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## In Brief

### Flag Day program to be held Friday, June 14

At Elgin Public Library

Help celebrate America by attending a Flag Day program at the Elgin Public Library on Friday, June 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Adults and children alike are invited to meet on the front lawn of the library for a ceremony that is expected to last no longer than 30 minutes. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Also, the public is invited to bring their unserviceable flags which will be collected and disposed of properly. Also, American flags will be available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring a can or regular ground coffee to be donated to the Norfolk Veterans Home.

This event is being organized by the local chapters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their corresponding Auxiliaries.

### District #18 school board to meet Tuesday, June 11

At EPS board meeting room

A light agenda awaits members of the District #18 Board of Education when they meet June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Action items are:

- Set lunch prices for the 2024-25 school year
- Approve on second reading updated NASB policies dealing with workplace privacy, assignment of new students to classes and grade levels, questioning of students by outside agencies, suicide awareness and assessment, child find, individualized education program and family services plan, annual emergency safety plan, and safety drills.
- Approve safety plan



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### Fr. Zachary Eischeid celebrates his first Mass

It's official, he is now Father Zachary Eischeid. An Elgin native and a 2015 graduate of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Fr. Eischeid received his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood this Saturday in Omaha. Shown here, he eyes the host as he prepares for communion, celebrating his first Holy Mass in his home parish of St. Boniface Catholic Church late Sunday afternoon.

### Elder joins GPSB as VP, loan officer

Great Plains State Bank is delighted to announce the addition of Andy Elder to the Petersburg Branch as Vice President and Loan Officer.

Market President, Todd Heithoff is excited to have Elder join the staff.

"Andy brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and has hit the ground running."

"He and his family are big assets to the area, and we are glad we were able to help keep them here. We look forward to Andy continuing to develop his relationships with customers in Antelope County and the surrounding areas."

Elder graduated from Bellevue University and began his banking career in 2004 as a teller and personal banker in Lincoln. In 2009, Elder delved into risk management which evolved into management.

Elder has amassed more than twelve years of experience in the lending arena, working as the Market President and Loan Officer these last eight years for Pinnacle Bank in Neligh.

During his tenure, Elder was instrumental in growing their loan and deposit portfolios. His 20-year banking history will further this transition at GPSbank and position Elder to continue to build relationships in northwest Nebraska.

The transition has been smooth, according to Elder. "I am thrilled to join the team at GPSbank and expand their footprint in Antelope County. My family and I are grateful for this opportunity which will allow us to stay and continue to be actively involved with all the boards, organizations, and youth programs we have been a part of for the past eight years."

Elder currently serves as a Board Member for the Neligh Economic Development and the Antelope Country Club.



Andy Elder



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Megan Beckman (r) is the new owner of 118 Insurance (formerly Lordemann Insurance). She's shown with office manager Marla Schindler (l).

### Neighbor wants roaming chickens off her property

Chickens crossing property lines had the attention of the Elgin City Council Monday night.

Susan Richart, who lives on Bowen Street, asked for the City's assistance to deal with a neighbor's chickens getting in her garden, flower beds and other areas, causing damage and leaving droppings which may create a health issue.

Having raised the issue before at City Hall, she said she's worked to keep a good relationship with her neighbor, but the problem has yet to be addressed. "I'd like to work something out with them," she said, "I've mentioned it before and it hasn't gone anywhere."

To that end, Richart would like for the chickens, numbering between 60 and 75 she estimated, to be penned up.

"My biggest concern, they're no problem to have in town as long as they keep the chickens on their property," Richart said.

Mayor Mike Schmitt said the council addressed the issue last year and hoped to get by. He said the city's current ordinance is not strong enough and that a new ordinance may be needed. "It's one of those things that's going to take some time."

Councilman Mike Dvorak said, "We have to do something."

In other action, the council approved renewal of their property/casualty insurance with Lordemann Insurance. Eric Lordemann said the premium rose by just four percent from one year ago. "We're pretty pleased with that," he said. The cost of the insurance was just under \$14,900.

### Lordemann Insurance sold to Megan Beckman

#### New name to be 118 Insurance

"Protecting what's important to you."

Those words, spoken by Megan Beckman Monday morning, sum up the goal of Elgin's newest business owner. Beckman finalized the deal Monday to purchase Lordemann Insurance. The new name of the business will be 118 Insurance (the number being the address of the business on Second Avenue).

A licensed insurance agent since January 2020, she's spent the last four years working at the location and when the opportunity came up a month ago, she said it was too good to pass up.

"I've always wanted to own an agency and provide financial planning and

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## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Organization — 118 Insurance LLC

Notice of Trade Name — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Valuations — Antelope County Assessor's Office

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 78 degrees recorded on May 30. The low during the same period was 47 degrees recorded on May 31.

Altogether, 4.55 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
May 26	72	52	.00
May 27	73	53	.00
May 28	64	51	.00
May 29	70	52	.00
May 30	78	50	2.55
May 31	66	47	0.18
June 1	76	52	1.82
Total for last week			4.55
Total for May			11.18
Total precipitation 2024			12.97

## The riding of the bulls set for Friday night in Elgin

After a one year hiatus, "The Bull is Back!"

Bull-A-Rama 2024 by the McKay Rodeo Company returns to Elgin this Friday night, June 7.

Sponsored by the Elgin Ko-ed Group (EKG) the event will be held behind Dean's Market where it has been held in previous years.

Some of the best bull riders in the Midwest are planned to compete in the event.

Prior to the bull riders competition, there will be mutton bust'n for the youngsters starting at 6 p.m.

After the bull riding, music will be featured outside the arena.

Throughout the evening there will be a beer garden and also food available on site.

Advance tickets are still on sale at Dean's Market and the Bank of Elgin

and will also be available at the gate when it opens at 5 p.m.

Advance adult tickets are \$12 per

person, \$5 for youth. Tickets at the gate will be \$15. There will be free admission for children age 3 and under.



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The winner of the bull riding competition Friday night will receive these custom-made spurs. The spurs are courtesy of Elgin Livestock Sales.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

# Rhubarb Cherry Pie & No Fail Pie Crust

Good day, Guess what time of the year it is in Elgin? Rhubarb time.... it's everywhere.

and I always use lard in mine. It's the best! Add this recipe to all of your other rhubarb yummys.

Hope you will make a pie for your supper. Enjoy!

JoAnn



I can honestly say I don't have any growing in my yard. I have neighbors who share every year. Thanks Todd and Shannon! This

week, I am sharing recipes for you all to make a delicious homemade pie.

This pie crust is my go-to



## RHUBARB CHERRY PIE

- 3 cups diced fresh or frozen rhubarb
- 1 16 oz can cherries, drained
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup quick cooking tapioca
- 4 drops red food coloring (optional)

In a mixing bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients. Let it stand for 15 minutes. Line a 9 inch pie plate with a unbaked pastry. Pour in the mixture, finish with a lattice crust. Bake in a 400° oven for 40-50 minutes.

