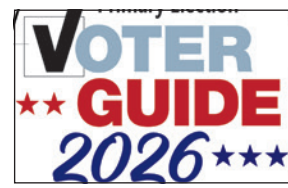




Spring music program held at Wheeler Central
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In Brief

ECAF Scholarship fund drive total surpasses \$4,250

Bank of Elgin accepting donations.

Contributions keep coming in for the Elgin Area Community Foundation (EACF) Scholarship Drive. One thousand dollars were donated last week. Altogether, \$4,253 has been raised so far.

Making scholarship donations last week were Dennis & Lynell Morgan, Donna & Richard Uhrenholdt, Steve & Casey Busted, Todd & Melissa Heithoff, Marilyn Reilly, Darlene Heithoff, Terry & Michele Reicks.

Donations can be made to: Elgin Area Community Foundation, PO Box 345, Elgin, NE 68636-0345 or they can be dropped off at the Bank of Elgin.

Members of the scholarship committee are Greg Wemhoff, Anne Parks, Lisa Schumacher, Vicki Miller, Dean Schrage and Dennis Morgan.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Public Hearing — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Sample Ballots — Antelope County

Notice — Estate of Marcella Schiltmeyer

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 88 degrees recorded on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22-23.

The low temperature during the same period was 33 degrees recorded on April 19 and again on April 24.

No precipitation was recorded during the seven day period ending on April 25.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as reported by the National Weather Service.

Date	High	Low	Prec
April 19	55	33	.00
April 20	60	34	.00
April 21	83	34	.00
April 22	88	41	.00
April 23	88	56	.00
April 24	80	33	.00
April 25	62	40	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for April			0.82
Total precipitation 2026			2.11



Tree gets a good soaking

Kindergarten students from Elgin schools helped with the Young N Lively's annual tree planting held last week. Here, Kate (l, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic) and Bowden (r, Elgin Public) pour water on the newly planted maple tree at Elgin City Park. A group photo can be found on page 10 of this week's *Elgin Review*. E-R photo/LMorgan

Quick actions by neighbor prevents fire from spreading

Extremely dry conditions have caused wild fires to burn thousands of acres across the state in recent weeks.

Last week, had it not been for the quick actions of several neighbors, another such fire could have happened close to Elgin.

Val Hoefer told the *Elgin Review* that catastrophe was averted Wednesday evening, April 22.

Due to high winds and extremely warm temperatures, conditions were perfect for a potential fire. She said power lines dancing in the winds threw sparks which ignited dry grass in the ditch behind a hill a half a mile from her home.

"I never saw it (the fire) but I could smell it," Mrs. Hoefer said in a telephone interview.

At the same time, neighbor Dale Schindler and another man did see the fire from their location nearly a mile away.

Moments later the fire was called into the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department who responded to the fire. Before firefighters arrived, neighbors did their part to put out the fire as fast as they could. Hoefer said Schindler responded by first calling Rick and Bob Hoefer. Each responded, Rick with a Bobcat and Bob with a spade while Dale attacked the fire with a Payloader, dropping dirt as the fire moved down the fence line burning just the dry grass.

Had the fire gotten to the other side of the ditch it could have spread into a pasture and could have affected several nearby homes, but that didn't happen.

Neighbor helping neighbor, that's what the good folks of Elgin are all about.

Bench warrants issued for court no shows

Four individuals were scheduled to appear in Antelope County Court on April 23, before the Honorable Kale Burdick, to plead their cases.

Alex L. Mucker, 18, of Meadow Grove, appeared for an arraignment on

one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor. Mucker requested a continuance. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and Burdick granted the motion. Mucker will

appear for an entry of plea hearing on May 14.

Elisa S. Postoak, 33, of Wewoka, Oklahoma, failed to appear for arraignment on one count of driving un-

der suspension/before instated-state, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

A bench warrant will be issued. Burdick sent bond at \$3,000-10%.

Brandon J. Samayoa Natareno, 24, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, failed to appear for arraignment.

Samayoa Natareno faces three charges, including speeding 16-20 mph county/state, an infraction; no registration in vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor; and no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor.

A bench warrant will be issued. Bond was set at \$5,000-10%.

Smith told Burdick the defendant was arrested due to an ICE hold and has likely been deported.

Russ W. Starkey, 52, of Tilden, requested a continuance for arraignment. Starkey faces one count of violate CMV out-of-service order-1st, a Class II misdemeanor.

The defendant was ordered to appear on May 28.

A 21-year-old Fremont resident entered a not guilty plea to a theft-shoplifting charge, a Class II misdemeanor. Harley J. Finazzo appeared in Antelope County Court, April 23, and

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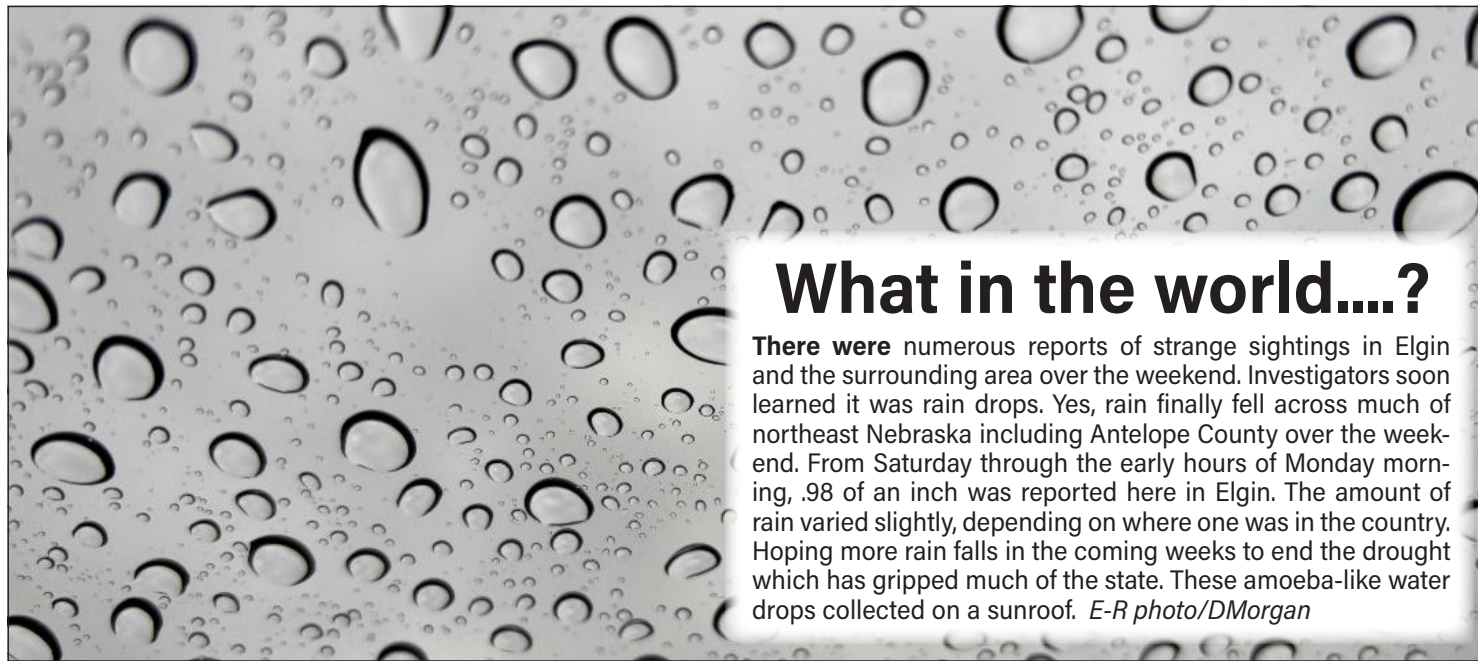
Wheeler Central graduation set for Sunday

To the west, Wheeler Central will be gearing up for high school graduation this weekend. Wheeler Central will hold their graduation ceremony

Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the new gymnasium in Bartlett.

Principal Makayla Reiter said seven seniors will be receiving their diplo-

mas. They are Jayden Abbott, David Keber, Haley Borwege, Jayden Hewitt, Jose Gallardo, Daniel Kluver and Braelynn Schlenger.



What in the world....?

There were numerous reports of strange sightings in Elgin and the surrounding area over the weekend. Investigators soon learned it was rain drops. Yes, rain finally fell across much of northeast Nebraska including Antelope County over the weekend. From Saturday through the early hours of Monday morning, .98 of an inch was reported here in Elgin. The amount of rain varied slightly, depending on where one was in the country. Hoping more rain falls in the coming weeks to end the drought which has gripped much of the state. These amoeba-like water drops collected on a sunroof. E-R photo/DMorgan

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Elgin Public School Spring Concert

EPS Prek through 12th grade music students performed for the final time this school year on Monday evening.

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Courtesy photo

Two confirmed Sunday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Two confirmands were confirmed in Christ at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elgin by Pastor Brian Bucklew on Sunday, April 26th, 2026. Braxtyn Eisenhauer (left) is the son of Randy and Krista Eisenhauer. Brayden Clark (right) is the son of Bruce Clark.

CHANGE OF DATE:

The regular May meeting of the Elgin City Council has been rescheduled to

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

at 7:30 p.m.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Crockpot Orange Chicken

2 small chicken breasts (boneless & skinned)
3 Tbs flour
1/3 cup orange marmalade
1/3 cup Kraft® BBQ sauce

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1 Tbs fresh Ginger root (grated)

Toss the chicken breast with flour and put in the crockpot. Mix in all the remaining ingredients. Cover with lid. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours. This chicken dish goes great served on a hot bed of rice.

Good day, Suppertime again! This week it's a very simple crockpot meal. This recipe you really need to try. Make sure you serve it over rice. It makes it a complete meal. Enjoy!

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First Communion at St. Boniface Catholic Church

First Communion was held Sunday, April 19, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin. Receiving the Eucharist for the first time were (front row, l-r) Clarence Shavlik, Leyton Beckman, Eleanor Beckman, Emersyn Heying, Hadley Haddix and George Borer. Middle row: Seth Schindler, Quinn Dewey, Charlotte Sehi, Marie Thomas, Callan Schindler and Christopher Hemenway. Back row: Parker Borer, Easton Bode, Ethan Starman, Joseph Pelster, Kason Schindler and celebrant Father John Norman.

