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## In Brief

### District #18 board approves two projects

Gym lighting and speaker projects.

Meeting last week, the District #18 Board of Education approved two projects to be taken on later this year. In separate motions, the board approved:

- Midwest Electrical to do the gym lighting project. On a 5-0 vote (board member Luke Hinkle was absent) the board approved the bid of \$6,231 for the project.
- Applied Connective to do the speaker project for the school campus. The board approved the bid of \$21,680.06 on a 4-0 vote (Hinkle absent and board member Eric Beckman ‘abstaining’).

Other notes from the meeting were:

Closed session — The board went into closed session towards the end of the meeting to discuss employee classified agreements for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting. The board spent one hour, 20 minutes in closed session before returning to open session. No action was taken during the closed session.

Moments later, the board approved classified salaries recommendation non a 4-0 vote (Beckman ‘abstaining’).

Transportation — Earlier in the meeting, the board approved transportation for the Music Booster Trip to Omaha which will take place on Sunday, May 18.

Readings — Approved on second reading was a number of NASB updates involving Title IX. On another motion, the board approved on first reading COPPA Study Privacy Notice.

List — One of the first items on the action agenda, and maybe the most important to this year’s senior class, the board approved the 2025 graduation list.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:

Notice of Organization — Siems hot-shot’s LLC

Proceedings — The Elgin City Council

Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 81 degrees recorded on April 12. The low temperature during the same period was 24 degrees recorded on April 7.

No 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
Apr. 6	60	27	.00
Apr. 7	46	24	.00
Apr. 8	64	35	.00
Apr. 9	73	42	.00
Apr. 10	69	29	.00
Apr. 11	71	38	.00
Apr. 12	81	46	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for April			0.23
Total precipitation 2025			1.83



Four lucky kids found the special Easter Egg in their age groups - awarding them the Easter gift baskets. Pictured, l-r: Mom Baylee with Calvin Ostransky (2 & Under); Rya Eischeid (3-4); Gracie Henn (5-6); and John Hemenway (7-8-9).

## Egg-cellent Egg Hunt!



Over one hundred youth gathered with moms, dads, grandparents and more Saturday morning for the 2025 Elgin Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was great - except for the wind - when the start siren blew at the Elgin City Park. In a matter of minutes, all the eggs in each age group were claimed and the real hunt began. Eggs were opened, revealing candy, prizes, money and more. One egg in each group contained a special message, letting them know they were a special winner. Photo left, Jenny Score points out an egg to be gathered for her 4-year-old daughter Lucy. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored annually by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club and receives volunteer help from members of the Elgin High School Community Club.

E-R photos by Dennis & Lynell Morgan

### CATHOLIC MASSES

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Tilden) - 5 p.m.  
St. Theresa (Clearwater) - 5 p.m.  
St. Bonaventure (Raeville) - 7 p.m.  
St. Francis (Neligh) - 7 p.m.

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

**EASTER VIGIL**  
St. Francis (Neligh) - 8:30 p.m.  
St. John the Baptist (Petersburg) - 8:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
St. Peter (Ewing) - 6:30 a.m.  
St. Bonaventure (Raeville) - 8 a.m.  
St. Francis (Neligh) - 8 a.m.  
St. Boniface (Elgin) - 10 a.m.  
St. Theresa (Clearwater) - 10 a.m.  
St. John the Baptist (Deloit) - 11:30 a.m.  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Tilden) - 11:30 a.m.

**PARK CONGR/ UCC**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - 7 p.m.  
**EASTER SUNDAY** - 9:15 a.m.

**LUTHERAN SERVICES** (Trinity)  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - 6 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY** - 12 noon  
**EASTER SUNDAY** - 9 a.m.

**ELGIN COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**EASTER SUNDAY** - 9:30 a.m.

**Easter Services 2025**  
He is Risen!

## Janet Koinzan selected as recipient of Roncalli Award

### Presented Sunday night at 39th Annual Pope John Development Dinner

The 39th Annual Pope John Development Dinner was held Sunday evening, April 13 at Werner Hall in Petersburg. Approximately 150 tickets were sold for the event. Trent Hoefer served as Master of Ceremonies. The evening included a social hour, sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and various raffles.

One of the highlights of the Development Dinner is the presentation of the Roncalli Award. This award is named after the school’s patron, Saint Pope John the XXIII who was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli.

This prestigious award is presented each year to an individual or family in recognition of their long-term contribution to Pope John. Father John Norman presented this year’s award to Janet Koinzan of Elgin. She has been actively involved in supporting Catholic education for many years.

“Janet has demonstrated a strong commitment to Pope John by supporting school events and donating her time, talent, and treasure to a variety of school projects and needs. She has shared her exceptional talents and skills as a business owner by making recommendations and proposing new ideas, processes, or solutions that improve school outcomes.

“Every spring, Janet gladly volunteers to be a panel judge for our Crusader JAMS and gives well-rounded insight to each student. She has a true interest in impacting the people and

causes dear to her heart. She genuinely cares about the mission of Pope John and strives to make a difference in the lives of our Pope John community.” said Father Norman in making the presentation.

In accepting the award, Koinzan said, “Wow, that’s all I can say!” Included in her brief remarks, she thanked the many volunteers. “My hats off to the volunteers who put these events on.”

Then, as family looked on, she spoke of her mother Mary Jean ‘Snooks’ Koinzan. “She was very proud (of Pope John) ... The reason we’re here is because of her,” she said.

Earlier in the evening, staff at Pope John were recognized for years of service.

Reaching the 25-year mark this year were Connie Henn and Sandi Henn. Completing her 50th year at the school is Brenda Kuhlman.

Pope John Development Director Kari Schindler thanked the many contributors who helped raise over \$200,000 for the LaVigne Challenge Grant. The grant will be matched.

Projects to be done as a result of the campaign will be construction of a bus barn to be located near the Homestead Apartments; purchase new playground equipment as well as safety/security equipment for the school.

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



E-R photo/LMorgan

Recipient of the Roncalli Award at Sunday night’s Pope John Development Dinner was Janet Koinzan. For many years she has been a big supporter of the school. Making the presentation to her was Father John Norman.

## Council approves liquor license change

Following a public hearing prior to the start of their regular monthly meeting, the Elgin City Council approved a liquor license change.

Elgin businesswoman Janet Koinzan appeared before the council to seek a change in the liquor license for City Limits.

Koinzan recently purchased Hometown Station from Lyle Meis. Plans are to move City Limits to that location. The sale is expected to be finalized no later than May 1. The requested change was to a Class C license which would allow the establishment to have wine tasting events. The change was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Also during the course of the meeting which didn’t conclude til close to 9 p.m., the council did the following:

Siren — The council was informed that the siren located near the Elgin Swimming Pool is not working at the present time. Repairs are in the process of being made, according to Donnie Poulsen, Jr.

Sheriff’s report — During the month of February, law enforcement logged just over 80 hours in Elgin and answered six 911 calls. In March, patrol hours dropped to just over 62 and three 911 calls were responded to.

Debit card — After a brief discussion, the council approved using the City’s debit card to pay for orders made by the Elgin Public Library. City Clerk Kristen Childers said there have been problems dating back to January and this should allow the library to get the items they need for summer.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING  
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL  
Liquor License Hearing Minutes  
April 7, 2025

Mayor Schmitt called the liquor license hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call: Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

Staff present was Kristin Childers.

There was no public opinion either written or oral.

The council reviewed the liquor license application from KNBB Enterprise LLC, dba City Limits to change from a Class D to a Class C license.

A motion was made by

Niewohner to approve said liquor license. A second to the motion was made by Kluthe. Roll call vote: Ayes, Kluthe, Young, Dvorak, Niewohner; Nays, none; Absent, none. There being 4 ayes and 0 nays and 0 absent, Mayor Schmitt declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Elgin City Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Niewohner at 7:19 p.m. A second to the motion was made by Kluthe. Roll call vote, all members voting aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Mike Schmitt  
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers  
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION  
Siems hotshot's LLC

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Notice is hereby given that Siems hotshot's LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

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NE 68510. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company commenced its existence on February 12, 2025, and its duration shall be perpetual.

Organizer Name: Mason Robert Siems  
PUBLISH: April 16, 23 & 30, 2025  
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My kids don't always  
listen to what I say

I've heard that mother knows best. And at my age, I tend to lean on my mother for advice a lot.

With age comes wisdom and I truly value her opinion. However, I have a sneaking suspicion that when I was a teenager, I also ignored sound advice. Or I only heeded good advice when it came from someone other than my own parents.

It's astonishing how many times I can say the same thing without my teenager hearing me. Scratch that.

Believing me. He definitely hears what I say, but for some reason, he either doesn't trust what I'm saying, or it goes in one ear and out the other. It's a whole different story when someone else says the same exact thing.

For example, he's reluctant to listen to me about practicing the cello. I've been playing music since I was five years old. I teach piano lessons and play multiple instruments. It's not like I'm giving advice on something I know nothing about. Yet there we were, arguing about how to practice, how long, etc. It wasn't until his orchestra teacher said the exact same thing that he decided it was the right thing to do.

It's the same deal with soccer. His dad can tell him something, but he refuses to listen to it. This is a man that not only played soccer but watches an insane amount of it. He gives

great advice.

But it's because it's coming from his dad. Once his coach says it, it's gospel.

The most recent example came when I took him to his annual physical. My son does not want to be short. He is very much obsessed with how tall he is right now.

Unfortunately, he did not take after his parents and chances are he will be on the short side.

There's nothing wrong with that, but it was devastating news to him.

For months I have been nagging him about eating healthier.

