

In Brief

Commissioners say goodbye to Zoom meetings

All it took was just one lewd act to change how the Antelope County Board of Commissioners conduct their meetings. Zoom, allowing residents to view county board meetings from their computers or smart phones, appears to be over.

Put into place shortly after the onset of COVID-19 several years ago, participation via Zoom had continued on til Tuesday, May 2. During that meeting, person(s) unknown shared lewd images on the big screen as the meeting was in progress.

As a result of the incident, anyone wishing to attend/participate in commissioners' meeting will likely have to do so in person.

In other action:

Better parking — A decision was made to take bids for the resurfacing of the courthouse parking lot due to its worsening condition.

Ashfall road — A&R Construction received approval for a change order for work being done on Ashfall Road. The change order was for \$115,980. In another matter involving the company, a pay application was approved for over \$515,000 for work having been completed.

Hearing — A public hearing will be held for the closing of 858th Road between 521 and 522 avenues. The hearing will be Tuesday, June 13, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Expansion — Following a public hearing of H&T Seed and Technology LLC, the commissioners approved plans for an expansion.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice — School Dist. #18

Notice of Incorporation — Hilltop Sub Shop

Notice of Organization — Midplains Innovative Technologies, LLC

Notice of Organization — BKB Acres, LLC

Notice of Organization — THE DELUXE MOTEL, LLC

Proceedings — Elgin City Council

Proceedings — Antelope County Commissioners

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 85 degrees recorded on May 4. The low during the same period was 27 degrees on May 1.

Altogether, 1.68 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	H	L	Prec.
May 1	63	27	
May 2	65	30	
May 3	76	50	
May 4	85	56	
May 5	74	54	0.88
May 6	77	47	0.80
May 7	76	47	
Total for Last Week.....	1.68		
Total for May	1.68		
Total for 2023.....	5.11		



Council to consider playground proposal

Could new playground equipment be in Elgin City Park's future?

The topic was discussed at length by the Elgin City Council last week.

Two representatives of Creative Sites, said they would be willing to design a modern playground like one done in Albion not long ago but unique to Elgin.

Their appearance in Elgin was coordinated by Jason Hoefer who suggested the idea of new park equipment at the April meeting.

Having toured the park prior to the meeting, they said a good location would be east of the picnic area, but a few trees might have to come out to make it happen. However, as she indicated, other areas of the park would work as well, it would be up to the council to decide.

There will be no charge for the proposed design.

The company, now 102 years old, is not connected with anyone who would be connected to grant funds which could be used to offset the final cost.

No figures were presented during the meeting as this was just the first time company representatives have met with council members.

The council voted to only consider a design.



Time to rest?

What do you do in between songs? If you are PJCC High School student Aidan Klein, you rest your chin on your instrument. Klein and his classmates joined others to perform a spring concert Monday night at St. Boniface Auditorium. More photos from the concert will appear in next week's issue. *E-R photo/LMorgan*

Prater to give 'Charge' to EPS seniors

Giving the 'Charge to the Class,' as part of graduation ceremonies at Elgin Public Schools will be 2014 EPS graduate Ivy Prater.

After high school she studied at the University of Nebraska at Kearney earning a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communications.

During her time at Elgin Public and UNK, she took advantage of many extracurricular opportunities.

An opportunity that earned her a trip to Washington DC while still in high school then became a summer internship during college and is now her full-time career.

Ivy lives in Arlington, VA and works in grassroots and advocacy with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Outside of her professional career she can be found in an Orangetheory Fitness class, exploring the DC area, volunteering, or disc golfing with her fiancé Matt.

Ivy is excited for the opportunity to come back in her hometown!



Ivy Prater



National Honor Society Inductees

Prior to the start of Awards Night at Elgin Public Schools, six students were formally inducted into the National Honor Society. Recognized Tuesday evening were (left to right) sophomores Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode and Samantha Durre. *Photo submitted*

PJCC, EPS seniors to graduate this weekend

It's 'Cap & Gown' time once again in Elgin.

Elgin Public Schools and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School will be awarding diplomas to seniors during separate graduation ceremonies.

Nine seniors are set to graduate from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

The program, scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., will be held at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Selected to speak on behalf of the class was Skyler Meis. She is the daughter of Brenda and Eric Meis. Other members of the class are Emma Lea Ruterbories, Sharon Bartak, Carter Beckman, Linus Borer, Taylynne Charf, Matthew Dilly, Paaton Hoefer and Cale Kinney.

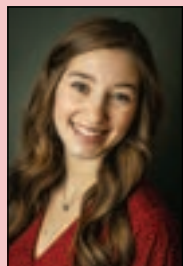
Fifteen seniors at Elgin Public School will march across the stage to receive their diplomas during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon, May 13.

Pomp and circumstance will begin at 4 p.m. for the seniors at the school.

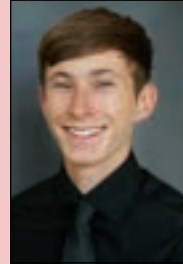
Valedictorian of the 2023 class will be William Heilhecker. He is the son of Heidi Rethmeier and Joe Heilhecker.

Earning the distinction of being named the class salutatorian will be Ethan Hinkle. He is the son of Jessica and Luke Hinkle.

Other members of the class are Laia Domingo, Jamie Dozler, David Durre, Austin Good, Corbin Kinney, Madelynn Kolm, Collin Lindgren, Kristopher Moreno, Camryn Pelster, Shayd Rokahr, Isabella Smidt, Selamawit Tadesse and Jackson Wemhoff.



Skyler Meis



William Heilhecker



Ethan Hinkle

City approves financial support for Elgin Chamber

By Dennis Morgan
Co-Publisher

The Elgin City Council approved sales tax funds to be given to the Elgin Chamber/Community Club (ECC) to support community activities during 2023.

Having been approached by club members Gary Hoefer and Dean Schrage at recent meetings, detailing how the club was struggling financially to provide activities beneficial to all of

Elgin, the council approved a one-time contribution of \$5,000 which will come from sales tax funds.

City Clerk Kristin Childers told the council that, according to the city attorney, the funds could be designated to the ECC as long as they were used for community betterment.

"So you understand," Mayor Mike Schmitt told ECC members at the meeting, "we're here to help you."

Club members will likely make a similar request for 2024 to be included in the city budget.

Their request, according to Childers, should be made in July when city officials begin preparing the 2023/24 Fiscal Year Budget which must be approved in September.

That was just one of several items involving the ECC at the meeting. The others were:

- Closing of streets — The council approved an ECC request to close streets to allow for a carnival to set up for the annual Vetch Days celebration which will be held June 2-4. The carnival will be located where it has been the past several years.
- Liquor license — As one of the events associated with Vetch Days, the lot

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From Jo Ann Baum's Kitchen

Pretzel Salad, Rhubarb Salad

Two cool salads that will be perfect for your summer gatherings.



Good day, Summer has arrived! It's time for heading to the cabin or boating at the lake or having back yard picnics and cookouts.

This time, I have a couple of easy and delicious salad recipes you can serve for any of your special occasions. It's definitely rhubarb season and I just bet fresh rhubarb in this recipe would be delicious. Pretzel salad is a favorite in the Baum family. It too would be really tasty with some fresh strawberries. Some people serve this recipe as a dessert. I just know it's a cool and creamy dish for whatever you decided to serve it for. Enjoy your summer!

Jo Ann

PRETZEL SALAD

2-3/4 cups chopped thin pretzels
1 cup melted butter
8 oz cream cheese
1 cup sugar (1 use powdered sugar)

1 8 oz container Cool Whip™
16 oz package strawberry Jello™
2 10 oz containers frozen strawberries

Mix pretzels with melted butter and press in a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Remove and cool the crust. Cream sugar and cream cheese. Fold in the Cool Whip™ and spread over the cooled crust. Dissolve Jello™ in two cups boiling water. Add the frozen fruit and let partially set. When set and cool, spread over cream cheese mixture and chill until firm. Yum!

RHUBARB SALAD

4 cups chopped rhubarb (cooked)
1-1/2 cups sugar
2 cups milk

2 small packages instant vanilla pudding
2 small packages strawberry Jello™

Cook rhubarb until tender in a small amount of water. Remove when tender and add 2 small packages of strawberry Jello™. In a bowl, mix 2 cups of milk with 2 small packages of instant vanilla pudding. When Jello™ is almost set, mix the pudding with it and chill Yummy!

City

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behind Boomerangs will be used for a putt putt/corn hole event on Friday, June 2.

As part of that, Hoefer requested a special designated liquor license to serve beverages at the location.

The license request was approved 4-0.

- The council approved a request for the ECC to hold their end-of-the-summer steak fry at Elgin City Park.

In other action:

- Insurance — Following a presentation by Eric Lordemann of Lordemann Insurance, the council approved the city's insurance package.
- Program — The council approved a request by Pastor Jonathan Braden of Elgin Christian Community Church to hold a 'ministry in the park' event on Saturday, September 16 at Elgin City Park.

- Study — Approved on a 4-0 vote was a sanitary sewer preliminary engineering report to be put together by Advanced Consulting Engineering Services (ACES) to be conducted in the coming months.
- Tabled — After hearing about the costs of drilling a test well, the council tabled the matter until they can learn more from representatives of Sargent Irrigation who would likely do the work.

New firemen — Approved as new members of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department were Devan Breuer, Chad Breuer and Matt Sands.

- Street cracks — The council approved a proposal from Bader's Highway & Street Repair to repair street cracks at a cost of just under \$14,000.

Work on the project would be scheduled to be completed no later than October 23, 2023.

Kinney awarded \$20,000 JRFS scholarship


The grass is always greener on the golf course is a motto that Pope John Senior, Cale Kinney, lives by.

