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In Brief

District #18 School Board to meet tonight

To start at 7 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight (May 14) at the high school building.

Scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., the meeting has a lengthy list of 'action' items for the board to consider. Among them are:

- Approve the second reading of NASB recommended Policy 507.05 COPPA Student Privacy Notice
- Approve the second reading of the Facility Use Agreement
- Approve the first reading of Policy 413.06 EPS Para to Teacher Program
- Approve the Junior Class Trip to NYC and DC
- Approve the Extra Duty Positions
- Approve handbooks
- Approve transfer of funds into the Wolfpack Account
- Approve classroom cabinets
- Approve purchase of a new kitchen oven

In addition, there will be reports from standing committees, principal/AD and the superintendent.

PJCC students to perform 'Snoopy' musical this week

7 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

The PJCC Spring Musical 'Snoopy' is set to take the stage this weekend at St. Boniface Auditorium. Opening night will be Friday, May 16 at 7 p.m. There will be an afternoon matinee performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. Tickets are on sale at the door.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Personal Representative — Estate of Phyllis Kinney
- Notice of Meeting — School District #18 Proceedings — Elgin City Council
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice to Bidders — Antelope County Board of Commissioners (2)
- Notice to Bidders — City of Elgin
- The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 90 degrees recorded on Saturday, May 10.

The low temperature during the same period was 44 degrees recorded on Monday, May 5.

Altogether, 0.48 of an inch 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
May 4	76	46	.00
May 5	78	44	.00
May 6	82	52	.00
May 7	77	46	.00
May 8	81	53	.00
May 9	86	52	.00
May 10	90	62	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for May			0.09
Total precipitation 2025			2.38



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Salutatorian Callie Heithoff (l) and valedictorian Sara Bode (r).

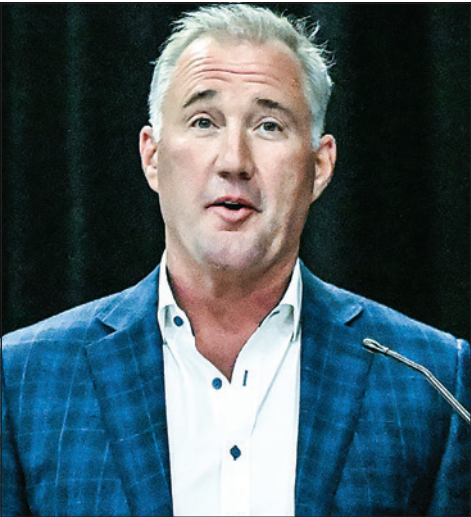
Seventeen awarded diplomas at EPS graduation Saturday

Diplomas, the sign of success in the classroom over an extended period of time, were awarded to 17 seniors at Elgin Public Schools Saturday afternoon.

The valedictorian address was given by Sara Bode. She stood tall behind the podium, telling those wearing cap and gown, "The values we learned here (EPS) will not only guide my path, but the rest of the graduates as well."

Having expressed heartfelt thanks to parents and families, to school faculty and staff, Bode closed with these comments to her classmates.

"This is our moment. While tonight marks the end of this chapter, it's only the beginning of what's still to come ... As we each go our separate ways, I hope we continue to stay true to ourselves, embrace what makes us different and never stop striving to be the best we can be."



Chris Sullivan '95, told graduates to take pride in all things you do, "it will serve you well."

In her salutatorian address, Callie Heithoff, speaking to her classmates she said, "The beauty of this class is that we are not all the same. In fact, we are living proof of different dreams, personalities, backgrounds and goals ... "In a world that often tries to tell us who to be, stay true to who you are. Your goals might look different from the person next to you ... Follow them anyway. The journey is yours and it's worth every step."

Giving the 'charge to the class' was Elgin High School alumni Chris Sullivan. He told them 30 years ago, he was where the graduates were now, about to receive his high school diploma.

He tailored his remarks to three thoughts which came to him weeks ago - friendship, personal & professional growth, and pride.

"I want each of you to consider that idea, showing up for your friends. Especially when it's for something you don't immediately find appealing. That is when we need to show up for our friends the most. That's when it's going to mean the most to them."

Regarding personal growth, he told the graduates, "You'll have failures and successes along the way. You'll change jobs or careers. You will all make a living. All along the way you'll be presented with opportunities ... You will be presented with opportunities to grow and be a better version of yourself. Don't pass them up."

He closed his remarks by saying, "Take pride in where you are from and in all the things you set out to do. I promise it will serve you well."

"Be sure to show up for your friends, look for the opportunity in everything, and be proud of who you are and where you come from."

City insurance premiums rise due to hike in property values

Following a brief presentation by 118 Insurance Owner Megan Beckman, the Elgin City Council approved a new insurance package.

Beckman presented information about the proposed policy in which, she said, the premium would increase by approximately 10 percent. The increase, she said, was in part due to an eight percent increase in property values.

Workman's compensation coverage, she said, saw only a slight change.

As for the Elgin Rural Fire District premium, Beckman said that rose by approximately eight percent from one year ago.

Following her presentation, the council approved the following premiums:

- \$37,893 - City premium
- \$7,844 - Workman's compensation premium
- \$17,594 - Elgin Rural Fire District premium

It was just one of a number of matters the council addressed in the nearly hour-long meeting. Others were:

Items for sale — Three resolutions were approved for the sale of items belonging to the City. One was for a 2002 Ford BLS Ambulance and the other was for a Stryker Power pro XT cot with rails.

Bought — The council voted 3-0 (councilman Leigh

Kluthe was absent) to pass a resolution to purchase land adjacent to the city tree dump.

Street repairs — Approved were street repairs near the intersection of Third & Cedar Streets. W & W Concrete will be doing repairs where concrete has broken up at a cost of \$3,600.

Let's play ball — A lease agreement with St. Boniface Ball Diamond Association was approved for the 2025 season at a cost of \$3,000, the same amount as one year ago.

Permits — The council approved building permits for Pat & Cheryl Veik, Esther Bush and David Jochum.

PJCC graduates told to let their 'light and beauty shine'

The 58th annual graduation program for Pope John seniors was held Sunday afternoon.

Family and friends, some coming from far away, shared the moment which five seniors focused their young lives on - a goal to be attained.

"When we first walked through the doors, we were all a little nervous.. For most of us, we were little preschoolers who didn't know what to expect or where our paths would take us," Miss Schumacher said. "People always told us that graduation would be here before we knew it, but back then, 2025 felt like an eternity away."

"Now, here we are in this moment ... As we reflect on our time at Pope John, we can look back at how far we've come and ahead at what is yet in store for each of us ... Every step has shaped us into the young women who stand before you today."

She elaborated on the meaning of the class quote, "Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."

The moments shared together, she said, "make up our journey to becoming the class of 2025. These are the things that we'll remember, not because they were big but because they brought us together and encouraged us to enjoy every moment."

Schumacher then closed her remarks with these words - "I challenge you to carry your faith boldly, continue dreaming and never forget the journey that brought you to where you are today."

Principal Lisa Schumacher told the audience of family and friends of the



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Speaking on behalf of the senior class was Kaitey Schumacher.

graduating class, how these seniors reflect "the vision our leaders had for Pope John.

"These young ladies are intelligent, sassy, spirited, gifted, courageous, bold and full of faith and love for the Lord!"

Her final remarks to the class involved stained glass windows. "I challenge you to be a stained-glass window for others. What the world needs most right now are people like you who are courageous enough to let the Lord's light and goodness shine through them and become even brighter for others to see His goodness. When you share yourself and talk boldly about your faith, you become brighter and your light shines so beautifully that it brings others to Jesus ... we know that with the Lord by your side, no adventure is too great, no dream is too big.

"So, like stained glass, let your light and beauty shine."

Exemption approved for PJCC bus barn

By Greg Tharnish
For The Elgin Review

Meeting Tuesday morning, the Antelope County Commissioners took a step to assist with the building of a new bus barn for Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School.

Four members of the board (Regina Krebs was absent) approved an exemption application filed by PJCC for property being purchased from a subdivision of The Homestead in Elgin. The property will be used to build, in the coming months, a bus barn for the school.

Following a report from County Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe, the commissioners took the following actions:

- A hot mix bid was submitted from Knife River and was approved
- The "stop sign resolution" was passed which was for the replacement of missing or damaged

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Judge Taylor presides over multiple hearings at Antelope County Court

The Honorable Donna Taylor presided over multiple hearings during a May 7 session of Antelope County Court.

Benjamin D. Steeves, 35, of Mora, Minnesota, appeared for arraignment on one count of possess firearm by prohibited person, a Class 1D felony; and one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony.

Steeves requested a continuance to consult with an attorney. Taylor granted the continuance and ordered Steeves to appear June 18 for further arraignment.

The judge set bond at \$20,000-10% and ordered Steeves not to violate any law, not use or possess alcohol or any controlled substance without a prescription, submit to blood, breath or urine testing by law enforcement; not own or possess any firearms, ammunition or other weapons and understand he is subject to search and seizure

at the request of law enforcement officers.

Steeves was arrested April 27, by a Nebraska State Patrol trooper, for speeding. During a traffic stop, the trooper could smell marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The defendant admitted he had marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms and a firearm in the vehicle.

The trooper conducted a probable cause search and located the items, in addition to a knife in a sheath. Steeves was transported to Antelope County Jail. He posted bond on April 29.

Taylor found Linda R. Caulder, 40, of Oakdale, guilty of one count of no proof insurance, a Class II misdemeanor.

Caulder entered a guilty plea and was ordered to bring paperwork regarding restitution payment to the sentencing hearing, set for May 21.

