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## In Brief

### Annual NVC Show to be held April 25-26

At RCHS in Bassett.

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork will be on display this Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 26, 2024 from 8:00-2:00 pm in the Rock County High School Multipurpose room, Bassett, Nebraska, as part of this year's Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

The Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show is open to the public and is free of charge.

The artwork on display represents the yearlong efforts of hundreds of art students throughout this area.

Categories are as diverse as the students that enter work with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, and more.

In addition to art work from Elgin Public and Pope John students, other schools who will be participating include: Boyd County, Chambers, Elkhorn Valley, Keya Paha, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara, Rock County, St. Mary's, Santee, Stuart, Summerland, Verdigre, West Holt, and Wheeler Central.

Serving as judges for this year's art show are Joan Swim, Kevin McNichols, Priscilla Portenier and Hailey McBride.

This is an excellent opportunity to view the artwork and appreciate the talent showcased this year at the 2024 Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

## EVFD adds "new" grass rig to its fleet

The wheels were put in motion pre-COVID...the decision to buy, the chassis purchased and the work began to customize it. Finally, the "new" grass rig has found its home in Elgin. The Elgin Rural Fire District purchased the 2009 GMC 5500 chassis which was previously used as a utility truck at Elkhorn Rural Public Power District. The truck was purchased and underwent modifications (a new box, water tank, tires, trim, a monitor and gun and more) at Feld Fire in Carroll, Iowa. Last week, Fire Chief Greg Henn brought the rig back from Hartington, NE. Pictured with the rig shortly after it pulled in at the Fire Hall are EVFD personnel, l-r: Craig Niewohner, Greg Henn, Jake Schwarting, Camryn Pelster, Josh Kallhoff, Jay Evans, Austin Van Horn, Robbie "Gap" Evans, Savannah Wiseman, Eric Schiltmeyer, Jessy Dierks and Nathan Niewohner. E-R photo/LMorgan



## Planted & Patched to again offer wide array of plants

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

*Editor's Note: This continues a series of monthly articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents and organizations.*

All avocations have tricks of the trade and one of Tricia Spieker's is a heavily grooved bar of hand soap on her workbench in a garage on a farm northwest of Elgin.

"If you scratch your fingernails on the soap before planting, it helps to get out the dirt easier," Spieker shared as she smiled ear-to-ear showing off tiny seedlings under a grow light soon to be lovingly separated and moved to her 13-by-16-foot greenhouse erected four years ago. "There are 100 plants on one tray that need to be separated into individual pots," she said admitting it's not work but her "therapy."

While her three human babies, two boys and a girl, ages 10, seven, and five jumped on motorized vehicles to go on an after-school visit to a nearby farmhouse, it was obvious these tender green plants coming out of the soil were also her pride and joy.

This plant passion, now in its fourth year using the business name of Planted and Patched, is fairly new for Spieker. After graduating from Boone Central in 2005, then the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2008 with a bachelor's degree and 2011 with a master's degree, both in speech pathology, she spent 12 years working in her profession with Nebraska Educational Service Units Seven and Eight.

"I'm not a winter person; I don't like the cold," Spieker admitted with certainty. Being married to Adam, a Pope John graduate engaged in cattle and row crop production, going on a winter escape to a warm place for long isn't really possible. Then, she discovered the 70-degree warmth of a greenhouse on a sunny day even when the local temperature is well below zero.

Setting up a table and chair in the empty greenhouse in winter, "I can feel the heat whenever," she said savoring the glorious thought and recalling the launch of her green thumb journey.

While she learned to "snap beans and can" growing up alongside her mom, a gardener, she leaned heavily on reading a lot, especially social media feeds she follows. She also credits Bethany Miller, Elgin, for perfecting her gardening skills.

When stopping by in late April, the greenhouse was no longer a winter haven. Instead, it was miserably hot and humid, the happy home of some 1,500 plants, soon to be 2,000 or more. Spieker spends at least an hour a day gently tending and watering some 19 tomato varieties, 15 for peppers, gera-



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Tricia Spieker shows off her prized plants in her in greenhouse northwest of Elgin.

niums started from cuttings, violas, marigolds, geraniums, coleus, melons, cukes, and herbs like basil, rosemary, oregano, and chives.

Obviously her thrill is hand seeding, growing on site, and trying heirloom varieties. "The heirlooms," she explained are "plants that have been grown long enough to stay true to the seed type, not like a hybrid." She pointed out a tomato called Prairie Fire, one her favorites that produces a super sweet fruit with a tie-died-looking red, orange, and yellow skin. "A lot of varieties you won't find in other outlets," she said.

Depending on weather, she usually starts sales the first week in May and encouraged patrons to wait until May 15th to plant gardens, as she does her small garden designed to provide fresh produce for her family and sometimes the Elgin Farmers Market. Like her, "tomatoes and cucumbers don't like being cold," she quipped.

Spieker said her business has become a family affair with her children offering a helping hand, plus it gives her time to work side-by-side with her husband on the farm business, substitute teach at Pope John school in Elgin, and bring in some extra spending money. "It brings me great happiness seeing things grow and assuring the plants are affordable for people," she said.

About advice for gardeners, she said,

"Don't feel badly if you kill plants. It happens." Then she painstakingly described a year when she literally burned a thousand plants. Using an organic pesticide (rubbing alcohol and castile soap) to get rid of tiny bugs, she overlooked a phone alert to check the greenhouse. The temperature jumped to 110 degrees and fried the plants. "They came back, though weren't too pretty for a while," she said.

Spieker is clear that her plants are not totally organic, though she steers away from chemicals as much as possible. With an infestation of thrips, a tiny insect that consumes everything, in her greenhouse, she had to clear out everything and spray.

A note about the 'patched' part of her business name, this refers to her autumn endeavor, a massive pumpkin patch. She raises what she called 'fun ones' such as blue, white, yellow, pink, and bumpy along with the traditional orange varieties. She sells them along the roadside by the farm, to a couple of wholesalers, and also at the Elgin Farmers Market.

To find out more about Potted and Patched, call/text Spieker at 402-990-7180, reach her on Facebook Messenger, or follow her on Instagram. As spring invites us all outdoors to dig in the dirt, stop by Spieker's greenhouse and get some inspiration. Thanks, Tricia, for offering another business to our Elgin community.

## Donations nearing \$4,000 for scholarships

Since kicking off the annual scholarship campaign, more than \$3,000 has been raised.

Anne Parks, speaking on behalf of the Elgin Area Community Foundation, announced the names of 35 donors who have so far donated to the campaign which awards scholarships to seniors from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic and Elgin Public Schools.

Individuals who have donated so far include: Bruce & Joanne Anderson, The Bank of Elgin, Robert & Mary Bauer, Ted & JoAnn Baum, Kurt & Linda Blair, Barb Bode, the late Mary Jane Boes, Marilyn Clark, Dean's Market, Dave & Janice Eischeid, Jim & Betty Getzfred, Darlene Heithoff, Steve & Rita Heithoff, Austin & Connor Heying, Luke & Jessica Hinkle, William & Mary Hubert, Kenny & Jeanine Jochum, Duane & Vicki Miller, Mark & Tiffany Moser, Levander Funeral Home - Tony & Nicole Levander, Ed & Anne Parks, Jim & Chris Redding, Terry & Michele Reicks, Marilyn Reilly, Dale & Renee Schindler, Janie Score, Nancy Selting, Craig & Merry Sprout, Vida Sprout, David & Joyce Sullivan, Deborah Warren, Sharon Wilkinson, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic - Jeremy & Kimberly Young, and Gayle & Judy Zegers.

Total donations now stands at \$3,815.

Donations will continue to be accepted through the end of the month. They can be made by stopping at The Bank of Elgin during regular business hours.

## Elderly Tilden man sentenced

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

An elderly Tilden man was sentenced in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, April 17, to a one-year term of probation for violating a domestic abuse protection order.

The protection order was issued April 13, 2022, and renewed April 13, 2023, in Boone County district court, with the 90-year-old man's former spouse listed as the protected party. She alleged mental and physical abuse.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith said Nebraska probation officials recommended jail in a presentence investigation.

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## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Liquor License Hearing — Elgin City Council

Roadway Mowing Notice — Antelope County

Notice of Sheriff's Sale (2) — Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore

Proceedings — Annual Americanism Committee hearing, District #18 Board of Education

Notice — Estate of Randall E. Pedersen

Notice of Organization — JW Auctions LLC

Notice to Bidders — Antelope County

Notice to Bidders — Village of Bartlett

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 84 degrees recorded on Sunday, April 14.

The low during the same period was 26 degrees recorded on Friday, April 19.

Altogether, 1.07 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
April 14	84	44	.00
April 15	80	53	.28
April 16	65	43	.04
April 17	65	35	.75
April 18	50	30	.00
April 19	48	26	.00
April 20	47	28	.00
Total for last week			1.07
Total for April			1.47
Total precipitation 2024			6.00

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## Juniors, seniors and their dates dance the night away at EPS/PJCC Prom



PJCC juniors attending prom Saturday night were (l-r): Juliana McNally, Olivia Klein, Natalie Burenheide, Darby Carstens and Kaitey Schumacher.



Attending prom, representing the EPS junior class were (front row, l-r): Isabella Martinez, Emma Kinney, Jaidyn Schrad, Callie Heithoff, Kate Furstenau, Chloe Henn, Lauren Vitamvlas and Samantha Durre. Back row: Dylan Kolm, Austin Hinkle, Riddick Graham, Kellan Hoefer, Taylor Beckman, Landon Kallhoff and Kaeden Schwarting.



Seniors attending prom from PJCC were (l-r): Jazmine McNally, Elise Ruterbories, Jack Barlow, Brooklyn Meis and Ashlynn Charf.



E-R photos/LMorgan

EPS seniors attending prom Saturday night were (front row, l-r): Keyera Eisenhauer, Baylee Busted, Abriel VonBonn and Brenna Martinsen. Back row: Blake Henn, Dylon Lueking, Steven Nelson, Brian Heithoff, Myles Kittelson, Nick Anderson, Dylon Parks, Samuel Hemenway and Gage Thiessen.

## FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

# Jaidyn Schrad



Jaidyn Schrad

Jaidyn Schrad is the FFA member of the month. Jaidyn is a junior member and she has been a FFA member for a year and a half. Her parents are Cassie Schrad and Ben Schrad of Elgin.