Cale, son of Josh and Maria Kinney, of Petersburg, was recently awarded the National Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on merit, life experience, work ethic, character, self motivation, and future plans. The Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to over 620 students nationally in the last 20 years.

Students must also have a grade point average over 3.0 in order to qualify.

Cale, through this scholarship program, will be awarded \$20,000 over a four year period. Cale has also been invited to receive his award at the 2023 Jimmy Rane Charity Golf Tournament Banquet on May 18th in Montgomery, Alabama. The keynote speaker for the banquet is NFL legend Terry Bradshaw.

Cale will be attending Wayne State College in the fall and plans on majoring in business administration - sales and marketing.



Cale Kinney

HERE FOR YOU IN YOUR NEXT STAGE IN LIFE

This weekend is a big one. Seniors are graduating, moms are being celebrated.

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Pride of the 'Pack



A senior, Austin medaled in two meets, one last Wednesday in Niobrara and one Monday at Bassett. At Niobrara, he finished 11th with an 86 and finished 10th with a score of 88 at the Hwy 20 meet.

Austin Good
BOYS GOLF



A sophomore, Chloe has been competing in the girls shot put and discus at meets this spring. At Humphrey last week, Chloe threw the discus 87'10", earning her an eighth place finish.

Chloe Henn
GIRLS TRACK



A junior, Dylon - competing at the Humphrey meet last week - finished 8th in the discus with a throw of 111'. He also competed in the shot put, getting a 6th place finish with a loss of 39'5".

Dylon Lueking
BOYS TRACK

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Year-long achievements recognized at EPS Awards Night

Awards Night was held last week at Elgin Public School. Recognized with honors from the 2022/23 school year were the following:

NVC All Academic Team - Seniors: William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle, Jackson Wemhoff, Corbin Kinney, Madelynn Kolm, Isabella Smidt, Kristopher Moreno; Juniors: Baylee Busteed, Keyera Eisenhauer, Nick Anderson

NVC Scholastic Recognition for having a 28+ on ACT:

Seniors - William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle. Junior: Baylee Busteed

Academic Letter Winners - Have 3.5 GPA for at least one QTR or SEM - Laia Coromines I Domingo, Austin Good, William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle, Corbin Kinney, Madelynn Kolm, Kristopher Moreno, Isabella Smidt, Seli Tadesse, Jackson Wemhoff, Jamie Dozler, Nick Anderson, Baylee Busteed, Keyera Eisenhauer, Dylan Lueking, Abriel VonBonn, Gage Thiessen, Myles Kittelson, Brenna Martinsen, Trissa Russell, Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode, Sam Durre, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Emma Kinney, Jaidyn Schrad, Lauren Vitamvas, Kyndal Busteed, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Jarek Erickson, Autumn Forbes, Creighton Harkins, Halle Lueking, Trey Rittscher, Kayton Zwingman.

Excellence in 7th Computer Applications – Azriel Uhrenholdt

Excellence in Information Technology – Jarek Erickson

Excellence in Intro to Business – Jarek Erickson

Excellence in Personal Finance – Keyera Eisenhauer

Excellence in Economics DC – Baylee Busteed

Excellence in Economics – Abrielle VonBonn

Excellence in Accounting – Sara Bode

Sara Bode placed first in Accounting at Northeast Academic Day and Baylee Busteed placed fourth in Personal Finance.

Outstanding Spanish 1 student - Callie Heithoff

Outstanding Spanish 2 student - Abriel VonBonn and Seli Tadesse

Outstanding Spanish 4 student - Laia Domingo

English Awards

Excellence in English 9 - Jarek Erickson

Excellence in English 10 - Callie Heithoff

Excellence in English 11 - Baylee Busteed

Excellence in English 12 - Ethan Hinkle

Excellence in Speech - Ethan Hinkle

Excellence in Journalism - Stevie Nelson and Maysen Carnes

Speech Team

State Speech Qualifiers: Corbin Kinney, William Heilhecker, Baylee Busteed, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff, Samantha Durre

Rookie of the Year - Austin Hinkle

Most Improved - Corbin Kinney

Eagle Award - Chloe Henn

Most Valuable Speech Team Member - Brenna Martinsen

Excellence in 7th grade Language Arts: Brystol Buschow

Excellence in 8th grade Language Arts: Gemma Miller

Excellence in Child Development: Madelynn Kolm

Excellence in Foods & Nutrition: Jamie Dozler

Salsa Competition Champion: David Durre

Outstanding Math 7 Student - Molly Thiessen

Outstanding Pre -Algebra 8 Student - Ruby Durre

Outstanding Beginning Algebra Student - Autumn Forbes

Outstanding Algebra II Student - Jaidyn Schrad

Outstanding Integrated Math Student - Gage Thiessen

Outstanding Health Student - Jarek Erickson

Outstanding WeightLifter - Dylan Lueking

Algebra 1: Gemma Miller

Geometry: Jarek Erickson

Pre - Calculus & Trigonometry: Baylee Busteed

Calculus: William Heilhecker

Computer Science Principles: Lauren Vitamvas

Computer Science A: Emma Kinney

Excellence in Biology: Jarek Erickson

Excellence in 8th grade science: Kierstyn Eisenhauer

Excellence in Physical Science: Sara Bode

Excellence in Physics: William Heilhecker.

Excellence in Chemistry: Baylee Busteed and Laia Domingo

Excellence in Integrated Science: Kristopher Moreno

Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology: Keyera Eisenhauer

Participation in Quiz Bowl: William Heilhecker, Jack Wemhoff, Ethan Hinkle, Corbin Kinney, Baylee Busteed, Isabella Smidt, Jamie Dozler and Sara Bode.

2nd Place in the Junior High Division of the 2023 Science Fair: Gemma Miller and Danyka Smidt

1st Place in the Junior High Division of the 2023 Science Fair: Zoey Buechter and Baylee Chessmore

2nd Place in the Underclassmen Division of the 2023 Science Fair: Callie Heithoff and Chloe Henn

1st Place in the Underclassmen Division of the 2023 Science Fair: Kate Furstenau, Sara Bode, and Jaidyn Schrad

2nd Place in the Upperclassmen Division of the 2023 Science Fair: William Heilhecker

1st Place in the Upperclassmen Division of the 2023 Science Fair: Baylee Busteed, Nick Anderson, and Brenna Martinsen

Craig Keetch Award: Jack Wemhoff

Sportsmanship award: Keyera Eisenhauer, Jack Wemhoff and Corbin Kinney

Three Sport letter Winners: Corbin Kinney, Brenna Martinsen, Ethan Hinkle, Austin Good, Blake Henn, Jarek Erickson, Dylan Lueking and Nick Anderson

Excellence in JH Art

1. Libby Evans

Excellence in Art I (2)

1. Laia Domingo

2. Blake Henn

Excellence in Art III (3)

1. Madelynn Kolm

2. Kristopher Moreno

3. Isabella Smidt

Excellence in Art IV (1)

1. Kris Moreno

History

Excellence in American History II- Samantha Durre

Excellence in World Studies II- Brystol Buschow



Recognized with the Craig Keech Award was senior Jack Wemhoff. Photo submitted



Recognized as three-sport letter winners were (front row, l-r): Austin Good, Nick Anderson, Brenna Martinsen and Jarek Erickson. Back row: Blake Henn, Ethan Hinkle and Corbin Kinney. Photo submitted



Elgin Elementary Spring Concert

“Not all treasures are silver and gold”.

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Opinion

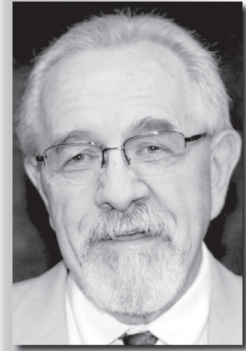
Read. Reflect. Respond.

Are the State's coffers really flush? Is a tax cut sustainable?

As if propping up the school aid formula to historic proportions wasn't enough, the new governor appears to be getting his way in the Legislature with a package of tax changes that could cost the state more than \$3 billion over the next six years.

CAPITOL VIEW

Nebraska Press Association



Statehouse Correspondent
J.L. Schmidt

The plan would increase Nebraska's two property tax credit programs, cap school property tax growth and eliminate almost all community college property taxes.

Oh, and this bill works in concert with one that would cut the state's top income tax rate by one-third and make other tax changes. A measure that includes LB754 and LB243 and a whopping amendment (AM906) that becomes the bill has cleared one round of consideration on a 41-1 vote, with seven abstentions.

tions.

Albion Senator Tom Briese's 243 would increase Nebraska's two property tax credit programs, cap school property tax growth and eliminate almost all community college property taxes.

The Revenue Committee's 754 and amendment would cut the state's top income tax rate by one-third and make other changes.

Briese promises "substantial property tax relief for everyday Nebraskans." He and Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, who chairs the Revenue Committee, have pledged to continue seeking equivalent tax relief.

As advanced, the property tax package also would ratchet up the size of Nebraska's long-standing property tax credit program, which uses state money to offset a portion of property owners' bills.

The bill would gradually increase the program from \$313 million this year to \$560 million by tax year 2029, after which the credit program would grow by the same percentage as the assessed valuation of property statewide. In addition, the package would limit the growth of school revenues to 3%, with some exceptions, with the goal of forcing schools to reduce property taxes when they get more state aid.

Finally, LB243 would end community colleges' ability to levy property taxes, except for building needs, starting in 2024. The bill would replace those tax revenues with state aid. State aid to the colleges would increase by 3.5% annually, with additional money available based on enrollment growth.

Community colleges could levy property taxes to fill the gap if the state does not meet its funding obligations.