Photo courtesy of Jamie Thiele Photography



Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 5, 1966

Gary Lee Vogt, who is presently enrolled in the University of Nebraska graduate college where he is working on his masters degree, has been hired by the District #18 Board of Education to teach vocational agriculture for the coming year. He is married. Gary graduated from Ravenna High School where he was a FFA member. He taught one year at Milford before returning to do advanced work on his degree. Plans at present include converting the present bus building into a shop for voc. ag. Studies will start here this July 1 on an 11-month schedule. This program is available to students of both Public and St. Boniface high schools. Mr. Vogt belongs to two scholastic honorary fraternities: Alpha Tau Alpha and Alpha Zeta and he is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta on the U. Of N. campus.

New office of the Elgin Mills which was put to use at their new location this week. The spaciousness of the structure is quite in contrast to their former headquarters which they had occupied for 22 years following several alterations and additions. The new location also gave them room for a 70-foot scale.

Fifty Years Ago

May 5, 1976

Gambles Store will hold its grand remodeling opening this weekend. The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Bettendorf. They recently completed the transition of moving hardware, etc. from their former store into the former Faubel building and putting their furniture line in their old quarters. Their remodeling is definitely a boon to the communities lines of merchandise.

Kent Beckman, outstanding Elgin High School football player the past season, has been named as one of the 33-man North squad for the Aug. 18 Shrine Bowl football game, according to Coach Bob Starr of North Platte. Kent is one of the North's halfbacks, including Tim McCrady of Plainview, Bob Barry of Battle Creek, Marion McCuiston of Albion and Darryl Anderson of Oakland-Craig.

Thirty Years Ago

May 8, 1996

Marty Klein of Elgin was one of 11 new members who were recently initiated by the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society at the University of Nebraska- Kearney. To qualify for membership, a student must have a 3.1 grade point average in at least 12 hours of history classes, and a 3.0 grade average overall.

Carissa Moser and Jeff Knievel, both seniors, were named Outstanding Athletes of the Year at Pope John Central Catholic during the schools' annual Athletic Awards Night on Thursday, May 2, in St. Boniface Auditorium. Moser was a standout in volleyball, girls basketball and track during the year. She was named most valuable player for both the volleyball and girls basketball teams, and also received special recognition for track. Knievel is also a three-sport athlete, involved in football, basketball and track. He was named offensive player of the year in football, and also received All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention designation. He was also named most valuable player for basketball, and was named to All-Conference, All-State and Academic All-State teams.

Twenty Years Ago

April 26, 2006

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Sheep and the Good Shepherd

What kind of sheep are you? That might seem like an odd question, even an insult.

But I found myself wondering about my own sheep status during Mass on "Good Shepherd Sunday."

That's when we heard that the Lord calls His sheep by name, and they follow Him, "because they recognize His voice."

I don't know much about sheep, but during Mass my wandering mind thought about some animals I do know: our family pets (two dogs and two cats).

Our dog Laika first came to mind. The poor girl gets yelled at constantly because she gets in the way. She's always underfoot, and we trip, or almost trip over her, all day every day.

That's not good in a busy household. But that desire for closeness is a great quality for a dog - or as one of Jesus' sheep.

I want to follow Jesus like Laika, right at His feet so He can't miss me, attentive to His every move. Like Laika, I want to be clingy. And I don't think Jesus would mind.

We often see the image of the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb, holding it tenderly and lovingly. During Mass I envisioned myself as that lamb, too, thinking of Simon, one of our cats.

Simon is not content sleeping next to me. Rather, he chooses the warmest place possible, cuddling on top of me, often as

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Community Calendar

* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review
Wednesday, April 29
Elgin FFA Chapter Annual Banquet @ EHS gymnasium.

Sunday, May 3
Wheeler Central High School graduation @ 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5
Antelope County Commissioners regular meeting ■ PJCC Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 6
Elgin City Council regular monthly meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9
Elgin High School graduation ceremony.

Sunday, May 10
Pope John High School graduation ceremony.

Tuesday, May 12
Antelope County Commissioners regular meeting ■ Primary Election

Wednesday, May 13
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting.

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Macy, a freshman, is the daughter of Heather Rokahr and has been an active FFA member since her 8th-grade year.



Macy Rokahr

individual among hundreds of participants.

Moreover, Macy has been active with several other FFA events throughout the year, including range & livestock judging, vet science CDE, attending Chapter Meetings, and was a state finalist in her Agriscience Fair division.

Congratulations, Macy, on a great year in FFA!

Macy has a great desire to learn about the sciences of agriculture. Because of that interest, she was a sure fit on the agriscience CDE team this past spring. Leading the Elgin FFA team to District Runner-Up honors and placing 2nd overall individually.

At the state level, Macy was the 13th overall Agriscience CDE

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Anger rises over changes made in citizen-adopted laws

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Anger rises over changes made in citizen-adopted laws

Almost every time I head over to the local work-out joint, there's some petition circulators waiting.

They scurry up and ask for my signature on a proposed ballot initiative that would make it harder for state legislators to change laws that voters have passed at the ballot box.

Nebraska is one of only 26 states that allow voters – if they collect enough signatures to put something on the ballot – to directly pass laws and constitutional amendments, or to repeal such measures via a referendum.

Two of our neighboring states, Iowa and Kansas, do not allow for citizen-initiated ballot measures.

But we in Nebraska permit the so-called "second house" – citizens – to enact laws and constitutional clauses as a check to either override something passed by the "first house," our one-house Unicameral Legislature, or enact something elected officials would not.

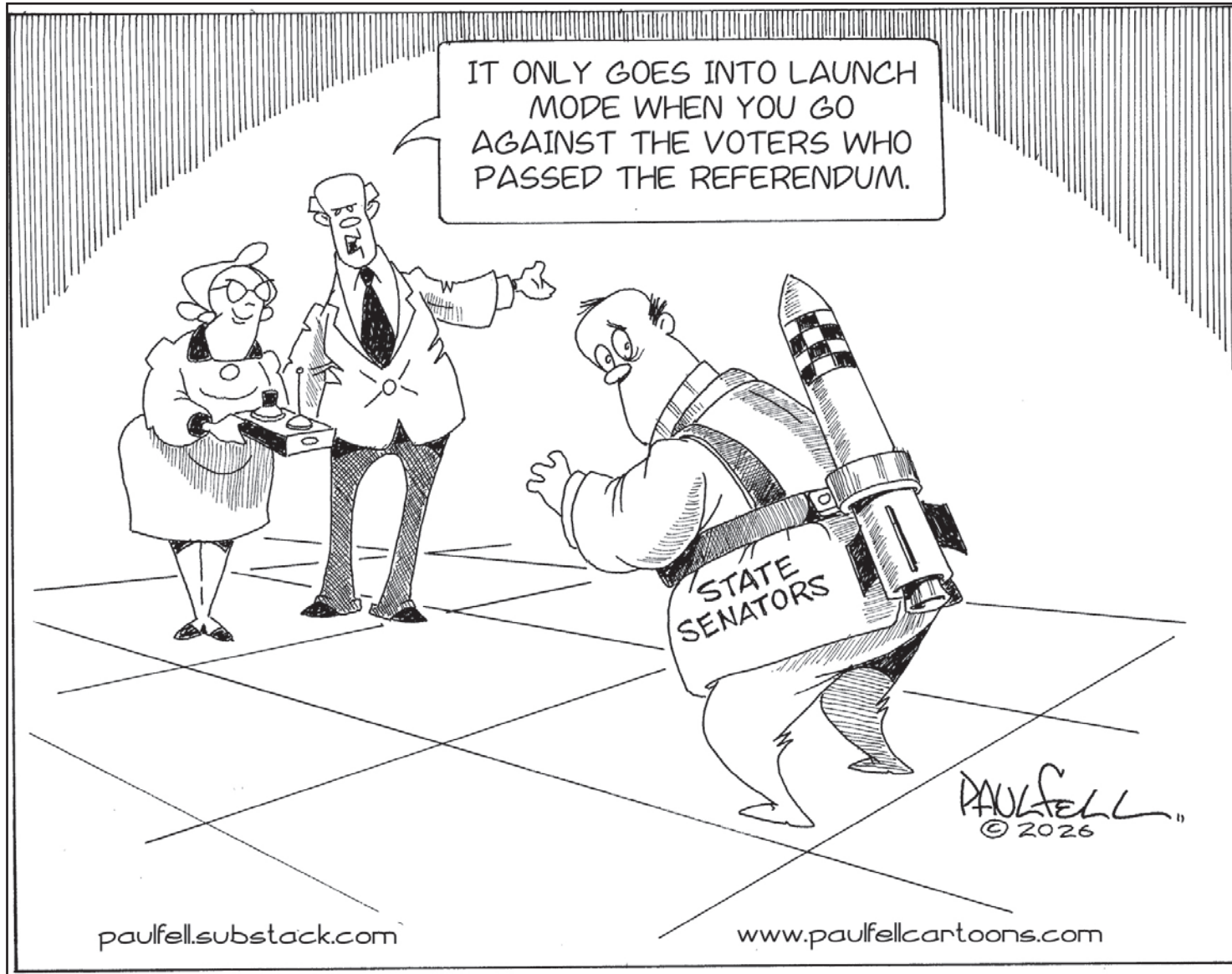
The power of the initiative has always been controversial. There's regularly questions about whether it's "too easy or too hard to get something on the ballot?" and whether the number of signatures required is too low or too high.

Plus, there are worries about well-heeled, outside interests and whether it's too easy for them in our small state to get a significant law adopted or changed (I'd argue that is why we have legislative term limits in Nebraska, a truly dumb idea pushed by the wealthy and conservative Koch Brothers).

Anyway, anger has risen in recent months over alterations made by the State Legislature in citizen initiatives that legalized medical marijuana, provided paid sick leave and increased the minimum wage.

Allowing prescriptions of medical cannabis was approved by a whopping 71% of Nebraska voters in 2024, and came after years of unsuccessful efforts by parents of kids suffering from frequent seizures and those who maintain marijuana can help relieve pain or symptoms of post-traumatic stress.

But state officials (including Gov. Jim Pillen, who opposed such legaliza-



ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

tion) have slow-walked the process of adopting regulations to start distributing cannabis to qualifying persons.

Lawmakers passed a bill earlier this month to allow regulation of prescribing cannabis, but it might be another year before any marijuana actually gets to patients.

And then there's questions about where doctors will prescribe or recommend medical pot. A bill to give them immunity from lawsuits or disciplinary complaints – say, from someone who still thinks voters were wrong to approve medical marijuana – was blocked by opponents of medical cannabis.

So docs will be fair game. The jury's still out on whether medical marijuana is effective medicine. People who have tried it for pain relief and to reduce seizures swear by it. But scientific studies are lacking.