## NO FAIL PIE CRUST

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup lard or solid shortening
- 1/3 cup ice water

Measure flour and salt and mix it thoroughly. Add lard or shortening and cut it with a pastry cutter until pebbly. Gradually add the ice water. Mix until it forms a ball. Divide the ball in half. Roll out your crusts.

## Beckman

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insurance planning services to the community," she told *The Elgin Review*. "I just didn't know it was going to happen this fast."

Convenience for clients, both existing and new, will be the goal of the business. "I just want to offer services to the people of Elgin (and surrounding communities) so they don't have to travel to Norfolk or Grand Island ... provide customers the convenience of being just down the block, across the street or next door. You don't have to go to a bigger town when we can provide the same quality of service here."

Her career objective shows her commitment to the business, "to protect my clients' assets and ensure their financial security through personalized insurance and financial services."

The agency will provide life insurance, health insurance, Medicare, annuities, property and casualty insurance which includes farm, home, auto and commercial lines. "We have many companies we work with. That allows us to shop around and get the best rates and best policy to meet your needs and ensure financial security through insurance," she said.

Continuing as office manager/agent will be Marla Schindler who got started in the mid-1980's with Wilsocki Insurance, then joined the team at Elgin Insurance in 1995.

"She's amazing," Beckman said about Schindler. "I'm super excited that she decided to stay with me."

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer office hours for Megan will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Once school starts in August, she will be in the office five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

She's also available by appointment, or can be reached via email (megan@118insurance.com) or by contacting the office at (402) 843-5741.

A native of Waukee, Iowa, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University. Beckman came to Elgin in 2014.

Stop in and visit with Megan and Marla and check out what 118 Insurance has to offer.

## Vetch Days celebration starts Monday, June 10

Elgin's Vetch Days are from June 10 - 12 this year! The slogan for this year's Vetch Days is "Make Vetch Days Great Again!"

On Monday, June 10 the celebration starts with the sidewalk chalk art competition from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chalk and information can be picked up at Dean's Market.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there is going to be a petting zoo behind the Elgin Library hosted by the Way Out West 4-H Club, and a scavenger hunt.

At 11 a.m. there's a walking taco meal at the Elgin Community Center until 7 p.m. A Pool Party will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at Elgin City Pool. From 3 to 4 p.m. there are the Chicken Races and new games at the park. The final event of the day is the Pizza+Puzzle+Beer Team Competition at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. This event is sponsored by the Elgin VFW Auxiliary. There are going to be 20 4-member teams. You have to be 21 or older to enter and the entry fee is \$50. The winning team gets awarded \$100 in cash. See Kim at Dean's Market by June 7 to sign up your team. Proceeds from the competition benefit the auxiliary. The KC bar will be open, and spectators are welcome to cheer on their favorite team.

On Tuesday, June 11 there's yoga at 10 a.m. in the park. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there

are going to be burgers and hot dogs served at the Elgin Community Center.

At 2 p.m. the Nebraska Humanities presentation of "The Mad Queen of the Prairies" will be held at the Elgin Library. The poker walk/run starts at the park at 5 p.m. From 5 to 6:30 p.m. the Community BBQ will be held at the Elgin Fire Hall. The Parade will start at 7 p.m. and it is going to have a patriotic theme with lineup starting at the City Park.

At 8 p.m. EKG will put on duck races and beer garden events, and both are on Maple Street. An old-fashioned cruise night will be held downtown after the parade and races. The beer garden is going to be open during this time and Hometown Station is going to be serving root beer floats.

The final day, June 12, gets kicked off with Story Time at 10 a.m. in the Elgin Library. Youth Kickball is going to be held at the ballfields at 1 p.m. Contact Jill McNally if you

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### Correction

In last week's paper, two words were turned around in reference to an Elgin church in our coverage of Memorial Day. It should have read Elgin Community Christian Church. The newspaper regrets the error.

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Scholarships are not based on economic situations but on community/church/school service involvement which is determined by the application essay which is evaluated by a committee of area residents. The Box has donated approximately \$14000 over the years of business on the local level.

#### NECC nursing scholarship

Established in 2023 with the first recipients awarded \$2000 scholarships in April 2024 to be used in the NECC/UNMC nursing program. Application for this scholarship is made through the NECC Financial Office, not through the Bargain Box

The first two scholarships were awarded in April at the Scholarship Luncheon at NECC. Recipients are not necessarily from northeast Nebraska. The scholarship was established to address the worsening shortage of nurses.

The Box and the NECC Nursing scholarships were established as an investment in the young adults who will fix our vehicles, teach the next generation, help us regain our health, be our accountants and provide our food by farming and caring for the land. Post secondary education is expensive; Bargain Box funded scholarships help address this expense.

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# EKG'S 2024 Buy-A-Rama

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## It's all about the weave

They've arrived – the spectacular songbirds with blazing orange feathering against a black background.

The Baltimore oriole, or some kind of oriole, began flitting around the farmyard in early May.

They weave a purse-like nest at the end of a branch that miraculously weathers high winds. By July, the fledglings have taken wings and they're gone, never to use the woven miracle again except maybe to be dismantled for parts next breeding season.

Named after the English family governing the Baltimore area in colonial times, flaunting an orange/black coat of arms, will the oriole stay here to sing dreamy tunes? Or will the neighbors about a mile over, who likely tempt them with grape jelly, a favorite attractant, gain their favor? Time will tell.

Interesting how we lived in the northeast United States some three decades and never saw the orange delights. There were a lot of hoorahs about the Baltimore Orioles, the professional baseball team. The oriole also is the Maryland state bird.

During a January 2022 trip to Kenya, we experienced the yellow and black weaver bird on many an occasion. Multiple woven nests hanging off spindly acacia limbs looked much like nature's rendition of a Christmas tree laden with bulbs. When viewing the nests from the underside, you could see multiple entrances to various chambers, another weaving amazement.

One of my favorite travel souvenirs is a woven table runner from Peru. The women there, and sometimes men, sit on the ground for hours artfully pulling threads back and forth. The weaving we purchased is filled with tiny Andean condors and alpacas. Though perfection gives the impression it's machine made, proof of the handiwork is in the photo taken by hubby Rick as the Peruvian woman finished the piece.

Head to the Caribbean and hair weaving is a big deal especially when a bead or two is added for color. People of color, especially Black Americans, often weave hair and call it cornrowing. And folks right here might weave in artificial hair to give the appearance of longer locks or to camouflage hair loss. Basket weaving using natural reeds is common in many cultures.

While visiting Morea, a small island in the South Pacific, our boat pilot took us for a spin in the ocean, pulled up by an even smaller island, whacked off some greenery, and proceeded to weave several of us creative hats.

A friend gave me a wonderful basket recently, perfect to hold the remote, reading glasses, and note paper and pen on my sofa side table. It was crafted with pine needles picked up on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Beyond the actual act of weaving, that word weave often gets woven into the fabric of our human existence. We weave in and out of traffic hoping to get there sooner. We bob and weave, moving quickly up and down and side to side, attempting to evade another.