He loves carbs and there are only a few fruits and vegetables he likes. I make him eat them at dinner, but it's the snacks he chooses that tend to be carb heavy.

I have gone on and on about this, and we argue every single day about what he should eat when he gets home from school.

At the physical, the doctor told him that he's at the tail end of growing. He's got about another year before things start to level out.

She explained that it's normal to be a bottomless pit and always hungry. She even told him he can eat as much as he wants, but it's what he's putting in his body that matters. If he wants to try and get another few inches, it will be imperative that he incorporates more fruits and vegetables.

When we left, I honestly didn't think it would sink in. How could it? I've been saying the same thing since he was little.

To my surprise, since the appointment he has been very conscious about his snack choices.

He had a banana with peanut butter, an orange, and a protein bar.

On the one hand, I'm glad he's making good choices. On the other hand, it would be great if he just listened to me the first time.

Whether it's a teacher, a coach, or a doctor, I should just be happy that he listens to wise counsel sometimes.

It may be frustrating when he ignores me or his father, but I'm glad he's able to listen to someone.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Tales of a Tired  
Momma



Elgin Columnist  
Katherine Cobb

Looking Back  
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

April 15, 1965

Gale Schindler and Berton Dozler were injured Wednesday night, April 7, when the car in which they were riding struck the right hand cement culvert railing south of Neligh. Gerald Dozler, diver of the car, was hurt slightly.

A break-in has been reported at the Bennett Implement & Repair business and an attempted break-in at the Elgin Public School. Apparently both occurred Sunday night. Entry was made through-out a front window at Bennett's where items were moved around but nothing was reported stolen. At the Public School someone attempted to gain entrance through a window which they broke out but the window did not lead into the schools cafeteria and the breaking was not completed.

Eleven teachers at the Elgin Public School have returned signed contracts leaving three position to be filled. Teachers returning for the next term of school are: Supt. H. Klemme, Mrs. Freda Bennett, Coach Jerry Mundorf, Fred Capler, J. R. Esparaza and Mrs. M. Rouse in the high school; Mrs. Bessie Hawks, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Lettie Jean Coulthard, Mrs. Mossie Merchant and Mrs. Alvina Avery in the grade school.

Julie Hutchinson and Kathy Jo Schuchardt were among the grade school students who have their art work selected to be exhibited at the Nebraska Elementary Exhibit at Miller and Payne in Lincoln. Both girls are students in the Elgin Public School.

It was announced by Wayne W. Wiegert, Director of Lincoln School of Commerce - National Business Institute, Lincoln, that Carol Fangman has enrolled at the college for the fall term.

Fifty Years Ago

April 10, 1975

A total of 20 Pope John students are involved in the Model U.N. Two of the Pope John delegations - Israel and Jordan - are nations with strong positions on many topics.

Craig Sprout received the State Agribusinessman's degree and Wayne Thunker the State Farmer degree. They received their promotions Thursday night at the state FFA convention in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Schueth Ruterbories of Oakdale will be held from St. Boniface Church in Elgin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 11. The Rev. Fr. Hugh Schwartz will officiate and burial will be made in St. Patrick Cemetery at Clearwater.

Elgin High School has two entries in the State Speech Contest which will be held at Kearney on April 11. In duet acting will be Susan Richart and Patty Meis. Patty Meis will also compete in Original Oratory.

St. Boniface Catholic Church at Elgin was the scene of the Saturday, April 5 wedding of Miss Carla Cooper of Oakdale and David J. Kallhoff of Elgin. The couple will reside on a farm west of Elgin.

Thirty Years Ago

April 12, 1995

Sister Patricia Hoffman, a teacher at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School for the past 23 years, received the 1995 Outstanding Teacher Award from Great Plains Communications, Inc. on Monday night, April 9. A plaque and check for \$1,000 were presented to Sister Pat during the annual Pope John Development Dinner at St. Boniface Auditorium.

A spring storm deposited ice and snow in the Elgin area on its way across Northeast Nebraska Monday and Tuesday. The storm began with rain on Sunday, April 9, but changed to freezing rain on Monday, leaving 1/4 to 1/2 inches of ice on streets, sidewalks and vehicles.

Although the weather conditions were cool, last Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt in the Elgin City Park attracted about 75 chil-

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Elgin Community Center Menus

**Monday, April 21:** Submarine sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, baked beans, tropical fruit, milk.  
**Tuesday, April 22:** BBQ meatballs, scalloped potatoes, peas, peaches, bread/butter, milk.  
**Wednesday, April 23:** Pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, pineapple,

bread/butter, milk.  
**Thursday, April 24:** Breaded chicken patty, macaroni salad, carrots/celery, apricots, bread/butter, milk.  
**Friday, April 25:** Goulash, lettuce salad, peas, garlic stick, milk.  
All meals served with bread & butter.

Wheeler Central  
trio honored  
for being  
'young heros'

On Friday, April 11, a heartfelt assembly was held at Wheeler Central School.

The Wheeler County community came together to honor three extraordinary young girls, Addilyn Swick, Aubrey Reiter and Logan Landers, with the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office Youth Hero Award.

This award recognizes these girls for their courageous kindness and selflessness through their heroic actions on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

On that day, the girls showed great bravery during an emergency at Wheeler Central School when they discovered a school employee lying on the floor, having a seizure. They acted quickly by providing aid and alerting a teacher to request assistance. The girl's actions serve as an inspiring example of community heroism. Each girl received a certificate of appreciation signed by Dale King, Sheriff of Wheeler County, and specially decorated stainless steel water bottles labeled "Youth Hero" as a token of gratitude for their selfless actions.

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Photo submitted

Participating in the presentation were (l-r): Shannon Pahl, Logan Landgren, Addilyn Swick, Aubrey Reiter, and Sheriff Dale King.

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Community  
Calendar

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

**Wednesday, April 16**

Red Cross Bloodmobile @ KC Hall.

**Thursday, April 17**

Early Dismissals at schools (1 p.m.).

**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\*.

**Thursday, April 24**

Elgin FFA Annual Banquet @ EPS gymnasium.

**Thursday and Friday, April 24 & 25**

Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show @ Verdigre.

**Friday, April 25**

District Music Contest @ Verdigre.

**Monday, April 28**

EPS Junior/Senior High Spring Concert.



Events listing courtesy of  
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**Amanda Dworak, Manager**  
**Melinda and Brenda**



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

Edward R. Murrow

## Unlocking the president’s priorities

Last week, I voted to pass a budget resolution that helps fulfill President Trump’s promise to deliver prosperity and security. This resolution unlocks the reconciliation process. It’s another step forward in helping the President secure the border, lower taxes, rebuild our military, and unleash American energy.

First and foremost, this resolution provides \$175 billion over four years to secure the border. This money will help us finish the border wall, upgrade border technology and hire more Border Patrol agents. It will help ensure criminal illegal aliens are not released into our communities. Right now, over 350,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records are in the United States. More than 35,000 of them committed murder or sexual assault. That is unacceptable. Our resolution provides a framework to deliver more judges and prosecutors to speed up deportations and crack down on the drug cartels.

Second, this resolution protects taxpayers. The framework will help prevent a \$4 trillion tax increase. That would hurt families across Nebraska. If the Trump tax cuts are allowed to expire, the child tax credit would drop by \$1,000 per child. The standard deduction would be cut in half. A family of four making \$80,000 would pay \$1,700 more in taxes each year. I’m fighting to avoid that.

Third, this resolution rebuilds our military. It adds \$150 billion in defense funding to strengthen our forces. This will lead to more Navy ships, stronger nuclear defenses, and improved readiness for our warfighters. It also calls for a full audit of the Pentagon to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely. Our country faces threats from Communist China, Putin’s Russia, Iran, and North Korea. Biden’s weakness increased those threats. By restoring American strength, we will keep Americans safe.

### WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator

Pete Ricketts

Fourth, the resolution unleashes American energy. Biden’s overregulation increased energy prices and hurt our economy. Our resolution ends Biden’s Green New Deal policies. It reverses the natural gas tax and requires new oil and gas lease sales. It helps cut red tape so American workers can get back to doing what they do best. It also means more revenue for the government without raising taxes. By unleashing American energy, we will lower prices for families.

Don’t believe the lies about this resolution from some of the media and the left. It cuts wasteful spending without harming Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. Social Security, for example, by law cannot be changed in reconciliation. In reality, I want to preserve and protect these programs for those who need them.

This budget resolution unlocks the reconciliation process. It sets top-line funding levels. It instructs the committees of jurisdiction to allocate funds and find savings to support this agenda. It creates a savings floor, not a ceiling.

Americans elected President Trump to secure the border, restore American strength, and unleash American energy. This resolution is the blueprint to deliver on those priorities. It provides a framework to secure the border. It puts us on the path to avoid a tax increase. It lays the groundwork for critical new funding for our warfighters to improve readiness. It also will help unleash American energy production. This is how we will help President Trump deliver prosperity and keep us safe.

## Trade war would bring more pain to farmers

Even in the best of times, farming is a precarious enterprise.

There’s drought, floods, hail, wind storms and pests of all kinds to deal with.

The cost of fertilizers and pesticides always seems to be on the rise, equipment always seems to break down at the worst moment, and now, prices paid for the crops are below the expected break-even point.

And then, in Nebraska, there’s property taxes.

But now the state’s farmers are being thrown a nasty curveball — again — as part of President Trump’s unprecedented on-again, off-again tariff war with just about every country on earth.

Nebraska’s agricultural leaders are worried big time.

About 30% of the state’s crops are exported, so any shock to that system, such as fewer purchases from our biggest customers (China, Mexico and Canada) and lower profits from selling overseas due to stiff tariffs, is bad news for the bottom line.

