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In Brief

City Council approves new additions to EVFD

Brian Thiessen and Austin VanHorn.

The Elgin Volunteer Fire Department continues to grow.

Meeting Monday night, the Elgin City Council unanimously approved the addition of two new members to the department.

Joining the fire department as firefighters are Brian Thiessen and Austin VanHorn.

That was just one of a number of items addressed by the council.

Following discussion, the council set the date for the opening of the Elgin Swimming Pool.

Tentatively, the pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 1. The date is contingent on painting being finished.

Before the meeting ended, the council approved building permits sought by Michael Bartkovak, Shirley Nissen and KNBB Enterprise.

Superintendent's NVC All-Academic team announced

Busted only local repeat honoree

They're smart!
The Superintendent's Niobrara Valley Conference All-Academic Team was announced Monday morning.

To be eligible for inclusion, juniors and seniors must have received a score of 28 or higher on their ACT scores.

Recognized locally were:
Elgin Public Schools — Baylee Busted* (Sr), Emma Kinney and Jaidyn Schrad (Jrs).

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic — Kaitey Schumacher (Jr).
* Denotes repeat honorees

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice — Estate of Raymond L. Crosier
- Notice — Estate of James T. Meyer
- Notice — Estate of Mary Jane Boes
- Notice of Dissolution — Soper Adams LLC
- Notice of Sheriff's Sale (2) — Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore
- Notice to Bidders — Village of Bartlett

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 72 degrees recorded on April 30. The low during the same period was 37 degrees recorded on April 28.

Altogether, 2.02 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
April 28	61	37	.00
April 29	66	42	.00
April 30	72	42	.00
May 1	64	45	1.15
May 2	64	43	.00
May 3	69	40	.87
May 4	60	38	.00
Total for last week			2.02
Total for April			6.74
Total precipitation 2024			11.26



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New Elgin FFA Officers

The 57th annual Elgin FFA Banquet was held Monday night. New officers for the 2024/25 school year were announced. They are (front row, l-r): Kylee Lichtenberg and Taylor Beckman. Middle row, Kyndal Busted, Sara Bode and Callie Heithoff. Back row: Isaac Hemenway, Natalie Burenheide and Gemma Miller. See the story and more pictures on Page Two.

Graduation weekend is here!

Seniors at Elgin Public and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic high schools have been looking forward to this coming weekend for months now.

Graduation exercises will be held Saturday and Sunday at the schools.

Fifteen seniors at Elgin Public School will march across the stage to receive their diplomas during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon, May 11. Pomp and circumstance will begin at 4 p.m. for the seniors at the school.

Valedictorian of the 2024 class will be Baylee Busted. She is the daughter of Steve and Casey Busted.

Earning the distinction of class salutatorian is Keyera Eisenhauer. She is the daughter of Randy and Krista Eisenhauer.

Other members of the senior class are Nick Anderson, Brian Heithoff, Samuel Hemenway, Blake Henn, Myles Kittelson, Dylon Lueking, Brenna Martinsen, Steven Nelson, Dylon Parks, Gage Thiessen, Abriel VonBonn and Shelby Iburg.

Five seniors are set to graduate from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12. The ceremony, scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., will be held at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Selected to speak on behalf of the class was Jack Barlow. He is the son of Mike and Rachael Barlow.

Other members of the class are Elise Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf, Brooklyn Meis and Jazmine McNally.



Baylee Busted



Keyera Eisenhauer



Jack Barlow

Community garage sales to be May 31-June 1

The Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club met last Wednesday to discuss May/June activities including the community-wide garage sales, the tractor pull and Vetch Days.

The garage sales will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 31st and June 1st. Individuals can set their times and days. They can contact the Elgin Review to be included on the printed and online map.

Date change for tractor pull

The tractor pull has been moved to Sunday, June 2. The location will remain in the same location as in the past several years, just off North Street, east of the Elgin City Park.

Elgin man now in custody after failing to report for jail sentence

By Sandy Schroth

Court reporter

An Elgin man, who was given a deferred jail sentence by the Honorable James Kube last month, did not show up at the Antelope County Jail on April 28 as ordered.

However, Rowdy Burke's attempt to avoid incarceration failed. Burke, 52, is now in custody.

Burke was sentenced by Kube on April 24 to a 24-month probation term with conditions that included 90 days in the county jail, for a Class 4 felony charge of driving under revocation.

Sixty days of the jail time were ordered immediately.

Burke's attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh, requested Burke be allowed a deferred jail booking so he could take care of employment obligations.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object and Kube sustained the request, ordering Burke to report at the jail by 9 a.m. Saturday, April 28. Bond was to be exonerated when he checked in.

According to an arrest affidavit filed Monday, April 29, by Smith, Burke allegedly left a note for his wife, indicating

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Dr. Mark Adler to give 'Charge' to EPS seniors

Giving the 'Charge to the Class,' as part of graduation ceremonies at Elgin Public Schools on Saturday will be Dr. Mark Adler.

Dr. Mark Adler is currently in his first year serving as Chief Strategy and Development Officer with CRCC. Prior to joining the team at CRCC, Dr. Adler invested 11 years leading Ralston Public Schools as Superintendent. He has devoted more than 30 years to the success of Nebraska's public schools, serving students and families in Petersburg, Elgin and Nebraska City before arriving in Ralston.

Mark graduated from Hastings High School in 1987 and served six years in the United States Army. Dr. Adler earned his Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 2008.

Dr. Adler was a first-generation college student as he earned degrees

from Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He was named Nebraska's Superintendent of the Year in 2019.

Through the years, he has served many roles in education, including time as an industrial technology teacher, football coach, basketball coach, bus driver, high school principal, activities director, assistant superintendent for business and finally superintendent of schools.

Mark and Joni Adler have three children: Jade, 26, is a West Point graduate and Captain in the United States Army and a law student at Syracuse University, Reid is eternally 15 and Kamille, 19, is a student at the University of Nebraska Omaha. Dr. Adler has, and will continue to be an advocate and voice for all students, families, and staff at CRCC and across the Omaha area. Dr. Adler and the CRCC team are

focused on cultivating an environment dedicated to providing high quality specialized care while nurturing a climate of hope for students and families.

Dr. Adler is committed to cultivating quality relationships and trust at all levels of CRCC and across the community. He continues to be a prominent voice elevating the importance of kindness each and every day. Since the death of their son Reid in 2016, Mark and Joni have spoken with more than 75,000 people about bullying, appropriate use of technology, leadership, grit, forgiveness, suicide, and spreading kindness and hope to everyone you meet.



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Beckman to lead Elgin FFA in 24/25

57th Annual Banquet held Monday night at EPS gymnasium



A celebration of a year's worth of achievement and the election of new officers highlighted the 57th annual Elgin FFA Banquet held Monday night.

FFA President Samuel Hemenway handed the gavel to Taylor Beckman who will serve as the chapter president during 2024/25. He is the son of Eric and Anney Beckman.