We instruct others to weave their magic using their unique talents to get a job done. We weave a complex web of lies to deceive another. Students seeking an easy course of study or assignment call it underwater basket weaving.

Folks in Europe often say 'get weaving' to encourage others to start doing something. In that spirit, here are two assignments.

First, take time to thank the Elgin weavers, otherwise known as the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club. These trusted community members wove together the Elgin Vetch Days, June 10-12, 2024. A core few show up time and again to create a community event we can all enjoy.

Second, take time to appreciate the bird songs, hopefully orioles, while you do some serious deck sitting this summer. Our outdoors here in Nebraska is full of fascinating creatures artfully woven into our environment.

Send comments to [jane.schuchardt@gmail.com](mailto:jane.schuchardt@gmail.com).

### Say What?

Elgin Columnist  
Jane Schuchardt

# Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

June 4, 1964

Archbishop Gerald T. Bergman of Omaha ordained seven Deacons of the Archdiocese to the order of the Priesthood on Saturday, May 23rd. Melvin Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Beckman of Raeville was one of the seven.

Felix S. Carpenter, 76, of Omaha and a longtime resident of the Park Center community passed away Monday night. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 from the Burket Chapel in Omaha and again at 2:30 p.m. at Park Congregational Church west of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schmidt are the parents of a 5 lb. 4 oz. daughter, Debra Kay, born May 28, 1964 in the Tilden Community hospital.

Over 210 St. Boniface Alumni attended a banquet Saturday evening at the auditorium. Maurice Rotert of Norfolk acted as toastmaster. The graduates of 1964 were the honored guests and were welcomed by Herman Ridder.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meis announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Ann to Mr. Bernard Reicks, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Reicks, Sr. of nearby Petersburg. Miss Meis is a member of the 1964 graduating class at St. Boniface High School here in Elgin.

Fifty Years Ago

June 6, 1974

Bill Jochum, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jochum, received a compound skull fracture Sunday afternoon when he was struck with a baseball bat. He was rushed to Antelope Memorial Hospital in the Elgin ambulance. Bill happened to be helping chalk the baselines during batting practice and a bat slipped from a batter's hands. Bill is expected to be confined in the hospital for close to two weeks.

Janice Schuchardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schuchardt, was among nearly 25 students participating in the Ben's School of Cosmetology graduation exercises this weekend. Ms. Schuchardt, a 1973 graduate of Elgin High School, received a cosmetology pin from the school. She will complete her training in September. Her parents attended the ceremony at the Lincoln Elks Club Saturday evening.

Richard Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carr, received a broken right leg while helping his father spray musk thistles Friday. The Elgin rescue squad was called at 3:30 p.m. and took the young man to the Tilden Community Hospital and from there on to the Lutheran Hospital at Norfolk. Dick received a compound fracture above his right ankle.

Thirty Years Ago

June 8, 1994

Memorial Day services at local cemeteries provided a time to honor the memory of veterans who made sacrifices for freedom. Large crowds attended the services in warm and windy weather conditions at Park Cemetery west of Elgin, and at West Cedar Valley and St. Boniface cemeteries north of Elgin.

Purina Mills, Inc. is observing its 100th birthday this year, and the feed manufacturer has served dealerships in Elgin for 44 years. Purina feeds have been sold here since 1950, when Elgin Hatchery owner Leo Eischeid began selling the Purina brand.

Chris Uttecht, son of Dwaine and Pat Uttecht of Elgin, was chosen as the representative from Elgin High School for the KCAU/KCAN TV "Best of the Class." He was one of the graduates appearing on KCAU/KCAN throughout May. Uttecht was chosen for the honor based on his high academic performance.

Richard Joseph Stehly, son of Reank J. and Blanche Ann (Krotochvil) Stehly, was born at Elgin, Dec. 15, 1926, and died at Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins, CO, on May 26, 1994, at the age of 67 years, five months and 11 days. He grew to manhood at Elgin, attended the St. Boniface School and graduated from Elgin High School with the class of 1944.

Twenty Years Ago

June 12, 2004

Fuel prices were declining last week and early this week after passing the \$2 per gallon mark during May. The sign at The Station in Elgin showed prices of \$1.94.9 for gasoline and \$1.71.9 for diesel.

Elgin City Council approved a financing step needed for construction of the North Street storm sewer project Monday night. Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, June 14, and continue throughout the summer. Rutjens Construction Co. of Tilden is the contractor.

VFW Auxiliary Unit 5816 of Elgin honored Marjorie Beeson and Betty DeCamp at their meeting on June 7 at The Homestead. Marjorie was honored as a Gold Star Mother, and has retired as the auxiliary's secretary after serving in that capacity for many years. Betty was honored as her first husband, William Reuss, was killed in World War II.

Leonard R. Bennett of Elgin was one of about 150 Nebraskans receiving certificates of appreciation from the French government during special ceremonies last Sunday afternoon, June 6, at the Capitol Building Rotunda in Lincoln. Leonard was a fighter pilot with the 10th Fighter Squadron, 50th Fighter Group, U.S. Army Air Corps.

Fossils similar to those discovered by the Lewis and Clark Expedition are now on display in a new exhibit at Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park located north of Orchard. The rare fossils - including parts of a long-necked plesiosaur, a horned dinosaur and large predatory fish - were selected from the world renown collection at the University of Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln, and have not previously been exhibited to the public.

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# Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

## Pillen still plugging for property tax relief

Let's face it, Nebraska has high property taxes, the seventh highest in the country according to the Tax Foundation, which tracks such things. "Lots of land, not a lot of people," has always been the catchphrase, which translates into a higher burden of property taxes. But I almost fell out of my chair when Gov. Jim Pillen proposed, initially, to raise the state's sales taxes by 2 cents to achieve property tax relief.

### ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

Never did I imagine that a conservative Republican governor would propose a tax increase of any kind, much less one that would make Nebraska's state sales tax (now at 5.5 cents) the highest in the nation at 7.5 cents — even higher than, gulp, California. We in Husker-ville love to be No. 1. But that's in football and volleyball, not taxes. Pillen, a former football player, may have wanted to land a gut punch with his 2-cent hike idea, hoping it would lead to a compromise on a lower sales tax hike. But that didn't happen, as state lawmakers decided to forgo a watered down property tax relief plan that didn't include any hike in the state sales tax. It instead removed sales tax exemptions, or imposed new excise taxes, on various items labeled as "discretionary," such low-hanging fruit as pop and candy, hemp-infused "gummies," vaping products and those slot-machine like "skill games" that have proliferated in convenience stores. There was also a 36-cent a pack increase on cigarettes. But the property tax relief bill was

pulled from the agenda after it was clear it didn't have the 33 votes to overcome a filibuster.

Now the governor is hitting the road, pitching some of the same ideas in hopes of gaining support from 33 senators, enough to call state lawmakers back for a special session before school starts in August.

Best of luck. Pillen is climbing a political peak that many have climbed, but few have conquered.

