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In Brief

Community-wide garage sales to be May 31-June 1

Map to be in May 29 newspaper.

The Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club, in cooperation with *The Elgin Review*, are sponsoring the annual community garage sales in Elgin.

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

The deadline to be included on the map printed in the newspaper is 3 p.m. on May 24.

Memorial Day to be observed Monday, May 27

Services at three locations

The Elgin American Legion, VFW and auxiliaries will again lead Memorial Day observances nearby cemeteries.

Services will be held at rural Clearwater (9 a.m.), Park Cemetery (10 a.m.) and Elgin cemeteries (11 a.m.) on Monday, May 31, according to Legion Commander Gary Hoefler.

Village of Bartlett set public hearing for May 21

7 p.m. at new fire hall

The Village Board of the Village of Bartlett, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing at the new Fire Hall in Bartlett on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the contractor bid and answer questions in relation to the Randolph



ACHF makes large donation to ambulance

E-R photo/LMorgan

Antelope County Healthcare Foundation donated \$7,500 to the Elgin Rescue Service for the purchase of a new ambulance. Funds came from the annual golf tournament that the Foundation holds every July to support the healthcare needs of all of Antelope County. In addition to donating funds to Elgin this year, the Foundation also donated to Neligh, Clearwater, and Orchard. Shown (l-r) are Foundation board members Samantha Stoltz and Gina Moser, and Elgin Rescue Service members Dean Schrage, Kimberly Young and Vicki Miller.

Two join EVFD

Thiessen, VanHorn approved by city council

The Elgin City Council last week approved two new members of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting May 6 at City Hall, the council wasted little time approving the addition of Brian Thiessen and Austin VanHorn to the fire department.

A tentative date has been set for the opening of the Elgin Swimming Pool for the season. If necessary painting of the pool is completed, the pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 1.

• Street closures — Following a request from the Elgin Chamber/Community Club (ECC), the council approved a number of street closures for next month's Vetch Days Parade. The parade route will be the same as in recent years with lineup starting on the south side of Elgin City Park. The route will then go west to Third Street where it will turn south. The parade is scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 12, starting at 7 p.m.

• Money matters — The council approved a number of payments at the meeting. Rutjens Construction - \$70,432.05 for the water replacement project; and the annual insurance renewal with Lordemann Insurance for city property and liability in the amount of \$41,223.

With diplomas in hand, PJCC graduates begin new chapter

On a day set aside to honor mothers, Pope John awarded diplomas to the 'Class of 2024.'

"The graduating class of 2024 reflects the vision our leaders had for Pope John," Principal Lisa Schumacher said. "These young adults are intelligent, sassy, spirited, gifted, courageous, bold and full of faith and love for the Lord!"

Pointing out how the seniors have done every possible activity at school, they accumulated countless service hours and have been involved in their churches and communities.

"The senior class has collectively earned over 50 college credit hours and received over \$80,000 in college scholarships. They scored higher on the ACT than the Nebraska average and, as seniors, have an average GPA of 3.9." She challenged the class to:

- Be good to people
- Be game changers
- Be worthy
- Protect your morals, character and faith

- Love everything you love
- Be bold about your faith and challenge others to believe in Him.

Speaking on behalf of the class was Jack Barlow, the lone male student in the class. "We finally made it," he said looking at classmates Jazmine McNally, Ashlynn Charf, Ellie Ruterbories and Brooklyn Meis.

"Today marks a new beginning for each and every one of us, not just as students, but as people," he said.

"The time has come for us to answer a question we have been asked since we could talk, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Now I have learned that the whole time we have been saying teachers or doctors but, I want us to be something better. I want us to be determined, compassionate and creative. With those qualities, we can be everything we have ever dreamed of...I am so proud to say we have experienced high school together. Yet separately we will fulfill our dreams. Our countless memories will be with us wherever we go."



E-R photo/DMorgan

Jazmine McNally and her mother Jill McNally share a moment during the presentation of flowers at Sunday's ceremony.



E-R photo/DMorgan

Principal Greg Wemhoff presented the Valedictorian statuette to Baylee Busted at the start of Saturday's ceremony.

Be proud of accomplishments, EPS Class of 2024 told

Thirteen seniors were awarded diplomas during commencement ceremonies Saturday at Elgin Public Schools.

In a ceremony which lasted close to an hour there was applause and tears as seniors, parents, family and friends celebrated this long-awaited day.

Valedictorian Baylee Busted spoke about how the moments that shaped their time in school will soon become a distant memory. "Let's all remember that graduation is not the end; it's the beginning of a journey that we've prepared for," she said.

"May we take our dreams and turn them into action, our challenges into opportunities, and our friendships into lifelong bonds. I have no doubt that future educators, farmers, occupational therapists, welders, diesel mechanics, electricians and pilots are sitting next to me today. With that being said, let's go forth with our heads held high, determined and ready to write our own paths and achieve our own dreams and aspirations."

Moments earlier, Keyera Eisenhauer

gave the Salutatorian Address. "As we all begin our new journey in life, let us use our education and talents to make a difference and inspire others... No matter what your future holds we should all remember that we can do work grudgingly, or we can do work gratefully. The satisfaction we get from life's work we choose depends on our attitude. Let us celebrate our accomplishments, cherish the small moments, look forward to a bright future, and as our class motto states, let the good times roll!"

Dr. Mark Adler gave the charge to the class, reflecting on the past and urging the graduates to not be afraid of the challenges that lie ahead.

"Be proud of your hard earned accomplishments but most of all savor the last time you will all be together as the Elgin High School Class of 2024," he said.

Adler thanked parents, grandparents, alumni and the staff of EPS for

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Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice — Village of Bartlett
- Notice — Estate of Raymond L. Crosier
- Notice — Estate of James T. Meyer
- Notice — Estate of Mary Jane Boes
- Notice of Dissolution — Soper Adams LLC
- Proceedings — Elgin City Council
- Proceedings — Antelope County Commissioners
- License proceedings — Elgin City Council

Weather

The high temperature last week was 79 degrees recorded on May 11. The low during the same period was 43 degrees recorded on May 6.

Altogether, 0.34 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 5	65	48	.00
May 6	65	48	.34
May 7	68	43	.00
May 8	68	44	.00
May 9	68	48	.00
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Total for April			7.08
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Graduation 2024

This small but mighty class of five seniors at PJCC took steps into their future on Sunday afternoon, becoming high school graduates.

More photos from the ceremony can be found at theelginreview.zenfolio.com



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Correction

In last week's paper, Ryker Lammers' first name was misspelled. The newspaper regrets the error.

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*“Believe you
can and you’re
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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

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

Edward R. Murrow

Overcoming disaster

The historic tornadoes which pummeled the eastern and central portion of our state last week were devastating, and supporting the ongoing recovery efforts for Nebraskans remains top of mind. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has reported damage to homes, farm equipment and buildings, power lines, other infrastructure, vehicles, and trees across many counties in the Third District. Fortunately, despite the destruction of hundreds of homes, no Nebraskans lost their lives. We owe such great thanks to the hard work of meteorologists, broadcasters, emergency responders, and countless volunteers who have donated time and resources to those affected.

Less than 24 hours after the tornadoes went through, Kearney-based Hot Meals USA—founded by in 2019 by Dick Cochran—mobilized to serve thousands of meals to emergency workers, volunteers, and storm victims in Elkhorn, Bennington, Blair and elsewhere. Nebraskans are keenly aware we are in this together and consider it a hallowed opportunity to lend a hand.