We are so very happy that Jaidyn joined the Elgin FFA! She is a great student and is a great FFA member. She put's in 100% effort for all of the events that she does in FFA and volunteers for other activities that the chapter is involved in.

Jaidyn excels in all the livestock events. For the past two years

she has been a valuable member of the livestock management team that was district champion in 2023 and 3rd overall this year, both years qualifying for state. At the state level, Jaidyn was valuable in leading her team to top 10 finishes in the horse, swine and sheep divisions!

Thank you Jaidyn for your hard work to the chapter!

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Court

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tigation report. He said a mental health professional had reported the defendant's attitude "was not getting better" but recommended "some kind of probation."

Antelope County public defender Pat Carney suggested probation with periodic waiverable jail terms, dependent on his behavior.

Denis F. Kerkman's opportunity for probation includes many restrictions, designed by the Honorable Donna Taylor as incentives to keep him from further violating a protection order.

Taylor's March 2024 order requiring Kerkman to wear a GPS monitor became part of probation conditions for 90 days, despite a letter from a Boone County physician claiming the device caused irritation and swelling of his leg. Taylor told Kerkman that probation personnel would apply a different type of device. The monitor will monitor compliance with an order for Kerkman not to be in the city of Neligh, except to drive through on highways 275 and 14 and to attend church Sunday Mass at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Taylor ordered GPS surveillance after she said she received multiple requests from concerned citizens asking protection for Kerkman's former spouse.

In addition, Kerkman was ordered to serve three 30-day jail

stints, to begin July 1 and Oct. 1, 2024, and March 1, 2025, unless waived. Waiver of the jail time will be contingent on good cause showing that he is compliant with the probation provisions, with no violations related to the GPS monitor, nor with any valid protection orders or any probation conditions.

He was ordered to turn over passwords to his phone and any social media accounts. His phone is subject to search by probation personnel to monitor contact attempts with the victim (or if there are any attempts by her to contact him). He claimed she had called him "305 times."

Kerkman is ordered to continue counseling with Dr. Sturgis and not discontinue without written permission of a probation officer. He is required to pay probation fees totaling \$390, a \$1,000 fine and \$60 costs.

Kerkman was repeatedly admonished and warned by the judge not to violate provisions of the order.

Kerkman was represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney. He was convicted of the crime Jan. 3, his second conviction for violating the same protection order in Antelope County. Sentencing was twice delayed after a new felony violation of the protection order was filed in Pierce County, the fourth violation alleged there. The order includes two prohibited locations, his former spouse's Neligh residence and a rural Pierce County residence.

# The ever dreaded bedtime routine

I often wonder if I'm the only parent on the planet that absolutely hates the bedtime routine. Am I alone in dreading the announcement that it's time to get ready for bed? Out of the entire day, that thirty minutes feels like an eternity.

I think we can all agree that mornings are usually chaotic. Everyone is getting ready for work or school, packing snacks or lunches, and trying to get out of the house on time. Couple

that with the fact that I'm not a morning person and I usually haven't had coffee yet, mornings can be rough. However, as my children have gotten older and more responsible, they're able to do more for themselves in the morning and it's been less of a struggle over the years.

The nighttime routine, though, is still a challenge. The second I announce that it's time to get ready for bed, everyone is immediately hungry. They

were playing fine for the last hour but NOW they need a snack. This is also the moment they need to tell me the most important things, or remember they have a homework assignment, or that they didn't do their Duolingo (a language learning app).

If that's not enough, there's the all-time dilly dallying. The Sonicare toothbrush takes two minutes. Two! Yet, somehow brushing teeth can take up to ten minutes. How? I will never know. Our boys have a Jack and Jack bathroom. That

means they each have their own vanity but share the toilet and shower area. So, theoretically brushing teeth should be a solo event. Each child should be at his own sink brushing his teeth for two minutes, floss, mouthwash, done. Is that the case? Of course not.

Every night is hysterical laughing, sometimes music, and someone is always in someone else's bathroom. No matter how much I yell upstairs to keep them on task, the crazies con-

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### PLEASE PLAN AHEAD


The First Half of the 2023 **REAL ESTATE** and **PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX** is due.

First Half Taxes will become delinquent **MAY 1, 2024.**

Interest will accrue on May 1st. Payment must be made by the close of business day on April 30th or postmarked by April 30th to be considered on time.

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

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### Get To Know The APRIL Wolfpack

# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



**JACK BARLOW**  
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## Q&A

**Just a couple of weeks before graduation, you're wrapping up a busy final year of school. What stands out the most about being a senior at PJCC?**  
We're held with more respect, teachers treat is like college students.

**Which feeling is better, being involved in one act, speech or competing in wrestling and golf?**  
More success at speech and one act, like hanging out with friends sports. Speech and one act, good at it, enjoy it.

**Where do you find the inspiration for the characters you've played in one act and/or performed in speech?**  
Read through the script, see what do, go through it in my head, think how others have done characters like that before, then adapt to personality.

**If you had your own warning label, what would it say?**  
Warning: Speechster.

**What's the key to your success this year, winning humorous prose at State?**  
Lots of preparation. Every day do some part of speech, run through it every day. Practice at home.

**Being the only male in your class at Pope John, what unique situations did you have to deal with?**  
Lots of situations that I didn't care about (prom, hair)

**What is your favorite TV show or streaming series to watch?**  
I really like polar opposites - Chernobyl.

**If you had to perform karaoke in front of your classmates, which song would you pick?**  
Piano Man by Billy Joel

**If you were stuck on a deserted island with a working television and could only watch two movies the entire time you were there, what two movies would you pick?**  
Forrest Gump....The Prestige.

**If you could have any superpower, what would you pick? Why?**  
Telekinesis. Something heavy to move, just think.

**How long can you go without using your phone?**  
I can probably go 30 minutes to an hour, unless busy.....

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# Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

April 23, 1964

Frank J. Wirges of Petersburg passed away Tuesday, April 21, 1964 in a Norfolk hospital following a coronary attack. He was 78 years of age.

An estimated 200 people turned out Monday night for the second Brothers of the Brush Kangaroo Kourt in the K. of C. hall. This number included the Celebration Belles who crashed the party, so to speak, with over 50 of their group in costume.

Mrs. Thelma Payne of Neligh underwent major surgery at Antelope Memorial hospital Monday. At last report her condition was improving and she was as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taute observed their 35th wedding anniversary, Tuesday. Guests during the evening to help them observe the occasion were, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Morisse, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilgocki and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Iburg. They evening was spent playing cards and lunch was served.

A disastrous fire at the Union Oil Company station Saturday before 8 a.m. was averted after their farm tank wagon and bulk tank pumps caught fire during loading operations. Firemen had the blaze under control in short order, although the left rear tire of the tank wagon was burned as was the paint in that area of the truck. Two pumps on the bulk tanks, located south of the station, were also burned.

Fifty Years Ago

April 25, 1974

Gale Bly was included among six Peru Sate College athletes to be chosen to appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding College Athletes of America," an annual awards volume honoring American college athletes of superior athletic ability, community service and campus activity.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Richart, 97, who died at Keahaven Rest Home in Neligh Friday, April 19, 1974, were held Monday in St. Francis Catholic Church there. Rev. Ralph Steffensmeier officiated. Burial was made in St. Bonaventure Cemetery in Raeville.

Daniel Graph, 22, of Omaha was killed Saturday morning in a car accident east of Bennington. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Obradovich of Omaha. Mrs. Obradovich is the former Lillian Hoefler, who is a daughter of Mrs. Louise Hoefler, now a resident in Keahaven Rest Home in Neligh and the late Theo. Hoefler of Elgin.

Don Heithoff was burning weeds, which he had piled at his farm west of town Friday evening, when the fast burning blaze was noticed by a neighbor who turned in a fire alarm. Elgin firemen were soon on the scene and aided Don in extinguishing the remaining burning embers.

Mrs. Tarri Wilkinson announces that she will open her new Westside Beauty Salon Wednesday, May 1. The business is located in a trailer near her residence in the west part of Elgin.

Thirty Years Ago

April 20, 1994

David Madsen of Elgin is one of 85 individuals and four groups who were selected recently to receive the 50th annual Ak-Sar-Ben

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## Elgin Community Center Menus

**Monday, April 29:** Goulash, lettuce salad, peas, strawberry/banana mix, milk.  
**Tuesday, April 30:** Ham balls, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, applesauce, milk.  
**Wednesday, May 1:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, Jello w/pears, milk.

**Thursday, May 2:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas, apricots, garlic stick, milk.  
**Friday, May 3:** Chicken strips, criss cross potatoes, coleslaw, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk.  
(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).

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# Opinion

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

Edward R. Murrow

## A victory for Nebraska's courts

Last week, the U.S. Senate confirmed Judge Susan Bazis to the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

That vote was a victory for Nebraska, and it was a long time coming. Ever since Judge John Gerrard, who previously held the seat, announced he would retire in February 2023, I've been working to find an exemplary candidate to replace him. Judge Bazis is exactly that.

Before Judge Gerrard's move to senior status, I invited qualified candidates to apply for the judicial vacancy he would leave. I recommended Judge Bazis to President Biden for nomination because of her outstanding application and experience. On my recommendation, President Biden nominated Judge Bazis to Nebraska's District Court.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the president nominates federal judges and the Senate votes to confirm them. This January, I was honored to express my support for Judge Bazis at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, where I urged my colleagues to approve her nomination.

After the committee approved Judge Bazis, a bipartisan majority of the full Senate voted to confirm her to Nebraska's federal district court.

Judge Bazis has a sharp legal mind and tremendous expertise in applying the law. She has decades of experience as an attorney, a judge, and a public servant. Judge Bazis is exceptionally capable — the American Bar Association Standing Committee rated her unanimously as Well Qualified, the highest possible rating.

Her record speaks for itself. Judge Bazis has served as a federal magistrate judge for the District of Nebraska for seven years. She is already highly familiar with the court, its processes, and its immense caseload. Over the course of her lengthy career, Judge Bazis has had well-rounded experience in both criminal and civil law.

Before she was selected for her current position, she was a Nebraska County Court Judge for Douglas County for nearly a decade.

Her experience is not only reflected in her legal abilities, but also in her fair-minded temperament, her professional character, and her integrity. Judge Bazis' qualifications and commitment to upholding our laws and our Constitution leave no questions about her ability to take on this role as a federal judge.

For all these reasons, it was a privilege to spearhead Judge Bazis' recommendation, nomination, and confirmation process.

