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In Brief

District #18 school board to meet July 9

Will start at 6:30 p.m.

The July regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education will be held next week. The meeting will be held Tuesday night, July 9. Open to the public, it will begin at 6:30 p.m. due to a board retreat later that night.

Public hearings will be held on policies involving student fees, bullying prevention, parent involvement and wellness prior to convening the regular meeting.

- Action items on the agenda are:
- Approval of the aforementioned policies
 - Approve the first reading of Policies 201.02 Board Membership-Elections and Appointments; 204.07 Meeting Notice; 204.12 Public Comment in Board Meetings; 206.02 Board Association Membership; 402.03 Employee Conflict of Interest; 409.01 Certificated Employee Professional Development; 502.02 Nonresident Students/Option Enrollment; 502.03 Entrance Admissions; 503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance; 504.03 Student Conduct; 504.06 Student Appearance; 504.11 Weapons; 509.03 Student and Staff Memorials (optional); 607.10 Classroom Environment; 611.02 Student Promotion, Retention, or Acceleration; 611.07 Graduation Requirements; 802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility and Meal Charges; 905.04 Emergency Response Mapping (optional); 1003.00 Public Examination of School District Records; deletion of policy 606.09 Textbook Loans to Children Enrolled in Private Schools (LB 705 requires the NDE to take this over), and Medical Information Form.
 - Approve the repairs to the basketball backboards
 - Approve the surplus of a dumpster and bookshelves
 - Approve the carpeting of the ITV room
 - Approve transfer of funds into the Wolfpack Account



Elgin's Dianne Salber and Janet Koinzan work together to transition The City Limits into a 'made in Nebraska' hub for our town.

City Limits retools business to add Nebraska products

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

Editor's Note: This continues a series of monthly articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents, businesses, and organizations.

It's an Elgin storefront with a history dating back to the early 1900s known as The City Limits since 2008. That name isn't about to change, though the Dianne/Janet team are looking for just the right descriptor of the store's contents for a new sign out front.

Made in Nebraska. Farm to Table. Buy Local, Buy Nebraska. "Something generic that will last a long, long time," property owner Janet Koinzan, flanked by friend Dianne Salber, said as they leaned against the check-out counter at the store on the south end of what's considered main street Elgin.

The retool from a beer/wine/liquor/tobacco outlet happened early this year when Salber, who's worked the place since November 1, 1990, had to stand down a few months with a health issue. "That Dianne, she's an amazing lady," said Koinzan with fondness, so together they decided to offer Elgin another shopping option, the concept she claims keeps small towns thriving.

Yes, there's the beer cave and some wine and liquor, and a gaming room, yet the rest of the store's inventory is totally different. No more tobacco products for one, and then Salber,

79, jumps in with pride showing off her collectibles for sale -- Mr. Peanut heads, mirrored beer signs, mugs dated with different years, a free-standing metal ashtray, a vintage Pepsi Cola cooler, and other nostalgic paraphernalia. Most of these items Salber collected over the years.

The rest, taken on consignment from local producers and artisans, includes beard oil, goat soap, hand lotion, honey, BBQ sauce, healing tea, popcorn, charcuterie boards, micro greens, farm fresh eggs, freeze-dried fruit, homemade jellies, meats, hormone-free white and chocolate milk in glass jars, and multi-flavored ice cream. A shopper can order home-baked cakes

and pies.

And the latest in inventory -- live bait and park permits.

"There's so much talent out there," Koinzan said, "and small entrepreneurs generally can't afford a storefront."

The duo wanted to bring the community something new, a place to 'buy Nebraska' as gifts or for personal use. "Our inspiration came from the Elgin Farmers Market, and yes, we gift wrap for free," chimed in Salber who plans to keep the storefront open for business most days. Call 402-843-5521 for details or see The City Limits Face-

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Council okays funds to pursue ED via LB840

Meeting Monday night, the Elgin City Council approved up to \$10,000 in sales tax funds to be used to pursue LB840, a community tax-funded economic development program.

Todd Heithoff said, as part of the process, community residents will be surveyed in July as part of a plan to be developed. Then, in August, the plan would be presented to the council for approval. If that happens, LB840 would be put to a vote in the general election in November. The deadline to have the matter placed on the ballot is September 1, he said.

LB840 would allow Elgin to specify what kinds of activities or businesses would qualify for direct or indirect financial assistance through local economic development funds.

More details about the matter will be announced in the coming days.

In other action:

Approved — The council approved spending \$360 for a tool which, when connected to a smartphone, can be used to map city assets (water lines, etc.).

Tax protest hearings to begin Tuesday

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners, acting as the board of equalization, are scheduled to meet Tuesday, July 9.

At the courthouse in Neligh, they will convene at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of deciding motor vehicle exemptions, accepting over-under report, approving tax roll corrections, and reviewing and deciding written protests filed pursuant to sections 77-1502 to 77-1507 pertaining to the assessment value of their property; and various other items which may become necessary to act upon.

Protest hearings will be scheduled at 10-minute intervals, allowing a couple of minutes between each hearing. If needed, protest hearings may continue July 10, starting at 9 a.m.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Incorporation — Mosel Acres, Inc.

Notice — Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School

Weather

The high temperature last week was 99 degrees recorded on June 24 & 25. The low temperature during the same period was 51 degrees recorded on June 29.

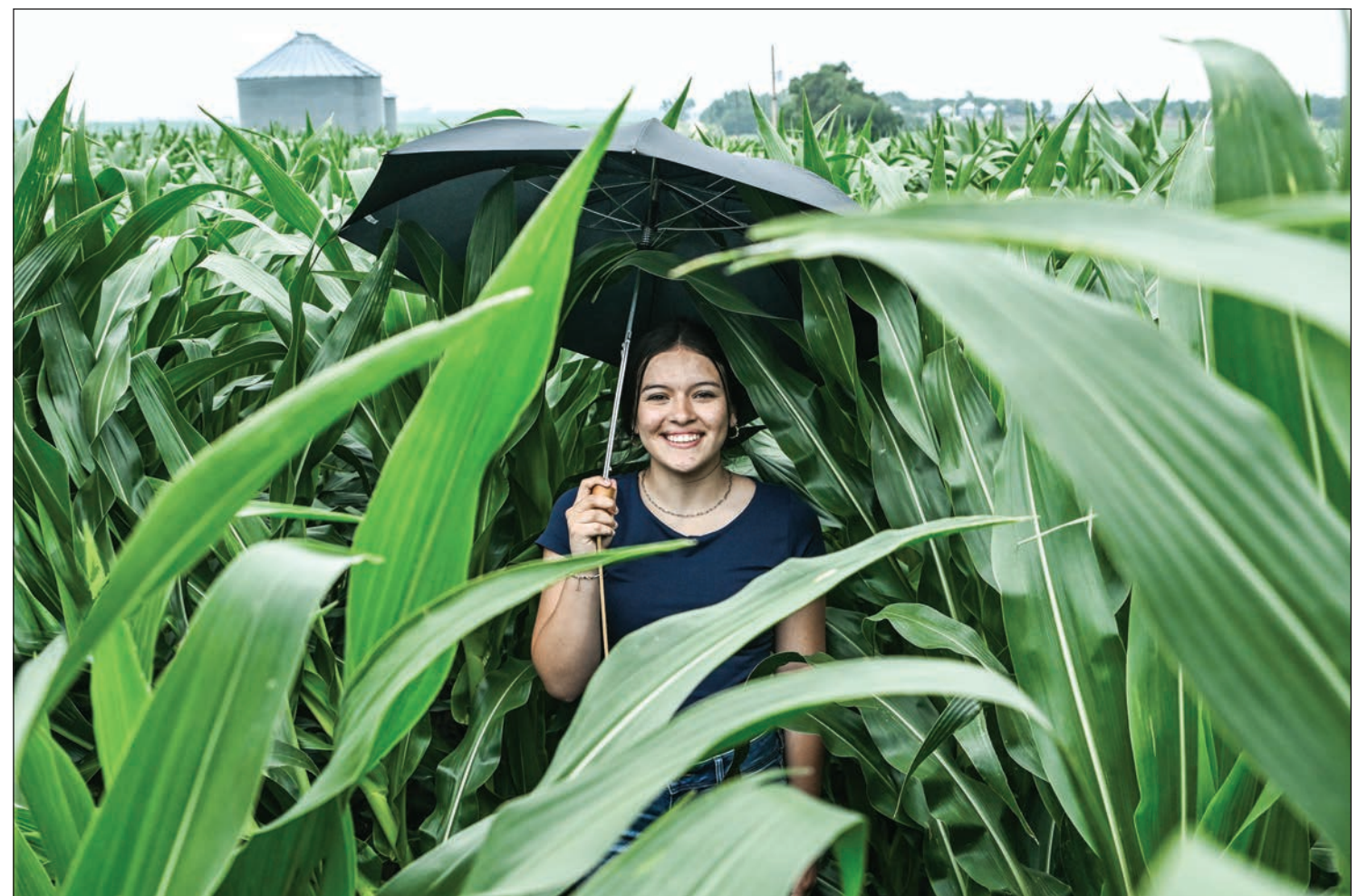
Altogether, 0.13 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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



