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In Brief

Community Cleanup Day to be this Friday

Dumpsters provided by City Hall.

Elgin's annual Community Cleanup Day will be held this Friday, April 19.

Dumpsters will be placed on the lot directly north of Elgin Livestock. There, residents will be allowed to bring items to be hauled away.

At the end of the day the dumpsters will be picked up.

School activities fill up the calendar next week

Music concerts and science fairs

Numerous school activities are planned in the coming weeks.

The Elgin Public High School Spring Concert will be held on Monday night, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. The elementary spring concert will be Friday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.

The EPS Science Fair will be held next Wednesday, April 24 with junior high students starting at 5 p.m. They will be followed that evening by high school students.

The Pope John/St Boniface Spring Music Concert will be held on Thursday evening, May 2. The concert, to be held at St. Boniface Auditorium, will begin at 7 p.m.



Courtesy photo
K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff escorted teacher **Becky Lindgren** to her seat for the start of Friday's program.

Touchdown for Teachers award given to EPS' Becky Lindgren

By **Dennis Morgan**

co-publisher

In a school year which may have been the most challenging of any of her years as an educator, Elgin Public Schools math teacher Becky Lindgren has crossed the goalline.

On Friday morning, in a gymnasium where all the students were wearing red, she literally 'felt the love' of a school district and the Elgin community. Mrs Lindgren, it was announced, was one of five teachers across the state to be selected, from 800 submissions, to receive the "Touchdown for Teachers" award presented by the University of Nebraska. The award recognizes teachers who have gone above and beyond to support their students and improve communities.

There, in the gym, she sat on a chair near the free throw line and watched a video presentation featuring K-12 Principal, she heard the words written by Anney Beckman, who was one of a number of persons who nominated her for the award.

"We really like to recognize Becky Lindgren for the outstanding work that she's done in your community with your students," a representative from the university said as part of a brief video presentation. "(We were) touched by the letters that we received on your behalf." As part of the video, EPS students also praised Lindgren.

Beckman's letter best describes Lindgren's past few months. Here it is:

Mrs. Lindgren is our 9-12 Advanced Math teacher at Elgin Public Schools. When the school year began she was having some health issues and just wasn't real sure where the year was going to go for her.

In October her fears were confirmed and she was

diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. She had a procedure to remove the cancerous cells and began her chemo treatments that were estimated to take four months.

Mrs. Lindgren didn't miss a beat and accepted her challenge to beat cancer while continuing to put her students and the expectations of dual credit classes at the top of her priority list. My son Taylor, who is a student of Mrs. Lindgren's, came home one day and said, "Mom, all these people are sick and out all the time but here is Mrs. Lindgren, going through CANCER treatments and she never hardly ever misses a day..."

This statement really touched me. He was seeing the trials and tribulations of life right before his eyes. He watched her get weaker and lose her hair as she progressed through her rigorous treatment schedule. This was not something I could protect him from and he had to be present every step of the way soaking in the emotions of the unknown and praying for her health. She took care of herself, if she wasn't feeling well or the students were showing signs of illness she used her safe guards. A simple mask and some plexiglass to keep herself safe and as healthy as she could be to keep showing up and being there for her students' education.

She was determined to not let cancer get in the way of her dedication to her students and the importance of teaching dual credit classes that cannot simply just be adjusted due to illness. Becky was informed on Friday Feb. 23rd that her cancer treatments were done and she BEAT OVARIAN CANCER!

She has taught her students so much more than Math this year. My son is currently taking her Trigonometry class and completed Pre Calculus with her last semester. Those are tough classes but his teacher is tougher! My son having the opportunity to watch her persevere through her treatments with a positive attitude and a determination to beat cancer is something that I will forever be grateful for.

In the request for nominations you ask for someone who helps students to reach their full potential. The work ethic, dedication, and knowledge that Becky Lindgren has shared with my son and his classmates is something to be admired and CELEBRATED! I fully

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Students gave Mrs. Lindgren a standing ovation after it was announced that she was one of five teachers across the state to receive the Touchdown For Teachers Award.

E-R photo/DMorgan

Public invited to EPS/PJCC Prom Grand March Saturday

Juniors and seniors from Elgin Public and Pope John schools will attend an "Enchanted Forest" this Saturday night, April 20.

As in past years, the Elgin KC Hall will be the place to be as tuxedos and formal gowns will be front and center in this, the most special night of the school year.

The 'Grand March' will be held starting at 6 p.m. The march is open to the public.

Immediately afterwards, dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m.

The dance is scheduled to run from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. followed by post prom activities which will take place in the EPS school gymnasium.

Getzfred is new Elgin Postmaster

"I'm glad to be here!" Those are the words of Elgin's new postmaster.

A former graduate of Elgin High School is now serving here as postmaster. Christi Getzfred assumed the duties of postmaster at the Elgin Post Office on April 6, filling the vacancy created when Carrie Meyers accepted the role of postmaster at O'Neill.

Getzfred has plenty of experience at the post office.

Prior to coming back to Elgin, she served as postmaster for over a year at Pender.

She's also worked at post offices in David City, Albion and Norfolk.

A 2011 graduate of EHS, she said she's excited about being able to return home.

"It's just nice because I know the area and I know people so it makes it easier being a postmaster," she said Thursday afternoon, "because I already have that connection with everybody and I can recognize names and addresses and locations."

She will commute to the post office from Creston where she lives. She has five daughters ranging in age from 11 to six months.



New Elgin Postmaster Christi Getzfred. E-R photo/DMorgan

Hinkle, Beckman selected to attend 2024 Boys State

Two juniors from Elgin Public School will be attending Cornhusker Boys' State this summer in Lincoln.

Legion Commander Gary Hoefler announced last week that Austin Hinkle and Taylor Beckman have been selected to attend the annual event. Hinkle will be attending under the sponsorship of local American Legion Post 229 Elgin/VFW Post 5816. He is the son of Luke and Jessica Hinkle.

Beckman will be attending Boys' State under the sponsorship of American Legion Post 229. He is the son of Eric and Anney Beckman.



Austin Hinkle



Taylor Beckman

Weather

The high temperature last week was 84 degrees recorded on Saturday, April 13.

The low during the same period was 31 degrees recorded on Thursday, April 11.

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
April 7	64	38	.00
April 8	53	35	.00
April 9	63	34	.00
April 10	68	39	.00
April 11	68	31	.00
April 12	66	40	.00
April 13	84	44	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for April			0.40
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At the conclusion of Friday morning's program, EPS students gathered around Mrs. Lindgren to raise their hands high into the air signifying "Touch-down" for her successfully beating Ovarian cancer while continuing to teach at the school during the 2023/24 school year.

Lindgren

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believe Mrs. Becky Lindgren will be a major contributing factor to helping her students reach their full potential.

She's a good one and we are so very lucky to have her at Elgin Public Schools.

It was a busy day Friday and Mrs. Lindgren shared a few moments with *The Elgin Review*. Having spent 33 years as an educator, the Atkinson native said one of the comments that touched her the most was one made by a student. "I had one from a parent that said their child was so happy any day that they got to school and I was there. That just meant that life was a little bit more normal," she said.

She praised God's hand in her recovery. "God has definitely been in charge of this," she said. "He put the right people in communication with me when I needed some support." Then, before Friday's ceremony was over, she was surrounded by students who signaled 'touch-down' and did other chants synonymous with the Huskers.

For being selected this year, Lindgren will be recognized at the Nebraska Red-White Spring Game on Saturday, April 27, and receive a VIP experience like none other.



Elementary students were seated behind Mrs. Lindgren for the short video presentation, then joined junior and senior high students in applauding near the conclusion of Friday morning's program.

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District #18 School board approves graduation list; chairlift replacement

Meeting last week the District #18 Board of Education made sure all seniors at the school have a great May. The board approved the graduation list. Graduation will be held Saturday afternoon, May 11 in the school gymnasium. In other action at the meeting, the school board approved a chairlift replacement at a cost of over \$43,000.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking Back The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

April 16, 1964

The last rural school house to be moved to this area was trucked Saturday to the George F. Dozler farm southwest of town. The building is the District #82 school house and was moved by Byron Fuller of Neligh. George has had two school houses moved onto his farm recently. They will be utilized to house both poultry and livestock.

Lawrence D. Getzfred, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Getzfred, graduated March 6 from Aviation Family-iaritization School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

Elgin exceeded its quota of 79 pints of blood when 110 persons registered to donate 100 pints as the Red Cross bloodmobile visited here Friday in the Legion Hall.

Contois Motor Company will give free coffee and donuts Friday during the showing of Ford's new "Mustang." This new sports car is Ford's latest things in economy and sporting comfort offered to the masses.

"Chuckles" - There are a lot of good ways to become a failure, but never taking a chance is the most successful. A typical American eats about 1,465 pounds of food a year or 85 pounds less than he did 20 years ago.

Fifty Years Ago

April 18, 1974

Members of Elgin's American Legion Auxiliary bowling team rated well at the recent state bowling tournament held at York. Mary Jane Henn placed second in the singles with 636. Ramona Schrage was 10th in singles with 606. Mary and Ramona placed seventh in the doubles competition with 119.

Robert Campbell of Atkinson started working Monday for the Village of Elgin as night marshal. He and his family of two children reside in one of the residences on the Gail Doran property.

Jerry Mundorf flew to Orlando, Florida over the Easter vacation to visit his sister and mother, Mrs. Katherine Mundorf of Valentine and Jerry returned home Monday.

The Clearwater Firemen's Ball will be held at the Elgin Legion Club on Friday, April 19. Music will be provided by "Swing Kings."

Thirty Years Ago

April 13, 1994

Jerry Kallhoff of rural Elgin was injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident last Saturday. The accident occurred when Kallhoff was driving the vehicle up an incline. The engine on the vehicle quit and it flipped backward. Kallhoff sustained a crushed vertebrae in the accident.

A new cellular telephone was recently installed in the Elgin Rescue Unit to improve the communications capabilities of the unit. The telephone and antenna were donated to the Elgin Fire and Rescue Department by Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Elgin Public School elementary students were honored as "Sports of the Week." This week's selections were Rachel Maier, first grade; Ryan Hemenway, second grade; Kyle Pelster, third grade; Erin Stottloer, fourth grade; Tom Morrison, fifth grade and Jennifer Henn, sixth grade.

Elgin residents awoke Tuesday morning to find trees and power lines laden with heavy, wet snow that fell overnight. The snow created power outages and difficult travel conditions.

Twenty Years Ago

April 21, 2004

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department placed its new pumper truck into service last Thursday. Firemen were loading hose onto the new truck that day. The 1993 GMC pumper truck was purchased in February by the Elgin Rural Fire District. It features a 1,000 gallon tank and midmount pumping. The pumper truck replaces a 1977 model pumper.

Salvaged items from the St. Bonaventure Parish School, Raville, will be sold at auction this Saturday.

Earning top places in a speech contest at Elgin Public School were Becky Schindler, first; Jenna Schindler, second; and Alisha Anderson, third. Other medalists were Jonathan Gunderson, Amanda Hemenway, Suzanne Hoefer and Shane Voborny.

Chris Vacha, a senior at Pope John Central Catholic High School, signed a national 'letter of intent' to participate in track next year at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Katherine Linnaus of Oakdale, a senior at PJCC, has been selected as the winner of the Nancy Lehr Scholarship.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, April 22: Grilled ham & cheese, lettuce salad, broccoli salad, apricots, milk.

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

Tuesday, April 23: Lasagna, green beans, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, garlic stick, milk.

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

Wednesday, April 24: Baked potato bar with all the toppings, pears, milk.

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

Thursday, April 25: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, peaches.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Friday, April 26: Chicken patty sandwich on bun, tator tots, BBQ green beans, tropical fruit, milk.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

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Good day. Hope this finds your household well. Ted and myself have been fighting the "crud" which is not easy to get over.

We are on the mend!

Not sure who bought the "Salted Nut Bars" at the St. Boniface Church Auction but I thought I would share my recipe in case they wanted to make another recipe. They are amazingly delicious and super simple!