Still, I think regulators can keep the stuff – which seems clearly harmful for kids – out of the wrong hands. And the vote at the ballot box was crystal

clear – people want the option of marijuana as medicine.

I think we're in sad shape when state lawmakers can alter something passed by citizens after deciding that "those silly voters" really didn't mean that.

The State Constitution is pretty clear – the Legislature cannot "amend, repeal, modify, or impair" laws adopted by citizen initiatives, unless they can get 33 votes out of the 49-senator Unicameral.

The petition drive now underway is organized by a group called "Respect Nebraska Voters," that had spent more than \$1 million through the end of March – the Legislature a nonprofit group committed to "democracy building" run by former State Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln. Other major donors are also Nebraska-based groups.

Their main donor to the campaign – \$500,000 – was the Nebraska Donor Alliance, a nonprofit group committed to "democracy building" run by former State Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln. Other major donors are also Nebraska-based groups.

I agree with the Respect Nebraska Voters folks that it ought to be hard for state lawmakers to alter something passed by voters.

But whether the number of votes required by the State Legislature to change citizen-passed laws should be raised from the current two-thirds (33) of the 49-member Unicameral to four-fifths (40) is another question.

Forty out of 49 is a mighty high bar, requiring almost all senators to agree on changes.

At least it's a change the "second house" would have to approve.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Arbor Day: Nebraska's gift to the planet

Most holidays commemorate a piece of history. We often remember a winning battle, the birth of a consequential leader, or the founding of a nation. But on the last Friday of April, we look to the future with hope and action. On Arbor Day, we plant trees with optimism that tomorrow's world can be healthier and more beautiful than the world today. And remarkably, that idea was born right here in Nebraska.

Many Nebraskans learned this in school, but the full story is worth telling again.

In the 1800s, thousands of pioneers left the East Coast to flee disease, land scarcity, and religious persecution in search of a better life out West. When they crossed into Nebraska Territory, they were met with a surprise: an ocean of grass, stretching endlessly in every direction, with almost no trees in sight. For the pioneers, this felt like a crisis.

Trees provided fuel and building materials, broke the wind to keep tilled soil in place, and offered shade from the summer sun. Without them, these pioneers faced numerous challenges.

J. Sterling Morton, who at the time was the editor of the Nebraska City News, wrote articles to make the case for planting more trees. When he eventually became Secretary of the Nebraska Territory, he used his platform to amplify this idea.

In 1872, Morton proposed a single day dedicated to planting trees, which he called Arbor Day. The state offered prizes to counties and individuals who planted the most trees, and the response was staggering. On that very first Arbor Day, Nebraskans planted an estimated 1 million trees.

Two years later, Nebraska Gov. Robert W. Furnas officially declared Arbor Day a state celebration. By 1885, it was a legal holiday, and the idea had already begun spreading beyond Nebraska's borders. More than 140 years later, Nebraska is home to roughly 1.3 million acres of timberland, and Arbor Day is now observed in all 50 states and many countries around the world.

This year, I encourage you to consider making the trip to where it all began. Nebraska City has been celebrating this holiday for more than 150 years, and the spirit of it remains very much alive.

Arbor Day is a declaration that the

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

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We don't need to reinvent the wheel to solve teacher shortage

Nebraska's teacher shortage is real. But so is our progress.

According to the Nebraska Department of Education, schools across our state entered the 2025-2026 academic year with approximately 490 unfilled positions, down from 669 the year before. This tells us something important: The strategies we've been investing in are working.

The path forward does not require drastic reinvention. Nebraska doesn't need to start from scratch. We need to strengthen and scale the programs already making a measurable difference.

At the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Education, Health and Human Sciences (CEHHS), we get to see at the classroom level what works. From my experiences as a lifelong Nebraskan, a former classroom math teacher and now dean of a college that prepares educators across the state, I truly believe our most effective solutions are practical, data-informed and rooted in local community partnerships.

Nebraska has many talented individuals who feel called to the classroom but can't pause their careers or uproot their families to pursue traditional preparation routes. Programs for people who already have undergraduate degrees, alternative certification pathways and flexible scheduling options open doors for career changers and

community members who already have deep ties to their local schools.

In fact, enrollment in the elementary accelerated pathway has doubled, and the secondary accelerated pathway (TAP) and special education accelerated program have both tripled in recent years. When we reduce barriers and meet people where they are, we expand the educator pipeline while maintaining high-quality standards and educational experiences for our students.

At UNO, for example, we collaborate closely with school districts and community colleges to align preparation programs with workforce needs. One partnership I am deeply proud of is our Teacher Scholars Academy with Omaha Public Schools that gives our students hands-on experience and a direct pathway to a career in OPS schools.

These partnerships allow aspiring teachers to gain classroom experience early, sometimes as paid paraprofessionals — or as trained classroom support staff who work with teachers — in OPS classrooms. It's a win-win: Schools gain support, and candidates build confidence and competence in real-world settings.

It's also important for the taxpaying public to know we can achieve our desired results with targeted investments. Scholarships, loan forgiveness

programs and stipends tied to high-need endorsement areas like special education, mathematics and science have demonstrated impact. When we invest strategically, we can address both geographic and subject-area shortages. Federal and state funding streams have helped support these efforts, but sustained commitment will be essential to maintaining our shared momentum long-term.

I have the privilege of seeing firsthand how university faculty and staff are deeply engaged in preparing educators who are classroom-ready from day one. We integrate evidence-based practices, innovative technology and strong mentoring into our programs. Our work is grounded in research-based best practices and strengthened by community engagement, including longstanding partnerships through initiatives like the UNO STEM TRAIL Center.

As someone who has spent decades teaching, researching, and collaborating with schools across Nebraska, I have seen the transformative power of thoughtful preparation and sustained support.

It cannot be stressed enough that teacher shortages are not solely about recruitment to university degree programs or job placement after graduation. Early-career mentoring, professional

development and strong school leadership significantly influence whether teachers remain in the profession. Nebraska's recent improvement in unfilled positions suggests that collaborative retention efforts are beginning to make a difference.

Closing the gap on unfilled positions reflects collective effort from school leaders, policymakers, preparation programs and, most importantly, educators themselves. We should take pride in this progress, but we can't become complacent.

Nebraska's students deserve stable, well-prepared teachers in every classroom in rural districts and urban centers alike. Our economy, our communities, and our future depend on it, so let's double down on what's working.

Expand flexible pathways. Strengthen partnerships. Sustain targeted financial incentives. Invest in mentoring and retention. Nebraska has never shied away from practical solutions grounded in collaboration and common sense. Addressing our teacher shortage should be no different.

Neal Grandgenett is Lois G. Roskens Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. This article reflects the views of the author and does not necessarily represent the views of UNO.

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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks the second installment of a new series tied to our nation's 250th birthday in July 2026. As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country's history. It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

John Morton (1724-1777) was less than 1 year when his father passed. His mother, Mary Archer Morton, soon remarried an English gentleman, John Sketchley, who graciously took on the responsibility to raise and educate John as his own. Mr. Sketchley was a surveyor, so it was natural for him to teach John Morton the skills of surveying, along with reading, math and morality (an eventual specified requirement in schools for territories to become states; still in the Nebraska Constitution). Law was intricately involved with surveying to which he also excelled. John Morton, due to his good character yet only 31, was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly. (It was said of John that he was a man of sound judgment and pleasant temperament, very involved with his church.) He held that position ten years until the local sheriff died and Mr. Morton was appointed and re-elected as sheriff of Chester County for 3 years, then returned to the Pennsylvania Assembly by re-election in 1769. He was a busy man! In the years of 1757-1774 he also held these positions: Justice of the Peace, Judge of the Court of General Quarters Session, Common Pleas of the County of Chester, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Justice of Orphan's Court from 1770-March 25, 1774. He had a common-sense approach to legal matters which the public respected.

While a representative to the Pennsylvania Assembly, Mr. Morton was a delegate to the Stamp Act Congress. It was interesting when time came for the Stamp Act to begin, no 'stamp masters' were found to distribute the stamps which England had provided for this Act. Those who were to do the job resigned or wouldn't do as the British had asked due to pressure from the people. It was soon repealed. But at the same time, Parliament in England passed a Declaratory Act stating they had "full power and authority to make laws and statutes of sufficient force and validity to bind the colonies and people of America, subjects of the crown of Great Britain, in all cases whatsoever." (americanhistorycentral.com)

In 1774, when Speaker of the Assembly, he was chosen as a delegate to the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia, as well as the Second and Third Continental Congresses in the following years.

As July 1776 rolled around, Pennsylvania was still split on how they would vote regarding Independence. Even John Morton questioned if total separation was the answer, but when time for the vote, he was affirmative. Two delegates who did not agree abstained from voting.

John Morton was put on a committee to write the Articles of Confederation. This, unfortunately, was one of his last accomplishments. He died in 1777 of tuberculosis.

Some other items of interest: John was married to Anne Justis from a neighboring farm. Together they had 8 children. Two of their sons and a son-in-law fought in the Revolutionary War.

One, a surgeon for the Continental Army, was taken captive, placed on the British prison ship Falmouth and from there never returned. He basically was starved to death. After the Battle of Brandywine, the British destroyed much of the late John Morton's property which then belonged to his wife and children.

DeKay introduced 16 No shows bills, 14 became law

In this most recent legislative session, I introduced a total of sixteen bills and one constitutional amendment resolution. Additionally, the Agriculture Committee, of which I chair, introduced two so-called committee bills. Fourteen of those measures passed. This week, I would like to outline seven of my bills which became law.

LB769 authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to create and issue up to three University of Nebraska State Museum License Plate designs. Alphanumeric plates will cost an additional five dollars while custom message plates will cost an additional forty dollars. The

proceeds generated by these license plates will support research, public education, and outreach at the University of Nebraska's museums. These plates become available on January 1, 2027.

LB794 repeals the statutes relating to the Healthy Soils Task Force. This organization was terminated by law in 2021 and superseded by the passage of LB925 in 2022. LB794 includes the provisions of my bill LB827 which affirms that Natural Resource Districts have the authority to establish or participate in programs to educate agricultural producers and the public about, and research practices to improve, water quality, water quantity management, and soil health practices.

