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In Brief

More than 30 dogs remain unlicensed

According to City Hall
May 1 was the deadline for licensing dogs inside the Elgin city limits. Earlier this month at the Elgin City Council's regular meeting, City Clerk Kristin Childers said there are still 33 unlicensed dogs and the matter is now in the hands of the Antelope County Sheriff's Department. Owners of unlicensed dogs should register their pets at City Hall to avoid prosecution. Also, she said the sheriff's department is working on a situation at the campgrounds regarding a potentially dangerous dog.

Smith staff to hold meetings in Neligh, Bartlett

On June 25 and 26
Constituents of Third District Congressman Adrian Smith are invited to meet with a member of his staff later this month at separate events in Neligh and Bartlett. A staff outreach event is an opportunity for constituents to meet directly with a member of Smith's staff about federal issues, receive assistance with a federal agency, or take advantage of the services available through his office. Smith will provide a staff member on June 25 at the **Antelope County Courthouse** 501 Main Street, Neligh from 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. CDT. Then, on June 26, staff will be at the **Wheeler County Courthouse** 301 3rd Street in Bartlett from 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. CDT.



Flying high at Vetch Days!

Carnivals provide thrills and River City Carnival did just that for kids during this year's Vetch Days. There were a number of rides plus slushie drinks, funnel cakes, lemonade and several games for kids of various ages. Flying high on the "Paratrooper" ride were a number of junior high and high school students. Pictured here are, l-r: Kinley Selting, Tanley Schindler (background), Sadie Thiessen, Molly Thiessen and Sophia Burke.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notices (2) — Antelope County
- Notices (2) — Pope John XXIII Central Catholic Schools
- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Proceedings — Village of Bartlett
- Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education
- Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Board of Equalization

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 93 degrees recorded on June 12. The low during the same period was 51 degrees recorded on June 9. Altogether, 0.45 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
June 9	79	51	.00
June 10	82	62	.05
June 11	86	65	.00
June 12	93	65	.00
June 13	86	56	.00
June 14	85	56	.40
June 15	84	66	.00
Total for last week			0.45
Total for June			2.42
Total precipitation 2024			13.57



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Flag Day observed

Friday was Flag Day and a ceremony was held at the Elgin Public Library. Legion Commander Gary Hoefer and others spoke at the event. Those in attendance joined together to sing "God Bless America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner".

EPS breakfast, lunch price hike approved

It's a sign of the times. Rising prices for food has resulted in the District #18 Board of Education having to adjust breakfast and lunch prices for the 2024/25 school year. The board, meeting Tuesday night, June 11, just minutes after the conclusion of the Vetch Days parade, just making a quorum with four members present (absent were Lisa Welding and Todd Heithoff). Conducting the meeting was board secretary Ron Bode. Having discussed the matter, Eric Beckman motioned and Steve Busted seconded to approve a price increase of 20 cents on all breakfast prices and 25 cents on all lunch prices across the board. Breaking it down, breakfast prices for students will now be \$2, up from \$1.80 one year ago. Lunch prices are:
• PK-6 — \$2.75, up from \$2.50 one year ago
• 7-12 — \$3, up from \$2.75 one year ago
Considering today's prices, that's still a great bargain for great food. Other action taken during the meeting which lasted just 34 minutes included:
• Second reading — Approved on second reading were updated NASB recommended policies dealing with workplace privacy, assignment of new students to classes and grade levels,

questioning of students by outside agencies, suicide awareness and assessment, ChildFind, individualized education program and family services plan, annual emergency safety plan, and safety drills. Final approval will likely take place at the July meeting. Moments later, the board approved the EPS Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Next meeting — There will be an earlier starting time for the July regular meeting scheduled to be held Tuesday, July 9. Open to the public, the meeting will begin one hour earlier (at 6:30 p.m.). The annual board retreat will follow the regular meeting.

Clearwater Rodeo to be June 28-30

The 57th annual Clearwater Big Rodeo will be held next week at the Gene Snodgrass arena on the west edge of town. To be held Friday through Sunday, June 28-30, there's something for everyone. Action gets underway Friday night with mutton bust'n followed with crowning of Miss Clearwater Rodeo and then rodeo action.

After the rodeo, there will be a Main

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Neligh Mill to present Ponca Tribe performers Saturday, June 22



Photo submitted

The Neligh Old Mill site will be adorned with lawn chairs Saturday afternoon as they host the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Horse Drum Group and Dancers, beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Grab your lawn chairs and plan on an afternoon of great entertainment at the Neligh Old Mill site. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Horse Drum Group and Dancers will be in Neligh on Saturday, June 22. Scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Mill site, dancers along with Ponca staff and members will be there for the experience. The event is FREE and is funded in part by the Antelope County Visitors Committee and History Nebraska. **Antelope County to feature passport program**

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Pecan Bars



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all-time favorite! If you're not a pie maker, but enjoy Pecan pie, here's a simple recipe to have and enjoy that pecan pie, but only in a bar. These are an amazing dessert. You need to clip this recipe and definitely put it in your



collection. You'll love these! Yummy!

JoAnn

PECAN BARS

Crust
3 cups flour
1/4 cup or 2 Tbls sugar
3/4 cup butter
3/4 tsp salt

Beat this all together and press in a 15x10 inch pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

Filling
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups sugar
1-1/2 cups Karo® white syrup
3 Tbls butter
1-1/2 tsps vanilla
2-1/2 cups pecans

Mix all the ingredients until well blended. Pour on baked crust. Bake for 25 minutes at 350°.

Despite delays, trip to Spain was 'fantastic'

By Olivia Klein

student intern

Editor's note - This is a first-person account of the recent trip to Spain taken by Pope John past and present students and sponsors earlier this month.

After many delays in two airports, and one night in a Super 8 in Dallas, we thankfully made

it to Madrid! This trip exceeded all of our expectations in the best way possible.

We literally hit the ground running in order to make our appointment at the Royal Palace. After we landed and collected our luggage, we made a quick outfit change in the bathroom and then ran to our bus that took us straight there. We were toured through many

different elaborate rooms such as the dining room, a ball room, and even the king's smoking room. After lunch, we got to go on a panoramic bus tour of the city. One of the stops on this tour was the famous bull ring, La Plaza de Toros. There is a bull fight in this arena every night during the month of June.

We ended the day off with some shopping at the Puerta del Sol. This is a busy shopping area at the center of Madrid. We ate supper at one of the restaurants there. During supper we watched a performance of Flamenco dancing. Flamenco dancing is unique because it is all improvised by the dancers.

The first place that we visited on day two was the Monastery of San Lorenzo, also known as El Escorial. This monastery housed a beautiful library that was decorated with Renaissance artwork. It also held the tombs of deceased members of the Spanish royal family.

After we were done at the monastery we took a bus ride to the city of Segovia. Here we were able to visit the Segovian aqueduct, some of the weapons and armor of olden-day knights, and the Alcazar de Segovia. The Alcazar de Segovia is a beautiful castle that was built during the Berber Almoravid dynasty.

On day three we traveled to the city of Toledo. When we first got there, we got a demonstration on sword making, which is something that the city is best known for. After that we got to visit the Cathedral of Saint Mary. This beautiful gothic cathedral is home to hundreds of colorful stained glass windows, relics of saints, and the graves of cardinals. To end off our visit there we got to do some shopping and exploring on our own.