Yet the recovery efforts will continue for months to come, so we must continue providing necessary support and coordination. I'm grateful Governor Pille's dedication of state resources has been prompt. Throughout damage assessments, my team has been in touch with the governor's team, and I have been working with our full



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A testament to resilience and strength

Susanne and I continue to pray for everyone impacted by the tornadoes that recently hit our state. The response to the tornadoes is yet another example of why Nebraska is the best place in the world. We suffered devastating hits to homes and property. But gratefully no Nebraska lives were lost. As soon as the storms passed, Nebraskans rolled up their sleeves and got to work. First responders worked tirelessly to make sure everyone was accounted for. Volunteers flocked to staging areas with hammers and saws. Churches filled trucks with bottled water, Gatorade, and food. This is a testament to the resilience and strength of our state.

Many people helped out. Among those deserving our thanks are the volunteers, Washington and Douglas County first responders, and broadcasters. We're also grateful for the Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska National Guard, and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency personnel who responded so well.

These moments remind us that Nebraska is what America is supposed to be. It's why I'm humbled and honored to serve as your U.S. Senator. I'm fighting to bring Proven Nebraska Solutions to Washington, make government work better, and keep Americans safe.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

When I was Governor of Nebraska, we kept the size and scope of government small. We provided \$12.7 billion in tax relief. We improved customer service and made state government work better for all taxpayers. Those Proven Nebraska Solutions inspire my work in Washington. I introduced a bill modeling a Nebraska program that enables workers on SNAP to get off welfare and into the workforce with new, better-paying jobs. I introduced the Flex Fuel Fairness Act to promote biofuels and ensure consumers have a choice in what vehicle they want to purchase. I also authored bills to begin making Social Security benefits federally tax free and to make military retirement pay federally tax free. These solutions all worked in Nebraska. They will work at the federal level as well.

I'm also focused on making government work better. That means getting our spending under control. When I was Governor, we kept the growth of government spending at 2.8% per year on average. We did that without cutting essential services.

I'm also focused on keeping Americans safe. I released a package of solutions to fix the national security, humanitarian, and drug catastrophe at our southern border. It includes a bill I wrote to require annual, comprehensive reviews of U.S. Customs and Border Protection policies. The package also includes fixing our broken asylum process, building the wall, and attacking drug cartels. I'll continue championing these solutions until the border is secured.

On the Foreign Relations Committee, I'm fighting to deter our adversaries like China, Russia and Iran, through American strength. I've introduced a bill to prevent the Biden administration from giving tax dollars to organizations that support Hamas. I support legislation to sanction Iran harshly for its support for terrorism. I helped pass a bill to block the Chinese Communist Party from spying on Americans. I'm honored to have the opportunity to fight for Nebraska in the United States Senate. I'll keep working to bring Proven Nebraska Solutions to Washington, make government work better, and keep Americans safe.

We have rebuilt before, we'll do it again

I never expected that after attending a couple events in Omaha I'd be rushing to a friend's basement for cover from massive tornadoes at the end of April. But that's what thousands of Nebraskans were doing that weekend. The strongest tornadoes our state has seen in years swept across Nebraska, leaving unbelievable damage in their wake.

Miraculously, there were no fatalities in Nebraska. But tragically, the tornadoes did destroy people's homes and livelihoods. They derailed train cars and uprooted buildings. The damage is devastating.

We've heard in the news about brothers who survived their house collapsing on them in Elkhorn. We've heard about the conductor and engineer who watched a tornado barrel toward their train and then move in Waverly.

The good news is that Nebraskans have confronted natural disaster before. Nebraskans are resilient. We have rebuilt before, and we will do it again.

That process is already in motion. Our first responders intervened quickly after disaster struck, performing rescues and dispensing essential medical care. Our state and local leaders have done a fantastic job leading recovery efforts. I and the rest of Nebraska's federal delegation continue working with those leaders to ensure that Nebraskans get the support they need as people slowly but surely rebuild.

The day after the storms struck, I joined Douglas County Sheriff Aaron Hanson to see the tornado devastation firsthand. We spoke with people affected by the storms and learned more about what they need to move forward. As Nebraska's senior senator, I am leading support for recovery efforts from the federal level. Every member of

our federal congressional delegation has been in touch with the governor's office, and we are committed to working in a coordinated way to help the people and communities who need it.

Last week, Governor Pille submitted a Major Disaster Declaration request to President Biden on behalf of Douglas and Washington counties. Along with the rest of the delegation, I sent a letter of support to the President on behalf of the Governor's request. I am grateful that the president issued a Major Disaster Declaration in a timely fashion.

Volunteers are making all the difference in our communities by stepping up to help neighbors in need. This is no surprise — without fail, Nebraskans come together to support and care for each other during times of crisis. In the face of this disaster, we have already begun picking up the pieces and serving one another. Churches and community centers are opening up for those who lost their homes and sending out food and aid to the struggling. Neighbors helping neighbors. That's the Nebraska way.

To the many Nebraskans who have pitched in to help: thank you. Please continue volunteering and offering assistance to those in need. I encourage anyone who wants disaster information, needs shelter information or referrals, or would like to volunteer to help to call 211 or visit www.ne211.org.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

congressional delegation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to facilitate federal response and claims for disaster relief.

My offices in Nebraska City, Grand Island, and Scottsbluff stand ready to assist individuals, families, and businesses who need help navigating government agencies or other relief resources. In addition, I am pleased to offer support to Nebraska's county and local officials.

To ensure damage estimates reflect the needs in the Third District, it is necessary to get an accurate valuation of the cost. Nebraskans who suffered damage are urged to report it to their county emergency management agencies and utilize available federal assistance through Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rural Development programs.

Nebraskans have substantial experience with severe weather, and our geography indicates we will continue to deal with the associated risks. While we cannot control when storms come, what matters is our preparedness and response. I encourage Third District Nebraskans to remain prepared and maintain access to emergency alerts. Taking appropriate precautions can help us be prepared for the event of extreme weather.

Thanks to modern communication tools, there are many ways to remain informed about approaching severe weather today such as television, radio, online alerts, weather radios, and early warning systems. Disaster preparedness checklists and information at www.Ready.gov are helpful resources assembled by the Department of Homeland Security.

While Arbor Day 2024 was marked by the violent storms which hit communities in Nebraska and other states, it has been wonderfully encouraging to witness the fast-acting kindness of Americans to care for one another. By coming together, we demonstrate the Nebraska value of looking out for our neighbors and gain the strength to overcome whatever comes our way.

A 'Mother of Thousands'

Since ancient times plants and flowers have been speaking to us.

In literature, the Bible, and cultures around the world, different meanings have been ascribed to plants, especially flowers.

Faith



Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

They are known to have a language all their own.

A yellow rose, for example, speaks of friendship and love; a lily, purity; a violet, faithfulness; an olive plant, peace; the bluebell, humility.

People keep in mind these meanings when sending flowers, planting a garden, painting a picture or getting a tattoo.

One of my daughters often looks for the spiritual meanings behind flowers,

seeing them as a way God speaks to her.

A plant that has been speaking to me lately is a desert succulent, the Mother of Thousands plant.

I think I first caught a glimpse of it on social media and immediately felt a connection.

According to one website, Planet Desert:

"The Mother of Thousands gets its name from its incredible ability to produce numerous plantlets along the edges of its leaves. These plantlets are like miniature versions of the plant, complete with their own roots."