This is one of those recipes you keep handy because it is so simple!

Enjoy,
JoAnn

SALTED NUT BARS

Crust:
1 1/2 cups flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 stick butter
1 tsp salt

Filling:
1 cup 6 oz butterscotch chips
2 Tbls butter
1/2 white corn syrup

Melt the butterscotch chips, butter, and syrup on the stove. Pour this mixture over the warm baked crust. Cover with mixed nuts. (I sometimes do cashews only.) Let it cool completely then cut into squares.

A glorious still day here and there

Around Elgin, we know wind. It howls, rattles loose-fitting windows, mercilessly twists patio umbrellas and anything else not cinched down tightly, blows precious topsoil across the tilled farmland, almost instantly dries jeans flopping on a clothesline, and just plain can get annoying when it blows.

And then, the sun rises on a sunny day and it's still, oh so still. No rustle of the leaves, no tumbleweeds flitting across the farmyard, only the quiet of daybreak.

This writer often jokes that my fingers are in the best shape of my whole body since using a keyboard to write and play piano are two of my passions.

Courthouse News

*All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).*

Sara Woodard, Neligh, NE 03/10/2024, Dog Running at Large, Fined \$25.00- Lawson.

Tim H Schlenger, Ericson, NE 03/20/2024, No valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, Fined \$25.00- Johnson.

Christopher Palmer, Beatrice, NE, 03/28/2024, Obstruct a peace officer, Drive under susp./before reinstated-state, Fined \$50.00+Jail Sentence of 14 days, Credit for 6 days served- Moore*.

Ivan Barrientos, Gainsville, TX, 10/15/2023, Speeding 06-10 MPH, Fined \$25.00- Hartley.

Zackery M Armsbury, Omaha, NE, 02/18/2024, Speeding 06-10 MPH, Fined \$25.00- Miller.

March is known to come in roaring like a lion and out bleating like a lamb, or the other way around. Regardless, as the cold snap gets pushed away by springtime warmth, turbulence results, namely wind.

Sometimes projects come to a standstill for one reason or another.

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Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

The April showers bringing in the flowers also references tougher times turning into beauty and joy. Honestly, though, rain would be joyful as well. So would a glorious still day here and there. Gardening is easier. Keeping hair well-coiffed is easier. Dealing with airborne allergens is easier.

My dad always advised that a still tongue makes a wise head. In other words, listen more, talk less. Think before you speak. My dad was a smart man.

Think about some of the still times in your life, like when a long-lost friend shows up at your doorstep, and your heart skips a beat. And in the stillness of the moment, before the screams of glee surface, the feelings can be so intense one can hear a pin drop.

Still waters run deep is another interesting saying. It means a quiet, reserved, introverted person often is complex and interesting once you get to know them. It's harder for an outgoing person to keep still when confidentiality is critical.

Do you have a wiggly son, daughter, or grandchild? While growing up, our son Philip, was often asked to "hold still please".

Psalm 46 in the Bible includes this -- "Be still, and know that I am God." So, in the stillness of an April morning, whether you're searching for a higher being, contemplating a major shift in employment or relationship, or listening to that still small voice in your heard connecting you to a loved one who has died, savor the moment. It can be the harbinger of peace and just the impetus needed to be refreshed for a new day.

Never worked too well. Stand still. Sit still. No way. He was always on the move. In fact, for his software engineering work, when a solution didn't present itself while glued to the computer screen, off he'd go for a five-mile run and then, bingo, he had the answer.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Philip still goes strong caving, snow kiting, and rock climbing using that keep-it-moving approach to life. Certainly the jury is still out on how much exercise one actually needs to be mentally strong in addition to physically fit.

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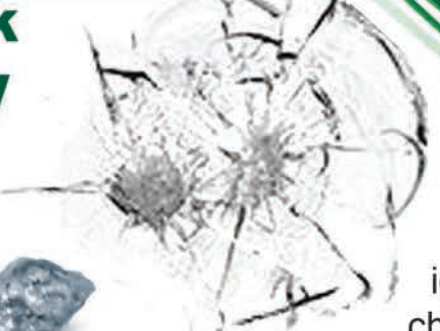
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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

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

Edward R. Murrow

Six words seems to be a legislative curse

It's easy to understand but hard to remember that the one task of the Nebraska Legislature is to pass a balanced budget during the 90-day session and to make adjustments to and pass that budget again in the 60-day session.

Mission accomplished again by the 2024 Legislature which has a little more than a week of session left. The simple task often gets lost in the shadow of high-profile issues such as this year's struggle to find a solution for skyrocketing property taxes. With all eyes on "the proposed solution" (LB388) it's also easy to forget that other measures have passed into law this session.

CAPITOL VIEW

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Statehouse Correspondent J.L. Schmidt

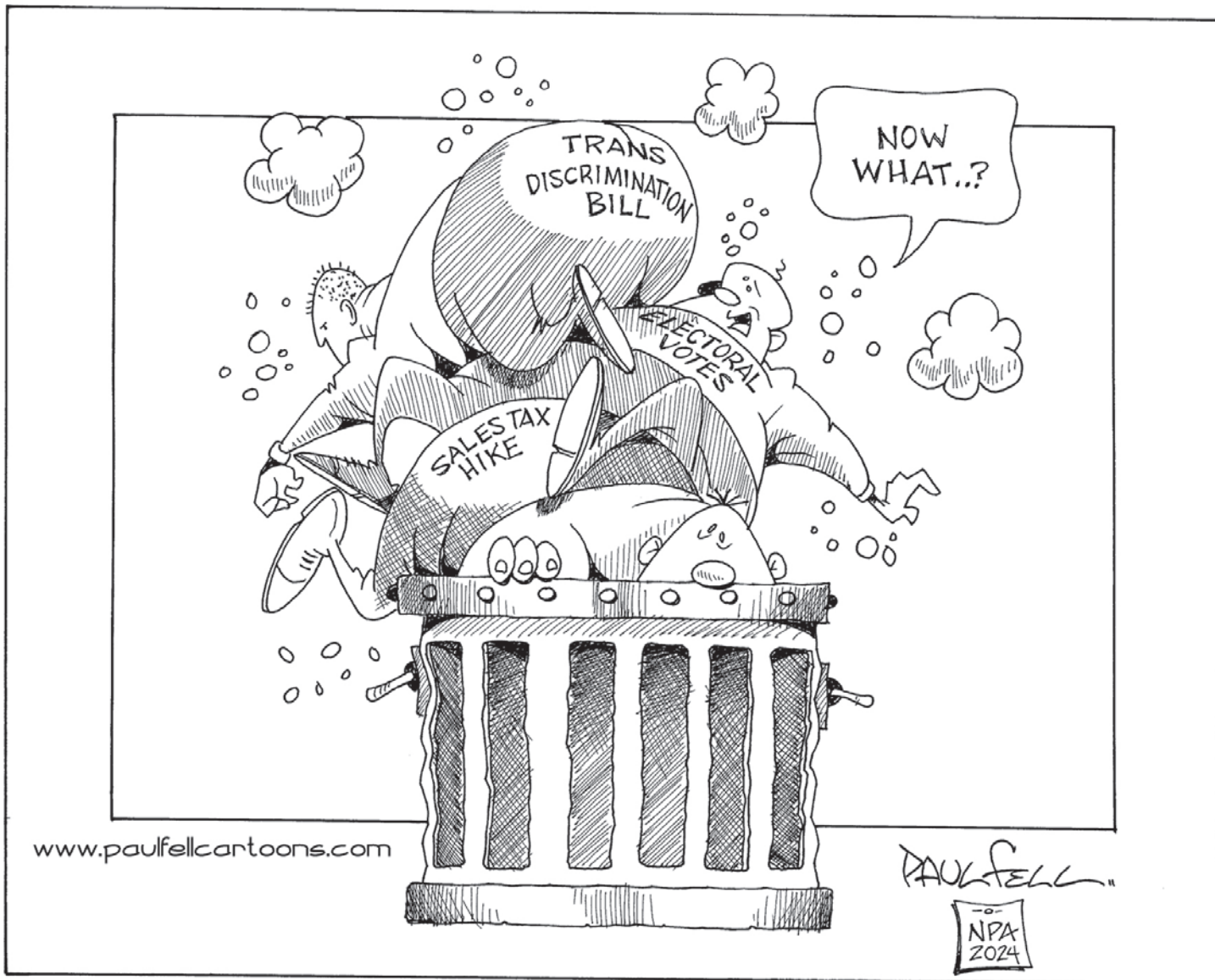
Governor Jim Pillen has added urgency to the drama by promising to call a special session to address just the tax issue if one isn't passed before the scheduled April 18 adjournment. Incumbent lawmakers seeking another term don't like special sessions which

often give their opponents sound bites to use against them.

I like special sessions, even though they are costly, because it forces senators to focus on a single issue and deal with it. Pillen claims his plan, to raise the state sales tax and eliminate exemptions on soda tax and candy and increase the tax on vaping products and tobacco, is simply tax restructuring. Others, me included, see that as a tax shift to an income group that cannot afford it.

We'll see how all that plays out. For now, let's look at some of the things that have passed so far this session.

LB1412, introduced by Speaker John Arch of La Vista at the request of Pillen, is the mainline budget bill. The measure provides, changes and eliminates appropriations for the operation of state government, postsecondary education, state aid, capital construction and federal funds allocated to the state from the federal American Res-



cue Plan Act of 2021. It reflects a 3.1% increase in state spending and leaves approximately \$20 million to fund legislative proposals this year.

LB1004, sponsored by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, allows a Nebraska resident who is 21 or older and received a Class M license prior to May 1, 2024, to operate a motorcycle or moped on Nebraska highways without a helmet if they complete a three-hour online motorcycle safety course and submit proof of completion to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. Riders who are 21 or older and receive a license after May 1, 2024, are not required to wear a helmet if they complete the full basic motorcycle safety course and submit proof of completion to the department. Nonresidents who are 21 or older and ride without a helmet no longer are required to show proof of motorcycle rider course completion to a law enforcement officer upon request. They are required to have a motorcycle license issued by another state.

LB894, introduced by Sumner Sen. Teresa Ibach, requires county sheriff candidates to possess a diploma issued

by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice before running for office.

The measure also requires newly elected and appointed county sheriffs to obtain certification within eight months of taking office. County sheriffs elected to office before July 19, 1980, are exempt from the bill's provisions.

LB1313, sponsored by Norfolk Sen. Robert Dover, says health benefit plans sponsored by certain nonprofit agricultural organizations which provide benefits under a self-funded arrangement administered by a licensed third-party administrator are not subject to insurance regulation.

Such organizations must have been created primarily to promote programs for the development of rural communities and the economic stability of Nebraska farmers.

LB253 introduced by Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer, establishes a veteran justice program.

Brewer said the program would not be a "free ride" for veterans to commit crimes, but simply would ensure that

the criminal justice system acknowledges how a veteran's service can lead to criminal behavior and attempt to address those issues. A veteran must be eligible for probation to participate in the veteran justice program, which would use deferred judgments.

Upon successful completion, a veteran would be entitled to request that the court dismiss the action without entry of judgment. Courts also would be required to consider veteran status as a mitigating factor at sentencing. Judiciary Committee chair Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne said the bill essentially would put "probation on the front end" and allow veterans a chance to overcome their struggles if they commit crimes related to the lingering effects of their service.

Stay tuned. Crunch time is better than the Final Four and it is certainly more relevant to Nebraskans than any game of sportball."

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

IRS should serve, not work against taxpayers

As the 2024 tax deadline nears, Americans are well aware of the outsized impact the Internal Revenue Service can have on their time, attention, and pocketbooks. From supersized agency funding to new reporting requirements on Venmo and PayPal transactions which amount to a "Babysitter Tax" to expanding IRS efforts to take over Americans' tax preparation and tell them what they owe, the Biden administration's IRS has continued to expand its intrusion into the daily lives of American families. Oversight and accountability for the policy, resources, and taxpayer service record of the IRS has never been more needed or warranted.