Joining him as new officers are:

- Vice President Callie Heithoff
- Secretary Kylee Lichtenberg
- Treasurer Natalie Burenheide

Most Improved Member Haley Parks (l) and **Star Greenhand** Kylee Lichtenberg (r).

Achieving Greenhand degrees were Justice Blecher, Kyla Donaldson, Ruby Durre, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Madelyn Kurpgeweit, Kylee Lichtenberg, Braelyn Martinsen, Gemma Miller, Rylen Schwarting, Dannyka Smidt, Zoey Buechter, Megan Wright, Brayden Burenheide, Gavin Kallhoff, Brooke Kinney, Elizabeth Moser, Michael Selting and Aubrie Parks.

Accepting the Star Greenhand award was Kylee Lichtenberg.

Recognized with Chapter Degrees were sophomores Kyndal Busted, Ticen Sparr, Jarek Erickson, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Kayton Zwingman, Aiden Klein, Grady Druke, Karson Kallhoff, Landyn Veik, Kaiden Bode, Isaac Hemenway, Haley Parks, Tessa Barlow, Camry Kittelson and Autumn Forbes.

Haley Parks was selected to receive the 'Most Improved Member Award.'

Eighth grade students recognized with Discovery degrees were Bristol Buschow, Max Henn, Makenna Mortiboy, Evin Pelster, Kaidynce Schrad and Molly Thiessen.

Honorary Chapter Degrees were presented to Larry and Yoli Anderson, Gary and Dawn Nelson as well as Eric and Emily Heithoff.

Also recognized during the evening were businesses and individual who made donations to the 'I Believe in the Future of Ag Campaign.' They were McNally Law Office, Lucinda Donaldson, Tina Thiele-Blecher, Danny Donaldson, Vicki Miller, Kallhoff Electric LLC, Kyle Childers, Daniel Zwingman, Sharon Burenheide, Klein Family Farm, Janice Bolling, Martinsen Appraisal, JK Construction, Josh Kinney, Country Line Cattle, Gary Nelson,

Northern Grain LLC, Donald Kahl, Kenny Reinke, Rhonda Heithoff, Cheryl Veik, Liane Bode, Paul Beckman, Scotty's Manure LLC, Diamond C Land & Cattle LLC, Gina Moser, Tammy Bode, Matthew Pelster, Angela Simmons, James Meis, Lichtenberg Tire Service Inc.,

Durre Well Service Inc., Busted Inc, and Anne Hemenway. Before the new officers were announced, senior officers' Samuel Hemenway, Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen, Nick Anderson and Baylee Busted shared their favorite memories of their years in FFA.

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Earning Greenhand Degrees were (front row, l-r): Kylee Lichtenberg, Rylen Schwarting, Megan Wright and Dannyka Smidt. Second row: Libby Evans, Zoey Buechter, Brooke Kinney, Elizabeth Moser and Kierstyn Eisenhauer. Third row: Braelyn Martinsen, Ruby Durre, Kyla Donaldson, Gemma Miller and Aubrie Parks. Back row: Mady Kurpgeweit, Brayden Burenheide, Justice Blecher, Michael Selting and Gavin Kallhoff.



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Present to display their Chapter Degrees were Jaydalynn Chessmore, Haley Parks, Kayton Zwingman, Autumn Forbes and Kyndal Busted. Back row: Isaac Hemenway, Jarek Erickson, Kaiden Bode and Ticen Sparr.

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- Nonpartisan voters may request to complete a nonpartisan-partisan ballot for the party of their choice.
- Polling locations:
 - Tilden Precinct – Tilden Public Library
 - Oakdale Precinct – Oakdale Community Center
 - Neligh Precinct – American Legion Post 172, Neligh
 - Brunswick Precinct – Brunswick Community Room
 - Elgin Precinct – KC Hall, Elgin
 - Royal Precinct – Royal Auditorium
 - Clearwater Precinct – American Legion Post 267, Clearwater
 - Orchard Precinct – Orchard Community Center (Old High School Gym)**

**Change from Previous Elections

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New puppy is different from having kids

After years of babysitting and then subsequently becoming a mother myself, I've taken care of my fair share of babies. Between my kids, nieces, and nephews, I've literally changed thousands of diapers.

I have held babies, changed them, fed them, and ultimately

feel very comfortable around them.

One would think that getting a puppy would feel similar, however, I've learned it's definitely foreign territory.

This past week we added a ten-week-old-mini-Australian Shepherd named Sophie to our

household.

She has stolen our hearts. The first time we saw her face, we fell in love. Even though we said we weren't ready for another dog, here we are. Although I couldn't be happier about our new addition, she takes a lot of work and I feel lost as to how to care for her.

We adopted our other dog when he was one. He pretty much came house broken and has just been the best dog. I never taught him tricks; he basically taught me how to care for him and it was an easy transition.

Sophie is a whole new ball game. She's still not sleeping through the night, which makes for cranky parents. I feel like we have a newborn again. My husband is walking around like a zombie with either a coffee or energy drink in his hand all day.

At the same time, I feel like we have a toddler that we're potty training. There's one area of my house that's probably never been cleaner because I am mopping it 17 times a day.

Half the time she goes outside; the other half of the time she just goes wherever she is standing. Especially if she gets excited or startled.

I also never thought about the fact that you must teach them their name. Obviously, they don't know it when you bring them home, I know that. I assumed they just eventually figure it out.

But there are entire articles and videos on how to teach dogs. Plus, everyone has an opinion on the right way to

train your dog: positive reinforcement vs. negative reinforcement, crate training or not, clicker training, potty training, when to reward, etcetera.

Then there's leash training, commands, and a whole slew of other things I've never done. I worry about what to feed her. I worry if she's getting enough or too much.

I worry if I'm ruining her now and she'll just be a rotten, spoiled brat or the best dog on the planet! At least with kids, they grow, learn, and eventually talk.

They can tell you when they're upset or not feeling well. They can explain what hurts or what they're wanting. Not dogs.

Sure, they have their own way of communicating but ultimately it feels like a guessing game. It's having a perpetual toddler around the house that hopefully, someday, doesn't potty on the floor. I'm constantly at a loss on what to do, what she wants, or what she needs.

Hand me a baby, and I'll figure it out. Hand me a dog, and I'm a mess.

At the end of the day when I'm frazzled or rethinking this

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 7, 1964

A dozen or more scattered twisters devastated areas in North-east Nebraska Tuesday afternoon and night, one of which cut a swath from east of Petersburg and on through the Tilden main street. Nearly 40 persons were reported injured by Nebraska twisters, with two people being killed at Bradshaw.

Seven Antelope County 4-H Club youths, four from Elgin, have been selected to spend a week in Canada on the 4-H Youth Exchange program. Planning to leave in July to live with their adopted Canadian families are Janice Carr, Arlene Meis, Dianne Bennett and Bruce Beeson of Elgin; Virginia Fields of Oakdale; Sylvia Johnson of Plainview and Mary Corkle of Tilden.