Mark McHargue, the president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, told Nebraska Public Media’s Brian Beach recently that farmers are looking at planting a crop this spring that probably will not turn a profit because of low prices.

John Hansen, the president of the Nebraska Farmers Union, said he’s getting calls from producers who have put pen to paper and are looking at losses of up to \$150 an acre.

“We’re in a very fragile financial situation,” Hansen told NPM. “So we can’t afford much price depressing anything.”

2024 was a tough year, with farm income projected to be down 4% due to lower prices for corn, soybeans and wheat.

Now, on top of that, farmers are looking at the possibility of new tariffs.

It’s hard to keep track on what President Trump is doing, but there’s at least a 10% tariff now on all imported products and a 90-day pause on even higher tariffs after the stock market cratered last week.

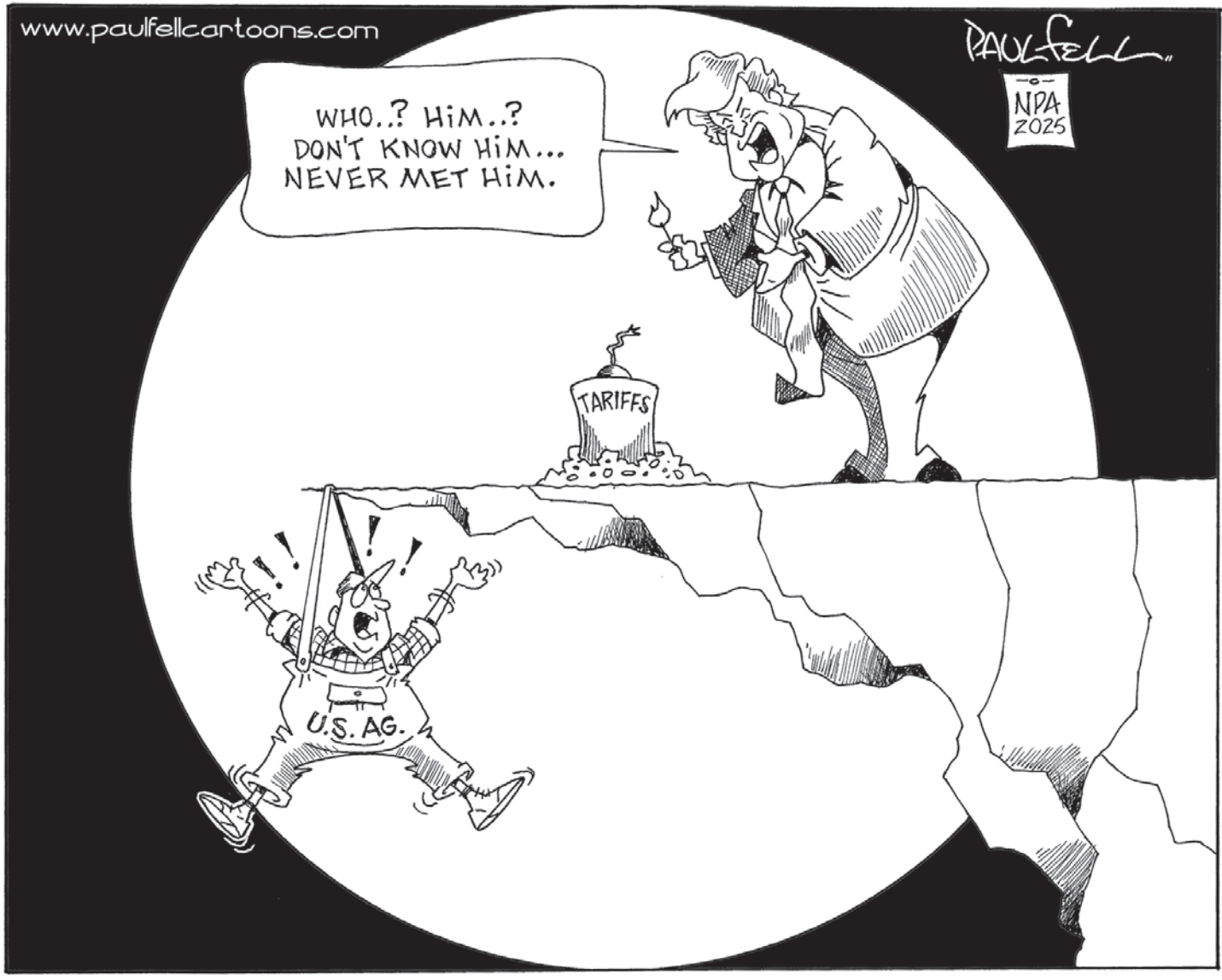
China is one exception, with the president hiking duties up to 145% on that country, the largest customer of American soybeans. China responded with an 84% tariff.

### ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent

Paul Hammel



Remember — tariffs are basically an extra tax on goods produced overseas. So you and I will pay more for stuff made in foreign countries, and buyers in China will pay more for American crops, or buy them elsewhere.

Officials with the Yeutter Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln called it a “double whammy” for farmers of lost competitiveness and a loss of export markets. The head of the American Soybean Association called the Chinese tariffs a “gamble” and begged that they be withdrawn.

Back in 2018, farmers faced a similar brush-back pitch when the U.S., under Trump, sparred with China over the trade imbalance between the two countries. China retaliated with tariffs targeting American agricultural products.

The result was billions in losses for farmers due to decreased ag exports, according to the Yeutter Institute.

Then President Trump tried to soften the blow by sending \$28 billion in bailouts to farmers over three years. But it didn’t cover all losses and by then China, had found new countries, like Brazil, from which to buy crops.

A recent report from the Yeutter Institute (founded by the late Clayton Yeutter, a former U.S. Ag Secretary and a promoter of free trade) predicted that the latest trade war could be much worse because the latest tariffs are much broader than those in 2018. (And, unlike back in 2018, farmers aren’t as financially able to take a hit.)

I’m no expert on trade, but it seems to work like this — if another country can make a product better and at a lower cost, it makes sense to buy it from them. Think Swiss cheese, French wine, Japanese cars and Dutch chocolate, plus all those cell phones, TVs and computers made in China.

American companies, seeking an

extra buck, moved a lot of its manufacturing to places like Mexico, China and Vietnam because labor costs are much, much lower and the quality of work was comparable. It kept prices for a lot of things, from clothes to cars, affordable.

U.S. farmers are the best in the world, and can squeeze more bushels of corn and beans out of a field and raise more high-quality beef than their brethren elsewhere. So other countries came to us to buy corn, soybeans and wheat, which put bucks in the billfolds of rural America.

Sure, there’s some vital industries we can’t let go overseas completely.

But the system of trade that existed before the current tariff war seemed to work pretty well. And now, American farmers, who are already in a tough spot, are being forced to take a hit for a policy that doesn’t appear to make any sense.

## Explaining the congressional budget reconciliation process

April 12 marked an important date for Congress. It marks the 100th day of our new Congress and a moment for us to assess our work and accomplishments so far for the American people.

In this brief period, we’ve already accomplished so much. The Senate has been in session around the clock, working in Washington for the longest stretch in 15 years, while also overseeing the quickest confirmation process for nominees in two decades.

Over the past couple of months, we’ve been especially busy crafting a budget to start a process called ‘reconciliation’, which will help us enact our agenda to keep taxes low, unleash American energy, support our military, and secure the border.

The reconciliation process can be complicated, but I believe it’s important to convey what Congress is working on, beyond the confusing headlines we see online.

The reconciliation process consists of negotiations between the Senate and House to reach a compromise on federal spending and policies. It begins with a budget resolution, a bare bones blueprint that sets planned spending and revenue for the government.

This resolution, which has been passed by both chambers of Congress, is then sent to Congressional committees in the Senate and House with instructions to those committees to write legislation.

Each committee will then send these bills to the Budget Committee, who is charged with compiling

them all into one ‘reconciliation’ bill. This can include funding to secure the border, extend tax cuts, open up American energy production, and more.

If the Senate and House pass different versions, the bill must be “reconciled” between both chambers, to ensure one cohesive bill is sent to the President’s desk.

Over the past couple of months, there has been inaccurate information about what the budget resolution entails. Some of my Democratic colleagues claim Republicans are using this budget resolution to scrap vital federal programs like Social Security and Medicare. These claims are simply untrue. For example, even if Congress wished to alter Social Security, there is a rule in place that would prevent us from doing so.

This is what’s known as the ‘Byrd Rule’, which does not allow for any modifications to Social Security in the reconciliation process.

Senate Republicans have reaffirmed we have no intention of eliminating vital programs Americans depend upon such as Medicare and Medicaid. President Trump has also reiterated that he would not sign any bill that did so. I agree with the President and my colleagues, and I understand how essential federal programs, like Social Security and Medicare, are for our Nebraska communities.

If my colleagues spent less time fearmongering and more time working with us to strengthen

programs and root out waste, fraud, and abuse – we would have more efficient federal programs that benefit the American people.

As we begin the process of developing one final reconciliation bill, one of my top priorities will include getting my Paid Family and Medical Leave Tax Credit Extension and Enhancement Act over the finish line.

In 2017, Senator Angus King (D-Maine) and I secured this bill in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and it represented the first, and to this day, the only federal paid family leave law in American history. This credit gives tax relief to employers who voluntarily offer paid leave to their employees. There is no mandate to do so. But the credit is expiring this year, which is why my bill to make it permanent must be included in the final reconciliation bill.

You have my commitment to working on and advancing policies that will protect Americans, help small businesses, and keep our country safe. I look forward to continuing to work through the budget reconciliation process to accomplish these goals.

### WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator

Deb Fischer

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## Richard “Dick” Bennett, 80

October 28, 1944 - April 6, 2025

A devoted husband, father and friend, he spent most of his life in the insurance industry building strong relationships.



Richard “Dick” Bennett, 80, of Elwood, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska. He was born on October 28, 1944, in Elgin, Nebraska, to Leonard and Gladys Bennett.

He grew up in Elgin, graduating high school in 1963, and went on to graduate from Chadron State College. In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, and later returned to Elgin to work with his dad at Bennett Implement Inc.

Dick was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He married Lana Jean Kinney on September 4, 1976, and together they raised four children in Elwood, NE. His family was the center of his life, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

Dick worked for most of his life in the insurance industry, where he built strong relationships with clients across the state of Nebraska. He took great pride in his work and found joy in helping others, often going above and beyond to serve his clients. His outgoing personality and genuine interest in people made him a beloved figure in his community.

Outside of his career, Dick had a passion for the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. Many of his fondest memories were made on fishing trips with friends and family, as well as on the golf course. He also spent countless hours coaching the Elwood Swim Team when his children were young, instilling in them a love for sports and teamwork.

Dick was also a proud member of the American Legion and remained deeply involved in veterans' activities throughout his life, serving as Commander of Post 290 and Area D. He also helped organize the Legion Food Stand at the World's Fair, as well as the Legion Baseball program.

His commitment to his country and his fellow veterans was a source of great pride for him. He also served on the Board of Directors at the Elwood Care Home.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Lana; their children: daughter ZoBeth (Pat) Potter, of Smithfield, NE; daughter LeAnne (Ronnie II) Robson of Indianapolis, IN; daughter KaLynne Bennett of Houston, TX; and son Richard (Erika) Bennett of Elwood, NE. Grandchildren Derek, Praxton, and Kinzley Potter; Autumn and Ronnie Robson III; Gia and Boston Bennett; Great Grandson Braxton Robson; siblings Diane Connick, Jolene (Paul) Schrage, and Mary (Bill) Kaczor, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will all miss him dearly.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Roland and Phyllis Kinney, brother-in-law Ron Connick and brother-in-law Mike Kinney.

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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph Wilson Bode, 75

June 19, 1949 - April 8, 2025

For his entire life, he was a dedicated farmer working the land with tireless hands and a humble heart.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Joseph William Bode, a lifelong brother, farmer, friend and dedicated 4th Degree Knight of Columbus Council #2411. Joseph W. Bode, 75 of Raeville, NE, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Boone County Health Center in Albion, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, April 12, 2025, at St. Bonaventure Church in Raeville with Rev. Bernard Starman and Deacon John Starman officiating. Interment followed in the parish cemetery. Visitation was Friday at the church with a 7 p.m. wake service.

Special thank you to the Medical Staff at Boone County Health Center for the wonderful care they provided Joe.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.levanderfuneralhome.com](http://www.levanderfuneralhome.com)

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Born on June 19, 1949, Joe was baptized and confirmed at St. Bonaventure Church in Raeville and attended St. John Berchman Catholic School. Joe spent his entire life as a dedicated farmer, working the

land with tireless hands and a humble heart. His love for farming was a reflection of his commitment to his family, faith, and the community. He was known not only as a farmer, but also for his unwavering integrity and kindness to everyone he met. Joe always wore a smile.

Joe will be dearly missed by all who knew him. His life was a gift, and his memory will continue to guide and inspire those he loved. The world has lost a truly remarkable man, but heaven has gained an angel.

Joseph is survived by his brother and caregivers: Ralph (Jeanette) Bode, and their children Meaghan, Bryan, and Christopher; Laurie (Les) Stratman; Donna (Jerome) Brester; Joyce (Kenny) Restman; Doris (Fred) Dederman; Jeanette (Dick) Thiem; Janice Henn; Marilyn Restman; Roger (Roxanne) Bode; and Ronnie (Liane) Bode; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of extended family and friends who will miss his gentle spirit and loving presence.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Raymond and Delores (Klein) Bode; brothers-in-law: Ron Reestman and Terry Henn.

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About \$500,000 has now been raised since the hospital began its capital campaign last fall.

Anney Marker and Eric Beckman, both of Bartlett, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple will be married on Saturday, April 30, at 2 p.m. in St. Boniface Church, Elgin.


Stacy Hoefer of Petersburg was one of 278 students named to the dean's list for the second term of the 2004-05 academic year at Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA.

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Fr. Frank Baumert, Associate Pastor

Confessions: 5-5:30 on Wednesdays.

Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10 am.

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## St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

Raeville, NE

Fr. John Norman, Pastor

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Weekend Mass: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8 am.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 am.

Sunday School: 10:15 am.

Communion Sunday: 1st Sunday of each month. Park Women's Fellowship: 2 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the church. Parish Council: 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the church.

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8 am.

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Pastor Mark Hoffman

Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.

Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

## Calvary Bible Church

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Pastor Peter Sample

Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Worship Service: 10:45 am.

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor Norlyn Bartens

Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.

Sunday school follows service.

Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

## Elgin Community Christian Church

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Pastor Jonathan Braden

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am.

Church Council: 2nd Tuesday of each month.

## St. John's Catholic Church

Rural Clearwater, NE

Fr. John Norman, Pastor

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Weekend Mass: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 5:30 am.

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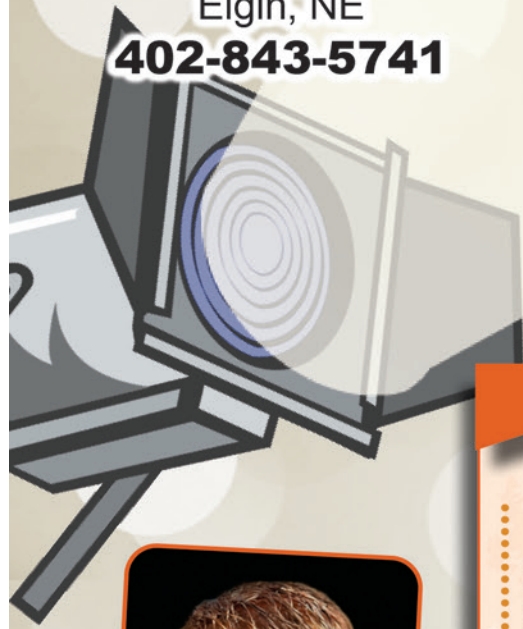


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**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Wayne State College and majoring in Construction Management.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** My greatest achievement so far would be getting academic all-state.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Getting through college and graduating.

**Favorite School Activities:** My favorite school activities include Football, Basketball, FFA, Track, NHS, and EHCC.

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## ELGIN PUBLIC CLASS of 2025 Eagles

### Sara Bode

**Parents:** Ron and Liane Bode

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Political Science with a Pre-Law track. Then, I plan to attend law school.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** My greatest high school achievement is being chosen for academic all state my junior and senior years of volleyball, along with winning the 3rd place game at state.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greater challenge ahead is being disciplined and challenging myself to new opportunities in college and setting myself up for success in law school someday.

**Favorite School Activities:** Volleyball, FFA, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Don't freak out, figure it out.

Portrait by Reflections Portraits



### Samantha C. Durre

**Parents:** Victoria Durre

**Future Plans:** Attend Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, double majoring in Livestock production and Equine production.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** All of my work in agriculture are my biggest achievements. Competing at state and national levels is something to be very proud of, especially in FFA.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greatest challenge is going to be starting a cattle production as a young woman in today's economy. I will be fresh out of college, and unless one comes from the industry or from money, it is very difficult to start an efficient operation.

**Favorite School Activities:** I love FFA and Wrestling. Managing for Wrestling brought me many friends and a love for a sport I never would've realized I had.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** My best advice from my mom is to not let anyone control my decisions and make sure I don't lose myself. Love yourself first, others next, and never let anyone bring you down. Remember who you are, where you came from, and what you've been through, but get through it and keep moving.

Portrait by Briley Eischeid



### Kate Michelle Furstenuau

**Parents:** Ryan and Shelly Furstenuau

**Future Plans:** In August I am attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) for a Biology degree in hopes of becoming a future Physician Assistant.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Getting 3rd at State Volleyball, going to state in Basketball multiple times, all A honor roll all but one quarter.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Getting into a Physician Assistant Graduate School and trying my best to obtain A's throughout college.

**Favorite School Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Art, NHS (National Honor Society).

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Don't worry about tomorrow, today, live in the moment because tomorrow has it's own problems to worry about.

Portrait by Bekah Scout Photography



### Callie Grace Heithoff

**Parents:** Todd and Melissa Heithoff

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln to major in nursing on the track to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Getting third place in OJD at State Speech last year.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greatest challenge will be getting accepted into the UNMC nursing program because it is highly competitive and there is a limited amount of seats.

**Favorite School Activities:** My favorite school activities are basketball, volleyball, speech, and FFA.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** "Take things one day at a time."

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### Chloe Jean Henn

**Parents:** Marty and Stacy Henn

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Central Community College in Columbus, NE to study early childhood education and play volleyball. After my two years at CCC, I will transfer to a four year college to finish my degree.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** 4 time state speech qualifier and 1000 kills in volleyball.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greatest challenge ahead is moving out because I struggle with adjusting to new things and that is a big change.

**Favorite School Activities:** My favorite school activities would be speech and volleyball.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** My parents have always told me to work as hard as I can no matter what.

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### Austin Michael Hinkle

**Parents:** Luke and Jessica Hinkle

**Future Plans:** Go to Southeast Technical College for Construction Management.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Making it to State Esports.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Graduating college and finding a good job.

**Favorite School Activities:** FFA, Wrestling, and Esports.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Life isn't fair.