When we got back to Madrid we were able to visit the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. This is the soccer stadium for Madrid's soccer team Real Madrid. That

night they beat Dortmund in the UCL final.

In the morning on our final day we were able to visit the Parque de El Retiro. This park had mesmerizing gardens and the Palacio de Cristal, which is a ginormous green house that overlooks a pond with a fountain. Several travelers rented paddle boats and relaxed on the lake in the middle of the park.

Our next stop was the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte La Reina Sofia. This art museum houses Pablo Picasso's famous mural "Guernica." He painted this mural during the Spanish Civil War after the city was bombed by Hitler's air command. It gives a glimpse of the suffering that the people who lived there during that time endured.

After this we went back to the Puerta del Sol for some more shopping and a delicious farewell dinner. After supper, the champion soccer team Real Madrid paraded through the plaza and stopped for a while to say a few words to their large group of supporters. The next morning we ate a quick breakfast before hopping on the bus to head to the airport!

This trip was a big learning experience for me, not just because I got to practice my Spanish, but also because I learned so many things about the history of Spain and its culture. If anyone is planning on visiting Europe, I would recommend Spain as one of your stops!



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The tour group gathered in front of the Monastery of San Lorenzo.

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Two more tips next week..

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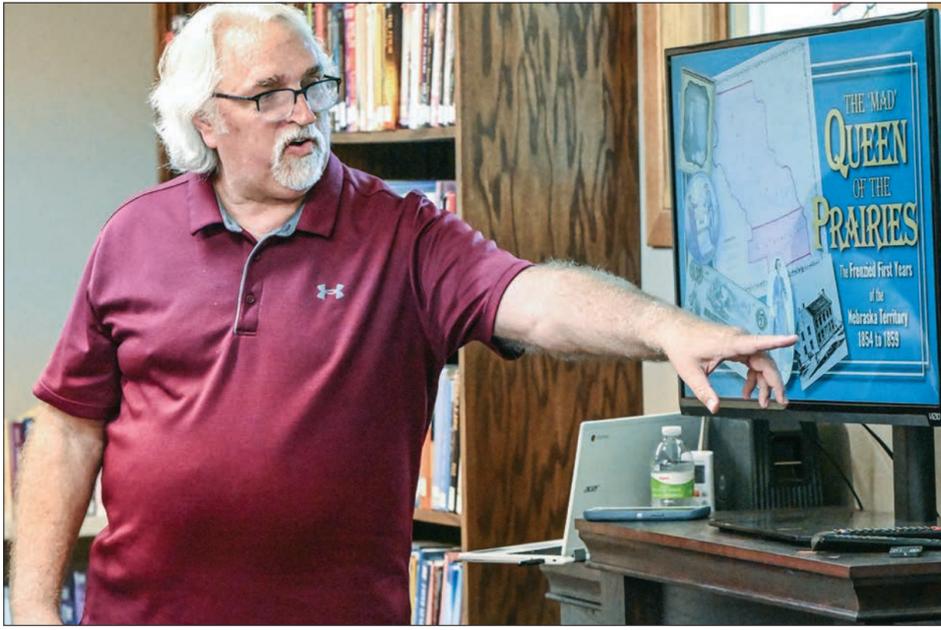
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History lovers hear about 'Queen of the Prairie'



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On Tuesday, June 11 Elgin Public Library was privileged to host author Jeff Barnes. He presented "The Mad Queen of the Prairies" the first years of the Nebraska Territory, to an audience of Nebraska History lovers. The talk included a lot of information that was new to all of us.

The Nebraska territory was established in a unique way. As the audience listened, we learned that the government seat shifted from town to town. Nebraska governors changed every year and sometimes every few months.

Attendees learned that banks printed their own money and Nebraska had an Indian chief as one of the first governors. It was also a place where women almost won the right to vote for the first time. These first years were very unconventional and what newspapers called "The Queen of the Prairies".

As one audience member commented, "We learned about state's history and to appreciate our fore fathers difficulties and triumphs. Mr. Barnes did a "great job" and loved his topic."

His visit was made possible by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Three Rivers Library System and Elgin Public Library.

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Jeff Barnes presented "The Mad Queen of the Prairies" the first years of the Nebraska Territory to an audience of Nebraska History lovers. The event, sponsored in part by the Elgin Public Library, was held Tuesday afternoon.

'Back' has many meanings

You could likely exist quite nicely without knowing that words which sound alike, are generally spelled alike, and have multiple meanings are called homonyms, or is it homographs? Think face, bat, and, yep, BACK.

So, this is personal, due to my car accident a year ago, a real pain in the #%! in so many ways, the maladies now are laser-pointed at my back. The details will be spared here, except for needing a strong backbone to face the world while visions of that huge truck barreling at me at break-neck speed are seared in my memory. Seems like the last straw to break the camel's back.

Yes, this writer would give the shirt off my back to be 100 percent again. Thankfully, other meanings of the word 'back' are much more fun to dream up.

While piggyback rides illicit contagious laughter for the littles, the saying 'get off my back', as in quit bugging me, has deeper meaning for adults. So, too, does an annoying back seat driver, not being able to turn back the clock after saying the wrong thing, or getting figuratively stabbed in the back behind your back when the person is all nice to your face.

After an illness, one hopes to get back on his or her feet really fast. Healing often takes getting back to basics like good nutrition, plenty of rest, avoiding back-breaking work, and backing out (with explanation) from one commitment or another. Maybe leisurely strolling the back forty is in order, or only welcoming special back door friends inside for a visit until you're darn good and ready to get back to business.

Many times in my career days, key phrases for speeches were jotted on the back of envelopes, or napkins, in case stage fright left me with my back against the wall. A pat on the back from an appreciative audience member was always nice, though often tough questions took me back to the drawing board.

Teenagers sometimes get a bad rap for being back talkers, though often back down against

strong-backed parents. Not fun meeting up with someone sketchy in the back alley, so best keep safety in the back of one's mind, especially in the big city.

What's that monkey on your back, something making your life most unpleasant? There's no holding back. Confront what's bugging you. Maybe you've misinterpreted what's making your hair stand up on the back of your neck.

A while back, while deeply engaged in a game of backgammon, it came to me that, while competition is essential in some arenas, my preference is working in collaboration with open and honest communication, including having another's back.

Sometimes choking back tears is the only answer. Then friends pay you back-to-back visits and you realize there's definitely a river of joy running through the sorrows of living.

Has that back-ordered merchandise ever arrived? Check back in 10 days, the well-trained customer service rep tells you one more time. Sure, they may think it's all water off a duck's back, though not in your world. Really need this thing or that.

Please keep this in the back of your minds as you vacation this fine summer - be careful out there.

Serious automobile accidents make it really tough to bounce back, especially if you're in your seventies like me.

And, if you're wishing others and me happy summer days, back at you. This 'Say What?' column will be right back in a couple weeks. As always, thanks for reading.

Send comments to jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

June 11, 1964

Pines Motel, Elgin's first such individual and family accommodation, was opened here recently and has been enjoying a rushing business. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Donner, the brick structure is located on the north edge of town, and has five rooms plus two family rooms and living accommodations for the managers, plus a supply room.