In an opinion piece in the Nebraska Examiner, Platte Institute CEO Jim Vokal of Omaha says, "A more competitive income tax code is a top priority for Nebraska, as it is for other states. In fact, a genuine state tax revolution has unfolded over the last three years, with a majority of states using surplus revenues to reduce income tax burdens on families and businesses."

"Income tax reforms continue to sweep across the Great Plains states in 2023. North Dakota is eyeing full income tax repeal, Oklahoma and Kansas are advancing legislation for lower, flatter income

taxes and Missouri is advancing a bill to accelerate individual income tax cuts and slash its corporate rate from 4% to 2%. Iowa, which is already bringing its income tax rate down from 8.53% to 3.9%, is now considering a phase-out of its income tax over the remainder of Gov. Kim Reynolds' second term.

"Income tax reform is mission-critical for states that want to remain competitive in the post-pandemic world. Workers and businesses have vastly more opportunities for remote work and will increasingly build their homes and businesses in tax-friendly jurisdictions that provide high-quality government services."

Furthermore, new changes to the federal tax code cap the federal deductibility of state and local taxes paid. This effectively increases the incentive for higher-earning families to relocate to lower-tax, lower-cost states," Vokal said. Meanwhile, the Lincoln-based OpenSky Policy Institute says it has worked with the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a nonpartisan think tank, to analyze the proposals.

The preliminary conclusion from ITEP and Open Sky was that the initiatives might force the state to tap into its cash reserves, a "rainy day" fund intended for one-time expenditures during tough times, not funding long-term commitments.

"To ensure our state's future fiscal health, it will be important for policymakers this session to prudently use the projected \$1.9 billion on proven initiatives that empower hardworking Nebraskans to support their families and their communities," the think tank said in a news release.

OpenSky maintains the state's glut of funds was, in large part, caused by the influx of billions of dollars of federal funds to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. So much for the "flush coffers," let alone sustainability.

What to do? What to do?

In a session that will see very few important issues passed and signed into law, call, text, write or e-mail your senator and let them know what you think. If they listen to you, something might change for the better.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

Victory at last!

Last week, the U.S. Senate passed my resolution protecting truckers and consumers. The legislation would overturn a Biden administration rule that makes emissions standards stricter for heavy-duty vehicles like trucks. This aggressive rule, released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), would force truckers to purchase new, expensive equipment to abide by a radical climate agenda — which would burden our economy as a whole.

The EPA's own economic analysis found that the emissions mandate would result in overwhelming costs, reaching up to \$55 billion from 2027 to 2045. The EPA projects that the technology required to meet this new rule's standards would cost between \$2,586 and \$8,304 per vehicle. Trucking industry groups say it would be far more expensive. Truck manufacturers say the rule would "worsen an already-tight equipment market."

The irony is that the costs of this rule would encourage truckers to hold onto their older, higher-emitting trucks instead of getting new, expensive equipment.

One trucking association put it this way: "If small business truckers can't afford the new, compliant trucks, they're going to stay with older, less efficient trucks, or leave the industry entirely. Once again, EPA has largely ignored the warnings and concerns raised by truckers in this latest rule." This environmental plan wouldn't even work, but the EPA still wants to sacrifice truckers' livelihoods for a political move.

Three million Americans work as commercial truckers, including one in 12 people who work in the trucking industry in Nebraska. Many truckers work for small "mom and pop" businesses that don't have the financial resources to handle a spike in costs.

But it's not just truckers who would be harmed by this rule. Every American consumer would feel the effects of this rule and its price increases. Every agricultural producer and every local business would feel these effects.

During this administration, inflation has hit record highs. Even more inflationary burdens on the trucking industry would mean that any product transported by trucks would cost more — dealing a blow to the millions of consumers whose food, clothing, and other commodities are delivered by truck.

If the Biden administration was allowed to proceed with this rule, consumers would be bulldozed by significant increases in costs. During a period of high inflation and supply chain disruptions, the last thing this country needs is more expensive freight costs and fewer truckers.

That's why I introduced my legislation.

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WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

Imaginations

One thing that brings me great joy is the sound of my kids playing upstairs. Not the sound of electronics, or arguing, but the kind where their imaginations are running wild, and they are completely immersed in a world that they created together. Unfortunately, too many kids together lack this kind of imagination and I think it's important that we encourage them to use it.

Growing up, I used my imagination daily. My sisters were so much older than they were out of the house by the time I was eight. Unless my friends could play, it was up to me to entertain myself. When I became a mom, I tried to pass that on to my own children.

When they were little, I would use construction paper and tinker toys to build a campfire in the game room, we would run around in dress up clothes, and build forts with blankets and clothes pins. We would choose different names and create a whole storyline for whatever game we were playing. Today, they still play this way with each other, and I love it.

The other day, they had backpacks filled with provisions (plastic food from the kitchen set), weapons (that they had made from Legos), and walkie talkies. I could hear the seriousness of the mission they were about to embark on. For hours, they played so well together as the plot unfolded before them. It made me so happy to hear them and watch them be creative with what they had at their disposal.

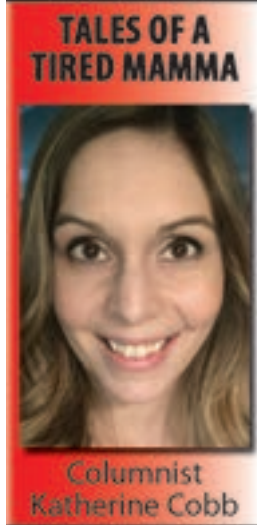
Of course, as soon as electronic time hit, the game ceased. And that's where I think it's important for us as parents to create those opportunities for them to use their imagination. If we jam pack their schedules with things to do, or let them sit on electronics for hours, they won't feel a need to use their imagination. Sometimes being bored can foster the best creativity.

What I've also found useful is giving them easy access to things they can use when "genius" strikes. Having a bucket of Legos or art supplies that don't require parental supervision help.

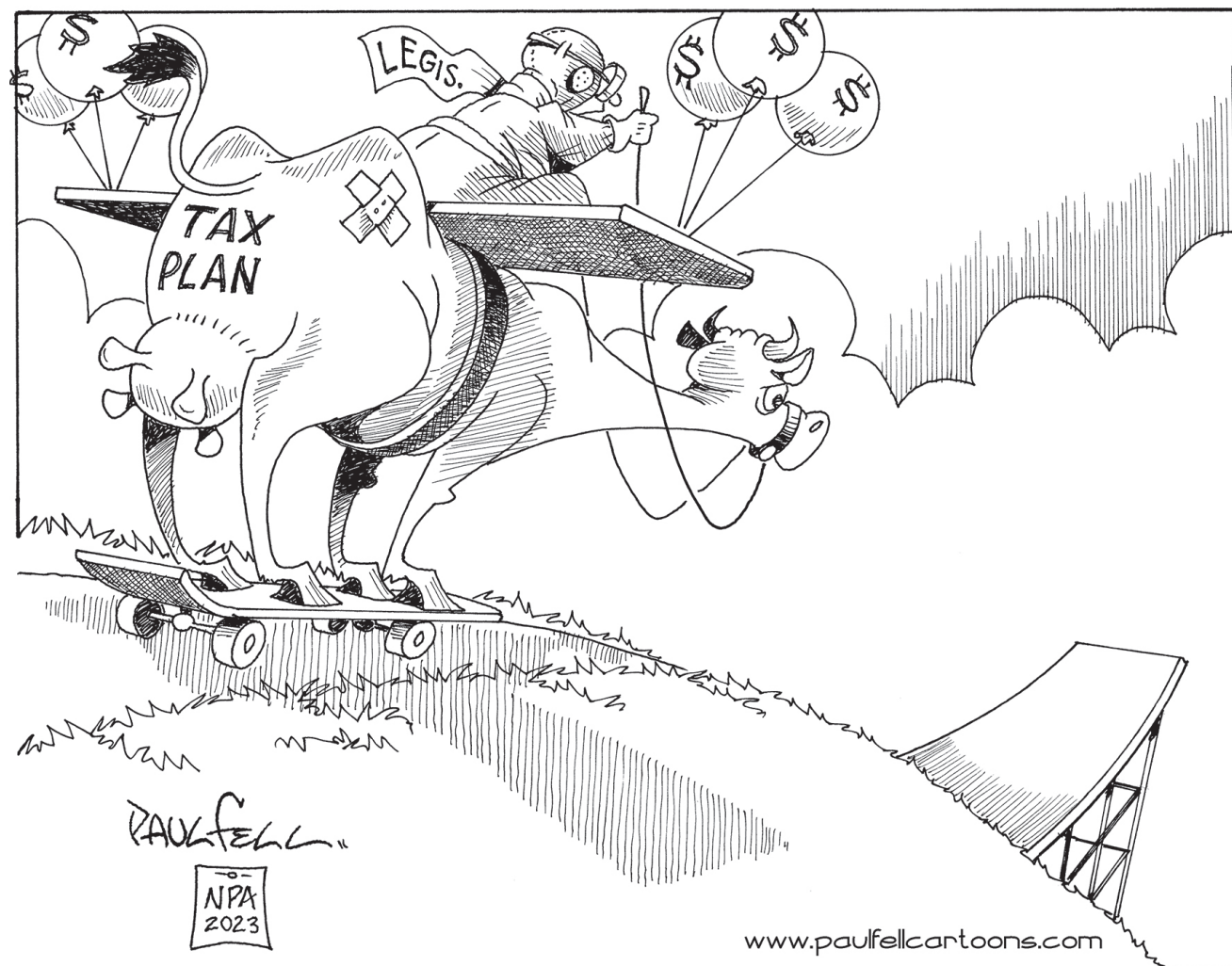
They have paper, pencils, scissors, etc. at their disposal and only must ask if playdoh, glitter, or paint is involved...for obvious reasons.