Miss Virginia Clark of Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grier Clark of Stanton and formerly of Elgin, and Ronald Theis of Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Theis of Kearney were married May 2, 1964.

It was just a dream, but L.H. Vanderheiden of Elgin brought it to reality. His 20-acre lake northeast of Elgin is now open for business. The Game Commission reports. With the assistance of the Commission, Vanderheiden accomplished his goal of a trout lake with swimming facilities.

Lawrence Sanderson died April 30, 1964 at a Rest Home in Genoa at the age of 50 years, ten months and ten days. He had been in failing health over a year.

Fifty Years Ago

May 9, 1974

Around 1,000 people attended the Farmers Cooperative Exchange "Product Show" Friday at the K. of C. hall. This has been reported to be the first such extensive show of merchandise to be held in Elgin and those who put on the affair are more than pleased with the enthusiastic attendance.

Funeral services were held Saturday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg for Mrs. Emma Spieker, 83, who died Wednesday, May 1, 1974 in Keahaven Nursing Home in Neligh.

The Elgin Woman's Club's annual May Breakfast, served by the American Legion Auxiliary, was held May 4th at 9 a.m. in the Legion hall. Nancy Wylie, Evelyn Dozler, Dorothy Heithoff, Gayl Ganskow and Dorothy Gregor, were the hostesses.

Jane Spieker of Lakewood Colo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Spieker of Elgin became the bride of Ernest M. Cline of Edgewater, Colo. on Saturday, May 4, 1974.

Thirty Years Ago

May 4, 1994

Elgin area donors gave 87 units of blood during a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here last Thursday, April 28. The total was near the quota of 90 units that had been set, and Mildred Pelster, local Bloodmobile chairperson, said the visit was successful.

Ground was broken in Petersburg Monday afternoon, May 2, for the new St. John's Center, which will serve as the parish hall, the parish school and a community senior citizens center there. On hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies were Archbishop Eldon F. Curtiss of Omaha and Clarence L. Werner of Omaha. who provided the major financial gift to make the construction possible.

Elgin FFA Chapter recognized the achievements of its members during the annual FFA Banquet on Friday evening, April 29. Guest speaker for the banquet was Seth Derner of Bartlett, immediate past FFA North Central Area Vice President.

Carissa Uhrenholdt and Bryan Hestekind were confirmed into the Trinity Lutheran Church by Pastor Del Schwarting.

Twenty Years Ago

May 12, 2004

Six new members were inducted by the Dr. W. W. Graham Chapter of the National Honor Society at Elgin High School Monday evening, May 10. The 2004 inductees included juniors - Crystal Heithoff, daughter of Steve and Rita Heithoff, and Emily Vanis, daughter of Randy and Sue Vanis. Four sophomores were inducted. They are Kylie Eatherton, daughter of Jim and Karen Eatherton; Melissa Hemenway, daughter of Alan and Deb Hemenway; Krystine Hoefler, daughter of Bob and Jaci Hoefler, and David Hutchinson, son of Duane and Bernita Hutchinson.

Elgin FFA Chapter honored its members during the 37th annual chapter banquet last Tuesday evening, May 4, at the school. A total of 27 FFA members from Elgin and Orchard, as well as parents and guests, attended the banquet.

Experiences during their years at Pope John Central Catholic have prepared the 2004 graduates for the future, the student speakers concluded during the Pope John Commencement last Sunday, May 9. Class speakers Danielle Bode and Benjamin Kuhlman recounted a variety of sometimes humorous experiences from their past six years at Pope John.

Elgin Community Center Menus

- Monday, May 13:** Goulash, garlic stick, peas & carrots, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk.
 - Tuesday, May 14:** Pulled pork sandwich, macaroni salad, vegetable cup, apple crisp, milk.
 - Wednesday, May 15:** Smothered pork cutlet, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, strawberry/banana mix, milk.
 - Thursday, May 16:** Liver & onions OR ham, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, Jell-o w/ pears, milk.
 - Friday, May 17:** Hamburger w/ toppings, creamy cucumbers, macaroni 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.
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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Editorial

Forget the jobs, just cut taxes any way possible

It's been just over one year since Governor Jim Pillen visited Elgin. The visit came during the 'honeymoon' phase of his first term as governor. In terms of politics, 'honeymoon' means being new to the office and thereby being granted a period of time to get adjusted.

Needless to say, the 'honeymoon' of his tenure as governor has passed. An affable, likable man, the Columbus native earlier this year pushed for major property tax relief for Nebraskans but couldn't muster the votes in the Legislature to get the bill across the finish line and signed into law. Unwilling to give up, all signs are for the governor to call legislators back to Lincoln this summer to focus on one issue - property tax relief.

Keeping the issue on the front burner, Pillen signed an executive order last week to eliminate the hiring of state positions which have been unfilled for 90 days or more. And, with the money saved by eliminating these positions, the governor wants to use those funds for property tax relief to the tune of more than \$39 million, maybe even \$49 million.

Fat can be found in any budget from the smallest village to the federal government. In this case, we believe eliminating vacancies is a good thing as long as services provided to the state's residents is maintained at acceptable levels.

Having said that, shouldn't that have been the position of government all along?