"They look like tiny baby plants growing right on the edges of the leaves. These plantlets have the potential to detach from the parent leaf and grow into new, independent plants. It's like the Mother of Thousands is a nurturing parent, giving birth to a whole army of plant babies!"

The plant spoke to me on one level because I'm the mother of a large family, and with enough generations I could be the matriarch of thousands.

But I think it spoke to me on a spiritual level, too.

All women are called to be Mothers of Thousands, spiritually adopting souls and helping to bring them to Heaven, with prayers, nurturing and love.

I can see how my own mother was a Mother of Thousands, especially as a nurse. She cared for bodies and souls, providing at least a conditional Baptism to many dying patients.

She prayed fervently and likely helped thousands of souls. One of her favorite prayers was a prayer of St. Gertrude the Great, which is said to release a thousand souls from Purgatory every time it's prayed.

With that prayer alone, my mother could be a Mother of Thousands many times over.

In a sense, all people — men included — should be bringing thousands to Heaven, though women have a unique role and way of doing that.

Intercessory prayer is a means for

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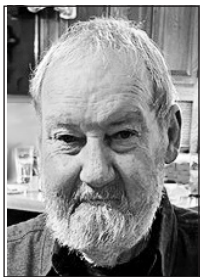
AREA NEWS

OBITUARIES

Joseph "Joe" M. Henn, Jr., 75

October 21, 1948 - May 9, 2024

A lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, his greatest joy was watching his grandchildren grow.



Joseph "Joe" M. Henn, Jr., 75 of Petersburg, NE passed away Thursday, May 9, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held a 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, NE with Fr. Mark Tomaszewicz and Deacon John Starman officiating.

Levander Funeral Home of Albion, NE is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Joseph Melvin Henn, Jr., son of Joseph Melvin and Virginia Mary (Koskovich) Henn, Sr., was born on October 21, 1948, in Norfolk, NE. He attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Petersburg, NE graduating in the spring of 1967.

On September 12, 1970, Joe was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Mary Alice Petsche at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville, NE. The couple lived and raised their family in Petersburg, NE. Joe worked at

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World is full of 'yes/no' decisions

All ages were rolling in the aisles with laughter on the Showboat Branson Belle on Table Rock Lake in Missouri during a spring break visit there. The 'cruise director' summoned people from the audience, one-by-one, to join him on stage for a simple conversation.

All they had to do was never say yes (or no) or any offshoots of those simple words for three whole minutes.

The timer started. The best player lasted about a minute and a half.

It went something like this - Q -Hi, what's your name? A - Jane.

Q -- How long are you visiting Branson? A -- Six days.

Q - What's the best thing you've done? A - Visit the aquarium.

Q - Was it fun? A - Absolutely.

BUZZZZZZZZ. You're out. Try it sometime at a party.

A fun game, since there are many derivations of the word yes, such as ok, 'mmhmm', yep, alright, very well, yah. The French say 'oui oui' (pronounced we we). The Germans say 'ja' (pronounced yah). The Spanish say 'si' (pronounced see). When we traveled to Egypt recently, we learned yes in Arabic was pronounced much like the state of Iowa.

While living out east, many of the men associated with our local Boy Scout Troop were military and always said 'yes, mam' to me. Made me feel old until it was explained that this is a term of respect. 'Yes, sir' has the same effect and, less formally, 'yes siree'.

Sometimes, when a response to an offer is solicited, such as spending the afternoon on a neighbor's boat cruising the Missouri, the answer might be 'hell, yes'. The word hell is added for emphasis. Another way of exaggerating an affirmative response is to say 'yes, yes, yes and AMEN'.

Certainly the opposite also is true. No means no. What part of no don't you understand? May-

be you've used those phrases with unruly teenagers. Sometimes we used the opposite approach with our sons, as in yes means yes. Also taught them to use 'yes please'. Politeness pays.

There are people so boring to converse with that you 'mmhmm them to death', meaning to repeatedly acknowledge communication without really listening. Then there's the yes-man (likely yes-women as well) who agrees with everything without giving much thought to the issues. This commonly happens when responding to authority figures in hopes of gaining their favor. Most leaders though, who take a participatory leadership approach, value your thoughtful comments.

Finally, one gets in situations where the answer to a question is truly 'yes and no'. Do you like living in the country? Absolutely yes because of being surrounded by nature, limited traffic noise, peaceful surroundings, and friendly neighbors. And no because of missing the theater, fine restaurants, art museums, and other amenities close by in the big city.

So maybe this is the month you were asked to marry your sweetheart. Or the month you had an offer to forward contract all that grain you'll grow this year.

Our days on earth are all about yes/no decisions. If you say those words after careful thought in a situation or some offshoot of yes/no, you may lose the game on the Belle Branson Riverboat though win the game of life. Good luck!

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

May 14, 1964

Spectator interest in Elgin's Celebration Belles activities continues to grow and the K. of C. hall was nearly filled to see the skits put on by Our Out Way ladies Monday night. An outstanding feature of the affair was not only the skits but the array of elaborate old fashioned dresses and bonnets worn by ladies of the community who attended the program.

About 150 students from grades two, three, four, five and six received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Monday, administered by Bishop Daniel Sheehan Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Matt Scholl was born Dec. 11, 1903 at Raeville, a son of Ignatius and Margaret Scholl. He died at the Tilden Community hospital on April 29, 1964 at the age of 60 years, four months and eighteen days. He was a farmer and lived all his life in Boone and Antelope counties.

Elgin High School closed their track season with a sixth place finish in the conference meet at O'Neill. Eagle track lettermen are Ron Connick, Ron Tierney, Leonard Iburg, George Mooney, Dave Faubel, Ken Connick, Lynn Varn, Rich Draper, Ron Reestman and John Kuester.

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting at which the Gold Star Mothers were honored at a tea. Gold Star Mothers honored were Mrs. John Pelster, Mrs. Frank Roth, Mrs. Ernest Short, Mrs. Elizabeth Moser and Mrs. Herb Josten.

Fifty Years Ago

May 16, 1974

The C & NW freight train was derailed Friday night during a rain storm when the tracks apparently separated. The mishap occurred just north of town. The cars were loaded with corn.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben announced last week that 93 individuals and 20 groups have been selected for the 1974 Good Neighbor Awards, among whom was a lady from Elgin, Mrs. Ray Gregor. She is the only winner from Antelope county.

Dan Kuester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Kuester, has been selected to participate in the Junior Lawman program which will be held in Lincoln June 10 to 14. He will be sponsored by American Legion Post 229.

Tulla Sophia Mollerup, daughter of Carl and Sophia Paulsen Mollerup, was born Jan. 10., 1894, at Denver, Colo., and departed this life May 7, 1974, at Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh at the age of 80 years, three months and 27 days. She had been in failing health for several months.

The University of Nebraska College of Dentistry held their commencement exercises Friday, May 10 in the Union ballroom at Lincoln. Susan Meis Pope was a graduate with a BS degree in Dental Hygiene.

Thirty Years Ago

May 11, 1994

Kenneth D. Bennett retired from the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department on April 30, 1994, after 42 years as a member of the department. Bennett joined the department in April of 1952, and served as fire chief in 1955 and 1956.

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A four-generation family was represented at the Mother-Daugh-

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Calvary Bible Church Neligh, NE Pastor Peter Sample Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church Elgin, NE Pastor Norlyn Bartens Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.

Elgin Community Christian Church Elgin, NE Pastor Jonathan Braden Adult Sunday School: Children Sunday School: 9:30 am.