Jon D. Keenportz, 35, of Beaver City, failed to appear for arraignment on three charges, including DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor; littering-1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor; and speeding 11-14 mph county/state, an infraction.

Taylor advised the county attorney he may file a motion, affidavit and order for arrest warrant.

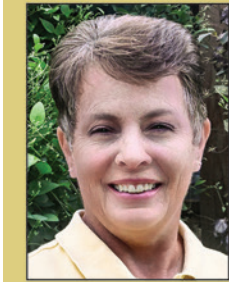
Keenportz posted a \$1,500-10% personal recognizance bond on May 8. He is scheduled to appear May 21 for further arraignment.

Richard V. Nelson, 51, of Tilden, accepted a plea agreement and entered a guilty plea on one count of DUI - .15+ or refusal (1 prior

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Lemon Cheesecake Pie, English Apple Pie



Good day, "Pies, Pies!" Who doesn't like pie? I have a couple of really simple pie recipes to share this week. The lemon can be made into

a pie or just a pan dessert. You can freeze this if you like. It would make a wonderful cool dessert to serve anytime this summer for any occasion.

This "Dutch Apple" recipe is my go to when I make my apple dessert. I bake mine in a regular baking dish. The topping gets like a cookie crust, it's so yummy.

They are both really delicious recipes.

Hope you all had a "Happy Mother's Day" - all the moms and grandmas. Enjoy!

JoAnn

LEMON CHEESECAKE PIE

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1 8 oz pkg. cream cheese
1 pkg. instant lemon Jello® pudding
2 cups cold milk
Crust:
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup melted butter


Mix in the blender the first 3 ingredients. Do Not Over Beat! Set aside.
Mix the crust ingredient sand press in a 8 or 9 inch pie plate
Bake this at 350° for 10 minutes.
Pour the lemon mixture in the cooled crust.
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ENGLISH APPLE PIE

4 cups sliced or cubed apples
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup white sugar
Topping:
2/3 cup butter

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup flour

Mix the first 3 ingredients together, put it into a baking dish.
Mix separately the next 3 ingredients, put this mixture on top of the apples.
Bake at 350° until apples are done, approximately 30-45 minutes - depends on what kind of apples used.
Serve with ice cream!



EPS adds six new members to National Honor Society



Six students were inducted into the National Honor Society at Elgin High School last week. They were (front row, l-r): Libby Evans, Kylee Lichtenberg and Megan Wright. Back row: Braelyn Martinsen, Kiers-tyn Eisenhauer and Dannyka Smidt.

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Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday, May 8 at the old fire hall in Bartlett with 8 members in attendance.

It was reported that 67 children attended the Easter Egg Hunt in Bartlett which was sponsored by the Bartlett Lions Club. Kay Reineke attended the Lions Zone Meeting 'Community Disaster Response' in Burwell, April 13 at the American Legion Building. Members of local emergency management

from Burwell, Taylor, North Loup and Bartlett attended the meeting.

The Lions Screening Unit will be screening students at Wheeler Central, Riverside and Spalding Academy October 9-10.

It was voted by members attending to provide \$200 to help pay for a sled for the tractor pull to be held in Bartlett, May 31.

Kay Reineke's sister Nancy Blood has asked to be a new member of the Bartlett Lions

Club.

After much discussion it was decided to have two stands at the Wheeler County Fair. One will be on the north side, one on the south side.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

Wheeler Central's last student day is Friday. Summer will then officially begin although we've had quite the warm weather already. The trees and flowering shrubs are just loaded with beautiful blossoms.

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Keeping up with the daily grind

I’ve recently had an epiphany: I can’t do everything. It’s true. As much as I hate to admit it, I cannot carry the load all on my own. I must admit defeat and ask for help.

This is always the hardest time of year for me. The school year is coming to an end, and all the to-dos start to pile up. I tend to feel overwhelmed and as though I’m not quite keeping up. I’m sure my family doesn’t notice, but I sure do.

The end of the school year is one of the busiest times. There are so many activities, parties, final concerts and award celebrations on the calendar; plus, many sports are ending, but others have started to pick up. With three kids, it means a packed schedule and little time for anything else.

I recently went back to work full-time with a long commute. Prior to that, I didn’t realize how used to working from home I’d become. Between meetings I could pop in a load of wash, pick up kids if they stayed late from school, order groceries,

and more. It’s been a difficult transition. By the time I get home from work it’s time for dinner and then all the evening activities. I haven’t sufficiently cleaned the house in weeks.

My husband does a great job of picking up the slack. He works from home so he’s great about washing dishes and starting dinner. However, his definition of cleaning and mine are a little different. Things must be noticeably dirty before he notices. As much as I appreciate his efforts, I’m starting to feel the pressure as days turn into weeks, and I still haven’t mopped the floors or cleaned the bathrooms. Clutter and dirt tend to stress me out. At this point, I have no other choice but to accept things as they are or completely give up on sleep and just clean. Neither of those options thrill me.

The other option, one that is appealing, is to start delegating. My children are old enough to take on more responsibility and as mommy transitions to full-time work, they need to pitch in more. I consider it their contribution for living in this house. They have a roof over their heads, warm beds to sleep in and clothes on their backs. The least they can do is chip in. My oldest has started doing his own laundry. Yes, it may sit in his basket a few days before I nag him to put it away, but it’s a big step and a huge help. My youngest vacuumed upstairs today and my middle child has been tasked with walking the dogs each day after school.

No surprise here but the kids also don’t have the same definition of clean. At some point I need to give up on my delusion of having a perfectly clean home because that’s not what is important. It’s clean enough and this is teaching them some important lessons about taking ownership and learning chores. I can’t do everything and that’s something I must wrestle with.

I have finally reached the conclusion I either have to accept things as they are or not get any sleep. Do I relax some on the cleaning or do I become a zombie? There just isn’t time in the day to do it all. I’ve decided I can live with a little dirt.

Perhaps you’re like me and try to do it all yourself. Take it from me, it’s not sustainable. It’s important that we expect more out of our children and that everyone pitches in.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

May 13, 1965

Separate twisters cleared paths east and west of Elgin with the tornado which struck Primrose apparently being the one which devastated farm buildings south and east of Petersburg, southeast and east of Elgin, on northeast through 20 farm and school buildings southwest, west and north of Tilden and wound its way to the Plainville-Osmond area. Over 100 farms were damaged.

George A. Wright, chairman of the Bank of Elgin and president of the institution when it was organized here in 1935, was honored recently by the Nebraska Bankers Association for his 50 years of service in this field of finances.

Fifty Years Ago

May 8, 1975

Frank J. Stehly, DDS, was recently honored by Creighton University at Omaha and the Creighton University Alumni Association. During the April 18 ceremonies Dr. Stehly was presented a Golden Anniversary Citation recognizing him for 50 years of service to mankind and for his loyalty to Creighton University.

Joseph Shetler, Neligh, so of Mr. and Mrs. John Shetler; and Patty Meis, Elgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meis, were the senior division winners in the Antelope County 4-H Public Speaking Contest held Monday evening, April 28 at the Neligh High School.

Miss Judy Pelster of Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pelster of Petersburg and Cliff Lindholm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindholm of Valparaiso, were united in marriage on April 26th at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville at a 2:00 p.m. nuptial Mass. Fr. Kros officiated the double ring ceremony.

Thirty Years Ago

May 10, 1995

Ann Moser, a senior at Pope John Central Catholic, was chosen last week by the Norfolk Daily News for the newspaper's 1995 Academic Team. Moser ranked first in her class of 24 at the end of the 1994 fall semester with a grade point average of 3.96 on a 4.0 scale.

Among those receiving top athletic awards at last Friday night's EHS Banquet were Julie Sullivan, Tara Reestman, Brandon Miller, David Ochsner, Mark Dietz, Chris Sullivan and B.J. Schmitt.

Twenty Years Ago

May 11, 2005

Four new members were inducted by the Dr. W.W. Graham Chapter of the National Honor Society at Elgin High School last Thursday evening, May 5. The 2005 inductees included one junior, Clayton Hensley, son of Karl and Margaret Hensley, and three sophomores - Ben Beckman, son of Scott and Deb Beckman; Wesley Prater, son of Tracy and Cindy Prater, and Paige Redding, daughter of Jim and Chris Redding.

Students from Elgin received degrees during the annual commencement exercises at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last Saturday, May 7. Elgin students receiving Bachelor's degrees were Matthew Dickerson, electrical engineering; Tyson Dinslage, agricultural sciences; Melodie Koenig, business administration, and Shanna Koenig, business administration.

Two assault cases heard in county court May 7

A 27-year-old Albion man appeared before the Honorable Donna Taylor, May 7, for arraignment on charges stemming from an April 27 incident alleged to have occurred in Brunswick.

Blake R. Baldwin pleaded not guilty to one count of domestic violence assault - third/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker was dispatched to a Brunswick residence to investigate a report of a physical disturbance and, while en route, was informed by an Antelope County Sheriff's Office dispatcher that Baldwin had left the scene.

Upon arrival, the officer met Riley Snodgrass, who confirmed a verbal disagreement had occurred and escalated to physical contact. Barker observed dried blood on Snodgrass's face, and she stated Baldwin hit her and pushed her to the ground, where he continued to punch her.

Baldwin later returned to the residence and Barker arrested him and transported Baldwin to the Antelope County Jail.

On April 28, Taylor set bond at \$10,000-10% and ordered Baldwin to not have contact with Snodgrass.

Baldwin will appear May 21 for a pretrial hearing.

A plea agreement was reached in a case involving Blake L. Mull, 24, of Neligh, originally charged with domestic violence assault - 3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Per the agreement, Mull pleaded guilty to an amended charge of disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith made no recommendation during sentencing.