The Democrats' 2022 Inflation Act bloated IRS funding, devoting \$80 billion for the hiring of 87,000 new agents, most of them dedicated to cracking down on hard-working American taxpayers. Since then, the IRS has increased audit pressure on middle-class families and small businesses and struggled to recruit new employees.

In a labor market still hamstrung by a languishing workforce participation rate, it's unsurprising an agency with a less than stalwart record of service is having difficulty finding new hires. While the agency had a goal to bring on 3,833 revenue agents in Fiscal Year 2023, according to a report by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, in the first six months officials had recruited just 34.

In February 2024, the height of tax season, IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel testified before the Ways and Means Committee remote work rates for the government agency are as high as 50 percent. With half its workforce off-site, this raises many concerns about IRS' ability to efficiently process filings and returns and adequately serve American taxpayers.

While President Biden and other proponents of IRS funding repeatedly claimed newly planned audits would not target middle class families and small businesses, this has not turned out to be true. In fact, by Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's own admission, it was clear the administration never intended to shield middle and low-income filers from burdensome audits. When I asked in a March 2023 Ways and Means Committee hearing, Sec. Yellen admitted her own instructions were for new audits on families making less than \$400,000 to continue at "historically similar rates." Sure enough, in 2023, we have seen 63 percent of new audits target taxpayers with incomes less than \$200,000.

Forcing more hardworking middle-class Americans to incur the expense of answering audits despite having paid their taxes and done what they were supposed to do, is not a path to fiscal solvency and economic growth. Neither is raising taxes. Yet President Biden seems to believe he can tax his way to prosperity. His recent budget proposal calls for a \$4.9 trillion net increase in taxes and seeks to extend the high IRS funding levels initiated by the Inflation Act. As record inflation has wiped out household savings and ballooned everyday expenses, we desperately need small businesses and job creators to be part of the solution to our economic challenges. President Biden's tax policy instead punishes success and discourages growth.

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Congressman Adrian Smith

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Session wrapping up in Lincoln

Although the Legislature was only in session for three days this week, senators were productive in moving legislation to Final Reading. This year, there was not enough time to take up every bill that was sitting on General File due to the time a bill must lay over for review by the Revisor's Office. Much of the remaining time was spent on legislation that

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District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

was on Select File or Final Reading. After the 59th day, the Legislature will be in recess for a few days to allow the Governor to sign or veto bills sent to

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Improving Nebraska's communications networks

The government closest to the people serves the people best. But too many in Washington stay in Washington, and don't get back to what I know is "real America." These people tend to make decisions and policy by listening only to each other. The best way to serve Americans — and to solve problems they have to deal with — is to hear from people directly.

That's why I invited Commissioner Brendan Carr from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to visit Nebraska last week. The FCC funds key investments in broadband and telephone services for schools, hospitals, businesses, and households. Commissioner Carr regularly travels the country to help solve our nation's broadband access problems, and this was the third time he has been my guest in our state. I wanted him to hear firsthand from Nebraskans about what's working — and more importantly, what isn't.

Our first stop was the Children's Physicians Clinic in Plattsmouth. The medical providers and technology

people there spoke with us about how the FCC's Rural Health Care (RHC) Program has helped fund the clinic's telehealth initiative that serves young patients in rural Nebraska. Children's uses the RHC's Healthcare Connect Fund to improve its internet access, which makes its rapidly growing telehealth services more reliable.

Our visit with Children's helped us understand the challenges health care facilities face with telehealth, as well as the strides they are making to incorporate new technologies and enhance remote visit capabilities. We spoke with the staff about the stability of their internet access, the services they provide, and how all of this affects the health of Nebraskans. While in Plattsmouth, we also visited Cass County's 911 Call Center, where we heard about how to leverage federal, state, and local resources to improve emergency services communications. Some Nebraskans still have trouble accessing traditional 911 voice services, and we must ensure that we connect these communications deserts. Commissioner Carr and I spoke to Cass County leadership, members of the Cass County Sheriff's Office, and representatives from the Nebraska Public Service Commission about what tools and resources can help overcome these challenges.

Finally, we stopped at the Greater Omaha Chamber office for a roundtable on broadband deployment and

coordination. Representatives from the Public Service Commission, the Nebraska Broadband Office, and several internet service providers joined us to discuss the progress and difficulties they are seeing in our state.

As we continue building out broadband infrastructure, we want to maximize funding where it's needed most. A couple years ago, my amendment to create a Broadband Funding Map passed as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The map, launched by the FCC last year, tracks federal funds designated for broadband deployment across all federal agencies.

During the roundtable, we also discussed the BEAD broadband deployment program. The Nebraska Broadband Office updated us on their BEAD planning project, which prioritizes broadband access for unserved locations across the state. The event was a great opportunity to hear from a variety of people involved in expanding internet access from Scottsbluff to Omaha. Commissioner Carr and I learned about Nebraska's need for technological growth to promote telehealth services, a more closely coordinated 911 system, and a stronger broadband deployment workforce. This feedback will inform our work in Washington. I'll continue addressing these issues in the U.S. Senate, and I'm confident Commissioner Carr's visit to Nebraska will prove fruitful.

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his desk.

Typically, the 60th day is reserved for veto overrides, if any, wrapping up the official record of the session, and offering concluding remarks.

This year we will still have bills on Final Reading to vote on during the 60th day, which falls on April 18th.

Among the many bills that moved forward this week was LB1402 by Senator Linehan which would appropriate \$10 million annually to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing funds to scholarship-granting organizations. This bill is a revised version of LB753, the Opportunity Scholarship Act, passed by the Legislature last year and would replace that very same law if enacted. Supporters of the bill contended that students, particularly those from low-income families, deserve access to more options besides public schools.

Opponents of the bill argued that LB1402 would likely be unconstitutional and would go against the will of voters who signed the Private Education Tax Credits Referendum last year.

The Governor's tax package was also advanced again in the form of LB388. This bill as amended on Select File would create the School Property Tax Credit Fund, which includes an initial transfer of \$750 million and would grow by \$30 million each year thereafter. This credit would be distributed to counties and delivered to property taxpayers by reducing their tax statement for school property taxes paid by about 22 percent. Property owners who use the current LB1107 tax credit program, which offers income tax credits to offset school property taxes paid, would see no net savings.

They would, however, pay less property tax upfront and avoid the hassle of claiming the income tax credits months later. LB388 would also remove the one percent increase in the sales tax rate and the proposed tax exemption on utilities. The bill would retain the sales tax changes on the discretionary goods and services proposed in earlier rounds of debate, such as the taxes on lottery tickets and candy. To help offset costs to lower-income Nebraskans who may pay more in the sales taxes provided for in this bill but would not otherwise directly benefit from property tax relief, the earned income tax credit was increased from the current rate of 10 percent to 15 percent.

Meanwhile, cities and counties would be capped at 3 percent or the consumer price index rate, whichever is greater, with political subdivisions able to carry over 5 percent at one time. There would be exemptions for public safety and certain emergencies to override the cap. However, if a school district votes to override their budget authority, they would have to go through the Truth in Taxation (the pink card delivered in the mail) hearing process. School districts would also only be able to carry over the percentage in which they tax.

With or without the passage of LB388 next week, there is much interest in trying to find a longer-term solution to deliver more property tax relief. That said, without passage of LB388, a special session is a very distinct possibility. The Governor has indicated he may be willing to bring the Legislature back for a special session later this year to continue work on taxes or changing the state's electoral college voting system, but if such call is given, we can take up only the topics indicated within the scope of the call.

You can always contact me with your thoughts and opinions on bills that have been introduced. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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Congress and why I supported clawing back \$20.2 billion of these funds in the most recent appropriations legislation. Americans want an IRS that works for them, not against them. Yet, the Biden administration has shown a readiness to vilify taxpayers and blame job creators for inflation. My bill to rescind the \$80 billion in IRS funding would ensure the agency is focused on making much needed improvements to taxpayer service, yet the Senate refuses to take it up.

As federal revenue since the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has exceeded projections, it's clear we do not have a crisis of revenue. We need to get back to commonsense policies empowering American families and small businesses. I will continue fighting for an IRS accountable to the Americans it is supposed to serve.

OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Boes, 86

January 17, 1938 - April 10, 2024

Among the many things she enjoyed was spending time with her grandchildren attending their school and sport events.



Mary Jane Boes, 86, of Elgin, NE passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2024, at St. Boniface Church in Elgin, NE with Rev. Steven Boes, Rev. John Norman, and Deacon Dennis Wiehn officiating.

Interment followed in the parish cemetery. Visitation was Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the church with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are welcomed to Pope John Central Catholic and St. Boniface Parish in Elgin, NE.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of arrangements.

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

Mary Jane (Nepple) Boes, daughter of Edward and Sophia (Sturm) Nepple was born on January 17, 1938, in Templeton, IA, where she was raised. She attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated in 1956 from Sacred Heart High School in Templeton, IA.

After graduation, she worked at Templeton Savings Bank.

Mary Jane married Eugene Boes on September 14, 1957, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton, IA. Following their marriage, she worked at

First National Bank in Glidden, IA. They were blessed with six children: Father Steven Boes of Omaha, NE; Jeffrey (Ann) Boes of Carroll, IA; Dr. David Boes of Great Falls, MT; Dr. Brian (Kathy) Boes of Carroll, IA; Dr. Chris (Carrie) Boes of Rochester, MN; and a daughter Lisa (Kevin) Schumacher of Petersburg, NE.

The family moved to Elgin in 1970. They celebrated a milestone anniversary of 62 years in 2020.

Mary Jane was a member of St. Boniface Parish and St. Boniface Altar Society. She handled the liturgical schedule for the parish and was the coordinator of the parish prayer line.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, attending their school and sport events, reading, baking, playing cards, and traveling.

Mary is survived by her children; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers: Vern (Rosemarie) Nepple of The Villages, FL; Larry (Cindy) Nepple of The Villages, FL; Ron (Kathy) Nepple of Clinton, MO; Ray (Marlene) Nepple of Iowa City, IA; Jerome (Diane) Nepple of Carroll, IA; sister: Elaine (LeRoy) Irlbeck of Manning, IA; sister-in-law: Judy Nepple of Des Moines, IA; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ed and Sophia Nepple; husband: Gene Boes in 2020; brother: Lee Nepple; sister-in-law: Kathy Nepple.

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St. Boniface Catholic Church Elgin, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor Confessions: 5-5:30 on Wednesdays. Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10 am. cppnebraska.org

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St. Bonaventure Catholic Church Raeville, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8 am. cppnebraska.org

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Park Congregational U.C.C. Church Elgin, NE Congregational 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's Catholic Church Rural Clearwater, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor Weekend Mass: Sunday, 11:30 am. cppnebraska.org

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To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 Psalm 23 Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts for Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Petersburg, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor Weekend Mass: Saturday, 7 pm. cppnebraska.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church Chambers, NE Pastor Leif Hasskari Sunday Worship: 8:30 am. Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

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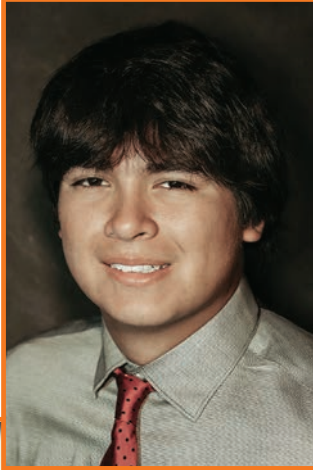
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Parents: Larry and Yoli Anderson
Future Plans: Attending Wayne State College and being a part of the Careers Scholars Program and studying Agribusiness.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Being able to receive the Career Scholars Scholarship --- as well as being able to live life the way I want to.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Filling in my dad and brother's footsteps.
Favorite School Activity: Sports and FFA.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Once a job is started always finish it. Finish with pure effort and dedication and always know that you gave it your all.



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BAYLEE CHRISTINE BUSTEED


Parents: Steve and Casey Busteed
Future Plans: I plan to go to UNK and major in Chemistry while pursuing a career in pharmacy.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Earning four state medals in my high school career or getting the KHOP from UNK for pharmacy.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Finding good study habits that will work for me.
Favorite School Activity: Volleyball or Speech.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Always put forth your best effort.