Miss Kathleen Henkenius became the bride of Marvin A. Koch Saturday June 13, 1964. The 10:00 ceremony was performed in St. Boniface Church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. H. Buelt officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Henkenius and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koch of Petersburg.

Mrs. Cleta Hauser announces the engagement of her daughter, Bonnie, to Mr. Ralph Starman, son of Mr. Henry Starman, Sr. of Elgin. Miss Latzel is a 1964 graduate of Elgin High School. Mr. Starman is now employed in Neligh.

A fire started last Thursday morning near a hot water heater at the Ray Heithoff farm east of town. Fortunately the blaze was noticed before it got too big a headway and Ray was able to extinguish the fire with a garden hose.

Larry D. Martin, 20-year-old sophomore student at the University of Nebraska has been awarded a William E. Green Memorial paleontology scholarship for the summer months. He is a son of Mrs. Orval Martin of Bartlett and will receive \$500 plus room and board expenses for field work in the fossil beds of western Nebraska.

Fifty Years Ago

June 20, 1974

Mrs. Charles Meis graduated from Nebraska Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Sunday, June 16. The ceremony was held in the music hall in the Omaha Civic Auditorium at 2 p.m. Mrs. Meis is the former Pamela Schrage and graduate of St. Boniface High School.

Bob Schmitt, 42, prominent builder and owner of the Schmitt Construction Co., was stricken while working at Albion Monday afternoon and apparently died instantly. Bob, his son, Mark, and two other employees were remodeling a home and were installing a beam in the attic when he was stricken.

Mary Josephine Erickson, daughter of Joseph C. and Nancy Ewing Lee, was born at Madison, June 29, 1888, and departed this life at Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh, June 17, 1974, at the age of 85 years, 11 months, and 18 days.

Janice Bode of Raeville became the bride of Terrence Henn on June 8, 1974. The 1:00 o'clock double ring ceremony was performed in St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville. Fr. Donald Kros officiated at the marriage rites and the Nuptial Mass.

The Antelope County Farmers Union quarterly meeting was held Wednesday evening, June 12, starting at 8:30 p.m., in the Congregational Church hall in Brunswick with 40 members and several guests present. Louie Wiebe, State Farmers Union President, was guest speaker.

Wayne State College announces Dean's List

Wayne State College included 1,154 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the Spring 2024 semester.

Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Local students earning academic distinction were:

Albion — Abigail Brodersten*, Wyatt Nissen and Avery Olnes*
Bartlett — Cheyenne

Pokorny*
Clearwater — Sharon Bartak*, Emma Funk, Elly Herley, Faith King* and Summer Schroeder

Elgin — Paiton Hoefler and Jackson Wemhoff
Ewing — Danielle Schrunk, Natalie Stallbaum* and Tiana Thramer*

Neligh — Garret Belitz, Gage Dawson, Bria Gale*, Austin Good, Harper Klabenes, Lesly Luna-Duran, Emily Mlnarik, Conor Ramold, Wyatt Schoenberger and Parker Tinsley
Petersburg — Cale Kinney

Rodeo

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Street dance featuring Tim Zach.

Saturday and Sunday night activities will feature more mutton busting at 6 p.m. followed by the The rodeo that night will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Pre-sale rodeo tickets are available at:

Clearwater — Summerland Advocate-Messenger, Corner-

stone Bank, Clearwater Feed & Grain, Clearwater Market, Hi-Way Mart, The Waterhole, Two Bills Steakhouse and Roots by Jaci.

Neligh — Thriftway Market

Norfolk — 106Kix, US 92, Renegade

O'Neill — KBRX
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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, June 24: BBQ riblets on bun, potato wedges, baked beans, blushing pears, milk.

Tuesday, June 25: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday, June 26: Swedish meatballs over noodles, green beans, apricots, milk.

Thursday, June 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garden salad, cantaloupe, garlic stick, milk.

Friday, June 28: Chicken strips, tator tots, broccoli/cauliflower

salad, fruit cup, 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.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout orders starting at 11:30 a.m.

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Edward R. Murrow

Many have tried; few have succeeded in eliminating tax exemptions

Have you been to the grocery store or courthouse lately and been approached in the parking lot by not one, but two people seeking signatures on initiative petitions concerning abortion rights?

Confused? You're not alone.

For what appears to be the first time in history, Nebraskans are being asked to sign not one, not two, but three petitions seeking to determine if and when a woman can have an abortion.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

And according to Secretary of State Bob Evnen, if more than one petition makes the ballot, the one that got the most votes will become law.

It's not the only funny business going on with the right of the citizenry to pass or repeal laws via petition.

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a new school choice law that served to replace and repeal the 2023 "Opportunity Scholarship Act," which supporters of public education had worked feverishly to qualify a referendum on the issue on the November ballot (and spent \$1.8 million in the process).

But since the 2023 law doesn't exist, the referendum was pulled from the ballot. Opponents of using public funds to finance private schools called the episode a dirty trick, and "underhanded."

It was a novel way to nullify a public vote on the issue, though another costly referendum drive, to put the newest law on the ballot, is underway.

But let's get back to another firecracker-hot social issue: abortion. Current Nebraska law bans abortion after 12 weeks.

But pro-choice forces, led by Planned Parenthood and Nebraska Appleseed, felt that law was too restrictive, so they launched a petition in November to legalize abortion up until the time of fetal viability, which is when a medical provider determines a fetus can live outside the womb, usually around 22-24 weeks.

That petition, dubbed "Protect Our Rights," has gathered nearly \$1.3 million in donations, mostly from Appleseed and Planned Parenthood.

But pro-life forces, led by Nebraska Right to Life and Nebraska Family Alliance, believe that goes too far, so they launched a petition drive in March to place on the ballot a measure to ban abortion after the first trimester of pregnancy, around 13 weeks, about where current law sits.

Entitled "Protect Women and Children," that initiative has attracted about \$1.5 million in donations, primarily from two frequent and well-

heeled givers to conservative causes, former governor and now U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts and Tom and Shawn Peed of Lincoln. Each gave \$500,000.

There's a third group called "Choose Life Now," which seeks to ban abortion almost completely by granting "personhood" to embryos and fetuses in a mother's womb, thus making it illegal to end a pregnancy unless a woman's life is in jeopardy.

But observers, according to Aaron Sanderford of the Nebraska Examiner news site, don't give that third effort much of a chance to qualify for the ballot given that it was launched late — the deadline to submit nearly 125,000 valid signatures of registered voters is less than a month away, on July 3. Time is growing short.

As we all know, abortion rights has become a huge issue in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in June of 2022 to strike down Roe v. Wade, which had been the law of the land for nearly 50 years.

The ruling meant each state would decide when and if abortion is allowed. Nebraska lawmakers tried, and fell short, of passing a so-called "fetal heartbeat" bill to ban abortion once an unborn baby's heartbeat is first detected, usually around six weeks (which abortion rights advocates point out is before many women know they're pregnant).

But it appears likely that Nebraskans now will be asked to vote on at least two ballot measures

concerning abortion, one to basically retain existing law and another to expand abortion rights.

Polls have consistently shown that most Nebraskans oppose a total ban on abortion in the state.

But where do they land on something less than that? A 12-week ban? Or allowing abortion up to fetal viability?