Taylor sentenced Mull to pay a \$500 fine. Mull agreed to have his bond exonerated and applied to payment.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, May 19: Big mac casserole, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, May 20: Ham & noodle bake, peas & carrots, strawberry/peach mix, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, May 21: Hot beef sandwich, green beans, pears, milk.

Thursday, May 22: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, garlic stick, milk.

Friday, May 23: Goulash, peas, mandarin oranges, garlic stick, milk.

All meals served with bread & butter.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).

Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

Under 60 is \$10. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

For a great meal, come to the community center!

Merland Clark's

final earthly journey has been planned by his family for

Monday, May 26

at 11 a.m. at Park Cemetery.

His service will follow the traditional Memorial Day Service at Park Cemetery at 10 a.m. conducted by the Elgin American Legion Post and VFW.

Some of the family plan to be at the Elgin KC Hall with a lunch provided by Legion Auxiliary members and would love to see old friends.

“To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful.”

Edward R. Murrow

Working hard for Nebraska

Our country faces many threats. Communist China is our greatest external threat. Our \$36 trillion national debt is our greatest domestic threat. Over the past two weeks, I’ve focused on both of those issues on behalf of Nebraskans.

Before Easter, I visited the Philippines and Taiwan. I met with leaders in both countries. We discussed ways to push back on Communist China’s aggression.

Xi Jinping has said he wants to be the world’s dominating power by 2049. Communist China’s dramatic military buildup and increasingly provocative actions are designed to force everyone to bend to its will. Just this week, it took over an island in the West Philippine Sea. They steal intellectual property. They manipulate or disregard rules to gain advantages that risk our security. That threatens our security and threatens the security of many of our allies and partners.

Another focus of my trip was expanding trade opportunities for American producers. There is a lot of interest in signing new trade deals. For example, Taiwanese Vice President Hsiao expressed an interest in buying more of our soybeans instead of from Brazil. Others expressed interest in buying more of our natural gas. They know Communist China is a bad trading partner. They want to work with us. There’s a lot of opportunity. We need to cut a trade deal.

Last week, I also held public events in the Western, Central, and Eastern parts of our state. I hosted three town halls in Scottsbluff, Valentine, and Kearney. At these town halls, I shared updates on my work in Washington. I gave an update on how I’m fighting to control our spending. I shared how I’m working with President Trump to secure the southern border, protect the 2017 tax cuts, and support Nebraska agriculture. I also heard feedback and answered

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U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

questions directly from Nebraskans. These conversations help me stay connected to the priorities and values of my constituents.

In addition to the townhalls, I spoke to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. I gave a legislative update and answered questions about taxes, tariffs, and other topics.

In Lincoln, I partnered with Nebraska Farm Bureau to call for making the Trump tax cuts permanent. If the tax cuts expire, Americans would see a \$4 trillion tax increase. That would hurt Nebraska families, farmers, and small businesses. The child tax credit will be cut by \$1,000. The standard deduction will be cut in half. A family of four making \$80,000 would pay \$1,700 more in taxes. And the deduction for the Death Tax would also be cut in half, putting our Nebraska family farms and ranches at risk. Farmers and ranchers would face higher taxes when trying to pass on the family operation. I want to see Nebraskans’ taxes cut, not raised.

Throughout the week, I held several important roundtable meetings. In Grand Island, I heard directly from local Chambers of Commerce. They shared some innovative strategies for economic development and revitalization. I heard about the Kearney sportsplex, which is attracting events from all over the region. The sportsplex is fully booked, having only two open

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State’s legal minds raise concern about attacks on ‘rule of law’

A rarely discussed legal term is getting its day in the sun.

“The rule of law” is the crazy idea that everyone in a democracy is accountable to the same laws and that everyone is entitled to their day in court (and to be represented by an attorney).

The legal term took top billing in a recent episode of “60 minutes” as well as in letters penned by a group of professors at the University of Nebraska College of Law and a collection of the state’s legal groups.

The professors’ letter was directed at the state’s congressional delegation. It flatly stated that the rule of law was “in peril” due to recent actions taken by the Trump Administration, and that Nebraska’s senators and representatives needed to do something about it.

The letter written by the Nebraska Bar Association and signed by 12 other legal groups didn’t mention Trump, but waded into the controversy sideways, by seeking to clarify that democracy depends on adhering to the rule of law.

Both letters, as well as the 60 Minutes episode, was spawned by a dizzying batch of actions taken by the Trump Administration, including some attacks (labeled “personal vendettas”) aimed at some of the nation’s largest law firms.

The questionable actions included revoking student visas of those who exercised their free speech rights, failing to provide “even minimal” due process rights to immigrants facing swift deportation, and refusing to comply with an order of the U.S. Supreme Court to return a man mistakenly deported.

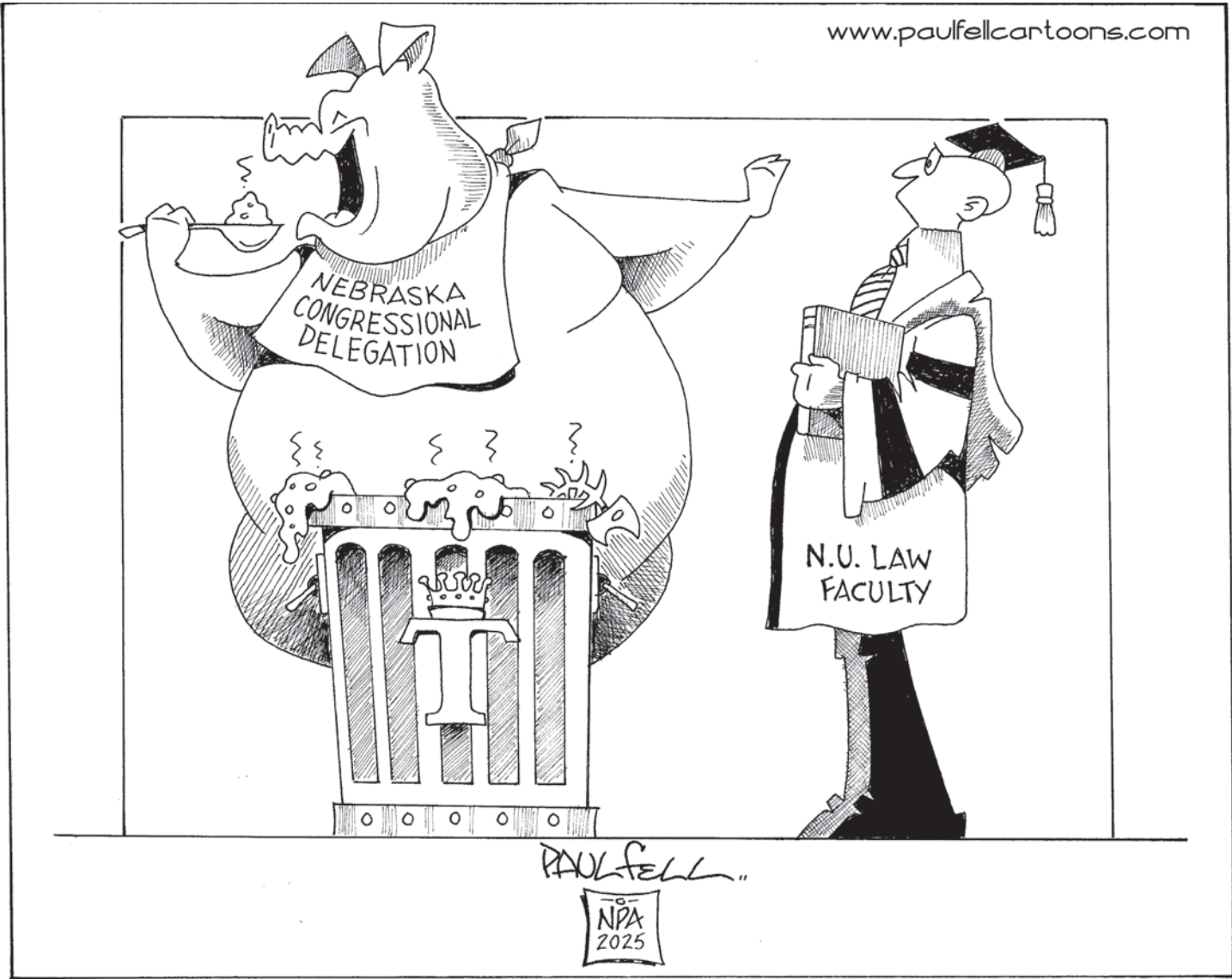
Plus, Trump threatened to bar law firms and some lawyers from federal courthouses (where lawyers work) and cancel their federal contracts because they had represented interests opposed to Trump and his policies.

Several of those law firms, 60 Minutes said, cut deals with the president so as to avoid losing major clients, who feared they would face repercussions of their own for hiring the firms. Four others are challenging the directives in court.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



One Georgetown law professor, who used to work for the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, called the Trump threats “unprecedented.”

He said they endangered the very bedrock of the nation’s legal system, by scaring away law firms from representing persons or interests that might upset the administration.

The Nebraska Bar Association’s letter, signed by 12 other legal groups, reminded us that all lawyers, regardless of political persuasion or position, take an oath to uphold the U.S. and Nebraska constitutions.

A federal judge was more blunt, ruling that Trump’s attack on one law firm was unconstitutional.

“Settling personal vendettas by targeting a disliked business or individual for punitive government action

is not a legitimate use of the powers of the U.S. government or an American President,” the judge wrote.