LB795 designates bromazolam as a Schedule I controlled substance. Bromazolam is a synthetic designer drug in the same family as Xanax. LB795 includes the provisions of LB817 from Senator Tanya Storer which enhances criminal penalties for controlled substance offenses involving fentanyl. LB817 was introduced to hold fentanyl distributors/traffickers accountable by aligning the weight-based penalties for fentanyl with those currently in statute for other exceptionally hazardous drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

LB796 authorizes and regulates the in-person pick-up of prescriptions at a consenting third-party healthcare facility, such as at a hospital. This bill seeks to improve patient access to prescriptions, particularly in rural areas where a pharmacy

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now accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The school received notification of the accreditation on Monday, April 24. The local program was reviewed for possible accreditation by the NAEYC last fall. The preschool teacher is Sue Vanis, and paraprofessional aids are Barb Best and Holly Kerkman.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Cheyenne M. Bode is currently deployed to an overseas forward operating location to support the missions of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

appeared before the Honorable Kale Burdick.

Before making the plea, Finazzo met with his newly-appointed attorney, Doug Stratton. Burdick ordered Finazzo to appear May 28 for a pretrial hearing.

Finazzo was originally arrested June 14, 2025 at Cubby's in Neligh. He failed to appear for court hearings in July, August, September, and December. At that time, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On April 10, Finazzo bonded from the Sarpy County Jail and paid \$500 bond in Antelope County.

Gail Allen, 49, of Neligh, appeared for an entry of plea hearing. Allen faces two counts of issuing a no-account check, less than \$500, both Class II misdemeanors.

Allen is alleged to have written two checks to Thriftway Market - one for \$35.23 and one totaling \$106.40 - in January.

Burdick continued the case based on Smith's motion for an entry of plea hearing.

Allen will appear May 28.

A continuance was granted in a probation violation case involving Dallus L. Christiansen, 28, of Neligh.

Attorney Doug Stratton told Burdick the defendant intended to hire him, and more time is needed. Burdick agreed to the request, and ordered Christiansen to appear May 14.

Christiansen was originally charged in 2024 on one count of DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor and one count of speeding 11-15mph county/state, an infraction.

A continuance was granted in a case involving Christopher L. Beltz, 39, of Plainview. Beltz faces one count of obstruct government operations, a Class I misdemeanor.

Smith did not object. Burdick ordered Beltz to appear May 28 for a pretrial hearing.

A 19-year-old Battle Creek man waived his right to a preliminary hearing on two counts and will appear April 29 in Antelope County District Court.

Jace Rocha faces one count of burglary, a Class IIA felony, and one count of theft-shoplifting \$1,500-\$4,999, a Class IV felony.

The incident is alleged to have occurred on or between Feb. 1 and Feb. 21, at a Neligh residence. Rocha allegedly took a computer and equipment, totaling approximately \$1,940.

Bond, set at \$5,000-10% was set.

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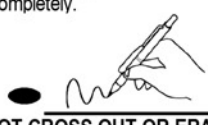
ANTELOPE COUNTY NEBRASKA-PRIMARY ELECTION-COUNTYWIDE PUBLICATION BALLOTS

The following sample ballots list all candidates and issues throughout Antelope County. They may not reflect the order or rotation of candidates on the official ballot for your voting precinct; only candidates and issues that pertain to your voting precinct will appear on your official ballot.

Polling sites: Tilden Precinct-Tilden Public Library; Oakdale Precinct-Oakdale Community Center; Neligh Precinct-American Legion Post 172, Neligh; Brunswick Precinct-Brunswick Community Room; Elgin Precinct-KC Hall, Elgin; Royal Precinct-Royal Auditorium; Clearwater Precinct-American Legion Post 267, Clearwater; Orchard Precinct-Orchard Community Center.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

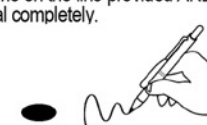
Republican Party, Sample Ballot, Primary Election, May 12, 2026

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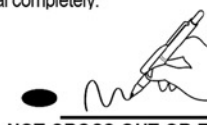
Nonpartisan Republican, Sample Ballot, Primary Election, May 12, 2026

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Nonpartisan Democratic, Sample Ballot, Primary Election, May 12, 2026

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	STATE TICKET For Governor Vote for ONE <input type="radio"/> Lynne Walz <input type="radio"/> Larry Marvin	For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE <input type="radio"/>
UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE <input type="radio"/> William J. Forbes <input type="radio"/> Cindy Burbank	For State Treasurer Vote for ONE <input type="radio"/> Daniel Ebers	For Secretary of State Vote for ONE <input type="radio"/> Lee M. Cimfel <input type="radio"/> Sarah J. Slattery

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Your Opinion Matters! Vote May 12th!!

Judge Burdick presides over county court cases

A plea agreement was reached in Antelope County Court on April 23, in a case involving a 61-year-old Neligh man.

The Honorable Kale Burdick was informed an agreement was reached with Ray M. Connot.

Originally charged with assault-threaten/menacing manner, a Class I misdemeanor, Connot agreed to plead no contest to an amended charge of disturbing the peace.

Burdick sentenced Connot to a \$500 fine, which was ordered to be paid that day. Additionally, Connot will be responsible for court costs and fees totaling \$50.

Denis F. Kerkman, 92, requested a continuance during an entry of plea hearing. The Tilden resident faces four counts of attempt of a Class I misdemeanor, all Class II misdemeanors.

A plea agreement was

reached and read into the record. Kerkman asked for a continuance due to medical reasons, which Burdick granted.

A 54-year-old Elgin man appeared in Antelope County Court, on April 23. Rowdy L. Burke faces five counts, including two counts of stalking-misdemeanor offense, both Class I misdemeanors; criminal trespass-1st degree, a Class I misdemeanor; fail to obey lawful order, a Class III misdemeanor; and disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor. The charges stem from a March 18 incident that in Elgin.

According to court records, the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center received a phone call from Bailey Todd, stepdaughter of Burke, who said a fight was taking place between Burke and Stephanie

Kerkman will appear May 14. A \$1,000 personal recognizance bond remains in effect.

Burke at Rowdy Burke's residence. Their children were present and upset.

Antelope County Deputy Steve Mills arrived on scene first and talked to Stephanie at her residence. She reported she'd been at Burke's residence because two of the children were there. While at Burke's house, the Burkes got into a verbal altercation. When she told him she wasn't interested in a relationship with him, he threatened to call phone numbers he retrieved from her phone and tell them negative things about her character.

Sheriff Bob Moore appeared on scene and was apprised of the situation. He went to

Jerome L. Baugher, 38, of Tilden, appeared for a jail waiver hearing. The defendant provided an updated letter from

Burdick waived the 30-day jail term and reminded him

the probation officer assigned to the case.

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drinks. Moore asked once more, to get a reading for Burke's probation officer. Burke again refused.

While dispatchers from the ACLEC contacted Moore to call Smith, Mills could be heard yelling at Burke, who ran to Stephanie Burke's house, yelling at Stephanie and the girls "that Dad is going to jail." Mills caught Rowdy Burke and placed him in handcuffs.

This wasn't the first incident ACS officers have responded to calls involving Burke. On Feb. 27, Stephanie Burke contacted the ACLEC, noting she needed an officer at her residence after Rowdy Burke entered her house, yelled at her, pounded

on the walls, and said he put a tracker on her phone.

On Feb. 28, Stephanie Burke called 911 about Rowdy's behavior. He had been "blowing up her phone and texting her with his negative crap." At that time, Deputy Darin Ternus responded and informed Burke he would be arrested if he was on Stephanie's property.

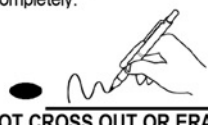
During the April 23 entry of plea hearing, defense attorney Martin Klein addressed bond stipulations, especially a no-contact order with his children. Smith requested the mother be present when talking about the situation. Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, remains in effect.

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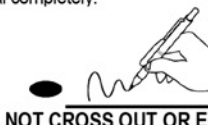
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STATE TICKET		
<p>For Governor Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>For Secretary of State Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>For Auditor of Public Accounts Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>		

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<p>For Member of the Legislature District 40 Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Barry DeKay</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>For Member of the State Board of Education District 6 Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sherry Jones</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Grady Erickson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>		

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UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET		
<p>For United States Senator Six Year Term Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William J. Forbes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cindy Burbank</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For Attorney General Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jocelyn Brasher</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For Member of the State Board of Education District 6 Vote for ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sherry Jones</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Grady Erickson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>
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Report says legalizing online sports betting could millions

LINCOLN — New research commissioned by a group petitioning to legalize online sports betting in Nebraska found that doing so could generate just under \$87 million in new state tax revenue over five years.

Assuming that 70% of generated revenues would be distributed as property tax credits, the same as for voter-approved casino gambling, this could translate into roughly \$61 million in additional tax relief over the same period, independent research firm Eilers & Krejcik Gaming found.

Tax Relief Nebraska is currently petitioning to put the option of legalizing online sports betting on the ballot in 2026. Jordan McGrain, a petition sponsor, said the effort is ahead of schedule in its signature gathering.

McGrain said the group commissioned the report because they felt it was important to demonstrate what legalizing

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Bartlett News



Photos and captions submitted

The Kindergarten and 1st grade performed two musical selections at the Wheeler Central Spring Program held earlier this month.

The Wheeler Central Spring Concert, under the direction of Mrs. Sherry Tetschner, was held April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the new gym.

Preschool through 8th grades participated in the program. Instrumental selections included 4th grade recorders: "Hot Cross Buns," "Gently Sleep" and "Merrily We Roll Along", 5th grade band: "A Quarter's Worth," "Hot Cross Buns," "Au Claire De La Lune" and "Merrily We Roll Along," 7th grade band: "Choral," 6th and 7th grade bands: "Regal March," "6-8th grade bands: "Enter Sandman" and "Hot to Go," Owen Sallach trumpet solo: "March from the Overture to "The Occasional Oratorio," Owen Sallach and

Lincoln Mallet trumpet and trombone duet, "Ode to Joy,"

Choral numbers began with K-8th grade singing: "Beautiful Nebraska" and "Go Down Moses." Students singing were Darren Reich, Braxton Senn, Jaycee Wagner, Huxley Kleeb, Bentley Schlenger, Cort Freouf and Nathan Mallett. Other choral numbers were: Pre school: "You'll Sing a Song," "Down by the Bay," and "We are the Dinosaurs," small groups in the song "Go Down Moses, K-1st grade: "I Met a Bear," and "Michael Row the Boat," 1st grade: "Bright Happy Day" 2nd grade: "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," 3rd grade: "Hello to All the Children of the World" and "Yankee

Doodle," 4th grade "Shotgun," 5th grade boys "Til You Can't," 5th grade "7 years," 5th and 6th grade girls: "Fight Song," Jaycee Wagner vocal solo "Travelin' Soldier," Macy Reich vocal solo: "Cover Me in Sunshine" and 6th and 8th graders: "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."