This process is never easy on nominees — they are under intense scrutiny from all 100 senators. Nevertheless, Judge Bazis handled the process with tenacity and grace. She was sworn in on Wednesday, April 10, at a ceremony at the court in Omaha, drawing this momentous confirmation process to a close.

Few senators get the opportunity to shepherd the confirmation process of multiple federal judges. I've been fortunate to get four outstanding Nebraska judges confirmed to federal district and circuit courts during my time in the Senate — under presidents from both parties.

Our courts are essential to distributing equal justice under law to Nebraskans and Americans, and I'm proud of our work to confirm Judge Bazis as the newest member of our state's federal bench.

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## Special session talk abounds at capitol

In 2021, the last special session of the Nebraska Legislature lasted 13 days and cost the state \$105,436.

Do the math, that's \$8,076.92 per day. Then ask yourself, is a winner-take-all election measure, which would bring Nebraska into the same fold as 48 other states, worth the money. For that matter, is a so-called solution to the state's property tax problems worth it?

They're bantering the words "special session" around like it's nothing short of expected. Gov. Jim Pillen says he will call a special session this year if legislative leaders say they have the votes to support a measure that would award all five of Nebraska's Electoral College votes to the statewide winner of the presidential popular vote and avoid the apparent embarrassment of Barack Obama and Joe Biden each getting one electoral vote in their previous respective presidential elections. After all, Nebraska is a red state, right?

After an Omaha rally led by national talk show host and populist pundit Charlie Kirk, attended by more than 700 presumed conservatives, Pillen spokeswoman Laura Strimple said "the Governor looks forward to partnering with legislative leaders to move winner-take-all forward in a special session when there is sufficient support in the Legislature to pass it." Further, she said, Pillen "is an enthusiastic supporter of winner-take-all, has been from the start, and will sign it into law the moment the Legislature puts it on his desk."

Similar bills made it to then-Governor Ben Nelson's desk twice and were both vetoed. Nelson was the last Democrat governor in Nebraska.

Nebraska currently gives two votes to the popular vote winner and then one vote to the winner of each of the three Congressional districts. That system has allowed the Democrats to claim the Second District vote twice.

Apparently, the plan being discussed would seek to suspend the Legislature's rules that allow for a minority-led filibuster. It takes 30 votes to suspend legislative rules. Doing so would mean winner-take-all could pass with 25 votes and Pillen's signature. But getting the 30 votes to suspend could

be a hurdle even with 35 registered Republicans in the officially nonpartisan Legislature. On occasion, personal conviction wins out over party-line.

Likewise, Pillen has said he would call lawmakers back into session to hammer out an acceptable property tax measure after his attempt to finance cuts with a one-cent sales tax hike failed during the waning days of the regular session. That would have to happen in a separate special session since such gatherings are limited to one topic. Two special sessions would be far from a record for the nation's only one-house legislature. During the 92nd Legislature (1991-92), I covered four special sessions, several which were ordered by opinions of the Nebraska Supreme Court. On July 10, 1991, the court held that the state property tax system violates the Ne-

braska Constitution and suggested that the system also may violate the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. In MAPCO Ammonia Pipeline, Inc. v. State Board of Equalization & Assessment, the court declared most of the personal property exemptions unconstitutional and severely restricted the legislature's ability to classify and exempt property under the present constitution.

The property tax system violated the state Constitution. Let that sink in. Bottom line, this struggle with property taxes is NOT a new problem. But it is one that should be resolved.

Three special sessions followed in 1992 to deal with: redistricting by making Madison County a single legislative district; determining the governance of the School of Technical Agriculture

in Curtis; exempting farm equipment from the state sales and use tax.

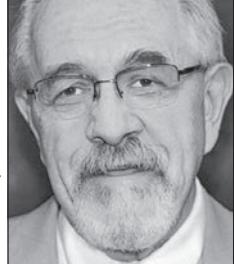
Gives one new perspective on the surviving parts of the Pillen plan (LB388) that made it to the final stage of floor debate. The sales tax rate did not increase from 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent to bring in additional revenue to reduce property taxes paid to fund local government. The Institution on Taxation and Economic Policy modeled the proposal and declared that for all but Nebraska's top earners, the sales tax increase would on average be greater than any property tax cut they may receive.

Whew, we dodged a bullet there.

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### CAPITOL VIEW

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### WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Her record speaks for itself. Judge Bazis has served as a federal magistrate judge for the District of Nebraska for seven years.

She is already highly familiar with the court, its processes, and its immense caseload. Over the course of her lengthy career, Judge Bazis has had well-rounded experience in both criminal and civil law.

Before she was selected for her current position, she was a Nebraska County Court Judge for Douglas County for nearly a decade.

Her experience is not only reflected in her legal abilities, but also in her fair-minded temperament, her professional character, and her integrity. Judge Bazis' qualifications and commitment to upholding our laws and our Constitution leave no questions about her ability to take on this role as a federal judge.

For all these reasons, it was a privilege to spearhead Judge Bazis' recommendation, nomination, and confirmation process.

This process is never easy on nominees — they are under intense scrutiny from all 100 senators. Nevertheless, Judge Bazis handled the process with tenacity and grace. She was sworn in on Wednesday, April 10, at a ceremony at the court in Omaha, drawing this momentous confirmation process to a close.

Few senators get the opportunity to shepherd the confirmation process of multiple federal judges. I've been fortunate to get four outstanding Nebraska judges confirmed to federal district and circuit courts during my time in the Senate — under presidents from both parties.

Our courts are essential to distributing equal justice under law to Nebraskans and Americans, and I'm proud of our work to confirm Judge Bazis as the newest member of our state's federal bench.

## Alliance stands for freedom & opportunity

The Tidal Basin in Washington, DC, home of the Thomas Jefferson, the Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorials, is encircled by scenic cherry trees. Each spring the trees bloom in a picturesque display, drawing visitors from around the world. This popular tourist attraction is the result of a gift of more than 3,000 trees presented to the United States by the government of Japan. Likewise, in Western Nebraska we share a special connection with the Japanese people as we await the grand opening of the Japanese Hall and History Center at the Legacy of the Plains Museum.

### FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

This week, the United States welcomed Japan's Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida, to Washington, DC. Our relationship with Japan is absolutely vital, especially considering the country's regional proximity to foreign powers who pose an open threat to our democratic allies and are increasingly working together.

Just this week as North Korea's dictator Kim Jong Un intensified his

typically combative rhetoric, China sent a senior diplomatic delegation to Pyongyang to demonstrate the close ties between their communist regimes. Additionally, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, published disturbing new evidence of ongoing exchanges of weapons and oil between Russia and North Korea.

In his formal address to Congress, Prime Minister Kishida raised concerns about the aggressive postures of these nations, the risk of a Ukraine-like confrontation occurring in East Asia, and even the possibility of nuclear conflict. It is important to keep in mind, as our most powerful adversaries seek to undermine freedom and opportunity in any country they can, Japan's location places it front and center in this struggle. Because of this, Japan has wisely increased their own defense spending.

The Prime Minister thanked the United States for our unique historical impact and ongoing responsibility to stand for freedom. He was realistic about the fact our common values, such as a commitment to democracy and openness are not shared by rogue states. He called upon the U.S. to continue to demonstrate leadership among those who oppose authoritarianism on the international stage.

These values are the keys to a prosperous future, yet we cannot achieve this kind of security without robust

engagement on rules-based trade relations. Japan is an important market for U.S. agriculture products, especially high-quality Nebraska beef. However, President Biden's abdication on trade matters has put both the U.S. and our allies at a competitive disadvantage.

This is inexcusable, and it's the reason I worked with my Ways and Means Committee colleague from West Virginia, Rep. Carol Miller, and others to introduce a bill this week calling for greater U.S. engagement with Indo-Pacific trade partners such as Japan.

The saga of United States-Japan relations is storied and gripping. The development of a historic partnership

between our countries in the decades following our opposition in the Second World War is a monumental triumph of restored goodwill and continues to stand as one of the most important alliances we have in the world today.

At the opening of his address, Prime Minister Kishida announced Japan will gift an additional 250 cherry trees to Washington's planned Tidal Basin renovation project in preparation for the coming celebration of 250 years of American independence. With endless opportunity on the horizon, there is great promise for the United States and Japan to strengthen our cooperation and friendship.

## I want to cut your taxes

The average Nebraskan paid \$10,519 in taxes to the federal government last year. In return, they should expect a responsible government that respects their God-given freedoms. Government should avoid wasteful spending and ensure the safety and security of our country. That's not what we've seen the last few years.

Bureaucrats in Washington are spending Nebraskans' hard-earned money on burdensome and expensive policies. Instead of protecting your freedoms and keeping you safe, they're using your tax dollars to hinder freedom and prosperity. Overregulation and overspending have caused historic inflation. It's costing a typical family \$11,400 more a year to maintain the same quality of life they had before Biden became president. You deserve better.

When I was Governor, we cut the growth of state spending by more than half while improving customer service. As a result, we delivered over \$12.7 billion in tax relief. As Senator, I'm working to make Washington follow our example. A CATO Institute report found federal spending has increased 40% from 2019 to

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Public Service Commission spring update

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It has been a very busy and productive past several months at the Nebraska Public Service Commission. As Spring arrives, I wanted to share another quarterly update on the work over the past 3 months since I wrote the Winter 2023/2024 District 4 Update.

transportation licensing and regulation, and modular/manufactured housing safety regulation. Telecommunications and broadband issues have been the bulk of the activity of this past quarter.

PSC also launched the 2024 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program and application period. The PSC approved a Reverse Auction Grant process to redistribute roughly \$21 million of unused Nebraska Universal Service Fund dollars to companies who will better utilize the funds for more rural broadband expansion.

but two of the extensions seeing the requests as too long for customers to wait for broadband service. We voted unanimously to launch the newly created \$1 million/year Precision Ag Grant program which is targeted toward Nebraska ag companies and their expansion using precision technology.

Ricketts

2023. That's irresponsible. Part of the problem is Congress' process. Fiscal Year 1997 was the last time Congress passed all twelve appropriations bills and the President signed them into law.

eral spending to 3% - just like we did in Nebraska when I was Governor. Limiting spending will keep inflation from skyrocketing like it has these last few years.

ness to sell off chunks of their operation or property to afford a tax. The federal government shouldn't penalize grit and success.

Hearings were also held, and the PSC collected input from several broadband providers on modifications and improvements to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund on how to better deploy those funds for more efficient rural broadband expansion.