Reducing property taxes is a complicated matter that seeks to undo policies adopted over several years on behalf of some well-funded, and persuasive special interests.

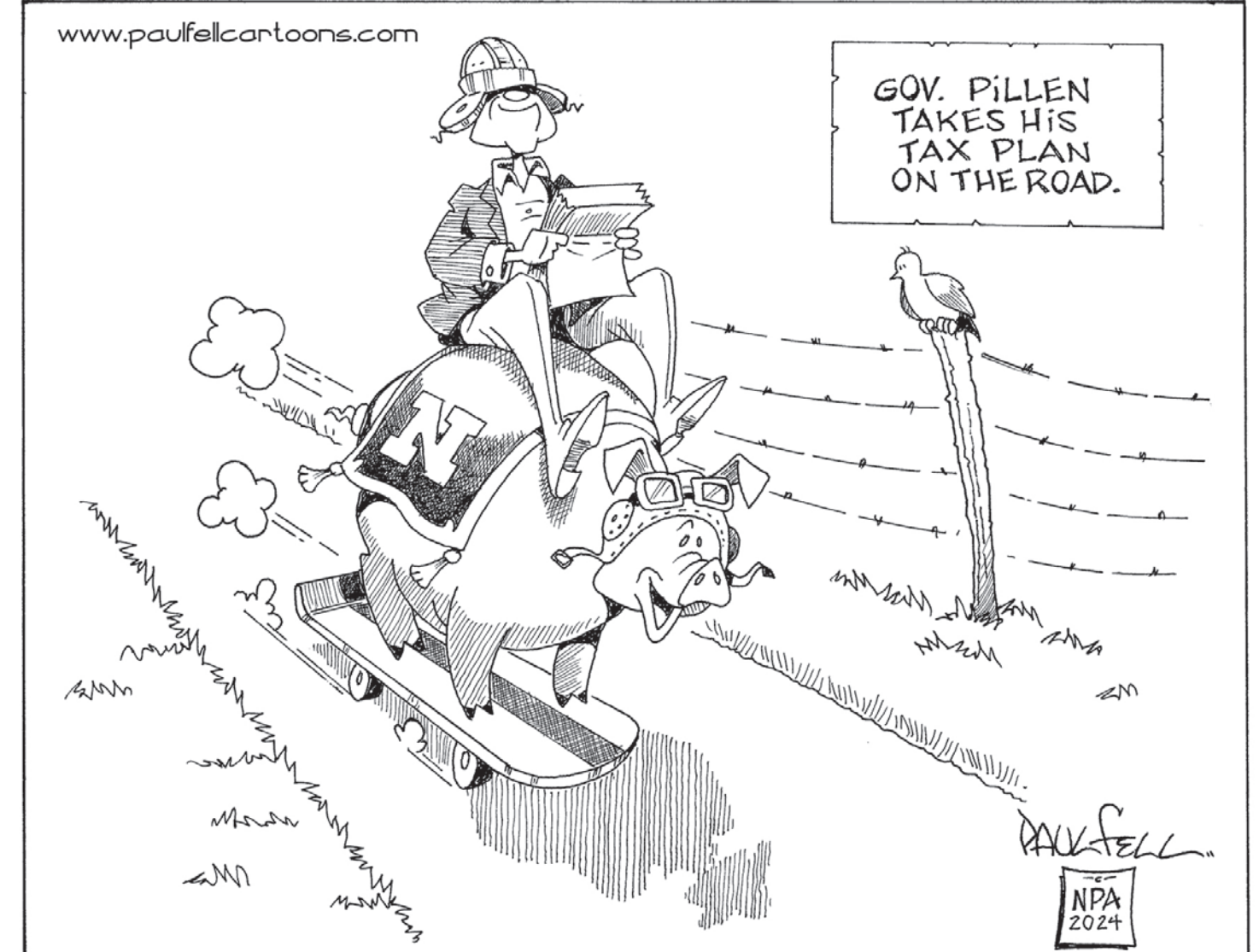
More than once, the Legislature has granted tax exemptions or tax credits to businesses that threaten to leave the state due to the high burden of paying taxes like you and me.

But eliminating even some seemingly simple tax breaks gets complicated. Take taxing candy for instance — some candy bars have a higher content of flour, so it's "food" and would remain untaxed, while other candy bars in the same display case would be taxed as "candy."

There are some simpler plans to reduce property taxes, like a couple from Omaha State Sen. Justin Wayne, who, like Pillen, isn't afraid to think outside the box.

Wayne introduced two bills this year to shift the cost of financing county jails and county attorneys off local property taxes, and onto the state. That would be similar to what the Legislature and Pillen did with the state's community colleges — which was taken off the local property tax bill and is now financed by state sales and income taxes, a shift of more than \$200 million a year.

Personally, I liked the county jail idea — 64 counties operate some kind of jail, with the capacity to hold more than 5,250 inmates, at an estimated cost of nearly \$170 million a year.



Wayne argued that people are sent to jail mostly because of laws passed by the state, so it's a state obligation. (And recent attempts to reduce overcrowding of state prisons have shifted more convicts into local jails, instead of state-funded cells, thus shifting more costs onto counties.)

But this isn't as simple as it sounds either. A \$1 million study was proposed to facilitate the shift in county jails, and, of course, there's the argument that there would be less "local control" of such facilities.

But Wayne calculated that such a shift would result in between \$250 million to \$300 million in local proper-

ty tax savings. That would be a major step toward the extra 20% cut in property taxes sought by Pillen (he wants a 40% reduction overall, but 20% has already been cut by recently passed legislation).

Shifting local jails and local prosecutors off the property tax rolls would put more pressure on state sales and incomes taxes to fund them, which might mean postponing the reduction in state income tax rates — eventually to a top rate of 3.99% — something that draws howls of protest from the state business community.

It all makes for an interesting summer at the State Capital. State senators,

generally, grumble about being called back into a special session — they have other jobs and vacations like the rest of us. But Pillen was able to pull off the income tax reduction a year ago. Maybe he still has some magic in his tax-cutting wand.

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*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.*

## More needs to be done to keep nursing homes open in Nebraska

Almost 10,000 Nebraskans live in certified nursing facilities. These facilities are a home for our seniors, a community where they receive care, meet friends, and visit with family. For years, the number of these facilities has dwindled. Since 2015, 44 nursing homes and 35 assisted living facilities across our state have shut their doors. Those closures deprived Nebraskans of over 3,000 beds. And unfortunately, the staffing challenges plaguing the nursing industry are not going away any time soon. Many facilities are struggling to stay open.

A Biden administration rule finalized this month would only worsen this problem.

### WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

The rule, released by the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS), will burden nursing homes across rural America with unrealistic staffing requirements. It requires a registered nurse to be on hand every hour of every day. To put that in perspective, nine Nebraska counties don't even have one practicing registered nurse available. The rule also requires about three and a half daily hours of dedicated nursing care for each resident.