St. John's Catholic Church Rural Clearwater, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor

St. Paul Lutheran Church Chambers, NE Pastor Leif Hasskari Sunday Worship: 8:30 am.

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the roles they played in preparing the graduates for the future. His message to the class centered on grit, gratitude and kindness. "These three important concepts are essential for future success ... Be the best you that you can be. Determine your path and go for it."

He asked each graduate to boldly declare that I am a winner and not a loser. I don't throw in the towel and quit when the going gets hard; instead, I dig in my heels and refuse to surrender. I live my life seriously and with balance and commitment. I am tougher than any challenger and stronger than any foe. I fight a good fight and run a good race - and I successfully guard and hold tight to the hopes, dreams and promises that I have made to myself.

Receiving diplomas on this day were, in addition to Busteed and Eisenhauer, Abriel VonBonn, Dylon Parks, Brenna Martinsen, Dylon Lueking, Blake Henn, Samuel Hemenway, Gage Thiessen, Nick Anderson, Brian Heithoff, Myles Kittelson and Steven Nelson.



Thirteen seniors walked across the stage on Saturday to be presented their high school diplomas. Here is a sampling of photos from the EHS graduation ceremony.

All the photos can be viewed at theelginreview.zenfolio.com



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ter potluck supper held last Friday, May 6, at the Elgin Veteran's Club. Honored guests were Lucille Benda; her daughter, Judy Zegers; Judy's daughter, Chris Minarik; and Lucille's great granddaughter, Lynn Zegers.

Twenty Years Ago

May 12, 2004

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A four-generation family was represented at the Mother-Daughter potluck supper held last Friday, May 6, at the Elgin Veteran's Club. Honored guests were Lucille Benda; her daughter, Judy Zegers; Judy's daughter, Chris Minarik; and Lucille's great granddaughter, Lynn Zegers.

Faith

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everyone, a gift God gave us to help Him in the salvation of souls and a way for us to help mother and father souls to Heaven.

We can pray all day, every day, for those we encounter and for those we'll never meet here on earth.

A religious order, the Daughters of St. Paul recommends "Praying the News" as a Spiritual Work of Mercy (praying for the living and the dead). So much of the news can be seen in horror, shock and disgust.

But the news can also be an occasion for prayer, of spiritually adopting and bringing souls to God.

One person whose name I can't recall, perhaps a saint, said that we never go to Heaven alone, that we bring a "constellation" of souls with us.

In the Body of Christ our lives are so interwoven that we are pulled along by others, and we pull others with us, as we fly toward Home.

I think God is calling me to be surrounded by a huge constellation, to be a Mother of Thousands.

Our exemplar, of course, is the Blessed Virgin Mary, who became the Mother of all souls, millions and billions of them.

Interestingly, there's a succulent that's perfect for her. It's related to Mother of Thousands and is called Mother of Millions.

That title sounds perfect for the Mother of all mothers.

May food pantry to be held Tuesday, May 21 in Neligh

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on next Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, May 20: Tuna salad sandwich, garden salad, potato salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday, May 21: Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, green bean casserole, peaches, milk.

Wednesday, May 22: Pulled pork casserole, peas, baked cinnamon apples, milk.

Thursday, May 23: Egg bake casserole w/ham & spinach, hash browns, mixed fruit cup, muffin, orange, milk.

Friday, May 24: Polish sausage,

potato salad, baked beans, apricots, milk.

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

Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

Under 60 is \$9.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Five inducted into National Honor Society at EPS



Schrad, Erickson, Harkins, Rittscher and Busted are newest members!

Elgin Public Schools inducted five new members into the National Honor Society during a ceremony held last Tuesday night. They are (l-r): Jaidyn Schrad, Jarek Erickson, Creighton Harkins, Trey Rittscher and Kyndal Busted.

Photo submitted

Scholarships announced for EPS graduates

Scholarships awarded to the 2024 graduates at Elgin High School are as follows:

Nick Anderson — Wayne State College Career Scholars Cooperative Education; Joseph & Emily Bigge; Elgin Community Foundation; Erickson Family; Elgin TeamMates Chapter; and the Elgin Public School Alumni Association

Baylee Busted — University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) Regents; UNK Health Opportunities Program; Elgin Bargain Box; Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Governors; Wayne & Dorothy Currie Family; Antelope Memorial Hospital Jody Asmussen Memorial; American Red Cross Blood Services; American Legion Auxiliary Nancy Lehr; Shari Schiltmeyer; Elgin Community Foundation; Erickson Family; Elgin TeamMates Chapter; TeamMates New Generation; and the EPS Music Boosters

Keyera Eisenhauer — Dick & Chris Draper; Jerry & Millie Mundorf Family; Paula Jensen TeamMates Memorial; Wayne State College Neihardt; American Red Cross Blood Services; TeamMates New Generation; Elgin Community Foundation; Nebraska Coaches Association Scholar/Athlete Award; Midland University Presidential; Elgin Youth Basketball; Erickson Family; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association; Elgin TeamMates Chapter; Elgin Public School Alumni; and EPS Music Boosters

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Blake Henn — Erickson Family; TeamMates John & Teri Connel; and Elgin TeamMates Chapter

Dylon Lueking — Doane Football; Doane Hansen Leadership Program; and Morningside Football

Brenna Martinsen — United Church of Christ; American Red Cross Blood Services; Elgin Community Foundation; Elgin Youth Basketball; Erickson Family; Boone/Nance Cattleman; P.E.O. Chapter CQ; and EPS Music Boosters

Steven Nelson — Kohl's Cares; and NECC Nebraska Career Award

Gage Thiessen — James M. & Martha J. Perry Agricultural; 2024 Upper Elkhorn NRD Senior; Elgin KOED Group; Nebraska Organic Crop Improvement Association; Northeast Nebraska Ag Banquet; and Childers.

Dr. Dobbertin added to BCHC telehealth roster

Boone County Health Center announced the addition of Dr. Matthew Dobbertin to its esteemed roster of specialty doctors.

Dr. Dobbertin, a renowned Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Psychologist, will be providing his expertise via telehealth to patients aged 5 to 18, starting the second Monday of each month.

His appointment comes as a response to the growing need for specialized mental health services for children and adolescents. He joins Dr. Jennifer McWilliams who will continue to see patients via telehealth every Monday.

Dr. Dobbertin brings with him a wealth of experience and a compassionate approach to patient care.

Having joined Boys Town Child & Adolescent Psychiatry in 2015, he has dedicated his career to building strong bonds with his young patients and their families.

He believes in the power of honest and open communication to facilitate healing and growth.

Dr. Dobbertin holds a medical degree from Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, Henderson, NV. Following his medical education, he pursued further training in psychiatry, completing his psychiatric residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center - Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE.

With a specialization in child and adolescent psychiatry, Dr. Dobbertin then undertook a fellowship at the same institution, enhancing his expertise in addressing the unique mental health needs of young people.



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Freshman Michael Selting studies the path of a putt during Thursday's triangular.

EPPJ golfers compete at Fullerton, ACC last week

NELIGH — In their final tuneup before districts, EPPJ golfers competed in a triangular Thursday at the Antelope Country Club.

There, they faced off against familiar foes - Neligh-Oakdale and Elkhorn Valley - in a nine-hole contest.

Led by Chase Furstenu, Neligh-Oakdale won the event with a team score of 169. Elkhorn Valley finished with a 203 and EPPJ was just two strokes behind with a 205.

