

2nd Chance!
Community Clean Up Day II
 This Friday, **May 5**
 Same times, same location as last week.

In Brief

District #18 School Board to meet Tuesday

The District #18 Board of Education will have a full agenda of 'action' items to address at their May meeting.

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the distance learning room at the high school.

Among the items on the 'action' agenda are:

- Approve extra duty assignments
- Surplus technology devices for sale or disposal
- Approve the first reading of revised policy 605.01 (instruction at a post-secondary educational institution)
- Approve handbooks
- Approve poster printer purchase
- Approve bus purchase
- Approve cement replacement bid
- Approve camera replacements
- Approve online Spanish purchase
- Approve teacher requisitions
- Approve transfer of funds into the Wolfpack Coop Account
- Employee classified agreements (possible closed session)

Items for discussion only will include window air conditioner units; and textbook rotation.

Earlier in the meeting, the board will hear reports from K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff and Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

The meeting is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Organization — Midplains Innovative Technologies, LLC
- Notice of Organization — Linn 76 Farm LLC
- Notice of Organization — Schumacher Crop Consulting, LLC
- Notice of Organization — THE DELUXE MOTEL, LLC
- Notice of Meeting — Wheeler Central District #45 Board of Education

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Village of Bartlett, Wheeler Central School District #45, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 68 degrees recorded on April 27. The low during the same period was 30 degrees on April 25.

Altogether, 0.20 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	H	L	Prec.
April 24	64	32	
April 25	64	30	
April 26	67	42	
April 27	68	42	0.15
April 28	56	31	0.05
April 29	67	35	
April 30	60	31	
Total for Last Week.....			0.20
Total for April.....			0.35
Total for 2023.....			3.43

Summer 'saved' as pool managers, lifeguards found

By Dennis Morgan
Co-Publisher

Summer has been saved! After months of searching for lifeguards and pool managers to operate the Elgin Swimming Pool, the Elgin City Council Monday night hired full and part-time personnel to manage the pool.

Longtime pool manager Sue Vanis will again fill the position. Joining

her as assistant pool manager will be Karin Kinney.

Hired as fulltime lifeguards for the season were Abriel VonBonn, Corbin Kinney, Reese Stuhr and Haley Parks. Part-time lifeguards joining the staff will include Natalie Burenheide, Kayton Zwingman, Kaitey Schumacher, Halle Lueking, Juliana McNally and, in July, Brooke Kinney. To help with the costs of training, lifeguards will

receive a \$1 per hour pay raise which, if they work enough hours, will cover that expense.

The tentative date for the pool to open will be Monday, May 29 at 1 p.m. But, before that can happen, repairs to the pool heater must be made. Also, the pool walls need to be cleaned and painted before filling it with water.

Vanis said, after meeting with the lifeguards, pool hours will be an-

nounced.

Cleanup Day II
 Due to weather which wasn't conducive for some to participate in the April 28 community cleanup day, the council approved plans for a second 'day'. On Friday, May 5, dumpsters will again be available on the lot north of Elgin Livestock. The dumpsters will be there til 5 p.m. and then hauled away.



FFA seniors recognized
 Sharon Bartak was just one of many senior members of the Elgin FFA Chapter who were recognized at the end-of-the-year banquet held Wednesday night at EPS. Turn to Page 11 for the story about the banquet. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

BCHC Directors elect Stricklin as interim CEO following Sharp resignation

ALBION — Two days after announcing the sudden resignation of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center (BCHC) announced the election of Kristie Stricklin as the company's interim president/CEO, effective immediately while the company searches for a replacement.

Interim CEO Stricklin has been with BCHC for four years as Vice President of Clinic Services. Stricklin has extensive experience in healthcare. Previously, she served as Chief Operating

Officer (COO) at East Central District Health Department and as the Executive Director of Clinic Operations at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. She has a Masters Degree in Health Care Administration.

The decision to elect Stricklin as the interim CEO was made by the Board of Directors after the resignation of the previous CEO, Tanya Sharp, was announced Wednesday in a press release. She has left the company to pursue other opportunities. Sharp had been

with BCHC for eight years, significantly contributing to its growth and success.

Don Casper, Chairman of the Board, stated, "We thank Sharp for her leadership and contributions to BCHC, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

The board expressed their gratitude for Sharp's contributions, then shared that they have "complete confidence in Stricklin's ability to lead the company during this transition."

Interim CEO Stricklin expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to lead the company during this transitional period, stating that she is committed to maintaining the company's strong reputation for quality healthcare.

The Board of Directors has begun a search for a permanent CEO.



Interim CEO Kristie Stricklin



Former CEO Tanya Sharp

EACF scholarship drive closing in on \$7,000

The annual campaign to raise funds to be awarded as scholarships to graduating seniors has begun in Elgin.

Since the campaign began several weeks ago, \$6,790 has been collected. Later this month, scholarship recipients from PJCC and EPS will be announced. New donations have been received from Karl & Margaret Hensley, Todd & Melissa Heithoff, Bob & Sue Schiltmeyer, Dean's Market, *The Elgin Review*, Lee Sullivan, Aaron, Matt & John Anderson, Kurt & Linda Blair and Luke & Jessica Hinkle.

Donations can be made at

the Bank of Elgin or mailed to Elgin Area Community Foundation, PO Box 345, Elgin, NE 68636-0345.

PJCC spring concert set for Monday

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High and St. Boniface Elementary Schools will present their Spring Concert on Monday, May 8 in the St. Boniface Gym at 7 p.m.

Pope John will present District Music selections and St. Boniface selections will include "Music from Around the World".

Four vehicles, two accidents but just one person injured

Highway 14 closed for nearly four hours Thursday morning

By Dennis Morgan
Co-Publisher

Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore called it a "first."

Just as most in our community were arriving for work or headed to school, two two-vehicle accidents linked together by location occurred north of Elgin.

The call came into the sheriff's office at 7:58 a.m.. Moore said the first accident occurred when Lloyd Meis, driving a 2005 Mitsubishi was headed northbound and about to turn onto 521 Avenue. As he yielded for an approaching semi-trailer truck, Moore said a 2019 Chevy Traverse driven by Cassandra Schrad came up from behind and, seeing Meis' vehicle, attempted to avoid it, but made contact. Both vehicles ended up in the ditch, each sustaining minor damage, the sheriff said.

The second accident occurred when Shawn Robertson of Tilden, also traveling north bound, saw the Schrad/Meis collision. Moore said she hit her brakes which locked up causing the vehicle to go out of control. The vehicle, belonging to Red Bull Trucking (RBT) of Norfolk, collided the front of

the semi being driven by Ricky R. Mosel of Plainview and owned by Bahr Trucking LLC out of Osmond.

Moore said the RBT vehicle was hit a second time as it spun under the trailer (a liquid fertilizer trailer which just happened to be empty). The

impact, the sheriff said, from hitting the back duals caused the semi-trailer to flip on its side, blocking both lanes of Highway 14. The RBT vehicle was totaled, Moore said, the semi-trailer truck sustained a "guess-timate" of \$20,000.

Robertson was transported

by the Elgin Rescue Squad to Antelope Memorial Hospital where she was treated for her injuries and released.

The Elgin Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident. In addition,

See ACCIDENT, Page Five



This semi-tractor trailer, flipped on its side, blocked both lanes of traffic on Highway 14 north of Elgin for almost four hours Thursday morning. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Graduation to be Saturday at Wheeler Central

BARTLETT — Five seniors are to receive diplomas this Saturday afternoon at Wheeler Central High School.

The ceremony, open to the public, will be held Saturday, May 6 beginning at 4 p.m. in the school gym.

To be recognized as salutatorian will be Brady Renner. Earning recognition as salutatorian will be Nick Keber.

Honor medals and scholarships will be announced by Guidance Counselor Dawn Erickson.

Other members of the graduating class are Ty Growcock, Benton Harrison and Ethan Schoenberger. Junior class stewards will be Bobbi Guggenmos and Chloe Smith. Ushers are Haley Borwege, Jayna Guggenmos, Kaitlyn Leibert, Cooper Pokorny, Braelynn Schlenger and Jayden Sheldon.

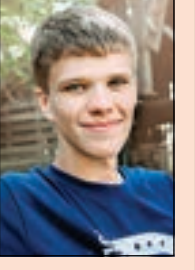
Presentation of diplomas will be done by Drew Kasselder, president of the District #45 Board of Education.

Giving the summation at the end of the program will be Superintendent Daniel Kluver, Sr.

During the program, music will be performed by the school choir.



Valedictorian Brady Renner



Salutatorian Nick Keber

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Letter to the Editor

Carbon capture pipeline & false climate crisis

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Find out more about this unconstitutional move where private companies plan on using eminent domain for their private gain and the dangers involved in such hazardous pipelines. You'll learn about the constitutional rights you have, the dangers of these pipelines, as well as the players behind the scenes and how to protect yourself and your children's future.


Tammy Kobza, from the John Birch Society, will be speaking on the subject on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Fire Hall. She is the senior field director for Iowa, Eastern Nebraska, South Dakota and southern North Dakota. Also scheduled to speak will be Doug Nelson, a local expert who will provide information on companies involved.

Sheryl Baker

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From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

Cherry Bars



Make variations of this dessert by switching up the pie filling.