Eighty percent of Nebraska's counties don't have a nursing home that meets these requirements. Especially in rural areas, we don't always have the resources to meet the stringent requirements

that work for big cities on the coasts.

After CMS proposed the nursing home rule in September, I sent a letter with the rest of the Nebraska congressional delegation expressing our concerns to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. But CMS still plowed ahead with the rule. It was finalized this month, and it will go into effect this summer.

This mandate will do the exact opposite of what it intends. CMS wants to provide seniors with better care, but unrealistic standards will force nursing homes to shut down in the rural communities that need them most. The result in those areas is not better care — it's no care.

Nursing homes are few and far between in rural areas of our country. Fifteen of Nebraska's counties have no nursing home. If one facility

closes, the next closest one could be many miles or even hours away. Just one closure could be detrimental to seniors in some of our communities. But if our nursing homes stay open, seniors won't have to face upheaval in their final years. They won't have to leave family and loved ones behind to find a new home. They won't have to experience the loneliness, uncertainty, and depression that can come along with moving to an unfamiliar place.

I'm pushing back against the CMS rule on behalf of those who need care. Congress has the power to pass a resolution called a Congressional Review Act (CRA) that overturns a rule instated by the presidential administration. My colleagues and I are working on a CRA now that will stop this staffing rule.

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## New board-certified PA joins AMH

Antelope Memorial Hospital welcomes Anita Murphy, PA-C, to its medical staff this month. Originally from Petersburg, Murphy is a 2003 graduate of Boone Central High School. She attended Doane College, graduating in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. While at Doane College, she did biomedical research that included HIV and Pseudomonas research. In Fall 2007, she began a 28-month Physician Assistant Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, graduating in December 2010. She later became board-certified in January 2011.

Murphy began her career working at Litzsburg Hospital in Central City for 18 months. She then moved closer to home and worked at Tilden Community Hospital for about two years. In July 2014, the hospital was consolidated with Faith Regional Health Services. She then worked for FRHS at its

medical clinic located in Tilden until joining Antelope Memorial Hospital this month.

"I'm excited to be a part of Antelope Memorial Hospital and to work in a system that has local control," said Murphy. "Plus, it's a super community here and has a lot to offer. Everyone at AMH has been very helpful and supportive. I feel everyone wants to help the patient succeed. It's not about the money - but about the patient. That's important to me."

Murphy joins AMH's medical staff which consists of seven other providers. Dr. Roger Rudloff and Dr. Troy Dawson began their careers at AMH in May and July 1997, respectively. Other providers who joined the medical staff more recently are Ashley Niewohner, APRN (July 2016), Angela Sucha, PA-C (September 2017), Dr. Kelli Osborn, (November 2018), Amanda Wolff (January 2020) and Dr. Josh Thoendel (June 2021).

Anita and her husband, Tommy, and family reside in Petersburg. They have five children to include Mariah, Patrick, Jaylynn, Mollie and Tucker. Anita's hobbies include flower

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# OBITUARIES

## June M. Jochum, 94

June 28, 1929 - May 27, 2024

Working for the railroad, she found her husband in Anchorage, Alaska. Together they raised 10 children.



Mass of Christian Burial for June M. Jochum, age

94, of Norfolk, Nebraska was held Friday, May 31, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk. Reverend Gregory Carl was the celebrant.

Visitation was Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Home for Funerals Chapel, 708 Georgia Avenue, in Norfolk, with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary.

The funeral was livestreamed on the funeral home's website.

Home for Funerals in Norfolk is in charge of arrangements.

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June Mae Jochum passed away on Monday, May 27, 2024, at her home surrounded by her nine children. She was born June 28, 1929, to Florence and Joseph Freeberg in Seattle Washington. June attended school in Seattle, graduating in 1947 from West Seattle High. She furthered her education and obtained her certificate as an executive secretary.

June worked for the railroad in Anchorage Alaska, where she met and married Leo A.

Jochum, Jr. She was fortunate to be able to stay at home and raise her ten children and get them involved in sports and other activities.

She gave back to the community by volunteering for various organizations. June enjoyed traveling and having an occasional red beer with her scratch tickets. June loved her family and enjoyed nothing more than being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

June is survived by her children, Laurie (late Tom) Abler, Jeff Jochum, Nancy Jochum-Schramm (Brad Jones), Reed (Wendy) Jochum, Joan (Scott) Stutesman, June Jochum, Edward (Paula) Jochum, Brian (Ana) Jochum, and Stephanie (Rick) Zoubek; her brother, Jimmy Freeberg of Seattle Washington; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo in 2019; daughter, Janet in 1990; son-in-law, Thomas Abler in 2019; her parents; and six siblings.

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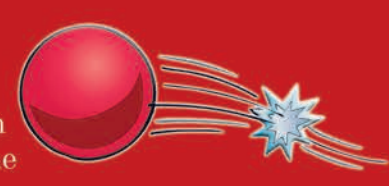
## TUESDAY, JUNE 11

10 am Yoga in the City Park  
 11 am to 2 pm 'Burgers & Dogs' with sides, Elgin Community Center  
 2 pm "The Mad Queen of the Prairies" Nebraska Humanities presentation, Elgin Library  
 5 pm Poker Walk/Run, starts at the City Park  
 5 to 6:30 pm Community BBQ, Elgin firehall  
 7 pm Parade. Line up at City Park. Patriotic theme  
 8 pm Duck Races & Beer Garden, EKG, both on Maple Street. After parade/races, an old-fashioned Cruise downtown- Enjoy a cold one at the beer garden, Hometown Station will be serving Root Beer Floats.



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

10 am Storytime, Elgin Library  
 1 pm Youth Kickball at the ballfields (east of Pope John). Contact Jill McNally  
 1 to 4 pm Inflatable Obstacle Course at Elgin City Park, sponsored by the Young N Lively Club at the  
 4 to 7 pm Ice Cream & Pie Social, Elgin Community Center, Silent Auction for homemade PIES.  
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## Elgin Community Center Menus

**Monday, June 10:** Vetch Days - Walking tacos serving from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, June 11:** Vetch Day Lunch (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Hamburgers, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad.  
**Wednesday, June 12:** (Please call to sign up for the Vetch Days Lunch) Baked steak, mashed potatoes - gravy, broccoli salad, Jello w/pineapple & carrots.  
**Thursday, June 13:** Creamed hamburger over mashed potatoes, peas, strawberry/peaches mix, milk.  
**Friday, June 14:** Polish dogs, fried cabbage & onions, 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.  
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Wheeler Central staff (l-r) Dawn Erickson, Marcia Smith, Kelly Kasselder, Maureen Metschke, Susan Sander-son and Lu Plugge were honored at a retirement party hosted by Wheeler Central Thursday afternoon May 16

Photos submitted

## Bartlett News

'Camp Firelight' Vacation Bible School was held at the Bartlett Church of Faith May 20-22 from 8 a.m. to noon. Approximately 54 children attended ranging from age 3- 6th grade. 24 youth group members and adults worked together to make a great 3-day Bible School.