Abortion rights have been on a definite winning streak since the striking down of Roe v. Wade.

Several states, including our mostly conservative neighbors to the south, Kansas, have rejected restrictions on the procedure.

A recent Flatwater Free Press article suggested that Nebraska's current abortion law was a factor in a decline in medical students in the state seeking to become OB/GYNs, though others pointed out that declines have been the norm nationwide.

But what is clear is that Nebraskans will likely get to decide the abortion issue at the ballot box this fall.

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.

Editorial

Kudos to all for Vetch Days

From the first event of Vetch Days which kicked off Monday morning, June 10, to the last event under the lights two days later, there was plenty to entertain those who wanted to do just that - be entertained.

The event, put on annually by the Elgin Community Club/ Chamber of Commerce (ECC) doesn't just happen. It takes coordination among volunteers working together to pull it off in a manner befitting a great community. We would be remiss if we did not recognize their efforts..

• Bethany Miller (kid's games) and the staff at the Elgin Swimming Pool, they made the busiest day of the celebration enjoyable for all.

Let's not forget the Way Out West 4-H Club for their petting zoo; and the staff of the Elgin Public Library who hosted the zoo and a scavenger hunt.

• All three days the Elgin Community Center was a beehive of activity, serving walking tacos, hamburgers and hot dogs and root beer floats. The same can be said for those who volunteered their time and talents for the community BBQ, the grand parade, cruise night, duck races and the EKG beer garden.

• The City of Elgin who spent big dollars to bring a great carnival to town. There were plenty of rides and amusements for everyone to enjoy. We think everything possible should be done to bring this carnival back next year.

Held during the week, Vetch Days was a hit as seen by the smiles on the children's faces, the laughter from playing kickball and the joy found in the beer garden, the fire hall and the KC Hall.

Let's do it again next year!

By Dennis Morgan, co-publisher

Strong ag bill is critical for Nebraska

Congress is supposed to pass a new Farm Bill every five years. The Farm Bill is crucial and complex. It deals with everything from conservation to crop insurance to trade and nutrition programs. The current Farm Bill will expire this fall. With farmers' net income projected to drop 25% this year, it's particularly important that Congress act soon.

Last year, Senator Deb Fischer and I hosted Agriculture Committee Ranking Member John Boozman (R-AR) in Nebraska. We heard directly from producers about the priorities needed in a comprehensive Farm Bill. After years of work, Ranking Member Boozman recently released a Farm Bill framework. The framework ensures Nebraska's farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to navigate current and future challenges.

The Farm Bill framework includes critical Nebraska priorities. It rightly puts "more farm in the farm bill." The framework modernizes the risk management tools farmers rely on. It improves crop insurance coverage and affordability. It doubles funding for trade promotion programs that help us open new markets overseas. It expands voluntary, working lands-based conservation programs by more than 25%. These modernization provisions reflect the

needs of the women and men who do the hard work of feeding and fueling the world.

Three bipartisan pieces of legislation I've introduced are included as well. My SNAP Next Step Act, authored with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), will help individuals on SNAP get off government assistance and into the workforce. My Flood Protection and Infrastructure Resilience Act, authored with Senator Gillibrand, will help communities not just recover from disasters but reduce future damage as well. My Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Act, authored with Senator Tina Smith (D-MN), will extend and enhance a program making low-interest loans and grants available to rural microentrepreneurs. The framework contains many other legislative efforts I support. It doubles critical research funding to help spur the innovations of tomorrow. It provides significant, mandatory funding to improve agricultural research facilities at colleges of agriculture and land-grant institutions like the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. That's a win-win for everyone.

The plan also strengthens the BioPreferred Program. This not only supports the bioeconomy, but also reduces our dependence on fossil fuels from our adversaries.

The framework contains the "Farm to Fly Act," which allows for greater production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF). It incorporates the "TSP Access Act," which streamlines the Technical Service Providers (TSP) process to make conservation assistance more accessible to producers. Supporting food security is key for our national security.

Ensuring the strength of our agriculture sector is critical for Nebraska and for our country. That's because agriculture is the heart and soul of our state. A comprehensive Farm Bill should support our farmers and ranchers.

This framework does that. I'm grateful to Ranking Member Boozman for incorporating so much of what Senator Fischer and I shared with him during his visit to Nebraska.

I hope my Democratic colleagues will join us in supporting this framework.

WASHINGTON REPORT

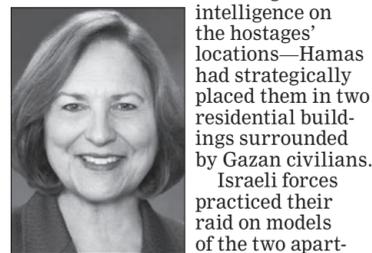


U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

Truth of situation is not complicated

Last weekend, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) liberated four hostages from captivity in Gaza in a high-risk daytime mission.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Ahead of the raid, the IDF gathered intelligence on the hostages' locations— Hamas had strategically placed them in two residential buildings surrounded by Gazan civilians. Israeli forces practiced their raid on models of the two apartment buildings. Then they went into Gaza. They returned home

after successfully freeing 25-year-old Noa Argamani, 22-year-old Almog Meir Jan, 41-year-old Shlomi Ziv, and 27-year-old Andrey Kozlov.

The Israeli troops who entered Gaza risked their lives to free those being tortured and abused by terrorists. One of the soldiers, Arnon Zamora, was killed. These individuals deserve only praise.

A rescue mission that liberates hos-

tages from their terrorist captors is a fundamentally noble operation. There are few things more morally clear than this.

But radical pro-Hamas activists have turned the truth upside down by painting this mission as a reckless attack.

Left-wing media outlets are headlining the operation as a raid that killed civilians rather than a tragically necessary rescue.

They unquestioningly accept flawed casualty numbers published by the Gaza Ministry of Health, failing to understand that Hamas controls the government of Gaza.

Activists insist that capturing and abusing hostages is "resistance," but that rescuing them is a war crime.

The truth of this situation is not complicated.

Any civilian death in Gaza is tragic, and any civilian death in Gaza is entirely the fault of Hamas. These terrorists embed themselves and their hostages in populated places to encourage civilian casualties—casualties they then use to smear Israel.

Gazan civilians themselves told reporters they were angry with Hamas for endangering residential areas.

If Hamas wanted to keep Gazans

safe, they would release the hostages.

After Israel's latest rescue, 116 hostages are still in Hamas's captivity, 41 of whom are confirmed dead. Eight Americans are still being held, three of whom are confirmed dead.

How should Israel respond to terrorists' keeping their citizens in captivity? By waiting 250 more days for a release that shows no signs of happening?

No. Israel is right to defend itself and rescue its people. Until Hamas releases the hostages, Israel must strive to free them and to eliminate the terrorists holding them.

As I've said repeatedly since Hamas's attack on October 7th, Israel has a right as a sovereign nation to determine how it will defend itself and free its citizens.

We must have the moral clarity to stand with Israel. If American radicals regret a rescue mission that liberates Israeli hostages, how will they respond to a mission that liberates American hostages?

Equivocating on Israel's right to self-defense only leads to equivocating on America's right to self-defense, for we share the same enemies.

I stand with our ally Israel as it rescues those in captivity. So should all Americans.