E-R photos/JSchuchardt

Dianne Salber shows off Mr. Peanut, one of her prized collectibles for sale at The City Limits.



E-R photo/LMorgan

Area corn fields looking great to start July

In a month where precipitation has been more the norm than in past years, June's weather has made the corn fields around Elgin reach for the skies. Long gone are the years when saying 'knee high by the Fourth of July' was how fields were measured. With the advent of irrigation and timely rains, this corn field northeast of Elgin is as tall as any around. To provide a comparison, Juliana McNally posed with an umbrella on a misty Monday afternoon in the field. The daughter of Jill McNally and Joe McNally, she's 5'2" now as she prepares for her senior year at Pope John.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Quick Cheese Rolls, Pumpkin Bread



Good morning, I have my favorite cup of coffee and pen in hand. This week we have a fun and simple kid-friendly recipe. These cheese rolls are something you could make for a snack or a side dish with any meal. Let your "beginner" cook make these. They would think they're fun!

As I was in my freezer the other day, I came across some pumpkin I had frozen last year. I decided that I need to make something delicious with it. I found this "pumpkin bread" recipe. This recipe is so delicious because it has all the right spices in it. It makes two nice sized loaves. Share on

with a friend or a neighbor, they would love it. Delicious! Enjoy!

JoAnn

QUICK CHEESE ROLLS

- 1 can refrigerator biscuits
- 8 oz pkg shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup oleo (butter) melted
- Garlic Powder

Flatten each biscuit and place in a muffin tin. Drizzle the melted butter over the biscuits and sprinkle each with cheese and garlic powder. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Delicious!

PUMPKIN BREAD

- 2 beaten eggs
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1-1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups (not sifted) flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice or allspice
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 tsp soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Beat the eggs well! Add all the remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into well-greased loaf pans (divide the batter) Bake 35-40 minutes in a 350° oven.

Spinning Tales

Hot temperatures make playing, watching hard to do

ELGIN — Where's the best place to beat the heat?

Simple, find some water, like the cement pond called the Elgin Swimming Pool. It was utilized last week when the thermometer rose to near triple-digits.

But, if you were a player or a fan at the junior pee wee tournament in Elgin Wednesday and Tuesday, it was hot, REAL HOT!

For the Elgin #1 team, they had to forfeit their Monday

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

night game when a number of players began to suffer from heat exhaustion. Moms and dads felt the heat, too, claiming they have never been so hot at a game. People who live and play in places like Arizona, Nevada and the humid southern states, may get used to these conditions. Thank God, conditions aren't like that all the time here.

One more takeaway from the games I watched last week. Youth baseball and softball still gets 'it', the joy that goes in playing a team sport. Almost all of the players I saw arrived ready to play, excited about taking the field. There's a buzz you hear in the dugout. Elgin #2 was down 9 to 1 in the bottom of the fifth inning, but weren't willing to give up. They played four runs with two outs and had Battle Creek on the nervous side seeing their lead slip away.

One parent told me they had kids playing every night for six nights in a row, they talked about the heat and everything else. And yet, as tired as they might have been, they were there for each and every game. Why? Because that's what parents do.

Having a quick lunch in Neligh Friday afternoon while doing business, Lynell and I were seated near a big screen TV which happened to have on the PGA Senior U.S. Open golf tournament. I know there are some readers here who don't like golf, but don't turn the page because this electronic essay is not about golf. All the players playing this tournament being held in Newport Beach, Rhode Island, must be 50 years of age.

Golf is the only sport, to my knowledge, which offers a senior tour. There's no senior NFL, no senior NBA or NHL. I guess the NHL did kinda have a senior league when Gordon Howe played into his 50s.

Major League Baseball has old-timer's games, one game usually held on a Saturday where fans come out to see their team's legends from yesteryear once again don the uniform and hear the cheers of fans.

These type of games are extremely popular for teams like the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers. Other teams don't have as many championships to draw players from. Imagine St. Louis fans celebrating Mark McGwire hitting another monster home run? Imagine grandpa sitting in the stands with his grandson and seeing Mickey Mantle hit a

home run in one of these games? Grandpa was like every boy who, back in the late 50s and early 60s wanted to be Mickey.

Can you imagine the NFL having a senior league? Tom Brady could still be playing? So, too, guys like Drew Brees, Lawrence Taylor and Marcus Dupree. Rosters would have to be expanded because football players retire when they are no longer able to perform, when the body can't answer the call. Then, imagine a senior league where, if they tried to tackle the ball carrier they would suffer traumatic injuries.

The only league where a senior league could work on a limited basis would be the NBA. I'd still buy a ticket to watch Michael Jordan again, the same for Julius Erving and, before him, Wilt Chamberlain, Connie Hawkins and 'Earl the Pearl' Monroe. To see Jordan and Erving dunk the ball would be a thrill (they still can).

As for the Senior PGA, I've attended several of the recent Senior PGA events at Sioux Falls, S.D. It's been a great opportunity to see the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Fred Couples, Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer and, yes, John Daly. They will be back for the tournament to be held in mid-September. I hope to get away for the day.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, July 8: Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, biscuits, tropical fruit, bread, butter, milk.

Tuesday, July 9: Taco salad (lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese), watermelon, bread, butter, milk.

Wednesday, July 10: Baked ranch pork chops, baked potato, cheesy broccoli, applesauce, bread, butter, milk.

Thursday, July 11: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges, bread, butter, milk.

Friday, July 12: Hamburger or polish dog, sauerkraut, sweet potato fries, carrots, tropical

fruit, bread/bun, butter, 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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For a great meal, come to the community center!

Limits

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book page.

Think of the revamped store as a year-round farmers market and vendor extravaganza. "I hope this is success," Salber said. "We've had a lot of good compliments so far and it feels good to do something (new) for the community."

In its heyday, Salber, originally from Albion, and married to Willie who passed in 1996, said she worked the store 8:00 am until 1:00 am; then about 10 years ago, when the Elgin population started a decline, the hours were 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. "Business is picking up again," Salber recounted with optimism — more residents, and more customers interested in variety, choices, more options for shopping.

Salber sighed when she recalled how she used to sell only five kinds of beer in six- and 12-packs and running a candy store for kids. "Now there's 4, 6, 12, 18, 20, and 30 packs," she said. Further, she doesn't have a qualm about attracting children for sweet treats at the store while adults shop adult beverages. Koinzan, always driven by the urge to make Elgin a better place to live, work, and play, said the store needed some remodeling, which was accomplished. State of Nebraska regulations called for an improved bathroom, three-basin sink, and more.