LET THE VOTERS DECIDE! Which Has More Potential Loopholes? Current Nebraska Tax Statutes 1,271 Pages EPIC Option Implementation LB79/AM314 87 Pages

Park Cemetery clean up day to be held Saturday, April 27. Park Cemetery clean up/work day April 27 at 9 a.m. Please bring rakes, shovels, pruners, saws.

WASHINGTON REPORT Pete Ricketts U.S. Senator

On the 911 front, the PSC voted to approve an additional 911 outage investigation into the January 13 Windstream 911 system outage.

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Park Congregational U.C.C. Church Elgin, NE Congregational Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 am. Sunday School: 10:15 am.

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Good Samaritan Society In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone. 1222 S. 7th St. Albion, NE (402) 395-5050

Bartlett Church of Faith Bartlett, NE Pastor Mark Hoffman Sunday Worship Service: 9 am. Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

Immanuel-Zion Lutheran Church ELCA Rural Albion, NE Pastor Elizabeth Goehring Worship Service: 9:30 am. Coffee following services

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Wheeler Central 7th and 8th grade music students performed a bucket drumming routine at the April 12 music concert.

## Bartlett Bits

The Wheeler Central Spring Music Concert, under the direction of Mrs. Sherry Tetschner, was held Friday evening, April 12.

Preschool through 10th grade participated in the program.

The evening performance included the following selections: 5th grade band; A Quarter's Worth and Hot Cross Buns, 6th-10th grade band; High Hopes, Aidan Maddux (trumpet solo); 25 or 6 to 4, Casey Freouf (clarinet solo); Phantom of the Opera, 4th grade recorders; Hot Cross Buns, Gently Sleep and Merryly We Roll Along, 1st - 8th grade; God Bless America, 2nd - 8th grade; Play a Simple Melody

(partner song) and I Love the Mountains (round with ostinato), Preschool; I have a Friend, Spring Song and 12345 Once I Caught a Fish Alive, Kindergarten and 1st grades; Sing! Speak! Whisper! Shout! and I Love Soccer, 2nd and 3rd grades; Learning and Stay Curious, 5th grade; Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Sing Around Nebraska Honor Choir Students; Circle 'Round the Moon, Carry the Light and Why We Sing with Macy Reich and Trey Smith as soloists, 6th grade bucket drumming; Sweet Home Alabama and a 7th and 8th grade bucket rhythm routine. The final Wheeler Central

music event for the year will be graduation. We're winding to the end quickly. So many end of the year things yet to be done.

Someone asked about my garden the other day. I do have some asparagus and the raspberry bushes, which haven't been pruned, are already putting on new leaves.

Please keep my brother Steven Schrunk in your prayers as he will have surgery once again on his jaw on Monday the 22nd of April. They will use bone from his hip to place in the jaw. We pray that this time it will heal.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



First through eighth grade Wheeler Central students participated in the Spring Music Concert held April 12.



Wheeler Central second and third graders at the Spring Music Concert.

## Five of my bills passed into law

On April 18, 2024, the Legislature completed its work for this 60-day legislative session. Although the last day is typically reserved for veto over-rides and closing remarks, the Legislature also took action on fifteen bills remaining on Final Reading.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

Notably, the Governor's proposed property tax package contained in LB388 stalled when it became clear that the bill did not have the votes to break a filibuster. LB388 was then passed over on

the agenda at the request of the introducing senator meaning the bill did not receive a final vote prior to adjournment. A second bill, LB1363 relating to rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, was similarly passed over at the request of the introducing senator when faced with the threat of a filibuster. All other bills pending on Final Reading for the day were passed by the Legislature.

With fewer filibusters this session, more was able to get done. Five of my bills, excluding appropriations bills, were passed and signed into law by Governor Pillen this year. Two of them passed as standalone legislation.

LB1301 adopts the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act and was my personal priority bill for the year. Nebraska is one of the most productive breadbaskets

in the world, and this bill is a first step to help ensure the state can divest foreign adversaries which own land that constitutes a threat to national security or food and water security. With the passage of this law, Nebraska joins neighboring South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri in modernizing its foreign land ownership statutes. LB1301 passed unanimously on a 46 to 0 vote.

LB51 repeals obsolete language regarding the use of the state's telecommunications systems by members of the Legislature. This bill passed on a 44 to 0 vote.

LB966 updates the meaning of a steady red arrow indication and provides a definition for a flashing yellow arrow indication in order to comply with federal traffic laws. The

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## Update

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road employee transportation companies.

We also scheduled a workshop to collect input from transportation companies to review industry compliance and enforcement policies for out of compliance transportation companies.

Also on transportation issues, for the first time in 12 years the Nebraska Legislature approved funding for the hire of a state railroad track safety inspector. This will be in addition to the several existing Federal Railroad Association track inspectors in Nebraska. The PSC will begin the hiring process as soon as possible.

On Natural Gas Department issues, the PSC approved a review of gas supply costs of both Black Hills Energy and North-Western Energy and hosted quarterly status meetings with both companies to help ensure consistent and affordable natural gas to customers.

Lastly, the PSC scheduled a hearing to review proposed changes to modernize and update several natural gas regulatory rules.

I pledge to continue working hard for all the people of the 4th District and will continue sharing these quarterly updates to local newspapers and media outlets throughout PSC District 4 as well as posting them on my social media pages.

If you have any questions or

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

**Friday, April 26 & Sunday, April 28**  
PCCC Spring Musical.

**Sunday, April 28**  
Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser, Elgin Community Center\*.

**Tuesday, April 30**  
Deadline for paying first half of 2023 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax.

**Thursday, May 2**  
PCCC/SB Spring Concert • EPS Team-Mates Senior TeamMates Recognition.

**Friday, May 3**  
EPS Grandparents Day • EPS Elementary Spring Concert (1:30 p.m.).

**Monday, May 6**  
Elgin City Council regular meeting • Elgin FFA Banquet.

**Saturday, May 11**  
EPS Graduation (4 p.m.).

**Sunday, May 12**  
PCCC Graduation (1:30 p.m.).

Events listing courtesy of  
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have an issue that relates to any of the industries the PSC works with that I or our staff can assist with, please reach out to our office at 402-471-3101 or by email at [eric.kamler@nebraska.gov](mailto:eric.kamler@nebraska.gov).

I am thankful for this opportunity to serve and to work towards making Nebraska an even better place to call home!  
Submitted by Eric M. Kamler, Commissioner-Public Service Commission District 4

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Aesthetics Services	S. Henry PA	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Audiology	Dr. Foss	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>
Behavioral Health (Telehealth)		Call for appt.
Bryan Heart Institute	Dr. Tessendorf/Dr. Pacini	May 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>
Endocrinology	Dr. Brau/Dr. Al Zaghaf	May 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
General Surgery	Dr. Schneider/Dr. Luebbe	May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>
Heartland Radiology		May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>
Nephrology (Telehealth)	Dr. Weitzmann	No set days
Neurosurgery	Dr. Bixenmann	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Norfolk Cardiology	Dr. Hartzell/Dr. Rome	May 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
OB-GYN	Dr. Albin	May 8 <sup>th</sup>
Orthopedics	Dr. Rickert/Dr. Ochs	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
Otolaryngology	Dr. Jazwick/Amber Citta	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
Otolaryngology	Dr. Bliss	May 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Physical Medicine & Rehab	Dr. Kaner	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Podiatry	Dr. Borer	May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Pulmonology	Dr. Stritt	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Urology	Dr. Hill	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wound	Dr. Kohl/Candance Schnoor	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>

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**TO: All Antelope County Land-owners**

Referencing Nebraska State Statutes 39-301, 39-302, 39-1811, 39-1812, and 39-1813.

You are informed that the Antelope County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution at their April 13th, 2021 board meeting:

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Antelope County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution regarding obstructions in Antelope County Road rights of way, it is the Antelope County Board of Commissioners intention to update said resolution; and

WHEREAS the Antelope County Board of Commissioners has received evidence that unauthorized fences, crops, trees, shrubs, weeds, tall grass, berms, trash, equipment and other obstructions placed within the public rights-of-way maintained by Antelope County cause hazards that endanger motorists, County employees, and County equipment, and interfere with the proper maintenance of the roadway, especially during road maintenance, construction, and snow removal operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Antelope County shall, after first giving reasonable notice to the affected landowner, exercise its right to remove hazards from the public rights-of-way except that no notice shall need to be given during snow removal operations or emergency operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Antelope County Road Department employees shall identify and document such hazards, shall provide ten days written notice to any affected landowner to remove the hazards from the right-of-way, and, if such hazards remain within the right-of-way ten days after Antelope County gives such notice to any affected landowner, shall remove the hazards, returning all salvaged materials to the affected landowner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Antelope County Road Department employees shall invoice the costs of the removal of the hazards to the affected landowner, including the cost of labor and machine use.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.

You are further notified that the County Board of Commissioners intends that the above resolution shall be enforced, and that any person may make a proper complaint regarding a violation of the above

resolution to the Commissioner(s) or Road Superintendent.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

39-302 Roads; sprinkler irrigation system; restrictions; violations; penalty.

A sprinkler irrigation system which due to location or design diverts, or is capable of diverting, water onto or across a public road so as to saturate, wash, or impair the maintenance, construction, or pass ability of such public road or allows water to accumulate on the roadway or traveled surface of the public road shall be equipped with a device which will automatically shut off the end gun of the irrigation system causing such diversion or accumulation of water. Any person who fails to comply with this section shall, upon conviction

thereof, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, except that section 39-301 shall be controlling with respect to mechanical malfunctions and normal weather conditions.

39-1811 Weeds; mowing; duty of landowner; neglect of duty; obligation of county board; cost; assessment and collection.

(1) It shall be the duty of the landowners in this state to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands at least twice each year, namely, sometime in July for the first time and sometime in September for the second time.

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**Oakdale man serves time in county jail**

Shane Sleister, 49, (in custody), appeared in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, April 17, for sentencing in two similar cases. The Honorable Donna Taylor sentenced Sleister to terms in the Antelope County Jail (ACJ) on each of two charges in each case.

In the first case, committed Sept. 20, 2023, Sleister was committed to the ACJ for 60 days on Count I, obstructing a peace officer, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and 10 days on Count II, driving under suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor, and he was taxed \$1 costs. Remaining costs had been covered by bond funds that had been forfeited in February after he was arrested in a separate case.