CHERRY BARS

1 cup melted butter	1/2 tsp salt
1-1/2 cups sugar	1 tsp vanilla
4 eggs	1 can pie filling, cherry, strawberry, any flavor you like.
3 cups sifted flour	
2-1/2 tsp baking powder	

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time and mix. Sift all the dry ingredients together and add a small amount of flour and beat after each addition. Spread 2/3 of the mixture in an 11x17 pan. Cover with the pie filling spread evenly. Spoon remaining batter, one spoonful at a time, on top of the cherry pie filling. Bake 40-45 minutes 350° oven. While warm, drizzle it with a powder sugar frosting.

Drizzle Frosting:
1 cup powder sugar
A little milk to make a drizzle consistency.

Good day,
"Happy May Day"
I think this week's recipe is one a lot of you already have and have made. I made these bars a lot when I was doing the cooking for the hayfield crew. The reason I am sharing is because I want to share with you that I found out that the Strawberry Rhubarb pie filling is now my favorite filling to use instead of Cherry. I am sure you could use any flavor of pie filling. I just wanted to share something new from my kitchen, give it a try next time you need a yummy dessert.

Enjoy,
Jo Ann

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Court News

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

Justin D. Allemang, Clearwater, NE 3/19/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Dostal.

David J. Galbraith, Somerset, WI 4/5/23 speeding 82/65 mph, fined \$125 - Dostal.

Carissa S. Knapp, Elgin, NE 3/17/23 procure/sell alcohol to minor/incompetent, fined \$500 - Edins.

Shayne D. Yates (Central Petroleum Transport Inc), Hinton, IA 3/14/23 overweight on axle or group of axles 5%-10%, fined \$75 - Asche.

Warren D. Gieselman (Doering Trenching and Plumbing LLC), Bloomfield, NE 4/4/23 CMV-brake general, fined \$50 - Asche.

Barbara M. Youngblood, O'Neill, NE 9/24/22 disturbing the peace, fined \$300 - Lawson.*

Sadie M. Eberhardt, Creighton, NE 68729 1/31/23 drive under suspension before reinstated, fined \$100 - Howard.*

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Stick Talk

'Tis the season to crank up the lawn mower. But wait, first stroll through the yard to pick up most every stick blown down by high winds so common in these parts. (When does a branch become a stick?)

Out here on the farm, mowing is a long sit on the riding machine. Stick to it until the job gets done. Then grab the walking stick and head down the gravel road a piece, returning in time for a summer cocktail complete with a swizzle stick.

Admiring the blaze of red in the western sunset, and little to no wind to boot today, build a fire in the outdoor pit using a modern lighter, not two sticks rubbed together. Thankfully, the country breakfast of ham and eggs fried up in a stick-built farmhouse sticks to the ribs all day long.

Slide a hot dog on a stick, roast it over the open fire, snuggle it between a bun, slosh on some mustard, and celebrate a reprieve from winter darkness. Yes, we live in the sticks and love it.

Hasn't always been that way. Worked for three decades in the big city where some bosses walk softly and carry a big stick. Employees, just as our community does here, stick it out, often into the wee hours, to get a project done on time and within budget.

Sure, there would be a grumbly stick-in-the-mud on one team or another who would grouse over a sticking point. After a while, one learns to just take it if another would stick it to you. Maybe he/she could benefit from a doc visit; just stick out that tongue and say ahhhh.

You've heard this one -- Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me. Actually, totally wrong. Words can hurt. Use them carefully.

Food sometimes is served on sticks. Savor a corn dog at the county fair while watching the 4-Her use a show stick to coax an unruly sow in front of the judges. All the while, the two-year-old on your lap is savoring a popsicle on a stick, or maybe a cheese stick.

Why is it called a stick of butter even when no stick is involved? Same goes for a chicken or turkey drumstick. Either surely does taste good with some cornbread baked in a non-stick pan.

Maybe tomorrow it's time to get out the yardstick and measure rows in the garden. Put two sticks in the ground, then connect with a twine string. The taunt string guides planting and a straight row of green beans. Stick the empty seed packet on a stick on one end to remind you what you planted. Plant okra this year? Not a favorite. Stick to the plan.

Do some hoeing the next week to keep that garden as weed-free as possible, all the while humming this familiar tune that reminds us how important it is to stick together in times of both sorrow and joy.

*There is no place like Nebraska
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The boys are the squarest
Of any ole place that I ever knew*

*There is no place like Nebraska
Where we're all true blue
We'll all stick together
In all kinds of weather
For dear ole Nebraska U.*

So get on the stick and have some summer fun. On a rainy day, play some pick-up sticks (remember that old game?), hold the stick (baseball bat) just right, learn how to drive a stick shift truck, and check the dipstick now and again. There's more to do around here than you can shake a stick at. Sure do hope this Say What? column sticks in your mind a bit and doesn't find you sticking up your nose at the writing style. Wishing you'll stick around and keep on reading. Happy almost summer!

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 2, 1963

Precedent Broken? Mrs. Charles Miller was sworn into office as a new member of the village board of trustees by Justice of the Peace "Pat" Bennett. Incumbents sworn in were Kenneth Bergstrom and Wm. Hopkins. Election of Mrs. Miller to the board has quite likely broken a pattern of all male board members since the village of Elgin was incorporated 74 years ago. For a board which is continually fighting a rise in costs and attempting to keep their budget with a reasonable figure, the least we can say is - a good figure has been added to the board.

Tuesday morning, a car driven by Mrs. Gerhardt Tunink attempted to make the turn off of Highway 14 at the intersection three miles north of Elgin and ran under the left rear side of a truck. She was turning east off the highway and onto a country road and the truck had stopped before entering Highway 14. The egg truck was owned by Milton G. Waldbaum Co. of Wakefield. There was slight damage to the truck. The car was able to be driven, although the front end was badly dented. There were no injuries.

Free Chicks! (Bring Your Own Containers) Friday, May 3, we will give 25 free chicks on the above date only with the purchase of each 50-pound bag

of Cooper's Chicken Starter - Farmers Coop. Ex.

Fifty Years Ago

May 3, 1973

Friends, neighbors and relatives of the Walter Beckmans made short work of spring plowing and harrowing, Sunday, when they prepared 110 acres of land for planting in around two hours. Twenty-six tractors, with an estimated total value of \$250,000.00, were furnished by "Good Neighbors." Walter Beckman suffered severe injuries last December 2 when he was pinned under a tractor loader while hauling dirt. Furnishing tractors were the following: Clyde Fields, Joe Stuhr Jr., Jim Daley, Jim Pruesser, Delmer Pelster, Ralph Whitwer, Leonard Starman, Vet Schrage, Lawrence Ridder, Fred and Ray Bode, Gale Schindler, Mel Heithoff, Tony Schiltmeyer, Jim Meis, Leonard, Vet and Norbert Beckman, Richard Zwingman, Norbert and Rudy Starman, Dewey Carr, Ray Heithoff, Ray Starman, Ed Beckman and Ron Beckman.

Saturday April 28, the Elgin High School juniors held the 1973 prom with Dave Doeschot as master of ceremonies. Miss Halburt, instructor, was the main speaker. Larry Varn gave the welcome with Ron Haskin giving the response. The banquet theme was "The Impossible Dream." - Jeaneen Dozler, Junior class secretary.

The Pope John art students tagged second place in the Conference Art Clinic at Howells and brought home 14 ribbons. Sister Joyce Fey, art teacher, said she was very pleased with the students' achievements at the clinic.

Thirty Years Ago

May 12, 1993

Gloria and Steve Lordemann will be open for business Thursday, May 13, in the new offices of Boone and Antelope Mutual Insurance Co. and Lordemann Insurance Agency on Elgin's Main Street. The office is located in the former Harold's Clothing building, which has been remodeled over the past several months. An open house is planned at the new office in July.

Awards in extracurricular activities and athletics were presented to Elgin High School students during the annual Activities Banquet May 10 in the school gym. Dan Schiefelbein, principal and athletic director, served as master of ceremonies. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Special Recognition Award to Harold and Marjorie Beeson for their support of the school programs. Awards were presented in music, play production, speech and art, as well as all sports.

Fourth grade students at St. Boniface School recently completed their study of Nebraska history, and they

traveled to Stuhr Museum in Grand Island for a field trip. While there, they viewed artifacts used by early settlers and visited the Railroad Town with its tinsmith and old time photographer.

Twenty Years Ago

April 30, 2003

Pope John 2003 Junior-Senior Prom was held April 26 and the theme for the evening was "Here in Heaven." After the Celebration of the Eucharist in the St. Boniface Church, traditional Coronation Ceremonies were held. Chosen as Prom King and Queen were Christopher Kuhlman and Jacque Schrage. Serving as masters of ceremonies for the evening were juniors Katherine Linnaus and Brad Schmitt.

Cleaning and painting have been underway for the past several weeks at The Station, in preparation for the planned

re-opening next Monday, May 5. The new owners are Kevin Kasselger of Bartlett and Ray and Peggy Payne of Elgin.

Installed as new FFA officers of the Elgin Chapter Monday night during its annual banquet were Ryan Hemenway, Clayton Hensley, Sara Jensen, Kim Allen, Stacy Hofer, Ashley Beltz, Megan Bode and Whitney Sprout. The DeKalb Award was presented to senior Craig Niewohner, outgoing chapter president, and the special appreciation award went to Ted Baum, who assisted this year in organizing the consignment auction and helped with the member work auction last fall. Several other awards were presented as well.

By Betty Kallhoff

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Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Physical Medicine & Rehab Specialty Clinic new at BCHC

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) expands its specialty clinics to include Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In May, Dr. Mahmut Kaner will offer non-surgical approaches to treat pain and restore function for patients



Dr. Mahmut Kaner

with injuries, diseases, and disorders. Dr. Kaner, a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician, also known as a physiatrist, can treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons.