Furstenu finished with a nine-hole score of 39 to top the field. The Wolfpack's best score was turned in by junior Kellan Hoefler with a 49. One stroke behind him was senior Gage Thiessen with a 50. Jack Barlow carded a 52, Karson Kallhoff came in with a 54 and Michael Selting shot a 62.

Wolfpack JV scores were Gavin Kallhoff 60, Aiden Klein 63, Creighton Harkins 72 and Dannyka Smidt 75.

Fullerton Invite Earlier in the week, EPPJ competed in the Fullerton Invite. Temperatures were in the high 60s and winds were blowing at 20+ miles per hour which made the course even more challenging.

Kallhoff led the Wolfpack with a (46-40) 86, one shot short of a medal. Hoefler posted a score of (41-48) 89. Other EPPJ scores were Gage Thiessen (51-55) 106, Michael Selting (53-57) 110 and Jack Barlow (63-66) 109.

St. Paul won the team competition with a score of 313. Other schools and their scores were David City 336, Humphrey SF 337, Ord 344, Central City 350, Fullerton 372, Boone Central 387, EPPJ 391, Burwell 391, Riverside 421, Fullerton JV 470 and Central Valley 470.



The golf ball rises above Karson Kallhoff's head on this chip shot to the green.



Gage Thiessen watches the flight of his tee shot on Hole #5 at Antelope Country Club.

Community Calendar

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

Friday, May 10 Sheriff's Sale at the Antelope County Courthouse @ 1 p.m.*

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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Upcoming all-star games to have Wolfpack flair

Henn, Charf & Eisenhauer to play

Two standouts on the Wolfpack girls basketball team will once again, together, take to the court.

Seniors Keyera Eisenhauer and Ashlynn Charf have been selected to play in the North Central Nebraska All-Star Basketball game on Friday, May 24.

Tip-off will be at 5 p.m. at O'Neill High School. The duo will be members of the 'white' squad.

They will be joined on the team by Abigail Kromarek, Madison Abbenhaus, Preslie Robertson, Morgan Lewis, Hailey Horstman, Olivia Kuhlman, Summer Vesley, Britaney White and Makayla Mitchell.

Blake Henn will play in the boys game which will follow the girls game and a three-point contest.

Wolfpack Head Coach Randy Eisenhauer will be coaching the girls with Assistant Coach Trent Ostransky.

EPPJ golfers see season end at Ainsworth

AINSWORTH — The Wolfpack's golf season came to an end Monday, May 13, competing at the D-3 District Golf Tournament.

EPPJ finished eight out of 15 teams at the tournament. The top three team efforts were Neligh-Oakdale 355, South Loup 365 and Anselmo-Merna 372. Other team scores were North Central 372, CWC 375, Ainsworth 392, Sandhills Valley 394, EPPJ 399, Burwell 403, Niobrara/Verdigris 427, Boyd County 431, Central Valley 475, Riverside 475, Stuart 540 and Sandhills/Theford 3081.

Medalist for the meet was CWC's William Jesse who finished with a 73. Teammate Daniel Kluver finished 15th with a 92.

For the Wolfpack, coached by Trent Ostransky and Andrew Childers, they were led by Junior Kellan Hoefler who shot a 93 to finish 18th.

Other EPPJ golfers' scores were:

- 24th - Karson Kallhoff - 97
- 36th - Gage Thiessen - 104
- 39th - Michael Selting - 105
- * 53rd - Jack Barlow - 115

EPPJ girls basketball awards handed out

End-of-the-season awards were handed out to the Wolfpack basketball team Tuesday night, May 7.

Head Coach Randy Eisenhauer, joined by assistant coach Trent Ostransky, passed out awards and reflected on one of the best seasons in Wolfpack history. The 22-3 season tied the record for most wins in a year from last year. Eisenhauer said he was sure the team would have broke the record had not two games been cancelled.

The Junior Varsity finished the year 16-1. "These girls always battled in practice which I think led them to a lot of success in the JV games. Each girl always battled when it was their turn. Some only played a couple minutes here or there and some others played a significant amount of time. Great job on a very successful year. Overall, what a special year this was," he said.

Recognized for their efforts during the season were student managers Bristol Buschow, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Sydney Niewohner, Molly Thiessen and Gentry Zwingman.

Participation awards for their play during the season were given to player/manager Kyndall Busted, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Elizabeth Moser.

Letter winners during the 2023/24 season were:

Freshmen Braelyn Martinsen and Madelyn Kurpgeweit; sophomore Kayton Zwingman; juniors Callie Heithoff, Kate Furstenau and Sara Bode; and seniors Ellie Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf, Keyera Eisenhauer and Brenna Martinsen

New records
Individual Records that were broken this year: We had 3 individual game or season records broke this year. They were:

Free throws made in one season - Ashlynn Charf 91 (old record Ashlynn Charf 88 - 2021/22)

Best 3-point percentage (50 shots minimum) - Keyera Eisenhauer 58/127 - 46 percent (old record Keyera Eisenhauer 62-150 - 41 percent 2021/22)

Most 3-point shots in one game - Keyera Eisenhauer 7 (old record 6 held by Kasi Stoltz and 2009-2010; Allyson Wemhoff 2018/19 and Keyera Eisenhauer 2020/21)

Most rebounds in a career - Ashlynn Charf 1063 (old record 774 Stephanie Bode)

Best career field goal percentage (250 shots minimum) - Ashlynn Charf 55.7 percent (old record Lydia Behnk 44.1 percent)

Free throw attempts in a career - Ashlynn Charf 484 (old record 363 held by Jenna Parks and Baylee Wemhoff)

Free throws made in a career



Recognized for their career achievements were Ashlynn Charf (l) and Keyera Eisenhauer (r).

- Ashlynn Charf 314 (old record 241 Jenna Parks)

Best free throw percentage in a career (75 shots minimum) - Keyera Eisenhauer 76 percent 186-246 (old record 72 percent Kasi Stoltz)

Best 3-point percentage in a career (100 shots minimum) - Keyera Eisenhauer 40 percent 222-556 (old record Chelsi Mescher 34 percent)

Most points in a career - Ashlynn Charf 1316, Keyera Eisenhauer 1276 (old record 1226 Jenna Parks)

Most 3-point shots made in a career - Keyera Eisenhauer 222 (old record Allyson Wemhoff 139)

Most steals in a career - Ashlynn Charf 443 (old record Allyson Wemhoff 324)

Wolfpack Awards (voted on by the team)

Most Improved Player - JV (tie) Madelyn Kurpgeweit and Kierstyn Eisenhauer

MVP Defense - Ashlynn Charf

MVP Offense - (tie) Ashlynn Charf and Keyera Eisenhauer

Practice Player of the Year - (tie) Kayton Zwingman and Keyera Eisenhauer

Wolfpack Dedication Award - Keyera Eisenhauer

Milestones
Ashlynn Charf and Keyera Eisenhauer became the sixth and seventh players in Wolfpack history to eclipse the 1,000 point career mark.

Eisenhauer said the achievement "is a credit to the work ethic that these girls have, I couldn't be prouder of all of them."

For her career she (Charf) averaged 13.6 points a game/ 11 rebounds/ 2.7 assist/ 2.6 blocks and 4.6 steals a game. She played in all 97 games and started 96 games of her high school career. She became the first Wolfpack player to record over 1000 rebounds for her career. She ends her career with 1063 rebounds and averaging a double-double with points and rebounds for her career.

Eisenhauer scored her 1000th point of her career against Wausa.