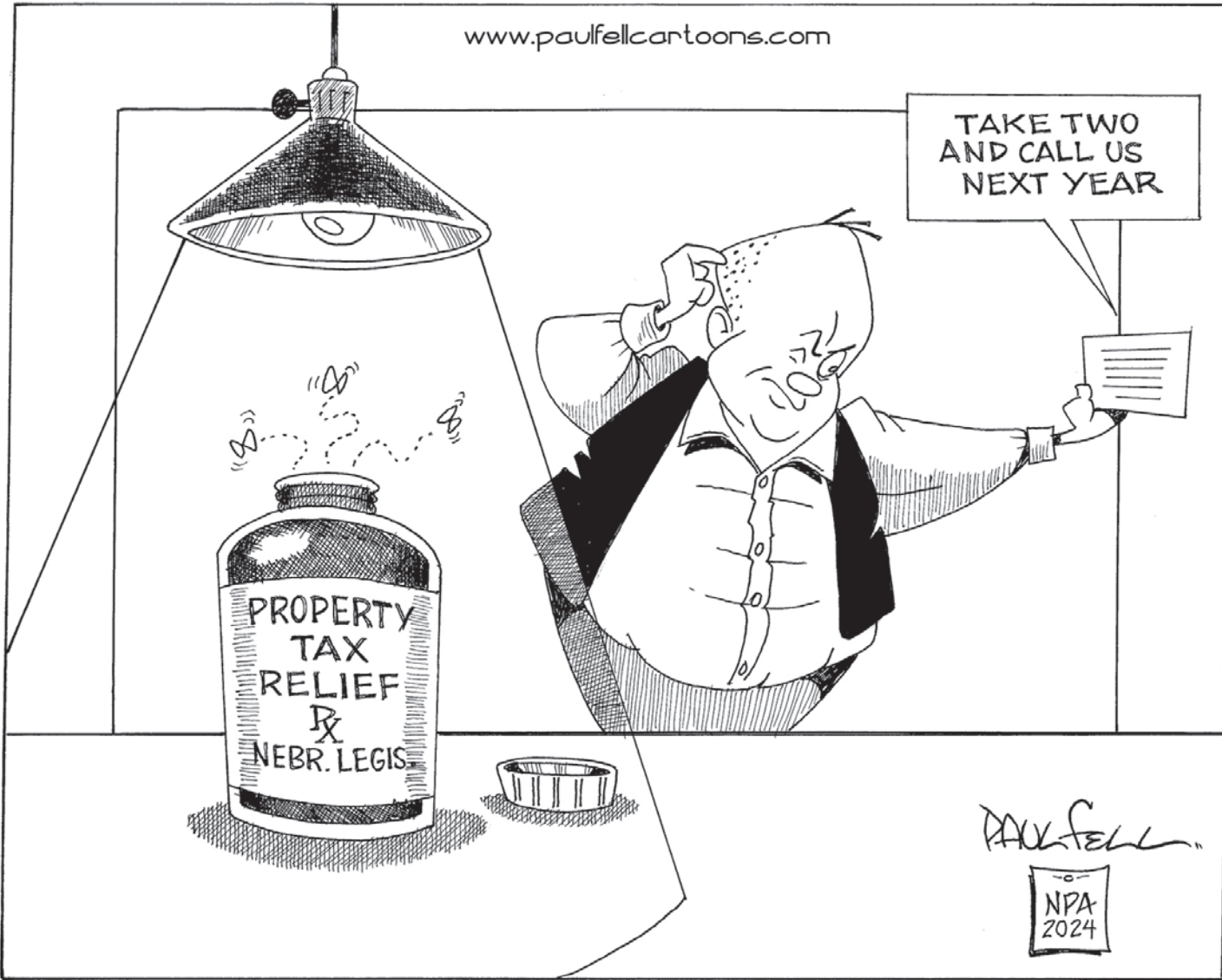
There's a legal hurdle to clear before any of Pillen's plan can happen. The state legislature, not the governor, is the only body that has the authority to deal with appropriated funds.

If legislators and, more importantly, the Legislative Fiscal Office say Pillen doesn't have the authority, then Pillen's action looks eerily similar to what President Joe Biden is doing with federally subsidized student loans, ignoring rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In Biden's case, everyone knows he is pandering for votes. For the unfilled, it's called 'Politics 101.'

As for Pillen, he's trying provide tax relief by any means necessary.

By Dennis Morgan
Co-Publisher



The fight to protect women's sports

Title IX was passed by Congress more than 50 years ago to level the playing field for girls and women. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in sports and education programs that receive federal funding. Recently, Joe Biden's Department of Education (DOE) released new Title IX rules that radically rewrite the law.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator

Pete Ricketts

The rewrite threatens the progress and safety of American girls and women in education and athletics. I'm standing with women across Nebraska against these radical new policies.

The new rules redefine sex to include "gender identity." They would effectively enable transgender students to use any single-sex spaces they choose. They would force girls and women to share dorm rooms, bathrooms, and locker rooms with boys and men. The new rules would also allow male students to take academic and athletic scholarships from women.

The rules also give the federal government power to investigate any instance where transgender students face perceived unequal treatment based on their gender identity as sexual harassment.

This could include incidents where a student did not use a fellow student's preferred pronouns.

This is wrong. It's not harassment to affirm what every generation affirmed until recently. These rules deny sci-

ence and common sense. They're also a clear example of federal executive overreach. The original intent of Title IX was to protect WOMEN. "Gender identity" never appeared in the original Title IX law. The Biden administration unilaterally and with no legislative authority chose to rewrite the statute to say as much anyway. Even the New York Times wrote that these rules "effectively broadened the scope of Title IX."

For over 50 years, we've seen women's collegiate athletics soar to new heights under Title IX. Last year, a world-record 92,000 fans crammed into Lincoln's Memorial Stadium for Volleyball Day in Nebraska. Omaha World-Herald columnist Tom Shatel wrote that it might have been "the biggest Title IX statement of all time."

Just last month, a record 19 million Americans watched the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship game between Caitlin Clark's Iowa and South Carolina. More people watched the women's championship game than the men's for the first time ever.

It's not just about athletics. These Title IX changes impact women's athletic and academic scholarships. Negative impacts on women's educational opportunities will ultimately limit their career opportunities. That's unacceptable.

The Biden administration doesn't seem to care. These new Title IX rules will reverse the five decades of progress that got us to this point. That's why I'm working with colleagues on legislation that would block and overturn the DOE's rules. I'm also supporting the Protection of Women and Girls

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Steady economic growth can be achieved

This week, as I visited a number of Third District communities, several major economic indicators were published, confirming what we already know: President Biden's inflation hasn't ended, and a radical change of direction in Washington's fiscal policy is needed to remedy an ailing economy.

This week, the U.S. Department of Commerce reported America's gross domestic product for the first quarter of 2024 grew by a mere 1.6 percent and core inflation—which leaves out the more dynamic fluctuation of food and energy prices—rose by 3.7 percent. As both these numbers came out much less favorable than projections, it's not surprising small business optimism has reached its lowest level since 2012, according to the National Federation of Independent Business.

To make matters worse, the workforce participation rate remains well below its pre-pandemic level.

As discouraged workers have yet to return from the sidelines of the economy, I continue to hear from Third District employers about the difficulty of filling positions for which they are hiring.

Hope for the nation's economic recovery rests on inflation cooling to 2 percent, which would provide the Federal Reserve with the chance to cut interest rates currently on a 23-year-high.

Ominously, Fed Chair Jerome Powell recently said it is taking "longer than expected" to reach this target. However, the path to making life more affordable for American families and small businesses is not a mystery. Under President Joe Biden, Democrats have added trillions of dollars to our debt through their wasteful Green New Deal, Build Back Better, and "Inflation Act" agenda.

To call these spending sprees "sugar highs" for our economy would be generous. They have been disastrous, adding more than \$1000 per month to the average Nebraska household costs since January 2021 while earnings failed to keep up.

In contrast to the irresponsible policies coming from the White House, we need a strategy to fight inflation and incentivize steady, robust economic growth. This can only come through a long-term vision which recognizes the diverse economic circumstances for households and businesses across our country, rejects overregulation, and restores the dignity of work and opportunity to give Americans a path to prosperity.