He was given credit for three days served previously. The sentences are ordered concurrent to each other but consecutive to those in the second case.

In the second case, committed Jan. 5, Sleister was sentenced to six months in the ACJ on Count I, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and 30 days on Count II, DUS, and he was taxed \$119.34 costs. He was given credit for 74 days previously served. The sentences are ordered concurrent to each other but consecutive to those in the first case.

If he loses none of the good time he is entitled to, Sleister will reach his mandatory release date for the local cases in approximately two months.

Sleister, who did not have a valid driver's license, was seen driving by an Antelope County deputy and subsequently attempted to avoid the officer in each case. He was convicted of the crimes March 20, after reaching a plea deal with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith. Sleister was represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Prior to handing down his sentences, Taylor told Sleister it is her policy, when a defendant faces further sentencing by another judge, to "fashion" her sentences so they don't interfere with those coming from the other judge.

Sleister has criminal charges pending in Madison and Knox counties. He is set for arraignment in Madison County district court May 16 on a Class 4 felony charge, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) alleged Feb. 4 in Norfolk. Pending Knox County cases include a Class 2 misdemeanor charge of theft by receiving stolen property 0 to \$500, alleged Aug. 1, 2023, and DUS, a Class 3 misdemeanor alleged Oct. 9, 2023.

Joyce D. Beach, 23, of O'Neill appeared for sentencing on a charge of driving with a suspended license. She presented her recently-obtained driver's license. Beach was fined \$100 and taxed \$51 costs. She was self-represented.

Beach was cited for the Class 3 misdemeanor in Neligh on Feb. 17, 2021, appeared in court in March 2021, when she pleaded no contest and was found guilty. She failed to appear for sentencing in June 2021 and a warrant was issued for her arrest. The warrant was served March 11 in O'Neill by a Nebraska State Patrol officer. Beach appeared in the Antelope County courtroom March 24, still without a valid driver's license, and Taylor granted her a final continuance to obtain one.

"I hope you take better care of it than you did in the past," Taylor advised.

Tyler J. Bredvick, 28, of Butte appeared for pretrial hearing on a Class 2 misdemeanor DUS allegation, accompanied by Carney. Bredvick was rearraigned on an amended Class 3 misdemeanor DUS charge, pursuant to a plea agreement with Antelope County prosecutor Joe Smith.

Bredvick's license had been reinstated. Taylor fined him \$100 and assessed \$50 costs.

Ronald Dugal, 61, of Neligh appeared for further arraignment on a Class 3 misdemeanor

**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING**

**THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING**

In accordance with State Statutes, Section 53-134, notice is hereby given that an application for a Class D Liquor License has been filed by:

KNBB Enterprise LLC, dba City Limits

200 S 2nd Street, Elgin, Antelope County, Nebraska, 68636

with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

A hearing has been set for May 6, 2024, at 7:15 p.m., at the Elgin City Hall, at which time all persons desiring to give evidence before

the Elgin City Council in support of or protest against the issuance of the license, may do so at the time of the hearing.

Kristin L. Childers City Clerk

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

**Easy Potatoes, Oven Potatoes**

Good day, When you're doing your meal plans, are you looking for that one side dish recipe to go with your meat dish? A lot of us grew up on your basic meat-and-potato meal every day, at least for one meal a day.



I still plan a meat-and-potato meal at least once a day, if I am home to make it.

This "Oven Potato" recipe I make quite often. You can adjust the seasoning to whatever your family likes.

I like it because it feeds a lot of people for a quick and delicious meal.

The "Easy Potatoes" is a recipe that makes a lot, so it's perfect if you need something that feeds a lot of people or maybe for a holiday when

family is home. This recipe can be frozen and used when you need something for a meal in a hurry.

Please try both these recipes, you will love them! JoAnn

**EASY POTATOES**

12 large potatoes  
1 8 oz cream cheese  
1 tsp onion powder

1 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup melted butter  
Paprika

Peel, boil, and mash the potatoes. Combine cream cheese, onion powder, and sour cream with the potatoes. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Pour the melted butter over the top. Bake, covered, in a 350° oven until warmed through.

**OVEN POTATOES**

Potatoes enough for the family

Butter (melted)  
1 to 1-1/2 sticks  
Season Salt (I use oregano and garlic powder)

Parmesan cheese

Wash the potatoes. Leave skin on, slice 1/4 inch thick. Layer on a sprayed cookie sheet. Drizzle or brush with butter, sprinkle the seasoning salt and parmesan cheese. Bake at 375° until potatoes are done about 30 to 45 minutes. HINT: Half way through the baking time I like to take them out and turn them and sprinkle more seasoning on them.

**DeKay**

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bill also allows the Department of Transportation to set a more exact variable fuel excise tax rate by shifting a decimal value. LB966 was amended into LB1200, the Transportation and Telecommunications' Committee priority bill relating to transportation, and passed on a 47 to 0 vote.

LB1038 revises the membership of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission to

require that of the five members appointed to the Commission from the general public, one shall have agriculture as their principal business or occupation. This change ensures there is more rural representation when the Commission carries out strategic planning relating to information technology development in the state. LB1038 was amended into LB1031, the Transportation and Telecommunications' Committee priority bill relating to broadband, and passed on a 47 to 0 vote.

LB969 increases the thresh-

old for public power districts before a sealed bid is required to be obtained. The thresholds for small districts will rise from \$250,000 to \$750,000 while the threshold for the large districts will rise from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. These thresholds were last updated in 2009, meaning some public power districts are now needing to wait 4 to 6 months to get routine items such as electric transformers which can delay repairs or improvements to quality of service. LB969 was amended into LB1370, the Natural Resources' Committee priority bill relating to public power, and passed on a 40 to 0 vote.

I will be back in Niobrara for the time being now that the Legislature has adjourned sine die.

During the interim, I will try to get around the district as much as possible while also traveling to Lincoln periodically for meetings and office work. If I am not in Lincoln, you are welcome to email me or call my office.

My contact information is Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509. My email address is bdekay@leg.ne.gov and my office telephone number is (402) 471-2801.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL 10, 2024 EPS AMERICANISM COMMITTEE MEETING THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Americanism Hearing Minutes**  
**Wednesday April 10, 2024**

The hearing was opened at 7:00pm on Wednesday April 10, 2024 in the Elgin Public School Board Room. The Americanism Committee Members present included Luke Hinkle and Ron Bode. Lisa Welding was absent and Mr. Brockhaus was also present.

The committee reviewed Policy 604.11 Citizenship and noted that the teachers complete the tasks outlined in the policy.

Mr. Brandon Callahan, High School Social Studies Teacher, presented information on the topics covered in his classes. The topics

included: How the United States began; 9/11; Structure of the U. S. Government and how it was created; the founding documents in U.S. History such as the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution with a breakdown of the Bill of Rights; various U.S. Holidays such as Veterans Day, President's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; the 8th and 11th Grade students take the Citizenship Test each year; and the Capitol Forum activity that he took four high school students on earlier in the month. The Capitol Forum included activities such as meeting with our State Senator Barry DeKay; U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts; and the Nebraska Gov-

ernor Jim Pillen. The students also participated in group discussions on the U.S. role in various global issues such as nuclear proliferation and climate control.

Mr. Trent Ostransky, Elementary Social Studies Teacher, presented information on the topics covered in his classes. The topics included: 9/11 activities; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Memorial Day; Thanksgiving activities; Pearl Harbor Day and how it led to the U.S. involvement in WWII; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; President's Day; the Revolutionary War; Declaration of Independence; the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; WWI; the branches of the U.S. Government

and how they work together; state symbols; his students also take the Citizenship Test; Homesteading and the Pioneers; the states and their capitals.

Both teachers discuss current events in their classrooms and Mr. Callahan specifically breaks down the specifics of what each current event needs and how the U.S. has a part in the current event the students presents.

The Americanism Hearing was closed at 7:25pm.

These minutes were recorded by Mr. Mike Brockhaus, Superintendent of Elgin Public Schools  
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed BIDS will be received at the Engineer's Office, Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska on May 8, 2024, until 3:00 PM, Local Time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud in the Engineer's Office for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required for reconstruction of Randolph Street with new concrete paving, storm sewer, cross-walk improvements and other such work as may be incidental to **2024 RANDOLPH STREET PAVING IMPROVEMENTS, BARTLETT.**

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or elec-

tronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847  
 Village of Bartlett, 425 Randolph Street, Bartlett, NE 68622-0277

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. located at 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, Telephone 308/234-6456 upon payment of \$50 for each half-size set. A complete set of electronic copies of drawings, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from HYPERLINK "http://www.miller-engineers.com" [www.miller-engineers.com](http://www.miller-engineers.com) for a fee of \$30 (non-refundable). Once logged into the website, go to "Bidding Documents" [in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage] and you can select the set of

documents to download.

Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the Village Clerk, Bartlett, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. BIDDERS are to be registered with SAM.gov. All qualified parties, including minority-owned, women-owned, and low-income-owned entities are encouraged to submit a bid for this project.

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer and requires all contractors and consultants to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

The Owner, in accordance with

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age and disability/handicap in consideration for an award.

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
 Dan Williamson, Chairman  
 Attest: Emma Smith,  
 Village 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, QuestCDN 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 construction 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](http://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](mailto: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

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.

**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  
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[galen.stehlik@stehliklawfirm.com](mailto:galen.stehlik@stehliklawfirm.com)  
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**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION**  
 JW AUCTIONS, LLC

**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF JW AUCTIONS, LLC**  
**ARTICLE I**  
**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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**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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**Jail**

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DUS charge alleged Feb. 21. He requested another continuance to obtain his driver's license, indicating he was waiting on information from New York officials. Taylor continued the hearing to May 15.

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Arraignment was continued to May 15 for Kris Sanderson, 57, of Norfolk, on a Class 4 felony, issuing a bad check, alleged Aug. 7, 2023. According to a complaint filed Feb. 14 by Smith, Sanderson is accused of writing a \$36.69 bad check at Mr. S's in Oakdale. The complaint indicated the charge is a felony due to a previous bad check conviction. A warrant, issued after Sanderson failed to appear in court March 6, called for a \$5,000, 10% cash, bond. A bond review hearing was held. Smith said the case would likely be "settled in county court." Taylor granted Sanderson's request to amend bond to \$5,000, personal recognizance. Sanderson was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Bob Moore.