8th graders were given honorable mention by Mrs. Tetschner, at the end of the program.

The 8th grade class includes; Anslee Wright, Denna Skorcz, Corbin Kasselder, Trey Smith and Dawson Kluver.

I enjoyed a quick trip to Beatrice on Sunday to wish my granddaughter Winnie Keyes a Happy Birthday.

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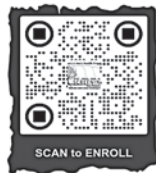
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Faith

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close to my face and neck as possible. He can be so close that his breath and whiskers tickle me. He usually kneads on the blanket before he purrs us both to sleep.

That's similar to how I want to be in Jesus' arms: so close that I can feel His breath, so close that I can feel His Heart beat. When He speaks, I would know His voice.

Those two pets summarize the sheep that I want to be. But

actually, I'm more like the one Jesus has to leave the 99 for.

I know that Jesus loves me and pursues me, but I can't be satisfied with being a sheep that wanders off now and then. I need to follow Him like Laika, attentive — even clingy — always at His feet.

And I need to be like Simon, resting in His arms, as close to Him as possible.

My pets helped me envision the perfect sheep.

What kind of sheep are you?

New board-certified PA joins AMH

This spring, AMH welcomes Will Fehringer, PA-C, to its medical staff. He will offer coverage primarily at the Neligh AMH Family Practice Clinic.

A native of Bloomfield, Fehringer is the son of Jeff and Kelli Fehringer. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 2019. He attended Wayne State College, graduating in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

He acquired his Physician Assistant degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, graduating in December 2025. He became board-certified in January 2026. During his training, he had completed a rotation in family medicine at AMH.

"It's great to be at Antelope Memorial Hospital and living in this area," said Will.

"I'm very comfortable with the people and lifestyle found here in northeast Nebraska. I chose to begin my career at AMH because I had a great experience here during my family practice rotation last summer. The providers were great teachers and everyone was very friendly and supportive.

Now, I'm really excited to be working here! Plus, I truly enjoy living in Neligh and look forward to being a part of the community."

Fehringer joins AMH's medical staff which consists of eight other providers. Dr. Roger Rudloff and Dr. Troy Dawson began their careers at AMH in May and July 1997, respectively.

Other providers who joined the medical staff more recently are Ashley Niewohner, APRN (July 2016), Angela Sucha, PA-C (September 2017), Dr. Kelli Osborn, (November 2018), Dr. Josh Thoendel (June 2021), Anita Murphy (May 2024) and Kimberly Wiese (July 2025).



Will Fehringer, PA-C

Toxin levels linked to cancer clusters

Newsweek reports dangerous water toxins across Nebraska — including Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk & rural regions

This region has among the highest pediatric cancer rates in the nation. While Pete Ricketts protects Big Pharma, his opponent Mac Stevens is taking action with a plan to "Make America Cancer Absent" (MACA). This campaign is drawing national attention for effective non-invasive treatments.

At this pivotal time, Stevens' campaign goes beyond politics to focus on saving lives.

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Clearwater man accepts plea agreement in DUI

The Honorable Kale Burdick presided over four Antelope County Court cases involving alcohol-related charges on April 23.

Shane L. Krebs, 55, of Clearwater, reached a plea agreement. A previous not guilty plea was withdrawn, and Krebs pleaded guilty to one count of DUI-15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Per the agreement, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith would not make a recommendation during sentencing.

The defense waived enhancement, and Smith provided evidence of a prior conviction. Burdick found a prior conviction existed and that this is a second offense.

Krebs was ordered to attend a May 28 sentencing hearing. Bond, set at \$5,000-10%, remains in effect.

Yelstin Lopez-Gonzalez, 29, of Schuyler, appeared for arraignment on one count of criminal impersonation, a Class IV felony.

On April 11, Antelope County dispatch received notification of a vehicle crossing the white and yellow lines and attempting to pass in no passing zones on Highway 275 near Oakdale. Deputy Keegan Barker responded and located a vehicle matching the description. Barker observed a Bud Light Chelada can being tossed from the vehicle's passenger side. Barker initiated a traffic stop and detected the smell of alcohol in the vehicle.

Barker contacted a translator. Lopez-Gonzalez told officials his name was Carlos Lopez-Gonzalez and gave a date of birth that later, would turn out to be inaccurate. Barker asked Lopez-Gonzalez to take field sobriety tests, which he failed. A breath test produced a result of .122. Barker arrested the defendant and transported him to the Antelope County Jail.

A bond hearing was held April 16. Bond was set at \$15,000-10%.

During arraignment, defense attorney Doug Stratton requested a preliminary hearing. Burdick ordered Stratton to

Neligh man accepts plea agreement on three cases

Austin R. Klabenes of Neligh appeared for hearings in three cases in Antelope County Court on April 23.

A plea agreement was reached.

In one case that Klabenes faced, one count of drive during revocation/impound-1st, a Class II misdemeanor, the charge was dismissed with prejudice on the motion of Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith.

In a separate case, a previous not guilty plea was withdrawn. Klabenes pleaded no contest to one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Burdick found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to a 60-day term in the Antelope County Jail, which will be served consecutive to the jail sentence currently being served. Klabenes will receive credit for one day.

A previous not guilty plea was withdrawn and Klabenes pleaded guilty to one charge of tobacco/electronic nicotine use-underage, a Class V misdemeanor.

Burdick sentenced Klabenes to pay a \$150 fine and \$50 court costs.

Fines in all cases were ordered to be paid on April 23.

Courtesy of SAM

notify the court if the hearing is necessary because a Spanish interpreter is needed to appear in person for that type of hearing.

Lopez-Gonzalez was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

A right to a preliminary hearing was waived by Dillon W. Eckstein, 29, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who appeared via Zoom.

He will appear April 29 in Antelope County District Court.

Eckstein faces one count of DUI-15+ or refusal (2 prior convictions), a Class IIIA felony.

He is also charged with one count of refuse to submit to pretest, a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of possession of marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, an infraction. The county court waived its jurisdiction over the remaining counts.

Bond, set at \$5,000-10%, remains in effect.

Jermaine D. Crosby, 35, of McKinney, Texas, appeared for sentencing on one count of DUI-15+, a Class W misdemeanor. Public defender Doug Stratton requested a continuance, which was granted.

Crosby will appear May 28 for sentencing.

Courtesy of SAM

DeKay

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might be an hour or more away. LB796 opens the door for a consenting third-party healthcare facility to let people pick-up their prescriptions at their location instead of at the pharmacy.

LB826 creates a late filing window for disabled veterans and spouses of deceased veterans seeking a veteran home-

stead exemption. This bill will address cases where paperwork from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gets delayed and arrives after the June 30th deadline to apply for a homestead exemption. I brought this bill after a constituent received late paperwork from the VA and could not apply for a homestead exemption. Veterans and spouses of deceased veter-

ans should not be penalized by the VA's timeline.

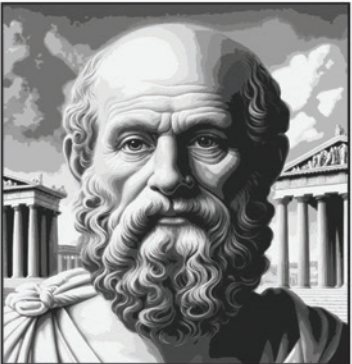
LB828 eliminates a long-standing prohibition in Nebraska which makes it illegal for non-profit organizations to conduct a sweepstake. It was noted at the hearing that Nebraska is only one of two states where it is illegal for a non-profit organization to conduct a sweepstake.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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NOTICE OF MAY 2026 MEETINGS

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May 11, 2026 at 8:00 AM (Monday - 12th Primary Election Day)

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May 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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Martin V. Klein, #22220
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NOTICE OF MAY 11, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING

ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 11th, 2026, in the County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex at 9:45 AM.

The public hearing will be re-

garding Conditional Use Permit 2601-Old Mill Sales & Repairs LLC, for a Car Sales & Repair Business on a tract in the SE4 of 2-24-6W.

The agenda is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's Office.

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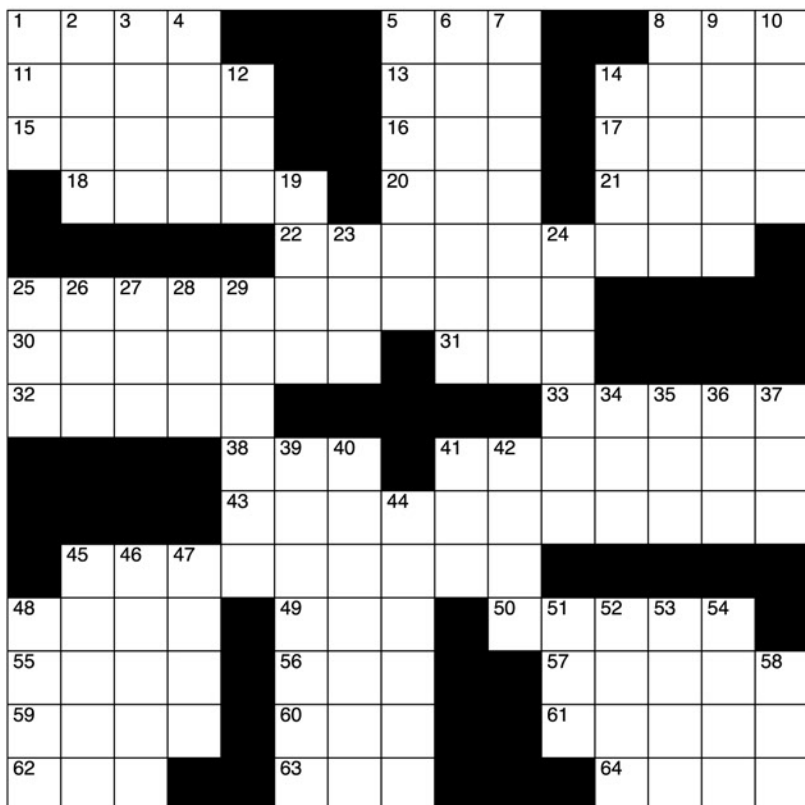
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Kindergarteners help celebrate Arbor Day

Kindergarten students from Elgin Public and Pope John XXII Central Catholic schools made a trip to the Elgin City Park last Thursday to help plant a tree. Every April, in honor of Arbor Day, the Elgin Young N Lively (YnL) group organizes a tree planting in the city park. This year, the tree planted was an October Glory Maple. Planted just north of the sand volleyball court, the tree will provide wonderful shade and a beautiful fall leaf display in future years. YnL member Connie Dvorak also gave a brief presentation on the importance and benefits of trees to the kids. Teachers of the classes are Joyce Wernhoff (EPS) and Michelle Pelster (PJCC). E-R photo/LMorgan

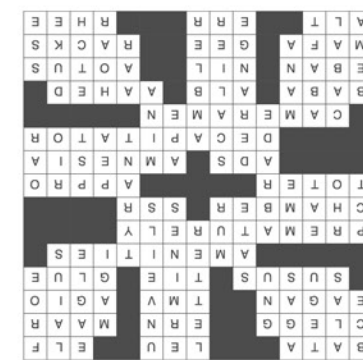
CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Will Ferrell holiday film
- "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- Error-related negativity
- Volcanic crater
- Boston Herald columnist Margery
- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Tractor unit
- Defunct supercomputer developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads

CLUES DOWN

- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African antelope
- Three are particularly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality Kimes
- One who moves slowly

- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast



Asian longhorned tick in nearby states

An invasive tick that has not yet been confirmed in Nebraska, but has been detected in nearby states, is worth keeping on the radar this grazing season. That is the Asian longhorned tick.