Contrary to the shortsighted Biden agenda, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) grew real wages for American workers, outperformed federal revenue projections, and benefited Americans across the income spectrum. We did this through our efforts to ensure the tax code rewarded farms, ranches, and small businesses who invested in productivity and adding jobs. We also did this by ensuring our tax cuts rewarded working families the most—doubling the guaranteed deduction to ensure the first \$24,000 a married couple earns is tax free (now \$29,200 thanks to inflation adjustments) and doubling the child tax credit to \$2,000 per child to help working parents meet their everyday expenses.

A bill we passed out of the Ways and Means Committee and the House at

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FROM THE HILL



Congressman

Adrian Smith

Prioritizing Nebraska's infrastructure

Growing up, my dad was a civil engineer for the Nebraska Department of Roads. As kids, my brothers and I loved learning about his work. My dad would take us on Sunday road trips across Nebraska for "inspection tours" to check up on our state's infrastructure.

Many of the photos I still treasure from my childhood are of us kids standing on partially finished bridges, in front of bulldozers, and next to highways under various stages of completion. Dad taught us how to drop a plumb line and showed us how to handle his surveying equipment.

Those trips with my dad taught me that infrastructure takes a long time to plan, a long time to permit, and a long time to build. Even short stretches of a single highway can sometimes take years to finish from beginning to end. Reliable infrastructure doesn't happen overnight, nor by accident.

In the U.S. Senate, I still have that background in mind. Over my time serving in the Nebraska Legislature and now in the Senate, I've seen just how vital it is to both maintain and modernize infrastructure statewide and nationwide.

Infrastructure is central to our safety, our transportation, and our economic success.

That's why I prioritize infrastructure in the Senate. In 2021, I voted for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a consequential legislative package that is paying dividends for Nebraska. Last week, I saw that legislation deliver for Nebraska once again.

On Friday, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced new grants for our state through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The IIJA funded the PHMSA, allowing the agency to provide almost \$200 million in grants for projects in 19 different states, including Nebraska.

PHMSA awarded over \$25 million to the Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) in Omaha and over \$1 million to the City of Wahoo. MUD will use this money to replace 89.1 miles of cast iron piping installed in the late 1800s, an initiative that will create 200 jobs. The City of Wahoo will replace 2.15 miles of natural gas piping installed in the early 1930s, creating 116 jobs. These upgrades to century-old pipes are vital to keep people safe and keep energy secure. At Friday's important award announcement, I was grateful to visit with PHMSA personnel, MUD board members, Omaha and Wahoo elected officials, and others who are putting these grants into action.

This announcement was only one of the many

accomplishments the IIJA has enabled. We've dedicated resources to roads, bridges, safety programs, airports, waterways, and railroads across the country. People from different states and with different political affiliations all understand the need to maintain and modernize this infrastructure, and that's why we're able to make so much progress on this issue.

In the Senate, we've passed policy after policy in the infrastructure and transportation field with bipartisan support. In 2015, we passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. In 2018, we reauthorized the Federal Aviation Administration. In 2020, I led efforts to reauthorize PHMSA, the very agency that announced awards to Nebraska on Friday — my bill was unanimously approved by both my Democratic and Republican colleagues.

As much as the Senate may struggle with partisan fighting, real, bipartisan, and responsible infrastructure reform is possible. We have done it before, and we can do it again. We all know investments in core infrastructure will grow our economy and local communities. Through infrastructure, we are providing greater economic opportunity to rising generations, delivering food to hungry people nationwide, and connecting communities — family to family, town to town, coast to coast. Infrastructure is a winning issue, and I'll keep prioritizing it in the Senate.

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the start of this year, which is currently being held up in the Senate, would index the 2017 version of the child tax credit for inflation while allowing the parents of larger families who work to claim the credit for each child concurrently, rather than consecutively as they are currently required to.

Because of the success of TCJA, Republicans on the Ways and Means Committee announced this week we have formed ten teams to hold listening sessions with American families and job creators and promote both proven and innovative tax policies.

I will chair the committee's Rural America Tax Team, which will meet with rural Americans and produce recommendations for the next generation of tax reform in 2025.

I am very glad that Reps. Randy Feenstra, from across the river in Iowa's 4th District, and Michelle Fischbach, who represents the largest agriculture district in Minnesota will be helping lead the effort as vice-chairs.

Ensuring our tax code reflects the unique challenges facing the wide spectrum of Americans, including those of us in rural communities, can mean the difference between solvency or insolvency for family farms and small businesses. To secure prosperity for the future, we must preserve and build on the gains of TCJA.

Ricketts

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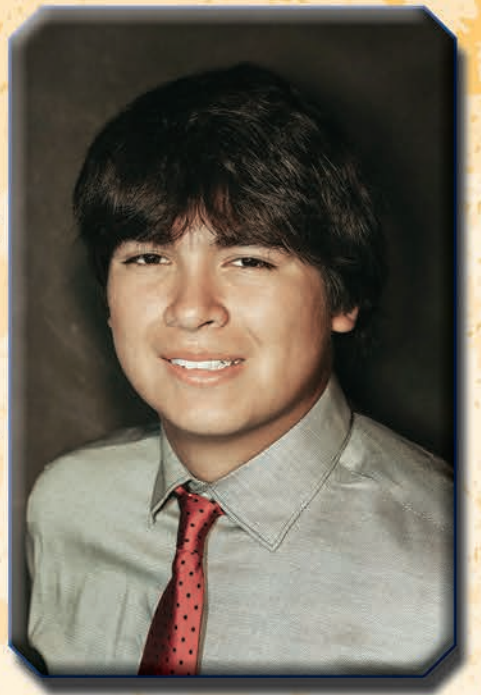
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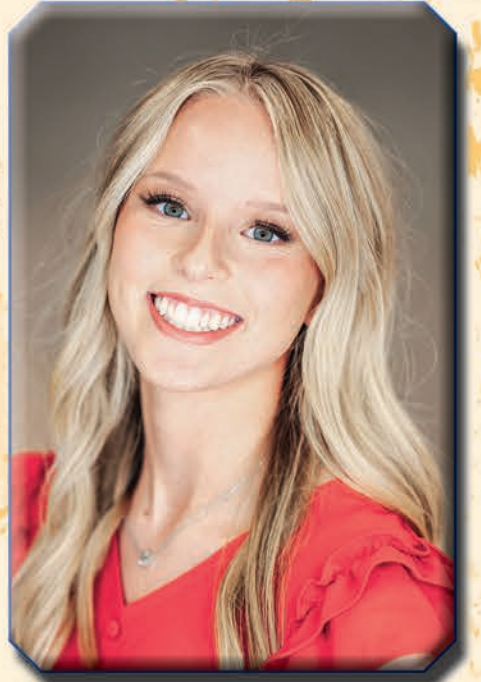
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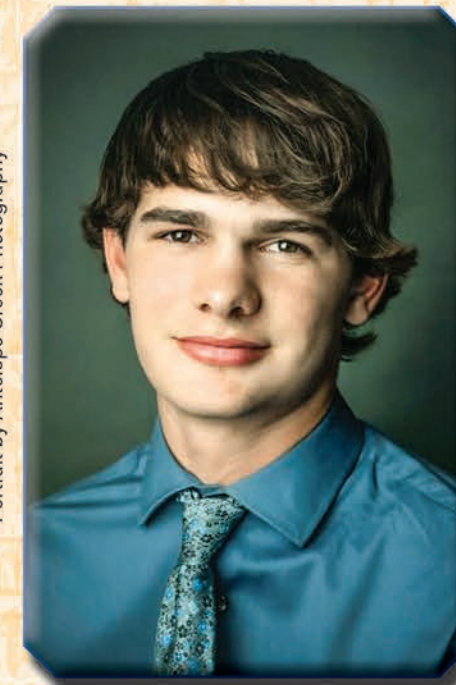
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cultural properties to strengthen and maintain vibrant communities.