Why we stand for the flag

On my recent trip to the beaches of Normandy, I witnessed a striking testimony of patriotism when American veterans of the D-Day invasion made the extraordinary effort to stand resolutely for the presentation of the American flag at a ceremony. Each of these men were around

100 years of age, and for many, standing came with extreme difficulty. Time had taken much of the strength from their legs and backs, but it had not taken the love of their country from their hearts.

While our nation's flag code directs that all Americans should stand for the flag, everyone in attendance that day would have understood if these former soldiers had respectfully remained seated. Nevertheless, even after giving so much for the cause of freedom, these

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Congressman Adrian Smith

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Vetch Days 2024

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Spinning Tales

Harry Caray would have been proud Saturday

OMAHA — June has been a busy month at the newspaper, up to last weekend. One event after another, whether it be in the park, on the streets, at a football stadium or a school gymnasium, we've been there and have taken our readers along for the ride.

Saturday marked the first day when the calendar was empty of activities. So, thanks to my wife's ability to win at 'rock, paper, scissors' back in January, we had four tickets for Game #3 of the College World Series at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha.

The last time I had been to a CWS game was when the Huskers last played at Rosenblatt Stadium, losing to South Carolina years ago. So, thanks to Lynell asking me to go along,

here was my chance to check out the venue and mix with some fans from different parts of the country. We found a \$10 parking stall with just a five-minute walk to the stadium,

not bad since as we got closer they were charging \$30 for a parking stall. We walked past those fine establishments serving spirits for the duration of CWS then likely to shudder up til next year. Fans were in good spirits. Why not? Nebraskans enjoy being hospitable, businesses open their doors to fans wearing their school colors.

Once inside the stadium, about 30 minutes before the first pitch between NC State and Kentucky, we grabbed lunch at a concession stand. For \$28, we had two jumbo hot dogs, some nachos, a Diet Coke and a water. Yes, the concession stand folks need to make their money too.

Our seats were in the outfield, just inside the left field foul pole, Section 125. From my vantage point, pretty good seats, good sight lines and plenty to look at. I remember Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray broadcasting from the outfield

seats a time or two, joining the ordinary people. He would go shirtless and, during commercials, may have enjoyed his favorite brew. Maybe that explained how he slurred some of his words by the end of the game.

I've always preferred stadium seats as opposed to those luxury boxes. Just a personal preference. I think you get a better feel for the moment outside as opposed to inside a luxury box.

Anyway, back to the game. Fans of both sexes dressed for the weather. Some of the outfits would have made my mother upset, but you can't take one generation's morals and impose it on another generation, that just doesn't work.

We were surrounded by Kentucky fans. So, to fit in, we rooted for the Wildcats. Friendly fans, so too, were the Tennessee fans who came to the game even though their team played and won the night before and wouldn't play again til Sunday night (I guess going to Henry Doerly Zoo isn't for everybody). They all seemed to get along, and even enjoyed talking to the Husker fans sitting beside us.

But not everyone was a Kentucky fan. There was this college boy sitting next to me, from Milford, who was rooting for NC State because Kentucky had ruined his NCAA Basketball Bracket a couple of months ago. He had Kentucky winning the tournament, instead they lost in the first round to Oakland University, anonymous before the game and forgotten after losing in the second round.

Then there's the heckler. You know, there's one in every crowd. He, and sometimes she, is looking to draw attention to themselves. With a beer in one hand, they find a player on the field to shout at, usually looking for a laugh.

This guy, maybe 25, wasn't wearing Kentucky colors, decided to talk 'trash' to the NC State left fielder. The ball player appeared to have bleached his hair so he did kinda stick out on the field.

While the player ignored, or acted to ignore what the heckler was shouting, I didn't particularly like the things the guy was saying about the player's

mother. One night later heckling reached an all-time low when two Texas A&M fans stood outside the Florida dugout shouting obscenities at the Gators. Security quickly escorted the low-lifes out of the stadium and there are now calls to be banned not only from the CWS but for ever coming back to Omaha.

One of the best things about the stadium is you can walk all the way around the park via the concourse. That's what we did at the start of the sixth inning. Kentucky fans were on the third base side of the stadium, then as we got behind home plate there were Husker fans mixed with the two schools. Everyone was pretty jovial. As we got to the first base side of the field the NC State fans were quiet, waiting for something to happen. By the time we reached the left field corner, an NC State player jacked a home run over the right center field wall into the bleachers.

We were looking for an Elgin connection and we found one when Paige Meis spotted us and stopped briefly. She and her friend, like us, were enjoying the spectacle.

We left shortly before Kentucky hit a walk-off home run in the 10th inning to win the game, storm clouds were beginning to build. But, before we left we were treated to a free show we weren't counting on. To set the scene, the wind was swirling around the concession stands in right field.

As we were headed to the exit, our friend Lisa was asked by some NC Wolfpack fans to take a picture of them. So while she did that, we were looking around and saw this lady wearing a sun dress standing behind her boyfriend/husband/date in the concession stand. Right then, a gust of wind caught the back of her sun dress. You know the rest of the story.

So much for a day in the big city of Omaha. Did we learn anything? A few things - cards, not cash, rule the inside of the stadium; they like their bourbon but Kentucky fans didn't bring any to share; not all straw hats block the sun's rays and ... not all free shows are worth the price of admission.

51-year-old man drowns at Grove Lake

From The Summerland Advocate/Messenger
The name of a Clearwater man who drowned Monday at Grove Lake, north of Royal, has been released.

Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore said Jody Hansen, 51, was pronounced dead the scene.

On Monday, June 17, at approximately 12:38 p.m., the Antelope County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a body floating in the lake.

Two fishermen made the discovery near the south dock.

It is unclear how long the body had been in the water.

The Antelope County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission officers responded to the call.

Moore said the drowning is currently under investigation.

Foul play is not suspected.

Hansen grew up in Brunswick and graduated from Plainview Public Schools.

Ethan Hinkle on UNO's Spring Dean's List

The University of Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday announced the names of students selected to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 Semester.

Earning recognition on the dean's list was Ethan Hinkle of Elgin.

Congratulations Ethan!

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OBITUARIES

Dean Henn, 91

June 11, 1933 - June 16, 2024

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, then returned home and worked for the Bank of Elgin for over 35 years.



Dean S. Henn, 91 of Elgin, NE passed away Sun-

day, June 16, 2024, at his home in Elgin, NE, surrounded by family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, NE, with Rev. John Norman officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Boniface Cemetery with Military Honors by American Legion Post #229 and VFW Post 5816 of Elgin.

Visitation will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

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

Dean Sylvester Henn was the third son born to Sylvester N. and Ada C. (Stokes) Henn on June 11, 1933 at Elgin, NE. He attended country schools District #39 and District #82, St. Boniface grade school and high school, graduating with the class of 1951.

After graduating and up until March of 1952, Dean worked as a welder for Clemens Manufacturing in Battle Creek, NE. He entered the Marine Corps on March 17, 1952. His tour of duty for two years was served in California, Hawaii and Japan.

He was honorably discharged on March 11, 1954 and returned to Elgin and farmed for one year with his father. In 1955, he moved to Omaha and worked for Nixon Feed Co. and attended Boyle College.