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KEYERA CHRISTINE EISENHAUER

Parents: Randy and Krista Eisenhauer
Future Plans: Attend Wayne State College to major in Elementary Education with an endorsement in coaching.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Neihardt Scholarship from Wayne State College or 1,000 points in basketball.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Being smart with my money.
Favorite School Activity: Playing Basketball.
Best Advice from Your Parents: In this house your best will always be good enough, or be the better person.



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BRIAN LEE HEITHOFF


Parents: Eric and Emily Heithoff and Jessica Dillion
Future Plans: Northeast Community College
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Honor Roll
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Moving on in life.
Favorite School Activity: Sports.
Best Advice from Your Parents: The sky is the limit.



Portrait by Mike Tabbert

SAMUEL JOHN HEMENWAY

Parents: Ed and Anne Hemenway
Future Plans: Attend Northeast Community College and get a degree in animal science. Then return to the family farm to build a feed yard with my dad and brother.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: All the successes I've had in FFA and wrestling. Winning my state medal in wrestling, having my STAR application in FFA qualify for state. Also becoming the hard working, respectful young man that my parents raised me to be is a great achievement.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Building the feed yard and getting it up and running. It will be a lot of work and require good management in finances and operation decisions but I will have my dad and brother to help.
Favorite School Activity: FFA because Mrs. Schwartz is awesome and makes it so much fun. FFA does not require any running or physical activity which makes it me favorite as well.
Best Advice from Your Parents: To never look at someone and wish you had what they have. Instead work harder than everybody else and focus on yourself until you achieve your dreams. It doesn't matter what others think, you can do whatever you put your mind to.



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BLAKE JOSEPH HENN

Parents: Marty and Stacy Henn
Future Plans: Northeast Community College for the HVAC program.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Starting my own business and having my own merch.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Making sure I take all the steps I need to be financially stable.
Favorite School Activity: I really enjoy going places like state FFA or any other state events.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Enjoy your younger years because you will have plenty of adult time.



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MYLES JAMES KITTELSON

Parents: Ryan and Casee Kittelson
Future Plans: Pilot.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Almost done with high school.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Getting through it all.
Favorite School Activity: Anything Ag.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Dream big, work hard on your goals.



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DYLON ROGER LUEKING

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Future Plans: Play football at Doane and major in electrical engineering.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Committing to Doane for football.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Becoming an adult
Favorite School Activity: Lifting.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Never give up.



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BRENNA MAE MARTINSEN

Parents: Chad and Jamie Martinsen
Future Plans: I plan to attend The University of South Dakota and major in Psychology then further my education and go to medical school to become a pediatric occupational therapist.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Being a girls state delegate.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Getting into med school.
Favorite School Activity: Basketball.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Hard work pays off.



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JACK A. BARLOW



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Future Plans: Attend UNK.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: 1st place state speech.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Money.
Favorite School Activity: Speech.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Don't be stupid.


ASHLYNNE MARIE CHARF



Portrait by Chloe Bella Photography

Parents: Stacy and Danelle Charf
Future Plans: Attend UNK in hopes of becoming an Orthodontist.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Participating in everything my school offers.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Chemistry
Favorite School Activity: Taking a nap.
Best Advice From Your Parents: Have the dentist on speed dial.

JAZMINE McNALLY



Portrait by Red Willow Photography

Parents: Joe McNally and Jill McNally
Future Plans: Attend Northeast Community College and obtain an Associates Degree in Communications. After college, I plan to become a flight attendant.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Graduating High School and going to college.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Buying a house and being successful.
Favorite School Activity: I don't have a favorite activity because I like being involved in every activity and sport.
Best Advice from Your Parents: When you want something, work hard and don't let anyone tell you that you are underserving.

BROOKLYN MACY MEIS



Portrait by Antelope Creek Photography

Parents: Eric and Brenda Meis
Future Plans: Majoring in elementary education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Making it to state speech all four years of high school.
Favorite School Activity: Senior prank.
Best Advice from Your Parents: "Have fun and don't be stupid."



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ELISE RUTERBORIES




Portrait by Lynell Morgan

Parents: Paul and Erin Ruterbories
Future Plans: Attend Wayne State College to become a high school math teacher.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Graduating high school.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Finding a job that fits me.
Favorite School Activity: Apologetics in Theology with Fr. Sund.

Crusaders

DYLON THOMAS PARKS




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Parents: Aaron and Sara Parks
Future Plans: Attend WyoTech for 9 months and once I graduate, see where life takes me.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Almost being done with high school.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Making the dreams in my head come true.
Favorite School Activity: Favorite school activity would be FFA.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Whatever you get told, don't let it get to your head.

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STEVEN JAMES NELSON

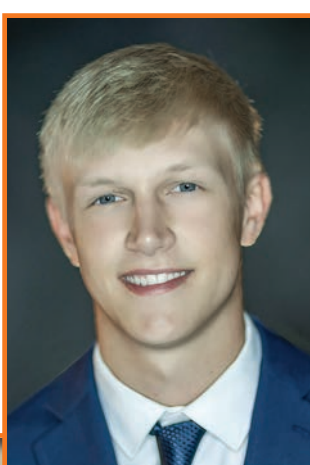


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Parents: Gary and Dawn Nelson
Future Plans: To go to Northeast for electrical construction and have my own business.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Being awarded 2011 Tommy P. Monahan kid of the year award from the ASPCA and being on the today show in NYC.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Overcoming Obstacles.
Favorite School Activity: Journalism.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Never give up.




GAGE THIESSEN



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Parents: Brian and Julie Thiessen
Future Plans: Attend Southeast Community College for Agronomy and Precision Ag.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Getting to graduate high school and going to college next year for a career I love and want to do.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Finding a job that benefits me and starting my own farm in the future.
Favorite School Activity: Golf, because we have fun and I can use it in my future.
Best Advice from Your Parents: To work hard and stay positive through everything I do. Also, own up to mistakes you do.

ABRIEL VONBONN



Portrait by Briley Eischeid

Parents: Ryan VonBonn and Jennifer Peyton
Future Plans: Go to Southeast Community College and get a degree in Surgical Technology.
Greatest Achievement so Far in Life: Being on Superior Honor Roll/ Honor Roll since my Sophomore year.
Greatest Challenge in Your Future: Moving to a bigger city that is bigger than what I'm used to.
Favorite School Activity: Sports.
Best Advice from Your Parents: Don't do anything stupid.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska March 12th, 2024

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

Approved agenda. Tabled minutes of the 4-2-2024 BOC Meeting. Approved Payroll.

Approved Vendor Claims.

General: AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 19,887.11; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 50.00; ANTELOPE CO SHERIFF ex 126.33; APPEARA ex 33.28; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 7,620.75; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 207.68; BCBS ins 67,690.28; BROCKHAUS-HARLAN FUNERAL HOME ex 2,000.00; CARNEY LAW ex 3,800.00; CASEYS ex 26.26; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,481.44; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLEARFLY ut 155.17; CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT ex 72.00; CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT ASSN ex 150.00; COLDTYPE PUBLISHING ex 932.30; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 100.88; CUBBYS ex 1,123.07; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; MARK DUNCAN ex 42.00; DUSTYS ex 398.34; EAKES OFC SOL ex 793.12; EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 673.82; ES&S ex 5,290.33; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 167.04; ELGIN REVIEW ex 973.81; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 229.68; FED W/H tax 11,892.91; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 12,998.22; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 327.40; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HEARTLAND COUNSELLING SVCS ex 258.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 142.10; JACKS UNIFORMS/EQUIP ex 1,400.05; JONNY DODGE ex 1,526.91; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 1,050.16; WILLETTA LINDSAY ex 38.00; MADISON CO SHERIFF ex 40.90; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 118.21; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 198.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,048.13; NACO ex 95.00; NATL INS SVC ins 53.25; NATL SHERIFFS ASSN ex 125.00; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT ex 643.00; NEBR DEPT OF PROP-

ERTY ASSESSMEN ex 270.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,864.54; NEBR EMERGENCY SER COMM ASSN ex 15.00; NEBR HEALTH/HUMAN SVCS ex 87.00; NEBR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAIN CENT ex 10.00; VSP-NACO VISION ins 596.59; NCPPD ut 62.40; O'NEILL SHOPPER ex 83.88; OLD MILL SALES/REPAIR ex 977.42; PAGE MY CELL ex 3,000.00; LISA PAYNE ex 671.93; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 22.00; PETTY CASH (CO DIST COURT) ex 9.85; PETTY CASH (CO SHERIFF) ex 10.90; PINNACLE BANK ex 492.32; PITZER DIGITAL ex 1,185.72; JOE SMITH ex 89.54; REGION IV ex 2,808.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; KEVIN SCHINDLER ex 160.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 762.10; SOC SEC 26,796.52; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,145.32; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ex 2,283.78; UNL EXT HALL COUNTY ex 5.00; US CELL ut 639.73; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 285.92; LISA WELDING ex 72.00; 319 GRAPHICS ex 259.00; Payroll:135,652.49

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 1,414.97; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 12,933.46; FIRSTNET ut 140.08; ATCO INTERNTL ex 351.90; BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODS ex 1,348.38; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 447.20; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,182.59; BLACKSTRAP ex 2,054.00; BCBS ins 45,466.04; BOMGAARS ex 984.46; BUTCHS BODY SHOP ex 2,338.50; CARQUEST ex 1,582.32; CITY OF ELGIN ut 60.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.29; COLONIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 18.00; CONNOT TIRE PROS ex 165.00; CONSTELLATION ut 959.11; CORNHUSKER INTERNTL TRUCK ex 714.80; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SVCS garn 434.18; CUBBYS ex 275.89; DEANS MARKET ex 10.99; DUSTYS ex 322.59; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 178.96; ERPPD ut 611.08; EMBASSY SUITES ex 26.75; EMME SAND/ GRAVEL ex 23,747.73; FARMERS PRIDE ex 20,638.40; FED W/H tax 7,855.55; RANDY FINCH ex 150.00; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 12,659.04; FRONTIER COMM ut

415.01; GRAHAM TIRE ex 1,607.56; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 278.30; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 101.35; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO ex 228.16; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 2,397.50; JONNY DODGE ex 821.24; KAYTON INTERNTL ex 9,392.00; KAYTON INTERNTL (NELIGH) ex 3,425.63; KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST ex 2,952.00; LAWSON PRODS ex 28.35; LAZY T TIRE ex 2,166.13; LIB NATL ins 235.77; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 1,157.00; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 54.76; MATTEO SAND/GRAVEL ex 9,292.88; MR S'S ex 683.72; MURPHY TRACTOR-POWER PLAN ex 2,695.77; NATL INS SVC ins 58.75; NEBR ASSOC OF CO ENGINEERS ex 160.00; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT ex 153.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,834.32; NEBR DEPT OF REV - MOTOR FUELS ex 1,452.00; NPPD ut 250.30; NELIGH AUTO/MACHINE ex 171.57; VSP-NACO VISION ins 426.90; NMC EXCHANGE ex 1,986.39; NCPPD ut 219.35; NNCT ut 75.16; ORCHARD LUMBER ex 90.65; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 151.40; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,458.56; RDO TRUCK CNTR ex 3,385.69; ROAD BUILDERS ex 128.87; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 547.58; RYANS TRUCK/TRACTOR ex 4,202.31; SANDS TRUCK SVC/REPAIR ex 5,465.02; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 11,188.92; SARGENT IRRIGATION ex 75.00; SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex 683.97; WEX BANK ex 809.59; SOC SEC 18,135.28; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 462.49; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 24,769.13; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.44; TRUCK CENTER OF NORFOLK ex 20,437.63; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 75.50; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 26.39; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 277.90; WELDON PARTS ex 1,546.73; WESTERN OIL II ex 145.31; A&R CONSTRUCTION ex 136,107.48; Payroll 91,896.27

New Law Enforcement: BOKF ex 30,682.50;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 347.80;

Law Enforcement: AMH FAMILY PRACTICE ex 216.00;

BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 434.34; BOMGAARS ex 99.99; CARHART LUMBER ex 131.97; CASH-WA DISTR ex 2,868.72; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,305.66; CULLIGAN ex 299.75; DEANS MARKET ex 199.50; EAKES OFC SOL ex 47.29; ELGIN PHARMACY ex 285.09; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SVCS ex 675.00; FLOCK GROUP ex 12,600.00; HILAND DAIRY ex 563.08; HILLTOP DRUG ex 91.73; NIELSEN INS ex 60.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 522.68; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 1,979.65; WARREN GARAGE DOOR ex 228.00; TED WEGENER ex 950.00; ROBBY THOMPSON ex 126.04; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 1,203.10;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 358.09; CHARM-TEX ex 84.70; COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 500.00; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 461.76; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 120.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,370.11; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 371.5;

Highway Allocation: BOKF ex 12,266.25;

Building: BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 3,118.15.