Trump maintains that he was “targeted” by some of the law firms and lawyers he went after. He has long complained that the 2020 election was stolen from him (it wasn’t, as confirmed by 60 some court rulings) and that he was marked for prosecution after urging the Jan. 6 mob to go to the U.S. Capitol and “fight like hell.” The Capitol was ransacked, dozens of officers were injured and one protester was shot and killed, but the 2020 election results, after order was restored, were confirmed.

But complaining about the past and trying to intimidate and influence the judicial system are much different. The judiciary is a separate branch of government that is supposed to be

independent of the executive branch.

When we go to court, whether to contest a lawsuit or a criminal charge, we expect to face an impartial judge and impartial jury, and be represented by a lawyer who doesn’t fear retribution or retaliation by the government for doing their job.

This isn’t Russia where going to court is a foregone conclusion based on what the government wants to happen..

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

When small businesses succeed, our economy thrives

In 1959, the Oklahoma Sooners’ football team arrived in Lincoln carried by the momentum of a 74-game conference winning streak.

It had been 17 long years since the Nebraska Cornhuskers had last defeated them. On paper, the Sooners dominated; however, the Huskers came out on top, 25-21. It was an upset for the Husker history books; one so momentous that classes were canceled the following Monday to celebrate.

By now, you might be reading and wondering: How does this story relate to small businesses?

Well, much like the Huskers in ’59, small businesses often face insurmountable odds. They are matched up against national chains or big retailers who have a reputation of winning. And with inflation and overregulation, the economic climate has been hard on mom-and-pop shops.

But just like that Husker football team, small businesses push forward in the face of adversity. They believe they will succeed, and when they do, our economy and communities thrive.

This past week was National Small Business Week; a time to celebrate the many small businesses who make up our communities.

In Nebraska, small businesses are essential to the success of our economy. In fact, they make up 99% of

all businesses and provide jobs for almost 49% of the state’s employees.

These statistics highlight why we must make the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. When this bill was signed into law by President Trump, many Americans saw bigger paychecks, small businesses were able to invest and expand, and the U.S. regained its competitive edge in the global economy.

These same tax cuts that delivered relief to Americans and spurred our economy will expire at the end of this year if we do not act now.

According to the National Federation of Independent Businesses, if these tax cuts expire, it is estimated that 30 million small businesses will experience a tax increase. In addition, 61% of small business owners reported they would likely raise prices, and 41% said they would have to postpone or cancel capital investments.

We want to make sure small businesses have the certainty and confidence to hire new employees and make new investments. This will not be possible if taxes are increased.

In Congress, I am continuing to support legislation to help our small businesses. One of the bills I have cosponsored is the Main Street Tax Certainty Act, to make the 20 percent pass-through business tax deduction permanent. This is a key provision within the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and we are working to make sure our small business owners, farmers, and ranchers aren’t hit with this crippling tax increase.

In addition, I’ve also cosponsored the Repealing Big Brother Overreach Act to overturn the Cor-

porate Transparency Act (CTA). This will protect small business owners from excessive federal reporting requirements, which unfairly target American small business owners.

For many small businesses, the journey to success can feel like the Huskers taking on the Sooners. But our small businesses are resilient. As your U.S. Senator, I will continue to support policies that unleash free markets and allow our small businesses to thrive for generations.

Budget gets first round approval

The Legislature gave first-round approval this past week to a \$10.8 billion biennial budget for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. It consisted of five bills advanced to the floor by the Appropriations Committee. Going into debate, senators faced a nearly \$262 million projected budget deficit over the next two years due to federal rate changes for Medicaid and a late report by the Economic Forecasting Advisory Board. In developing the budget proposal, the Appropriations Committee had used February’s numbers from the Forecasting Board. That projection was much more favorable than what the Board

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

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Elgin GRADUATION Weekend



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EPS recognizes students for academic success during 2024/25

Awards night was held Tuesday at Elgin Public School. Students were recognized for their academic accomplishments in different studies during the course of the 2024/25 school year.

Earning recognition were:
ENGLISH
Excellence in English 9 - Bry-stol Buschow
Excellence in English 10 - Zoey Buechter
Excellence in English 11 - Jarek Erickson
Excellence in English 12 - Emma Kinney
Excellence in Speech - Chloe Henn & Callie Heithoff
Excellence in Journalism - Wyatt Paul & Ruby Durre
SPEECH

Most Valuable Member - Chloe Henn
Most Improved - Zoey Buechter
Eagle Award - Callie Heithoff & Kyndal Busted
State Qualifiers - Chloe Henn, Zoey Buechter and Gemma Miller
SPANISH

Excellence in Spanish I - Zoey Buechter, Libby Evans, Rylen Schwarting, Brystol Buschow and Molly Thiessen
Excellence in Spanish 2 - Jarek Erickson & Gavin Harkins
COLLEGE READINESS

Excellence in Introduction to Psychology - Callie Heithoff
Excellence in Senior Strategies - Callie Heithoff
Excellence in JH Careers & College Readiness
8th - Gentry Zwingman
7th - Tenley Schindler
HEALTH

Outstanding Health Student - Makenna Mortiboy
Outstanding Weight Lifter - Jarek Erickson
MUSIC

John Phillip Sousa Award - Emma Kinney
National School Choral Award - Samantha Durre
Outstanding High School Musician - Samantha Durre
Outstanding JH Band Member - Sydney Niewohner & Tenley Schindler
Outstanding JH Choir Member - Sydney Niewohner & Gentry Zwingman
Outstanding JH Musician - Sydney Niewohner
Excellence in 7th Grade Music - Braxtyn Eisenhauer
MATH

Excellence in Calculus - Emma Kinney
Excellence in Pre-Calculus & Trig - Jarek Erickson
Excellence in Geometry - Makenna Mortiboy & Molly Thiessen
Excellence in Algebra I - Kynlee Tillis
Excellence in Java Programming - Gavin Harkins
Perserverance in JavaScript - Samantha Durre
Excellence in Info Tech Fundamentals - Austin Hinkle
MATH

Excellence in Math 7 - Garrett Busted
Excellence in Pre-Algebra 8 - Braedon Hinkle
Excellence in Beginning Algebra - Evin Pelster
Excellence in Algebra II - Dannyka Smidt
Excellence in Nebraska Math Readiness - Isaac Hemenway
Excellence in Technical Math - Isaac Hemenway
BUSINESS/COMPUTERS

Excellence in 7th Computer Applications - Garrett Busted
Excellence in Personal Finance - Jarek Erickson
Excellence in DC Personal Finance - Kyndal Busted
Excellence in DC Intro to Business - Sara Bode
Excellence in Accounting - Taylor Beckman



Photos submitted

Dallmont Erickson Scholarships were awarded to EPS seniors (l-r): Sara Bode, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Kellan Hoefer and Dylan Kolm. In the middle is Korene (Erickson) Fehringer.

Excellence in Entrepreneurship - Keyera Eisenhauer
Outstanding Conference Portfolios - Sara Bode & Kate Furstenau

AGRICULTURE & 7TH GRADE SCIENCE

Excellence in Science 7 - Garrett Busted
Excellence in JH Agriculture - Sydney Niewohner
Excellence in Agriscience - Brystol Buschow
Excellence in Animal Science - Jayda Chessmore
Excellence in Welding - Isaac Hemenway
Excellence in Agribusiness - Sara Bode

JH LANGUAGE

Excellence in 7th Grade English - Garrett Busted
Excellence in 8th Grade English - Sophia Burke & Kynlee Tillis
Norfolk Elks Lodge Patriotism Essay
7th: 1st Cara Romej, 2nd Victoria Evans, 3rd Sheamus McClain
8th: 2nd Kynlee Tillis, 3rd Sophia Burke
(Cara Romej also qualified for Nationals)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Excellence in American History I - Dannyka Smidt
Excellence in World Studies II - Garrett Busted
Excellence in American Government - Jarek Erickson
Excellence in American History I - Sophia Burke
Excellence in Sociology - Sara Bode
Excellence in World Geography - Makenna Mortiboy
Excellence in Esports - Emma Kinney

ART

Excellence in Art I - Sara Bode
Excellence in Art II - Lauren Vitamvas
Excellence in Art III - Isabella Martinez
Excellence in Junior High Art - Cara Romej & Kynlee Tillis

YEARBOOK

Outstanding Designer - Callie Heithoff
Outstanding Photographer - Lauren Vitamvas

SCIENCE

Excellence in Biology - Makenna Mortiboy
Excellence in 8th Grade Science - Kynlee Tillis
Excellence in Physical Science - Kierstyn Eisenhauer
Excellence in Physics - Emma Kinney
Excellence in Chemistry - Callie Heithoff
Excellence in Environmental Science - Jarek Erickson
Excellence in Anatomy & Physiology - Kayton Zwingman

OUTSTANDING SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

1st Place Upperclassmen - Callie Heithoff
Underclassmen - Max Henn & Evin Pelster
1st Place Junior High - Gentry Zwingman & Kynlee Tillis

2nd Place Upperclassmen - Jarek Erickson & Trey Rittscher
Underclassmen - Gemma Miller & Libby Evans

JH - Braedon Hinkle & Jayvin Erickson

ACADEMIC LETTERS

At least a 3.5 GPA for one quarter or one semester
Seniors - Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Kellan Hoefer, Landon Kallhoff, Emma Kinney, Dylan Kolm, Isabella Martinez, Trissa Russell, Kaeden Schwarting, Jaidyn Schrad, Lauren Vitamvas
Juniors - Kyndal Busted, Kaiden Bode, Jarek Erickson, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Creighton Harkins, Isaac Hemenway, Haley Parks, Trey Rittscher, Ticen Sparr, Kayton Zwingman

Sophomores - Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Justice Blecher, Zevon Buechter, Kyla Donaldson, Libby Evans, Gavin Harkins, Madelyn Kurpgewit, Kyla Lichtenberg, Braelyn Martinsen, Gemma Miller, Rylen Schwarting, Dannyka Smidt, Ruby Durre, Megan Wright
Freshmen - Brystol Buschow, Max Henn, Makenna Mortiboy, Evin Pelster, Kaidynce Schrad, Molly Thiessen
NVC PRINCIPAL'S ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

At least 3.5 GPA or 4.0 scale
Seniors - Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode, Samantha Durre, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Austin Hinkle, Kellan Hoefer, Emma Kinney, Jaidyn Schrad, Lauren Vitamvas
Juniors - Creighton Harkins, Isaac Hemenway, Haley Parks, Trey Rittscher, Jarek Erickson, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Kyndal Busted and Kayton Zwingman

NVC Scholastic Recognition
At least a 28 on the ACT
Emma Kinney, Jarek Erickson, Creighton Harkins, Callie Heithoff and Jaidyn Schrad
MATH DAY
Pre-Calculus (9th) - Emma Kinney
Algebra II (2nd) - Jarek Erickson
Algebra II (8th) - Creighton Harkins



Taylor Beckman was presented the 'Craig Keech' Award.