Over her four years of Wolfpack basketball, she averaged 12.6 points a game. She played in all 101 games in her career and started 82 of those games.

The last award was a team award. Last year's team of 13 finished with an overall GPA of 3.86 which is equivalent to an A letter grade on a 4.0 scale. This year's team of 12 finished with a 3.75 which is equivalent to an A letter grade on a 4.0 scale.

The national average is a 3.0% which means the last three years have been well above the national average.

This year the Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) started a Girls Basketball Team Academic Excellence Award. This was for all Nebraska high schools. Recipients had to have a 3.30 Team Cumulative GPA for the Fall 2023 Semester or higher. This year EPPJ girls were one of 15 Class D1 girls teams to be recognized with this honor. There are over 50 Class D1 teams.

The following students finished with a 3.7 GPA or higher: Ashlynn Charf, Keyera Eisenhauer, Ellie Ruterbories, Sara Bode, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Kayton Zwingman, and Kierstyn Eisenhauer.

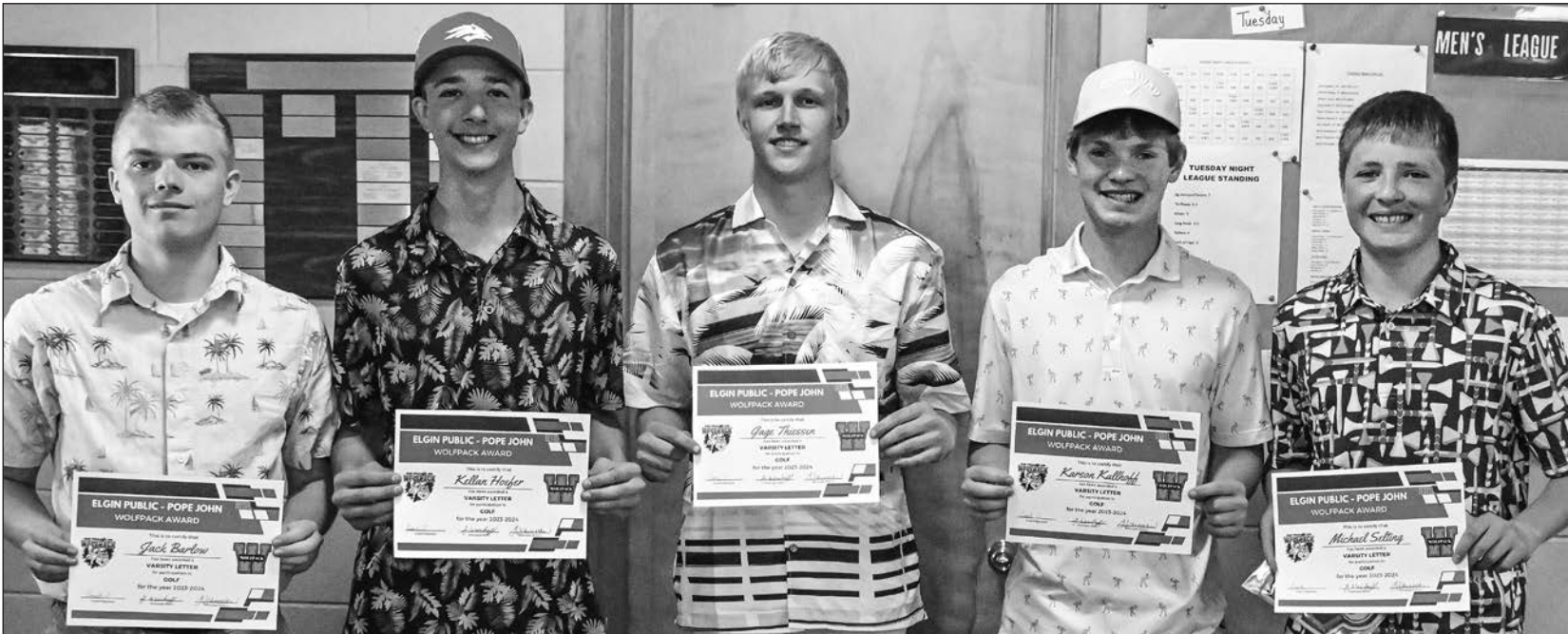


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Medal winners for their efforts during the 2023/24 season were (front row, l-r): Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Kayton Zwingman. Back row: Mady Kurpgeweit, Ashlynn Charf and Keyera Eisenhauer.



2023/24 Wolfpack letter winners were (front row, l-r): Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman and Brenna Martinsen. Back row: Mady Kurpgeweit, Elise Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf, Sara Bode and Keyera Eisenhauer.



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EPPJ golf letter winners were (l-r): Jack Barlow, Kellan Hoefler, Gage Thiessen, Karson Kallhoff and Michael Selting. Hoefler received the MVP medal.

Golf letter winners, medal recipients awarded Thursday after triangular at ACC

Thursday afternoon the end-of-the-season golf awards for the Wolfpack golf team were handed out.

The location was the Ante-

lope Country Club at the conclusion of a triangular.

Coach Trent Ostransky said he believed the season was a success as each member of the team improved from the start of the season last month.

Recipient of the MVP award was junior Kellan Hoefler who was in contention for a medal at nearly every meet.

Receiving the medal for Most Improved Player was freshman

Gavin Kallhoff.

Letter winners on the team were Kallhoff, Kellan Hoefler, Michael Selting, Gage Thiessen and Jack Barlow.

Receiving participation awards were Kallhoff, Aiden Klein, Dannyka Smidt and Creighton Harkins.

Most Improved golfer medal went to Gavin Kallhoff.



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A gap year?
 The Oregon-based Gap Year Association notes that the exact number of students who take a gap year between high school and college is unknown. However, an overwhelming majority of students who have taken a gap year reported positive experiences.
 In a collaborative survey with the Institute for Survey Research at Temple University, the GYA Research Committee found that 92 percent of gap year alumni reported gaining life experiences and experiencing personal growth during their year away from formal schooling.



One of the official group photos from the day.

Elise Ruterbories part of "Best of the Class"

SIOUX CITY, IA – Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School senior Elise Ruterbories was recently honored for being one of the "Best of the Class".
 Ellie, the daughter of Erin and Paul Ruterbories, traveled to the historic Orpheum Theatre in Sioux City with her cap and gown on Wednesday, May 1. There, she joined 102 other valedictorians – or top academically ranked students – from schools across Northeast Nebraska, Southeast South Dakota and Northwestern Iowa.
 Sioux City television station KCAU has been saluting the area's top academic achievers annually for 41 years, including the 2024 program. Initiated in 1983 to recognize and encourage academic excellence, KCAU Operations Manager Daniele Feenstra noted that "it's been a great success, all thanks to the support and participation of school administrators and our co-sponsors (Woodhouse Auto Family, Chesterman Co., Buffalo Wild Wings and The Orpheum Theatre)." During



Elise Ruterbories strikes a pose for her mom, Erin, in front of an event banner. The "Best of the Class" program was created to honor top academic high school graduates in a tri-state area. Photo by Erin Ruterbories

the day-long event hosted by KCAU News Anchors Tim Seaman and Sophie Erber, students participated in video sessions, designed to honor the students with much-deserved recognition during the graduation season.
 Following a lunch, Western Iowa Tech Community College President Terry Murrell addressed the group. The day concluded with group photos.