Dr. Kaner offers treatment specific to the musculoskeletal system, spinal cord injuries, and procedures for treating spasticity, including botulinum toxin and nerve/motor

point blocks. His primary focus is using non-surgical treatments to restore function and movement for patients living with a disabling injury or illness while reducing or eliminating pain.

"Physical medicine and rehabilitation is a medical specialty. It's all about the rehabilitation of the patient. I take care of patients as a whole and try to get them to their previous level of functioning," said Dr. Kaner.

Dr. Kaner is highly skilled in preventing, diagnosing, treating, and managing traumatic spinal cord injuries and nontraumatic myelopathies. He is also the medical director of Faith Regional's Acute Rehabilitation Unit. Dr. Kaner attended medical school at Yeditepe University School of

Medicine in Istanbul, Turkey, and his residency at New York Medical College, New York.

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Opinion

Read. Reflect. Respond.

Senators take steps to advance bills to select file

The Appropriations Committee advanced their finalized recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 biennial budget to the full Legislature. This proposal calls for an average increase of 2.3% in spending over the next two fiscal years. The main differences between the Governor's proposal and the Appropriations Committee proposal are that lawmakers included an additional \$80 million to increase both (A) the reimbursement rates for providers of Medicaid services by 3% this year and 2% next year and (B) the budget request of the University of Nebraska System by 2.5%; the latter represents a compromise between Governor Pillen and NU President Ted Carter. The former would provide additional funding for nursing homes, hospitals, and medical clinics to maintain services and raise salaries to keep and attract workers. This money is particularly needed in rural parts of the state to ensure nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals can keep their doors open.

Additional highlights in the budget include final funding for a new \$366 million prison as a replacement for the Nebraska State Penitentiary, or NSP. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I had the opportunity to tour the facility earlier this year. The NSP first opened in 1869 with various additions and improvements made throughout the years. Although there are parts of the prison that are in relatively good shape, it is clear to me that the NSP has serious deficiencies. There is a lack of dedicated rehabilitation programming space, blind spots and manually-operated doors that place officers at greater risk of attack, and continual infrastructure problems with the HVAC, electrical, and water systems. The cost of refurbishing the NSP is getting close to the cost of building a new prison, and I believe it would be more appropriate to build a facility that incorporates up-to-date standards for programming, safety, and security. The budget is set for debate the first week of May.

The Legislature also took up LB 626 on Select File. This bill would adopt the Nebraska Heartbeat Act and restrict abortion to when a fetal heartbeat is first detected, thereby reducing the current 20-week abortion time window to about 6 weeks. This bill included exceptions for rape, incest, sexual assault, medical emergencies, and in vitro fertilization or another assisted reproductive technology. An amendment to change from a six week ban to a 12 week ban was offered but not considered for a vote. LB 626 was filibustered for four hours until a motion for cloture was filed. The cloture vote to cease debate was unsuccessful, meaning this bill is likely done for the year. As a co-sponsor of LB 626, I was disappointed that it was filibustered and did not advance.

Ethanol was also a topic of discussion this week. LB 562 by Senator Dorn would require gas stations in the state to offer gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol from at least 50% of their pumps. The bill contains exemptions for businesses that would need to spend more than \$15,000 to make the changes and those who sell low amounts of fuel per year, among other provisions. The Governor would have the authority to grant a waiver in times of E-15 shortages. The Director of Agriculture would have the authority to grant waivers to individual retail locations if there is incompatible fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure at that location, excessive cost to modify the site to be in compliance, or sales of less

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School financing: Did someone really push the 'easy' button?

It seems way too easy a solution to a problem that has plagued the Legislature for years, school funding. But lawmakers have advanced Governor Jim Pillen's proposal for the state to pay public school districts \$1,500 in foundation aid per student beginning with school fiscal year 2023-24.

The measure (LB583) would also increase state aid to school districts to help cover their special education expenses. It's all part of a larger package that includes income tax cuts, property tax relief and a cap on school revenue growth.

Catch this; it's the largest increase in state aid to public schools in Nebraska's history at approximately \$300 million per year. It sailed through to second-round consideration in a very distracted legislative session highlighted by the relentless filibustering of two Omaha senators who are hell-bent on a single issue, allowing youth who say they want to be a gender other than

what they were born to make life-changing medical decisions before they turn 19.

In that atmosphere, it might be easy to slip otherwise bad legislation through an 8-hour debate in which anything but the topic of the bill under consideration is being discussed.

What could possibly go wrong? Oh, the money could run out as conservative fiscal analysts have been warning. That would result in program and funding cuts in other areas. But hey, it's historic, right?

Bellevue Senator Rita Sanders introduced the bill at the request of Pillen. Yes, it's a party thing. But that seems to be what the Legislature has become this year with 32 Republicans and 17 Democrats identifying in the officially non-partisan body.

To say that the 32 have attempted to bully the 17 would be an understatement. After all, Nebraska is a Red State, and the Administration is all Republican.

So, it's their world and we're just living in it. Look at how well that has worked out. Gone are the basics of compromise, civility, congeniality and negotiation.

They've been replaced by backbiting and name-calling and tears and shouting and threats. Gone and diminishing every day is the respect for the institution, as the participants are seen by those on the outside as a bunch of entitled brats. For every Republican who thought they were going to get their way and every Democrat who thought they were going to change things, STOP. It isn't working.

And after we wade through all of this comes an Education Committee amendment, adopted 41-3, to replace the bill with a modified version of the original proposal. As is the fashion this year, several other related bills have been blended in, apparently without much discussion.

As amended, 23 percent of foundation aid would be paid from a new Education Future Fund. For school fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, a district's foundation aid would be included as a formula resource, meaning its state equalization aid would be reduced by an equal amount. Beginning with the school fiscal year 2025-26, only 60 percent would be included.

Throw in some other numbers and percentages and a bunch of buzz words about equalization and property taxes and special education and you've got a jargon-filled proposal that most of us don't care to read about and probably won't be discuss-

ing anytime soon.

Bottom line, Sanders says that's intended to help large school districts, which lose funding somehow in this scheme without the amendment.

Ah, there it is. Large districts vs. small districts, the very thing that has made school finance messy and difficult in the past. That which would pack the halls with people and make committee hearings long and contentious seems to have been resolved and put in an amendment adopted by lawmakers who seem more concerned about having enough votes to end a filibuster than about whose ox is getting gored.

Sen. Danielle Conrad of Lincoln, a veteran of eight previous years of similar discussion about school finance, says the state can use its strong fiscal position this year to answer the "constant refrain" of school districts about the increasing cost of serving students with special needs.

"It is right and it is appropriate to utilize that historic funding advantage that we have available to ... infuse more resources into education," she said.

Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne opposes the bill, saying lawmakers should direct more funding to both urban and rural school districts that have a high percentage of students in poverty.

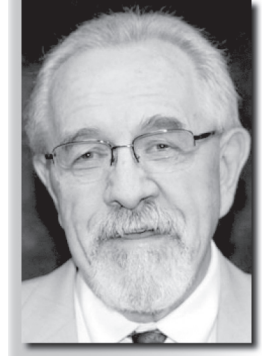
Education Committee Chairman Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil agrees that the state school funding formula does not adequately compensate high-poverty schools but is confident the new plan would direct per-student funding to each district for the first time in decades.

It all sounds good but let me leave you with this. Once the schools are satisfied with the money they are getting, what happens when the pandemic-infused glut of funds runs out? What gets cut to provide the money for this program?