Algebra I (10th) - Molly Thiessen
Pre-Algebra (5th) - Kynlee Tillis

CYBER-PATRIOTS

Gemma Miller, Dannyka Smidt, Creighton Harkins, Gavin Harkins, Kyla Donaldson and Emma Kinney
QUIZ BOWL MEMBERS
Sara Bode, Izzi Martinez, Emma Kinney, Kayton Zwingman, Creighton Harkins, Kyndal Busted, Dannyka Smidt, Ruby Durre and Gemma Miller

ATHLETICS

3-Sport Letter Winners
Max Henn, Justice Blecher, Braelyn Martinsen, Madelyn Kurpgewit, Kayton Zwingman, Jarek Erickson and Kellan Hoefer
Sportsmanship: Megan Wright, Madelyn Kurpgewit and Jarek Erickson
Craig Keech: Taylor Beckman

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elgin Alumni Scholarship Recipients: Callie Heithoff and Kate Furstenau

Dallmont Erickson Scholarship: Sara Bode, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Chloe Henn, Kellan Hoefer and Dylan Kolm.

Family Memorial Scholarship- Sara Bode and Austin Hinkle



Family Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Sara Bode (l) and Austin Hinkle (r).



Elgin Alumni Scholarship recipients were Callie Heithoff (l) and Kate Furstenau (r).

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EPS

CALLIE HEITHOFF
EPS

DARBY CARSTENS
PJCC

AUSTIN HINKLE
EPS

OLIVIA KLEIN
PJCC

KELLAN HOEFER
EPS

KAITEY SCHUMACHER
PJCC

LANDON KALLHOFF
EPS

KAEDEN SCHWARTING
EPS

Over the past eighteen years, a total of 178 scholarships totaling \$156,700 have been given by the community through this program of the Elgin Area Community Foundation.

A sincere *Thank You* to everyone who gave.

The Community Foundation offers an opportunity to everyone who wants to "give back" to the community for future development or for scholarships. We invite you to remember your community with a charitable gift or estate gift to the foundation. If you have any questions about the Community Foundation, contact any of the directors or members:

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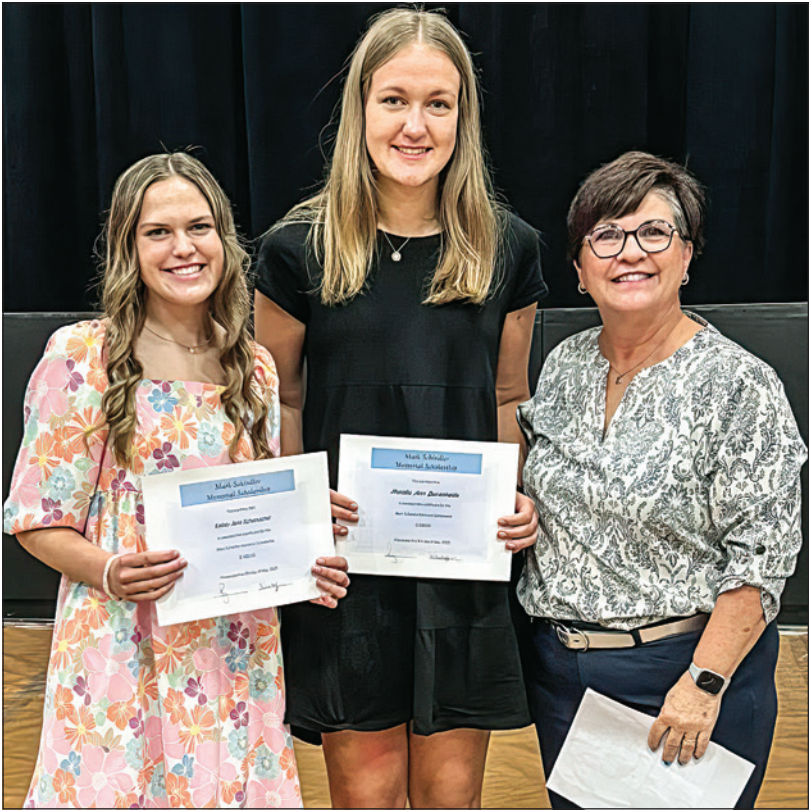
Class of 2025

"Together, we have experienced life.
Separately, we will pursue our dreams.
Forever, our memories will remain."



All five seniors were recipients of the Dallmont Erickson Scholarship presented by Korene (Erickson) Fehringer and her husband Jim Fehringer.

Pope John XXII Central Catholic students recognized for achievements



Peg (Schindler) Wemhoff presented the Mark Schindler Scholarship to Kaitey Schumacher (l) and Natalie Burenheide (c).



Aiden Klein and Brooke Kinney were named Drama Students of the Year.

PJCC seniors so far awarded over \$186,000 in scholarships

There were five talented seniors at Pope John this year. At current count, these ladies have been offered \$186,152 in scholarships. Here is a bit about each of their future plans and the scholarships they have earned.

Natalie Burenheide plans to attend Northeast Community College and then transfer to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and major in Animal Science. She has been awarded the Chadron State College Dean's Scholars Commitment Scholarship, the CASNR Scholarship at UNL, the University Award at UNL, the We are Nebraska Commitment Resident Scholarship at UNL, the Norman Ochsner Agriculture Scholarship, the Lawrence Goscha Memorial Scholarship, the Bargain Box Scholarship, the Erickson Family Memorial Scholarship, the Mark Schindler Memorial Scholarship, the Nathan P. Dicke Memorial Scholarship, and the Elgin Community Foundation Scholarship.

Darby Carsten's future plans include attending Northeast Community College and major in Environmental Science. She has received the Erickson Family Scholarship, the EKG Scholarship, the Nathan P. Dicke Memorial Scholarship, and the Elgin Community Foundation Scholarship.

Olivia Klein plans to attend Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas with a major in Marketing. She has been selected to receive the Husker Power Scholarship at UNL, the CCC Transition Advantage Scholarship, the Maathai Scholarship at Benedictine College, the Dick & Chris Draper Scholarship, the Erickson Family Scholarship, the Nathan P. Dicke Memorial Scholarship, and the Elgin Community Foundation Scholarship.

Juliana McNally is planning to attend Northeast Community College and major in Communications. Juliana has been selected to receive the Erickson Family Scholarship.

Kaitey Schumacher plans to attend Northeast Community College and then transfer to Wayne State College majoring in Elementary Education. Kaitey has received the CCC Transition Advantage Scholarship, the NSCS Board of Trustees Scholarship at Wayne State College, the recipient of the Wayne State College Career Scholars Program recipient, the Northeast Community College Dean's Scholarship, the Northeast Community College Advantage Scholarship, the Lambert & Marion Podany Scholarship, Elgin Community Foundation Scholarship, the EKG Scholarship, the Shari Schiltmeyer Scholarship, the Erickson Family Scholarship, the BRAN Academic Scholarship, the Nathan P. Dicke Memorial Scholarship, and the Mark Schindler Memorial Scholarship.

Article submitted

The Pope John academic awards program was held Thursday morning. Students were recognized for numerous academic achievements as teachers, parents and family members looked on.

Among the awards and scholarships presented were:

2024-2025 Year NVC Scholastic Recognition Award (Juniors and seniors with ACT score of 28 or above)

Juniors-Jovie Borer & Aiden Klein, senior-Kaitey Schumacher

NVC Principal's All-Academic Team (Jrs. & Srs. GPA of 3.5 or above) Seniors - *Natalie Burenheide, *Olivia Klein & *Kaitey Schumacher (* repeat from junior year)

Juniors-Tessa Barlow, Jovie Borer, Karson Kallhoff, Camry Kittelson, Aiden Klein & Reese Stuhr

Crusader Award - Olivia Klein and Kaitey Schumacher

Omaha World Herald All Academic Program Honorable Mention - Olivia Klein & Kaitey Schumacher

Delbert Salber Scholarship - Harper Childers and Harper Evans

KCAU Best of the Class 2025 Area Top Academic Achievers - Kaitey Schumacher

Academic Awards

Theology 7-Chloe Kielty

Theology 8-Lillian Moser

Theology 9 - Joseph McNally

Theology 10 - Brooke Kinney

Theology 11 - Camry Kittelson & Grady Druke

7th Pre-Algebra - Chloe Kielty

Algebra I- Lillian Moser

Geometry - Matthew Kerkman

Algebra II - Brooke Kinney

Advanced Math - Camry Kittelson

Math 12 - Juliana McNally

7th History - Chloe Kielty

8th History - Lillian Moser

Geography - Kami Carstens

10th World History - Brayden Burenheide

American History - Quinn Hoefler

Government - Olivia Klein & Kaitey Schumacher

Current Events - Raaf Klein

Recycling Award - Aiden Klein

Spanish I - Brooke Kinney

Spanish II - Jovie Borer

Spanish III - Olivia Klein

Most Improved Spanish Student - Quinn Hoefler

Speech 9 - Kinley Druke

Advanced Speech - Tessa Barlow & Camry Kittelson

Personal Finance - Kami Carstens & Matthew Kerkman

Language Arts 7 - Anna Stuhr

English 8 - Raaf Klein

English 9 - Christian Preister

English 10 - Brayden Burenheide

English 11 - Aiden Klein

High School Reading - Harlie Tyler



Speech Student of the Year honors went to Olivia Klein.