This tick was first detected in the United States in 2017 and has since spread into a number of states, including Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri. While it has not been confirmed in Nebraska as of March 2026, its presence in neighboring states means producers here should stay alert, especially as cattle move onto pasture and spend more time in habitats where ticks are more likely to survive.

What makes the Asian longhorned tick especially concerning is how quickly it can build numbers. In the United States, these ticks appear to reproduce mainly without mating, meaning females can produce offspring on their own. A single female

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can lay hundreds to thousands of eggs, and under favorable conditions development from egg to adult can happen in about three months. That means once introduced, populations can increase rapidly.

The other major concern is disease transmission. The Asian longhorned tick can carry Theileria orientalis Ikeda, a parasite that infects cattle and causes bovine theileriosis. Infected cattle may show anemia, weakness, poor appetite, lethargy, fever, abortions, and in severe cases increased sickness or death. Some animals may show only mild signs, but infected cattle can remain carriers for life. There is currently no direct treatment for theileriosis, so prevention and early detection are especially important.

For Nebraska producers, one of the best things to do right now is simply make tick inspection part of normal cattle handling. When cattle are brought in for vaccinations, pregnancy checking, sorting, or other routine work, take a close look around

the eyes, ears, neck, brisket, tail-head, udder, and inside the legs. Producers should also have a general idea of what to look for. Asian longhorned ticks are very small, about 2 millimeters before feeding, roughly the size of a sesame or mustard seed. They are typically light brown to burnt orange in color, so they can be easy to miss during a quick check. If you find unusually high numbers of very small ticks on one animal, that is worth paying attention to. Because proper identification can be difficult, suspicious ticks should be removed carefully, placed in alcohol, and submitted through a veterinarian or Extension office for confirmation.

Pasture conditions also matter. Ticks tend to do better in taller grass, brushy areas, wooded edges, and moist low-lying sites. Keeping an eye on cattle grazing those environments may improve your chances of catching a problem early. If producers bring in cattle from regions where this tick is already

present, those animals should be inspected carefully, isolated when possible, and considered for treatment with an approved tick control product before mixing with the resident herd. Good Beef Quality Assurance practices also matter, since blood transfer through shared needles can spread Theileria between cattle.

If unusual ticks are found, collect several specimens in alcohol and work through your veterinarian or Extension office for identification. The Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center can assist with preliminary tick identification, and suspected Asian longhorned tick detections in Nebraska should also be reported to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

The bottom line is this: the Asian longhorned tick is not a confirmed Nebraska problem today, but it is close enough that awareness matters. Routine cattle inspection, sound biosecurity, and early reporting can go a long way in helping protect Nebraska herds.

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

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Wolfpack boys letter winners this season were (l-r): Ethan Hansen, Landyn Veik, Grady Druke and John Zwingman.



Wolfpack girls letter winners this season were (l-r): Libby Evans, Cielo Kuhlman, Anna Dworak and Jaydalynn Chessmore.

Wolfpack wrestling awards handed out last week

The Wolfpack wrestling team held their end-of-the-season awards banquet last week.

Having sent wrestlers to both the boys and girls wrestling tournaments in February, there was much to celebrate when athletes and parents gathered.

All four members of the boys wrestling team lettered during the season. They were Landyn Veik, Grady Druke, John Zwingman and Ethan Hansen.

Awards handed out for the boys team were:

Outstanding Wrestler & Wolfpack Leadership awards — Veik

Most Improved Wrestler — Zwingman
Earning letters on the girls wrestling team were Libby Evans, Anna Dworak and Jayda Chessmore.

Wolfpack Leader Award — Evans
Participation Award — Cielo Kuhlman
Outstanding Wrestler — Evans
Most Improved — Dworak



Landyn Veik (l) was named the 'Outstanding Wrestler' and presented the Wolfpack Leadership Award while John Zwingman earned the 'Most Improved Wrestler'.



Libby Evans (l) was named the 'Outstanding Wrestler' and also the Wolfpack Leader Award while Anna Dworak was recognized as the 'Most Improved Wrestler'.

TRACK

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY
April 30 @ Norfolk Classic.....4:00
May 2... NVC @ Bassett..... 9:30
May 6... @ Humphrey..... 9:00
May 13... Districts @ Bassett..... TBA

JUNIOR HIGH

May 2... NVC @ Bassett..... 9:30
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May 4 @ Creighton..... 1:30
May 7... @ Plainview..... 12:30

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May 2... @ West Holt..... 9:00
May 4... @ Albion..... 4:00
May 6... @ Niobrara..... 9:30

JUNIOR HIGH

April 30 @ Antelope Country Club.....2:00
May 4... Tri (Stuart, CWC) @ Atkinson.....4:00



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April 29 FFA Banquet
April 30 EPS K-6 Field Trip • EPS JH-HS Science Fair
May 1 EPS PreK-6 NO SCHOOL • NVC Art Show @ St. Mary's • PJCC Spring Musical
May 2 N-O 5-6th Grade Honor Band
May 3 PJCC Spring Musical Matinee
May 5 EPS NHS/Activities/Academic Awards • PJCC Spring Concert
May 6 EPS no school PreK-6th • EPS Seniors Last Day
May 7 PJCC Seniors Last Day/Awards Day • EPS PreK-3 Library presentation
May 8 WSC Math Contest • EPS 5 & 6 grade field trips
May 9 EPS HS graduation
May 10 PJCC HS graduation
May 11 EPS Honor Day • PJCC PreK field trip
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Wolfpack Sports



EPPJ athletes reap medals at quadrangular at Humphrey

HUMPHREY — Just four track teams looking to find momentum heading into May competed last week at a quadrangular here.

Conditions were hot for late April with the temperature hovering near 90 degrees with little wind.

That didn't deter the Wolfpack from posting top times.

Senior Trey Rittscher continues to show why he's a contender for a trip to state next month. Shot put is his best show as he again won the competition. His winning toss was 43'8".

Teammate Evin Pelster won the long jump and medaled in both the 800 and 1600 meter runs. Ethan Hansen won the 400 meter dash and placed in

both the 100 and 200 spring events. Also earning gold for the boys team was Justice Blecher with a win in the discus event. Max Henn brought home medals in three individual events (400, discus and shot put).

On the girls side, senior Kayton Zwingman continued her impressive spring run. She won the 300 hurdles and placed second in the long jump.

Freshman Sydney Niewohner placed second in the 100 meter hurdles and third in both the 300 hurdles and long jump. Gemma Miller was a two-time medal winner, Megan Wright brought home the fourth place medal in the discus.

Junior Braelyn Martinsen took second in both the 100 and 200 sprints while freshman Gentry Zwingman took second in the 3200 run.

Humphrey Lindsay won the girls competition with 154 points followed by Columbus Lakeview 93, Newman Grove/St. Edward 83 and EPPJ 81.

In the boys division, Newman Grove/St. Edward won with 151 points, EPPJ was second with 102 followed by Lakeview JV 87 and Humphrey Lindsay 81.

Individual results were:

Girls

- 100 — 1. Nyla Beller, HL, 12.80 seconds; 2. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.10; 3. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 13.30; 6. Gentry Zwingman, EPPJ, 14.30
- 200 — 1. Nyla Beller, HL, 27.60 seconds; 2. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 28.00
- 400 — 1. Shelby Hemmer, HL, 1:09.30
- 800 — 1. Melody King, CLV, 6:34.90
- 3200 — 1. Molly Lorenz, CLV, 15:06.80; 2. Gentry Zwingman, 15:30.60



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Competing at Humphrey last week, Gemma Miller placed third in the discus with a throw of 90'.

- 100 hurdles — 1. Lakin Pro-soski, NGSE, 19.00 seconds; 2. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 20.30
- 300 hurdles — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 49.60; 3. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 59.90
- 400 relay — 1. CLV, 56.40 seconds
- 3200 relay — 1. CLV, 11:53.50
- High jump — 1. Payton Feh-ringer, NGSE, 5'1"
- Long jump — 1. Nyla Bel-ler, HL, 17'; 2. Kayton Zwing-man, EPPJ, 15'4"; 3. Sydney Niewohner, EPPJ, 15'3.5"
- Triple jump — 1. Shelly Blum, CLV, 32'5"
- Shot put — 1. Hallie Re-ichmuth, HL, 34'5"; 4. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 30'1"; 5. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 29'1"
- Discus — 1. Hallie Re-ichmuth, HL, 93'7"; 3. Gemma

- Miller, EPPJ, 90'
- Boys
- 100 — 1. Nate Fowlkes, NGSE, 11.50 seconds; 4. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 11.61
- 200 — 1. Zane Farrell, LJV, 23.90 seconds; 3. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 24.5
- 400 — 1. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 54.60 seconds; 6. Max Henn, EPPJ, 1:01.20
- 800 — 1. Micah Cuevas, NGSE, 2:05.70; 3. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 2:21.80
- 1600 — 1. Micah Cuevas, NGSE, 5:12.40; 2. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 5:15.20; 6. Matthew Kerk-man, EPPJ, 5:41.90
- 3200 — 1. Micah Cuevas, NGSE, 12:04.80
- 300 hurdles — 1. Zane Potter, NGSE, 47.20 seconds; 3. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 1:09.50

- 400 relay — 1. LJV, 46.90 seconds
- 1600 relay — 1. HL, 3:48.80; 4. EPPJ (Ethan Hansen, Matthew Kerkman, Max Henn, Evin Pelster), 4:01.90
- 3200 relay — 1. HL, 9:30.60
- High jump — 1. Nolan Werts, NGSE, 5'6"
- Long jump — 1. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 19'2.75"
- Triple jump — 1. Ty Schmidt, LJV, 37'10"
- Shot put — 1. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 43'8"; 2. Max Henn, EPPJ, 42'3"; 4. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 39'9"; 5. Jayvin Erickson, EPPJ, 38'9"
- Discus — 1. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 121'7"; 2. Max Henn, EPPJ, 121'3"; 4. Jayvin Erickson, EPPJ, 105'6.75"



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Freshman Jayvin Erickson threw 38'9" in the shot put at Humphrey last week.