Portrait by Digital Dreams



### Kellan Joseph Hoefer

**Parents:** Autumn and Jeremy Hoefer

**Future Plans:** Attend Wayne State College and go into Physical Education.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Making it to state basketball.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Changing my lifestyle since I will be away from home.

**Favorite School Activities:** Football and Basketball.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Dad has always told me to "do my best."

Portrait by Jamie Thiele Photography



### Landon Duane Kallhoff

**Parents:** Tonya and Josh Kallhoff

**Future Plans:** I plan on going to the University of Nebraska-Kearney and obtaining my Bachelors Degree in Marketing.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Making it to State FFA all four years of high school.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greatest challenge ahead right now is trying to figure out everything for college. Moving, paying, working during college, etc.

**Favorite School Activities:** My favorite school activities are Football, Wrestling, and FFA.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Don't give up on something you're doing until you do it 100% right.

Portrait by Jamie Thiele Photography



### Emma Hailea Kinney

**Parents:** Matthew Kinney, Katrina Kinney

**Future Plans:** Attend Wayne State College for Computer Science.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Saving money for daily life and learning to live on my own.

Portrait by Kelly Reigle



### Dylan Kenneth Kolm

**Parents:** Dave and Chelsey Kolm

**Future Plans:** Attend Southeast Community College and pursue a career in Plumbing Technology.

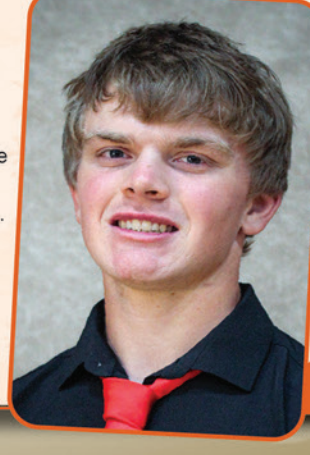
**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Making state in basketball and Esports.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** College and life.

**Favorite School Activities:** Football, Basketball, and Esports.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Always work hard and be smart.

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# SPOTLIGHTS

## POPE JOHN XXIII CENTRAL CATHOLIC CLASS of 2025



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### Natalie Burenheide



**Parents:** Lee & Chanda Burenheide and Gary & Julie Schiltmeyer

**Future Plans:** Northeast Community College then transfer to University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Animal Science.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Winning current events junior year with Juliana.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Paying for college.

**Favorite School Activities:** Volleyball and One Act.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Make the most of every situation/opportunity because you only live once.

Portrait by Lex-Leigh Photography

### Darby Nicole Carstens



**Parents:** Nicole Moore and Daniel Carstens

**Future Plans:** Go to Northeast Community College.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** My 4-H Awards for agriculture and showing animals. Also Academic Awards such as honor roll and sports.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Balancing school and time with my friends.

**Favorite School Activities:** Participating in One Act.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Be kind to everyone, you never know what someone else is going through.

Portrait by Shelby Pitzer of Shelybs Creations

### Olivia Isabel Klein



**Parents:** Martin and Amy Klein

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Benedictine College in the Fall and hope to major in marketing.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Making it on honor roll all four years of high school.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Figuring out how to manage my time in college.

**Favorite School Activities:** Speech, One Act, and Musical.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Patience is a virtue.

Portrait by Lindy Borer/  
Antelope Creek Photography

### Juliana Catherine McNally



**Parents:** Joe McNally and Jill McNally

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Northeast Community College and majoring in Communications.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Winning Current Event Champion of the year with Natalie Burenheide in 2024, and making it to State Speech last year with Olivia Klein in duet acting.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Managing college and a job, and figuring out what I want to do with the rest of my life.

**Favorite School Activities:** Speech, One Act, Volleyball, and P.E. class.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Always be yourself.

Portrait by Jamie Thiele Photography



Elgin, NE

### Kaitey Schumacher



**Parents:** Kevin and Lisa Schumacher

**Future Plans:** Northeast Community College, and then transfer to Wayne State College to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Being on High Honor Roll every quarter of junior high/high school.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** College.

**Favorite School Activities:** Advent friends.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Creative, funny, determined.

Portrait by Ashley Preister Designs

### Jaidyn Elizabeth Schrad



**Parents:** Benjamin and Cassandra Schrad

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Northeast Community College and majoring in animal science. After I graduate, I want to come back and keep raising cattle and working on the family farm.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** When I got champion commercial heifer for the first time with my show calf.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Completing my college degree and coming back to start working while paying off debt from college.

**Favorite School Activities:** FFA, EHCC, and Yearbook.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Find good friends who are fun to be around, but also respect you and the decisions you make in life.

Portrait by Jamie Thiele Photography

### Isabella Martinez



**Parents:** Melissa Warnke and Jeremy Warnke

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Learning how to function in the adult world.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** Just make it through the day and you can make tomorrow better.

Portrait by Briley Eischeid

### Trissa Renea Russell



**Parents:** Tammy and Bill Russell

**Future Plans:** My future plans are to go to college at Northeast Community College in the fall.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** My greatest achievement has been qualifying in the top four to go to State FFA.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** My greatest challenge is going to college in the fall and having a job as well.

**Favorite School Activities:** My favorite school activity is basketball. I always have had a passion for basketball since I was little.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** No matter what challenge I face to always face it head on and if I fall to get back up and keep trying.

Portrait by Briley Eischeid

# EHS



## Invenergy Services

Elgin & Neligh, NE

### Kaeden Lee Schwarting



**Parents:** Sheena Olson and Jake Schwarting

**Future Plans:** Major in exercise science and pursue a career in that field.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Going to college and figuring out what exactly I'm going to do in the future.

Portrait by Kalina Feil Photography

### Lauren Faith Vitamvas



**Parents:** April and Josh Schindler, Corey Vitamvas.

**Future Plans:** Attend Xenon Academy in Grand Island. Complete the 13 month program to get cosmetology certificate. Work at a salon, eventually work to own my own salon.

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Staying loyal to my team. I don't do sports, but I have helped student manage wrestling. It has been so great being a part of the team. I am proud of myself for staying dedicated for 5 years.

**Greatest Challenge Ahead:** Being independent, going to college on my own. I will be out of my comfort zone being alone in college.

**Favorite School Activities:** Yearbook and Managing Wrestling. These two things made me feel extremely proud of myself and I could tell I was appreciated.

**Best Advice From Your Parents:** To be kind. You never know what someone is going through.

Portrait by Briley Eischeid

# Crusaders



PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 8 MEETING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Neligh, Nebraska  
April 8, 2025

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda.  
Approved payroll.  
Approved vendor claims.

General: AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS (EXT) ex 170.61; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 20,684.80; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 74.00; APPEARA ex 34.22; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 8,651.02; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,984.87; BCBS ins 75,093.63; BOMGAARS ex 180.80; CARHART LUMBER ex 197.03; CARQUEST ex 76.18; CASEYS ex 105.06; CITY OF NELIGH ut 3,113.63; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CIVIL PROCESS COLLECTION ex 25.76; CLEARFLY ut 159.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 257.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ASSN ex 75.00; COLDTYPE PUBLISHING ex 585.84; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 100.88; CUBBYS ex 1,469.59; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; DOUGLAS CO SHRF ex 27.32; DUSTYS ex 440.51; EAKES OFC SOL ex 2,220.77; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 126.38; ELGIN REVIEW ex 407.77; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 348.82; FED W/H tax 12,268.80; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 5,478.98; FLOOR MAINTENANCE ex 440.67; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 320.66; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 361.25; JONNY DODGE ex 230.66; WM. KROTTER CO ex 747.18; L I B - ERTY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 137.60; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,117.82; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR U C FUND ex 564.00; NEBR ASSN OF CO TREAS ex 175.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV ex 5,877.42; NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS ex 84.00; VSP - NACO VISION ins 550.71; NCPPD ut 53.53; ONE OFC SOL ex 36.80; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 32.05; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 385.52; PIERCE HEARING 3-21-2025 ex 571.40; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,360.94; PITNEY BOWES ex 4,000.00; PITZER DIGITAL ex 501.41; QUILL CORP ex 212.22; REGION IV INC ex 2,808.00; REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM ex 6,197.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; SCHROEDER LAND SURVEYING ex 565.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,039.06; SOC SEC 27,579.14; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,137.68; TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION ex 2,718.83; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ex 29.66; UNL EXT HALL COUNTY ex 7.50; US CELL ut 644.49; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 285.92; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; Payroll: \$140,120.93

**Road/Bridge:** AKRS ex 376.70; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 13,041.50; AMH ex 95.00; APPEARA ex 100.00; FIRSTNET ut 140.20; ATCO INTERNATL ex 230.35; B'S ENTERPRISES ex 48,384.00; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 21.33; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 2,182.43; BLACKSTRAP ex 1,882.29; BCBS ex 16,939.46; BOMGAARS ex 1,350.02; CARQUEST ex 739.64; CINTAS ex 14.08; CITY OF NELIGH ut 12.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.88; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 18.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR ex 4,823.10; CONSTELLATION ut 951.19; CORNER HARDWARE ex 121.51; CREDIT MGMNT SVCS garn 500.33; CUBBYS ex 429.17; DINKEL IMPLEMENT ex 528.00; DUSTYS ex 124.00; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 50.84; ERPDP ut 577.89; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 22,485.41; FARMERS PRIDE ex 18,323.37; FED W/H tax 8,195.63; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 6,276.24; FRONTIER COMM ut 637.05; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 312.75; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 2,581.54; DALE STELLING ex 223.22; HOLT COUNTY TIRE ex 259.95; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 228.16; JOEL SINCLAIR ex 7,765.34; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 16,161.25; JONNY DODGE ex 4,980.42; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 12,674.43; LEIGH KLUTHE ex 39.00; LARGEN MFG ex 400.00; LAWSON PRODS ex 1,308.52; LAZY T TIRE ex 852.74; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 3,818.33; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 60.55; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 13,740.60; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES ex 180.00; MURPHY TRACTOR-POWER PLAN ex 3,687.56; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS ex 50.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,848.54; NEBR DEPT OF REV-MOTOR FUELS ex 1,188.00; NPPD ut 299.73; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 30.98; VSP - NACO VISION ins 343.91; NMC EXCHANGE ex 11,329.00; NCPPD ut 239.80; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 3,645.00; NNTC ut 75.62; PINNACLE BANK ex 33,071.05; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 229.50; RAZOR TRACKING ex 975.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS ex 190.91; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 704.41; SANDS TRUCK SVC & REPAIR ex 7,567.98; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 5,542.01; SARGENT IRRIGATION ex 600.00; WEX BANK ex 675.11; SOC SEC 18,359.64; SPUD TRUCKING ex 46,137.19; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.60; TRUCK CENTER ex 909.93; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 83.50; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 277.90; WESTERN OIL II ex 71.01; 319 GRAPHICS ex 86.00; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 11,100.00; Payroll: Road/Bridge: \$92,864.33.