Now all that's left is to get that updated name and accompanying sign, and to add more 'made in Nebraska' suppliers. You can reach Koinzan at 402-843-8264 with ideas for either.

Thanks to the Diane/Janet team for your commitment to Elgin and your willingness to offer another shopping choice for our community.

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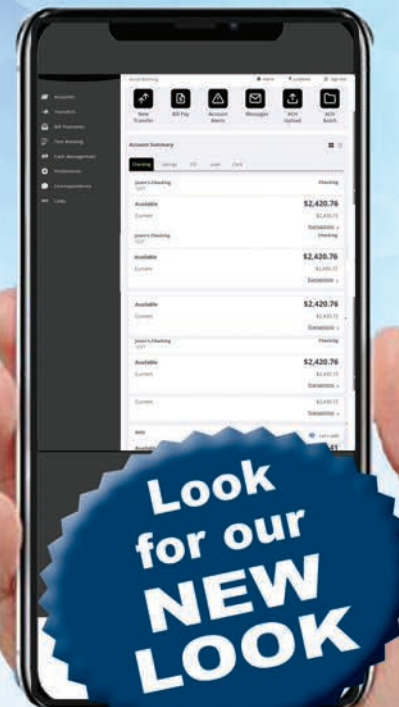
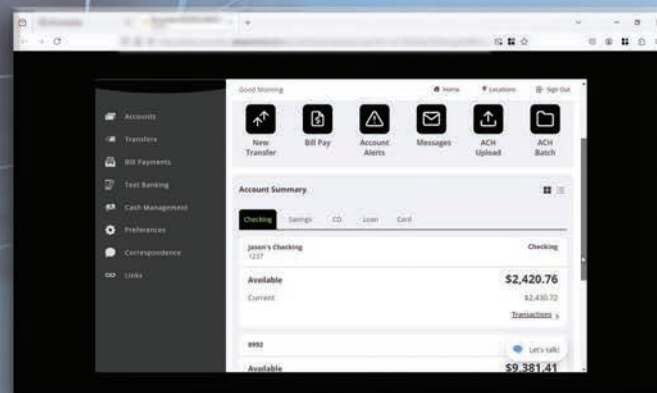
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'Double' applies to so many different things

If you've sat through a youth double header this baseball season in the Elgin ballfield, good on you, mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and friends. Seriously, this takes patience and a whole lotta love.

Been there. Done that. Both of our sons tried youth baseball. Our eldest, Ryan, was an amazing pitcher and batter though he learned after a few seasons that he'd rather save his fingers for the piano. Our youngest,

Philip, quite the athlete now for extreme sports such as caving, snow kiting, and hydro foiling, would rather chase butterflies in right field at that young age.

Just learned the powerhouse Husker volleyball team opens its 2024 season August 27th as part of a doubleheader that includes UNL and the Kentucky Wildcats at 6 p.m. CT followed by Wisconsin playing Louisville. Check out the American Volleyball Coaches Association

(AVCA) First Serve Showcase for details.

Often the word double is associated with alcohol consumption, as in pour me a double (consisting of two shots of liquor). To face a new day, maybe a double espresso might be in order, especially if you're still seeing double.

Once hubby Rick got a double-barreled shotgun (over-under 12-gauge) for his birthday from yours truly.

We lived in Oklahoma City then and he went dove hunting on occasion. It takes a lot of dove breasts to make a hearty meal.

Ever do a double take when you see someone in a crowd walk by that looks exactly like fill-in-the-blank? Scientists claim we each have six doppelgangers, biologically unrelated look-alikes, out there in the world.

For all the moms and dads pulling double duty with a career along with child raising, it can all be a two-edged sword. At least this career mom felt that way - guilty leaving your child and guilty if you choose to (or have to for financial reasons) stay in the workforce.

Never ever ran across a person, except spies in the movies, that led a double life. Often this is associated with men who have two wives, two families, and somehow get a rush from the thrill of secrecy. Deep psychological issues often are to blame. It's a double whammy when the truth surfaces.

There're few experiences more fun than jumping on a

double decker bus in a big city to fully capture the sights, sounds, and smells keynoted by the bustle of masses of people headed to work, school, and play. The covered doubles, not conducive for photography, are generally for commuters. The open-air-on-top kind attracts tourists, most notably in London.

For golfers, a double bogey is two strokes over par. Not that great when your opponent hits a double eagle, three strokes under par on the critical hole.

Over-the-road speeders might be told to slow down to a double buffalo, meaning 55 mph in some zones. This comes from the nickel, worth five cents, imprinted with a buffalo on the back side from 1913-1938. The buffalo lost its spot to Monticello, the Virginia homeplace of Thomas Jefferson.

Traveled to some countries where inflation is in the double digits, meaning 10 percent or more. Here it's 3.36 percent on this June 2024 day, down from 4.93 percent in 2023.

Maybe you've been told by that demanding, controlling boss to double down or get fired. The term comes from Blackjack. If you get dealt two cards of the same value, you can place them face down, betting twice, and get another card on each, thus doubling your bet. Double or NOTHING, and that's why it's called gambling.

Back in the day when couples actually arranged double dates, instead of hanging out in herds as some do now, this married woman of more than 50 years was asked by a new college friend at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to please, please go. Rick had the car. George was the starter football hunk in a small town in western Nebraska. Bonnie was the drop-dead gorgeous cheerleader in the adjoining town who lived in my freshman dorm. They always had a hankering for each other and finally tried to make it work in college. Ended badly for them, great for Rick and me. Wahoo!

If your favorite small fry athlete is about to take the field, get going on the double even if you're double booked. It's a big deal. S/he notices if you're there, hears your cheers of encouragement, and knows if you took the time and cared enough to sit through a double header. Then enjoy a double dip ice cream cone together to celebrate summer.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

July 2, 1964

An Antelope County 4-H judging team of Bruce Beeson and Tommy Stoltz of Elgin and Bob Hixon of Neligh placed third in the Annual Nebraska Junior Hereford Field Day held at the Iodence Ranch near Hemingford last Saturday. Bruce Beeson won a registered Hereford heifer calf as the top individual judge.

A car driven by Walter Neth of Clarks struck and killed a cow owned by Lawrence Starman around 8:30 Sunday morning, according to Patrolman C. F. Harris of Albion. Larry Starman was herding the cattle to pasture along the highway south of town when Mr. Neth came over the hill and struck one animal which had suddenly decided to go its separate way from the herd.

Leslie Backhuus, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Backhuus of Neligh, was found dead in the Stanton swimming pool at about 5 p.m. Sunday by another swimmer. The family was attending a family reunion. The Stanton rescue squad tried unsuccessfully for about an hour to revive the youth.

Miss Mary Ann Stuhr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stuhr of Petersburg, became the bride of Fred W. Fangman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fangman of York, on Monday, June 29, 1964 at St. Bonaventure's Catholic Church at Raeville. Rev. Father Vanveen officiated the double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Legate are the parents of a 7 lb. 12 oz. son, Brian Keith born June 22, 1964 in the Tilden Community Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

July 4, 1974

Elgin's Vetch Days Kiddie Parade was larger this year than usual with 120 entries, according to chairperson Donna Mackel. Others on the committee were Mrs. Gene Boes, co-chairperson; Mrs. Ray Dinslage and Mrs. John Stuhr.

Prolonged drought has left grass and prairie tinder dry and this accompanied with a train and lighting resulted in three fire alarms for Elgin firemen and Elgin fire fighting facilities. Fighting fires were departments from Elgin, Bartlett, Spalding, Ericson, Petersburg, and Albion, according to reports here.

The 31st annual St. Boniface Alumni Banquet was held Saturday evening, June 29th at the American Legion Hall, with 115 attending. The social hour began at 6:00 with the catered meal being served at 7:30. Toastmaster for the event was Bill Wirges, Jr. of Omaha.