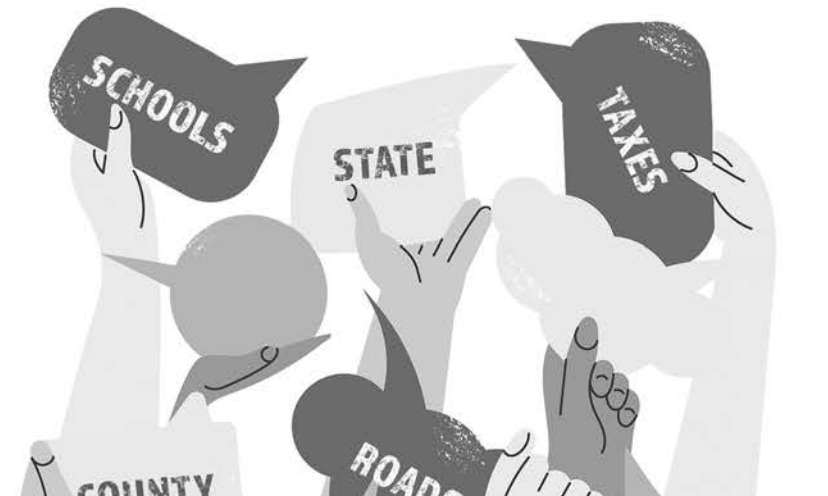
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Kadyn Fernau of Neligh appeared for arraignment on two City of Neligh complaints, harboring a dangerous dog, and Count 2, permit a dog to run at large. According to the complaint filed by Neligh City Attorney James McNally, Fernau's dog allegedly "caused death to a small dog" and caused puncture wounds to a child's hand that required emergency room treatment. Each charge carries a potential fine of up to \$500 and restitution, if convicted, but no jail time. Fernau asked for court-appointed counsel. Taylor explained the county is not obligated to furnish counsel in cases that do not include a possibility of incarceration. She told him he was entitled to counsel at his own expense. He opted to waive his right to counsel and pleaded not guilty. The trial will be May 15 at 1 p.m.

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## Which pasture to choose for Spring turn-out?

Spring feels like it's finally here and, pastures are greening up. As we let animals out to summer pasture, deciding which pastures should be first and when to pull the trigger are important questions to consider.

While the plants we utilize in a pasture developed to withstand grazing, it still puts a certain amount of stress on them when it happens. As leaf material is removed, the plant has to pull upon reserves in the stems and roots to restart growth and build back the area for photosynthesis that was lost.

For all grasses, the period where they first begin initiating growth after being dormant for the winter is a critical time. Their reserves are already low from winter maintenance, and they are counting on the first flush of growth to replenish those energy stores. When an animal comes along and nips

this new growth off, the plant is put at a real disadvantage. This stress can push back development and growth for the upcoming growing season. If done repeatedly, the plant

becomes weak and can be pushed out of the pasture by more vigorous species around it.

With this in mind, answering the questions of when and where to turn-out for summer grazing can have a bigger impact than we often realize. Let's look first at the question of when.

Basing turn-out on a specific date is a practice I really encourage folks to avoid. Because temperatures and precipitation vary from year to year, the amount of growth available at a specific date fluctuates quite a bit annually. A better measure is to allow grasses to reach at least 3 full leaves of growth before initiating grazing. This allows time for the plant to store up some reserves for a faster recovery after grazing. This stage of growth will be different for different species, so identify one or two as your primary focus to guide decisions.

For pastures with species we want to control, this same principle can be used in reverse. Native pastures with aggressive species like smooth brome or crested wheatgrass intermixed

can be grazed early as they often green up before our native range. Once the target species has been utilized, pull the animals and allow the desired native species to grow. This early stress on the introduced grasses can limit their spread and actually shrink patches over time.

When we look at the where portion of our turn-out question, rotating that stress of grazing over time becomes important. When there are multiple pastures in our rotation, it may be tempting to turn out onto the same pasture that's close and convenient year after year. But as we mentioned before, that prolonged stress at the same time annually can have a negative impact on plants. Even hardy species like smooth brome can see a slow but steady decline in vigor and production if grazed hard at the beginning of the growing season year after year. Not only does this mean less forage for our animals, but it also opens up the door for weedy species to establish and become a nuisance.

To prevent this, change the sequence of grazing each year. A pasture that was grazed early last year might not be grazed until fall this year. The last pasture grazed last year during the growing season may be given a rest and not grazed until summer. Once again, knowing what species are in your pasture and when they mature will play a role in this decision. Cool season dominated pastures slump in the summer heat, so should be grazed in the spring annually, but the order in which they are grazed can change. Mixed warm and cool species pasture grazing may be driven by a desire to increase the proportion of either species and adjusted over time as that shift becomes evident.

Spring turn-out is a looked forward to event each year, but takes a bit of planning to ensure that our grazing doesn't cause unwanted harm. Time turn-out to plant growth, not a set date, shooting for the 3 leaf stage of target grasses. Rotate grazing sequence of pastures throughout the season to prevent stressing specific species annually. Utilize targeted grazing on unwanted species to set them back and give the rest of your pasture a chance to fill in.

- 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](mailto:ben.beckman@unl.edu)

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We will gather at 12:15 pm at the flagpole, on the west side of the Antelope County Courthouse.

**The Antelope County Road Department is looking to hire Part-Time Seasonal Road Employees in multiple locations around the county.**

Responsibilities may include but not limited to: Perform manual labor, trimming of trees with a chainsaw, mowing, applying road patch material by shovel, flagging, assisting other employees with projects, etc.

Drug test is mandatory.

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## Final concert for EHS seniors

As the 2024 Elgin High School Spring concert held Monday night began to wind down, seniors were recognized. They, in turn, presented music instructor Eric Heithoff with a gift bag in appreciation for his work with the choir and band. Posing with Mr. Heithoff (center right) were, l-r: Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen, Brian Heithoff, Steven Nelson and Baylee Busteded.

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# Wolfpack Sports

## Five bring home 'gold' from H/LHF quadrangular

**HUMPHREY** — Competing in a quadrangular last week, the Wolfpack track team brought home a slew of medals.

The event was the Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family quadrangular. In addition to the host school and EPPJ, other schools competing were Clarkson/Leigh and Aquinas Catholic.

Among the Wolfpack athletes to win events were:

- Kayton Zwingman — 100 meter dash and 300 meter hurdles

- Blake Henn — shot put



**Landyn Veik** won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:49.40.

- Dylan Kolm — 400 meter dash
- Landyn Veik — 1600 meter run

- Dylon Lueking — discus

EPPJ won the boys team competition, amassing 164 points followed by HLHF 112.5, Clarkson/Leigh 92.5 and Aquinas 63.

Clarkson/Leigh won the girls team competition with 234 points followed by HLHF 119, EPPJ 104 and Aquinas 20.

### Girls

100 meter dash — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 13.70 seconds; 2. Mady Kurpgeweit, EPPJ, 14.00; 4. (tie) Reese Stuhr, EPPJ, 14.10; 6. Camry Kittelson, EPPJ, 14.36.

200 meter dash — 1. Emily Dohmen, HLHF, 28.30 seconds; 3. Reese Stuhr, EPPJ, 30.77; 8. Ruby Durre, EPPJ, 35.60.

400 meter dash — 1. Emily Dohmen, HLHF, 1:10.50; 6. Tessa Barlow, EPPJ, 1:20.10

800 meter run — 1. Briley Dohmen, HLHF, 2:52.50; 5. Brooke Kinney, EPPJ, 3:14.40; 7. Kierstyn Eisenhauer, EPPJ, 3:27.90

1600 meter run — 1. Deann Bruhn, Clarkson/Leigh, 6:38.00; 2. Samantha Stuhr, EPPJ, 7:15.00; 4. Kierstyn Eisenhauer, EPPJ, 7:38.80

3200 meter run — 1. Brianna Kuhr, Clarkson/Leigh, 15:56.00; 2. Samantha Stuhr, EPPJ, 16:30.00

100 meter hurdles — 1. Ava Kasik, Clarkson/Leigh, 16.70 seconds; 4. Elizabeth Moser, EPPJ, 20.20; 6. Mady Kurpgeweit, EPPJ, 21.20

300 meter hurdles — 1.

Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 52.50 seconds; 4. Elizabeth Moser, EPPJ, 1:02.50

400 meter relay — 1. Clarkson/Leigh, 51.00 seconds; 2. EPPJ (Mady Kurpgeweit, Reese Stuhr, Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman), 56.10

1600 meter relay — 1. Clarkson/Leigh, 4:52.30; 3. EPPJ (Brooke Kinney, Reese Stuhr, Camry Kittelson, Kayton Zwingman), 5:24.00

3200 meter relay — 1. HLHF, 12:30.40; 4. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Brooke Kinney, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Samantha Stuhr), 13:06.00

High jump — 1. Ella Baumert, Clarkson/Leigh, 4'6.5"; 4. Mady Kurpgeweit, EPPJ, 4'6"

Pole vault — 1. Alexa Matulka, Aquinas, 7'

Long jump — 1. Maizie Stoklasa, Clarkson/Leigh, 16'5"

Triple jump — 1. Brynn Settje, Clarkson/Leigh, 35'1"; 6. Brooke Kinney, EPPJ, 29'5"

Shot put — 1. Karley Vering, HLHF, 33'6"; 2. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 32'4"; 5. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 30'8"

Discus — 1. Sarah Coufal, Aquinas, 87'5"; 6. Halle Lueking, EPPJ, 71'

### Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Garrett Durkop, HLHF, 11.20 seconds; 2. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 11.50; 7. Kaeden Schwarting, EPPJ, 12.70

200 meter dash — 1. Garrett Durkop, HLHF, 23.00 seconds; 2. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 23.50; 3. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 24.20; 7. Kaeden Schwarting, EPPJ, 26.90

400 meter dash — 1. Dylan Kolm, EPPJ, 1:00.40; 2. Grady



File photos

**Kayton Zwingman** won both the 100 meter dash and 300 meter hurdles last week at a quadrangular held in Humphrey.

Druke, EPPJ, 1:02.30; 6. Landon Kallhoff, EPPJ, 1:07.80

800 meter run — 1. Niles Jones, Clarkson/Leigh, 2:24.00; 2. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 2:27.00; 5. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 2:34.40; 6. Grady Druke, EPPJ, 2:35.80

1600 meter run — 1. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:49.40

3200 meter run — 1. Max

Muhle, Clarkson/Leigh, 13:37.00

110 meter hurdles — 1. Isaac Baumert, Clarkson/Leigh, 19.00 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Miciah Mohrman, HLHF, 47.40 seconds

400 meter relay — 1. Clarkson/Leigh, 47.40 seconds; 2. EPPJ (Kaiden Bode, Myles

Kittelson, Blake Henn, Dylon Lueking), 49.40

1600 meter relay — 1. HLHF, 4:06.20; 4. EPPJ (Taylor Beckman, Landon Kallhoff, Jarek Erickson, Kaeden Schwarting), 4:45.30

3200 meter relay — 1. HLHF, 13:06.00

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**Dylon Lueking** medaled in both the shot put and discus at the St. Mary's Invite Wednesday.