When I was a new mother, I tried to micro-man-

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Columnist
Katherine Cobb



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Debate on budget, future prison highlight legislator's week in Lincoln

This week saw the Legislature debate the mainline state budget. The latest projections from the Economic Forecasting Board lowered revenue projections for the current fiscal year by \$80 million to \$6.36 billion.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

The adjustment was based on anticipated decreases of \$200 million in individual income, sales, and use tax receipts, offset in part by projected increases of \$120 million in corporate and miscellaneous tax receipts.

Total projected revenue receipts for FY 2023-24, however, were raised by \$25 million and the FY 2024-25 projections were raised by \$55 million. The budget would

set aside money for the Governor's proposed billion-dollar Education Future Fund, \$575 million for a canal to draw more water from Colorado in accordance to the terms of the 1923 South Platte River Compact, and \$366 million for a new prison.

This revenue shortfall combined with allocated spending for these proposals leaves approximately \$715 million left over in available funds for this biennium to devote to tax cuts, increased school aid, and other priorities. However, this amount is about \$100 million less than had been projected to be expended by the two packages of bills that provide for cuts in state income taxes and increases in tax refunds for property taxes paid.

Meanwhile, the projected balance of the Cash Reserve Fund will fall to \$949 million by the end of the biennium.

This figure represents approximately 14.2% of annual state revenues and is sufficient to fully run the state for about 2 months, which gives the state some cushion in case of an economic recession.

The most substantial adjustment to the Cash Reserve Fund was an amendment brought forward by Senator Moser which would prevent the transfer of \$40 million in the Nebraska Universal Service Fund, or NUSF, to the Cash Reserve Fund.

The NUSF is administered by the Public Service Commission to fund projects to make sure that all Nebraskans have equal access to affordable telephone and internet services regardless of where they live.

A common topic of discussion regarded the construction of a new \$366 million prison to replace the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Opponents of the proposal argued that the construction of the prison would not resolve Nebraska's prison overcrowding situation.

They pointed to data last year from an analysis of the state's correctional system conducted by the Crime and Justice Institute and the information provided during the debate on last year's failed effort at criminal justice reform, LB 920.

Opponents argued if the new prison is built,

it will be overcrowded on day one and necessitate the need for an additional correctional facility to be built shortly thereafter.

In my last legislative update, I discussed my desire to have a facility that incorporates up-to-date standards for programming, safety, and security.

While I am hopeful an agreement can be reached with criminal justice, I believe we are at a point where a new prison makes sense given the age of the Nebraska State Penitentiary. A 2022 report by the Nebraska Department of Corrections estimates correcting deficiencies at NSP will cost \$220 million, not accounting for a rise in inflation and long-term damage to facilities by recent water main breaks. Negotiations on criminal justice reform are ongoing with LB 50 and LB 352.

Feel free to call my office anytime at (402) 471-2801 or email me at 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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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 9, 1963
The Elgin High School junior-senior banquet and prom was held Saturday evening in the gymnasium. Using "In Apple Blossom Time" as the theme, the junior class worked valiantly for around a month in preparing gym decorations. Jerry Mundorf was master of ceremonies. A prom and party followed the banquet.
The Elgin Rural Fire Protection District board made payment of \$10,050 on the district's new fire truck. The truck chassis cost the district \$4,000. The new truck was demonstrated at the state fire school at Grand Island the past week.

Advertisements carried in the Review last week had a part in the success of two events held by local business firms. Strad's Drive-In served over 400 free dari-creme cones on the occasion of their opening last Saturday, and Farmers Produce gave away over 1,000 baby checks last Friday on a special feed purchase deal.
Fifty Years Ago
May 10, 1973
Four young ladies, two from Elgin, were killed Saturday night in the near head-on crash of a pickup truck and a car around four miles west of Neligh. Killed outright at the scene of the crash were Mrs. Ralph (Karen) Pelster, 23, of Elgin, Bernelda Pongratz, 21, of O'Neill and Lou Ann

Witman, 21 of Salt Lake City, Utah, and recently of Papillion. The car was driven by Mrs. Pelster and James McKillip, 36, of Neligh was identified as the driver of the pickup. The fourth passenger in the auto was Joyce Dinslage, 20, of Elgin who passed away Sunday afternoon at a Norfolk hospital. McKillip was reported to have suffered lacerations, a broken arm and leg.
Elgin Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5816 Auxiliary held their 13th Mother-Daughter Banquet May 1st in St. Boniface Auditorium with 265 in attendance. This year's theme was "May Flowers" with Mrs. Wayne Currie serving as toastmistress. Mary Bennett gave a tribute to mothers and her mother, Mrs. Leonard Bennett, responded with a tribute to daughters.
Around 45-50 Pope John High School students made a cleanup drive along Highway 14 Tuesday afternoon. Using three pickups they picked up debris along the highway north of Elgin, half way to Neligh and south of town, half way to Petersburg. The three pickups were loaded mainly with beer cans and bottles.
Thirty Years Ago
May 19, 1993
Saturday evening's Elgin Public School commencement services honored 16 seniors and 17 eighth grade graduates. Senior class speakers were Steve Busteed, valedictorian, and Leah Frasch, salutatorian.

Diplomas were presented to 13 graduates at the commencement of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School on Sunday afternoon. Students selected by the senior class to speak on their behalf were Tammy Klabenes and Kelly Schrad.
The Antelope County Sheriff's Department is continuing its investigation of a theft of tools from a farm building east of Elgin during the weekend of May 7 and 8. Deputy Sheriff Darrell Hamilton said various tools and shop-related items were stolen in the burglary of a farm building owned by Jerry Heithoff.
A total of 32 fifth grade students from Elgin Public School and St. Boniface School received their Drug Abuse Resistance Education diplomas in a graduation ceremony last Wednesday, May 12. Two students selected to read their winning D.A.R.E. Essays during the program were Megan Getzfred of St. Boniface and Ben Koziol of Elgin Public.
Twenty Years Ago
April 30, 2003
Kenneth Jochum of Elgin reported the theft, or attempted theft, of anhydrous ammonia from the Central Farmers Cooperative bulk plant east of Elgin last Thursday, May 1. Items left behind have been taken into evidence. The sheriff's office reminded the public that theft of anhydrous ammonia is a

very dangerous activity, and the stolen product is used for making methamphetamine.
Elgin High School students receiving medals at the Northeast Community College Scholastic Contest on April 28 were Megan Bode, Cassie Haddix, Meredith Prater, Mindy Blair, Craig Niewohner, Justin Scholl, Ryan Hemenway, and Rachel Uhrenholdt. A total of 26 Elgin High students participated in the contest.
Several area students will be part of the largest graduating classed in the history of Northeast Community College when they receive degrees and diplomas at the spring commencement ceremonies this Saturday. NECC math instructor Don Moser of Elgin will give the faculty address to the class of 2003. Elgin students receiving degrees and diplomas will include Aaron W. Anderson, Steven R. Eisenmann, Bonnie S. Haddix, Randy L. Nelson, Michael R. Schmitt, Jr. and John T. Stoltz.
Joyce Sullivan has been hired for the position as city library director by the Elgin Library Board. She has been an elementary teacher at Elgin Public School for the past 30 years, and will be retiring from that position at the end of the current school year. She will begin her duties June 1, 2003.

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Approve Agenda. Approved minutes of the April 11th, 2023, Board of Commissioner Meeting, and April 11th, 2023 Board of Equalization Meeting. Correspondence was reviewed.

No Zoning Administrator Report.
Set public hearing date of Road Closing.
Held CUP public hearing for H & T Seed and Technology, LLC. Approved with conditions.
Approved pay application and change order.
Parking lot discussion-no action.
Road Superintendent Report: approved six (6) underground

permits. Approved Grader bids. Heard from NACO regarding 2023-2024 rates.
Meeting Adjourned.
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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings
May 1, 2023
The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.
Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.
Councilmembers present for regular meeting were Mike Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, Leigh Kluthe, and Craig Niewohner.
A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.
The following agenda items were approved:
• April regular meetings minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims with the addition of the claim from Lordemann Insurance for \$6,126.00
GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 104.95; Great Plains Communications, se, 82.87; APPEARA, su, 52.32; The Elgin Review, print, 49.64; Brenda Reikofski, se, 169.00; Dean's Market, su, 43.41; Elgin Public Schools, licenses, 1390.00; Lordemann Insurance, ins, 27525.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 6.58; Northeast NE Economic Development District, dues, 946.44; CORE Development, Inc, dues, 200.00; Google, se, 6.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 198.70; NE UC fund, tax, 46.94; Bank of Elgin, se, 40.00; US Post Office, postage, 8.13; Prudential, retirement, 343.12; American Funds, retirement, 189.46; US Treasury, tax, 3084.68; Payroll, 2505.91
SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2637.37
STREET: ERPPD, se, 944.54; Verizonwireless, su, 75.22; Elgin One Stop, su, 18.67; Hometown Station, fuel, 290.41; Sapp Bros, Inc, su, 36.50; Pollock Redi Mix, su, 9422.52; Corner Service & Tire, se, 25.00; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 120.65; Payroll, 1780.90
WATER: ERPPD, se, 794.29; Great Plains Communications, se, 54.37; Verizonwireless, su, 75.22; NE Health Lab, se, 51.00; NE Rural Water Association, dues, 300.00; Leonard Orlowski, misc, 35.21; The Elgin Review, print, 616.25; US Post Office, postage, 29.90; Payroll, 3561.77
SEWER: ERPPD, se, 939.26; Great Plains Communications, se, 51.28—Midwest Laboratories