**New Law Enforcement:** BOKF, NA ex 25,307.50;  
**County Visitor:** NELIGH CAR SHOW ex 350.00;  
**Register of Deeds:** MIPS ex 349.80;

**Law Enforcement:** AMH FAMILY PRACTICE ex 247.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 595.59; CASH-WA DISTR ex 3,881.71; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,273.70; COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 250.00; APRIL CURTISS ex 150.00; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SVCS ex 135.00; FARMERS PRIDE ex 678.18; HILAND DAIRY ex 758.14; HILLTOP DRUG ex 91.29; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS ex 4,907.01; NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY ex 216.00; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 789.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 113.59; SPEED SVCS ex 309.00; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 1,297.46; U-SAVE PHARMACY ex 480.15;

**Commissary:** CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING ex 251.66; CHARM-TEX ex 2,354.60; CUBBYS ex 129.31; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 438.72; PINNACLE BANK ex 861.31; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 50.09; BOKF, NA ex 11,086.25;  
**Building:** BOYD'S ELECTRICAL SVC ex 2,542.21.

Approved minutes of the April 1st, 2025, BOC Meeting.

Public comments. Correspondence was reviewed. Clerk of the District Court Monthly Fee Report, Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement, Sheriffs Fee Report. Imprest pledge collateral.

Approved promotional grant, denied improvement grant.

Approved Nebraska Fire Sprinkler service contract for fire suppressant system.

Approved City of Elgin interlocal agreement.

Approved roofing bid for the old courthouse structure. Approved museum church bid. Approved selling vehicles on auction.

No action on trailer for courthouse, and no action on basement water issues. No appointment to RC&D board.

Zoning Administrator report was heard. Permit report reviewed. Approved administrative plat.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved 13 underground permits, three (3) oversize permits, and one (1) access permit. Approved bid to remove and install culverts. Awarded Micro-surfacing project.

Met in executive session regarding litigation.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY  
Chairman of County Board  
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING  
THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room  
April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, and Lisa Welding. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Todd Heithoff motioned, and Ron Bode seconded to excuse Luke Hinkle from the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Steve Busted motioned and Eric Beckman second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #5- Adopt the Agenda, #6- Financial Report, #7- Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 5-0.

ACT Education Corp, Instru Expense, \$1,276.00; AKRS Equipment, Maintenance, \$46.83; Affordable Floor Covers, Maintenance, \$3,680.00; Amazon, \$63.55; Antelope Memorial Hospital, Transportation, \$204.00; Appeara, Maintenance, \$684.28; Applied Connective Technologies, Business Expense, \$156.00; Avive Solutions, Inc., Health Expense, \$199.00; Bishop Business, Business Expense, \$142.13; Carolina Biological, Instru Expense, \$346.38; City of Elgin, maintenance, \$3,446.36; COR Therapeutic, Instru Expense, \$3,475.00; Corner Service & Tire, Transportation, \$54.36; Custom Balloon Designs, Instru Expense, \$150.00; Dean's Market, Instru Expense, \$198.34, maintenance, \$2.99; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,604.32; ESU #8, Instru Expense, \$1,757.22, Instru Expense, \$480.00, SpEd Expense, \$80.00; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,040.10; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$236.00; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,637.00; Floor Maintenance and Supply, Maintenance, \$363.67; Great America Financial Svcs, business Expense, \$1,439.14; Great Plains Communication, business Expense, \$344.02; Hampton Inn, Admin Expense, \$419.85; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$343.83; HP Inc., business Expense, \$142.07; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$1,435.77; KSB School Law, Admin Expense, \$202.00; Lexia Learning, Instru Expense, \$1,596.00; Library World, Instru Expense, \$540.00; Lied Lodge, Title IIA Expense, \$145.00; Northeast NE Regional Deaf Ed, SpEd Expense, \$31.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$110.00; Precision Repair, Transportation, \$240.17; Protex Central, Maintenance, \$600.00; TMS, Business Expense, \$67.98; US Bank, \$1,715.03; WageWorks, Instru Expense, \$139.25; Waste Connections, Business Expense, \$47.00; Woodhouse, Transportation, \$49,644.00; Z-Space, Title IV Expense, \$820.00; \*\*Jonny Dodge, Transportation (March), \$58,859.00

Total Board Bills: \$141,204.64  
Payroll: \$269,597.50  
Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$410,802.14

President Welding recognized

visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

Mr. Brockhaus shared that the Wolfpack Committee meet, discussion was held on which uniforms were next for replacement, as well as updates on coaching vacancies. He also reported on the utilization of the trainer and informed the board that Junior High Golf will be introduced in the 2025-2026 school year. Additionally, the boys' and girls' wrestling seasons will be separate season starting next year. They also discussed implementation of a new gym scheduling system.

In the Principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff welcomed Mr. Callahan and the students who participated in the Capitol Forum. They shared insights from their experience at the event. Following this, Mr. Wemhoff provided an overview of activities from the previous month and highlighted forthcoming events.

In the Supt. Report, Mr. Brockhaus gave an update on attending the NRCSA conference. Also gave an update on future funds regarding the Federal Department of Education.

Ron Bode motioned, Heithoff seconded to approve the 2025 Graduation list as presented. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Motion was made by Heithoff, seconded by Busted to approve the 2025-2026 teacher requisitions as presented. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned, Beckman seconded to 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. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned, Bode seconded to approve the first reading of NASB recommended Policy 507.05 COPPA Student Privacy Notice. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Motion was made by Busted, seconded by Beckman to approve the first reading of the Facility use agreement. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned; Busted seconded to approve transportation for the Music Booster Trip to Omaha on May 18th. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Beckman motioned and Busted seconded to approve the bid from Midwest Electric for \$6231.00 for the gym lighting project. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Welding motioned and Bode seconded to approve the bid from Applied Connective for the speaker project for the school campus for \$21,680.06. Vote 4-0, Beckman abstained. Motion carried.

Welding motioned to enter closed session for Employee Classified Agreements for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting. Heithoff seconded the motion. President Welding restated the motion. Vote 5-0, motion carried. The board entered the closed session at 8:05 p.m. The board returned from closed session at 9:25 p.m.

No action was taken during the closed session.

Busted motioned; Heithoff seconded to approve classified salaries recommendations. Vote 4-0, Eric Beckman abstained, motion carried.

Motion was made by Busted, seconded by Beckman to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

ried. The meeting adjourned at 9:29p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Bode, Secretary

Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

-This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.

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PROCEEDINGS OF APRIL 7, 2025 MEETING  
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL  
Proceedings  
April 7, 2025

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025, 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 were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- March regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

**GENERAL:** ERPPD, se, 100.72; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.42; APPEARA, su, 60.32; The Elgin Review, print, 59.57; CNA Surety, ins, 40.00; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen P.C., se, 104.00; South Sioux City Marriott, travel, 550.00; Kristin Childers, travel, 162.40; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 380.07; US Post Office, postage, 146.00; Google, se, 14.40; Black Hills Energy, se, 241.00; Prudential, retirement, 572.76; American Funds, retirement, 334.52; US Treasury, tax, 5087.50; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 727.13; Payroll, 3055.51  
Transfers: 150000.00

**SALES TAX:** Pool Fund: 2236.60; General Fund: 494.00

**STREET:** ERPPD, se, 950.27; Verizonwireless, su, 79.25; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 235.26; Hometown Station, fuel, 145.76; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 750.00; Carquest of Neligh, su, 371.98; Kittelson Welding, rpr, 1010.00; Barco Municipal Products, su, 1378.71; Randy Scholl, rpr, 50.00; The Elgin Review, print, 170.00; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 2800.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 166.90; Payroll, 1956.99

**WATER:** ERPPD, se, 886.46; Great Plains Communications, se, 98.04; Verizonwireless, su, 79.24; NE Health Lab, se, 770.77; One Call Concepts, se, 3.26; Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha, su, 600.50; Core & Main, su, 196.54; Tyler Technologies, refund, 449.11; Comfort Inn, travel, 110.00; Donald Poulsen, travel, 44.90; US Post Office, postage, 74.67; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 38.14; Payroll, 3913.97

**SEWER:** ERPPD, se, 942.92; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.33; Midwest Laboratories, se, 332.95; One Call Concepts, se, 3.26; Kittelson Welding, rpr, 112.00; Comfort Inn, travel, 110.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 228.62; US Post Office, postage, 74.67; Payroll, 1495.50