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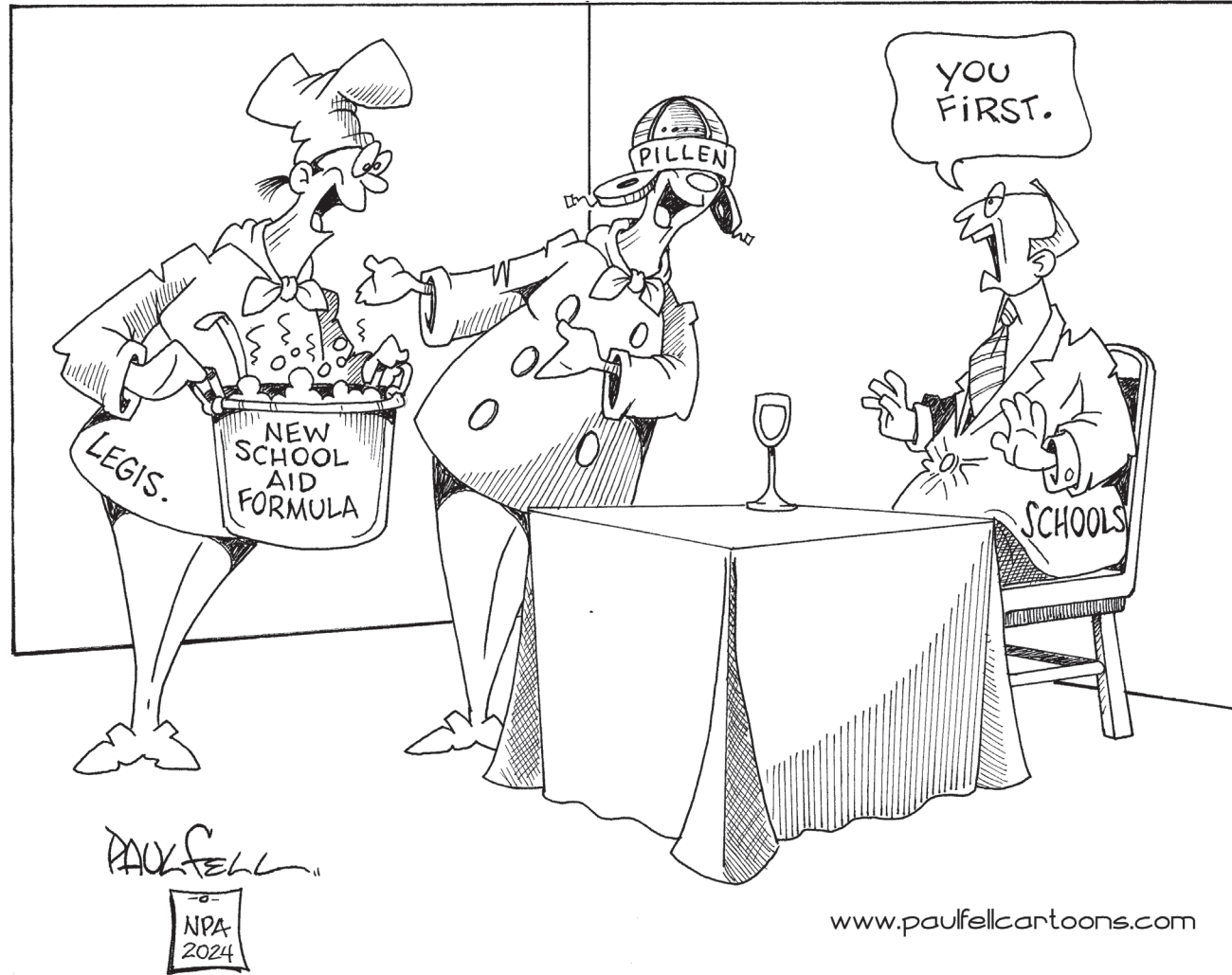


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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
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Limit, Save, Grow Act

2023's first quarter economic report showed a decline in the U.S. GDP growth rate to 1.1 percent, making clear the lasting impact severe inflation has had on our economy. The damage done by reckless and wasteful spending emphasizes the importance of fiscal responsibility and pro-growth policies. This is especially true as our nation's debt crisis remains unresolved and we barrel toward reaching our debt ceiling.

This week, the Limit, Save, Grow Act – a bill to bring some fiscal sanity back to Washington – passed the House with my support. While no one bill will solve our fiscal challenges, the Limit, Save, Grow Act is a starting point. I am hopeful the bill will lead to good faith negotiations between Congress and the president. In 2011, then Vice President Biden criticized those with a "my way or the highway approach" to these sorts of negotiations saying, "you have to compromise." Unfortunately, President Biden has said he will not negotiate with Congress on the debt ceiling, an irresponsible approach that – if not abandoned – will lead to lasting damage to the full faith and credit of our country. Even Democrats are encouraging the president to come to the table to find a path forward.

The Limit, Save, Grow Act responsibly addresses

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FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

Biden's unrealistic environmental plan

Our nation's government was founded on a system of checks and balances. We have three branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial. After escaping from

a tyrannical monarchy, our founders were concerned that one branch might become more powerful than the others, focused on accomplishing its own goals rather than those of the American people.

As a member of the U.S. Senate, I am working to fulfill a purpose of the legislative branch by curbing the excesses of the executive branch — the Biden administration. The administration recently issued new regulations cracking down on vehicle emissions.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calls these regulations an "emissions plan," but this "plan" is really a pipe dream. The administration wants 67% of the cars in the country to be electric by 2032, just nine years from now. Last year, electric vehicles (EVs) accounted for 6% of new automobile sales. The International Energy Agency predicts that by 2030, EVs will only make up 15% of the vehicles in our country.

The administration's new emissions standards are essentially an EV mandate. These standards make it harder for people to drive gas-powered cars, in an attempt to coerce Americans into purchasing electric vehicles that cost about as much as the average family makes in a year. The Biden administration is ignoring the many complexities at play when it comes to EVs.

Electric vehicles rely on the electric power grid, and a massive increase in EV use due to a mandate could cause serious issues with the grid. During a heat wave last September, power authorities in California asked residents to avoid charging electric cars in the evenings, for fear that the

power grid would malfunction from being overwhelmed.

EVs also have a strong impact on our roads. Right now, only gas-powered cars pay into the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), which provides 90 percent of federal highway assistance. Electric vehicles do not. This fund repairs wear and tear from vehicles on the highway. Electric vehicles can weigh up to three times as much as gas-powered cars because of their heavy batteries. That weight pulverizes the road bed, causing more maintenance and more costs. The HTF exists to fix exactly the type of damage that heavy EVs can cause — so it's only fair that both types of vehicles pay into the fund. I plan to introduce a bill soon that will fix this.

The repercussions of an EV mandate go beyond America's borders. Sixty to 100% of battery minerals are processed in China, according to SAFE, an energy think tank. Our domestic supply is nowhere near meeting the demand that would result from this regulation. A push for EVs is a push for energy dependence on China — and China is not our friend. Studies also show that Americans

aren't even that interested in EVs. A Gallup poll found that 4% of Americans own an EV, and only 12% are seriously considering getting one. Forty-one percent claimed they will never buy an EV. A Pew Research poll found that the majority of Americans oppose the Biden administration's plan to phase out gasoline-powered cars and trucks by 2035.

I support Americans' right to buy electric vehicles if they so choose — but they should also have the right not to buy one. Our government is supposed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people. This federal mandate is of the EPA, by the EPA, and for the EPA. It's not based on the interests of the people, but the interests of a power-hungry White House. The Biden administration's plan for a utopia of green vehicles is a cute idea, but it's completely out of touch with reality. It's also out of touch with Americans' real needs and desires. This administration must stop with top-down mandates that force Americans into outcomes they wouldn't choose themselves. As your senator, I will continue to oppose this administration's overreach.

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Wolfpack Sports

Henn leads EPPJ medal parade Saturday at NVC

ATKINSON — Competition was fierce Saturday for the Wolfpack track team. Not only did they have to compete against conference foes at the NVC Track & Field Championships, they also had to battle the weather.

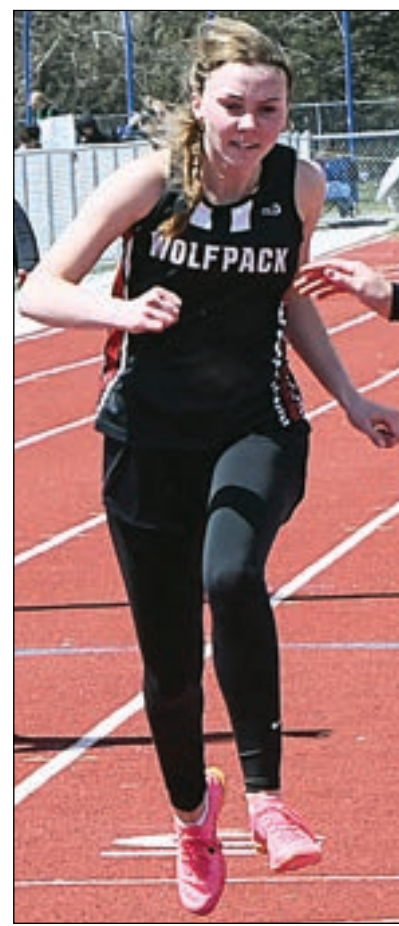
Nary an athlete wasn't affected in one way or another from the high winds in excess of 30 miles per hour, with higher gusts, which made conditions tough on an otherwise sun-filled day.

The Wolfpack girls best effort was turned in by freshman Kayton Zwingman and junior Ashlynn Charf, each winning two medals in individual events and one relay. Charf placed in both the 100 and 200 meter dash events, Zwingman earned medals in the 800 and 1600 meter runs.

For the Wolfpack boys, they were led by junior Blake Henn placed second in the shot put.

The 400 meter relay team consisting of Corbin Kinney, Myles Kittelson, Dylan Lueking and Camryn Pelster placed third. Fourth place medals were won by Kittelson (long jump), Kinney in the 110 meter high hurdles and Landyn Veik in the 1600 meter run.

The day belonged to host school West Holt who won both team titles.



Camry Kittelson made the finals of the 100 meter dash where she finished eighth. E-R photo/DMorgan

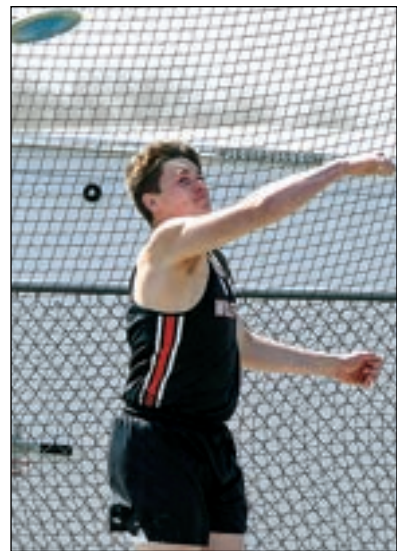
In the boys division, West Holt tallied 192 points to claim the team title. Elkhorn Valley was second with 141.5 followed by Summerland 88, North Central 66, Stuart 49, EPPJ 45.5, Boyd County 45, CWC 11, St. Mary's 10, Niobrara/Verdigre 10 and Neligh-Oakdale 2.