Inc, se, 184.62; Sapp Bros, Inc, su, 74.00; GPM Environmental Solutions, LLC, rpr, 448.00; Iowa Pump Works, rpr, 6877.00; The Elgin Review, print, 57.81; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 5.87; Payroll, 1343.43
FIRE:ERPPD, se, 157.50; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.47; APPEARA, su, 52.31; Lordemann Insurance, ins, 12321.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 551.11
POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,700.00; The Elgin Review, print, 120.00
TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 5280.50; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00; The Elgin Review, print, 120.00
POOL: ERPPD, se, 66.79; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 5.93; Black Hills Energy, se, 38.60; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79
PARK: ERPPD, se, 84.58; Elgin One Stop, su, 35.26; Payroll, 437.45
LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 68.62; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.48; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 362.32; Biblionix, su, 800.00; Menards, su, 234.89; Black Hills Energy, se, 135.92; Payroll, 1199.52
YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 33.60; St. Boniface Ball Diamond Association, rent, 3000.00
RESCUE: Asq Promotional Products, su, 152.97; Northeast Community College, training, 2400.00; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 114.01; Quick Med Claims, su, 111.49
• Creative Sites to create a proposal for new playground equipment at the park
• Utilize sales tax to donate \$5,000.00 to the Elgin Community Club to help support their activities for the community
• Elgin Community Club to utilize the Elgin City Park for their end of summer party on August 11th.
• Street closures for the Vetch Day's carnival and parade
• Special designated liquor license for event behind Boomerangs on Friday, June 2nd
• Insurance renewal with the elimination of the drinking fountain under the property policy
• Utilize Elgin City Park for Ministry in the Park on September 16th
• Sign agreement with ACES for the sanitary sewer preliminary engineering report for \$36,500.00
• Devan Breuer, Chad Breuer and Matt Sands to Elgin Fire Department

• Estimate from Bader's Highway & Street for \$13,748.00 for crack sealing
• Fireworks permit from G & J Fireworks
• Friday, May 5th, as a secondary community cleanup day
• Hire Sue Vanis as pool manager; Karin Kinney as assistant manager; Abriel VonBonn, Corbin Kinney, Reese Stuhr, Haley Parks as full-time lifeguards; and Natalie Burenheide, Kayton Zwingman, Kaitey Schumacher, Halle Lueking, Juliana McNally, and Brooke Kinney, when she turns 15, as part-time lifeguards
• Increase the pool manager and assistant manager pay rates \$2.00 per hour
• Eliminate the reimbursement of training for lifeguards and increase pay for full-time and part-time lifeguards \$1.00 per hour to help cover their training costs and cover training costs for managers
• Tentatively set May 29th as the pool opening date with hours to be announced after gathering schedules from lifeguards
• Sign rental agreement with St. Boniface Ball Diamond Association for a rental cost of \$3,000.00
• Estimate from Nelson Tree Service for removal of a maple tree in the park for \$2,500.00, grinding the stump for \$1,000.00 and trimming other trees at the park for \$1,200.00
• Estimate from Nelson Tree Service for removal of the tree in the drainage ditch south of 408 S. 2nd Street for \$2,500.00
• \$200.00 for plants at the park and centennial gardens
The following agenda items were discussed:
• Tabled test well estimate from Sargent Drilling
• Storm sewer line crossing Pine Street on the east side of West Street
• Patching oil for streets
• Sheriff report: 65.52 hours with nine 911 calls in March
• Owners of unlicensed dogs cited after May 10th delinquent date
• Three dumpsters were filled during the community cleanup day on Friday, April 28th.
• Grinding streets that have been built up in front of driveways
• Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023
• Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.
Mayor MIKE SCHMITT
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS
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Notice of Incorporation — Hilltop Sub Shop, Inc.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF HILLTOP SUB SHOP, INC.
Notice is hereby given to the incorporation of Hilltop Sub Shop, Inc.
1. The name of the Corporation is Hilltop Sub Shop, Inc.
2. The Corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act.
3. The number of shares that the Corporation is authorized to issue is 1,000 shares, at a par

value of \$1.00 per share, which may be issued for such payment in and upon such terms as are directed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
4. The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 108 S. E Street, Neligh, Nebraska 68756 and the name of its initial registered agent at that office is Tiffany Soper.
5. The name and street address of the incorporator is Tiffany Soper, 108 S. E Street, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.

6. The Corporation commenced its existence on the 4th day of May, 2023 and its existence shall be perpetual.
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Notice — Elgin Public Schools District 02-0018

PUBLIC NOTICE
On May 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM, a meeting conducted by Elgin Public Schools District 02-0018 will take place at the Superintendent's Office at Elgin Public Schools. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools which are within the Elgin Public School district for the 2023-2024 school year. If the district has carryover funds that were not expended in 2022-2023, the use of these funds will also be discussed. Parents of a

homeschooled child or a child attending a nonpublic school within the boundaries of Elgin Public School District 02-0018, are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mr. Mike Brockhaus, Superintendent at 402-843-2455.
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Cobb

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age everything, mostly out of fear of crayons on the walls and what not. And for those with small children, you still must manage the art supplies to a certain degree.
As they got older and became more trustworthy, I became much laxer on what was or was not within reach.
Another thing that worked for us was setting specific times for electronics. At first, we had designated three times throughout the day. However, we noticed that they would just sit around bored waiting for the next electronic period. Once we put a six-hour gap

between, they were much more apt to just play and not focus so much on when they could get back to their video games.
I also think playing with them and showing them how to use their imagination is important. I know that doesn't come naturally to everyone, but just playing Legos or Barbies with them can help.

Fischer
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tion to overturn the administration's regulation, and that's why I'm proud that it passed the Senate. The Biden administration is yet again trying

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to push through a rule that sounds nice but has wide-ranging negative implications for real Americans. My resolution will stop this rule in its tracks.

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Bartlett News

By Sherry Tetschner
Wheeler Central 6th grade student Casey Freouf, son of Adam and Christy Freouf, participated in the Nate Metschke Memorial 5th and 6th Grade Honor Band held on Saturday, April 29 and hosted by Neligh-Oakdale Schools.

Participating schools were Arcadia, Battle Creek, Boyd County, Burwell, Chambers, Creighton, Elgin, Elkhorn Valley, Keya Paha County, Columbus Lakeview, Loup City, Neligh-Oakdale, O'Neill, Osmond, Palmer, Plainview, Rock County, Schuyler, St. Boniface, Stuart, Summerland,

Twin Loup, West Holt and Wheeler Central.

Dr. Josh Calkin, 'Director of Bands,' at Wayne State College directed the fifth grade honor band. Bradley Weber 'Percussion and Drumline,' instructor at Wayne State College directed the honor band percussion ensemble.

Michael Genslinger, who has taught in Florida public schools since 2011 and was most recently the band director at Umatilla High School in Umatilla, Florida, directed the 6th grade honor band.

Fifth and 6th grade students practiced musical selections approximately six hours during the day with breaks and lunch in between.

Practice began around 10 a.m. and ended shortly before the 4:30 p.m. concert.

Fifth grade concert pieces were: *Dragons in the Mist*, *Peace Like a River*, *Rise of the Bladesmith and Surfin' USA*. The percussion ensemble selections were: *The Bucket Team*, *Look, Mom! One Stick*, *N-O Bucket Ensemble* dedicated to the late Nate Metschke, *Retrograde Waltz and Spain*. Sixth grade pieces were: *A Song for Friends*, *The Distant Castle*, *Quest for the Mountain Top* and *T-Rex*.

The concert was well attended. Among those attending specifically for Casey Freouf were Adam and Cort Freouf, Jean and Steve Niemeyer, Keith Baird and Terry and LaDene Madson.

Wheeler Central Graduation was held Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. Graduating were Ty Growcock, Benton Harrison, Nicholas Keber, Brady Renner and Ethan Schoenenberger.

Wheeler Central band students, under the direction of Sherry Tetschner performed the graduation march '*Pomp and Circumstance*.' These students were Haley Borwege, JaiLynn Harrison, Daniel Kluger Jr., Aidan Maddux, Makayla McCain and Franklin Schmidt. A chorus of Wheeler Central girls sang the country song '*Humble and Kind*.' These students were JaiLynn Harrison, Olivia Heinz, Makayla McCain, Sierra Plugge, Hadley Pokorny and Paige Schlenger.

Congratulations graduates!

Casey Freouf

Court News

Jury trial set for Norfolk man accused of assault

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter
Jury trial set for Norfolk man accused of assault
Doug E. Lewis, 57, of Norfolk appeared in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on May 3 for pretrial hearing, alongside his attorney Ron Temple of Norfolk. Lewis is charged with Count I, third-degree assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Count II, disturbing the peace, a Class 3 misdemeanor, both alleged Aug. 21, 2022, in Tilden. Temple requested a trial date be set, although he said the case may still be resolved. Jury selection and trial are set June 2.

Gaylen L. Dredge, 60, of Neligh faced Taylor, accused of driving during revocation,

Orchard resident working to make dangerous building 'pretty'

By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter
Jennifer L. Trease, 54, of Orchard faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on May 3, to be sentenced for maintaining a dangerous building, in violation of an Orchard village ordinance.

Village attorney Joe McNally told the judge he had recently driven by the property and didn't see much progress. Trease said she was working on it and explained work that had been accomplished.

Taylor fined Trease \$100 and assessed costs of \$50 for the November 2022 violation. The judge told Trease that she needed to continue to work to bring the property into compliance.

"There were complaints by your neighbors. Mr. McNally doesn't drive through town looking for (violations)," she said.

"I'm working to make it pretty," Trease responded.

Geoffrey A. Carr, 23, of

a Class 2 misdemeanor alleged March 20. Dredge waived his right to counsel and pleaded guilty. However, after some discussion, Taylor allowed him to withdraw the plea and continued the case to allow him time to obtain his license. Further arraignment is set June 6.

Dredge was cited by a Nebraska State Patrol officer March 20 east of Brunswick on Highway 20.