**FIRE:** ERPPD, se, 196.63; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.52; APPEARA, su, 60.31; ECHO Group, Inc, su, 816.30; Travelers; RMD, ins, 1810.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 527.33

**POLICE:** Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00

**TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING:** Betty Moser Estate, rent, 100.00; Bud; s Sanitary Service, se, 6574.20; Funk Construction, se, 1950.00; US Post Office, postage, 74.66

**POOL:** ERPPD, se, 62.33; Great Plains Communications, se, 10.00; The Elgin Review, print, 170.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 45.43; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 8.89; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79

**PARK:** ERPPD, se, 84.54; Payroll, 461.48

**LIBRARY:** ERPPD, se, 111.92; Great Plains Communications, se, 63.06; Amazon, su, 144.23; Black Hills Energy, se, 153.00; Payroll, 1333.30

**YOUTH:** ERPPD, se, 33.60

**RESCUE:** Elgin Pharmacy, su, 784.08; Dean; s Market, su, 5.49; Matheson, su, 184.97; Bound Tree, su, 573.58; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 193.07; The Elgin Review, print, 134.75; Quick Med Claims, su, 145.47; Antelope Co Treasurer, license, 16.00

- Sell old salt spreader for scrap
- Purchase pre-owned 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD with 65,604 miles for \$20,290.00 from WM Krotter Co. in O'Neill

- Interlocal agreement with Antelope County for the use of equipment

- Trent Bauer to the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department

- Trissa Russel for 2025 summer maintenance position

- Kerri Druke as assistant pool manager and Tessa Barlow, Elizabeth Moser, Camry Kittelson, Aubrie Parks, Haley Parks, Kaitey Schumacher, Brooke Kinney, Kayton Zwingman, Jazmine McNally, and Kinely Druke as lifeguards for 2025

- Increase pay rates for summer maintenance, office assistant, and lifeguards to \$13.50 per hour plus \$0.50 for returning employees and \$18.25 for 1st year assistant pool manager

- Reimburse \$60.00 for the CPR certification to lifeguards if they lifeguard 60 hours during the season

- Utilize the debit card to purchase books for the library from Amazon for \$443.55

- Building permits: Terry Reicks, Chris Waterbury, Pope John School, Ken Schindler

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: update power at the park

- Curb and gutter responsibility

- Prepare resolution to sell old backup ambulance, power cot, and 2006 maintenance pickup on Big Iron

- Create email accounts for the council

- Siren by pool not working

- Sheriff report: February-80 hours 35 minutes with six 911 calls; March-62 hours 20 minutes with three 911 calls; dog licenses due

- Community clean-up set for April 11th

- Place veterans sign in park and possibly update it

- Metering and usage of gas at the fire hall

- Old meters to be picked up for \$2.20/lb

- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025

- Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt

Kristin L. Childers

City Clerk

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Feedlot

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not to weigh in.

Storer said the agency could not fund itself after the change. The Nebraska Brand Committee is funded entirely through fees, not by taxpayers. If Ibach's bill passes, the committee would lose \$1.6 million annually, roughly 25% of its operating budget, according to the bill's fiscal note.

"This is a major technical change to Nebraska's brand act that addresses oversight and law enforcement for our number one cash commodity," Storer said last week.

From The Nebraska Examiner

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**PLEASE PLAN AHEAD**

The First Half of the 2024 **REAL ESTATE** and **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX** is due.

First Half Taxes will become delinquent **MAY 1, 2025.**

Interest will accrue on May 1<sup>st</sup>. To be considered on time, payment must be made in office by the close of business day on April 30th or postmarked by April 30th.

The Antelope County courthouse will be **CLOSED** on **FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>** in observance of Arbor Day.

Taxes may be viewed and paid online at [www.nebraskataxesonline.us](http://www.nebraskataxesonline.us) using credit card or echeck.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

**RETURN DUE MAY 1, 2025**

A depreciation schedule is required when filing. Filing can be completed in person, faxing depreciation scheule to 402-887-4215 or e-mailing depreciation schedule to [assessor@antelopcounty.ne.gov](mailto:assessor@antelopcounty.ne.gov)

For additional information, Contact Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns

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Is looking to hire part-time **SEASONAL ROAD EMPLOYEES** In multiple locations around the County. (Minimum age 18) Responsibilities may include but are not limited to: Perform manual labor, trimming of trees, using a chainsaw, mowing, applying rod patch material by shovel, flagging, assisting other employees with various projects, etc. Drug tests are mandatory. Apply in person or by mail. Applications can be acquired through the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756, phone 402.887.4410 Applications on file at the Clerk's Office 90 days prior to this notice will be considered. Antelope County is an equal opportunity Employer. This position is subject to a veteran's preference and may remain open until filled. 30 & 32c

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 17, 1972. I spent much of my childhood practicing ballet after an initial lesson at age 3. I've appeared in many TV shows and in a string of romantic comedies. Most people know me as a CIA secret agent as well as a sai-wielding assassin.

Answer: Jennifer Garner

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Level: Intermediate

ELGIN LIVESTOCK SALES INC. NO SALE MONDAY, APRIL 21

Have a Happy Easter!

Some representative sales from Monday's (April 14) auction:

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15 BLK Heifers.....	557.....	346. <sup>00</sup>
74 BLK Heifers.....	779.....	286. <sup>00</sup>
40 BLK Steers.....	850.....	290. <sup>75</sup>
42 BLK Steers.....	701.....	313. <sup>00</sup>
40 BLK Heifers.....	764.....	272. <sup>00</sup>
60 BLK Steers.....	962.....	277. <sup>50</sup>
80 BLK Steers.....	833.....	294. <sup>00</sup>
66 BLK Heifers.....	862.....	265. <sup>00</sup>
67 BLK Heifers.....	753.....	277. <sup>00</sup>
135 BLK Steers.....	894.....	277. <sup>75</sup>
103 BLK Heifers.....	895.....	255. <sup>00</sup>

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Lower Yielding Cows .....	125. <sup>00</sup> to 141. <sup>00</sup>
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Dave and Carla Kallhoff



Janet Koinzan receives the 2025 Roncalli Award

Elgin's Janet Koinzan was awarded the annual Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School Roncalli Award on Sunday evening. She and family members joined the public at the PJCC Development Dinner at Werner Hall in Petersburg. Pictured with Koinzan following the dinner are her immediate family members, l-r: Don Moser, Vicki Moser, Fr. John Norman, Pam Wentz, Koinzan, Christina Hoefer, Aaron Hoefer and Jason Hoefer. E-R photo/LMorgan

Tips for fertilizing pastures in Northeast Nebraska

If you are looking for improved pasture yields this upcoming growing season, taking a look at your fertility plan may be beneficial. Soil type, topography, and plant species along with your operational goals all play a role in determining what approach will work best for you. Unless you've done one recently, conducting soil test to determine pH and nutrient levels—especially phosphorus (P), potassium (K), and nitrogen (N) should be our first task. Soil pH should be maintained near 6.0 to 7.0 with legume heavy pastures being closer to 7.0. Acidic soils may need lime to improve nutrient availability. Sampling every 3 to 5 years is recommended for established pastures. Nitrogen is typically the most limiting nutrient in cool season pastures. Cool-season grasses like smooth bromegrass and orchardgrass respond well to split N applications: once in early spring (April) and again in late summer/ early fall (August) if moisture is available and fall growth is desired. For hayed pastures, apply 50 to 80 pounds of actual N per acre in spring.

For rotational grazing systems, 30 to 50 pounds per acre per application is often sufficient. Avoid applying nitrogen during dry spells, as uptake is moisture-dependent and becomes the limiting factor for growth. Warm season species are more nitrogen efficient, so lower rates can be applied one time during their early summer growth if desired. Often however, these species are more moisture than nitrogen limited. Phosphorus promotes root development and early season growth, while potassium improves plant hardiness and disease resistance. In northeast Nebraska's silty clay and loess soils, phosphorus and potassium availability can vary widely.

Apply P and K based on soil test recommendations, usually once per year in late fall or early spring until corrected. These nutrients don't leach readily, so timing is less critical than with nitrogen and once sufficient levels have been reached, status can be monitored by testing every 3-4 years. Micronutrients like Sulfur and Boron may also need to be applied on a case by case basis. Incorporating legumes such as red clover, white clover, or alfalfa can provide significant nitrogen through biological fixation. Pastures with at least 30% legume content may not require additional N fertilizer and can actually lessen legume stand life.

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Manure from nearby livestock operations is another excellent nutrient source but should be tested for nutrient content before applying. Fertilizer application should occur when soils are moist but not saturated, and when plants are actively growing. For cool season pasture spring applications, mid- to late April is ideal. In fall, aim for late August to early September. For warm

season pastures, shoot for late May to early June. Avoid fertilizing frozen ground or during drought conditions. With thoughtful planning and regular soil testing, northeast Nebraska pastures can be fertilized effectively to improve productivity, support livestock nutrition, and protect the environment. -Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving northeast Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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Five earn NSAA Academic All-State honors

Each year since 2006, the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association recognize students who have been nominated by their

schools, based on their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions made to their activity. Earning honors from Elgin Public School were:

Girls basketball — Kate Furstenuau and Callie Heithoff  
Speech — Chloe Henn and Callie Heithoff  
Girls wrestling — Jayda Chessmore and Libby Evans



Photo submitted

ECCC's Kingdom Makers recognized

Kingdom Makers were recognized Sunday morning at Elgin Community Christian Church. Pictured are (back row, l-r): Pastor Jonathan Braden, Braelyn Martinsen, Kyndal Busteed and Gemma Miller. Middle Row: Karl Hensley, Garrett Busteed, Charles Miller, Dominic Durre and instructor Jeane Johnson. Front Row: Sophia Burke, Aurora Burke, Ruby Durre and Kinley Miller. Not pictured: Libby Evans.