Implanting your calves on grass

Branding and grass turnout are one of the last times we have the whole herd accessible for across the board management. Along with vaccinations and fly tags, growth implants are another management tool for producers to consider.
 Implantation has been shown to increase gains of suckling calves by 4-6%, resulting in an additional 15-30 lbs. at weaning time. Depending on the market this will usually equate to about \$20-40 per head in additional return. With a cost below \$1.50 per head, this return quickly pays for the initial investment.
 While used extensively in the feedlot sector, growth implants are less popular in cow-calf operations, with one survey putting use at around 30% and even lower for operations with less than 50 head of cows. Much of this resistance comes from concerns about the price for implanted calves at sale time and the impact implantation may have on subsequent calf performance.
 When we look at the numbers, a 2015 study utilizing data from Superior Livestock showed implantation had no impact

on calf price at the time of the sale. Additionally, several studies have shown that properly implanting still suckling calves has no negative impact on subsequent performance or carcass quality.
 As with any tool, using it correctly is key to success. Matching implant strategy with cattle age, sex and genetics along with pairing with a proper nutrition program is critical for best results. Follow product label directions and recommendations for proper implant administration. To ensure that reproductive performance is not

compromised, avoid implanting replacement heifers and bull calves intended for breeding.
 Variation from year to year in growth response of implanted calves can be driven by environmental factors such as grass quality and availability. Research at South Dakota State University reported little weight gain in calves receiving an implant at branding time during a drought; however, calves of

mature cows were 40 pounds heavier at weaning time during a normal year. In short, plane of nutrition has to be appropriate to support the increased lean gain potential of implanted calves, so keep an eye on the long term weather forecast as you make your decision.
 With the implant labeling changes that went into effect in June 2023, it is important to follow instructions regarding reimplantation.
 Only implants specifically labeled for reimplantation within a given production phase can be used more than once. Within the suckling or calfhod phase, there are two subsets: "Less than 2 months of age" and "2

months of age and older." Cattle can still receive multiple implants across production phases when using implants approved for that specific phase.
 Implanting suckling calves is a decision every operation needs to make, considering how it will impact overall herd and production goals. While we know that implementation will increase average daily gain if grass production is adequate, we can't predict what the exact response will be. In the past, premiums for non-implanted calves may have made the sacrifice of weight gain worthwhile, but current market surveys have shown the premiums offered, unless in a natural or organic beef program, may not be worth the cost.

- 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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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack qualify two for State Track Meet

Henn to compete Friday in shot put, Lueking to throw discus on Saturday

BASSETT — Elgin Public-Pope John will be sending two seniors to the NSAA State Track & Field Championships this week in Omaha.

Competing Wednesday at the district track meet here, with state berths on the line, Blake Henn (shot put) and Dylan Lueking (discus) they accom-

plished what they wanted to do - to end the season competing against the best from across the state.

For Henn, the Wolfpack's record holder in the shot put, he finished second with a toss of 48'2.75". It will be his second trip to the state meet, having competed in the shot put in 2022. Henn will compete at Burke Stadium in Omaha on Friday morning.

Lueking finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 130'5". It wasn't until Thursday morning that he learned that he was an additional qualifier in the event as determined by the NSAA. Lueking will compete Saturday, beginning at noon, at the state meet.

For Wolfpack athletes, nine personal records were set at the district meet. They were:

- Kaiden Bode - high jump
 - Trey Rittscher - shot put
 - Jarek Erickson - discus
 - Grady Druেকে - 400 meter dash
 - Dylan Kolm - 400 meter dash
 - Camry Kittelson - 100 meter dash
 - Kayton Zwingman - 300 meter hurdles
 - Kierstyn Eisenhauer - 1600 meter run
 - Girls relay (Kittelson, Zwingman, Kaitey Schumacher & Reese Stuhr - 1600 meter relay
- "Over one-third of our track team were freshmen," said Wolfpack Coach Sandi Henn. "We had a young squad and hopefully the District meet gave them confidence for next season. We are excited for Blake and Dylan at state."

Plainview won the boys team

title with 118 points followed by North Central 93, Creighton 76, Stuart 64, St. Mary's 61, EPPJ 42, CWC 31, Cody-Kilgore 20, Niobrara/Verdigre 17 and Santee 1.

In the girls team race, Niobrara/Verdigre won with 146 points followed by Plainview 125, St. Mary's 94, North Central 84, Stuart 20, EPPJ 16, CWC 11, Neligh-Oakdale 10, Creighton 10 and Cody-Kilgore 8.

Individual results from the district meet were:

- Girls**
- 3200 meter relay — 1. St. Mary's, 10:19.61; 5. EPPJ (Tessa Barlow, Brooke Kinney, Kaitey Schumacher, Samantha Stuhr), 12:19.31.
 - 400 meter dash — 1. Jocelyn Miller, Niobrara/Verdigre, 59.81 seconds
 - 3200 meter relay — 1. Delani Runnels, Niobrara/Verdigre, 12:48.64; 6. Samantha Stuhr, EPPJ, 15:02.51
 - 100 meter hurdles — 1. Abbie Kromarek, Plainview, 16.35 seconds
 - 100 meter dash — 1. Jocelyn Miller, Niobrara/Verdigre, 13.02 seconds; 4. Braelyn Martinsen, EPPJ, 13.47; 6. Camry Kittelson, EPPJ, 13.70
 - 800 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, Niobrara/Verdigre, 2:25.90
 - 300 meter hurdles — 1. Teya Boyer, Plainview, 46.53 seconds
 - 200 meter dash — 1. Jocelyn Miller, Niobrara/Verdigre, 27.14 seconds
 - 1600 meter run — 1. Delani Runnels, Niobrara/Verdigre, 5:47.14
 - 400 meter relay — 1. Plainview, 52.05 seconds

1600 meter relay — 1. Niobrara/Verdigre, 4:11.54; 5. EPPJ (Camry Kittelson, Kaitey Schumacher, Reese Stuhr, Kayton Zwingman), 4:42.74

Shot put — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 41'1"

Discus — 1. Karlene Kepler, North Central, 115'8"

Long jump — 1. Mya Hedstrom, St. Mary's, 17'3.75"

High jump — 1. Amber Sucha, Niobrara/Verdigre, 5'1"; 3. Mady Kurpgeweit, EPPJ, 4'9"

Triple jump — 1. Abbie Kromarek, Plainview, 34'1.75"

Pole vault — 1. Peighton Arit, Plainview, 8'6"

Boys

Triple jump — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 42'9.5"

Pole vault — 1. Taylor Nelson, Creighton, 10'10"

High jump — 1. Gavin Stuart, 6'3"; 5. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 5'9"

Long jump — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 21'6.75"; 5. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 19'8.5"

Discus — 1. Braxton Eggerling, Creighton, 133'9"; 4. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 130'5"; 6. Jarek Erickson, EPPJ, 120'9"

Shot put — 1. Owen Doerr, Creighton, 50'2.5"; 2. Blake Henn, EPPJ, 48'2.75"; 5. Trey Rittscher, EPPJ, 40'7"

3200 meter relay — 1. Plainview, 8:49.04; 4. EPPJ (Kaiden Bode, Grady Druেকে, Dylan

Kolm, Landyn Veik), 9:55.49

400 meter dash — 1. Jairo Lazos, CWC, 52.77 seconds

3200 meter run — 1. Conner Rohrer, Creighton, 10:53.45

110 meter hurdles — 1. Trey Anthony, North Central, 15.32 seconds

100 meter dash — 1. Jameson Painter, North Central, 11.53 seconds; 3. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 12.03