Taking the team title in the girls division was West Holt with 191 points, 100 more than second place St. Mary's at 91. Other team scores were Elkhorn Valley 76, Summerland 76, Niobrara/Verdigre 57, North Central 55, Boyd County 37, EPPJ 25, CWC 20, Stuart 18 and Neligh-Oakdale 12.

Individual results were:

Girls

100 meter dash — 1. Abigail Davis, West Holt, 13.10 seconds; 7. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 13.84; 8. Camry Kittelson, EPPJ, 14.03
200 meter dash — 1. Ainsley Galyen, West Holt, 26.43 seconds; 5. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 28.52 (SR)
400 meter dash — 1. Ainsley Galyen, West Holt, 1:01.30
800 meter run — 1. Paige Druke, Boyd County, 2:30.14; 8. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 2:40.60
1600 meter run — 1. Maddie Davis, West Holt, 5:49.85; 4. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 6:22.43
3200 meter run — 1. Maddie Davis, West Holt, 13:45.12
100 meter hurdles — 1. Hadley Cheatum, Summerland, 16.54 seconds
300 meter hurdles — 1. Makenna Schaaf, West Holt, 46.46 seconds
400 meter relay — 1. West Holt, 51.42 seconds; 6. EPPJ (Ashlynn Charf, Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhr), 56.43
1600 meter relay — 1. West



Jarek Erickson placed fifth in the discus. E-R photo/DMorgan



Junior Blake Henn led the Wolfpack at the NVC Track Invite. He finished second in the shot put with a toss of 43'5.25". He also ran a leg of the 3200 meter relay which finished fourth. E-R photo/DMorgan

Holt, 4:16.18; 5. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 4:45.35
3200 meter relay — 1. St. Mary's, 11:12.57; 4. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Kaitey Schumacher, Baylee Busted, Jovie Vaisvilas), 12:36.02
Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 36'5"
Discus — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 117'10"
High jump — 1. Katelynn Kratz, West Holt, 5'
Pole vault — 1. McKinley Cadwallader, West Holt, 9'
Long jump — 1. Mya Hed-

strom, St. Mary's, 16'
Triple jump — 1. Makenna Schaaf, West Holt, 32'7.5"

Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Luke Klabenes, West Holt, 11.13 seconds; 6. Camryn Pelster, EPPJ, 11.84
200 meter dash — 1. Luke Klabenes, West Holt, 22.73 seconds; 8. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 24.65
400 meter dash — 1. Asher McCart, West Holt, 54.26 seconds
800 meter run — 1. Mason Hagan, North Central, 2:05.78
1600 meter run — 1. Mason

Hagan, North Central, 5:10.22; 4. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:24.41
3200 meter run — 1. Raden Orton, North Central, 10:51.80
110 meter hurdles — 1. Carter Werner, Elkhorn Valley, 15.92 seconds; 4. Corbin Kinney, EPPJ, 17:57 (SR)

300 meter hurdles — 1. Carter Werner, Elkhorn Valley, 41.17 seconds
400 meter relay — 1. West Holt, 44.67 seconds; 3. EPPJ (Corbin Kinney, Myles Kittelson, Dylan Lueking, Camryn Pelster), 46.49

1600 meter relay — 1. West Holt, 3:35.00
3200 meter relay — 1. West Holt, 9:21.79; 4. EPPJ (Nick Anderson, Kaiden Bode, Blake Henn, Landyn Veik), 10:03.03

Shot put — 1. Joe Ahlers, Summerland, 43'6"; 2. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 43'5.25"

Discus — 1. Levi Curtis, West Holt, 128'7"; 5. Jarek Erickson, 117'10"; 8. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 117'4"

High jump — 1. Carter Werner, Elkhorn Valley, 6'; 6. (Tie) Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 5'6"

Pole vault — 1. Maverick Hagemann, Elkhorn Valley, 11'

Long jump — 1. Nate Decker, Elkhorn Valley, 20'1.5"; 4. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 19'9"

Triple jump — 1. Alec Schindler, Summerland, 40'6.5"; 8. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 37'7"



Battling high winds, Wolfpack sophomore Callie Heithoff just missed placing in the discus competition. E-R photo/DMorgan

EPPJ wins 10 track events at Creighton

CREIGHTON — The Wolfpack track team traveled north Tuesday to compete at the Creighton Invite.

It was a gold medal parade for the black-clad tracksters as the boys and girls combined to win 10 events. Winning events at the six-team meet were:

- Ashlynn Charf (100 meter dash, 200)
- Kayton Zwingman (1600 meter run, 300 hurdles)
- Girls 400, 1600 and 3200 meter relay teams
- Corbin Kinney (110 meter hurdles)
- Myles Kittelson (long jump)
- Blake Henn (shot put)

Wausa won the girls team title with 127 points followed by EPPJ 110, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 92, Creighton 72, Osmond 60 and Randolph 37.

In the boys division, LCC won the team title with 152 points followed by Osmond 112, EPPJ 98, Creighton 79, Wausa 48 and Randolph 13.

Results were:

Girls

100 meter dash — 1. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 13.63 seconds; 3. Camry Kittelson, EPPJ, 13.72; 7. Reese Stuhr, EPPJ, 14.13
200 meter dash — 1. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 28.07 seconds; 3. Camry Kittelson, EPPJ, 28.40; 5. Reese Stuhr, EPPJ, 30.40
400 meter dash — 1. Erica Heiman, Osmond, 1:08.80; 5. Baylee Busted, EPPJ, 1:16.50
800 meter run — 1. Cali Guts, Osmond, 2:39.50; 2. Kaitey Schumacher, EPPJ, 2:48.00
1600 meter run — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 6:06.60; 4. Jovie Vaisvilas, EPPJ, 6:44.80
3200 meter run — 1. Keli Aschoff, Osmond, 14:15.20
100 meter hurdles — 1. Nicole Haselhorst, Randolph, 17.33 seconds; 6. Stephanie Gutierrez, EPPJ, 22.46
300 meter hurdles — 1. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 50.90 seconds
400 meter relay — 1. EPPJ (Ashlynn Charf, Camry Kittelson, Reese Stuhr, Kaitey Schumacher), 55.40 seconds
1600 meter relay — 1. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Reese Stuhr, Kaitey Schumacher, Kayton Zwingman), 4:38.00
3200 meter relay — 1. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Jovie Vaisvilas, Baylee Busted, Kaitey Schumacher), 12:10.00
High jump — 1. Mackenzie Suhr, Wausa, 4'8"
Pole vault — 1. Olivia Kuhlman, Creighton, 9'6"
Long jump — 1. Makayla Mitchell, Creighton, 14'5.5"; 4. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 13'8.5"; 6. Trissa Russell, EPPJ, 13'7"
Triple jump — 1. Makayla Mitchell, Creighton, 31'
Shot put — 1. Berniece, McCorkindale, LCC, 34'4"
Discus — 1. Taylor Alexander, Wausa, 120'7"; 3. Chloe Henn, EPPJ, 90'

Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Trevin Larson, Osmond, 11.50 seconds; 2. Camryn Pelster, EPPJ, 11.57; 5. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 11.80
200 meter dash — 1. Trevin Larson, Osmond,

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Wolfpack golfers place second at NVC meet held at ACC Tuesday



Kellan Hoefler (l) and Linus Borer (r) share a light moment with Ass't. Coach Andrew Childers during action on the front nine at the NVC Tournament held at Antelope Country Club. E-R photo/DMorgan

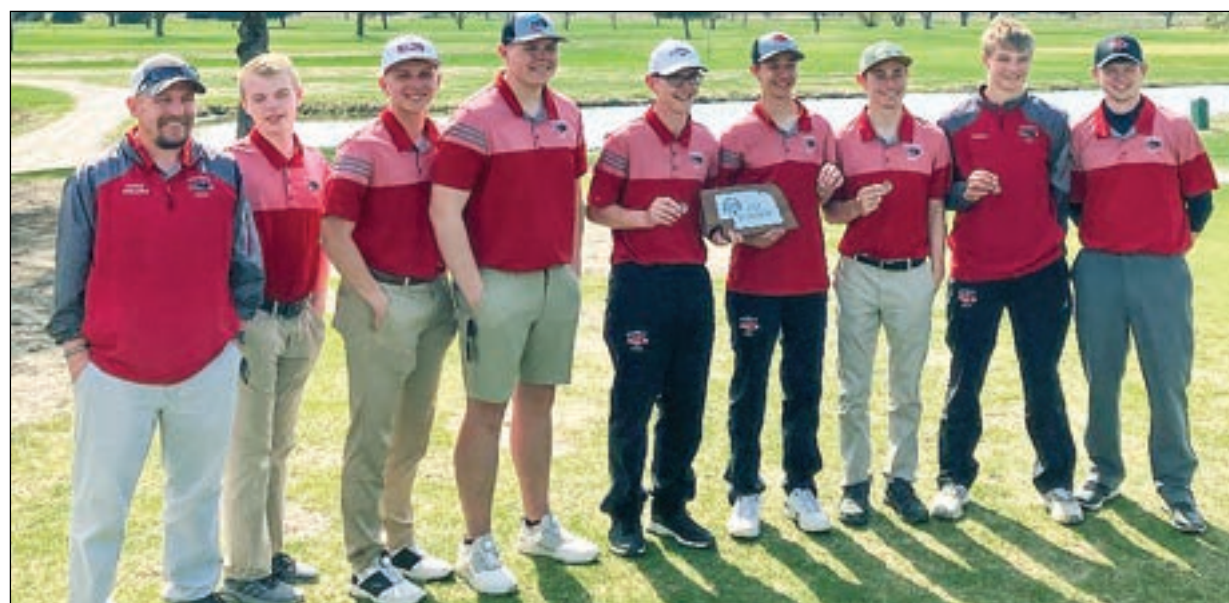


Austin Good hitting driver on Hole #1. E-R photo/DMorgan

Elgin Public Pope John finished second in the team competition at the Niobrara Valley Conference Golf Tournament held April 25.