Robbie Evans, 43, of Elgin appeared for arraignment on two misdemeanor counts of violating Elgin's public nuisance ordinance. Elgin city attorney Luke Henderson was not present but one of his partners, Frederick Bartell, who was in the courthouse as

counsel for a client in another case, agreed to handle prosecution duties on Henderson's behalf. Evans waived his right to counsel and pleaded guilty to both counts.

However, after further discussion, Bartell agreed to dismiss one count. Evans said he understood that used tires stored on a lot near his Elgin business are unsightly but he can only get rid of them at certain times which makes it an ongoing problem. Evans also told Taylor a fence would be an expensive option at this time. He said both counts, one for a March 9 violation and one for a March 22 violation, were for the same tires.

Taylor set sentencing for July 5.

sel and pleaded guilty. Taylor fined her \$100 and assessed \$50 costs. Crabtree was cited April 3, by a Nebraska State Patrol officer conducting a compliance check, for selling cigarettes to a minor at JB Mart in Tilden.

Rochelle L. McElhaney, 56, of Royal also waived her right to counsel and pleaded guilty to selling tobacco to a minor. She was fined \$100 and assessed \$50 costs. McElhaney was cited by an NSP officer who was conducting a compliance check April 11. She was charged with selling tobacco to a minor at the Royal One Stop, which she owns with her husband.

Three defendants pleaded guilty by waiver for fishing without permits. They were cited near Grove Lake by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission officers.

Christopher M. Liberti, 40, of Fremont was fined \$100 and taxed \$49 costs for fishing without a permit March 12 at the lake.

Asher L Biggs, 23, of Toronto, South Dakota, was fined \$100 and assessed \$49 costs for fishing without a permit April 29 near the lake's south campground.

Devan M. Nel, 23, of Toronto, was fined \$100 and assessed \$49 costs for fishing without a permit April 29 near the lake's south campground.

Christopher A. Palmer, 28, of Lincoln pleaded guilty, by waiver, to a Class 2 misdemeanor, no proof of financial responsibility.

He was fined \$100 and assessed \$49 costs. Palmer was cited March 15 by an Antelope County deputy near the intersection of 534 Avenue and 848 Road.

Warrants issued for truant defendants
By Sandy Schroth
Court reporter
The Honorable Donna Taylor signed a bench warrant May 3 for the arrest of Ronald E. Murray, 59, of Norfolk, with bond set at \$1,500, 10% cash. Murray failed to appear in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh for a hearing April 19.

A previous warrant for Murray's arrest, issued Aug. 17, 2022, after he failed to appear June 15, 2022, was served April 7 by a Madison County sheriff's officer and Murray posted a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond April 11.

Murray was cited May 5, 2022, by an Antelope County deputy, in Oakdale, for three counts, no proof of financial responsibility, no registration and no operator's license.

Other warrants were recently issued by Taylor, after affidavits and motions were filed by the county attorney, on the following defendants who failed to appear for recent hearings:

- Trey M. Williams, also known as Trey M Williams, 21, of Brookings, South Dakota, charged with minor in possession of alcohol, alleged a few weeks prior to his 21st birthday; bond set at \$1,500, 10%; cited by Nebraska State Patrol trooper east of Brunswick on Highway 20;
- Michael R. Pulis, 46, of Atkinson has three charges, no proof of financial responsibility, operating unregistered vehicle and careless driving; bond set at \$1,500, 10%; cited Dec. 21, 2022, by Antelope County deputy following a traffic accident near the intersection of Highway 275 and 513 Avenue;
- William Hamernik, 83, of Omaha, charged with no proof of financial responsibility and operating an unregistered vehicle; bond set at \$1,500, personal recognizance; cited Nov. 24, 2022, by NSP officer between Clearwater and Ewing on Highway 275;
- Clifton J. Coleman, 28, of Porcupine, South Dakota, charged with possession of open alcohol container; bond set at \$1,500, PR; cited by NSP trooper Nov. 23, 2022, west of Clearwater on Highway 275; and
- Gilda Perez, 46, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, charged with driving during revocation/impound and speeding; bond set at \$1,500, PR; arrested Dec. 27, 2022, by NSP trooper north of Neligh on Highway 14.

Community Center Menus

Elgin Community Center meals next week are:
Monday, May 15: Goulash, green beans, lettuce salad, garlic stick, mandarin oranges, milk.
Tuesday, May 16: Ham & noodle bake, carrots & peas, lettuce salad, cinnamon apples, milk.
Wednesday, May 17: (Evening meal) Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, apple cake, milk.
Thursday, May 18: French toast bake, scrambled eggs, hash browns, mixed berries, milk.
Friday, May 19: Hamburgers, French fries, baked beans, pineapple, milk.
(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change)

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CHEMIGATION RENEWAL DEADLINE

June 1, 2023!

The deadline for renewal chemigation applications is June 1! Anyone wishing to run fertilizer/chemicals through their center pivot irrigation system will need to submit an application for chemigation to the Natural Resources District. Renewal plications will cost \$20; New applications will cost \$40 per site and must be approved by NRD personnel before any chemigation activity; and, Emergency applications will cost \$100. Chemigation forms are available at the Upper Elkhorn NRD office and NRCS Office in Neligh or online at www.uenrd.org. Online forms may be filled out online, printed and returned to the NRD office with the appropriate fee. Remember, it is the responsibility of each chemigator to maintain and permit each chemigation site on an annual basis.

For further information or questions, please contact the Upper Elkhorn NRD, (402) 336-3867.

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According to Jeanie Juracek, volunteers will be on hand to assist with loading the product into cars, parking and collecting the necessary information from you.

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National Day of Prayer observed in Neligh

Some local pastors and many area residents attended the National Day of Prayer event which was held on the Antelope County Courthouse lawn, May 5. Repentance for not being a “watchman”, as well as prayers for our families, our schools and our local, state and national leaders were spoken. *Photo and caption submitted*

Judge’s merits awarded to local students

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 16 area schools was recently on display in Elgin as part of this year’s Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

Earning Judge’s Merits were:

Elgin Public Schools
Myles Kittleson: “Kara Mass,” Pencil (High School)
Evin Pelster: “Personal Mandala,” Multicultural (Junior High)
Baylee Chessmore: “A Night in Bear Country,” Collage/Assemblage (Junior High)
Libby Evans: “Manta Ray Cove,” Collage/Assemblage (Junior High)
Elgin Public Schools 8th Grade Class: “Op Art,” Colored Drawing
PJCC
Camry Kittelson – Sculpture – Donuts (High School)
Elizabeth Moser – Black/White – Still Life (Junior High)
Elizabeth Moser – Black/White – Rooster (Junior High)
Elizabeth Moser – Mixed Media – Turtle (Junior High)

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After heat, Nebraska’s parole board now showing up for hearings

By Yanqi Xu
Flatwater Free Press

Something “interesting” happened, says Sen. Terrell McKinney, after the public and state lawmakers learned that members of Nebraska’s parole board rarely showed up together for parole hearings.

The board members started showing up for more hearings. This year, the board’s five members have appeared together at hearings twice as often as they did in 2021,

according to a Flatwater Free Press analysis.

Attendance spiked in spring 2022. That came after a *Flatwater Free Press* story showing that, in the three previous years, the board had recorded votes from all five members at only 37% of hearings.

Attendance spiked again this year after McKinney introduced a bill to curtail how often a parole board member can miss a vote.

In the two months after that

bill’s introduction, 63% of parole candidates had their cases heard by the full board. The parole board decides whether to allow eligible incarcerated Nebraskans to serve the remainder of their sentences outside prison, and sets parole terms.

Parole officials said there’s no connection between increased attendance, the bill and the previous story. They cited COVID-19 and board chair Rosalyn Cotton’s sick leave as reasons for past spotty attendance.

“I actually think that the data set you’re looking at is more the anomaly instead of the pattern,” said Nicole Miller, the board’s legal counsel. “Honestly, 2023 is probably more representative.”

McKinney, an Omaha Democrat, had a one-word response when shown the improved attendance: “Interesting.” Board member attendance does matter, an analysis of the past five years shows.

When all five members were present and voting in those five years, the board granted parole 62% of the time. When three or four members were present, the board granted parole in 55% of cases.

This persistent gap could have kept nearly 200 parole-eligible prisoners behind bars longer between 2018 and 2021, costing the state hundreds of thousands of dollars, the analysis showed.

And that gap persisted into 2023, as the state continues to grapple with prison overcrowding and plans to build a new \$350 million prison. “We have to figure out a system to make it work,” McKinney said. “And it’s not helpful that the

parole board hasn’t been doing the best of their abilities as far as ... their jobs in a sense.”

Board members said they try hard to attend hearings and always make the three-member quorum needed for a hearing to proceed.

Cotton said she was on medical leave at various points in 2021 and 2022. She missed the most hearings of any board member during the five-year period.

“There is no problem with our hearings. ... I don’t need to tell the world that I’m out on medical as long as we have a quorum,” she said.

Board members also said that their absence from a hearing shouldn’t be interpreted as them not doing work.

An example: Last month, Cotton and board member Mark Langan were conducting parole reviews in York, while the rest of the board started hearings in Lincoln, Langan said. Then they rushed to Lincoln to attend the rest of the day’s hearings.

Langan, a former Omaha police detective, said he was confident in his own attendance, which has long been the best on the board. He missed 12.7% of the hearing days between 2019, when he was appointed, and when the FFP story published March 2022. He has missed only 5.5% of hearing days since March 2022.

He cited the waning of COVID-19 as the reason for the improvement.

“In a perfect world, I’d like to have five (board members at hearings) just because of those stats that you showed there,” said Langan.

“But it’s not always possible.”