One hundred and eight head of beef animals and 15 head of feeder lambs were exhibited at the 7th annual "Pride of Progress" Beef Review here on June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schindler of Grand Island are the parents of an 8 lb. 31.2 oz. daughter, Erika Ann, born June 25, 1974 in the Antelope Memorial Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

June 29, 1994

About 120 alumni and guests attended the 51st annual St. Boniface Alumni Banquet last Saturday evening, June 25. The alumni events began with a mass at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Church, followed by a social hour, banquet and dance at the KC Hall. Charles Meis of Albion, a member of the class of 1964, served as master of ceremonies.

A farm truck driven by Stanley Sojka of Ewing and a car driven by Alice Holtz of Auburn, NE, came to rest on the west side of Highway 14 after colliding at the junction of the highway and the Oakdale cut-across road last Friday morning. Flames from the engine compartment of the truck ignited trees near the intersection.

A hail storm sliced along the western edge of Antelope County last Friday evening, June 24, causing crop damage in the Park Center area. Two separate hail storms occurred along a two to three-mile-wide swath between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Mark Dinslage of Elgin, an ag student at Northeast Community College, will be working with Saner Hogs in Dunning for a cooperative education internship during the summer. Cooperative education internships provide on-the-job training in a position related to each student's major field of study and career goals.

Twenty Years Ago

July 7, 2004

Jason Heitz, 30, began duties last Thursday, July 1, as the new administrator at Pope John Central Catholic High School in Elgin. He has been busy with staff hirings and other duties since arriving.

Angie Farmer of Elgin has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 grade-point average or higher. Only students selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Brenda (Stuhr) Papstein and her husband, Kirk, of Kearney recently tripled their joy and challenges as they welcomed home triplets - a daughter, Adysen, and sons Keane and Levi. Brenda is the daughter of Phil and Barb Stuhr of Elgin and a 1985 graduate of Pope John Central Catholic High School.

Three burglaries in Oakdale have been under investigation by the Antelope County Sheriff's office since June 19. Suspects gained entry to the Oakdale City Office building after breaking a glass door valued at several hundred dollars. Entry was also gained to the Oakdale Public Library by prying open a door. Items of value were taken from both buildings. A residence in Oakdale was also entered and burglarized.

Two area students, Ashley Jean Beltz of Elgin and Matthew Kuhlman of Petersburg, recently received scholarships to attend Wayne State College for the 2004-05 academic year.

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It's not about politics, Biden's health makes him unfit

Since the days when the Greeks ruled the ancient world, there have been debates.

Back then there were philosophical and political debates. The name of Zeus was probably evoked back then to emphasize the importance of the matter being debated.

Fast forward to 1960 when the United States held the first general election presidential debate between Senator John F. Kennedy and then Vice-President Richard Nixon.

The nation watched the debate on TV and Kennedy's performance gave him an edge over his opponent on the stage which he then rode to the White House.

Since then, the presidential debate has been a fixture in American politics. It was renewed Thursday night when former President Donald Trump and current President Joe Biden stood at the podium for 90 minutes. When it was over, one thing was certain - time stands still for no one.

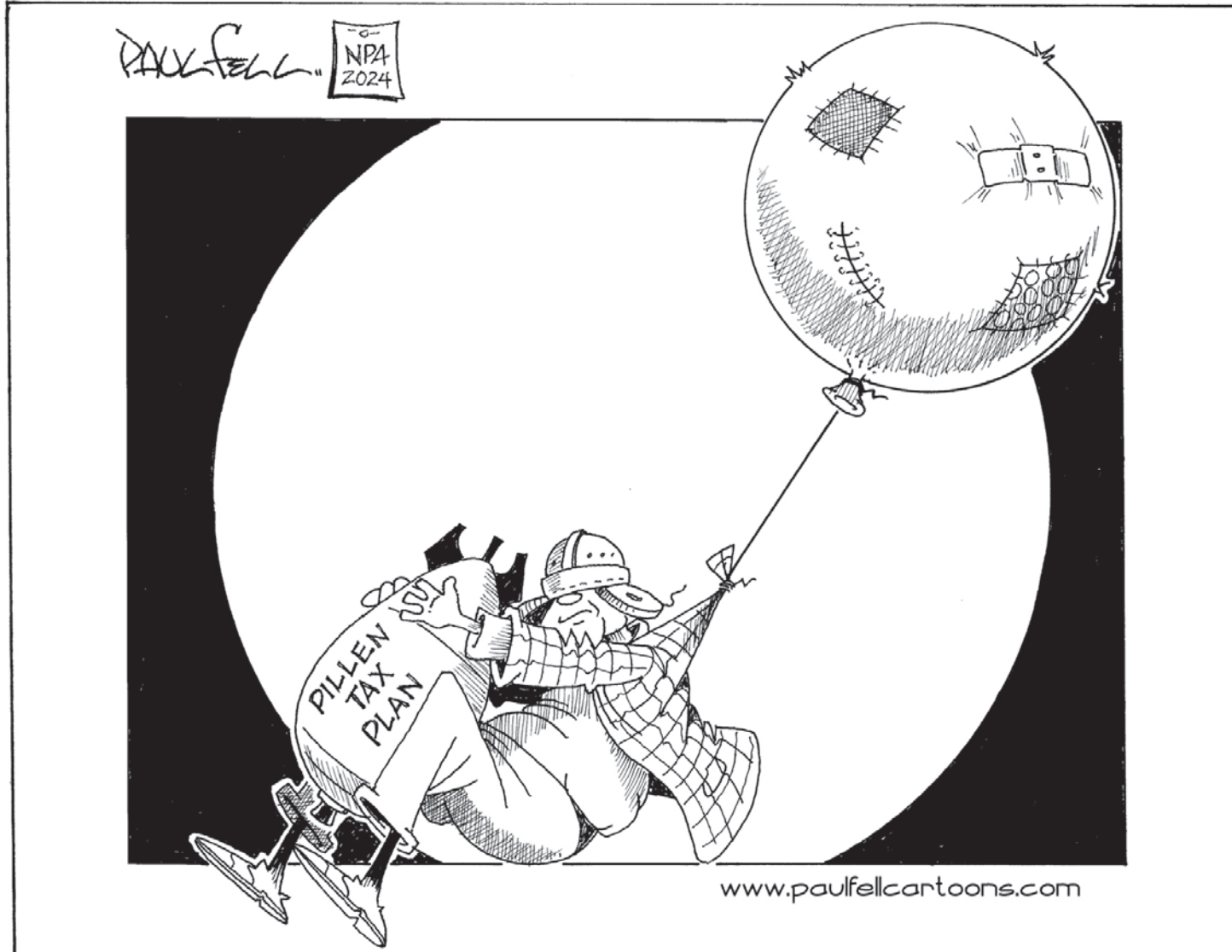
Our president showed how age has taken a toll on his mental acuties. He looked and acted the part of a man his age, many of which suffer from the effects of aging. The most important man in the free world, looked and acted like a man whose actions and thoughts, through no fault of his own, have diminished to the degree where he can no longer meet the demands of the position.

That conclusion is not based on politics. The prospective GOP nominee has his own issues. His mental acuties don't seem to be in question, his actions while being president and in the years since, can and should be judged by voters.

No, the opinion stated here focuses solely on the health of President Biden. Physically and mentally, he no longer appears capable to do the job anymore. That's sad.

The 25th amendment to the constitution should be invoked now by the cabinet should he not resign. Both he, the Democratic Party and, more importantly, the country would be better served were he to step down or be removed from office and his political party find a new nominee.

By Dennis Morgan, Publisher



Latest trial balloon on property taxes calls for state takeover

Back in the day, a small, "trial balloon" would be sent aloft to discern wind speed and direction before a balloon carrying people was launched.