Directors were Chris Olson and Marcia Smith. Preschool/ Kindergarten teachers were MaKenna Pelster and Bobbi Guggenmos with helpers Reese Smith, Hadley and Hayes Pokorny. First and Second Grade teachers were Brae-lynn Schlenger and Jailynn Harrison. Helpers were Paige Schlenger, Casey Freouf and Ember Schlenger. Third and 4th grade teachers were Jayna Guggenmos and Chloe Smith. Fifth grade teacher was Cheyenne Pokorny. Music was led by Sherry Tetschner. Craft teacher was Chris Olson with helpers Cayli Spencer and Sierra Plugge. Kitchen and Decorating were Samantha Olson and Shelby Kovarik. Extra helpers were Sara Skorcz, Jerrin Kleeb, Tyler Perkins and Franklin Schmidt.

A program was held for parents, grandparents and community members on May 22. The program included Bible verse recitation by various classes, a skit and the singing of Bible Songs: *Camp Firelight Theme Song Firelight Chant, Trust in*

*You and Beautiful Day.* Special recognition was given to Marcia Smith and Chris Olson who are officially retiring from Vacation Bible School after 30+ years.

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Wheeler Central staff and community members gathered in Bartlett for a retirement

celebration May 16. The celebration was in honor of service given the school by staff members Dawn Erickson, Marcia Smith, Kelly Kasselder, Maureen Metschke, Susan Sander-son and Lu Plugge. Each of these women contributed so much over many years of teaching or para service.



(L- R) Sierra Plugge, Jailynn Harrison and Cayli Spencer were part of the many youth who helped with Vacation Bible School at the Bartlett Church of Faith May 20-22.



Marcia Smith and Chris Olson officially retired this year from Bible School duty after approximately 30 years of service.



Approximately 54 children, ages 3 to 6th grade, attended Bible School at the Bartlett Church of Faith.

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### 2024 Vetch Days Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

**Monday, June 10th**  
 Elgin K-C Hall  
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Competition begins at 7:00 p.m.  
 \$50 Fee for a Team of Four  
 \*Limited to twenty teams of four \*must be 21 to participate  
 \*First place prize of \$100  
 \*Deadline to register is this Friday, June 7  
 \*A large pizza and four drink tickets are included in the entry fee  
 To pay your entry fee, contact Kim Schrage at Dean's Market (402) 843-5300  
 This fundraiser is sponsored by the Sharkey-Reuss VFW Auxiliary Post #5816  
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### 2024 Vetch Days Poker Walk/Run

**Tuesday, June 11**  
 5 pm start

**Start & End here!**

**STOP 1** Sign in and get your starting information at the Elgin City Park picnic shelter.  
**STOP 2** Hometown Station  
**STOP 3** Elgin Community Center  
**STOP 4** St. Boniface Auditorium  
**STOP 5** Elgin Public School's Eagle's Nest  
**STOP 6** Elgin Firehall for the BBQ

**Bottled Water** will be provided.

**13 & older \$5** registration fee  
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Top hands will share 'the pot'!

## Options for summer annuals for forage

Summer annuals are a great option for producers wanting lots of biomass production during the warmest months of the year. Species like sudangrass, sorghum-sudan hybrids, forage sorghum, teff grass, and millets are all great options. Those who need summer forage and haven't planted yet may consider doing so soon. With several options to choose from, knowing how your plants will be harvested and ultimately used is key to success.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



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**Ben Beckman**

We need extra precautions due to the risk of prussic acid poisoning. Prussic acid or cyanide is produced in all sorghum species at various levels and needs to be managed correctly, mainly by allowing plants to reach proper heights (18 inches in most cases) before grazing. For those wanting a prussic acid free grazing option, pearl millet should be looked at, as it will regrow if 8 inches of stubble is left over.

For those looking to graze, sudangrass and sorghum-sudan hybrids are two top options with pearl millet following close behind. While producing less overall tonnage than a sorghum-sudan hybrid, sudangrass has a greater leaf to stem ratio, making grazing easier with less waste. Additionally, these plants are quick to regrow, so they can be grazed multiple times over the course of the summer. Sorghum-sudan hybrids are similar in regrowth, but have a bit more stem to them, so can result in more refusal and waste.

If you plan on grazing, sudangrass and sorghum-type species

For those looking to produce hay, nearly all summer annuals are available as an option, but we do need to be aware of their strengths and drawbacks. Teff grass for example produces an extremely high quality, fine hay, but may lack somewhat in tons produced when compared to other options. This plant is very drought hardy however and can produce multiple cuttings if managed correctly.

Our sorghum species are also hay options and unlike when grazing, we don't have to worry about prussic acid as it leaves dead plant material after a few days. The drawback with these species is often stem size.

Because of this, we may want to steer away from the thickest stemmed forage sorghums. The thicker the stem, the harder it is to dry down. Be sure to use a crimper or processor when harvesting to break open the stem and dry faster. We can also increase our seeding rate at planting if we know hay is our end goal to promote a thicker stand with thinner stems. Finally, we can consider harvesting early. Harvesting when plants have less stem and more leaf may reduce yield but will produce a higher quality hay that is more likely to be put up at the correct moisture. Leave enough stubble height so that plants can regrow for a second cutting to make up for some of that lost yield early on.

Millet species like pearl and foxtail are great options for hay production, with thinner stems and high yield potential. Foxtail or German millet will not regrow, so cut low to maximize yield, if nitrates aren't a concern. Pearl may produce some regrowth, so depending on your timetable, a higher first cutting may be an option to consider. Millets also have the benefit of being very water efficient, so if dry weather is a concern, they should be considered.

Finally, silage production is an option that should be considered with summer annuals that is often overlooked. Forage sorghum and sorghum-sudan hybrids are both high yielding options. When compared with

corn silage, sorghum shines in a few ways. First, sorghum requires less water than corn to grow, making it a great option for dry-land fields. Second, from seed to inputs, production expenses are lower. Finally, sorghum can produce similar silage yields, although with slightly lower starch and energy contents than corn. Just be sure to harvest at the correct stage (usually medium to hard dough) and shoot for 60-70% moisture content.

Summer annual crops are a great opportunity for often much needed forage, but with so many options, choosing the right one can be difficult. Begin with the end in mind and selection can be much easier. Sudangrass for grazing, forage sorghum for silage, teff and foxtail millet for hay. Sorghum-sudan hybrids and pearl millet are great all-around choices. With a bit of planning, your summer forage crop will be a success.

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

### 2024 Vetch Days Parade

**Tuesday, June 11 at 7 pm**

**Turn South (left) on Third Street.**

**End of official route.**

**Help Us Make Vetch Days Great Again.**

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### Sunday the favored night to dine out

Friday and Saturday night might be the day people most identify as the best night to

dine out at a restaurant, but a recent survey found that Sunday reigns supreme among diners. According to a 2022 survey from Real Research, just under 30 percent of diners said they eat out on Sunday, which makes the first day of the week more preferable than Friday (18.9 percent) and Saturday (15.4 percent). Perhaps more surprisingly, a greater number of respondents indicated they

prefer to dine out on Monday (23 percent) than Friday or Saturday. Despite these preferences, experienced diners know that it's still wise to book a reservation when dining out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Diners might be more likely to find a table without a reservation on Monday.