Medicaid renewals again required

Medicaid renewals are now open for eligible residents in Nebraska. During the COVID pandemic, renewals were not required. However, they are once again needed to continue coverage.

Current beneficiaries must complete an annual renewal form and provide updated information on their household income, family size, and other eligibility requirements. Failure to renew coverage could result in loss of benefits. Medicaid members should watch their mail for essential updates from DHHS.

“We encourage all current Medicaid beneficiaries to renew their coverage as soon as possible to avoid any interruption in their healthcare services,” said Rita Liss, Vice President of Financial Services at Boone County Health Center.

Medicaid is a federally funded program that provides health coverage for low-income individuals and families and limited resources. Medicaid covers over 240,000 people in Nebraska, including children, pregnant women, and adults with disabilities.

To check renewal dates and update contact information, Medicaid members can visit ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call DHHS toll-free at 1-855-632-7633.



St. Boniface students excel in ad design

The Norfolk Daily News held their annual Design-An-Ad competition recently. St. Boniface Elementary had 17 ads within the section with two students winning 2nd place honors: 3rd grader Elise Hoefer and 4th grader Jacob Niewohner. Elise designed an ad for Dean’s Market and Jacob designed an ad for Niewohner Farms. Both students received a \$50 check for 2nd place finishes! *Photo submitted*

Awards

From Page Three

Excellence in American Government- Baylee Busteed
Excellence in American History I- Danyka Smidt
Excellence in Sociology- Shayd Rokahr
Excellence in World Geography- Jaydalynn Chessmore

Yearbook
Outstanding Advertiser: Jamie Dozler
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Music
Band Letter Winners: Austin Good, William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle, Corbin Kinney, Kristopher Moreno, Isabella Smidt, Jackson Wemhoff, Keyera Eisenhauer, Brian Heithoff, Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Callie Heithoff and Emma Kinney
Choir Letter Winners: David Durre, Austin Good, Ethan Hinkle, Corbin Kinney, Kristo-

pher Moreno, Isabella Smidt, Jackson Wemhoff, Baylee Busteed, Brian Heithoff, Brenna Martinsen, Steven Nelson, Taylor Beckman, Samantha Durre

Emma Kinney, Jaidyn Schrad, Kyndal Busteed and Kayton Zwingman

John Philip Souza Band Award - Austin Good

National School Choral Award - Jackson Wemhoff

Outstanding Senior High Musician - Austin Good

Outstanding Junior High Band Member - Baylee Chessmore and Sadie Thiessen

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First, clean off any equipment that was put away dirty. A leaf blower or compressed air hose works well here. Check out implement tires to ensure proper pressure and no flats. Check shielding on all equipment and make sure other safety components like lights and reflectors are functioning. Having safety equipment like a fire extinguisher on hand is a good practice to get into. If you do have one, make sure it's charged/filled and ready for use.

Inspect, lubricate, and service all power-driven areas such as belts, bearings, chains, and gears. Set tension on belts and chains. Check oil levels in gearboxes. Check hydraulic

hoses for cracks and change filters. For sicklebar headers, check, sharpen, or replace cutterbar sections and adjust wear plates, hold-down clips, and guards. Make sure your cutterbar has proper knife register. On disc mowers, replace knives and rotate or replace worn turtles over the knives.

Conditioning rollers often are overlooked. Look for uneven wear and adjust the roll gap, roll timing, and roll pressure for your crop.

On round balers, inspect belts, chains, and slats or rollers frequently for wear. Bailers that use net rap should have the rubber rollers that feed wrap inspected

to ensure there are no cuts or rough areas where wrap could snag. Trim frayed edges and repair belts as needed to maintain uniform tension. When not in use, keep belts clean and release belt tension.

Ensure your PTO shaft won't cause issues during the season by removing all

shielding and checking for wear then greasing before putting everything back together.

Check plunger knife clearance and plunger alignment on square balers. Inspect the tying mechanism and adjust as needed.

Pick-up teeth on balers and on rakes frequently are broken or bent. Replace defective teeth and adjust height if necessary. Cam-type pickups should have the cam roller bearing checked.

For rakes, and tedders take some time to replace damaged tines and set pick-up heights.

Also, be sure you have replacement parts on hand for frequently broken or replaced items. And most important of all, review your owner's manual to identify recommended maintenance procedures and proper settings.

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

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IZ church serves many at annual Salad Supper

Bounteous salads and delectable cupcakes and chocolate-covered strawberries welcomed more than 120 guests at the 21st annual salad supper at Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, rural Albion, last Wednesday evening. Sharon Taake (center), Tilden, president of the church's women's group, is joined by members Eileen Simonsen (left), Oakdale, and Lynn Bygland (right) Albion, who, along with others, organized the event. Following supper in the social hall, the sanctuary was packed for a travel presentation on the Galápagos Islands of Ecuador by IZ members Rick and Jane Schuchardt, Elgin. The no-charge evening is designed to celebrate the contributions of women to thriving area communities. IZ is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) at 1726 319th Avenue, rural Albion. Like us on Facebook @Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, call 402-395-2261 or check the web at myizchurch.com. All are welcome. *Photo submitted*



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EPPJ track team battles injuries at Humphrey

HUMPHREY — In their final tuneup before districts, the Wolfpack track team were less than full strength Wednesday.

Competing at Humphrey, Blake Henn did not compete in his specialty, the shot put due to a shoulder injury. Myles Kittelson only competed in the 400 meter relay due to a muscle strain, according to Coach Sandi Henn. She said the boys relay again broke their school record in the 400 relay with a third place finish.

On the girls side, freshman Kayton Zwingman finished second in the 400 meter dash.

Clarkson/Leigh won the girls team title with 142 points followed by Elkhorn Valley 137.5, Humphrey St. Francis, 105, Riverside 98, Central Valley 69.5, HLHF, 37, Howells-Dodge 36, EPPJ 29 and LHNE 6.

On the boys side, Elkhorn Valley won with 134.5 points followed by Riverside 129, Howells-Dodge 115.5, Central Valley 82, Humphrey St. Francis 66, HLHF 50, EPPJ 40, Clarkson/Leigh 27, LHNE 15, CV-B 3 and HLHF-B 1.

Individual results were:

Girls
100 meter dash — Ali Brandl, HLHF, 13.52 seconds; 8. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 14.14
200 meter dash — 1. Korbee Wendt, Clarkson/Leigh, 27.62 seconds; 5. Ashlynn Charf, EPPJ, 28.94

400 meter dash — 1. Blair Fail, Howells-Dodge, 1:03.95; 2. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 1:04.44

800 meter run — 1. Hannah Baumgart, HSF, 2:32.27; 5. Kaitey Schumacher, EPPJ, 2:42.15

1600 meter run — 1. Hannah Baumgart, HSF, 6:10.77

3200 meter run — 1. Joslynn Larson, Elkhorn Valley, 13:25.86

100 meter hurdles — 1. Chloe Hanel, Clarkson/Leigh, 15.72 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Chloe Hanel, Clarkson/Leigh, 48.31 seconds; 6. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 54.23

400 meter relay — 1. Clarkson/Leigh, 51.45 seconds; 6. EPPJ (Ashlynn Charf, Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Kayton Zwingman), 55.19

1600 meter relay — 1. Central Valley, 4:21.80; 6. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhr, Jovie Vaisvilas), 4:42.48

3200 meter relay — 1. Humphrey St. Francis, 10:34.70; 7. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Baylee Busteed, Kaitey Schumacher, Jovie Vaisvilas), 11:56.02

High jump — 1. Chloe Hanel, Clarkson/Leigh, 5'3"

Pole vault — 1. Anneka Furstenau, Elkhorn Valley, 8'6"

Long jump — 1. Mackenzie Mutum, Elkhorn Valley, 15'4.75"

Triple jump — 1. Brynn Settje, Clarkson/Leigh, 33'10"

Discus — 1. Sophie Dvorak, Howells-Dodge, 106'10"; 8. Chloe Henn, EPPJ, 87'10"

Shot put — 1. Sophie Dvorak, Howells-Dodge, 35'7"

Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Carson Bloom, Riverside, 11.45 seconds; 4. Camryn Pelster, EPPJ, 11.90

200 meter dash — 1. Carson Bloom, Riverside, 22.77 seconds; 4. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 24.79

400 meter dash — 1. Randal Gronenthal, HLHF, 52.50 seconds

800 meter run — 1. Brendan Ollendick, Elkhorn Valley, 2:05.74; 5. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 2:17.80

1600 meter run — 1. Garret Zach, HSF, 4:59.80; 4. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:18.43

3200 meter run — 1. Gage Stutzman, Howells-Dodge, 10:52.64 110 meter hurdles — 1. Lance Brester, Howells-Dodge, 15.94 seconds; 5. Corbin Kinney, EPPJ, 17.73 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Carter Werner, Elkhorn Valley, 41.66 seconds

400 meter relay — 1. Riverside, 44.59 seconds; 3. EPPJ (Corbin Kinney, Myles Kittelson, Dylan Lueking, Camryn Pelster), 46.86

1600 meter relay — 1.



Wolfpack junior Dylan Lueking had a big day competing in field events at Humphrey. He finished sixth in the shot put and eighth in the discus. *File photo*



Sophomore Chloe Henn finished eighth in the discus at Humphrey. *File photo*

Wolfpack golfers bring home hardware from Niobrara Borer, Good earn medals

NIOBRARA — It was a perfect day for golf.

The Wolfpack golf team found conditions to their liking Wednesday, May 3, when they competed at the Niobrara-Verdigre Invite. Temperatures were in the 70s and there was only a light breeze.

It was a far cry from some of the tournaments earlier in the season where golfers battled wind and cold as much as the course.