# Pride of the



# PACK



A junior, Jarek tossed the discus last week at two track meets - Battle Creek and the Snow Melt in West Point. He placed at both.

**JAREK ERICKSON**  
BOYS TRACK



Competing at West Point's Snow Melt meet last week, sophomore Braelyn medaled in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

**BRAELYN MARTINSEN**  
GIRLS TRACK



A senior, Kellan began to get in his groove with two good outings last week. He played at Summerland and then at Plainview.

**KELLAN HOEFER**  
GOLF

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## TRACK

### BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

April 22 @ Humphrey .....1:00  
April 23 @ St. Mary's .....9:00  
April 29 @ Creighton .....1:30  
May 1 @ Norfolk Classic.....TBA

### BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

April 22 @ Burwell .....1:00  
April 29 @ Genoa .....9:30

## GOLF

### VARSITY

April 16 @ Ewing .....9:00  
April 24 @ Scotus .....9:00  
April 29 NVC @ North Central (Bassett)..9:00  
May 3 @ West Holt .....9:00



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

April 16 Bloodmobile in Elgin • FFA officer interviews  
April 17 Early dismissals, 1 pm  
April 18-21 No School, HAPPY EASTER!  
April 24-25 NVC Art Show  
April 24 FFA Annual Banquet  
April 25 District Music @ Verdigre  
April 26 Boys basketball banquet  
April 28 EPS JH/HS Spring Concert  
April 30 PJCC Spring Concert  
May 1 EPS JH/HS Science Fair  
May 2 EPS Grandparents Day with the Elementary Spring Concert to follow  
May 3 Neligh-Oakdale Honor Band  
May 6 EHS National Honor Society/ Academic Awards

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THE BACK PAGE



The Bartlett Church of Faith held its annual Palm Sunday service, April 14. The program included Sunday School and Youth group students. Pictured are Sunday School children pre-school through 5th grade.

Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday evening, April 11. The meeting was held at the old firehall with 10 members present and two guests. Guests were Steve and Liz Johnson from Burwell.

Delan Reed has agreed to be the new Lions District Governor. He will start his term in July.

Steve Johnson will be the District Governor when Delan has fulfilled his term.

Members agreed to provide \$180 to help with the Wheeler Central Accelerated Reading 'End of the Year Party.' This year students will have a bowling party in Burwell, sometime in May. A motion was passed to once again provide sno-cones for students at the end of the year. Lu Plugge will provide the sno-cones.

Members agreed to pay Kay Reineke \$218 to help cover her costs of attending the Lions Midwinter Conference in Ogallala in March. Those attending had the privilege of watching the first 'Wizard of Oz' movie.

Pros and cons of having two Lions stands, one on the north and one on the south, at the Wheeler County Fair this summer was discussed. The matter was tabled until the May meeting.

Members chose to keep the same officers for another year. That includes Joe Walkowiak, President; Kay Reineke, Vice President; Kimmie Reed, Secretary; Cara Snider, Secretary; Sherry Tetschner, News Reporter; Dean Miller, Tail Twister; Amy Spencer, Membership Chair; and Dave Collins, LCIF.

Wheeler Central Senior applications for Bartlett Lions Club Scholarships were Jayna Guggenmos, attending UNL; Makayla McCain and Cooper Pokorny, attending Northeast Community College; and Zach Miner, attending Southeast Community College in Milford.

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gan, representing the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce and the Young N Lively, reminded the council of improvements yet to be made concerning electrical work at the Elgin City Park. Citing problems which arose last year at the ECC's Summer Steak Fry and Treasures in the Park events, she stressed the importance of having the improvements made prior to this year's summer events.

City Clerk Kristin Childers said, later in the week, a motion last October was approved to have Midwest Electrical do the work.

Tabled — Considerable time was spent by the council discussing whose responsibility it is for curb and gutter repairs. Citing instances where the property owner and, at times, the city has covered the cost, the council decided to table the matter in order to gather more information before May.

Buy and sell — The council approved the purchase of a 2016 pickup with 65,000 miles on it to replace an aging pickup which has been used for years.

Then, moments later on another matter, set the stage for the sale of an old ambulance, power cot and pickup. A resolution authorizing the sale will be on the May meeting agenda.

Building permits — Four building permits were approved at the meeting. Permits were approved for Terry Reicks, Chris & Laurie Waterbury, Kenny Schindler and Pope John.



The Bartlett Lions Club members packed nearly 100 sacks of candy and other fun items for the Bartlett Easter egg hunt to be held Saturday, April 19.

Each will receive a \$250 scholarship.

Steve Johnson gave a brief talk and invited members to attend a Lions Zone meeting in Burwell on Sunday April 13. A discussion was to be held with

local emergency management personnel, local fire chiefs and EMS, on how Lions clubs can be of assistance during a community disaster.

The next meeting will be May 9 at 7 p.m. at the old firehall.

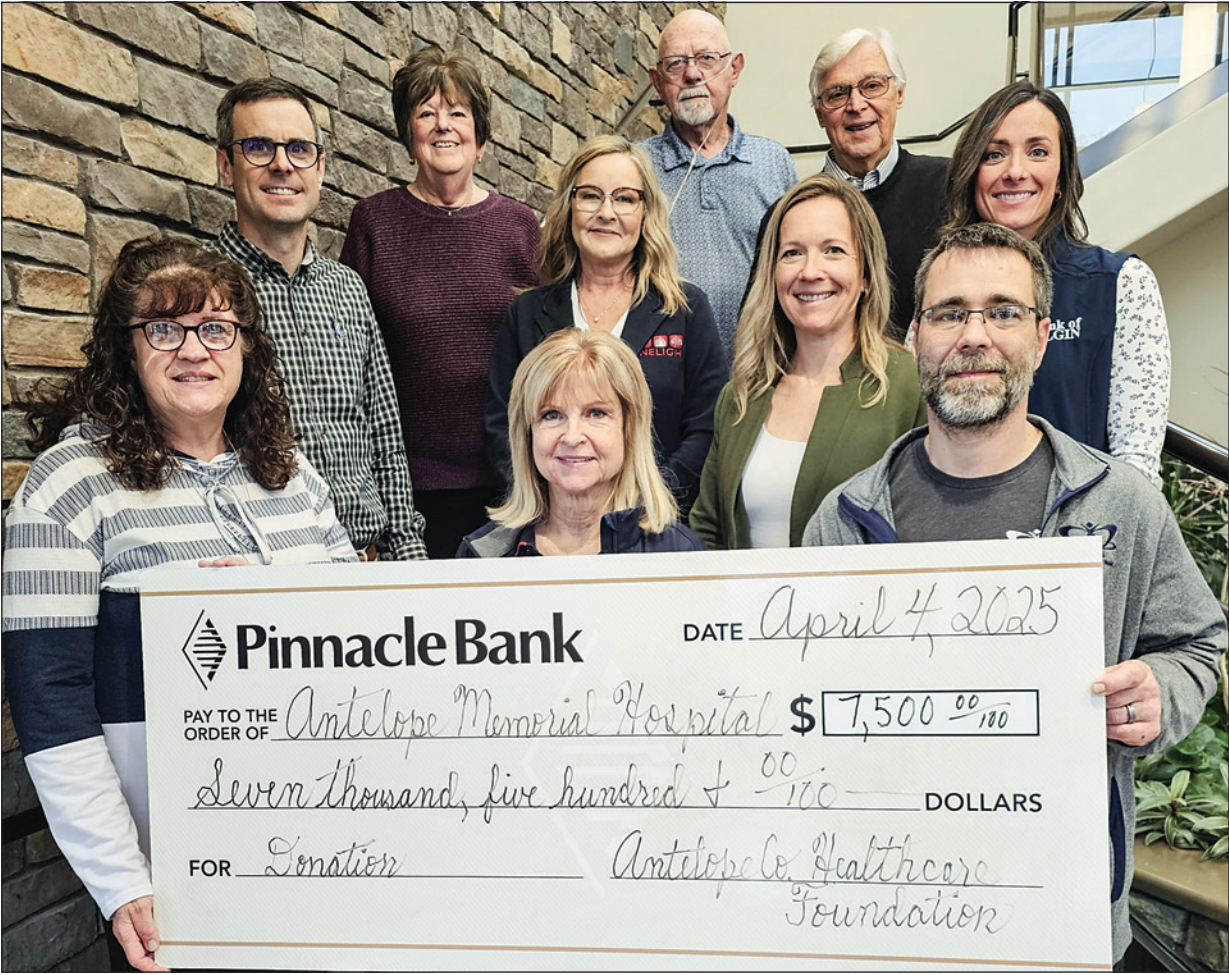


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Foundation supports AMH's drive to purchase new ambulance

On April 4, members of the Antelope County Health Care Foundation presented a \$7,500 check to Diane Carpenter, EMT, and Tom Carothers, paramedic, who accepted the gift on behalf of Antelope Memorial Hospital. The check will go towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Pictured above are (front row, l-r): Diane Carpenter, Janet Koinzan and Tom Carothers. Middle row: James Meuret, Cindy Hild, Lauren Sheridan, Gina Moser and Sam Stoltz. Back row: Sid Charf and Frank Morrison. (Not pictured: Tim Brovont, Danelle Charf and Jay Snider.) The new ambulance will offer many special safety features and added benefits for both the patients and providers while helping to ensure its reliability for years to come.

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