After college, Dean moved back to Elgin to work for Koinzan and Jochum Seed Co.

On June 25, 1956, Dean and Mary Jane Bigge were united in marriage at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, NE.

They made their home in Elgin, NE where Dean continued

to work for the seed company until 1957.

He then worked for Howard Smallwood west of Elgin for two years, before going to work at Leo's Hatchery.

In March of 1960, he started working at the Bank of Elgin as a teller and insurance agent until retiring on June 1, 1995 as Executive Vice President, after thirty-five years. In addition to working at the bank he also drove the ambulance for Rick Huffman.

In retirement, he assisted Huffman's Brooks Chapel and later Huffman-Levander Funeral Home with funeral services.

Dean was a life-long member of St. Boniface Church, Knights of Columbus Council #2411, American Legion Post #229, VFW Post #5816, and was a member of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department for over fifty years.

Some of his favorite hobbies included hunting, fishing and enjoying the family's "retreat" along the Missouri River.

Dean is survived by his seven children: Verona Henn (special friend Gary Hoefler) of Elgin; Andrew Henn of Elgin; Dorothy (Kent) Einertson of Elgin, Richard Henn (special friend Debra Neely) of Aurora, CO; Randall (Janet Yoshikawa) Henn of Thornton, CO; Denis (Janette) Henn of Elgin; Gayann Henn of Lincoln; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law: Raedean Henn of Elgin; Janice Henn of Elgin; and Agatha "Gay" (Bigge) Menon of Sierra Madre, CA; three brothers-in-law: Henry Bigge of Fullerton, NE; Joe Reestman of Elgin; and Russell Eggerling of Norfolk; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; wife Mary Jane; three sisters: Delores Henn, Lois Camp and Mary Jane Overton; and four brothers: Floyd, Roger, Daniel and Terrance Henn; three sisters-in-law: Marjorie Henn, Emily Reestman and Erma Eggerling; one brother-in-law Evans Menon; and one grandson Chase Kluth.

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Michael J. Flaherty, 87

August 18, 1936 - June 17, 2024

He grew up in Elgin and attended St. Boniface School. He worked for Island Supply for 47 years



Michael John "Mike" Flaherty, 87, of Grand

Island died on Monday, June 17, 2024 at Bickford Cottage.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at St. Leo's Catholic Church from 4 to 6 p.m. with a Vigil service at 6 p.m.

Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024 at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Don Buhrman.

Burial will take place at a later date at St. Boniface Cemetery in Elgin, NE.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements, memorials are suggested to Central Catholic Schools.

Michael was born August 18, 1936 in Norfolk, NE, son of John and Marguerite (Pritchard) Flaherty.

He grew up in Elgin and was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church and attended St. Boniface School. After completing the 10th grade, he entered Conception Seminary in Conception, MO.

He finished high school and college there after which he studied three years at Catholic University in Washington, DC.

He came to Grand Island in 1961 to a summer job at Island Supply Co. as a counter and parts man.

The summer job lasted 47 years. In 2008 he began work-

ing at Ace Machine Shope and Sales.

He was a lifelong Catholic, active in his church, especially in music and liturgy.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, serving in several different offices. He and Linda presented the Engaged Encounter weekends for 15 years.

He was an active parent at Central Catholic while his children were there-even serving a term on the school board. While his sons were in Boy Scouts, he helped as a troop leader and, at the district level, as a Unit Commissioner and a district board member.

Mike enjoyed singing and at various times, belonged to the City Singers, All American Singers, and always the choir of the parish he belonged to at the time.

He began participating in Grand Island Little Theater in 1962.

Mike worked on many productions, both backstage and onstage.

In 2001, he was honored with the GILT Hall of Fame award.

Mike left behind of 53 years, Linda Flaherty; daughter, Barbara (Robert) Vavra; sons, John Flaherty, Mark Flaherty and Greg Flaherty; granddaughters, Susie and Jamie Vavra; numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Corder.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE 11, 2024 MEETING THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room June 11, 2024, 7:30 PM

Secretary Ron Bode called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Steve Busted, and Luke Hinkle. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Eric Beckman motioned, and Luke Hinkle second to excuse Todd Heithoff and Lisa Welding from the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Secretary Ron Bode led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Bode reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window

and post office bulletin board. Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busted second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Board Bills, #5- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

AKRS Equip., Maintenance, \$64.64; AppCentri LLC, Instru Expense, \$100.00; Applied Connective Technologies, Infrastructure Grant, \$21,375.78; Appera, Maintenance, \$358.98; Beckman Lumber, Instru Expense, \$50.00; Bomgaars, Maintenance, \$255.60; Central NE Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$2,449.70; COR Therapeutic, ES-SER Expense, \$1,475.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$60.35, Instru Expense, \$106.90; Eakes, Maintenance, \$629.58; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$499.00, SpEd Expense, \$20.00, Business Expense, \$1.50; ESU CC, Instru Expense, \$61.50; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance,

\$613.71, Instru Expense, \$344.31, Business Expense, \$7.59; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,529.93; Elgin Pharmacy, Maintenance, \$6.25; Elgin Review, Board Expense, \$415.79; Elite Office Products, Business Expense, \$248.72; Generation Esports, Instru Expense, \$3,500.00; GP Communications, Business Expense, \$394.88; Hilton Omaha, Instru Expense, \$537.00; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$1,235.52; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$109.12; Jo's Classic Catering, Board Expense, \$680.00; John's Disposal, Business Expense, \$200.00; KSB School Law, Admin Expense, \$192.50; Lichtenberg Tire Pros, Transportation, \$174.42; MARC, Maintenance, \$4,306.98; Nationwide, Business Expense, \$100.00; Office Supply.com, Business Expense, \$697.99; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$105.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$417.73; Paper 101, Instru Expense, \$3,665.34; Sapp Bros, Maintenance, \$15.02; School Specialty, Instru Expense, \$1,975.64; SectorNow, Business Expense, \$525.00; Speed Services, Maintenance, \$250.00; Student Assurance Services, Business Expense, \$500.00; TMS, Business Expense, \$66.00; US Bank, \$9,819.62; Veik, Meghan, SpEd Expense, \$28.14; Verizon Business, Business Expense, \$96.50; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$241.00; Wage-Works, Instru Expense, \$144.50; Wells Fargo, \$570.46; Winners' Circle, Instru Expense, \$99.97; Zimmerman Printing & Shirts, Maintenance, \$150.00

Total Board Bills: \$61,473.16
Payroll: \$234,903.02
Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$296,376.18

Secretary Ron Bode recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Greg Wemhoff reported on activities to close out the school year.
Supt. Brockhaus also gave an

update on upcoming policy changes.

In action items, discussion was held on lunch prices. Eric Beckman motioned, Steve Busted second to approve the price increase of \$0.20 on all breakfast prices and \$0.25 on all lunch prices across the board. The price increase for breakfast is from \$1.80 to \$2.00. The price increase for lunch will be \$2.50 to \$2.75 for grades PK-6 and \$2.75 to \$3.00 for grades 7 - 12. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Steve Busted motioned, and Luke Hinkle seconded to approve the second reading of updated NASSB recommended Policies 402.17 Workplace Privacy; 502.10 Assignment of New Students to Classes and Grade Levels; 504.17 Questioning of Students by Outside Agencies; 504.23 Suicide Awareness and Assessment; 612.03 ChildFind; 612.05 Individualized Education Program and Family Services Plan; 905.02 Annual Emergency Safety Plan; and 905.07 Safety Drills. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

In other action items, Hinkle motioned, and Beckman seconded to approve the Elgin Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

In Discussion items, the preliminary budget was reviewed.