Science 7 - Anna Stuhr

Science 8 - Lillian Moser

Freshmen Biology - Most Inquisitive Student - Christian Preister

Sophomore Physical Science - Brooke Kinney

Chemistry - Camry Kittelson

STEM/Forensic Science - Karson Kallhoff

Biology/Dissection - Kaitey Schumacher

JH Art - Sawyer Veik

Art I - Kinley Druke

Art II - Kaitey Schumacher

High School Choir Section Leaders - Aiden Klein & Reese Stuhr

High School Band - Jovie Borer & Olivia Klein

JH Band/Choir - Anna Stuhr

Music Students of the Year - Aiden Klein & Reese Stuhr

Drama Students of the Year - Brooke Kinney and Aiden Klein

Speech Student of the Year - Olivia Klein

Student Council Co-Presidents Recognition - Olivia Klein & Kaitey Schumacher

Student Council Secretary Recognition - Reese Stuhr

(Editor's note - Some awards were not available at press time. They will be announced in next week's paper.)

Community Calendar

* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review

Wednesday, May 14
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting @ 7 p.m.

Friday & Sunday, May 16 & 18
Pope John XXIII High School Spring Musical.

Saturday, May 17
'Heroism on the Plains' music program at the Neligh Mill.*

Thursday, May 22
Last day of school for Elgin schools, 11 am dismissals.

Friday & Saturday, May 23 & 24
NSAA State Track Meet in Omaha.

Monday, May 26
Memorial Day cemetery programs.

Saturday, May 31
Opening Day for the Elgin City Swimming Pool (weather permitting)

Sunday, June 1
Annual Tractor Pull in Elgin

Monday, June 2
Elgin City Council regular meeting

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Court

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conviction), a Class I misdemeanor. Smith agreed to recommend probation and the statutory 30-day jail sentence.

Taylor sentenced Nelson to pay a \$1,000 fine and spend 30 days in jail. He will receive credit for one day served. Nelson's driver's license will be revoked for 18 months and an ignition interlock permit was ordered. Taylor ordered probation for 18 months. Nelson was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Michelle R. Zelms, 38, of Norfolk, appeared for a pretrial hearing on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor. Antelope County Public Defender Patrick Carney filed a motion to withdraw as counsel, due to a conflict.

Taylor appointed Nathan Stratton and continued the case to May 21, when Zelms will appear for a pretrial hearing.

Marta E. Yanes Cambara, 55, of Neligh, appeared for a status hearing on one count of issuing a bad check - \$1,500-\$5,000, a Class IV felony.

Taylor found the defendant incompetent to stand trial and Smith dismissed the charges. Court costs are waived in the case.

In a second case, charges of disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor, were dismissed, on a motion by the county attorney, with prejudice. Taylor found the defendant incompetent to stand trial and court costs were waived.

Jose Palma-Ambriz, 53, of Grand Island, appeared for further arraignment on one count of DUI - .15+, a Class W misdemeanor. Smith requested an alcohol sensor be used to determine the defendant's sobriety for the hearing. Palma-Ambriz tested .298 and Taylor ordered the defendant to withdraw his plea. Bond, \$1,500-10%, was revoked and Taylor remanded him to custody of the Antelope County Sheriff. He was ordered to appear May 12. He pleaded guilty to the charge. Taylor fined Palma-Ambriz \$500 and set a jail sentence of 60 days, starting May 12, with credit for six days previously served. His license will also be revoked for a one-year period. Bond was exonerated and applied to payment of fines and court costs. Taylor ordered the defendant to pay fines and costs prior to his release, either by paying them or by sitting them out in jail.

Palma-Ambriz was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

A 49-year-old Oakdale man appeared in Antelope County Court for two separate cases on May 7. Michael See Sr pleaded guilty to one count of theft-unlawful taking \$0-500, a Class II misdemeanor. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith said restitution had been paid and he requested a continuance for sentencing.

Taylor ordered See to appear June 18 for sentencing.

The second case involves public nuisance charges filed by Village of Oakdale officials. See appeared for a pretrial hearing in the case. See entered a not guilty plea on March 5. Taylor set June 18 trial in the case.

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came up with late last month shortly before debate began on the budget.

During debate, senators did adopt several amendments to the budget. One amendment would correct a problem identified by the State Auditor's Office which found that the Nebraska Department of Education paid some schools more than the 80% reimbursement rate for special education expenses authorized by statute.

Another adopted amendment further cut state agencies by over \$100 million and trans-

ferred \$132 million from the state's "rainy day" cash reserve fund to shore up the state's general fund.

Fiscal experts have recommended that the cash reserve should be around 16%, which gives the state some cushion in case of an economic recession or budget shortfall.

Despite these cuts, the amended budget included the preservation of \$55 million for the projects proposed by the Legislature's Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) Special Committee. The STAR WARS

Committee was created in 2021 and was tasked with studying strategies to secure Nebraska's future water supply and strengthen Nebraska's flood control infrastructure, while also enhancing economic and recreational opportunities. The biennial 2025-2027 budget would preserve about \$37 million to complete the marina construction project at the Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area. Another \$18 million would be allocated to Lake McCaughey. Any remaining money could be made available for Niobrara State Park once the projects at these two sites are completed. STAR WARS will be a transformative investment for water access and recreational opportunities which will energize Northeast Nebraska's tourism economy.

Another priority for the Appropriations Committee was rural assisted living facilities. This year, the Committee agreed to fund a \$3.2 million increase in provider rates for assisted living facilities in rural parts of the state. In 2022, DHHS studied the rates paid out to rural and urban facilities. It was found that urban facilities received higher rates despite often offering a similar level of service. This year's budget would increase rural assisted

living single occupancy rates from the current rate of \$62.73 per day to match the urban rate of \$73.91 per day in the next fiscal year. In the past three years, over 17 assisted living homes have closed in Nebraska due to lagging income and increased costs, the most recent being the facility in Laurel. I agree with this increase.

One fairly unique aspect of this year's debate included the introduction of an "alternate budget" plan. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha offered her own budget plan after being the lone "no" vote on advancing the main budget bills from the Appropriations Committee. Her proposal would have cut the money for the prison currently being built north of Lincoln to fund community corrections and juvenile justice programs. Additionally, she proposed eliminating the Tier One Property Tax Credit Program and using the \$780 million to restore the state agency budgets and programs that were slashed by the Appropriations Committee and increase TEEOSA state aid given to public schools. This plan was defeated by a 4 to 32 vote.

If there are bills that interest you, I encourage you to let me know your opinion. You can call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

Ricketts

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weeks until 2029. That's huge for central Nebraska.

In Scottsbluff, I sat down with agriculture leaders. They shared with me the challenges facing rural communities. Nebraska's farmers and ranchers feed the world. I'm committed to passing a comprehensive farm bill that delivers the tools they need to succeed.

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Revelation 21:1-6

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Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Worship Service: 10:45 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor Norlyn Bartens

Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.

Sunday school follows service.

Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

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Elgin, NE

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am.

Church Council: 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am.

Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

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PROCEEDINGS OF MAY 5, 2025 MEETING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
May 5, 2025

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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 were Craig Niewohner, John “Mike” Dvorak, and Jeremy Young. Leigh Kluthe was absent.