Spinning Tales

Due to UNL stadium improvements, season ticket holder status up in the air

LINCOLN — You take \$600 million and what do you get? A new face on an aging stadium and some modern amenities.

Memorial Stadium in Lincoln is going to get a major facelift.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher Dennis Morgan

The south endzone where I've had season tickets dating back to 1989 is going to be transformed into a modern football stadium with all new amenities.

Beginning at the conclusion of the 2026 season, everything that was old will be torn down. In its place will be new and shiny, making the fan experience everything one wants it to be.

Gone will be the bleacher seating all through the south stadium. In its place will be stadium seating for season ticket holders and a large area close to the field for the student section to stand and make all kinds of noise.

Hopefully, more modern restrooms will be added. Also, access with a walkway connecting all four stadiums (north, south, east and west). Stadium seats instead of bleachers will mean giving up the occasional kneecap in the back which ticket holders have become used to through the years.

I'm going to miss my two

bleacher seats. When we first got the seats they were in Row 87. Nine rows from the top of the stadium. They were seats 14 and 15 in the middle of the row. It didn't take long to figure out easy access to the aisle was almost impossible. That meant (A) not to imbibe too much before the game; and (B) use the restroom prior to climbing the stairs to the seats.

Sitting that high in the stadium we had the opportunity to learn what sardines feel like packed in a tin can. It's one thing to be packed tight when its cold and the wind is biting out of the north. It's another thing to have no wiggle room in September when the temperature is above 90 degrees and there's not a breath of air.

Then, about 10 years ago, we updated our seats to the section just west of the student section, about midway up (row 62, seats 11 and 12 to be exact). Still high enough to get a good perspective of the field. The best things about these two seats? They were just two seats away from the aisle and just four steps from the ramp.

Easy access in and out, no need for long range planning. If you need water, runzas or pizza, you can get in and out, up and down the ramp with little effort.

Gone were the 29 steps to the nose bleed seats, gone were the old obnoxious fans only to be replaced with new obnoxious fans. There's pony-tail man who sneaks in those tiny bottles of Fireball in his boots. He's a happy enough guy who just wants to see the game through a

slightly-impaired spectrum.

The update in seats also brought into play becoming the victim of some college student bonking you in the back of the head with a hot dog wrapper or an empty plastic bottle. Mostly, they like to bounce those things off their classmates, but depending on the wind and the calls being made on the field by the referees, sometimes nearby fans work into their target area.

This idea of redoing the south stadium has been on the table for many years, going back to the time when Bill Byrne was the athletic director. When Trev Alberts became AD the idea picked up steam, then seemed to be derailed towards the end of his tenure. Current AD Troy Dannen seems to have found the right boosters with the deep pockets to push this thing across the finish line, going from a dream to a reality.

All of these things might change, I don't know, at the conclusion of the 2026 season when the south stadium is redone. I don't know how much it will cost me to keep my seats in my section. There's the cost of the ticket and there's the donation the university wants you to make as a good-faith gesture to keep your seats. I had hoped to make it 40 years as a season ticket holder, but the makeover may change all of that.

One thing is for certain, change is constant and good ol' Memorial Stadium has been showing its age for a long time.

Still, when work begins, I'll look upon the moment with mixed emotions. I hope its for the best!

Martinsen medals in 100, 200 at St. Mary's Invite

O'NEILL — Two track meets in two days may have been too much for the Wolfpack last week.

After turning in some of their best performances this season one day earlier at Humphrey (see separate story), medals proved to be hard to win at the St. Mary's Invite.

The Wolfpack girls, led by senior Kayton Zwingman, finished with 46 points in the day-long meet. Plainview won the girls team title with 136.5.

For the girls, they were led by junior Braelyn Martinsen who medaled in the 100 (second) and 200 (third).

Kayton Zwingman placed second in the 300 meter hurdles, earning a spot in the Norfolk Classic to be held this Thursday, April 30.

Gentry Zwingman won the 3200 meter run. Gemma Miller took third in the shot put.

In the boys team race, Riverside took the top spot with 89.5 points. EPPJ finished ninth in the 10-team field with 23 points.

Ethan Hansen brought home a second place medal in the 400 meter dash. Max Henn placed third in the shot put. Fifth place medals were won by Justice Blecher (discus) and Trey Rittscher (shot put). Matthew Kerkman garnered a medal, finishing sixth in the 1600 meter run.

Next up for the Wolfpack is the Niobrara Valley Conference Track & Field Championships to be held Saturday at Bassett. Competition gets underway at 10 p.m.

Individual results were:

Girls

- 100 — 1. Taylor McIntyre, CV, 12.44 seconds; 2. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.57
- 200 — 1. Taylor McIntyre, CV, 25.61 seconds; 3. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 28.35; 6. Anna Dworak, EPPJ, 28.80
- 400 — 1. Avery Hardisty, Plainview, 1:00.69; 6. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 1:05.48
- 800 — 1. Taylen Stark, NV, 2:25.78
- 1600 — 1. Delani Rannels, NV, 5:46.30
- 3200 — 1. Gentry Zwingman, EPPJ, 14:55.82
- 100 hurdles — 1. Emerson Mlnarik, OSM, 16.78
- 300 hurdles — 1. Grace Mahony, Riverside, 48.74 seconds; 2. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 49.44
- 400 relay — 1. Central Valley, 51.77 seconds; 4. EPPJ (Anna Dworak, Braelyn Martinsen, Gentry



Courtesy photo

Junior Braelyn Martinsen medaled in the 100, 200 and 400 meter relay.

- Zwingman, Kayton Zwingman), 54.95
- 1600 relay — 1. Central Valley, 4:27.88
- 3200 relay — 1. Plainview, 11:41.03
- High jump — 1. Ella Molt, Riverside, 4'11"
- Pole vault — 1. Lexi Plugge, CWC, 7'8"

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Smidt, Hinkle lead EPPJ JV golfers Thursday at Leigh

The Wolfpack JV golf team saw action Thursday at the Leigh Invite.

Dannyka Smidt led the team with an 18-hole score of 103. Right behind her was Braedon Hinkle 105, Creighton Harkins 107 and Gady Druke 111. They finished with a team score of 426. Low team score was



Braedon Hinkle



Creighton Harkins

turned in by Clarkson-Leigh. Playing on their home course, they shot a 360, led by Wyatt Eisenmann with a 79. Archbishop Bergan's Nolan Paulsen was medalist with a 79. Other EPPJ golfers and their scores were Molly Thiessen 123, Joseph McNally 112 and Raaf Klein 121.



Brayden Clark set three new individual school records and was part of a record-breaking relay team at Burwell last week.

Junior high track team finds success

The EPPJ Wolfpack junior high track team competed vigorously at the Burwell Invitational on Tuesday April 21. The Boys earned the runner up award in the eight team field, missing the top spot by only eight points, and the girls finished third.

The balmy weather enabled many athletes to record personal bests but notably the boys 4 x 800 team consisting of Brayden Clark, Liam Pelster, Cael Bottorf and Cecil Shavlik garnered a first place finish, setting an EPPJ School Record as well.

Clark also achieved notoriety by breaking 3 other individual school records in the 100 hurdles, the 400 meter dash, and the open 800 meter run. The hurdles time currently ranks Clark in first place in the state at the junior high level, an achievement worth noting as well.

The coaching staff certainly celebrates these individual accomplishments, but equally important is the efforts all athletes put forward to make the team successful, as well as the fans who followed us, and cheered on our local athletes.

Article and photo submitted by Shanda Schindler

St. Mary's

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Long jump — 1. Taylor McIntyre, CV, 17'

Triple jump — 1. Michelle Esch, Riverside, 34'3"

Discus — 1. Jaylee Lechtenberg, BC, 112'8"; 7. Megan Wright, EPPJ, 95'2"

Shot put — 1. Riley Miller, Plainview, 32'10.75"; 3. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 31'9.5"

Boys

100 — 1. Brady Carragher, Riverside, 11.92 seconds

200 — 1. Jaxon Ward, Plainview, 23.74 seconds; 8. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 25.27

400 — 1. Drew Schmaderer, Stuart, 52.71 seconds; 2. Ethan Hansen, EPPJ, 54.50

800 — 1. Will Nelson, BC, 2:02.65

1600 — 1. Max Berg, OSM, 5:01.13; 6. Matthew Kerkman, EPPJ, 5:41.30; 7. John Zwingman, EPPJ, 5:45.34

3200 — 1. Max Berg, OSM, 10:58.87

1100 hurdles — 1. Ben Barlow, OSM, 16.13 seconds

300 hurdles — 1. Ben Barlow, OSM, 42.69 seconds

400 relay — 1. Plainview, 47.20 seconds

1600 relay — 1. Plainview, 3:45.87

3200 relay — 1. Plainview, 9:03.66

High jump — 1. Hunter Rutten, Riverside, 5'11"

Pole vault — 1. Hunter Rutten, Riverside, 10'6"

Long jump — 1. Ben Barlow, OSM, 20'3"; 4. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 18'9"

Triple jump — 1. Oaklan Soto, CV, 40'8"

Discus — 1. Cameron Kaup, Stuart, 140'1"; 5. Justice Blecher, EPPJ, 121'3"; 8. Jayvin Erickson, EPPJ, 110'4"

Shot put — 1. Cameron Kaup, Stuart, 50'4.5"; 3. Max Henn, EPPJ, 44'1"; 5. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 43'1"



Kayton Zwingman finished second in the 300 hurdles at St. Mary's. By virtue of her performance, she has qualified for the Norfolk Classic to be held April 30.

Kallhoff, Erickson lead EPPJ at LHNE Invite

NORFOLK — The Wolfpack golf team continue to search for consistency.

Competing last week at the Lutheran High Northeast Invite at Norfolk, EPPJ brought home just one medal and finished 12th as a team.