Correspondence was reviewed. Clerk of the District Court Miscellaneous Report, Treasurer's Fund Balance, Miscellaneous Revenue, and sweep account reports, Sheriff's Fee Report.

Zoning Administrator Report. Set Public Hearing Date for Road Closing 510th Avenue.

Met as BOE.

Approved pay application for A&R Construction.

Road Superintendent Report: Approved four (4) underground permits.

Reviewed asphalt road list and reviewed obsolete equipment.

Approved meeting for Monday, April 15th, 2024.

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 10, 2024 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting Board Room

April 10, 2024, 7:30 PM

Vice President Todd Heithoff called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, and Luke Hinkle. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Steve Busted motioned, and Luke Hinkle seconded to excuse Lisa Welding from the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Vice President Heithoff led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Heithoff 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.

Hinkle 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.

AMH, Transportation, \$195.00; Appear, Maintenance, \$488.06; Beckman Lumber, Instru Expense, \$304.75; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$2,304.54; Bomgaars, Maintenance XXXXXXXX; Central NE Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$1,947.47; City of Elgin, Maintenance, \$886.74; COR Therapeutic, ESSER III, \$2,225.00; Crowne Plaza Omaha, Admin Expense, \$269.90; Custom Sports, Instru Expense, \$245.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$39.56; Instru Expense, \$29.84; Instru Expense, \$268.19; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,367.39; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$50,056.80; Instru Expense, \$144.00; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$792.98; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,351.87; Elgin Pharmacy, Maintenance, \$12.65; Elgin Review, Business Expense, \$45.49; Elite Office Products, Business Expense, \$231.55; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,535.91; Family Zone, ESSER III, \$5,038.15; Floor Maintenance, Maintenance,

\$289.40; GP Communications, Business Expense, \$394.88; Hilton Omaha, Title II Expense, \$332.00; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$1,410.99; Iburg, Sherri, SpEd Expense, \$192.96; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$372.73; Jonny Dodge, Transportation, \$3,637.38; KSB School Law, Admin Expense, \$269.50; Lampo Group/Ramsey Edu, Instru Expense, \$464.84; Library World, Inc., Instru Expense, \$525.00; MidAmerican Research Chem, Maintenance, \$2,465.40; MSM Enterprises, SpEd Expense, \$126.22; Nebraska Life Magazing, Instru Expense, \$30.00; NECC, Instru Expense, \$216.00; Notable Inc. KAMI, ESSER III, \$700.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$105.00; OneSource, Business Expense, \$22.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$1,098.11; Protex Central, Maintenance, \$600.00; Selling, Amy, Instru Expense, \$22.00; Teacher Innovations, ESSER III, \$175.50; TMS, Business Expense, \$66.00; US Bank, \$1,945.15; Verizon Business, Business Expense, \$194.82; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$199.31; Wage-Works, Instru Expense, \$144.50; Cornhusker International, Transportation, \$28,000.00

Total Board Bills: \$114,780.53
Payroll: \$243,637.46

Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$358,417.99

Vice President Heithoff recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

The Americanism Committee reported that they met earlier this evening with presentations from Mr. Ostransky and Mr. Callahan.

In the Principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff gave an update on last month's activities and upcoming events, including Graduation on May 11th at 4:00pm.

In the Supt. Report, Mr. Brockhaus gave a report on the NRCSA conference that he attended. Also gave any update on the NDE Infrastructure Grant.

Ron Bode motioned, Hinkle second to approve the 2024 Graduation list as presented. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Motion was made by Busted,

seconded by Beckman to approve the 2024-2025 teacher requisitions. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Beckman motioned to approve the extra duty assignments, seconded by Busted. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned, Beckman seconded to approve the bid from Access Elevator and Lifts, Inc for the chair lift replacement for \$43,900.00 Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the organization on the new Wolfpack Booster Club.

Motion by Busted second by

Hinkle to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:30 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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NOTICE

ESTATE OF RANDALL E. PEDERSEN, DECEASED

**NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
ANTELOPE COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF RANDALL E.
PEDERSEN, DECEASED
CASE NO. PR24-6**

Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2024 in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Nancy A. Pedersen, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal

Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 17, 2024 or be forever barred.

Linda Mitchell
Registrar

Galen E. Stehlik, #15578
Stehlik Law Firm, PC, LLO
P.O. Box 400
Grand Island, NE 68802
(308) 675-4035
galen.stehlik@stehliklawfirm.com
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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

JW AUCTIONS, LLC

**CERTIFICATE OF
ORGANIZATION
OF
JW AUCTIONS, LLC
ARTICLE 1
Name**

The name of this limited liability company is:

JW Auctions, LLC (the "Company").

**ARTICLE II
Designated Office Address**

The Company's designated office address in Nebraska is 49123 Highway 91, Ericson, NE 68637.

**ARTICLE III
Agent For Service**

3.1 Office. The office and mailing

address of the initial agent for service is 49123 Highway 91, Ericson, NE 68637.

3.2 Agent. The name of the initial agent for service of the Company at this address is Sydney McKay.

The undersigned being the Organizer of the Company, hereby adopts and signs the foregoing Certificate of Organization for the purposes of forming the Company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

Dated this 9 day of April, 2024

Sydney McKay
Organizer

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 8, 2024 MEETING

VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 8 APRIL 2024

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 8, 2024. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr and Nordhues. Also present: Bernie Straetker from Miller and Associates, LaNae from CNEDD and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. The siren was tested.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to approve the March 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes subject to amending the addition that the Hoepker dogs and Fraide chickens were discussed along with the board looking into buying a new pickup for the village. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The engineer from Miller and Associates, Bernie Straetker, discussed the schematics of the Randolph street project by the school. The project will be advertised and going out to bid in May.

WATER: Was discussed. Wiese will be coming out to replace a water line near Michael Ellenwood's house.

SEWER: The board is still looking for someone to come clean out the roots in the sewer lines.

KENO: Was discussed
USER FEES: Were discussed.

FEBRUARY CLAIMS: It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$64.02; Hillbill's Diesel, Village shop supplies, \$56.47; One Call Concepts, Call before you dig, \$0.80; Elgin Review, Newspaper Publication, \$58.04; Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Telephone & internet, \$129.14; McNally Law Office, Telephone conference & letter, \$180.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,627.75; Letti Nichols, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Salary, \$386.32; Office Supplies, \$19.52

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$2,772.06

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, March Utilities, \$45.77

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$45.77

STREETS: WeMart, Fuel, \$110.83; Rick Custard, Filling pot-holes, \$64.95; Loup Valley RPPD, March Utilities, \$869.33

TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: \$1,045.11

WATER: WeMart, Fuel for water sample delivery, \$90.01; Central District Health Dept., Water tests, \$78.00; Loup Valley RPPD, March Utilities, \$552.62; Mark Nordhues, Shipping for water tests, \$18.07; Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,038.70

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$4,901.64

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 13th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of April 2024

PUBLISH: April 17, 2024

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LOIS D. SCHUTT, Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF LOIS D. SCHUTT,
Deceased
Estate No. PR 24-4**

Notice is hereby given that on March 27, 2024, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Estate of said Decedent and that Randy A. Schutt of 83630 535 Avenue, Tilden, Nebraska 68781, and Linda E. Renner of 83934 535 Avenue, Tilden, Nebraska 68781, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representatives of the estate.

Creditors of this estate must file

their claims with this Court on or before June 3, 2024 or be forever barred.

Linda Mitchell
Registrar

Prepared and submitted by:

Justin Hochstein # 25404

Hochstein Strategic Legal Planning, LLC 440 Regency Parkway Drive, Suite 147 Post Office Box 24842

Omaha, NE 68124

Tel: (402) 682-8975

Attorney for Personal Representatives

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APRIL 9, 2024 PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION
Neligh, NE
April 9th, 2024**

Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open to the public.

Five (5) tax roll corrections were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Equalization

CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman

Attest: LISA PAYNE

Antelope County Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "2024 Microsurfacing for Antelope County, Nebraska," JEO Project No. 241222.00, Quest-CDN No. 9074711, will be received by the county clerk at 501 Main Street, Rm. 6, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026, until 10:00 AM on the 7th day of May 2024, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Crack Sealing and Microsurfacing.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$1,450,000.00

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construc-

tion work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of Antelope County, Nebraska as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with Antelope County, Nebraska for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please contact Sandy Walker at 402.371.6416 / swalker@

jeo.com to coordinate your request and send your check to: 404 S 25th Street, Ste. B, Norfolk, NE 68701. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

antelope county, nebraska CHARLIE HENERY, Board

Chairperson

ATTEST: LISA PAYNE, Clerk

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT MOORE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE DISTRICT COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NO. CI 23-7

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale entered by the Clerk of the District Court for Antelope County, Nebraska, in an action wherein the County of Antelope, Nebraska is Plaintiff and Jesus D.R. Samudio, et al. John Doe and Jane Doe, tenants in possession of W 12' OF N 96' LOT 1; LOT 2 BLK 12 ELGIN CITY, all persons having or claiming an interest

in W 12' OF N 96' LOT 1; LOT 2 BLK 12 ELGIN CITY are the Defendants, I will at 1 o'clock P.M. on the 10th day of May 2024, in the Commissioner's meeting room of the new Courthouse addition in Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described land and tenements to satisfy the judgment and costs in said action:

W 12' OF N 96' LOT 1; LOT 2 BLK 12 ELGIN CITY

The sale will be held open for one hour.

Terms of Sale: The total highest bid is to be paid in cash or certified funds to the Sheriff at the time of making the highest bid which closes the sale. The terms of the sale are subject to unpaid taxes and assessments.

Given under my hand on the 12th day of April 2024.

Robert Moore, Antelope County Sheriff

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

SCHINDLER BROTHERS TRUCKING, L.L.C.

KOLEY JESSEN P.C., L.L.O., Attorneys

1125 South 103rd Street, Suite 800, Omaha, Nebraska 68124

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the Company is

Schindler Brothers Trucking, LLC. The Designated Office of the Company is 51790 836 Road, Elgin, Nebraska 68636-3308. The Registered Agent and Office of the Company is Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O.,

1125 South 103rd Street, Suite 800, Omaha, Nebraska 68124. This limited liability company commenced business on February 20, 2024.

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PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Neligh, Nebraska

April 15, 2024

Chairman opened the meeting.

Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda.

Approved advertising for micro-surfacing work.

Approved fuel contract.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY

Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/

Antelope County Clerk

PUBLISH: April 17, 2024

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT MOORE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE DISTRICT COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NO. CI 23-6

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale entered by the Clerk of the District Court for Antelope County, Nebraska, in an action wherein the County of Antelope, Nebraska is Plaintiff and Jeanna M. McMillian, Daniel McMillian, John Doe, and Jane Doe, Tenants in possession of 12-255 TR SE4SE4 2.35 AC Elm TWSP, all persons having or claiming an interest

in 12-25-5 TR SE4SE4 2.35 AC ELM TWSP are the Defendants, I will at 1 o'clock P.M. on the 9th day of May 2024, in the Commissioner's meeting room of the new Courthouse addition in Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described land and tenements to satisfy the judgment and costs in said action:

12-25-5 TR SE4SE4 2.35 AC ELM TWSP

The sale will be held open for one hour.