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 liquor license hearing and regular meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 96.63; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.47; APPEARA, su, 60.32; The Elgin Review, print, 71.02; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Bartell&Henderson, se, 700.00; Dean’s Market, su, 18.94; Elgin Public Schools, licenses, 1330.00; Kristin Childers, fuel, 31.30; Northeast NE Economic Development District, dues, 960.78; Google, se, 7.20; Black Hills Energy, se, 167.70; Nebraska UC Fund, ins, 67.66; Prudential, retirement, 360.29; American Funds, retirement, 208.06; US Treasury, tax, 3338.12; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 466.09; Payroll, 2750.09

TRANSFERS: 150000.00
SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 1661.43
STREET: ERPPD, se, 934.75; Verizonwireless, su, 82.75; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 224.74; Hometown Station, fuel, 63.51; Sapp Bros, su, 79.50; Corner Service & Tire, su, 28.00; Wisnieski Corp, se, 1175.00; Econo Signs, su, 89.03; WM Krotter Co, pickup, 6763.33; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 106.37; Antelope Co Treasurer, license, 10.00; Payroll, 1926.26

WATER: ERPPD, se, 867.93; Great Plains Communications, se, 92.33; Verizonwireless, su, 82.74; NE Health Lab, se, 33.00; One Call Concepts, se, 7.13; The Elgin Review, print, 640.68; Nebraska Rural Water Association, dues, 300.00; Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha, su, 170.72; WM Krotter Co, pickup, 6763.33; To Danielle Headlee Acct, apply deposit, 100.00; US Post Office, postage, 32.70; Payroll, 3852.49

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 955.57; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.38; Midwest Laboratories, se, 560.37; One Call Concepts, se, 7.12; WM Krotter Co, pickup, 6763.34; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 8.56; Payroll, 1454.96

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 208.55; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.57; APPEARA, su, 60.31; Elgin One Stop, su, 41.57; 118 Insurance, ins, 212.00; Corner Service & Tire, su, 12.56; Travelers; RMD, ins, 1810.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 265.32

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2, 800.00; The Elgin Review, print, 180.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud’s Sanitary Service, se, 6579.20; The Elgin Review, print, 18.66; Al-bracht Disposal, se, 980.20

POOL: ERPPD, se, 62.97; Great Plains Communications, se, 10.00;

The Elgin Review, print, 85.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 45.42; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79

PARK: ERPPD, se, 157.13; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 63.06; Payroll, 471.30

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 76.19; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.58; Amazon, su, 147.06; Bibli-onix, su, 800.00; Transfer to Debit Card Acct, su, 426.60; Black Hills Energy, se, 121.91; Payroll, 1333.32

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 33.68

RESCUE: Bound Tree, su, 567.88; Northeast Comm College, se, 82.80; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 149.20; Quick Med Claims, su, 143.59

- Insurance renewal through 118 Insurance, LLC for \$37,893.00 for the City’s premium, \$7,844.00 for workers’ comp premium, and \$17,594.00 for Elgin Rural Fire District premium

- Resolution 2025-2, a resolution of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, directing sale of certain personal property more particularly described as a 2002 Ford BLS Ambulance

- Resolution 2025-3, a resolution of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, directing sale of certain personal property more particularly described as a Stryker power pro XT cot with rails

- Resolution 2025-4, a resolution of the mayor and city council of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, to authorize and approve the purchase of real property, purchase agreement and further actions

- W&W Concrete to replace concrete at Cedar and 3rd Streets for \$3,600.00

- Sign lease agreement with the St. Boniface Ball Diamond Association for a cost of \$3,000.00

- Donate \$1,500.00 in sales tax funds to Elgin Diamond Boosters for expenses for the youth summer ball program

- Fireworks permit from G&J Fireworks

- Get a bid on concrete around the park shelter and approve \$400.00 for a new tree at the park and materials at Centennial Gardens

- Karin Kinney as pool manager for 2025

- Sue Vanis as a part-time/fill-in pool manager for 2025

- Increase pay rate for pool manager and part-time/fill-in manager to \$19.25

- Utilize the debit card to purchase chemicals for the pool from Amazon for \$1,662.93

- Building permits: Pat & Cheryl Veik, Esther Bush, David Jochum

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: update power at the park

- Curb and gutter responsibility

- Preparing the pool to be filled

- Street sweeper tire needs fixed

- Approximately 40 unlicensed dogs

- Look into getting dumpsters for community clean-up on a Saturday

- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025

- Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
ESTATE OF PHYLLIS MARIE KINNEY, DECEASED

NOTICE
Estate of **PHYLLIS MARIE KINNEY**, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 21, 2025, in the County Court of Antelope County Nebraska,

Case No PR25-14, Richard Charles Kinney, whose mailing address is 50990 Hwy 70, Elgin, NE 68636, has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their

claims with this Court on or before June 30, 2025 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756. /s/ Martin V. Klein

Martin V. Klein, #22220
Attorney for Applicant
PUBLISH: April 30, May 7 & 14, 2025
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INVITATION TO BID-BRIDGES
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of Antelope County, Nebraska as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with Antelope County, Nebraska for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please contact Sandy Walker at 402.371.6416 / swalker@jeo.com to coordinate your request

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INVITATION TO BID-BRIDGES

Sealed Proposals for the construction of “Brunswick Northwest and Royal North for Antelope & Knox County, Nebraska,” JEO Project No. 240778.00 & 240779.00, QuestCDN No. 9529229, will be received by the county clerk at 501 Main Street, Rm. 6, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026, until 9:15 am on the 3rd day of June 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: 240778 includes removing a bridge abutment and construction of a precast plank bridge, channel shaping and approach grading. 240779 consists of a box culvert construction, channel shaping, and approach road grading.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$675,000 (240778)
Opinion of Probable Cost \$250,000 (240779)
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Elgin will be accepting bids for a Stryker Power Pro XT Cot with rails. The item is believed to be operable and shall be sold in “as is” condition. Interested persons shall submit sealed bids, to the Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 104 Pine Street, Elgin, NE 68636, so they are received in the

Clerk’s office no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 30, 2025. Bids shall be opened, and the property considered for sale at the regular meeting of the City Council on June 2, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. The City will consider all reasonable bids, but reserves the right to reject any or all bids. PUBLISH: May 14, 2025
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Antelope County

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AM on June 3rd, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened during the June 3rd, 2025, Commissioner Meeting, in the Courthouse Annex. Please include your contact information (name, address, phone number) with your bid. PUBLISH: May 14, 21 & 28, 2025
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signage in the county

- Summer help has been hired and road projects are continuing. Kluthe said the projects are just slightly behind schedule after a breakdown last month.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners approved a Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Agreement with a contractor for micro-surfacing to be done by Asphalt Surfacing Company for 2025.

The Antelope County Extension Office requested a 4-H assistant (Brooke Kumm) to begin work sooner than expected, after graduating from college. The commissioners approved this request.

Neligh Economic Development received a grant from The State Historical Society for two historic markers.

Discussion was held by the commissioners about the basement foundation issues at the old courthouse. It was decided the roof/gutterwork of the courthouse would be repaired first.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY 6, 2025 MEETING
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
May 6th, 2025

Vice-Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved April 8th, 2025, BOC meeting minutes & public comment.

Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer’s Fund Balance, Sweep Account Statement, and Miscellaneous Revenue and Clerk of the District Court report were reviewed.

Zoning Administrator Report.

Notice to award, proceed and contractor agreement for culvert project by Elgin were approved.

Discussion with ERPPD regarding finding and setting markers.

Authorized Clerk to advertise County Bridge Match bridge projects.

Tabled Basement Foundation and BC/BS NE discussions until next meeting.

Approved Alliant customer application and verification guide.

Approved four (4) promotional grants and one (1) improvement

grant.

Road Superintendent Report: approved one (1) oversize permit, approved one (1) access permit and 35 underground permits.

Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

NEIL WILLIBY
Vice-Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: May 14, 2025
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Branding and calf processing

Spring is a busy time with field work, planting, and pasture turnout. Added to an already crowded to-do list is working calves, and for some, branding. Taking some time to assess your processing protocols and minimizing stress can make the task go smoother and leave you with better results.

Before work even begins, inspecting facilities both permanent and temporary for fixes, and evaluating cattle flow, pen size, working areas, etc. can help catch issues before they even surface.

Often times, we bring additional help in to help with branding/processing. While this is a great opportunity to share the values of our industry, clear communication with all involved is important. Setting an expectation of effective (low-stress) cattle handling, including a refresher on basic cattle handling do's and don'ts on your operation. Additionally, briefing on expectations of cattle gathering, sorting, and the steps to follow at processing is a good way to ensure everyone is on the same page. Depending on branding methods, discussing the expected branding etiquette can improve the efficiency of the day.

From the veterinary side, be sure to have an established Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR). The purpose of the VCPR is for a vet to know the cattle, and the situation, and present health/disease challenges.

Relevant information to examine prior to processing young calves includes current health status of the herd, previous health challenges within the same management and environmental constraints, and operation goals for the vaccination protocol. Your veterinarian has the potential to be your best resource when developing these protocols.

One major issue typically occurring during calf processing and branding, is mishandling of animal health products, especially vaccines. Best

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management practices to ensure vaccines work include:

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□ Keep vaccines protected from the elements. Store them according to the temperature range on the manufacturer label and do not allow them to be exposed to sunlight.

□ Label syringes and do not allow them to get mixed up. If modified live vaccine is placed into a syringe that previously held killed vaccine and a residue of the killed vaccine is present, it may damage or destroy the modified live vaccine.

□ Change your needles every time a syringe is refilled. It is recommended to replace needles every 10 – 15 head. Additionally, by replacing your needle each refill, you ensure you're not contaminating the remainder of the product left in the bottle with a dirty needle.

□ Give all injections in front of the shoulder in the neck region unless the label specifically advises to administer in a different location.

□ Try to utilize products that are labeled for subcutaneous administration.

□ When branding, ensure those who are overseeing the placement of the brand are properly trained and competent in the procedure and know what issues or complications to look for when branding. For example, does the person branding understand how long to hold the brand on, how much pressure to use, how to identify a branding iron that is too hot or not hot enough.

Research has shown that stress related to branding calves is correlated more with amount of time separated from the dam, rather than actual method used to complete working calves (i.e., calf table vs. roping methods).

Save The Date
"Walking With The Lord 2025" conference coming to Elgin

Elgin Community Christian Church will be the host of the "Walking With The Lord" conference on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Four speakers - Peter Sample, Ben Burris, Rich Frantz and Mark Hoffman will lead deep dive discussions on walking the Christian path.

For more information, contact Jonathan Braden at jonwbraden@gmail.com or call him at 605-430-9171.

With this in mind, if working cows and calves at the same time, it may be best to work cows first and return them to the calves as quickly as possible. Once working calves, the more efficiently we can get calves back with their dams, the less stress those calves will experience. Sufficient communication between all individuals present will lead to prevention of stress in all areas.