800 meter run — 1. Mason Hagan, North Central, 2:03.86; 6. Kaiden Bode, EPPJ, 2:22.50

300 meter hurdles — 1. Spencer Halle, Plainview, 40.67 seconds

200 meter dash — 1. Jameson Painter, North Central, 23.56 seconds; 3. Dylan Lueking, EPPJ, 24.42; 4. Myles Kittelson, EPPJ, 24.53

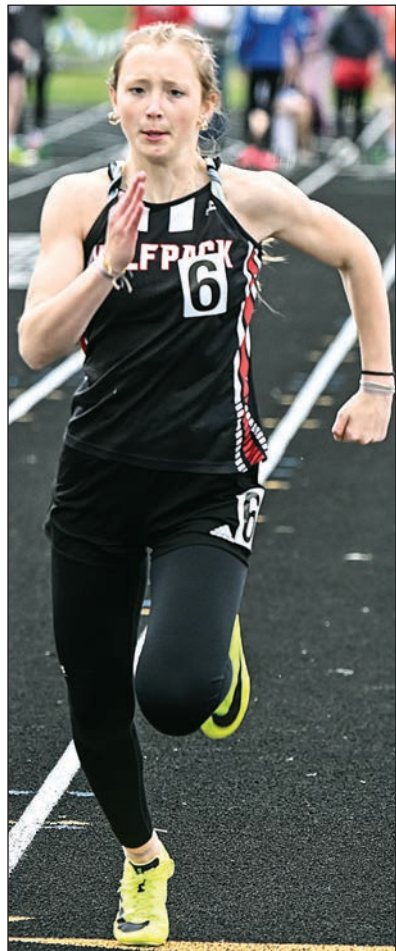
1600 meter run — 1. Mason Hagan, North Central, 4:59.37; 5. Landyn Veik, EPPJ, 5:28.26

400 meter relay — 1. North Central, 46.66 seconds

1600 meter relay — 1. North Central, 3:45.53



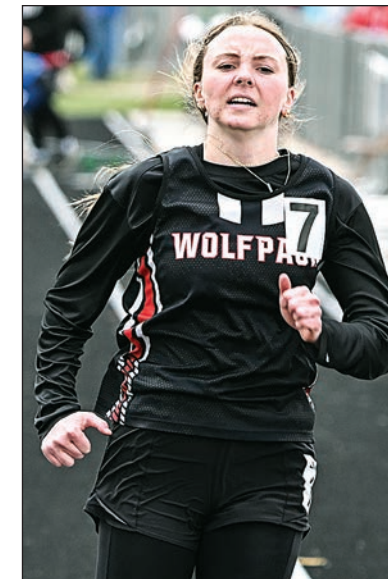
Grady Druেকে had a personal best time in the 400 meter dash.



Braelyn Martinsen finished fourth in the 100 meter dash.



Kaiden Bode had a personal best of 5'9" in the high jump as he finished fifth.



Camry Kittelson finished sixth in the 100 with a time of 13.7 seconds.



Kayton Zwingman helped the 1600 meter relay team place fifth.



Blake Henn will make his second trip to state to compete in the shot put. At Bassett, he finished second with a toss of 48'2.75".



Myles Kittelson appears to be lost in a sand storm, shown here competing in the long jump. A past state qualifier, Kittelson's best effort at Bassett was 19'8.5".



Dylan Lueking qualified for the State Track Meet in the discus event. He will compete at Burke Stadium in Omaha on Saturday.

State Track & Field Championships

GOOD LUCK



Blake

Dylon



**Friday
MAY 17**
Class D Shot Put
9:30 AM
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MAY 18**
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12:00 PM (noon)
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THE BACK PAGE

Bartlett Bits

The Wheeler County GOP held a meeting a week at the Old Fire Hall in Bartlett at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 with 15 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Ramsey. Bob Bernt followed with a prayer.

Mike Connelly from Spalding gave a very informative talk about his time with the 'Sea Wolves,' in Vietnam from 67-69. When the Navy Seals got in trouble they called for the 'Sea Wolves.'

The Sea Wolves disbanded in 1972, but have reunions every 2 years.

Discussion throughout the evening included; Epic taxes proposals pros and cons, leased school land and who receives most of the benefits from that income.

Those attending gave approval to Rob Ita to set up a Wheeler County GOP checking account. Chairman Alan Ramsey and treasurer Rob Ita will have their names on that account.

Two candidates for District 41 spoke at the meeting. They were Dan McKeon and Nadine Bane. Ethan Clark was also invited, but had other commitments.

Nadine is from Scotia and has lived in District 41 for 35 years.

Her priorities are to be a 'Steward for the People,' and protect Senior Citizens.

She has campaigned on a shoe string budget reaching

all 44 towns in her district. If elected she plans to come back and hold meet and greet meetings with information for her constituents.

Dan McKeon grew up in Ravenna and now lives in Amherst. He is an Army National Guard Veteran.

He feels that his running is

a 'Calling.' He mentioned his faith several times and also the importance of being a servant, while holding a leadership position.

The meeting was adjourned. After the meeting Nadine presented a Navy Coin, for the Forgotten Warrior Program, to Mike Connelly of Spalding.

School will officially end for students on Monday, May 13. I know teachers and students are ready.

Andy, Nikki, Hannah and Ty Tetschner of Lincoln were guests in my home Saturday to celebrate an early Mothers Day with me.

By Sherry Tetschner

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Hamburger Potato Casserole



Good day, Are you ready for summer? I have been thinking about my garden and making some plans. This is one of my

favorite seasons!

This week I am sharing a recipe that can be a meal in one. It has a meat and potato (you can add green beans if you like) all in one dish. If you feel like it needs some additional seasoning, add whatever you like.

I honestly have made this recipe a million times. It was the main dish that I took to the hay field crew for their lunch, at least once a week.

It has been awhile since I made it, but it's quick and easy. Would be something you cooks could make for the planting or harvest

crew when you need something to pack up and feed the guys. Enjoy!

JoAnn

HAMBURGER POTATO CASSEROLE

1 or 2 lbs hamburger (I use 2 lbs of hamburger)
1 onion, chopped
4 cups diced potatoes (boil them until partially cooked)
1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can cream of celery soup
1/4 cup milk
Salt and pepper to taste
2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

Bake at 350° in a 9x13 pan.
Brown hamburger with onion and drain well.
Layer half the potatoes in the pan. Spread hamburger over potatoes. Layer remaining potatoes.
Combine soups, milk, and salt and pepper. Pour over the potatoes evenly.
Cover with foil and bake for 1 hour.
After 1 hour, remove foil and spread on the cheese then bake for another 15-20 minutes or until cheese is melted.
Let rest a bit before serving.

Lordy Lordy - look who's 40!

Come wish her a "Happy Birthday" in person.

May 19th

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Best of Luck

at State Track, Blake!

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Class D | Shot Put | Senior

Good Luck Dylan

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A senior, Blake will be competing in his final high school meet in Omaha. Placing 2nd in the shot put at last week's districts, Blake advanced to the state meet. Good Luck!

MADY KURPGEWEIT
GIRLS TRACK
A freshman, Mady just missed out on a trip to the state meet. Finishing third in the high jump at districts, she cleared 4'9", just 2" below the winning height.

KELLAN HOEFER
GOLF
A junior, Kellan has been near the top, if not the lead scorer, for the Wolfpack linksters. In their final competition at districts, Kellan led scorers with a 93.

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