Held at the Antelope Country Club, Neligh-Oakdale won the championship trophy with a team score of 357. EPPJ was second at 361. Other team scores were West Holt 371, Niobrara-Verdigre 396, Summerland 397, Boyd County 399, Stuart 405, North Central 413 and Elkhorn Valley 423. Other schools did not compete for the team championship.

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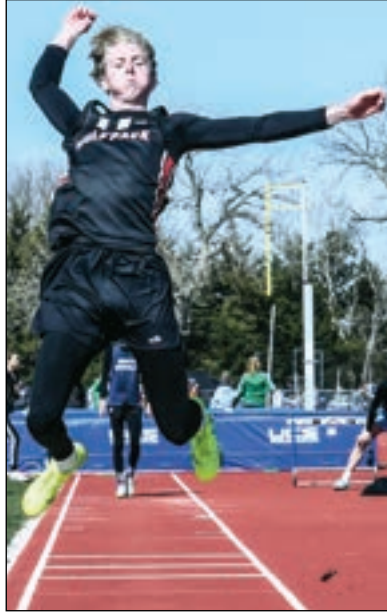
The Wolfpack golf team, with their medals and runner-up plaque from last week's Niobrara Valley Conference Golf Tournament. All smiles (l-r) were Ass't. Coach Andrew Childers, Jack Barlow, Cale Kinney, Ethan Hinkle, Linus Borer, Kellan Hoefler, Austin Good, Paiton Hoefler and Head Coach Trent Ostransky. Photo submitted

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Track

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23.70 seconds; 2. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 24.40 seconds; 3. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 24.50
400 meter dash — 1. Shane Benson, LCC, 54.20 seconds; 6. Grady Druke, EPPJ, 1:02.20; 7. Karson Kallhoff, EPPJ, 1:02.20
800 meter run — 1. Addison Smith, Wausa, 2:03.70
1600 meter run — 1. Luke Woockman, Wausa, 5:02.20; 5. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:19.00
3200 meter run — 1. Tyler Olson, LCC, 11:25.00
110 meter hurdles — 1. Corbin Kinney, EPPJ, 17.84 seconds
300 meter hurdles — 1. Taylor Nelson, Creighton, 45.60 seconds; 2. Corbin Kinney, EPPJ, 47.70
400 meter relay — 1. LCC, 45.70 seconds; 2. EPPJ (Myles Kittelson, Dylon Lueking, Corbin Kinney, Camryn Pelster), 46.10
1600 meter relay — 1. Osmond, 3:44.60; 5. EPPJ (Taylor Beckman, Jarek Erickson, Grady Druke, Landon Kallhoff), 4:48.40
3200 meter relay — 1. Osmond, 9:21.00; 3. EPPJ (Nick Anderson, Blake Henn, Kaiden Bode, Landyn Veik), 10:14.00
High jump — 1. Shane Benson, LCC, 5'8"; 5. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 5'2.25"
Pole vault — 1. Daniel Puppe, LCC, 12'
Long jump — 1. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 19'6.25"
Triple jump — 1. Taylor Nelson, Creighton, 39'4"; 3. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 37'4.5"
Shot put — 1. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 45'3.5"; 6. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 37'4.5"
Discus — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 136'6"; 3. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 14'8"; 5. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 117'1"



Kittelson competes at Norfolk Classic

Wolfpack junior Myles Kittelson competed Thursday at the Norfolk Classic Track & Field Meet. The top eight athletes in Northeast Nebraska in each track event competed. He finished eighth in the long jump, his best mark was 18'1.5". *File photo*

Golf

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Medalist was Westen Mathis of West Holt with an 18-hole score of 80.

Leading the Wolfpack was sophomore Kellan Hoefer who shot 87 to finish sixth. Linus Borer was seventh with a 90, Austin Good finished eighth with a 91, Paiton Hoefer placed 12th with a 93 and Ethan Hinkle carded a 100.

Wolfpack JV scores were Cale Kinney 99, Matthew Dilly 170 and Jack Barlow 144.



Senior Ethan Hinkle eyes a tee shot during action Tuesday morning at Antelope Country Club. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Golfers battle winds at WH

ATKINSON — High winds and golf mix like water and oil. Such was the case Saturday at the West Holt Invite. Sustained winds of 30+ miles per hour with gusts in the 40s limited the tournament to just nine holes.

O'Neill and West Holt tied for the team title with scores of 191 followed by Creighton 198, Neligh-Oakdale 198, Stuart 200, EPPJ 209, Boyd County 216, North Central 218, Ainsworth 218 and Niobrara-Verdigre 219.

Medalist for the invite was Creighton's Gage Burns who carded a nine-hole score of 40. Two O'Neill golfers tied for second with 43s.

The Wolfpack's best score was turned in by senior Paiton Hoefer who was eight shots back of the lead with a 48 to medal.

Linus Borer finished 18th with a 50. Austin Good carded a 55, Ethan Hinkle shot a 56 and Kellan Hoefer rounded out the team with a 59.

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May 19-20 State Track/Burke Stadium Omaha) TBA

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May 9 V @ Fullerton 10:00
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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

May 3-5	FFA Plant Sales (school hours) • EHCC end-of-year celebration, 6:30 pm	May 5	WSC Math Contest • EPS K-6 Grandparents Day/K-6 1 pm dismissal
May 4	EPS Elementary Spring Concert	May 8	EPS 6 th Grade Orientation • PJ/SB Spring Concert
		May 9	EPS School Board
		May 10	EPS Seniors Last Day • SB 5/6 th Grade field trip
		May 11	PJCC Awards Day
		May 12	EPS 6 th Grade, 2 nd & 3 rd Grade field trips • SB Preschool Graduation • SB K-2 to Poppy's

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company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

THE DELUXE MOTEL, L.L.C. Martin V. Klein Klein Law Office, P.C. P.O. Box 166 Neligh, NE 68756-0166 (402)887-4190 PUBLISH: May 3, 10 & 17, 2023 ZNEZ

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Bartlett News



Fifth grade band students who performed at the concert were (l-r): Dawson Kluver, Corbin Kasselder, Trey Smith, instructor Sherry Tetschner, Denna Skorcz and Anslee Wright.



Wheeler Central 7-10th grade band members performing at the Wheeler Central Spring Music Concert held last month were (l-r): Haley Borwege, Makayla Mcain, Jailynn Harrison, Aidan Maddux, Franklin Schmidt and Breyden Renner. Front row: Daniel Kluver. Photos submitted

By Sherry Tetschner

Wheeler Central Spring Concert was held Friday evening, April 14, featuring a 'Disney Theme.' Janet Good developed the theme with her choral students and spent extra hours painting and laminating Disney-themed characters to decorate the stage, making and purchasing props for her students such as shovels and picks, Mickey Mouse ears etc. and creating a large sign that said "Welcome to the most magical concert on earth." This sign, with colorful streamers, was on the door entering the gym.

The evening began with instrumental selections directed by Sherry Tetschner. Seventh-10th grade selections were 'The Star Spangled Banner,' 'The Sound of Silence and Star Wars.'

Following was Haley Borwege with a clarinet solo 'I See the Light,' from the Disney movie 'Tangled,' and a piano solo 'A Whole New World,' from the Disney movie 'Aladdin.' Fifth Grade band performed 'Superclifragilistic,' from the Disney movie 'Mary Poppins.'

The choral section of the concert was directed by Janet Good. Classes and selections, all from Disney movies, are as follows: K-1st grade; 'Mickey Mouse Mash Up,' from 'Mickey Mouse,' and 'Heigh Ho,' from 'Snow White,' 1st and 2nd grade; 'Can't Stop This Feeling,' from 'Trolls,' 2nd and 3rd grades; 'You've Got a Friend in Me,' from 'Toy Story,' and 'Sky Full of Stars,' from 'Sing 2,' 3rd, 4th and 5th grades; 'Life is a Highway,' from 'Cars,' 4th, 5th and 6th grades; 'Hakuna Matata' from 'Lion King,' and 'Try Everything' from 'Zootopia,' 7th and 8th grades; 'Bare Necessities,' from 'The Jungle Book,' Kindergarten and 7th and 8th grade boys; 'Go the Distance,' from 'Hercules,' Kindergarten and 7th and 8th grade girls; 'Let it Go,' from 'Frozen.'

The final evening selection, 'Tooty Ta' sung by the Pre-school, was not a Disney piece, but great fun nevertheless. ***** I enjoyed being part of my granddaughter's birthday celebrations in Beatrice last Saturday. Her birthday request was to have a roller skating party.

My son Andy Tetschner and his children Hannah and Ty from Lincoln were supper guests that evening at the home of Mike and Angela Keyes of Beatrice, enjoying birthday cake and homemade ice cream. Other guests were Winnie's grandparents, Gary and Deb Keyes, also from Beatrice.