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Robert Moore, Antelope County Sheriff

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Bartlett Church of Faith Senior Youth Group members who participated in the Palm Sunday Program were (l-r) Chrissie Olson, youth group leader, Reese Plugge, Ben Wilson, Cooper Pokorny, Chloe Plugge, Brandon Plugge, Haley Borwege, Jayne Guggenmos, Ryder Pokorny and Bobby Guggenmos.



Bartlett Church of Faith Sunday School members singing for the Palm Sunday Program were (back row, l-r) Ridge, Trey and Adynn Smith and Amelia Sprout. Front row: Otto and Etta Koinzan, Sophia Sprout, Weston Smith, Josephine Sprout, Lex Olson and Kolt Nelson.

Photos submitted

Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Church of Faith Youth presented a Palm Sunday Program April 7th in place of the regular church service. The program, scheduled for Palm Sunday, was rescheduled due to icy roads and wintery weather that day.

The program began with a

clever skit by Chrissie Olson's High School Youth Class 'Child of the Risen Son.' Next, the Sunday School children sang several musical selections under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Smith. Next was Donna Sears's 'Nursery Class with Bunny Hop' readings followed by an Easter Poem 'The Colors of Easter,' read by students of Sherry Tetschner's Primary Class. The Junior class, sponsored by Letti Nichols, presented a reading of the life of Jesus. The Youth presentation ended with a Palm Sunday pageant featuring the Sunday School Children.

I don't know how many years the donkey with wheels has been used for this pageant.

Sunday morning activities at the Bartlett Church of Faith, April 14, began with coffee, donut holes, miniature blueberry muffins, fruit filled kolaches and a variety of cinnamon rolls. This was a meet and greet before church for Pastor Mark Hoffman and his wife April.

Pastor Hoffman began his first official service as Pastor of the Bartlett Church of Faith.

He has answered God's calling to pastor the Bartlett Church of Faith. We are very thankful and grateful that he is the answer to many prayers. He will also remain pastor of the 'Full Gospel Church in Ewing.



Ellis and Lois Schrunk, Chair and Co-Chair of the Wheeler County GOP Convention for the last few years, have chosen to retire their positions at the good age of 92.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, April 17
Red Cross Bloodmobile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Elgin KC Hall.

Friday, April 19
PJ/SB Visitation Day* • Elgin Community Cleanup Day* • District Music Contest.

Saturday, April 20
EPS/PJCC Junior/Senior Prom, Grand March @ 6 p.m. at Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall.

Monday, April 22
EPS Spring High School Music Concert • Earth Day.

Wednesday, April 24 & Friday, April 26
Discounted Lab specials at Antelope Memorial Hospital*.

Friday, April 26 & Sunday, April 28
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Tuesday, April 30
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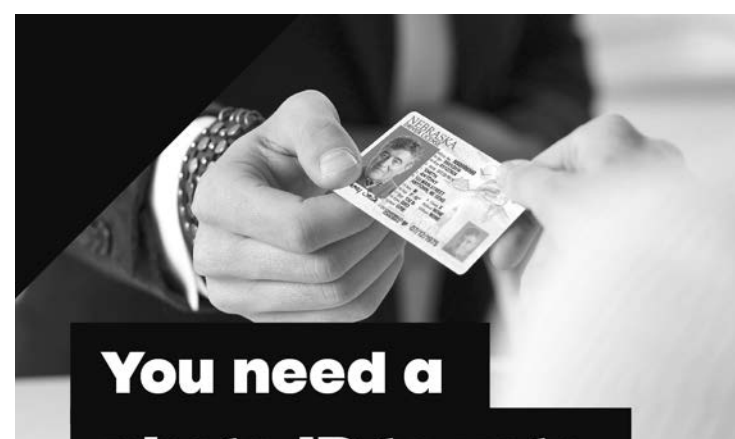
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ESU 8 educator, Jackie Sanne

says, "Teaching students in the life skills program is very rewarding. It provides all students with the skill set in functional life skills that allows the students to be successful in their own time and in their own way. We continue to look at each student as an individual, and teach to the student's way of learning."

In its third year at the historic Clearwater school building, ESU #8 Clearwater Learning Center offers an expansive and welcoming environment for students and staff. Combining K-6 and 7-21 programs in one location has streamlined operations and boosted collaboration.

At the helm of these learning centers stand dedicated educators like Sanne, who leads the K-6 Special Education program having been here 18 years, and Louise Schindler, a seasoned veteran with an astounding 48 years of teaching experience. Tracy Booth, the head teacher of the K-6 Behavior Program, guides students toward behavioral regulation and academic success. With years of experience as a paraprofessional, she transitioned to become the behavior program teacher and is now in her third year in the role.

What is the key to longevity? Schindler says, "The key to longevity: the realization that it's not going to be an easy road. Take on the challenge and go for it! Also, strive for positivity every single day!" She added, "My best advice to new educators is it gets easier even though each day brings a new challenge. Experience is the best teacher."

Complementing the teaching staff are approximately 18 paraprofessionals, Speech-Language Pathologists, a licensed mental health practitioner, janitorial staff member, admin-

istrative assistant, and a principal, all working in harmony to create a supportive learning environment. With an average enrollment of 35 students, all receiving specialized education, CLC caters to a diverse range of disabilities, including Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, behavior disorders, autism, and others.

For students at CLC, the focus is on nurturing life skills essential for independent living. Meanwhile, those enrolled in the Behavior Program receive intensive support to regulate their behavior and reintegrate into their home districts successfully.

To access services at ESU 8 Learning Centers, start by contacting your home school

district.

The least restrictive environment in students' home districts is prioritized, however, some students benefit from specialized support. Enrollment decisions are made by the student's district IEP team.

"I really enjoy working at CLC. The staff is friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful. The best part of my day is working with all the great kids," said Denise Pilcher, CLC paraprofessional. Toni Arehart, Clearwater Programs Director (principal) says, "My job brings me joy because I'm passionate about education, and witnessing the teamwork involved in helping children achieve individualized progress in this school is truly rewarding." *Article submitted*



Photo submitted

Clearwater Learning Center is in its third year at the former Clearwater Public Schools location. Staff includes (front row, from left) Korinne Stahlecker, Monique Kerkman, Nichole Sanne, Bailey Saults, Dianna Wheeler, Nikki Kallhoff, Tabitha Kester, Louise Schindler, Janette Kerkman and Brittany Benson. Back row: Jackie Sanne, Lisa Funk, Melissa Zegers, Denise Pilcher, Sidney Anderson, Jolene Brummels, Tracy Booth, Jeannie Napier, Brenda Fahrenholz, Mandy Morrison, Brandi Van Ostrand, Terry Sanne, and Toni Arehart. Not pictured are Shavaughn Sickels, Amanda Schlecht, and Rylee Pauli.

New Nebraska law will expand public records access for residents

By Ruth Bailey

Nebraska News Service

LINCOLN--Nebraska residents should have easier access to public records under a bill that, in effect, overrules a recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision allowing the state to charge high amounts for retrieving public records.

Gov. Jim Pillen signed Legislative Bill 43, adopting the First Freedom Act and new public record provisions, on Wednesday, March 27, after it unanimously passed in the Legislature 39-0. The bill went into immediate effect due to an emergency clause.

The emergency clause was added to an amendment inspired by Lincoln Sen. Danielle Conrad earlier this legislative session. The bill was originally carried over from last year's session.

However, some records will remain protected under the law. These include medical records, security information, some student personal information, identifying records of victims of sex trafficking and other confidential communications.

Daniel Gutman, the lawyer for the Nebraska Journalism Trust, said the clause explicitly overturns the Nebraska Supreme Court's March 15 ruling, which reversed a lower court's ruling from last year. But that wasn't the end of the matter.

"Remarkably, six days after the Supreme Court issued that opinion saying that non-attorneys should charge for review time, the Legislature passed legislation explicitly overturning that decision," Gutman said. LB 43 dismantles the justification of the Supreme Court's holding.

The case started in November 2022 when the Nebraska Journalism Trust filed a lawsuit against the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and its records manager. The Flatwater Free Press, Nebraska's first independent, nonprofit newsroom focused on investigative journalism and a publication of the Nebraska Journalism Trust, requested NDEE emails with certain keywords over a 12-year period.

NDEE management initially advised Flatwater to shorten the time frame from 12 years to five years on its request to avoid a costly quote. After shortening the time frame, the NDEE manager estimated the request to be \$2,000.

When the official records request was then filed, the quote skyrocketed to over \$44,000. In response, Flatwater filed a petition against NDEE, saying that the estimate wasn't legal under Nebraska's public records statutes. The quote included itemized estimates, including the pay rates of NDEE staff who would oversee the request and make sure the documents requested by Flatwater didn't contain classified information or attorney-client privilege.

When the NDEE didn't lower the price, Flatwater took the case to district court citing an obstruction to public oversight. The court sided with Flatwater, claiming that the agency could not legally charge Flatwater so NDEE staff could review the emails. "Nebraska law does not allow public officials to charge fees for time spent determining whether to make records unavailable," the Nebraska Supreme Court ruling read.

However, the high court rejected the district court's ruling that Nebraska's law didn't allow agencies to charge for supervisory review of public records requests.

"This decision is a blow to Nebraska's public records law, a law written to protect media outlets like ours and Nebraskans like yourselves from the secrecy of those who hold power," Matthew Hanson, editor of the Flatwater Free Press, wrote in the publication's weekly newsletter the day of the ruling.

Additionally, on March 11, four days before the Supreme Court ruling, Pillen announced the retirement of NDEE director Jim Macy in a press release.

Ultimately, Flatwater remains without access to the public records initially requested and has not paid the \$44,000, but Gutman said he and the Nebraska Journalism Trust will re-evaluate and decide how to proceed.

"Ultimately, I think that our public records laws still need a lot of work in terms of updating and transparency," Gutman said. "But this particular outcome is one worth celebrating."

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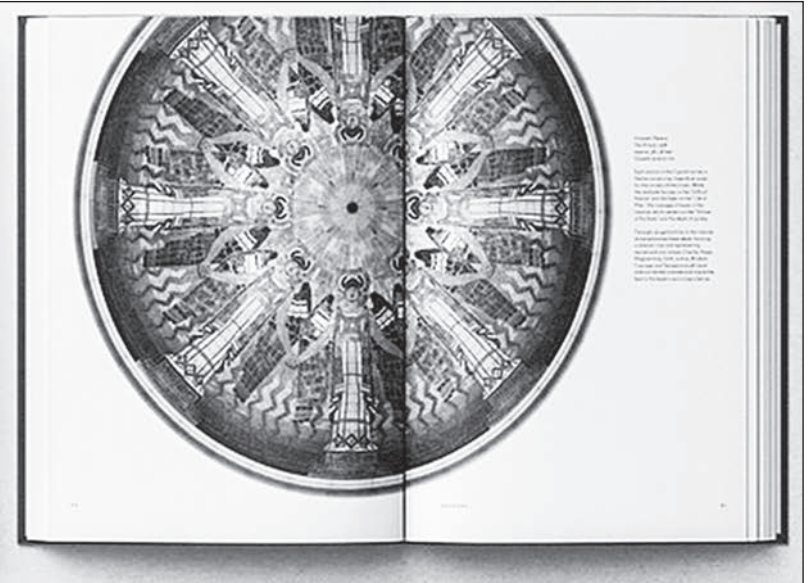
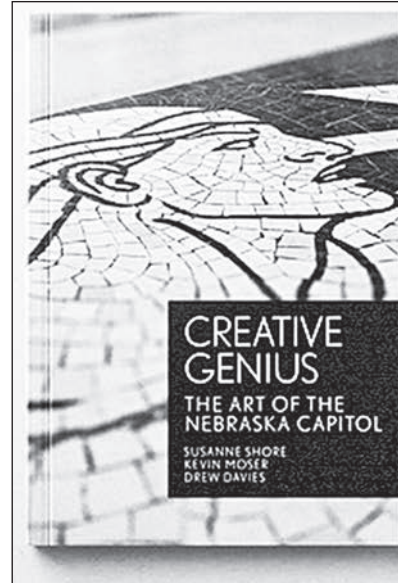
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Elgin native Kevin Moser one of three co-writers Creative Genius: The Art of the Nebraska Capitol



Launch reception on to be held on Tuesday, April 30

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When grazed from early April to early May, forage quality of cereal rye, winter triticale, and winter wheat is similar. All three species can be very high quality. When managed correctly, growing calves can gain 3 to 4 lbs/day. Cereal rye can have

greater growth during cooler conditions compared to wheat or triticale. This is the reason it can often provide earlier spring grazing. On the other hand, triticale retains its feed value better into late spring since it does not mature as quickly. This makes it well-suited for hay and silage, or for grazing well into June. If planning on harvesting hay after heading, make sure to choose an awnless variety to increase palatability.