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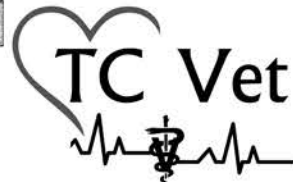
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# Wolfpack Sports



## Mugs for the winners

Photo submitted

Saturday started out cloudy but finished in sunshine for the Elgin High School Alumni Golf Tournament at the Antelope Country Club. Winning the championship flight in the four-person scramble was the team of Kade Christensen, Max Peery, Hunter Reestman and Ally Wemhoff.

## Gridiron stars set to shine again at NEN All-Star Classic

Two members of the Wolfpack football team that made the state playoffs during 2023 will have the opportunity to don the pads again this Saturday. Seniors Blake Henn and Dylan Lueking will take their place along side some of the best football players in the state on Saturday, June 8, to play in the Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football Classic.

The game will be held at Veterans Memorial Field in Norfolk with kickoff set for 11 a.m.

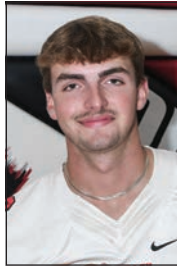
Henn is slated to play defensive end while Lueking will be positioned at linebacker.

Joining them on the 'White' team will be Theodore Windhusen and Justus Weidemann, Logan View; Trent Patzel, James Fogleman, Hank Hud-

son, Parker Borer, Boone Central; Mavrick Hagemann, Nate Decker and Dawson Hansen, Elkhorn Valley; Jacob Henery and Bryson Gadeken, Neligh-Oakdale; Colten Klosen, Howells-Dodge; Treven Weddle, West Point-Beemer; Blake Borchers, Landon Weinandt and Cameron Korth, Battle Creek; Jesse Steffen, Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Mitchell Hupp and Parker Wiedeman, Stanton; Brendan Weber and Spencer Hille, Plainview;



Dylan Lueking



Blake Henn

Jesse Droescher, Kyler Case and Lincoln Benne, Oakland-Craig; Dylan Higby, Clarkson-Leigh; Wyatt Rangeloff, North Bend Central; Landon Redding, Lyons-Decatur Northeast; Connor Kreikemeier and Nathan Hegemann, Howells-Dodge; Sam Zazueta, Dylan Froberg, Jackson Mazuch and Alan Diaz, Norfolk; Ryder Kleckner, Twin River.

Schools have been named head coaches for the game. Mike Hassler of Wakefield and Cory Valasek of Riverside

## Spinning Tales

### Another one bites the dust - my hero Bill Walton

The 'happiest' hippie of all time passed away last week and I'm not happy about it.

Bill Walton, self-proclaimed to be the tallest Grateful Dead band fan, the mouth that found plenty to talk about and overcoming a terrible case of the stutters, the man who lost four years of his NBA career due to foot and back injuries but, when healthy, was league MVP and winner of the 'Sixth Man Award,' peacefully died at his home in California surrounded by family. He led the Portland Trailblazers to their only NBA title in 1977 defeating Dr. J and the Philadelphia 76ers. He showed team basketball always wins over teams whose players play to pad their stats.

Then, nine years later, he played alongside Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and DJ to win a second NBA title with the Boston Celtics on what many believe was one of the best teams ever.

While many believe Michael

Jordan was the best basketball player ever (I agree), there was a time before injuries took their toll that Walton was the best college player ever. During the three years he played at UCLA, his teams went 86-4. Twice winning the NCAA Tournament with unbeaten teams. In one of the championship games (Memphis State 1973) he made 21 of 22 field goal attempts to finish with 44 points. It's important to note that no dunking was allowed back then.

I followed his career, in large part, because he was one of the few athletes I knew who had red hair. Long before my hair turned white, it was red like his. Because he blocked shots, I learned to block shots. Because he passed the ball so well, I looked to make the extra pass.

He could do it all on the court. Off the court, he attended more than 1,000 Grateful Dead concerts. Somewhere in all of this, he became the man who wanted to live his best day ev-

ery day, uplifting all who came into his circle.

Cancer claimed another life with Walton's death. It seems cancer gets almost everyone in the end, some sooner than others.

Until his last breath, Walton lived life to its fullest. Gotta love that!

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I'll be anxious to hear all the stories about the PJCC Spanish students trip to Spain. The group is scheduled to arrive home today, their odyssey through airports in Omaha and Dallas/Fort Worth a story all its own. They

### SPINNING TALES



Publisher Dennis Morgan

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## 2024 Northeast Nebraska All Star Basketball



The Wolfpack's Keyera Eisenhauer donned her Elgin Public-Pope John basketball jersey one last time and played in Friday night's all star game in Norfolk. The girls and boys games featured some of the areas best graduated seniors who played on the courts this past season. Eisenhauer played on the girls Dark Team, which also featured her dad, EPJ Wolfpack Head Coach Randy Eisenhauer, as Assistant Coach. Congratulations on a great career Keyera! E-R photos/LMorgan

## Netters' Charf, Busted to take the court again Saturday

Two members of the 2023 Wolfpack volleyball team will compete in an all-star game Saturday afternoon in Norfolk.

Northeast Community College will host the 2024 Northeast Nebraska All-Star Volleyball Game.

The contest will begin at 2 p.m. this Saturday, June 8 at the Cox Activities Center in Norfolk.

Wolfpack standouts Baylee Busted and Ashlynn Charf head up selections to the 'Dark' team. Others 'Dark' team members are Adyson Mlnarik, Summerland; Mya Hedstrom, O'Neill St. Mary's; Caitlin Guenther, Crofton; Tylar Humphrey, Battle Creek; Lorissa Reiman, O'Neill St. Mary's;



Ashlynn Charf



Baylee Busted

Mallory Eriksen, Laurel Concord Coleridge; Katy Jones, Hartington Cedar Catholic and Micah McGillivray, Stanton.

Coaches are Teresa Christensen, Stanton and Jordynn Luettel, Elgin/Pope John.

Members of the Light Team, with the high school where they played, include: Jaya Wachholtz, Pierce; Chloe Hanel, Clarkson; Daveigh Munter-McAfee, Wakefield; Allison Wieseler, Wynot; Teya Boyer, Plainview; Jayden Ehrisman,

Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Kayla Pinkelman, Wynot; Isabel Hass, Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Jordan Metzler, Wakefield. Coaches are Brittany Eisenmann, Wakefield and Madiline Gideon, Guardian Angels Central Catholic.

## Community Calendar

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

### Friday, June 7

**Bull-A-Rama** sponsored by EKG, gates open at 5 p.m. Mutton Bust'n begins at 6 p.m. followed by bull riding.

### Saturday, June 8

**Cruise Night and Dance** sponsored by the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department at Petersburg - Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football and Volleyball games @ Norfolk.