Being a Certified Local Government means Neligh has chosen to promote preservation-related projects such as long-range planning, educational programming, and heritage tourism.

While working on becoming a Certified Local Government, Neligh developed a walking tour app to promote their historic sites.

The Certified Local Government program offers nu-

merous benefits to villages, cities, and counties of all sizes. These include access to annual matching grants and providing financial support for preservation-related projects. This flexibility and support make the program attractive for any local government seeking to preserve its heritage.

Nebraska's other Certified Local Governments are Auburn, Fairbury, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Red Cloud, and Sidney.

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Paula Jensen TeamMates Memorial Scholarship announced

Elgin Public School is honored to have a new scholarship available to graduating seniors that participated in Elgin TeamMates Chapter. The family of Paula Jensen provided this new scholarship opportunity, encouraging friends and family to donate memorial funds to the Elgin TeamMates Chapter upon her death this past September. Friends and family helped raise over \$6,000 and the family decided to use the funds to create the Paula Jensen TeamMates Memorial Scholarship, awarding a \$500 scholarship.

Principal Greg Wemhoff, who also serves on the Elgin TeamMates Board, made the comment, "It doesn't surprise me that the Jensen family decided to give back to EPS and the Teammates program. Paula and family were proud members of the community and were ever so proud of EPS. She was a loyal

staff member and this scholarship is just another example of what the youth of the community meant to Paula, Bryan and family."

Paula was born in Storm Lake, Iowa. She attended Woodbury Central School in Moville, Iowa, graduating in 1976. She then attended Omaha College of Health Careers. Paula then married Bryan Jensen in 1980 and they lived in Iowa, South Dakota, and then settled in Elgin for the past 36 years. She stayed home to care for their children Anthony, Aaron, and Sarah, who later graduated from Elgin High School. Paula became Title I aide and then school secretary, being employed by Elgin Public Schools for 30 years. Paula's family was most important to her: her husband, their children, and their seven grandchildren. If she had a fault, it was that she worried about everyone else more than

herself.

"This scholarship is a great way to honor Paula's legacy towards Elgin Public Schools and the Elgin Teammates Chapter. Paula was a great ambassador for our school and she took great pride in the school and the people inside of it. Bryan and the entire Jensen family's decision to utilize memorial funds for a scholarship is a reflection of their core values. They are hard-working, selfless people, who do what they can to help others. This scholarship in Paula's name will continue to help others within our school," said Teammates board member Todd Heithoff.

If anyone would still like to contribute to the Paula Jensen TeamMates Memorial Scholarship fund, the family would encourage others to do so by contacting a Jensen family member or an Elgin TeamMates member.

Unlocking the power of your pelvic floor

May is Women's Health Month and a fitting time to talk about your pelvic health. Often overlooked and misunderstood, your pelvic floor plays a crucial role in overall well-being.

So, what is the pelvic floor and why is it important?

Your pelvic floor is a group of muscles and connective tissue attached to the bones at the bottom of the

pelvic "bowl". It is at work 24/7 and has a number of very important jobs including support, stabilization, sexual function and maintaining continence (pee and poop).

Because it forms a "sling" or "hammock" at the base of the pelvis, it supports the pelvic organs including the bladder, colon and rectum, and reproductive organs.

The pelvic floor's role in sta-

bilization involves coordinating with the abdominal, spinal, and respiratory muscles, including the diaphragm.

This coordination aims to stabilize the hips and trunk, aiding in maintaining posture and facilitating movements such as walking, working, dancing, and so forth.

The pelvic floor also plays an important role in sexual function.

The ability to contract and relax these muscles helps allow pain-free vaginal penetration, optimize blood flow during intercourse to promote orgasm and also helps with lubrication.

Pelvic floor function is essential in the management of our pee and poop. The pelvic muscles relax when we are emptying our bladder or moving our bowels.

Alternatively, the muscles contract to help us to hold our urine so as not to leak, and to hold our stool (or gas) until the appropriate time comes.

Here are some tips to help maintain a healthy pelvic

floor:

Maintain a healthy weight: Being overweight can put more pressure and strain on the pelvic floor and lead to problems including incontinence and can contribute to back and pelvic pain.

Manage constipation: Chronic constipation and frequent overpressure against the pelvic floor muscles can stretch and weaken the muscles.

Use smart lifting techniques: Heavy lifting and using poor body mechanics can put increased pressure and strain on the core and pelvic floor. Make sure what you are lifting is manageable, keep it close to your body (versus holding heavy or large objects out away from you), and before you lift remember to engage your core (including pelvic floor and abdominals) and lift with your legs, try to keep your back straight.

Exercise your pelvic floor muscles: It is important to

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Angie Renner, PT

Alternate judge finds Neligh man guilty of 3rd degree assault

Michael D. Wright, appeared in front of the Honorable Ross Stoffer, in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, May 1, for further arraignment on a charge of a Class 1 misdemeanor charge of third-degree domestic assault, alleged March 17 in Neligh.

Taylor passed the case to Stoffer, alluding to a possible conflict of interest March 20, when Wright, appeared for arraignment.

Wright, who had been granted a continuance when he appeared in March, so he could consult an attorney, appeared without one. He waived his right to counsel and, pursuant to a plea agreement, entered a

no contest plea to an amended count, third-degree assault, still a Class 3 misdemeanor with a potential sentence of up to \$1,000 fine and/or up to one year incarceration. Smith agreed to recommend probation.

Stoffer ordered a presentence investigation report and set sentencing for July 3 at 1:30 p.m. Bond conditions were reviewed and, after hearing from Amy Wright, Stoffer removed a condition for no contact. Amy Wright told Stoffer that her husband had stopped drinking and was getting counseling. Wright said he was addressing his issues and wanted to go home.

"I've caused enough pain to my family," he said. Stoffer also granted Wright's request to travel out of state to deal with his mother's medical issues.

Smith had no objections to the changes. Stoffer warned Wright about the effects of failure to follow bond conditions.

Cobb

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decision, I just melt when I see her face.

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Each year since 2006, the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) recognize students who have been nominated by their schools, based on their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity.