Folks were rightly concerned about rising into the heavens blindly, without knowing if a catastrophic whirlwind was aloft.

Right now, we're seeing plenty of trial balloons on this oft-debated issue was pretty quickly shot down - to hike state sales taxes by 2 cents (to a nationally high 7.5 cents). The idea was to shift the cost of local, K-12 education off local property taxes and onto state sales tax.

Now comes an equally innovative (and some would say "radical") trial balloon - shifting the entire cost of local education to the state, instead of relying, in large part, on local property taxes.

According to reporting by Martha Stoddard of the Omaha World-Herald, that would result in a 60 percent decrease in local property taxes by removing K-12 schools from the slate of things funded by property taxes (a list that now includes counties, cities, natural resources districts and the like).

Something, of course, would have to give at the state level to finance such a

\$1.6 billion plus shift in taxes.

Pillen has offered some interesting trial balloons on that, such as a "two-tiered" sales tax system, in which some items, such as inputs for businesses and agriculture, would be taxed at a lower rate, presumably two percent, while other goods and services would be taxed at a high rate, maybe 5%.

One state senator, Dave Murman, a Glenvil farmer, told Stoddard that such a tax plan wouldn't be a "shift" but a "rebalancing," which is a pretty generous effort at putting lipstick on a pig.

But most Nebraskans know a tax increase when they see one, and if they're paying more sales taxes on a candy bar or a new car, that's a tax hike.

The latest trial balloon from our farmer/governor, the state takeover of funding local schools, comes with a lot of unanswered questions.

Who, under that system, would decide a local school's budget?

It certainly would not be the locally elected school board - those folks that might just live down the street or road and know exactly the needs of your local school. So who would it be? A state school board? The governor's office?

Who would decide teacher salaries? Some panel in Lincoln? Or a board that meets in your local town?

And what about school consolidation, a very touchy subject in rural areas?

Might the state, when funds are tight and need to be cut (and we're overdue

for one of those periods), tell local schools that "we only have so much money, so it's best if you merged with the school district next door."

For years, the mantra at the State Capitol has been that Nebraska has too many local governments - too many counties, too many school districts. If only there were fewer counties and school districts, the thinking goes, things would be more efficient, and cost fewer dollars.

But efforts to force mergers, or give incentives to consolidate haven't gained much traction in the past.

Nebraskans like their local control. They like knowing whom to call if the streets didn't get cleared of snow or the muddy lane didn't get enough gravel - and like knowing they can vote that person out of office if they didn't get a response.

(A buddy recently remarked that "Nebraskans hate government but have 93 counties. How do you explain that?" See above.)

Pillen's latest trial balloon, to have the state fund local schools, would be a huge change.

It would also be a departure from how other recent governors have tried to chip away at the state's high property taxes, instead of taking a sledgehammer to make a big change in funding state and local government.

But Pillen is bringing the wood to this issue. He's promised a 40% reduction in local property taxes (really 20%, because there's been a 20% reduction already) and pledged to call special sessions until Christmas to get it done. The first session, he announced last week, will begin July 25 in Lincoln.

But talkin' and doin' are two different things, and getting enough senators - most assuredly 33 of the 49 - to agree on one plan, particularly a major change like state funding of local schools, seems like the longest of shots.

This governor seems very willing to launch trial balloons, but my guess is that he needs to keep launching.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

Celebrating Nebraska biofuels

June marked the start of a busy summer driving season. This year, many American families are feeling the pain of prices at the pump. Since Joe Biden took office, gas prices have risen over 54%. Biofuels like ethanol and biodiesel are one solution to relieve that burden. That's why I've fought as governor and senator to make biofuels more available to American drivers year-round. Earlier this year, I asked for the administration to allow the summer sale of E15 nationwide. That request was granted.

Biofuels like ethanol are good for Nebraska and good for America. They save consumers money at the pump. They reduce our impact on the environment. They support rural communities and farmers. They also lessen our energy dependence on foreign adversaries.

In Nebraska alone, drivers saved at least \$325 million last year by using blends of E10 and above. During the busy summer months, consumers can save more than 30 cents per gallon. Personally, I saved 55 cents per gallon when I filled up this week. That's real relief at this time of stubbornly high inflation.

Owners of flex fuel vehicles (FFVs), which can run on blends up to E85, can save even more. Biofuels also support Nebraska's farmers and rural communities. Our state is the second-largest producer of ethanol. Nebraska's 24 ethanol plants supporting over 1,000 high-paying jobs in our state. They have capacity to produce nearly 2.2 billion gallons each year.

The Nebraska Soybean Board found Nebraska's biodiesel industry supports over 5,000 full-time jobs and has an \$833 million economic impact. Relying on domestically produced energy is also good for American energy security. By expanding ethanol use, we not only support American jobs, but also rely less on oil from countries like Iran, Russia, and Venezuela. Countries that hate us shouldn't be our source for fuel when we have a home-grown solution like ethanol.

Biofuels are also good for our environment. According to the USDA, ethanol use reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 44-52% compared to gasoline.

Despite these many benefits, the Biden administration has overlooked and underestimated biofuels. Instead, Washington bureaucrats prefer deflationary EV mandates. To fight this, I'm working to expand opportunities for Nebraska producers. I introduced the bipartisan Flex Fuel Fairness Act to expand access to FFVs and protect consumer choice.

I am leading the bipartisan Congressional Review Act legislation to block the Biden EV mandate.

In addition to fighting the EV mandate, I'm also building support for biofuels. I introduced the bipartisan Renewable Fuels for Ocean-Going Vessels Act to expand the use of biofuels on ships.

I led bipartisan resolutions designating May as Renewable Fuels Month each of the last two years. I am also supporting Senator Deb Fischer's bill to make the year-round sale of E15 permanent. This would stop forcing producers and consumers to rely on bureaucratic waivers from the EPA.

Biofuels like ethanol and biodiesel are a win for our state and our country. Every day is a good day to choose biofuels. As you get ready to hit the road this summer, consider filling up on E15 to get you where you need to go.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

Fiscal governance in a time of uncertainty

The annual process to approve federal government spending requires Congress to pass and the president to sign 12 bills into law before the start of each fiscal year. Legislative consideration of these spending bills begins in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and, ideally, each bill moves through the legislative process individually until all 12 are enacted prior to September 30, the end of the federal fiscal year.

Congress draws its authority over federal spending from Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the Constitution which states, "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law." Well aware of tyrants' abuses of absolute

discretion over the use of public funds, the framers of our Constitution tasked the federal branch most immediately accountable to the American people, Congress, with directing taxpayer dollars where they can be best utilized and most effective.

This legislative duty is fundamental to ensuring our representational system is functional and responsive to the will of the people.

I am grateful for the work of House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-OK), other members of the committee, and Speaker Mike Johnson to advance the appropriations process in a more timely, straightforward manner this year.

This week, with my support, House Republicans passed three of the 12 appropriations bills to delineate funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Depart-

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FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

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ment of Defense (DoD), and State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS). Moving these bills early in the process demonstrates we are serious about addressing the myriad security threats facing our nation, at our borders, and around the world.

Funding for DHS is particularly urgent because it is the agency tasked with securing our southern border, which is in crisis. Under President Joe Biden, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has neglected the rule of law and the will of Congress to misuse DHS funds and divert \$1.4 billion away from completion of the border wall.

The DHS bill passed by the House this week would put a stop to this by requiring Sec. Mayorkas to properly obligate funding already devoted by Congress to the border wall within 120 days of the bill's enactment. It would also designate \$600 million in additional funding for border wall construction.

While we do not share a land

border with China, DHS also plays a role in enhancing global security in the face of growing aggression by the China's People's Liberation Army (PLA). A hostile encounter between Filipino and PLA maritime forces in the South China Sea earlier this month highlighted the urgency of the need for the U.S. to support regional security in the Indo-Pacific.