### Monday - Wednesday, June 10-12

**Elgin Vetch Days Celebration.** Grand parade to begin at 7 p.m. on June 11 followed by cruise night/beer garden.

### Tuesday, June 11

District #18 school board meeting - Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

### Friday, June 14

**Flag Day** program starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elgin Public Library. Event is sponsored by Elgin American Legion and VFW Posts and their auxiliaries.

### Saturday, June 15

**Sertoma 8-Man** all-star football game @ Hastings.

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## UNK Dean's List announced

KEARNEY – The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester.

Students who are on the dean's list must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earn a 4.0 for an "A," 3.0 for a "B" and 2.0 for a "C."

Courses taken on a credit/no credit basis – such as internships and student teaching – aren't included among the necessary 12 credits.

Area students recognized were:  
 Albion — Ashley Nicole Gutierrez, Ashlyn Jo Krohn, Kyra Lesley Kruse, Sydney Marie Tisthammer, Graham Kahlant, Harrison Kuta, Jordan Soto-Stopak and Owen Dodds

Elgin — Skyler Ann Meis and Ashtyn Meis  
 Neligh — Logan Ryan Lawson, Kaylee Kathryn Ramold, Trey Svatos, Andrew Jacobsen and Hannah Vraspir

Petersburg — Alexa Nelson  
 Ewing — Adrienne Nicole Parker, Bre Bartak and Michelle Koenig

## Tales

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were supposed to leave Omaha on May 28, but that was delayed due to the bad weather in Texas which caused delays in nearly all flights that day.

They finally left Dallas for Spain on May 29. And are now back home.

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If you like watching the best of the best compete against one another, then I encourage you to head to Norfolk Saturday. The Northeast Nebraska All-Star Football Classic will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The game will feature Wolfpack football standouts Blake Henn and Dylon Lueking. Then, across town at the Cox Activities Center, at 2 p.m. the best volleyball players will match up.

Playing in that game will be Wolfpack stars Ashlynn Charf and Baylee Busted. They will be joined by their coach Jordynn Luettel.

It doesn't get any better than this if you are a football/volleyball fan.

## Jesus speaks to us

"Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying?"

Jesus asks us this as we fret about work situations, family struggles, difficult people, seemingly hopeless situations.

"Leave the care of your affairs to Me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to Me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations."

This conversation between us and God is the start of a nine-day prayer, known as the Surrender Novena. It was given to us through Servant of God Father Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970), a friend of St. Padre Pio who like his friend was a mystic who bore the stigmata.

Each day, in brief prayers like the one above, Jesus speaks to us and guides us into a deeper and deeper surrender to Him and out of worry and desire for control.

The prayer has us pray repeatedly: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!"

I've prayed this novena with a friend and discovered the beauty of surrender to God. I've handed over worries and problems, and He has taken care of them in ways I could have never imagined.

In one case, I was dealing with a boss who demanded a lot of control over my work, was short with me and basically drove me crazy. So I handed him and the situation over to God. In that situation, Jesus told me to keep my mouth shut, to not complain to his superiors or my co-workers.

For once, I listened and obeyed. Soon the boss moved on, and my work life was good, better than it had ever been. God blessed him, and God blessed me – all because He had me surrender and trust Him.

I need more of this prayer in my life. And so do you. Give it a try. It can be found online by searching for Surrender Novena. One site is <https://www.surrendernovena.com/novena>. Beautiful prayer cards can also be purchased.

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!"

## Vetch

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want to sign up your child for this event. From 1 to 4 p.m. the Inflatable Obstacle Course will be set up at Elgin City Park and is sponsored by the Young N Lively Club.

The Ice Cream and Pie Social will be held at the Elgin Community Center from 4 to 7 p.m. There is going to be a silent auction for homemade pies at this event.

The final Vetch Days event is HS/JH Glow Kickball at 10 p.m. at the ballfields.

## Bond released for jailed Elgin man

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

The Honorable James Kube saw a short criminal court agenda when he presided from the bench of the Antelope County District Court last week.

Rowdy Burke, 52, of Elgin appeared without counsel for a hearing on the status of his bond.

Burke was given a deferred jail sentence by Kube last month, and subsequently failed to show up at the Antelope County Jail on April 28 as ordered for his conviction of driving under suspension. He was arrested in Lincoln on April 29.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith, who had initiated the hearing "declined to go forward" on a request for bond forfeiture.

Kube released the bond to Burke's employer, who had posted it, and remanded Burke to the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore to continue serving his jail sentence.

In answer to questions from the judge regarding his failure to report to jail, Burke said, "I

am going through rough times ... (I) wanted to find a place for my kids."

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Joaquin Santos Escheverria, 28 of Brenham, Texas, (in custody at ACJ) appeared for an evidentiary hearing on a plea in abatement filed on his behalf by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Escheverria is charged with a Class 1C felony, possession of more than 28 grams of methamphetamine, with intent to deliver.

Carney argued the charge was erroneous and there was insufficient evidence presented in Antelope County Court at a March preliminary hearing to bind the case over because the defendant was simply traveling through Nebraska, from Texas to South Dakota, when he was stopped by law enforcement and his vehicle subsequently searched, resulting in the alleged discovery of about 289 grams of methamphetamine. Carney said his client had no ties to Antelope County.

"Nebraska can't criminalize activity that was to take place in another state," the attorney said.

"There was no intent to do anything in Nebraska except travel through... I realize it's a little novel."

Kube asked if Carney had any case law to support his argument. Carney did not. However, Smith cited case law to support the charge filed.

Kube asked Carney if he wanted more time. Carney declined.

Kube took the case under advisement, saying he would notify the parties of his decision.

Escheverria was remanded to Moore's custody.

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Two of the men convicted of attempted burglary for break-ins at two Neligh Main Street businesses in 2022 were back in the courtroom Wednesday.

Trinity Graham, 20, of Neligh faced Kube to show cause on a motion for contempt due to delinquent restitution payments. Although he had made some payments, Graham had missed several months and had not paid since his previous show-cause hearing in May. Kube asked why.

"I got hired at Taco Bell but my co-defendant works there so (I) didn't go," he said.

Kube scolded the defendant and asked why he hadn't called the county attorney to ask.

"There is a difference between making payments and making no effort," Smith said.

Kube continued the hearing until June 26 and warned Graham he could go to jail.

"Get a job," he told Graham. "We want to see payments... If you really want a job you can get a job. (There are) a lot of openings."

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Harley Snyder, 21, of Lincoln also appeared for a show-cause hearing regarding his tardiness in paying restitution. However, he had paid a total of about \$1,900, including recent payments and Smith moved to dismiss a Jan. 31 motion to revoke probation.

Kube sustained and continued the hearing to Aug. 28, urging Snyder to continue making payments. Snyder and Graham, along with other co-defendants were ordered to pay \$5,686.56 restitution, jointly and severally, to Neligh Vape Shoppe and Craig Smith, owner of the building that housed the businesses.

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