The Spring 2024 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards were announced Monday afternoon.

Both Elgin Public and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic students were selected for the award.

Selected from Elgin Public Schools were:

- Golf — Dannyka Smidt
- Music — Baylee Busted and Samantha Durre
- Boys Track — Jarek Erickson
- Girls Track — Kayton Zwingman

Chosen from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic were:

- Music — Jovie Borer and Elizabeth Moser
- Since its inception, the program has grown at a steady pace with 2,838 students earning the award in 2006-2007 to 7,541 students honored during the 2022-2023 season.

This 2024 winter season has garnered 2,610 more honorees, continuing the prestigious tradition in recognizing the efforts of high school students on and off of the playing field.

In all, approximately 109,958 students have earned the honor during the past 18 years.

Bartlett Bits

Wheeler Central High School Commencement was held Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. The processional 'Fanfare and Processional' was performed by Wheeler Central Band which included 6th -10th grade students. The 7th and 8th grade choir sang 'So Close Now' by Eli Young.

Chloe Smith, Salutatorian, was introduced by Elijah Heinz. Bobbi Guggenmos, Valedictorian, was introduced by her sister Jayna Guggenmos.

Chloe and Bobby each gave a

speech after their presentation.

After the turning of the tassels the class of 2024 walked out to the grand music of 'The Imperial March,' by John Williams.

Wishing Wheeler Central graduates Chloe Smith, Bobbi

Guggenmos and Jayden Sheldon, the very best life can bring them.

Lois Schrunk celebrated her 93rd birthday May 1st with a day full of phone calls and Face Book birthday wishes. A good friend and neighbor Sharon

Derner came for an afternoon visit with goodies. The day ended with cake and ice cream with Jenna and Steven Schrunk, Ellis Schrunk and Sherry Tetschner. Blessings to another year Mom.

By Sherry Tetschner

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Wheeler Central 7th and 8th grade students (l-r) Sierra Plugge, Olivia Heinz and Lexi Plugge sang 'So Close Now' for the Wheeler High School Graduation Saturday, May 4.



Wheeler Central Band played the Processional for the High School graduation. Shown are (back row, l-r) Hunter Renner and Franklin Schmidt. Middle row: Aidan Maddux, Corbin Kassel, Jailynn Harrison and Casey Freouf. Front row: Jerrin Kleeb. Photos submitted

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- Saturday, May 11**
EPS Graduation (4 p.m.)
- Sunday, May 12**
PJCC Graduation (1:30 p.m.) & MOTHERS DAY!
- Monday, May 13**
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting • EVFD meeting.
- Tuesday, May 14**
Dist. #18 School Board regular meeting • Primary Election Day*.
- Monday, May 27**
Memorial Day observance at local cemeteries.
- Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1**
Elgin Community Garage Sales sponsored by the Elgin Community Club/ Chamber of Commerce.
- Saturday, June 1**
Tentative date for opening of Elgin Swimming Pool for the season.

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Joyce D Beach, O'Neill, NE 02/17/2021 Drive under susp/ before reinstated., Sentence includes State Fine of \$100.00+Reimburse County of \$17.

John A Schlafmann, Moorhead, MN 4/9/2024 Speeding 75/65 MPH, State Fine of \$25.00 - Hartley & Lingren.*

Shane A Sleister, Oakdale, NE 9/20/2023 Obstruct a peace officer/Driving under susp/before reinstated, Bond Forfeiture of \$311.00+Jail Sentences totaling 70 Days.*

Shane A Sleister, Oakdale, NE 1/5/2024 Operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest, Jail Sentence (start 04/17/2024) Term of 6 Months; Drive under susp/ before reinstated-state, Jail Sentence (start 04/17/2024), Term of 30 Days.*

Tyler J Bredvick, Butte, NE 12/15/2023 Drive under susp/before reinstated-state, State Fine of \$100.00 - Howard.*

Renner

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know how to contract the right muscles to keep them strong. It is also important to know how to relax the pelvic floor muscles, this can help with managing constipation, normal bladder and bowel control and managing pelvic or vaginal pain.

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By Angie Renner, PT

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As we pick up the pieces and decide where to build and restart our lives, we realize that humanity can be so good. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH WORDS TO DESCRIBE OUR GRATITUDE. This has been the most humbling and emotional experience of our lives. We have been moved to tears more times than we can count. We remain speechless and I truly wish there was a way to thank each and every one of you individually for everything. The outpouring of love and support has been absolutely overwhelming and amazing. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our friends and families who dropped everything to help us. To our friend who was with the kids and endured the storm with us. To our friends who let us crash at their house without warning and our friends who let us take over their shed to store what's left of our first home. To our parish and school community, those who offered play dates and babysitting, our work families who provided us with the time we needed to start to reorganize our lives, o the people who are so gra-

ciously housing us until we come up with a plan, to those who organized and signed up for the meal train and those who have gifted us with meals and food already. To our new neighbors who have been so welcoming and helpful, to everyone who helped with laundry, to our friends and cousins who have connections in the insurance world, the people who took such good care of our dog, Pearl, for an extra few days, to our friends who collected donations at their homes and shared our story on social media. To EVERYONE who donated items, gifts cards, and cash. To everyone who sent texts and messages and checked in on us (we're so sorry if we didn't respond to everyone), from our closest friends to people we haven't been in touch with for years. And especially to everyone keeping us in their prayers. We are lucky God has put you all in our lives. God is at work in this and someday we'll realize why he is leading us through this trial. We have had many signs. The rainbows over our neighborhood in the days following the storm. Almost all of our crosses and crucifixes made it through the tornado without a scratch. Nolan's dresser is no where to be found, but the Bible that was on top of it was still in his room. Nearly all of the keepsakes and memories from our grandparents made it also. "I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you." John 13:34

Laura & Skyler Schindler & children



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Elgin Elementary attendance certificates awarded

Schindler, Burke and Lammers are "perfect"

Three Elgin Public Elementary students were recognized prior to the start of the school's Spring Concert. Receiving certificates for Perfect Attendance in the 2023-24 school year were, l-r: Tenley Schindler, Aurora Burke and Riker Lammers. Now that's dedication to your education!

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Proper stocking rate important for grazing success

Proper stocking is a cornerstone of proper grazing management and a healthy pasture. It's tempting to take the easy route and keep using the same stocking rate year after year. After all, if it's not broke, why fix it? But over time, could this approach do more harm than good?

While we might be aware of the importance of proper stocking, we may fail to properly adjust rates to match the current

reality of our operation. Proper stocking depends on two factors, animal intake and pasture productivity. Changes to either of these factors requires an adjustment to occur. Often, though, change to our systems takes place slowly. Because we as humans are hard wired to address the here-and-now, slow change often goes by us unnoticed. Over time, this slow shift can throw the balance off. Production can change for the worse or better. Improving

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management practices like resting pastures, fertilization, or improving distribution may have actually improved production and led to understocking over time. When this happens we can add a few more animals to the pasture and recoup on our investment in proper management.