Boyd County's Timothy Atkinson turned in the round of the day, shooting an 18-hole score of 72 to win medalist honors, six strokes better than second place William Jesse of CWC who finished in a tie with Chase Furstenau of Neligh-Oakdale as both golfers shot 78.

Wolfpack medalists were Linus Borer, seventh with an (44-40) 84; and Austin Good, 11th with an (44-42) 86.

Other Wolfpack scores were Paiton Hoefer (44-47) 91, Kellan Hoefer (48-44) 92 and Ethan Hinklke (53-49) 102.

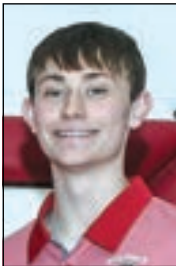
Neligh-Oakdale won the team title with a score of 341, 12 strokes better than EPPJ who finished second at 353. Third went to Boyd County, also at 353, followed by Niobrara-Verdigre 371, Bloomfield 373, Stuart 383, Summerland 386, Wausa 399 and Crofton 413.

CWC and Osmond did not compete qualify for the final team standings.

Two Wolfpack JV golfers competed as well. Cale Kinney shot a (44-50) 94 while Carter Beckman carded a (52-58) 110.



Linus Borer



Austin Good



Senior Paiton Hoefer and his teammates placed second at the Niobrara Invite last week. *File photo*



EPPJ Wolfpack end-of-the- season awards

Varsity letter winners were (front row, l-r): Karson Kallhoff, Austin Good, Paiton Hoefer, Camryn Pelster, Jack Wemhoff and Corbin Kinney. Back row: Myles Kittelson, Blake Henn, Dylan Lueking, Nick Anderson, Jarek Erickson, Ethan Hinkle and Gage Thiessen. *Photos submitted*



Varsity MVPs were (l-r): Blake Henn (Defense), Paiton Hoefer (Offense) shown with Camryn Pelster (Teammate of the Year).



Earning recognition as MVPs on the junior varsity team were Dylan Kolm (Defense) and Karson Kallhoff (Offense).

Diploma Day is finally here

So it has begun, the final countdown for our high school seniors as D-Day (Diploma Day) is almost here.

What began in the dog days of August will now end with Spring having arrived.

For our seniors, a chapter is about to close on their lives and a new one to begin. It's altogether fitting as life has changed from toddlers with toys to stepping into a new dawn full of dreams and goals to achieve.

Every year at this time, I look back with fondness on the school year that has passed. Ups and downs have brought us here.

There was the promise of glory on the gridiron. After the 2022 season, I and many of you thought the best was yet to come. Then came that fateful trip to Ainsworth in late September when season-ending injuries dashed those dreams, weeks later it would crash to the ground on an Indian Summer night at Twin Valley.

We rode a wave of excitement in volleyball season. More highs than lows here for sure, only to see the season come to an end against SEM on the road.

There was the sustained excellence on the wrestling mat by Carter Beckman, the rise of Samuel Hemenway. Wrestling, these guys showed, is more than strength, it's technique and skill all wrapped up in sweat and discipline.

The boys basketball team were, in my estimation, snake bit. As first-year coach Matt Euse would say at the end of the season, the team just couldn't catch a break when they needed one. Big wins, surprising losses and a game at Summerland that won't be forgotten anytime soon.

An individual highlight was senior Paiton Hoefer eclipsing the 1,000 point career mark at Wausa. A large number of family and friends were there to celebrate the moment. That's just one of many family moments not to be forgotten.

For the second time in Wolfpack history, the girls basketball team's dream of a trip to Lincoln came true. A one-and-done showing in the Star City can't diminish the highs coaches, players and fans enjoyed. The biggest 'high' came when EPPJ won over Maywood-Hayes Center in the district final. The lockerroom celebration was fantastic, but even better was watching junior Keyera Eisenhower run the length of the court after the final buzzer to jump into coach/father Randy Eisenhower's arms. Sports are made for moments like this.

The final acts of the track and golf seasons have yet to play out.

For the golfers, I learned last week that one of Linus Borer's goals, before graduating, was to medal in a golf tournament. He did that at the NVC Tournament where the team placed second, then did it again last week at Niobrara. Another goal achieved.

I've spent many a night walking up and down the sidelines or in school gymnasiums. I've ate my fair share of hot dogs, smelled enough burnt popcorn to last a lifetime and learned the joy of feasting on chicken wraps in between games.

Enough about me. Lynell and I wish the best to all our graduates. When you walk across the stage to receive your diploma, you have been given an education that many in this world will never receive.

Use that knowledge wisely in the years ahead. And, when you fail, learn from your mistakes and strive on.

SPINNING TALES

Dennis Morgan
Publisher

EPPJ golfers finish 2nd at Highway 20 Invite
Paiton Hoefer cards 75 to claim medalist honors

Two strokes is all that separated the top two golf teams Monday at the Highway 20 Boys Golf Tournament. Stuart claimed the team championship, shooting a 356. Finishing seconds were the Wolfpack. EPPJ golfers turned in a team score of 358.

Leading the way was senior Paiton Hoefer who topped the field with an 18-hole score of 75. Finishing one stroke behind was Schuyler Muslin with a 76.

Hoefer was one of two EPPJ golfers who medaled at the tournament. Senior Austin Good finished 10th with a score of 88.

Three other Wolfpack golfers competed for the varsity. Linus Borer shot a 96, Ethan Hinkle came in with a 99 as did Kellan Hoefer.

Competing as a member of the junior varsity, senior Cale Kinney finished with a 98.

Other team scores were Neligh-Oakdale 360, Niobrara-Verdigre 373, Valentine 382, North Central 388, Boyd County 389, Anselmo-Merna 392, Ainsworth 401, Summerland 403 and O'Neill 438.

Track

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Elkhorn Valley, 3:36.20

3200 meter relay — 1. Elkhorn Valley, 8:49.13; 6. EPPJ (Nick Anderson, Grady Drueke, Kaiden Bode, Landyn Veik), 10:07.67

High jump — 1. Carter Werner, Elkhorn Valley, 6'1"

Pole vault — 1. Izek Leslie, Riverside, 12'6"

Long jump — 1. Carson Bloom, Riverside, 21'5"

Triple jump — 1. Klayton Kleffner, Riverside, 40'11"

Discus — 1. Nathan Hegemony, Howells-Dodge, 139'4"; 6. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 115'; 8. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 111'

Shot put — 1. Justin Bayer, Howells-Dodge, 50'0.5"; 6. Dylon Lueking, EPPJ, 39'5"

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May 11	PJCC Awards Day, ½ day for Seniors
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May 15	EPS preschool graduation (6:30) & Kindergarten graduation (7:30)
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Now alumni of Wheeler Central High School, l-r: Benton Harrison, Brady Renner, Nick Keber, Ethan Schoenenberger and Ty Growcock. E-R photo/LMorgan



Photos left and counter-clockwise: The choir, Salutatorian Nick Keber receiving his medal, Valedictorian Brady Renner receiving his medal; and the five graduates look over their diplomas at the end of the ceremony. E-R photos/DMorgan

Wheeler Central High School GRADUATION 2023



Five seniors receive diplomas at Wheeler Central Saturday

Saturday will, for five graduating seniors at Wheeler Central High School, be a day etched in their memories for the rest of their lives.

They marched onto the stage as members of the senior class. Then, less than an hour later, they left the stage as the newest members of the Wheeler Central Alumni.

Nick Keber, introduced by Chloe Smith, was recognized as the salutatorian. Then, moments later, Bobbi Guggenmos introduced Brady Renner as class valedictorian.

In taped remarks which accompanied a video highlighting their years at WCHS, both Renner and Keber thanked family members as well as teachers for helping them and their classmates reach graduation day.

Then, towards the end of the program, School Board President Drew Kasselder presented diplomas to Keber, Renner, Ty Growcock, Benton Harrison and Ethan Schoenenberger.

Choir members who performed special music befitting the occasion were Jailynn Harrison, Olivia Heinz, Makayla McCain, Sierra Plugge, Hadley Pokorny and Paige Schlenger.

Band members, who performed, under the direction of Sherry Tetschner, were Haley Borwege, Jailynn Harrison, Daniel Kluver, Jr., Aidan Maddux, Makayla McCain and Franklin Schmitt.

Scholarships were announced by Guidance Counselor Dawn Erickson. They were:

Ty Growcock — Bartlett Lions Club; McCook Community College Rodeo

Benton Harrison — American Red Cross; Southeast Community College Milford AKRS Equipment Apprenticeship Program; Wheeler Central Booster Club; and Wheeler Central FFA Alumni

Brady Renner — Bartlett Lions Club; Cornerstone Bank; Lawrence Goscha Memorial; Oscar Hemenway; McCook Community College Rodeo; Wheeler Central Booster Club; and Wheeler Central FFA Alumni

Ethan Schoenenberger — Northeast Community College Dean's

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Elgin Community Calendar

May

10 District D-4 Track Meet @ Plainview High School.

11 Pope John Awards Program.

12 St. Boniface Pre-School Graduation.

13 Elgin High School Graduation ceremony.

14 Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School Graduation Ceremony.

15 Elgin EMTs meeting • EPS Pre-School/Kindergarten Graduation ceremony.

16 District Golf at Calamus (Burwell).

17 Sue Vanis Retirement Open House @ Elgin Public Schools • Elgin Community Center Evening Meal • Last day of school at EPS (11 a.m. dismissal)

18 Last day of school at PJCC/St. Boniface (11 a.m. dismissal)

19-20 State Track @ Omaha.

21 Diane & Bernard Kluthe 55th Anniversary Open House @ Elgin Community Center.

29 Memorial Day programs at area cemeteries • Opening date (tentative) for Elgin Swimming Pool.

Every Sunday - Youth Group at Elgin Christian Community Church, 6:30 pm

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