Motion by Hinkle, seconded by Beckman to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School. The annual board retreat will follow the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

-This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE 2024 MEETING THE VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 10 JUNE 2024

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on June 10, 2024. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr, and Nordhues. Also present: Rick Custard, LaNae from CNEED, and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. The siren was tested.

MINUTES: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to approve the May 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to approve the May 21, 2024, special street meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The board signed the change order for the street project as well as the notice of award. A preconstruction meeting will be happening as soon as possible. The board discussed a proposed bid by Tri State paving to fix various streets in town.

WATER: Was discussed.

SEWER: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to hire O'Neill lift station to fix the floats in the sewer lift station. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

KENO: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Were discussed.
MAY CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

Carried. It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to pay Mark Nordhues' claims. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$78.28; Postmaster, Roll of Stamps, \$136.00; Grow Venture Insurance, Add skidsteer, \$42.00; Roaches Lumber & Redi Mix, Fence post, \$34.59; Spalding Farm & Home, Shop Supplies, Weed Eater, \$339.29; Hubel Iron, Rebar, mounts to go in cement, \$165.15; Elgin Review, Newspaper Publication, \$187.88; J & J Sanitation, Clean up dumpster, \$1,072.05; Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Telephone & internet, \$129.14; Rick Custard, Mowing, etc., \$645.00; CNEED, Annual Membership, \$174.40; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,627.75; Letti Nichols, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Salary, \$472.53

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$5,354.06

KENO: TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$0.00

STREETS: Kayton International, New skidsteer door, \$685.66; Miller & Associates, Design of street project, \$22,575.00; WeMart, Fuel, \$434.74

TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: \$23,695.40

WATER: Wiese Waterworks, New water main, hydrant, \$19,136.06; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$19,436.06

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$48,485.52

OTHER BUSINESS: LaNae from CNEED presented a grant opportunity for the splashpad. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to approve construction of a splashpad on lots 12-17, block 1 as needed. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. A new bid for an increase in price was proposed by L & L Sanitation. It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Nordhues to approve the proposed increase in prices. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. A conversation occurred on increasing utility rates for village customers with the price of everything continuing to go up. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to increase utility rates 20%. An ordinance will be voted on at the next meeting to officially raise the rates. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. Plugge made a motion to buy new grapple forks for the skidsteer, and Nordhues seconded. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to put 11 dog kennel panels (2 containing gates), and the old skidsteer grapple forks up for bid. Bids can be placed in the deposit drop box before the next monthly meeting. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to purchase an air compressor for the village shop, so the mower can be blown off, and a new lock for the village shop as well. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Nordhues, Williamson, and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. Jerry Koinzan arrived and the upcoming street project was discussed. Einspahr mentioned a potential fundraiser for the bronze statues this fall, and it was discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of June 2024
DAN WILLIAMSON, Chairman
SCOTT PLUGGE, Vice-Chairman
EMMA SMITH, Village Clerk
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NOTICE OF AMENDED AND RESTATED

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
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Notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School of Elgin, Nebraska, a Nebraska nonprofit religious corporation (the "Corporation") have been amended and restated by the Directors as of May 20, 2024, and filed with the Secretary of State on June 12, 2024.

The Articles of Incorporation have been amended to generally provide as follows:

- To change the name of the Corporation to Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School of Elgin, Nebraska;
- To expand the educational curriculum to cover pre-kindergarten through grade 12;
- To increase the number of directors and eliminate certain ex officio directors;
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Last Friday, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic school hosted the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Summer is usually a more difficult time to meet donation goals, especially when fields need working. When all was said and done, 43 good units were collected that day. Here, recent PJCC graduates Brooklyn Meis (l) and Ashlynn Charf (r) display for the camera their dedication to the cause. The next blood drive in Elgin is scheduled for August 13.

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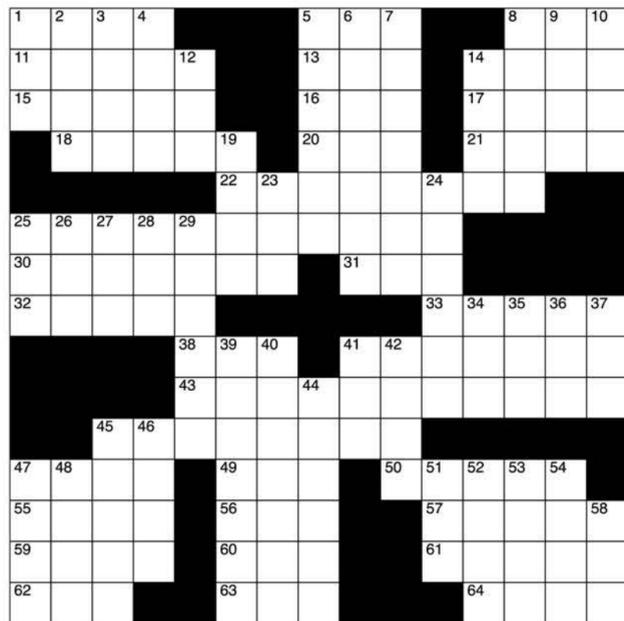
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Unruly group
11. Backs away from
13. Expression of understanding
14. Have concern for
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Iranian city
18. Eating houses
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. They include North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
32. One who unloads cages
33. Another term for sesame
38. Formally forbid
41. Make clear
43. Inaccessible
45. Get through
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Decimeter
50. Type of sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: ___ pai dong
63. Termination point
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Helsinki neighborhood
4. Unable to hear
5. More rapid
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. In a cagy way
8. Kate and Rooney are two
9. Algerian port
10. Community in Ladakh
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Italian impressionist painter
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
34. Baseball stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
40. Yellowish cotton cloth



41. Domesticated house pet
42. Untruths
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. River in central Europe
54. Harness
58. Father



Grasshopper awareness and control this summer

Dry conditions the past few years have reduced, natural grasshopper population controls that thrive in warm, humid weather. While recent rains may have helped slow number growth, grasshopper populations may become an issue for pasture and hay crops as the summer continues if dry weather returns.

Control begins with scouting to determine if insecticides are economically useful. I can't give you an exact economic threshold because variables like the value of the forage and the growth stage of both forage and grasshopper are factors that need consideration. For a very rough start, if the grasshopper population in an established alfalfa field are higher than 5 hoppers per square yard throughout the field or 15 hoppers per square yard in field margins, insecticides should be considered. Newly planted fields may need treatment if the grasshopper population is even lower. Economic thresholds for grasshopper densities in pastures or rangeland vary from 8 to 40 grasshoppers per square yard.

Grasshoppers consume up to 50% of their body weight every day in forage. A rate of just 2.7 grasshoppers per square yard equals 12,971 grasshoppers per

acre. An acre with 69.7 grasshoppers per square yard equates to the consumption of forage by one cow per day.