One of the biggest variations in dry land, pasture yield comes from precipitation. Flexible systems like yearling or custom grazing operations are ideally positioned to take advantage of

this reality by adding or reducing animal numbers to match the current conditions. The entire operation doesn't have to consist of these flexible components to reap the rewards. Even a relatively small number of yearlings can provide benefits.

On the negative side, prolonged overgrazing or encroachment of invasive species like leafy spurge or cedar trees can eat away production. It is estimated that a single cedar tree with an 8-foot diameter could reduce forage production by 3 pounds. If you had a density of 200 trees per acre, that would translate into nearly a 1/3 loss

in forage production because of the effects of area coverage, moisture use, and shading.

When we look at the demand side of the stocking equation, animal size has a direct correlation with consumption. So a 1400 lb. cow will naturally need to consume more than a 1200 lb. animal. While this difference may seem small (5.2 lb. of air dried forage per day), this quickly adds up across the herd and over the grazing season.

Additionally, animal genetic disposition can add to the demand equation. Many herds have selected for genetics like milk, growth, and muscle. While there is nothing wrong with this, increased productivity requires increased inputs to work. This slow shift over time of production oriented genetics and animal size increase means the average cow today consumes more forage than its

counterpart 20 years ago.

Getting stocking correct is often the difference between a healthy pasture and one that's struggling. To get it right, look at impacts on production like grazing management and invasive species as well as demand, factors like animal size and genetic disposition. Take the time to balance these out regularly and your pasture and herd will thank you.

- 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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Kallhoff leads Wolfpack golfers competing at Boone Central last week

ALBION — Wolfpack golfers were on the links again Monday, April 29, competing in a triangular held at the Albion Country Club.

There, they squared off against Boone Central and Central Valley. Playing on their home course, Boone Central won the

team competition with a score of 193, 14 strokes better than the Wolfpack who finished with a 207. Central Valley rounded out the field with a 225 score.


Wolfpack sophomore Karson Kallhoff was medalist with a score of 44 over nine holes. Also breaking 50 was Kellan Hoefler with a 49.

Holley led Central Valley with a 50.


Other Wolfpack varsity scores were Gage Thiessen 55, Michael Selting 59 and Jack Barlow 61. EPPJ also had four JV golfers compete. Their

scores were Gavin Kallhoff 55, Dannyka Smidt 60, Aiden Klein 63 and Creighton Harkins 80. Kallhoff had the low score among all JV golfers competing Monday.


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EPPJ golfers earn medals at Niobrara/Verdigree Invite

NIORRARA — Elgin Public-Pope John was among nine team who battled for the team championship Wednesday at the Niobrara/Verdigree Golf Tournament.

Cool and breezy with moisture in the air, golfers played 18 holes. When it was over, Summerland laid claim to the team

championship with a team score of 339. They were led by Michael Koenig who carded a 75.

Finishing in a tie for second was Niobrara/Verdigree and Chambers/Wheeler Central, each with a team score of 374. Coming in with a 394 was Elgin Public-Pope John to

Karson Kallhoff led the Wolfpack with a (41-43) 84 to finish eighth in the individual competition.

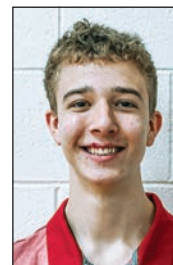
Teammate Kellan Hoefler shot a (43-44) 87 to placed 10th. Medalist at the tournament was Koenig.

Other Wolfpack varsity scores were Michael Selting (56-54) 110, Gage Thiessen (60-53) 113 and Jack Barlow (62-66) 128.

Also competing on this day were two EPPJ junior varsity players. Gavin Kallhoff shot a (55-55) 110 while Dannyka Smidt came in with a (60-58) 118.




Karson Kallhoff



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May 16	PJCC/SB Horseshoe Hustle/Reward Day • EPS Burger Bash
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Exceptional performance recognized: BCHC team receives glowing reviews from State inspection

The leadership at Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is delighted to announce the outstanding results of the recent state inspection conducted at our facility. CEO, Caleb Poore extends his deepest gratitude

and appreciation to the BCHC team for their exceptional performance, dedication, and commitment to excellence. During the routine visit, BCHC received high praise from state inspectors for

maintaining a flawless record with zero deficiencies for the second inspection in a row, with the last inspection being in 2020. The state commended the team's exceptional patient care, efficient processes, and unwavering adherence to high-quality standards. Notably, BCHC's staff was recognized for their diligence in upholding a clean and safe environment while consistently attending to patient needs across multiple departments.

In their commendation, the state emphasized the pivotal role of the BCHC staff, acknowledging that the hospital's consistent success, including being named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals in the nation for three consecutive years, is a testament to the team's genuine care and dedication to patients.

Highlighting BCHC's track record, the state noted that it has been over a decade since the facility received a patient care complaint, with the only complaint in 2013 being found unsubstantiated upon investigation, further underscoring the hospital's commitment to excellence.

Poore expressed his pride in the team's unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care, emphasizing that BCHC's success is a direct result of their dedication and teamwork. He extended his heartfelt appreciation to each member of the BCHC team for their invaluable contribution to the hospital's ongoing success.

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Small tortillas
Pie filling (cherry, apple and flavor, etc.)

Cinnamon sugar
1 container Cool Whip®

Heat the tortillas to soften them. Fill tortillas with a small amount of pie filling. Roll the ends up making a small burrito. Deep fry until crispy. Immediately roll in cinnamon and sugar.
Top with Cool Whip® while warm and serve. Yummy!

LEMON CUSTARD CAKE

1 (prepared) 10 inch Angel Food cake
1 (3.4 oz) pkg instant lemon pudding mix
1-1/2 cups cold milk

1 cup sour cream
1 (21 oz) can cherry or strawberry pie filling

In a 9x13 inch pan, tear the angel food cake into bite size pieces. In a bowl, combine pudding mix, milk, and sour cream over the torn cake. Spoon the pie filling over the pudding mixture. Chill until serving. (Serves 12-16)

Good day,
Congrats to all of our graduates! Best wishes! Happy Mothers Day to all you moms. Hope you all are spoiled on your special day!
Boy, do I have a couple of recipes you truly need to try.
I bet Mom would love either one for her supper on Mothers Day.
My daughter said she thought a scoop of ice cream on that burrito would be perfect.
I am planning to make one or both for our Mothers Day get-together.
Let me know what you think!

JoAnn



St. Boniface/Pope John XXIII CC Spring Concert

Music students from St. Boniface Elementary School and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School held their annual Spring Concert for the public last week. A variety of instrumental and vocal songs were performed by the students. The concert marked the final one at the schools for music instructor Lowgaen Schmidt. Here is a small selection of photos from the evening's performances, both on stage and one in the crowd.

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