## EPPJ tracksters show skills at St. Mary's

**O'NEILL** — Blake Henn and Dylon Lueking have competed against one another throughout their high school years.

In track, they compete against one another in the shot put. On Thursday, at the St. Mary's Invite, the duo finished first and second in the event.

Henn won the event with a toss of 46'4.5". Right behind him was Lueking with a toss of 40'.

The performances were two of a number of outstanding



**Samantha Stuhr** medaled in both the 3200 meter run and 3200 relay.

efforts turned in by Wolfpack athletes. In addition to the shot put, Lueking also medaled in the 200 meter dash and discus. Senior Myles Kittelson medaled in both the 100 and 200 meter dash events and the long jump, Landyn Veik medaled in both the 800 and 1600 meter run and was part of the medal-winning 1600 and 3200 meter relay teams.

On the girls side, multiple medal winners included Samantha Stuhr in the 3200 meter run and 3200 meter relay, Mady Kurpgeweit in the high jump and 400 meter relay, Gemma Miller in the shot put and discus. Multiple medal winners also included Kayton Zwingman, Camry Kittelson and Kaitey Schumacher as part of the 400 and 1600 meter relay teams.

## Kallhoff leads EPPJ at Scotus Invite

**COLUMBUS** — Competing against bigger schools, Elgin Public-Pope John's golf team did their best Thursday.

The event was the Columbus Scotus Invite and golfers from 20 different schools competed in the 18-hole tournament.

Scotus, the host school, came out on top in the team competition, posting a score of 327. That proved to be six strokes better than crosstown rival Columbus

Individual results were:

### Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Jack Molt, Riverside, 11.28 seconds; 4. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 12.05

200 meter dash — 1. Jack Molt, Riverside, 23.23 seconds; 4. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 24.56; 5. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 24.86

400 meter dash — 1. Jairo Lazos, CWC, 54.62 seconds; 5. Dylan Kolm, EPPJ, 58.66

800 meter run — 1. Issac Jensen, Boyd County, 2:09.16; 6. Landyn Veik EPPJ, 2:26.57; 7. Grady Druke, EPPJ, 2:27.53

1600 meter run — 1. Will Nelson, Boyd County, 4:50.16; 5. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:31.43

3200 meter run — 1. Ethan Zeisler, Boyd County, 11:02.11

110 meter hurdles — 1. Drew Carrier, Riverside, 16.62 seconds

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Lakeview who came in at 333. EPPJ finished at 428.

Scotus' Nick Fleming shot the low round of the day, carding a 74. For the Wolfpack, sophomore Karson Kallhoff shot a (44-47) 91 to lead the way. Also breaking 100 was junior Kellan Hoefler with a (46-50) 96. Other Wolfpack scores were Gage Thiessen (63-54) 117, Jack Barlow (62-62) 124 and Michael Selting (71-88) 159.

## Spinning Tales

### Baseball, softball and beer at Haymarket Park

**LINCOLN** — At nearly every college and professional sports arena, fans who are willing to pay exorbitant prices may enjoy their favorite beer.

The Nebraska Board of Regents, looking for ways to generate more revenue, last week approved the sale of beer at Haymarket Park. Fans attending softball and baseball games will be allowed to enjoy their favorite brew.

On a five-to-two vote (all four NU student representatives voting 'yes'), the motion passed.

I don't know really where I stand on this. Fans have been allowed to purchase beer at select events held at Pinnacle Bank Arena and Memorial Stadium and there have been no major problems. At Haymarket Park for baseball games, beer sales stop after the seventh inning. It's a step to prevent those who have had too much not to have too much more. That's a good step because baseball fans who have too much can get a little crazy, but it's hard to imagine an incident happening in the shadow of Memorial Stadium.

I haven't seen the price list for a beer, but if it's anything like at other sports venues, it will be high. Still, if you're thirsty for one of those barley pops, you will pay any price and deal with the consequences later.

Haymarket Park has baseball and softball stadiums the size of college stadiums across the country. Not the largest of crowds, but when the teams are good there are few tickets to be had. It's not like there's going to be thousands of fans who have had too many beers.

The big question which remains to be answered is will the day come when beer sales are allowed at Memorial Stadium? Again, I think the cost will limit some from enjoying their favorite brew while watching the Huskers march up and down the field.

From what I've witnessed through the decades, most fans enjoy their beer, etc., at tailgate properties prior to, at halftime, and following the conclusion of the games. The real thirsty ones will get juiced up before the game, then leave the stadium

at halftime to rehydrate then return to the stadium.

You can always find someone, either in the student section or elsewhere, who has partied too much before entering the stadium, then melt like ice cream in the July sun, as the game progresses. That's what friends and family are for, to lend assistance when needed.

If it wasn't so sad it would be humorous to watch Saturday's fans try to walk and talk after over-indulging.

Anyway, that's just a thought or two. I see the day when suds will flow at Memorial Stadium because it's an easy revenue stream to tap into.

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Closer to home, a name has been approved for a new high school conference which includes four members who left the Nobrara Valley Conference earlier this year.

As reported on The Summerland Advocate-Messenger's social media page days ago, Summerland, Neligh-Oakdale, Elkhorn Valley and West Holt (former NVC school) have joined with Hartington-Newcastle, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Lutheran High Northeast and Plainview to create the Greater Northeast Activities Conference.

The new conference will begin competition in the 2024/2025 school year.

The new conference considered several other names for the new conference - Cornbelt and Big Eight. I kinda like Cornbelt simply because it was unique. Big Eight? That would have brought back memories of Huskers, Sooners and Cyclones from days long ago.

With the four largest NVC schools departing, I think the remaining schools will, in some ways, miss those schools on Friday nights and any other night when conference games were played.

It will be interesting to watch the next few years for the NVC. Will they try to add an additional school or two; or will they stay with their new figuration.

With the lack of track facilities, the conference track meet might have to be held at Basset in the coming years. The only

other option is to pay a school to provide a track to compete on.

Stay tuned as much has yet to be decided on how the NVC will proceed. I'm sure answers will be found.

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Just a few final thoughts ...

Revolving door — 'Prime Time' Deion Sanders and the University of Colorado Buffaloes have a problem. The school's football program is taking on the image of a revolving door as a great number of last year's players have entered the transfer portal.

Prime Time says it's no big deal as they have new players coming to CU and the team will be better in year two.

It seems like Prime Time is more interested in the future of his two sons and another player (Travis Hunter) than he is in building a foundation to sustain success in future years. 'One and done' players may work, in some instances, in college basketball, but football championships are won with upperclassmen and depth. Nevertheless, CU will be an experiment worthy of watching and learning from in the next few years.

My bet is Deion moves onto the NFL when his sons leave CU.

Hard to believe — This issue marks the last one in April. It's hard to comprehend but graduation weekend isn't that far away for EPS and PJCC seniors. Where did the time go?

Antelope Country Club — For those of you so inclined, when you have some free time head out to the Antelope Country Club east of Neligh.

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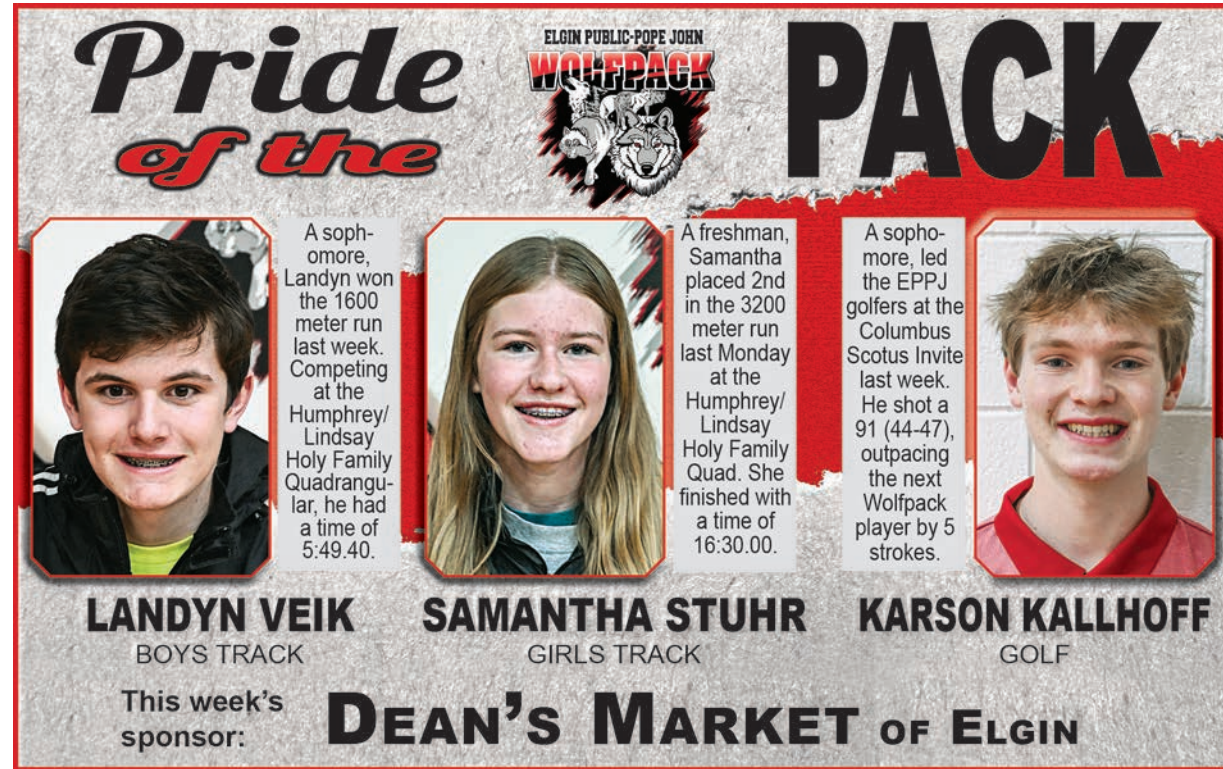
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9:44.00; 2. EPPJ (Grady Druke, Dylan Kolm, Landon Kallhoff, Landyn Veik), 9:54.95  
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EPPJ, 5'6.5"  
Pole vault — 1. Mason Krivanek, Aquinas, 8'1"  
Long jump — 1. Trey Stefeinsmeier, Clarkson/Leigh,

18'8"; 2. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 17'9"  
Triple jump — 1. Trey Stefeinsmeier, Clarkson/Leigh, 38'7"; 2. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ,

38'3"  
Shot put — 1. Blake Henn, EPJ, 46'4"; 2. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 41'1"; 3. Taylor Beckman, EPPJ, 38'2"; 4. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 38'; 5. Dylan Kolm, EPPJ, 36'7"  
Discus — 1. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 120'0.5"; 2. Dylan Kolm, EPPJ, 113'3"; 3. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 110'6"; 5. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 105'10"



**Pride of the WOLFPACK**

**LANDYN VEIK**  
BOYS TRACK  
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A sophomore, Landyn won the 1600 meter run last week. Competing at the Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family Quadrangular, he had a time of 5:49.40.