Norfolk Catholic won the team title in the 18-hole tournament with a score of 310, eight strokes ahead of second place Creighton at 318. Medalist was Ponca's Landon Uthof with a 72.

Wolfpack senior Karson Kallhoff placed 10th with an 80. Jarek Erickson shot a 92 followed by Gavin Kallhoff 104, Landyn Veik 105 and Michael Selting 107.

Other team scores were LHNE 324, Ponca 333, West Point Beemer 337, Neligh-Oakdale 346, LCC 349, Pierce 357, Summerland 364, Crofton 366, Niobrara-Verdigre 372, EPPJ 381, LHNE JV2 387, Norfolk JV 409, Tri-County Northeast 418, GACC 437 and LHNE JV 454.

Jarek Erickson (l) shot a 92 last week at the LHNE golf invite.

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Junior high golfers bring home slew of medals

The Wolfpack junior high golf team had five medalists last week competing at the North Central Meet.

While no team scores were kept, earning medals were:

- First - Charles Miller (37)
- Second - Braxtyn Eisenhauer

(39)

- 12th - Carter Selting (51)
- 13th - Jacob Niewohner (51)
- 14th - Garrett Busted (51)



Medal winners at the North Central Invite last week were EPPJ junior golfers (front row, l-r) Jacob Niewohner, Garrett Busted, Carter Selting, Braxtyn Eisenhauer and Charles Miller. Also at the meet were (back row) Allie Scheer, Harper Childers, Liam Pelster, Axel Suhr and Sawyer Veik. Photo and results submitted by Kim Zwingman

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

our Pride of the Pack

JAREK ERICKSON
BOYS GOLF

A senior, Jarek is competing in his first year in Wolfpack golf. With only one outing last week, he broke 100 on his score card at the 18-hole Lutheran High NE Invite.

BRAELYN MARTINSEN
GIRLS TRACK

A junior, Braelyn is finding her groove. Competing at back-to-back meets last week, she finished 2nd in the 100 & 3rd in the 200 meter dashes at St. Mary's.

JUSTICE BLECHER
BOYS TRACK

A junior, Justice has been competing in the discus and shot put events. At the Humphrey Quadrangular last week, he won the discus with a throw of 121'7".

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Gambling

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online sports betting could mean for property tax relief, a top issue for Nebraska voters in recent years. He said the report shows the benefits the measure could have in stabilizing the state budget, as officials grapple with an ongoing structural deficit.

State Sen. Brad von Gillern of the Elkhorn area, chair of the state Legislature's Revenue Committee and a known opponent to online sports betting efforts, said the predicted revenue impact of the initiative would not move the needle enough on the deficit or property tax relief to change his view. He noted that breaking down the projected revenues by year would translate to roughly 1% of the state's current property tax program.

"If people are voting for the online gambling initiative believing that it's going to substantially change their property tax bill, they're going to be sadly disappointed," von Gillern said.

Legalizing online sports betting has been a topic of debate in Nebraska for the past several years, with multiple attempts to do so in the Legislature failing to garner enough support to pass.

Critics have long argued that the possible revenue benefits do not outweigh the social costs of the state effectively encouraging gambling.

State Sen. Stanley Clouse of Kearney introduced the latest legislative attempt at legalizing online sports betting in a bipartisan partnership with State Clouse said while he is no proponent of gambling, he recognizes that gambling is happening in Nebraska regardless. McGrain echoed this point, noting that all of Nebraska's neighboring states — save for South Dakota — have already legalized online sports betting and argued the initiative is an attempt to claw back some of the revenue the state is losing.

Courtesy of The Nebraska Examiner

Court

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\$600 probation fee remains due. On March 19, Baugher pleaded no contest to a count of domestic violence assault-third/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor, and was adjudged guilty.

A continuance was approved in a case involving 24-year-old Dillan Knapp of Lincoln. Knapp is charged with one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Burdick approved the motion and ordered Knapp to appear May 14 for a pretrial hearing.
Courtesy of SAM

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The Elgin Review

The Elgin Review wishes to give its readers the necessary information for them to make an informed decision when they go to the polls on May 12. Especially, where there are contested races for Elgin voters.

To that end, in such races, we asked those county candidates just one question "What makes you the person we should vote for to serve Antelope County for the next four years?" Their unedited responses are below. Each candidate was allowed up to 500 words to state their position.

Please read their responses and, most importantly, on May 12 go the polls and vote for the candidate which will best serve not just our area but all of Antelope County.

Dennis and Lynell Morgan
Co-publishers, The Elgin Review

NOTE: Letters are printed in alphabetical order for the two races.

ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF

Aubrey Miller



I am running for the office of Sheriff because I feel a strong duty to continue serving my community, just as I have served my country and upheld the law throughout my career.

I was born and raised in Texas, however my career in both the Army and law enforcement has allowed me to travel the world. Twelve years ago, I had an employment opportunity in law enforcement in Nebraska, which has led to combined experience as both a city officer, county deputy, and Sergeant. I am currently beginning my third year as a Sergeant on the Neligh Police Department.

The kindness and acceptance I have experienced in the area has motivated my decision to make Antelope County my home and I feel blessed to surround myself with amazing friends that I now call family.

My background in both the military and law enforcement has shaped my values-discipline, integrity, accountability, and commitment to protecting others. In the military I learned the importance of leadership under pressure, teamwork, and putting the mission and people

before myself. In law enforcement, I have seen firsthand the challenges our communities face and the critical role a Sheriff's Office must play in keeping people safe while building trust. In 2025 I founded The Neligh Police Foundation, a non-profit organization created to build community relationships and provide support to area youth.

What sets me apart is my dedication to transparency and community partnership. I want to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and residents, ensuring people feel safe, heard, and supported. I also prioritize modern, proactive approaches to public safety-whether that is improving training, supporting deputies, or addressing issues like mental health and substance abuse with practical solutions. Most importantly, I will be accountable to the citizens of this county. I will listen, communicate openly, and work every day to earn your trust.

This is not just a career move for me but rather a continuation of a lifelong commitment to service. I believe in treating every individual with respect while holding firm to the rule of law. I am ready to take on the role of Sheriff and work every day to protect, serve, and lead with integrity.

Robert Moore



Dear Residents of Antelope County,

I have dedicated over four decades to law enforcement, beginning in 1982 with the Neligh Police Department. I've served as a deputy, spent 25 years as Chief of Police in Elgin, and have had the honor of serving as your Sheriff since 2010. Throughout my career, I have remained committed to keeping our communities safe while being responsible with taxpayer dollars, guided by my faith in God and a deep sense of purpose to serve others.

During my tenure, we've modernized training and technology, helped develop the new Law Enforcement Center, and worked through major challenges like the 2019 flooding and the COVID-19 pandemic with strong coordination and leadership. With God's guidance, we have faced these challenges together and come out stronger. I've also worked to improve our jail system with programs that support rehabilitation while maintaining high standards, earning recognition through the Jail Standards of

Excellence Award. Recently, after a cancer diagnosis, I've leaned even more on my faith. By the grace of God, I am in good health and remain fully committed to continuing this work with the same strength, determination, and dedication you expect and deserve.

Beyond the badge, this county is my home. My wife Teresa and I have built our life here, raising our family and now enjoying our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our faith has always been at the center of our lives, and my love for this county continues to guide every decision I make.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, but I believe God still has more work for me to do. I will continue to serve with integrity, experience, and unwavering faith, committed to keeping Antelope County a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

May God bless you and our county.
Sincerely,
Robert E. Moore

ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT 5

Casey Dittrich



On May 12th, Antelope County voters will decide who will serve as your next County Commissioner for District 5. I am asking for your vote because I bring proven experience, strong leadership, and a conservative, common-sense approach to the job.

I've served over two years on the Board of Commissioners, and before that I worked as Antelope County Road Superintendent. That hands-on experience gives me a deep understanding of how county government actually operates - from maintaining our roads and infrastructure to managing budgets and overseeing employees. I don't have to learn the job on the fly; I've been doing it, and I know what works.

I have also given back to our community as a volunteer fire and rescue member for the past 10 years. I am currently serving as President of the fire department, and I am the Commander of the local Sons of the American Legion chapter, where we proudly honor veterans by conducting military funerals and memorial services.

As a commissioner, I have led on difficult issues like starting the hard conversations about employee performance. I focus on improving accountability while ensuring our county employees receive competitive yet sensible wages. At

the same time, I have worked to keep the bulk of taxpayer dollars focused on actual road projects. I've pushed to change the emphasis from buying expensive road repair equipment to actually getting the work done on our roads and infrastructure -

delivering real results that benefit our residents every day.

I also believe in a conservative, common-sense approach to county government. Like most Antelope County residents, I feel our taxes are too high. I prioritize responsible budgeting, operational efficiency, and long-term planning that protects our county's future. I am committed to lowering taxes where possible and making sure every decision serves the best interests of Antelope County families, farmers, and businesses.

This primary election on May 12th will shape our county for the next several years. If you value experience you can trust, steady leadership that gets results, and a practical approach to governing, I respectfully ask for your support.

Your vote matters. I have worked hard to earn your trust over the past 3 years, and I am asking for the opportunity to continue serving you as Antelope County Commissioner. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

- Casey Dittrich

Eric Meis



My name is Eric Meis and I grew up on a farm east of Elgin. I attended St Boniface and Pope John Central Catholic schools.

After high school, I attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and graduated with a bachelor's degree in diversified agriculture. Right after college, my wife, Brenda, and I moved back to Elgin and started our family. I'm a proud father of three daughters. Our oldest is flourishing in her career while the other two are succeeding at college. I work with my family, farming around the Elgin area.

I am seeking your vote on May 12, 2026 for the position of County Commissioner for District 5. My

experience of working at the local coop and on the family farm requires some long days, hard work and constant dedication. These traits will continue into County Commissioner role if elected. My strong communication skills make it easy for me to

meet and visit with people. While working with the other county commissioners and courthouse officials, I will strive to be a strong team member to make the decisions necessary for the growth and development of our county while preserving our history.

These qualities I possess will help me as I represent District 5 in our county with your vote.

Duane Miler



I think that the experience of working with people on the school board and City council will make me a good fit working with the other County Commissioners. Also, I feel working in the road department for years will help me make important decisions on road maintenance and ways of saving tax dollars on decisions of equipment purchases needed.

Being on the fire department for

45 years and working with other members while holding several offices including chief and rescue captain will be beneficial in working with all county employees and forming a better working relationship with them.

I think taking into consideration taxpayers' dollars and making common sense decisions will be important and I would appreciate your vote.

Duane Miller

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