When grazing, the key to optimizing performance of cattle with high nutritional requirements, such as growing calves or lactating cows, is to keep the grass from becoming overly mature. Remember, with lactating cows you want them

on an increasing, or at minimum, steady plane of nutrition as they move into breeding. Managing forage maturity is key to maintaining availability of high-quality forage. Small cereal forages grow fast and mature rapidly, so it is important to actively manage the grazing to ensure the plants are not allowed to become overly mature.

Begin grazing when the plants are about 5 to 6 inches tall and manage to keep the maximum height at 8 to 10 inches. Rotational grazing with higher stocking densities can assist with keeping the plant maturity more uniform and reduce selective grazing. Look ahead 1 or 2 pastures and move based

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Beef Systems
 Asst. Ext. Educator
Ben Beckman

on how the grass is recovering in those pastures. These forages grow fast and recover from grazing fast. The most common mistake when spring grazing small cereals is letting the grass get ahead of the cattle. It is important to increase stocking density as the spring progresses to ensure the cattle can keep up with the rapid forage growth. This can be achieved by either adding more cattle or reducing the number of acres being grazed.

A good starting point is about 0.5 cow or 1 stocker calf per acre in early spring and increasing from there.

Like most cool-season grasses in early spring, small cereal forages are also high in potassi-

um. This means there is a need to provide supplemental magnesium as potassium interferes with magnesium availability to the animal. A free choice mineral with a targeted 4 oz per day intake should contain at least 10% magnesium to prevent grass tetany in lactating cows and 5% magnesium to increase gains in stocker calves.

Remember, the key to getting the most out of grazing small cereal forages is managing the maturity by having the “right” amount of grazing pressure.

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

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Wolfpack Sports

Track teams find success at N-O Invite

PLAINVIEW — The Wolfpack boys placed sixth and the girls placed seventh in the final team standings at the Neligh-Oakdale Invite held Tuesday, April 9, at Plainview High School.

Senior Blake Henn won the shot put. Dylan Lueking placed second in the 200 meter dash, third in the discus and fourth in the shot put to highlight EPPJ's boys team effort.

Myles Kittelson finished among the top eight in three events (100, 200 meter dashes and long jump). Kaiden Bode placed sixth in the high jump and fifth in the triple jump. Jarek Erickson placed fourth in the discus in his first action of the season. Dylan Kolm came in sixth in the discus. Also, EPPJ's 1600 and 3200 meter relay teams earned medals.

On the girls side, finishing in the top eight in their event were Brenna Martinsen (100 meter dash); Kayton Zwingman (300 meter hurdles); Samantha Stuhr (3200 meter run); 400, 1600 and 3200 meter relay teams; Mady Kurpgewit (high jump), Gemma Miller (shot put); and Braelyn Martinsen (triple jump). Niobrara-Verdigre won the girls team title with a score of 119. EPPJ finished seventh with 21 points.

In the boys team race, Elkhorn Valley won with 107 points, EPPJ was sixth with 38 points. Elkhorn Valley won the boys team title with 107 points followed by Fullerton 93, GACC 75, Osmond 74, Plainview 72, EPPJ 38, HLHF 37, Niobrara-Verdigre 16 and Madison 15. Niobrara-Verdigre won the girls team title with 119 points, two more than Plainview at 117. Other team scores were Elkhorn Valley 102, GACC 68, Madison 37, Neligh-Oakdale 23, EPPJ 21, Fullerton 19, HLHF 13 and Osmond 8.

Individual results from Tuesday's meet were:

Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Fletcher Dubas, Fullerton, 11.30 seconds; 7. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 12.20
110 meter hurdles — 1. Roe Patton, Fullerton, 16.30 seconds
200 meter dash — 1. Fletcher Dubas, Fullerton, 24.10; 2. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 24.70
300 meter hurdles — 1. Roe Patton, Fullerton, 43.90 seconds
400 meter dash — 1. Dawson Hansen, Elkhorn Valley, 53.80 seconds
800 meter run — 1. Waylon Warneke, Elkhorn Valley, 2:07.00
1600 meter run — 1. Dominic True, Osmond, 4:59.30
3200 meter run — 1. Dominic True, Osmond, 10:51.10
400 meter relay — 1. Guardian Angels, 47.30 seconds



Blake Henn Jarek Erickson

Erickson, 2 others earn D-1 OWH, LJS recognition

Three Wolfpack boys basketball players were recognized for their play during the season by the state's largest daily newspapers, The Omaha World-Herald and The Lincoln Journal-Star.

Senior Blake Henn and sophomores Karson Kallhoff and Jarek Erickson received honorable mention in Class D-1 in both newspapers. The selections were announced Sunday.



Karson Kallhoff



Photos submitted

Kaiden Bode is shown running his leg of the 3200 meter relay. EPPJ finished fifth in the event.

1600 meter relay — 1. Elkhorn Valley, 3:45.20; 8. EPPJ (Taylor Beckman, Landon Kallhoff, Grady Druke, Kaeden Schwartzing), 4:28.50
3200 meter relay — 1. Plainview, 9:11.00; 5. EPPJ (Kaiden Bode, Blake Henn, Grady Druke, Landyn Veik), 9:39.30
High jump — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 5'11"; 6. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 5'3"
Shot put — 1. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 45'10.5"; 4. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 41'2.5"
Long jump — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 20'6.5"; 7. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 17'10"
Triple jump — 1. Gavin Grotelusch, HLHF, 44'4.5"; 4. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 37"
Discus — 1. Xander Brown, Osmond, 144'9"; 3. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 129'9"; 4. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 113'11"
Pole vault — 1. Roe Patton, Fullerton, 14'6"
Girls
100 meter dash — 1. Karla Antanacio, Madison, 12.90 seconds; 8. Brenna Martinsen, EPPJ, 14.00
100 meter hurdles — 1. Abbie Kromarek, Plainview, 16.40 seconds
200 meter dash — 1. Jocelyn Skoda, GACC, 27.50 seconds
300 meter hurdles — 1. Teya Boyer, Plainview, 49.60 seconds; 4. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 52.50
400 meter dash — 1. Jocelynn Skoda, GACC, 1:01.60
800 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, N/V, 2:28.30
1600 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, N/V, 5:45.60
3200 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, N/V, 12:00.00; 8. Samantha Stuhr, EPPJ, 16:01.50
400 meter relay — 1. Plainview, 53.50 seconds; 4. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Kayton Zwingman, Reese Stuhr, Braelyn Martinsen), 55.20
1600 meter relay — 1. Niobrara-Verdigre, 4:24.50; 5. EPPJ (Brooke Kinney, Reese Stuhr, Kaitey Schumacher, Kayton Zwingman), 4:52.20
3200 meter relay — 1. Elkhorn Valley, 11:16.40; 6. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Elizabeth Moser, Brooke Kinney, Kaitey Schumacher), 12:32.70
High jump — 1. Amber Sucha, N/V, 5'2"; 4. Mady Kurpgewit, EPPJ, 4'7"
Shot put — 1. Lilly Hagemann, Elkhorn Valley, 34'; 4. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 31'0.5"
Long jump — 1. Allison Sucha, N/V, 16'1.25"
Triple jump — 1. Jocelynn Skoda, GACC, 35'7.5"; 5. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 31'4.5"
Discus — 1. Abby Kerkkman, Neligh-Oakdale, 104'8"
Pole vault — 1. Salena Duinkerkan, Madison, 8'6"



Sprinter Camry Kittelson flies out of the blocks during a heat of the 100 meter dash.

Hoefler earns medal competing Saturday at Knack Invite

PLAINVIEW — Elgin Public-Pope John finished back in the pack in the final team standings at the Larry Knack Golf Invite held Saturday at the Plainview Country Club.

Playing their first 18-hole tournament of the season, EPPJ posted a team score of 458 to place 13th out of 16 teams at the invite.

Crofton won the team title with a score of 350, one stroke better than second place Creighton. Other team scores were West Holt 363, LCC 369,

Randolph 370, Summerland 375, Bloomfield 380, CWC 393, Plainview 397, Stanton 398, O'Neill 401, Pierce 405, Wausa 1320, Battle Creek 1356 and Plainview JV 2246.

Medalist at the tournament was Grant Schieffer of Crofton



Keyera Eisenhauer



Brenna Martinsen

Charf named All-State D1 Second Team by OWH, LJS

Three receive honorable mention



Kate Furstenuau

Having led the Wolfpack in scoring and rebounding her senior season, senior Ashlynn Charf earned post-season honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal-Star. Charf was named to the Class

with an 80.

Junior Kellan Hoefler was the only Wolfpack golfer to break 100 at the tournament. He shot a (46-46) 92.

Other EPPJ scores were Gage

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File photo

Senior Ashlynn Charf was named to the All-State Class D1 Second Team by The Omaha World-Herald newspaper.

D-1 All-State Second Teams. Earning honorable mention for their efforts during the season were seniors Keyera Eisenhauer and Brenna Martinsen and junior Kate Furstenuau.

Spinning Tales

A good weekend despite finishing last

When not working outside Saturday and Sunday, I spent plenty of time watching the Masters Golf Tournament.

Perhaps some of you did too. It's the first 'major' golf tournament of the year, always played in April at Augusta, Georgia.

For people who don't play golf or have no particular affinity for the game, the sport can be very hard to watch on TV.

But if you follow the sport (I do) or play the sport (I try), it's intriguing to watch.

There's the game itself, the skill level that's on display is unbelievable. Golfers hit the driver 350+ yards on many of the par 4s and 5s. But the game is won or lost on the short grass with a putter. You have to have nerves of steel and unbelievably high concentration to win at this level with purses which can surpass \$1 million or more.

Scottie Scheffler reaffirmed his standing as the world's best golfer, winning his second Green Jacket in three years. No one has the distance control he has with the clubs. He's fun to watch (if you like golf).

But there was more to watch this year — the saga of Tiger Woods.

Tiger did something this year that no competitor has ever done, he made the cut for the 24th consecutive year. No man in the history of the Masters has done that.

Woods came into the tournament with virtually no time on the tour this season. And for two rounds, he battled the course to a draw. Then came the weekend. Woods couldn't get anything going and ended up posting his worst-ever one round score (+10) and ended up finishing last in the field.

Afterwards, he told the press it was a good weekend for him. Considering all he has been

through, public and private, the injuries and subsequent surgeries, to do what he did remains special. He chose to enter the arena, he competed, he finished the tournament and the rest of the year is up to what he feels he can do.

Had a friend stop in the office Friday afternoon to chat for a spell. Whether it be through his work at Great Plains State Bank or on the District #18 Board of Education or his prowess on the golf course, everyone knows Todd Heithoff.

Todd is part of a committee working towards forming a Wolfpack boosters organization to help support activities throughout the school year.

Heithoff stopped in to talk about how the boosters could be implemented in the sports programs we print throughout the year. During the course of his time at the office we spoke briefly about the Hudl program implemented by both Elgin Public and Pope John for the 2023/24 school year. For those of you not familiar, Hudl offers an app which allows users to watch Wolfpack games on their phones or a Smart TV. Hudl cameras installed in both gymnasiums used by the Wolfpack provided clear video, an improvement from the systems used previously.