**SAMANTHA STUHR**  
GIRLS TRACK

A freshman, Samantha placed 2nd in the 3200 meter run last Monday at the Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family Quad. She finished with a time of 16:30.00.

**KARSON KALLHOFF**  
GOLF

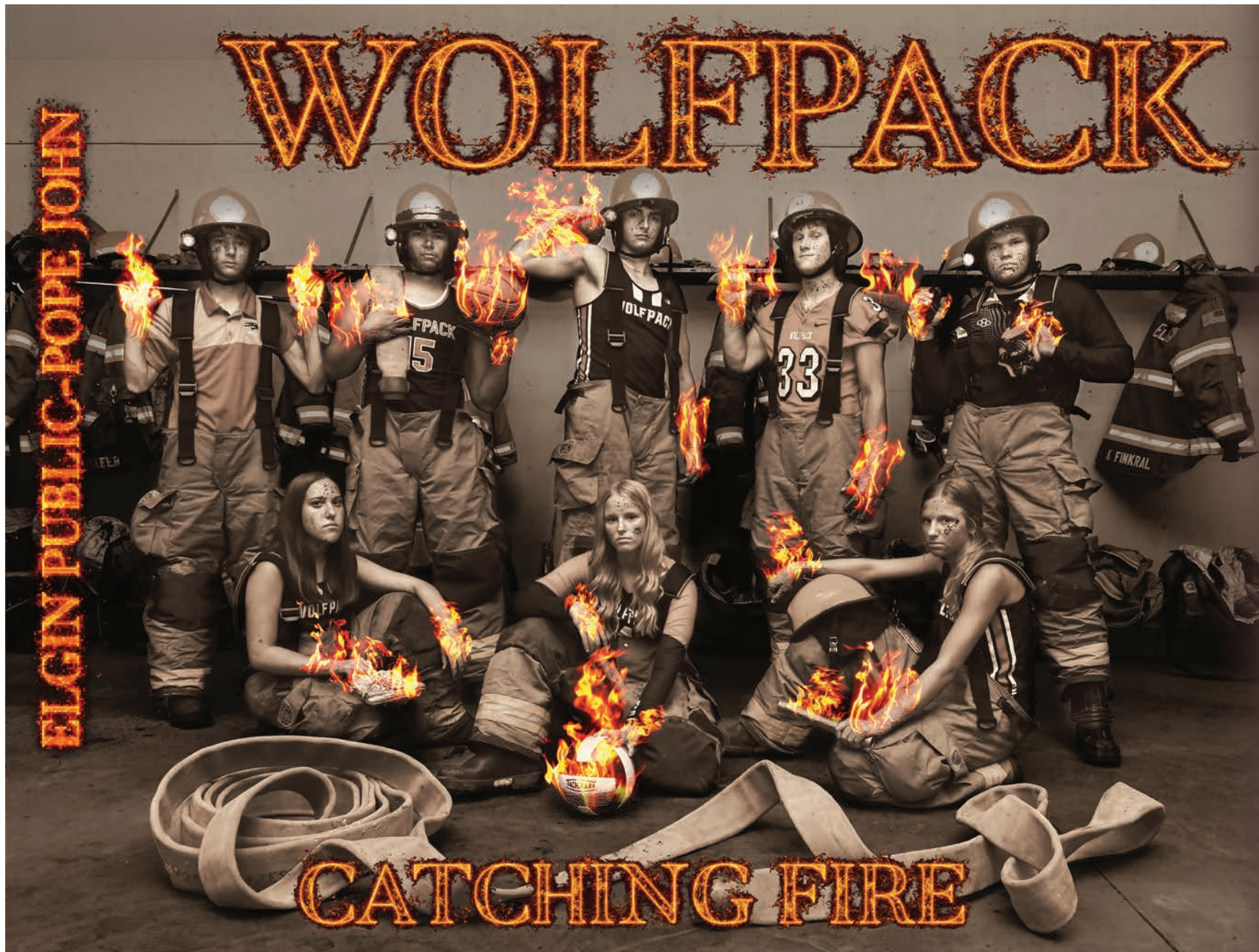
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300 meter hurdles — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 43.76 seconds  
 400 meter relay — 1. Riverside, 46.20 seconds  
 1600 meter relay — 1. Boyd County, 3:41.88; 7. EPPJ (Taylor Beckman, Jarek Erickson, Landon Kallhoff, Landyn Veik), 4:38.58  
 3200 meter relay — 1. Boyd County, 8:58.20; 6. EPPJ (Grady Druke, Landon Kallhoff, Dylan Kolm, Landyn Veik), 9:54.77  
 Shot put — 1. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 46'4.5"; 2. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 40'; 7. Taylor Beckman, EPPJ, 35'10"  
 Discus — 1. Cameron Kaup, Stuart, 134'9"; 4. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 123'2"; 8. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 105'5"  
 High jump — 1. Ben Barlow, St. Mary's, 5'8"  
 Pole vault — 1. Drew Carrier, Riverside, 12'  
 Long jump — 1. Spencer Hille, Plainview, 20'11.25"; 5. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 18'10"  
 Triple jump — 1. Rece Frahm, Plainview, 39'9"; 5. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 37'7.5"  
**Girls**

100 meter dash — 1. Grace Mahony, Riverside, 13.32 seconds  
 200 meter dash — 1. Avery Hardisty, Plainview, 27.62 seconds  
 400 meter dash — 1. Josilyn Miller, N/V, 1:01.81  
 800 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, N/V, 2:24.85  
 1600 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, N/V, 5:42.33  
 3200 meter run — 1. Kaci Koenig, Boyd County, 14:30.30; 4. Samantha Stuhr, EPPJ, 15:14.07  
 100 meter hurdles — 1. Abbie Kromarek, Plainview, 16.81 seconds  
 300 meter hurdles — 1. Grace Mahony, Riverside, 47.94 seconds  
 400 meter relay — 1. Plainview, 52.77 seconds; 4. EPPJ (Mady Kurpge, Camry Kittelson, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 55.64  
 1600 meter relay — 1. St. Mary's, 4:15.98; 6. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 4:47.76  
 3200 meter relay — 1. St. Mary's, 10:07.94; 5. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Brooke Kinney, Kaitey

Schumacher, Samantha Stuhr), 12:30.54  
 Shot put — 1. Cece Mlnarik, St. Mary's, 34'10"; 5. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 30'3.5"  
 Discus — 1. McKenzie Snyder, Boyd County, 117'7"; 5. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 93'9"; 6. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 90'9"  
 High jump — 1. Amber Su-

cha, N/V, 5'2"; 2. Mady Kurpge, EPPJ, 4'8"  
 Pole vault — 1. Peighton Arlt, Plainview, 8'6"  
 Long jump — 1. Mya Hedstrom, St. Mary's, 16'9"  
 Triple jump — 1. Mya Hedstrom, St. Mary's, 34'7.5"; 5. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 31'9"; 7. Brooke Kinney, EPPJ, 29'8"

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Thank You!

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Good Neighbor Awards sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald. Madsen was nominated for his community work.  
 Four members of the Elgin High School FHA Chapter joined more than 1,400 home economics students and advisers state wide at the annual FHA/HERO State Leadership Conference, April 11-13, at Lincoln. Attending as delegates from Elgin High were Jessica Mack, Tara Reestman, Sara Ochsner and Casee Simmons.  
 Margaret and Wayne Armstrong of Norfolk will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 27. Their children are hosting a family dinner May 1 in Elgin.

Twenty Years Ago April 28, 2004

Keith Borer and Jenny Mlnarik reigned as king and queen of the Pope John Junior-Senior Prom held Saturday night, April 24. The king and queen were crowned by the 2003 Homecoming Royalty — Meredith Beckman and Benjamin Kuhlman.  
 Alumni and St. Bonaventure Parish members watched the end of an era last weekend in Raeville. Fixtures, woodwork and some furnishings from the former District 45 School were sold at an auction. Then, one day later, the building's wood framework and roof were burned out in preparation for demolition.  
 The brick walls of the Raeville school were brought down by

## Cobb

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tinues. They are like two moths to a flame. They can't stay away from each other. Then my oldest will come out and tell me

### Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

he's ready until I go through the list. Did you floss? Nope. Have you changed into your pajamas? Nope. Then you aren't ready! Then, it's time for snuggles. We start with our youngest who has one million stuffed animals in her bed. We each must pick one to sleep with that evening, then we go through prayers and tuck her in. Our middle wants to stay up and read and always has a million questions that could have been asked any other time. Last but not least, our oldest decides that's when he wants to have serious conversations about life. Sigh.

If you're like me, I honestly think the crux of the issue is that we're just exhausted at this point. We've spent the day working, cleaning, and cooking. Then we're usually schlepping a kid to some activity, such as gymnastics or soccer practice. By the time it's bedtime, we're done.

I just want to sit on the couch and check out. I want all my parenting obligations to be finished so that one last task of bedtime seems overwhelming.

I need to remind myself that

like the morning routine, this too shall pass. At some point my kids may not want to be tucked in, and the bedtime routine will be something I miss instead of dread. In the meantime, we should probably try to enjoy it while it lasts, get those snuggles in, and be thankful for these kiddos while they're young.

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