The DHS appropriations bill passed by the House this week also increases funding for maritime cooperation between U.S. and our Indo-Pacific allies as well as increasing funding for our own Coast Guard by \$1.3 billion.

Facing these concerns for regional security, the DoD appropriations bill passed by the House would allocate \$200 million for Taiwan's international security cooperation programs. It would also reinforce investment in modernization of our naval vessels and aircraft and fund 4.5 percent pay raises for all American military personnel and an additional 15 percent pay raise for our junior enlisted

service members. Chinese aggression toward Taiwan threatens to plunge the Pacific, if not the entire world into a greater crisis. Bolstering Taiwan's self-defense capabilities is good, not just for friends of freedom in the region, but for the United States as well.

Recently, Iran has made troubling, publicized moves to expand its nuclear capacities emphasizing the precarious position of our ally Israel. Accordingly, the DoD bill would devote \$500 million to support Israeli defense, including the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow missile defense systems.

Ensuring government spending serves the best interest of American taxpayers begins with a commitment to transparency and regular order. The House's punctual passage of three bills this week to enhance security at our southern border, vigorously invest in our nation's defense, and support our allies under intense pressure from our adversaries was a great step in this direction.

Finding your 'God Moment'

What was your high moment of the day?

What was your low?

What was your "God moment?"

Toward the end of the day my daughter likes to ask these types of questions, a habit she picked up at her Catholic college and is no doubt intended to be an examen, a reflection at day's end to help discern God's presence and His direction in our lives.

Faith

In our family, the ups and downs of the day are usually easy to find and tend to be answered first. The God moment, though, might take more thought.

Another question my daughter occasionally asks: What was your "spice of life" moment? Her definition of "spice of life" is those little things that make life worth living.

For me, those things tend to make me smile or laugh.

One time at the grocery store a bold boy, about age 12, yelled over to her: "Hey, you dropped something!" When she looked down, the boy laughed "Ha! Got ya!"

I laughed with the boy, and she shook her head at both of us.

I smile even as I write about that encounter. That was a spice of life moment.

Other spice of life moments are things of beauty or sweetness: time spent with little children, a walk in nature, a delicious meal, a dog's happy greeting, a snuggle with a cat or a glorious sunrise or sunset.

Sometimes those spice of life occasions overlap into high moments and God moments. We see how our God loves to delight us, even in those small, simple ways.



Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

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Bartlett News

Family members and friends of Kenneth Kasselder gathered outside for a funeral service at the Clear Creek Hunting Lodge on Friday, June 28 to say their last goodbyes to Kenneth. Jim Wakefield officiated. Stephen Baker sang some beautiful gospel music accompanied by his guitar.

A 60th wedding anniversary reception for Dennis and Sharon Derner was held at their home Saturday, June 29. The event was well attended by friends and family. Congratulations Denny and Sharon!

Wild Horse Ministries Founder Paul Daily gave a colt breaking presentation at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Bartlett, Sunday. As he worked with the colt he talked about God desiring a relationship with us and the message of salvation.

The colt was provided by Tanner Olson. Pastor Mark Hoffman and the Bartlett Church of Faith hosted the event. Sloppy Joes, chips, baked beans and iced tea and water were served after the event to those attending.

Ben and I attended the 70th birthday of my Burwell friend Pat Burnham Saturday evening, June 22 at the Hitching Post in Burwell. The evening meal was delicious along with great fellowship. Many friends and family members came to make this a special night for Pat.

My garden and strawberry bed have been weeded and look nice, at least for the time being.

By Sherry Tetschner



Paul Daily of Wild Horse Ministries broke an untamed colt at the Bartlett Fairgrounds June 30 for a nice sized audience. He pairs the experience with the Salvation message. Photo submitted by Sherry Tetschner

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Can Ye Not Stay Awake? Independence: our nation celebrates it. Each generation must learn its importance. Our nation's founders believed God blessed this country. Each generation also must learn of the Living God. True freedom comes from our Living God. Celebrate both our independence and the Living God this week in church. Your right hand is filled with victory. Psalm 48 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13 Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts for Sunday, July 7, 2024 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Park Congregational U.C.C. Church Elgin, NE Congregational Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 am. Sunday School: 10:15 am. Communion Sunday: 1st Sunday of each month. Park Women's Fellowship: 2 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the church. Parish Council: 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the church.

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Calvary Bible Church Neligh, NE Pastor Peter Sample Sunday School: 9:30 am. Worship Service: 10:45 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church Elgin, NE Pastor Norlyn Bartens Sunday Worship Service: 8 am. Sunday school follows service. Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Elgin Community Christian Church Elgin, NE Pastor Jonathan Braden Adult Sunday School: Children Sunday School: 9:30 am. Sunday Worship Service: 9 am. Church Council: 2nd Sunday of each month following worship.

St. John's Catholic Church Rural Clearwater, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor Weekend Mass: 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday, 5:30 am. cppnebraska.org

St. Paul Lutheran Church Chambers, NE Pastor Leif Hasskari Sunday Worship: 8:30 am. Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

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Cowboy Trail still incomplete after nearly 30 years

By Heidi Beguin

Flatwater Free Press

Kris Ferguson had a quick reply when someone asked how she and a small group of volunteers managed to finish a 17-mile stretch of the long-planned but unfinished Cowboy Trail in northwest Nebraska.

"Oh it's easy," Ferguson responded. "You just need someone who's willing to go out and get hit by a car while riding their bike."

Ferguson, of Gordon, credits a 2011 crash with spurring her activism. It also left her with a broken leg, broken arm, bruised lung, severe whiplash, a concussion and a hip that wasn't broken but definitely wasn't right. "I was riding my bike on the narrow shoulder of the highway outside of Gordon when an inattentive driver sideswiped me. They didn't hit me with the front of their car, which is why I think I'm alive today," she recalled. "That and a guardian angel."

The campaign to complete that 17-mile segment between Gordon and Rushville started roughly 20 years after a now-defunct railroad sold about 320 miles of abandoned rail stretching across northern Nebraska from Norfolk to Chadron. The idea was to convert the line into a trail for hiking and biking.

Dubbed the Cowboy Trail, the first 187 miles, from Norfolk to Valentine, came on line within 15 years. Then, nothing.

Now 30 years later, about 90 miles remain incomplete. Several miles aren't even clear enough of weeds to walk on, let alone ride a bicycle. Despite the agonizingly slow pace, trail proponents say they are making progress.

With grant funding, groups are working together to finish another chunk of the trail near Chadron.

"Well, someday maybe," said Nebraska Game and Parks recreational trails manager Alex Duryea when asked whether the trail will be completed. "It would be a long road to get there."

Barreling by early adversity
When the old Chicago and North Western Railroad moved to abandon more than 300 miles of Nebraska-traversing rail in the early '90s, trail advocates sensed an opportunity.

Building off federal legislation from a decade earlier, Nebraska lawmakers passed a bill in 1993 allowing the state to take ownership of the abandoned line. It also established the "Cowboy Trail" name.

Later that year the Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national nonprofit created to transform old rail lines into trails, helped negotiate a deal with the state and the railroad. The conservancy purchased a portion of the line for about \$6.2 million and donated it to the state, according to news reports.

A leading advocate for the project, the late Don Van Driest, told the Lincoln Journal Star that he anticipated it would take eight to 10 years to complete the entire project.