Working calves in the spring can be a long day's work, but with proper communication and planning, we can ensure that our efforts end up with good results.

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With a toss of 42', freshman Max Henn placed second in the shot put competition.

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Gemma Miller was a multiple-medal winner, placing in both the shot put and discus events at Humphrey last week.

Henn takes second in shot put at Humphrey

Kurpgeweit, Martinsen, Miller and Erickson are multiple medal winners against bigger schools

HUMPHREY — In their final tuneup before districts, Elgin Public-Pope John competed last week at Humphrey.

And, just as they have throughout the season, Wolfpack athletes continued to challenge the area's best.

Braelyn Martinsen's best effort came in the 200 meter dash where she finished third. Kayton Zwingman finished fourth in both the 400 meter dash and 300 meter hurdles.

Freshman Max Henn turned in the Wolfpack's best effort of the day. The freshman threw the shot put 42' to finish second.

On the boys side, Central Valley won the boys team title with 126.5 points. Elkhorn Valley was second with 111. EPPJ finished with 18 points.

In the girls division, three teams scored over 100 points. Elkhorn Valley won with 131 followed by Archangels Catholic 113 and Clarkson/Leigh 105. EPPJ scored 24.5.

Results were:

Girls

100 meter dash — 1. Taylor McIntyre, CV, 12.37 seconds; 7. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.35.

200 meter dash — 1. Taylor McIntyre, CV, 26.09 seconds; 3. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 27.99

400 meter dash — 1. Bentleigh Dugan, CV, 1:03.47; 5. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 1:05.91

800 meter run — 1. Anna Stricklin, AC, 2:34.65

1600 meter run — 1. Reann Bruhn, C-L, 5:56.53

3200 meter run — 1. Mazzy Kuchar, EV, 12:59.76

100 meter hurdles — 1. Amy Praest, H-D, 16.21 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Grace Mahony, Riverside, 48.06 seconds; 4. Kayton Zwingman, EPPJ, 51.45

400 meter relay — 1. Central Valley, 52.73 seconds; 7. EPPJ (Kinley Drueke, Braelyn Martinsen, Mady Kurpgeweit, Kayton Zwingman), 56.85

1600 meter relay — 1. Elkhorn Valley, 4:24.75

3200 meter relay — 1. Elkhorn Valley, 10:24.98

High jump — 1. Michelle Esch, Riverside, 4'10"; 7. (tie) Mady Kurpgeweit, 4'6"

Pole vault — 1. Gentry Poulsen, EV, 8'

Long jump — 1. Maizie Stoklasa, C-L, 17'10.5"

Triple jump — 1. Maizie Stoklasa, C-L, 36'0.75"

Shot put — 1. Lily Hagemann,

EV, 37'2"; 7. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 32'

Discus — 1. Whitney Wegener, AC, 111'3"; 7. Gemma Miller, EPPJ, 92'3"

Boys

100 meter dash — 1. Jack Molt, Riverside, 10.89 seconds

200 meter dash — 1. Jack Molt, Riverside, 22.27

400 meter dash — 1. Boston Wood, CV, 52.39 seconds

800 meter run — 1. Devon Baumgart, AC, 2:08.84

1600 meter run — 1. Ethan Prusa, H-D, 5:11.62; 8. Evin Pelster, EPPJ, 5:36.15

3200 meter run — 1. Jaiden Anderson, AC, 10:59.11

100 meter hurdles — 1. Andre Martin, H-D, 15.68 seconds

300 meter hurdles — 1. Logan Black, EV, 42.86 seconds

400 meter relay — 1. Central Valley, 44.67 seconds; 7. EPPJ (Justice Blecher, Joseph McNally, Matthew Kerkman, Evin Pelster), 54.61

1600 meter relay — 1. Central Valley, 3:33.35

3200 meter relay — 1. Humphrey-Lindsay, 9:05.01

High jump — 1. Logan Black, EV, 6'

Pole vault — 1. Trevor Carraher, Riverside, 12'4"

Long jump — 1. Landon Shoemaker, CV, 20'5.75"

Triple jump — 1. Brenden Johannes, AC, 40'9.75"

Shot put — 1. Korbin Werner, EV, 46'4"; 2. Max Henn, EPPJ, 42'; 5. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 41'1"

Discus — 1. Dane Schalk, Riverside, 147'3"; 6. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 125'

Hoefer, Kallhoff medal at N-V Invite

CWC's William Jesse wins five hole playoff for medalist honors

NIOBRARA — Northeast Nebraska golf teams hit their targets Wednesday, competing at the Niobrara-Verdigre Golf Tournament.

Conditions were warm, almost hot, and winds were light and variable, ideal for high school golfers getting their game in shape ready for the postseason which looms in the not too distant future.

Kellan Hoefer had a banner day for the Wolfpack, shooting a (39-40) 79 to lead the team. He finished third in the individual competition.

Finishing seventh was Karson Kallhoff who shot an 82 followed by Michael Selting 93, Gavin Kallhoff 106 and Landyn Veik 107. JV golfer Aiden Klein shot 112.

Medalist was CWC's William Jesse who won in a five-hole playoff over Wausa's Jake Munteer, each shooting a 78.

Wausa won the team competition. Wausa won with a team score of 339, three strokes better than CWC with a 342. Other team scores were Bloomfield 348, EPPJ 360, Stuart 369 and Boyd County 394. Osmond and Santee did not compete in the team competition.



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Karson Kallhoff (shown here hitting driver at the Atkinson Country Club earlier this month) tied Kellan Hoefer for the best Wolfpack score competing at Albion last week. Both golfers shot a nine-hole score of 46.

EPPJ golfers finish second at BC triangular

ALBION — Wolfpack golfers finished second last Monday in a triangular held at the Albion Country Club.

Boone Central won the nine-hole tournament with a team score of 180. They were led by Riley Nelson with a 39 followed by Jace Rasmussen 42, Dalton Young 48, Dalton Rolf 51 and Preston Trollope 53.

Wolfpack golfers' Karson Kallhoff and Kellan Hoefer led EPPJ, each shooting a 46. Michael Selting scored a 51 followed by Landyn Veik 56 and Gavin Kallhoff 60. EPPJ posted a team score of 199. Central Valley finished third with a 204. Matthew Pribnow led the way with a 50, Dale Barr and Canon Holley each shot 51, Caleb Studley 52 and July Gotschall 56.

JV scores

Four Wolfpack JV golfers competed. Their scores were Aiden Klein and Creighton Harkins each shot 60, Dannyka Smidt carded a 63 while Molly Thiessen shot 68.



Michael Selting draining a putt. He shot 93 at the N-V Invite.



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PJCC Class of ‘75 holds 50-year class reunion

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Spinning Tales

Spreads - Hibachi, grasshopper cheese cake and burnt ends

Here, there and almost everywhere it was high school graduation weekend. Every year I attend graduation exercises in the towns where I've worked for, now going on 43 years, and yet I'm still amazed at what I see. Maybe it's just me, but I'm always the one looking at the smaller details. There was plenty to see, if you were inclined to look. I always am. Every one of this year's graduates and ones from years past, show some form of nervousness during this brief time. Elgin Public has their graduates sit on the stage and face the audience for much of the program. One young man whose hands shook. They just kept shaking. All eyes were on him when he accepted his diploma and the jubilation on his face was priceless. Another couldn't help but shed tears which just wouldn't stop. I wish I would have had the opportunity to tell her tears are OK. This isn't the end. It's the start of something new. It's time to turn your life's head-

lines from sad to gladness. Sunday was another story. Four of Sunday's graduates have assisted us at the Review. For the past four years Olivia Klein has worked as an intern at the newspaper office. When she first started she was quiet as a mouse. Now, she can more than hold her own with the banter that goes on. Now I can only speak to the receptions I attended - here are my favorites reception foods Best dessert — Grasshopper cheesecake served at Miss Klein's reception. Runner-up — the cookies made by Natalie Burenheide's grandmother. It seemed like there were more cupcakes and cookies this year compared to graduation cake. Best nachos — Had to be Taylor Beckman's with the white queso cheese sauce. It had a nice, little bite to it. Best meat — The burnt ends served at Callie Heithoff's reception. They were to die for!! Best ethnic food — Hibachi (Japanese cuisine) served at Juliana McNally's reception

Sunday afternoon. Both the beef and the chicken were superb. Another big hit was the sushi served at Heithoff's. Best mints and nuts — Chloe Henn's party. Mints spice up the nuts and cake. There's an art to mapping out whose reception to go to first, second, third and so forth. At the same time you have to pace yourself. One last ranking...The best venue for a reception was Hoefer's machine shed/shop. It was funny to hear the stories from parents who cleaned out garages to hold receptions. The hours spent and the steps taken to make it happen made my day.

SPINNING TALES



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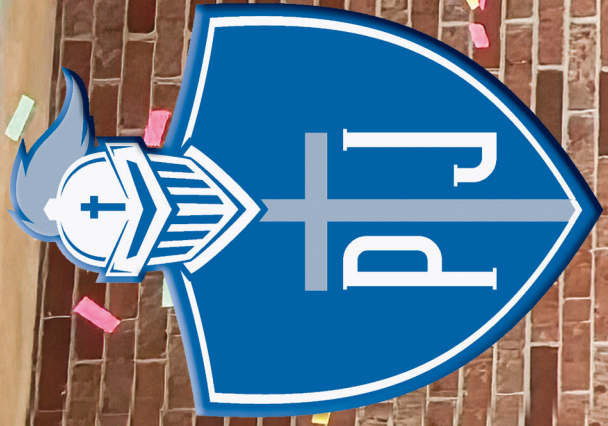
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