning all four tournament games (Arizona State,

Georgetown, Boise State and UCF).

A few minutes later, Werner Hall was nearly empty as the game was over and people headed home.

The excitement of the Huskers winning a basketball tournament didn't seem to last long. This was a tournament featuring good teams but not good enough to make the NCAA Tournament.

Having made the NCAA Tournament last season only to lose in the first round (again!), winning the CBC wasn't a step backwards, but the victory could give the team a boost of confidence that they could make a run to make the NCAA tournament next season.

Anyhow, a national tournament championship still is a noble achievement, even if it shows Nebraska having a case for being the 69th best college team in the country.

Until the day comes when NU wins an NCAA tournament game in March, I'll try not to get too excited. After all, Big Red mens basketball is not yet that high on the food chain pecking order. NU football is still king followed closely by volleyball, wrestling and then girls basketball. Mens basketball, baseball and bowling lead the second tier followed close behind by softball and track. So much for NU.

On Sunday night, a Husker win and a great potato bake topped the charts.

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April 8 @ Battle Creek .....11:30  
April 10 @ West Point.....12:30  
April 15 @ Neligh-Oakdale .....12:30  
April 23 @ St. Mary's .....9:00

BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

April 22 @ Burwell .....1:00

GOLF

VARSITY

April 11 @ Beemer (JV only) .....10:00  
April 12 @ Plainview .....8:30  
April 16 @ Ewing .....9:00  
April 24 @ Scotus.....9:00  
April 29 NVC @ North Central (Bassett).....9:00



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

April 9 Statewide ACT (Juniors) • NECC Quiz Bowl (9-12) • EPS School Board  
April 10 NSCAS Math Testing (3 - 8)  
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 15 NSCAS Science Testing (5 & 8)  
April 16 Bloodmobile in Elgin • FFA officer interviews  
April 17 Early dismissals, 1 pm  
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