The Elgin Review was one of a group of sponsors who came up with \$9,000 for the first year. The cost has risen several thousand dollars for the 2024/2025 school year, an increase school officials knew was coming when they signed up for the package. After I gave him a donation to support the program, he shared some numbers which surprised me in a good way as Wolfpack fans and those of their opponents who chose not to attend the games in person took advantage of Hudl.

While there is no way to know the number of fans who watched games on TV prior to Hudl, the numbers he shared were, to me, impressive.

I haven't been crazy about services like Hudl for one simple reason - if you're watching the game at home, your not in the gym. It can't help but cut down the number of fans who would have been in the

gym to watch the game. Yet, to my amazement, the bleachers looked as full as they had in previous years.

I'd rather be in the gym than watch any Wolfpack game on TV. It's very hard to do what I do, sitting in a recliner. But that's just me.

Anyway, here are the numbers Todd shared.

Loads - 22,240
Unique Loads - 12,592
Total Plays - 14,561
Unique Plays - 10,509

Now, with a baseline to work from, it will be interesting to watch and see if the use of Hudl grows or decreases in year two.

One final thought, I would be remiss if I didn't share a word or two about the passing of O.J. Simpson. Prostate cancer was the cause of death for Simpson, who the case can be made was one of our country's greatest athletes. He had everything (size, speed, endurance), he had charisma, style and more money than he could ever spend. He had a couple of wives, the second one named Nicole. In 1994 she and a man named Ronald Goldman were brutally murdered.

Then came the trial of the century, a nine-month saga that gripped the nation, a jury who came up with a verdict in four hours; a not guilty verdict which Blacks celebrated and Whites were shocked by. Then came Simpson's vow to find the murderers (he must have thought they were on golf courses or at stripper bars). Simpson became a pariah in the entertainment world. Years later he was busted for trying to get his memorabilia back from some hoods and lowlifes. This time the court system nailed him, sentencing him to 33 years behind bars. Many of you, along with I, watched all of this play out on TV. As expected, Social Media has had a field day with Simpson's death.

Some of the posts cross the line, but is there a line when it comes to what's posted on Facebook, Instagram or X?

I have a feeling Ron and Nicole are spending eternity at a location that is 180 degrees different than O.J. That's the final judgment

SPINNING TALES



Publisher Dennis Morgan

Henn wins shot put, sets new school record at O'Neill Invite

O'NEILL — Wolfpack senior Blake Henn set a new school record Thursday, competing at the O'Neill Invite. Competing in the shot put, Henn tossed the silver ball 47'6" to win the event. The boys 3200

meter relay team (Kaiden Bode, Grady Druke, Blake Henn and Landyn Veik) placed seventh in the 3200 meter relay. Another highlight from the meet was Kayton Zwingman's performance in the 300 meter

hurdles. The sophomore finished with a time of 54.12 to place third in the event.

The girls 400 meter relay team of Camry Kittelson, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr and Kayton Zwingman took eighth in the 400 meter relay.

Individual results were:

Boys
 100 meter dash — 1. Carter Janssen, NC, 11.25 seconds
 200 meter dash — 1. Carter Janssen, NC, 22.96 seconds
 400 meter dash — 1. Dawson Hansen, Elkhorn Valley, 52.55 seconds
 800 meter run — 1. Mason Hagan, North Central, 2:05.34
 1600 meter run — 1. Elijah Pollard, Ord, 4:53.48
 3200 meter run — 1. Dominic Liess, NC, 10:35.05
 110 meter hurdles — 1. Pryor Mathews, O'Neill, 15.34 seconds
 300 meter hurdles — 1. Drew Morrow, O'Neill, 41.73 seconds
 400 meter relay — 1. Norfolk Catholic, 45.79 seconds

1600 meter relay — 1. Ord, 3:41.06
 3200 meter relay — 1. Ord, 8:50.39
Shot put — 1. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 47'6"
Discus — 1. Carter Nelson, Ainsworth, 156'4.5"
High jump — 1. Isaac Cronin, Valentine, 6'
Pole vault — 1. Clayton Carney, NC, 12'3"
Long jump — 1. Blake Hinrichs, Ord, 19'0.5"
Triple jump — 1. Blake Hinrichs, Ord, 45'1.5"
Girls
 100 meter dash — 1. Aubrey Barnes, NC, 13.11 seconds
 200 meter dash — 1. Aubrey Barnes, NC, 26.57 seconds
 400 meter dash — 1. Eva Hartzell, NC, 1:02.53
 800 meter run — 1. Lorissa Reiman, St. Mary's, 2:34.29
 1600 meter run — 1. Emma Kennedy, Ainsworth, 6:02.54

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April 17 @ St. Mary's 9:00
 April 23 @ Creighton 1:30
 April 25 Norfolk Classic 4:00
 April 27 NVC @ West Holt 9:30

JUNIOR HIGH

April 23 @ Genoa 9:00
 April 27 NVC @ West Holt 9:30

GOLF

April 18 @ Scotus 9:00
 April 22 JV @ Beemer 9:00
 April 23 NVC @ Tatanka Golf Course 9:00
 April 27 @ West Holt 9:00



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April 17 Bloodmobile (EHS host) • EPS & SB Miles of Smiles
 April 18 EPS K-1st grade field trip to Columbus
 April 19 District Music contest • PJCC/SB Visitation Day • EPS 3rd Grade field trip
 April 20 EHS/PJCC Jr/Sr Prom
 April 22 EPS Spring HS Concert
 April 23 PJCC/SB 1 p.m. dismissal
 April 24 EPS 4th grade field trip to Lincoln • PJCC Fr/So Retreat @ Tintern • EHS Science Fair
 April 26 NVC Art Show @ Rock County • SB Miles of Smiles
 April 27 N-O 5th/6th Grade Honor Band
 April 26 & 28 PJCC Spring Musical
 April 30 PJCC Crusader Jam • FFA officer interviews
 May 2 P/J/SB Spring Concert
 May 3 EPS Grandparents Day • WSC Math Contest • SB only, 1 p.m. dismissal • EPS Elementary Spring Concert
 May 6 FFA Banquet
 May 7 EHS NHS & Activities/Academics Awards • FFA Greenhouse Plant Sales begin
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Barlow, Veik receive 'Entrepreneur' Award

Rachael Barlow (center) and Heather Veik (right), owners of the River Mill Coffee Company in Neligh, were presented the 2023 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Center for Rural Affairs. Making the presentation was CRA representative Lori Schrader (left). Congratulations!

Nebraskans, not state, will get more child support under recently passed bill

By Chris Bowling

Flatwater Free Press

Katie Nungesser had stretched her monthly welfare check to its limit. The \$281 paid for her cell phone bill, infant daughter's diapers and car insurance, but she couldn't afford enough gas to drive nearly five hours for her kid's weekend visit with her ex-husband.

How could she not have enough money when he was paying child support, her ex-husband asked.

"Wait," Nungesser remembers thinking, "what child support?"

To get her welfare benefits, Nungesser had signed over her right to receive full child support. What she didn't know was the state was keeping it — a common problem for Nebraska's poorest people and an issue she believes a bill the Nebraska Legislature recently passed will fix.

On Thursday, that bill, LB233, passed 46-0. It will become law if Gov. Jim Pillen signs it as expected.

"These are just nickels and dimes to the state," Nungesser, now a policy coordinator at Voices for Children, said of the child support collections. "But making this change is really substantial for the families that are in these crisis levels."

Over the last decade the state has collected \$15.7 million in child support due to people in its welfare system, called Aid to Dependent Children. It sent

about half that to the federal government and funneled the remainder into state programs.

LB233, introduced by State Sen. John Cavanaugh, an Omaha Democrat, will give more of that money back to families.

Right now, a single parent who qualifies for Aid to Dependent Children assistance is eligible to receive a maximum of \$464 a month if they have one child. But then they don't get some or all of their owed child support money.

That money, an average of \$240 per month, can significantly affect these family's budgets, said Diane Amdor, Nebraska Applesseed's economic justice program staff attorney.

"That is a game changer," she said. "It's like, 'Do we get to eat the things that we want to eat? Or are we living on saltines for the rest of the month?'"

Originally the bill would have passed all child support to these families — but that change would have cost the state \$1 million annually, according to a fiscal note.

In early April, Cavanaugh, representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services and members of Gov. Pillen's policy research team agreed to amend the bill.

The changes capped how much monthly child support the state could pass on to parents enrolled in Aid to Dependent Children at \$100 for one child and \$200 for two or more children. This deal ensures Nebraska won't have to reimburse the federal government its share

of the collections, said Pillen spokesperson Laura Strimble.

And it made it far more unlikely that any state senator would oppose it, since it's now estimated to cost the state less than \$200,000 annually.

"I'm shocked we'd have a program that would chase around people that are not in good financial shape because it saves the state \$195,000 a year," said Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, a Republican from the Omaha area.

Linehan and Sen. Steve Erdman, a Republican who represents nine counties in the Nebraska Panhandle, previously filed motions to postpone the bill. They withdrew the motions on Tuesday.

To implement the policy by July 2027, the state will have to update the computer system it uses to enforce child support, which the bill's fiscal note estimates will cost \$4.3 million. Amdor said similar updates in states like Washington and Colorado have cost less than \$1 million.

If Pillen signs the bill, Nebraska would join 28 states that have so-called "pass through and disregard" laws, according to a May 2023 list from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Diana Azevedo-McCaffrey, a policy analyst with the Washington, D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said the practice is becoming more common nationally as caseloads for benefit programs decline and states derive less revenue from child support.

Golf

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Thiessen (60-65) 125, Michael Selting (55-67) 122, Jack Barlow (55-64) 119 and Dannyka Smidt (67-69) 136.

Earlier in the week, EPPJ participated in the Summerland Invite. Held Wednesday, April 10, the Wolfpack posted a team score of 435. Hoefler placed 17th and teammate Karson Kallhoff finished 25th.

Individual scores were Hoefler (43-46) 89, Kallhoff (47-48) 95, Thiessen (65-55) 120, Selting (67/64) 131 and Smidt (62/72) 134.

On Monday, April 8, the Wolfpack hosted a triangular against Elkhorn Valley and CWC. William Jesse, competing for CWC, shot the low nine-hole score of 39.

Elkhorn Valley won the team competition with a score of 196, CWC was second at 198 followed by EPPJ at 210.

Wolfpack varsity scores were Hoefler 43, Kallhoff 43, Thiessen 58, Selting 66 and Barlow 66.

Also competing were the Wolfpack JVs. Their scores were Smidt 74, Aiden Klein 68, Gavin Kallhoff 66 and Creighton Harkins 83. The JVs posted a team score of 291.

Track

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3200 meter run — 1. Emma Kennedy, Ainsworth, 12:58.88

100 meter hurdles — 1. Eva Hartzell, NC, 15.77 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Eva Hartzell, NC, 50.18 seconds; 3. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 54.12

400 meter relay — 1. Norfolk Catholic, 52.69 seconds; 8. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Braelyn Martinsen, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 57.01

1600 meter relay — 1. Ord, 4:26.97

3200 meter relay — 1. St. Mary's, 10:34.77

Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 37'9.75"

Discus — 1. Kinsey Buechle, Valentine, 110'8"

High jump — 1. Bailey Ahlers, Summerland, 5'

Pole vault — 1. Brooklynn Cahoy, O'Neill, 9'

Long jump — 1. Aubrey Barnes, NC, 16'5"

Triple jump — 1. Gracyn Painter, Ainsworth, 34'1.5"; 6. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 31'10"

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BLAKE HENN
BOYS TRACK
A senior, Blake turned in his best shot put throw of the early track season last Thursday, setting a new school record. His 1st place throw at O'Neill was 47'5"

KAYTON ZWINGMAN
GIRLS TRACK
A sophomore, Kayton led her teammates in the girls competition at O'Neill. She finished 3rd in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 54.12.

KELLAN HOEFER
GOLF
A junior, Kellan medaled last Saturday, playing at the Plainview Country Club. He & teammates also competed at Summerland & the Antelope CC.

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