To scout, randomly select a point several feet away and visualize a one-square-foot area around that point. When first learning this method, practice with a measured square-foot area to improve your ability to visualize the counting area. Walk toward this point while watching this square-foot area and count the number of grasshoppers in or jumping out of the area. Repeat this procedure 18 times and divide the total number of grasshoppers by two. This will give you the number of grasshoppers per square yard (9 square feet).

Counting sites should be 50-75 feet apart and randomly chosen. Just after egg hatch, when grasshoppers are small, they will be difficult to see and underestimate the true hopper density is common.

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Around many alfalfa fields, grasshoppers have just started moving in from the field margins. Treating just the outside 150 feet or so may be sufficient in these situations. However, if the entire field already is infested, it usually is best to first harvest the alfalfa and then apply insecticide to protect the regrowth. For hay ground, we can reduce the cost and amount of insecticide used when treating an entire field by bringing the

grasshoppers to a common area we can focus our application on. Harvest the hay but leave several small, uncut strips across the field. The remaining grasshoppers will quickly congregate in these strips, enabling you to just treat these smaller areas.

Another option to reduce herbicide use in both pasture and hay ground is the Re-

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Another treatment option is the use of insecticide bait. Baits are best used on rangeland with short, dry vegetation. Some grasshopper species will not

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Something to shout about!

Dylon Lueking (33) was the lone Wolfpack representative on the 'West' team at Saturday night's Sertoma 8-Man All-Star game played at Hastings College. He made his presence known, pictured here celebrating after making an interception. The 'West' team won the game by a score of 22 to 8.

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Members of the Elgin 1 Junior Pee Wee team were (back row, l-r): Coach Lacy Bottorf, Henry Lodge, Taysom Bottorf, Kayson Funk, Cayson Bottorf, Briggs Heying and Coach Ryan Lodge. Front row: Nathan Beckman, Chase Boschen, Judd Schindler, Boyd Spieker and Brycen Pelster. Not pictured: Mason Vanis.

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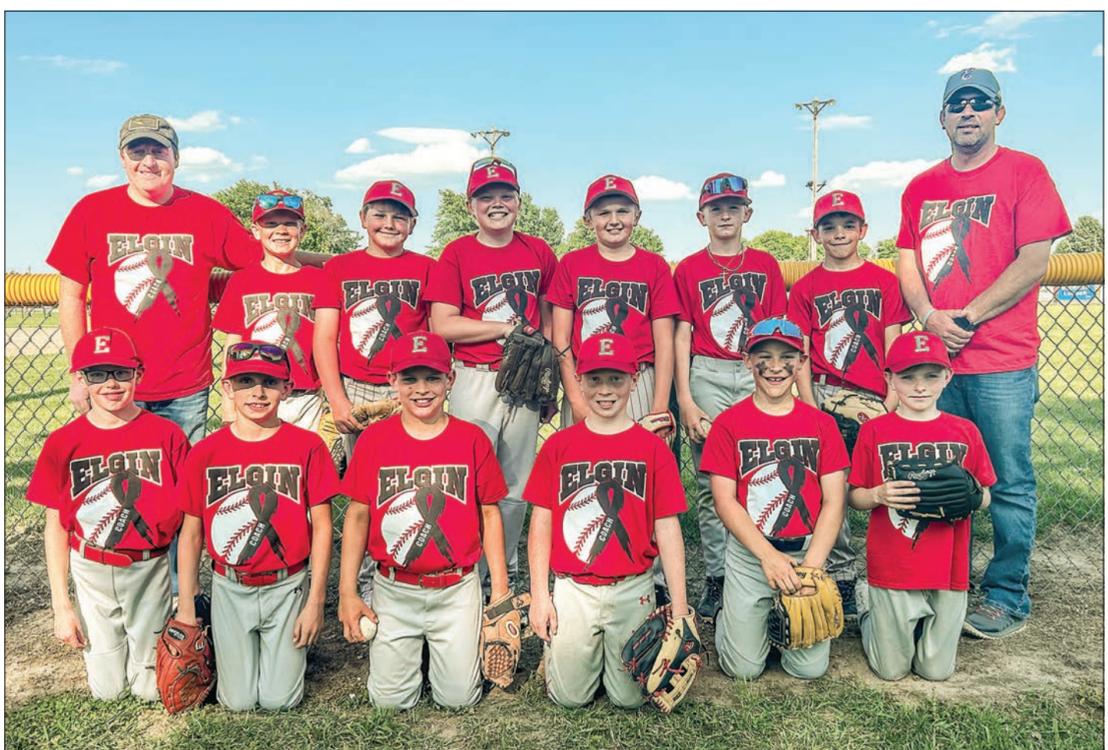
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Petting Zoo held during Vetch Days

The Way Out West 4-H Club brought a new event to Elgin's Vetch Days celebration. Club members offered a petting zoo for youngsters, and adults too, to see farm animals. The petting zoo was held, in the shade, directly east of Elgin Public Library. (Above) Janie Score attended with her grandkids. Shown below is club member Ellie Uhrenholdt with a goat.



Please join them at an **Open House Celebration**
 Saturday, **June 29, 2024**
 4-6 p.m.
 at Derner Ranch

Mill

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Developed for the youth in the county, a history/museum type visitors passport will be offered this summer.

According to "Harvey" Ofe of the Neligh Old Mills, kids in grades 4-6 participating can pick up their passport at the Neligh Public Library, Neligh Old Mill or Antelope County Museum which they will present when visiting the following sites: Neligh Old Mill, Pierson Wildlife Museum Learning Center, Neligh Public Library, the Antelope County Museum's One-Room Schoolhouse and the White Buffalo Girl Grave Site.

Get a stamp on your passport during open hours of each location or, if you wish to go with a group - each location has a special day which has an activity planned.

Upcoming "special" events available for passport stamps are:

June 26th - Pierson Museum, 10-11 a.m.

July 10th - Neligh Old Mill, 10-11 a.m.

July 17th - Antelope County Museum, 1-2 p.m.

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Karla L Bush, Juneau, AK, 04/14/2024, Speeding 75/65, Fined \$25, Eischeid.

Janice L Lambrecht, Pierce, NE, 05/06/2024, Speeding 80/65, Fined \$75, Hartley.

Christopher B Brady, O'Neill, NE, 05/13/2024, DV assault-3rd/cause bodily injur/sub, Bound over to district court, Johnson.

Denise A Blevins, Tilden, NE, 03/18/2024, No proof of insurance, Fined \$100, Johnson.

William E Sadowski, Wayzata, NE, 05/06/2024, Speeding 80/65, Fined \$75, Miller.

Gerome M Mwako, Kent, WA, 01/17/2024, Speeding 75/65, Fined \$25, Detlefsen.

Hector A Perez, Orchard, NE, 04/23/2024, DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, Fined \$500, Moore.

Gretchen E Belzer, Norfolk, NE, 05/05/2024, Speeding 75/65, Fined \$25.00, Hartley.

Antonio B Sis, Oklahoma City, OK, 06/09/2024, No operator's license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00, Hartley.

Daryl J Guthard, Newman Grove, NE, 06/07/2024, Speeding 70/65, Fined \$20.00, Kavan.

Erika Petrona Velasquez Miranda, Omaha, NE, 05/12/2024, No operator's license/waiverable, Fined \$75.00, Miller.

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