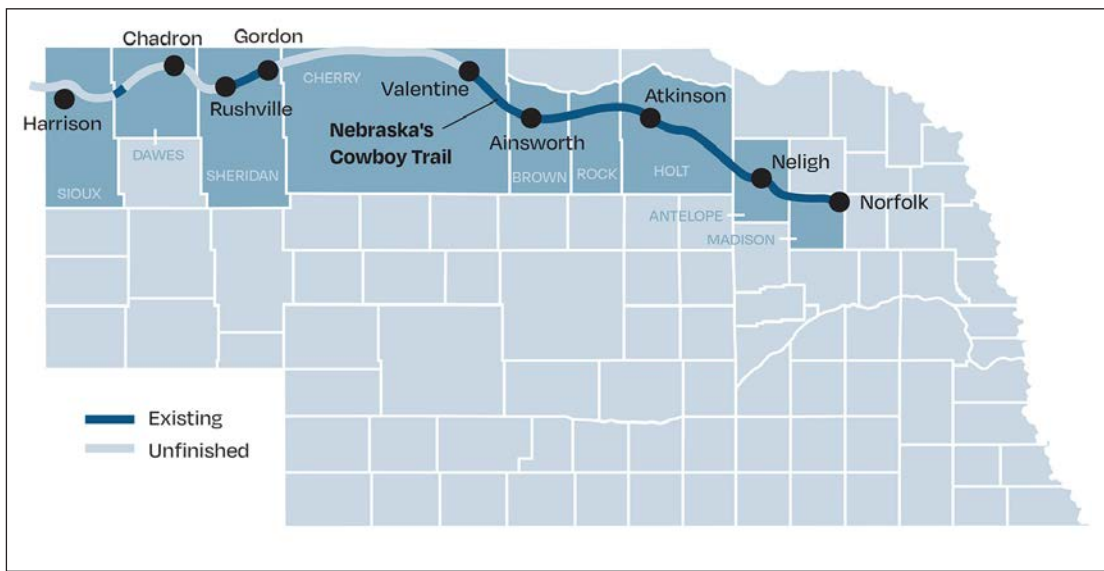
Even before agreements were finalized, some were touting the Cowboy Trail's economic promise — a habit that holds true now more than 30 years later.

Once finished, the Cowboy Trail will be the largest rail-to-trail project in the U.S., eventually becoming part of the nation-crossing Great American Rail-Trail.

The Cowboy Trail's inclusion in the Great American Rail-Trail could translate to nearly 2 million trips and about \$14.5 million in annual visitor spending in Nebraska, said Kevin Belle, the Great American's project manager at the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

"And in a state like Nebraska, where there's a lot of small towns that rail can go through, it can have a huge impact," Belle said.

The Cowboy Trail ran into obstacles from the start. There



The Cowboy Trail project involves transforming an old rail line into a hiking and biking trail. The finished segments of trail, which add up to more than 200 miles.

were legal challenges and concerns about runaway costs.

Opponents, including nearby landowners, fought it on multiple fronts. They pointed to a provision requiring Game and Parks to construct and maintain special livestock fences along the trail — a move that was seen as an attempt to make the project cost prohibitive. More than 100 miles of trail were open within a decade of the state taking ownership of the abandoned line. Despite budget cuts and other setbacks, Game and Parks completed work between Norfolk and Valentine in 2008, The World-Herald reported.

Flooding caused major damage to parts of the existing trail in 2010 and seemingly washed away any chances of further expansion west of Valentine.

'It's dangerous'
Ferguson's wreck in 2011 left her frustrated. "I couldn't do anything that summer, but I had one good hand and my mouth worked." She got on the phone and began calling Nebraska Game and Parks.

"It's dangerous for people in our area to get out and try to be active. When are you going to complete the trail? And the answer I got was 'never,'" Ferguson recalled. She didn't like that answer.

Ferguson formed a nonprofit, Cowboy Trail West, and started organizing. The group held meetings and attended Game and Parks meetings, proving to be relentless. They got involved with the Nebraska Trails Foundation in Lincoln, which helped with their lobbying efforts.

Neighbors in both Gordon and Rushville got involved. They donated time and supplies and raised tens of thousands of matching dollars to help secure larger grants.

The entire 17-mile trail segment opened in 2019, eight years after Ferguson was hit by a car while riding her bike along a highway.

"The only way we got it going from Gordon to Rushville was that they said if you guys will maintain it, we will help you try to get it done," said Ross Elwood of Rushville, president of the Cowboy Trail West board. "So we're doing our part to maintain it out here."

The success between Gordon and Rushville inspired trail enthusiasts in Chadron, the western bookend of the Cowboy Trail. They formed their own nonprofit in 2017, the Northwest Nebraska Trails Association.

"When our group formed, everyone told us, 'You know, don't make it a priority. It's never going to get done,'" said Britany Helmbrecht, president of the Northwest Nebraska Trails Association in Chadron.

The doubt extended to county board meetings, where officials remarked that they never saw any people on the existing trail, Helmbrecht recalled. Then at an August 2023 meeting, commissioners heard an update from Game and Parks about usage numbers. (Duryea with Game and Parks said counters tracked 80,000 users on the trail in 2023.)

"And after that, one of the commissioners who said in the past that this will never get done, actually came up to us and he said, 'if we don't get the Cowboy Trail done, I think we're really going to regret it.' And the other commissioners

next to him reached over and checked his temperature, because he was the same one who had said, 'no, this is a waste of money,'" Helmbrecht said.

Game and Parks secured a grant to develop the 26-mile stretch from Chadron to Rushville, but it ended up only covering bridge development, Duryea said. They applied for and got a grant through the Nebraska Department of Transportation to surface the trail segment. Game and Parks just hired consultants, Duryea said.

The Chadron-based group also is working on a new connector rail-trail that will bring the Cowboy Trail — which will actually end 5 miles east of Chadron — into town. Game and Parks awarded the city of Chadron a \$178,540 grant in 2022 for the first phase of the connector project.

"It doesn't do any good for the trail to end out in the middle of the field there," said George Ledbetter, Northwest Nebraska Trails Association's treasurer.

'Don't hold your breath'
Even once the work near Chadron is complete, roughly 88 miles of trail will remain undeveloped between Valentine and Gordon.

Finishing it will undoubtedly be a heavy lift. It took about eight years to marshal support for and then complete the 17 miles between Gordon and Rushville. And even though Game and Parks has secured grant funding for the Rushville-to-Chadron segment, it will still take some time to finish the work on those 26 miles, especially since some of the funding is from the federal government.

Game and Parks doesn't appear to have any plans for finishing the missing link, which essentially exists as a natural area for wildlife.

It takes a lot of planning, effort and money to transform abandoned stretches of railroad into a safe and inviting trail, said Duryea. The real difference maker is the local community partners — groups like Cowboy Trail West and the Northwest Nebraska Trails Association.

"I mean, it's possible," Duryea said of the chances of completing the Cowboy Trail. "When you have a local group that supports the effort and the cities on board that are along there and all, that's the spark

that needs to happen for development to occur, in my experience anyways."

In 2022, four Nebraska nonprofits, including Cowboy Trail West and the Northwest Nebraska Trails Association, announced they were forming the Cowboy Trail Coalition to advocate completing the trail.

Once the Chadron-to-Rushville chunk is done, the groups plan to turn to the stretch between Valentine to Merriman, said Elwood with Cowboy Trail West. Then they will be down to one final unfinished segment between Merriman and Gordon.

Helmbrecht with the Chadron group remains hopeful.

"I think, you know, we see all these trails on the east side of the state, and how successful they are. And then post COVID, we saw how much bicycle usage went up. I think now it's kind of just a matter of time."

Now 30 years down the road, Elwood and others want to make sure this end of the trail continues to inch forward, at hopefully an increasing rate of speed. "We've got a lot invested in our trail ... and we don't want to see it go south on us."

UNMC announces Spring Dean's List

Kinney, Whitesel among honorees

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its spring 2024 dean's list for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions of medical imaging and therapeutic sciences program and medical laboratory science.