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Notice of Meeting — Wheeler Central District #45 Board of Education

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF WHEELER CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DISTRICT #45-WHEELER COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHEELER CENTRAL

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD AT THE WHEELER CENTRAL OLD MEDIA ROOM IN BARTLETT, NEBRASKA ON: MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 TIME: 8:00 P.M. WHICH MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AN AGENDA FOR SUCH MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE

OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, WHEELER CENTRAL SCHOOLS, BARTLETT, NEBRASKA. DREW KASSELDER CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EDUCATION WHEELER CENTRAL SCHOOLS PUBLISH: MAY 3, 2023 ZNEZ

Orchard man receives probation for terroristic threats

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter An Orchard man, who has spent most of 2023 in the county jail, was sentenced to specialized probation by a district court judge last week - along with time already served and restitution.

Michael D. Fox, 37, appeared before the Honorable James Kube in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh on April 26 for sentencing on two counts, terroristic threats, a Class 3A felony, and criminal mischief, a Class 3 misdemeanor. Fox was accompanied by his court-appointed attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh.

Kube reviewed a presentence investigation report with Fox as well as an addendum, a letter from a victim in the case.

"It looks like you have a bad attitude more than anything," the judge said.

Fox said he had "trust" issues, attributing them to the suicides of family members. "Everyone else knew before I did," he said. "I am a bitter person."

Kube also commented on his drug use, "meth and marijuana are a big issue, you first tried them at 13."

"And alcohol is a big issue in my life," Fox added.

Kube asked about his indication to the probation officer who conducted the PSI that he was not interested in probation and his desire to leave Nebraska.

"I have mixed emotions," Fox said. "I think probation might be better than just time served...I would like a chance at probation, I won't let you down."

The judge agreed. "I tend to think you do need probation, special SSAS probation," he said. "It deals with addiction...it's not easy but it can change you, help you get your life back."

Kube ordered Fox to serve concurrent two-year terms in the specialized substance abuse supervision program administered by the Nebraska District 7 probation office, including administration, programing and testing fees totaling \$750. In addition, the judge ordered 90 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for 86 days served.

"So you are done with jail," Kube said. He ordered Fox to pay \$170

restitution to Jill Anson for a slashed tire, ordered him to obtain a sponsor, obtain an alcohol/drug evaluation and complete any recommend treatment. He was taxed \$147 costs of prosecution.

Fox pleaded guilty Feb. 22, pursuant to a plea agreement with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith and agreed to pay restitution.

He was arrested Jan. 30 in Orchard by an Antelope County deputy, who was assisted by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore and a Neligh police officer, according to a probable-cause affidavit filed by deputy Trent Howard. In addition to alleged threats on the lives of four individuals, Fox allegedly slashed a tire on one victim's vehicle and damaged some of her belongings. He claimed he had been held against his will in a garage.

Kube also arraigned one defendant and sustained requests for several continuances.

Brennon J. Coleman, 39, of Randolph appeared for arraignment, alongside Klein, his court-appointed counsel. Coleman is charged with third-degree domestic assault, second offense, alleged March 12 in Neligh.

Kube informed Coleman of the possible penalties for conviction of the Class 3A felony - up to three years imprisonment and/or up to \$10,000 fine. Coleman pleaded not guilty. Pretrial hearing is set May 31 with a trial date of Aug. 21. Bond posted March 27 is continued at \$20,000, 10% cash, with conditions including no contact with the alleged victim.

The remaining cases on the criminal docket all saw pretrial hearings continued, including:

- Michael J. Mueller, 26, of Clearwater, represented by Klein and Brad Ewalt of Norfolk; charged with first-degree sexual assault, Class 2 felonies alleged in two separate cases involving separate minor victims, pretrial hearings and hearings on other motions that may be necessary all continued to May 31, jury trials continued to Aug. 21; bonds of \$250,000 and \$100,000, 10%, posted Jan. 4 and Jan 24, respectively, continued;
• Ryan Brummels, 22, of Ewing, represented by Frederick

Bartell of Norfolk; charged with first-degree sexual assault of a minor, a Class 2 felony alleged Dec. 26, 2022; pretrial hearing and possible hearings on other motions continued to May 31, with jury trial continued to Aug. 21; \$50,000, 10%, bond continued;

• Morgan K. Anson, 25, of Orchard, represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney, charged with theft by receiving stolen property valued at more than \$5,000, a Class 2A felony, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony, use of motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 4 felony, possession of burglar tools, a Class 4 felony and obstruction of a police officer, a Class 1 misdemeanor, all alleged Dec. 9, 2022, in Orchard; pretrial hearing continued to May 31 with jury trial remaining on June 20 docket; \$50,000, 10%, bond continued;

• Koda K. Fernau, 19, of Clearwater, represented by Ryan Stover of Norfolk, charged with a Class 3A felony, making terroristic threat, alleged in September 2022; pretrial hearing continued to May 31, with jury trial Aug. 21; \$25,000, 10%, bond continued;

• Jake R. Short, 22, of Oakdale, represented by Carney on a Class 4 felony, possession of cocaine. pretrial hearing continued to May 31, jury trial remains on June 20 docket; remanded back to Antelope County Sheriff Moore's custody, pending posting of \$20,000, 10%, bond;

• Reva J. Talton, 44, Antelope County Jail, represented by Carney on charge of possession of methamphetamine, alleged Feb. 14, in Oakdale; pretrial conference continued to May 31, with jury trial remaining on June 20 docket; remanded back to Moore's custody, pending posting of \$7,500, 10%, bond; and
• Matthew P. Williams, 51, Neligh, represented by Carney, charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor, Count I, use of a deadly weapon (firearm) to commit a felony, a Class 1C felony, Count II, making terroristic threats, a Class 3A felony, Count III, third-degree assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, all alleged June 21, 2022, in Neligh; pretrial continued to May 31, with jury trial remaining on June 20 docket; \$50,000, 10%, bond continued.

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"The board of directors and those at CVA appreciate each and every patron who has done business with the cooperative, helping build and make this company successful," said Carl Dickinson, President/CEO of Central Valley Ag. "It is compelling to have the cooperative in a position to give back to the membership. Not only are we able to provide them products and services, but because of CVA's performance, we are able to return cash."

CVA first formed in 2003 by three cooperatives. Since then, CVA has unified with several cooperatives in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. "We believe that the cooperative business model requires a balanced approach; balancing service, profit, patronage, equity redemption and reinvestment," said Dickinson. "We also believe that true success comes from not only serving you, but also in returning profits to its owners."

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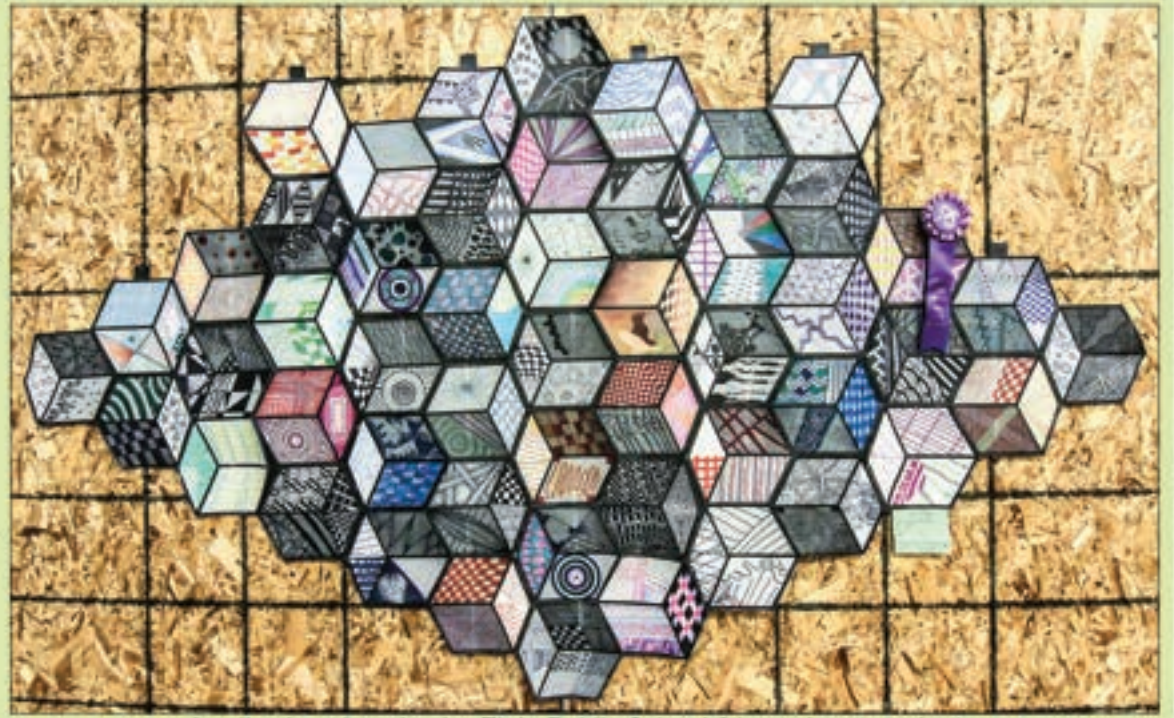
Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 16 area schools, were on display Thursday and Friday, April 27-28 at St. Boniface Gym, as part of this year's Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

The artwork on display represented the year-long efforts of hundreds of art students throughout this area. Categories are as diverse as the students that enter work with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, and more.

Schools showing artwork included Boyd County, Chambers, Elgin Public, Elkhorn Valley, Keya Paha, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara, Pope John, Rock County, St. Mary's, Santee, Stuart, Summerland, Verdigre, West Holt and Wheeler Central.

The judges for this year's art show were Cathi Barta of Niobrara and Kevin McNichols of Atkinson for the high school and Deb Fonder of Norfolk and Marilyn Janovec of Niobrara for the junior high.



A collective piece by the Elgin Public School 8th grade art students.



"Manta Ray Cove" by EPS student Libby Evans.



"Still Life" by PJCC student Elizabeth Moser. E-R photos/DMorgan

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Wednesday, May 10: Chicken pot pie w/mixed veggies, apricots, milk.

Thursday, May 11: Hot pork sandwich with mashed potatoes, peas, tropical fruit, milk.

Friday, May 12: Chicken strips, French fries, carrot sticks, apple salad, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change)

Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older. Under 60 is \$8.50. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m. Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

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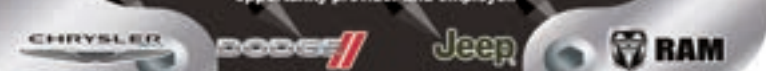
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FFA banquet celebrates year of achievements

From the beginning, the Elgin Chapter of Future Farmers of America has played a big role in the development of students here in Elgin.

On Wednesday night, another year of success and achievement was celebrated. Rows of tables and chairs stretched from one end of the gymnasium to the other, filled

by FFA members, parents and supporters. Ethan Hinkle completed his second year as FFA President. At the conclusion of the banquet, he handed the gavel over to Samuel Hemenway who will be the new president in 2023/24.

Other new officers installed were Vice President - Keyera Eisenhauer, Secretary - Baylee Busted, Treasurer - Brenna Martinsen, Reporter - Sara Bode, Sentinel - Nick Anderson, Parliamentarian - Callie Heithoff and Jr. Advisor - Samantha Durre.

Senior Carter Beckman was presented the Antelope County FFA Scholarship. He has also been awarded the Grow Ag Leaders and Darling Ingredients Inc. scholarships.

FFA members earning special recognition at the banquet were Jarek Erickson and Samantha Durre. Erickson earned the Star Greenhand Award. Durre was presented with the 'Most Improved Member' plaque.

Among the eighth grade students present who earned 'Discovery' degrees were Dannyka Smidt, Kyla Donaldson, Madelyn Kurpgewit, Justice Blecher, Libby Evans, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Braelyn Martinsen, Rylen Schwarting and Baylee Chessmore. Not present but earning degrees were Kylee Lichtenburg and Ruby Durre.

Awarded 'Greenhand' degrees were Kaiden Bode, Jarek Erickson, Trey Rittscher, Grady Druke, Isaac Hemenway, Karson Kallhoff, Kaeden Schwarting, Dylan Kolm, Aiden Klein, Ticen Sparr, Landyn Veik, Kyndal Busted, Kayton Zwingman, Jaydalynne Chessmore, Camry Kittelson, Tessa Barlow and Haley Parks.

Presented with 'Chapter' degrees were Landon Kallhoff, Sara Bode, Natalie Burenheide, Hudson Napier, Kellan Hoefer, Taylor Beckman, Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff and Samantha Durre.

Businesses and individuals who donated to the Elgin FFA Chapter through the "I Believe in the Future of Ag" campaign were recognized. They were Ted & Tammy Bode, Bode Hay Company LLC; MGM Farms LLC; Bank of Elgin; Kenny Reinke; Bar 6 Inc; J.T. Beckman Farms Inc; JK Construction; Klein Family Farm; Mike Barlow; Busted Inc; Northern Grain LLC; Bar U Farms LLC; Kevin Rittscher; Terry Heithoff; Brian Thiessen; Kallhoff Electric LLC; Ron Burenheide; Durre Well Service Inc; Paul Beckman & Sons Trucking LLC; David Hoefer; Ann Simmons; Ed & Anne Hemenway; James & Anne Meis; The Elgin Review; John Zwingman; Matthew Pelster; Dan & Kim Zwingman; Aaron Parks; Scotty's Manure LLC; Gary Nelson; Liane Bode; Lynn Selting and Joel Carpenter.

Honorary Degrees were awarded to Jerry Pelster, John & Tracy Beckman, Heidi Rethmeier, Jim & Becky Lindgren, Greg & Joyce Wemhoff, Tim Good, Patti Good, Stacy & Danelle Charf.



FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz is shown presenting the Antelope County FFA Alumni Scholarship to senior Carter Beckman.



FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz presented Jarek Erickson with the Star Greenhand Award at Wednesday night's banquet.



Recipient of the 'Most Improved Member' award was sophomore Samantha Durre.



Samuel Hemenway (shown holding the gavel) will be the Elgin FFA Chapter President for the 2023/24 school year. Other officers behind him are (middle row, l-r): Samantha Durre, Baylee Busted and Nick Anderson. Back row: Brenna Martinsen, Sara Bode, Keyera Eisenhauer and Callie Heithoff.



Eighth grade students receiving 'Discovery Degrees' were (back row, l-r): Dannyka Smidt, Kyla Donaldson, Madelyn Kurpgewit and Justice Blecher. Middle row: Libby Evans, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Braelyn Martinsen. Front row: Rylen Schwarting and Baylee Chessmore. Not pictured: Kylee Lichtenburg and Ruby Durre.



Greenhand Degree recipients (mostly freshmen) were (back row, l-r): Kaiden Bode, Jarek Erickson, Trey Rittscher, Grady Druke and Isaac Hemenway. Middle row: Karson Kallhoff, Kaeden Schwarting, Dylan Kolm, Aiden Klein, Ticen Sparr and Landyn Veik. Front row: Kyndal Busted, Kayton Zwingman, Jaydalynne Chessmore, Camry Kittelson and Tessa Barlow. Not pictured: Haley Parks.



Earning Chapter Degrees were (back row, l-r): Landon Kallhoff, Sara Bode, Natalie Burenheide, Hudson Napier, Kellan Hoefer and Taylor Beckman. Front row: Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff and Samantha Durre.

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Spring Academic All-State honorees announced by NSAA

The Nebraska School Activities Association announced today their Spring 2023 Academic All-State selections. Selected from Elgin Public School were Corbin Kinney (Boys Track) and Ethan Hinkle (Boys Golf). Chosen from Pope John were Linus Borer (Boys Golf, Music), Emma Lea Ruterbories (Music) and Ashlynn Charf (Girls Track).

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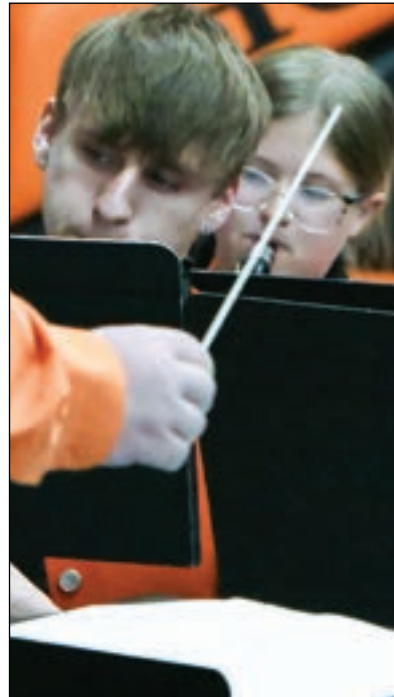
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The EPS choir performed selections from the District Music Contest held last month. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

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Kristopher Moreno and Megan Wright playing in the EHS band. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

EPS students show off music skills at Spring Concert



On trumpet were Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Sadie Thiessen while Ruby Durre, William Heilhecker and Kyla Donaldson played percussion. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

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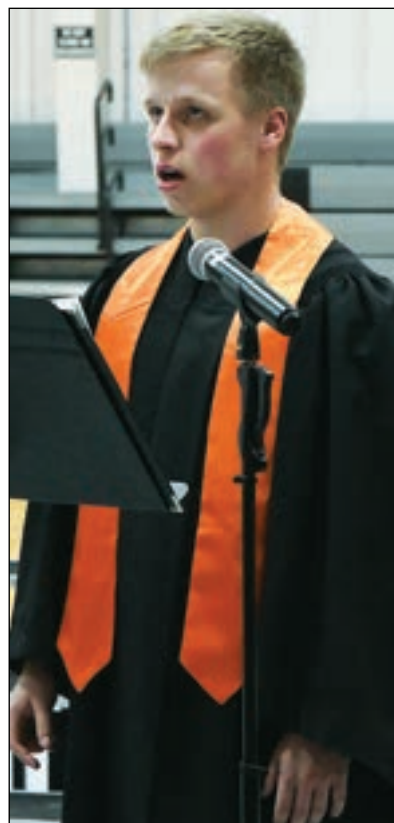
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Jack Wemhoff performing a solo. *E-R photo/DMorgan*



Four clarinets all in a row. Pictured are (l-r): Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Emma Kinney and Isabella Martinez. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

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Pride of the Pack

Linus Borer
BOYS GOLF

A senior, Linus had a seventh-place finish last Tuesday at the Nebraska Valley Conference championships. He helped lead the Wolfpack to a second place finish in the team competition.

Camry Kittelson
GIRLS TRACK

A freshman, Camry and her teammates competed twice last week, at Creighton and the NVC held at West Holt. She medaled in the 100 meter dashes at both meets.

Blake Henn
BOYS TRACK

A junior, Blake had a great week at the Creighton and NVC meets. He won the shot put at Creighton with a throw of 45'3" and placed 2nd at NVC with a throw of 43'5.25"

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