To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

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NOTICE OF AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF POPE JOHN XXIII CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
POPE JOHN XXIII CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA
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:
1. To change the name of the Corporation to Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School of Elgin, Nebraska;
2. To expand the educational curriculum to cover pre-kindergarten through grade 12;
3. To increase the number of di-

rectors and eliminate certain ex officio directors;
4. To further define the responsibilities of the board of directors and officers; and
5. To specify certain reserved powers of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha.
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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF MOSEL ACRES, INC.
Notice is hereby given to the incorporation of Mosel Acres, Inc.
1. The name of the Corporation is Mosel Acres, Inc.
2. The Corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
MOSEL ACRES, INC.

3. The number of shares that the Corporation is authorized to issue is 1,000 shares, at a par value of \$1.00 per share, which may be issued for such payment in and upon such terms as are directed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
4. The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 85567 522nd Avenue, Neligh, Nebraska 68756 and the name of its initial registered agent at that office is Randy G. Mosel.

5. The name and street address of the incorporator is Randy G. Mosel, 85567 522nd Avenue, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.
6. The Corporation commenced its existence on the 25th day of June, 2024 and its existence shall be perpetual.

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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
June 25th, 2024

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the 6-11-2024 BOC Meeting. Called for public comment.
Correspondence was reviewed. Heard from Senator Adrian Smith's Office. No action.
Denied motor grader bids/purchase.
Denied Pay Applications. 2nd pay application was not presented.
Zoning Administrator Report - no report.
Approved Mike Rowe as engineer on the county line bridge - Knox County.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE 25, 2024 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

No Budget adjustments needed. No action on the escrow account. Printer for pink post card tabled.
Approved security system for courthouse.
Approved NCDHD placement of an information monitor in the hallway.
Personnel issues discussed.
Road Superintendent Report: Approved 17 oversize permits. No further report
Approved Vendor Claims.
General: AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS ex 328.26; ANNE DEXTER ex 19.33; APPLIED CONN TECHN ex 7,880.01; BEAR GRAPHICS ex 776.60; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 128.27; BOMGAARS ex 72.48; DEBORAH BRANSTITER ex 54.12; CARHART LUMBER ex 175.96; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING ex 21,493.66; CHARM-TEX ex 509.40; CLEARFLY ut 155.17; CONSOLIDATED PLASTICS CO ex 267.00; CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES ex 1,506.00; COUNTRY JUNCTION ex 495.00; DAS STATE ACCTNG ex 557.75; DEANS MARKET ex 251.40; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS ex 1,916.25; ELITE OFFICE PRODS ex 167.27; FARM/HOME PUBLISHERS LTD ex 870.00; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ex 333.50; GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES ex 754.00;

TESSA HAIN ex 5.80; LYLE HART ex 250.00; JACKS UNIFORMS/EQUIP ex 404.44; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 273.60; KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY ex 969.61; LICHTENBERG TIRE SVC ex 744.94; LOUS GLOVES ex 1,188.00; MENARDS ex 587.09; MERIT MECHANICAL ex 1,532.00; MIDWEST STORAGE SOLUTIONS ex 22,312.58; NEBR BEAN ex 144.00; NEBR HEALTH/HUMAN SVCS ex 93.00; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 132.00; NSA/POAN CONF ex 200.00; LISA PAYNE ex 899.10; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,581.07; PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE ex 5,000.00; PITZER DIGITAL ex 854.65; PLATTE VALLEY COMM ex 26,031.84; QUILL CORP ex 2,249.21; RAMADA BY WYNDHAM ex 321.00; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,047.75; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 770.04; THE TILDEN CITIZEN ex 1,097.00; TINSLEY GRAIN ex 174.05; TRANE U S ex 370.98; ULINE ex 6,259.23; 319 GRAPHICS ex 967.50; CITY OF NELIGH ut 1,880.60;
Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 327.20; ATCO INTERNATL ex 756.97; B'S ENTERPRISES ex 14,565.00; BANK OF ELGIN ex 100,016.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 214.32; BLACKBURN MFG ex 651.00; BOMGAARS ex 1,710.23; CARQUEST ex 1,121.32; CONSTELLATION ut 155.34;

FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 105.11; LAWSON PRODS ex 116.82; LAZY T ex 1,614.92; LICHTENBERG TIRE SVC ex 1,275.74; MATTEO SAND/GRAVEL ex 7,349.44; MURPHY TRACTOR-POWER PLAN ex 535.00; NPPD ut 53.48; NMC EXCHANGE ex 6,000.55; QUALITY IRON/METAL ex 572.70; RDO TRUCK CENTER ex 1,338.03; REINKE'S FARM/CITY SVC ex 123.47; ROSE EQUIP ex 240.58; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 3,580.40; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.43; TRUCK CENTER OF NORFOLK ex 67.29; ULINE ex 454.24; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 77.50; FRONTIER COMM ut 445.17; ARPA: ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 12,920.34;
Law Enforcement: AMH ex 29.50; U-SAVE PHARMACY ex 188.80;
Commissary: CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING ex 344.90;
Building: APPLIED CONN TECHN ex 9,480.00.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE 25, 2024 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Neligh, NE
June 25th, 2024

Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open

to the public.
Six tax roll corrections were approved.
One (1) Motor vehicle exemption was approved.
Over/Under report was accepted and filed by the Board.
Meeting adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Equalization

CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman
Attest: LISA PAYNE
Antelope County Clerk
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Sentencing postponed on July 2023 crimes

The Honorable James Kube saw an abbreviated criminal docket when he presided from the bench in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh last week.
Sentencing for Rider Short, 24, of Oakdale is continued to July 31, on a motion of the prosecution, due to a witness being out of state. Bond posted July 5, 2023, in the amount of \$20,000, 10%, is continued.
Short was convicted of felony flight to avoid arrest and unauthorized use of a vehicle, stemming from a July 4, 2023, escapade in downtown Neligh following the annual holiday parade.
Short is represented by Frederick Bartell of Norfolk.

Christopher B. Brady, 33 of O'Neill pleaded not guilty to third-degree domestic assault, second offense, a Class 3 felony alleged May 13 in Elgin. Pretrial hearing set July 31, with jury trial Aug. 19.
Bond posted June 6, in the amount of \$10,000, 10% cash, is continued, with conditions of bond amended to allow indirect contact with the victim regarding the couple's child only. Bond conditions also include a clause prohibiting consumption of alcohol when he's with the child, along with a provision utilizing a third party when exchanging custody of the child.
Brady is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Faith
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If we made Venn diagrams of our days, we could see, too, how God is even in the low moments, somehow bringing about good.
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“Serving on a Farm Service Agency county committee is your chance to ensure that other producers who share your interests, your production practices, and your perspective are represented. County committee service is a unique opportunity in the federal government for citizen stakeholders to participate in the implementation of policy and programs at the local level,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “Nominations are now open, and elections will begin in November; don’t miss this chance to help FSA serve all producers.”

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/ elections and determine if their LAA is up for election.



St. Boniface Class of '64 reunites

On June 22, Marvin and Jodine Meis hosted the Saint Boniface Class of 1964 with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, windsor loin dinner and strawberry dessert. Present from the class were (back row, l-r): Marvin Meis and Charlie Meis. Front row: Pat Seier, Georgia Koenig, Julie Thome and Linda Eischeid. Photo submitted

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Not long after the Elgin Swimming Pool opened for the season, pool personnel did water rescue training (above) with members of the Elgin Rescue Service. Pool staff (bottom) this year which participated in the training were (front row, l-r) are lifeguards Brooke Kinney, Kayton Zwingman, Kaitey Schumacher and Camry Kittelson. Middle row: Aubrey Parks, Kylee Lichtenberg and Tessa Barlow. Back row: Pool Manager Sue Vanis and Ass't Managers Julie Thiessen and Karin Kinney. Not pictured: lifeguard Natalie Burenheide. Photos submitted



IUB grants approval for Iowa's share of CO₂ pipeline

AMES, Iowa — Last week, the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) announced the approval of Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) base pipeline project (HLP-2021-0001). This approval represents a significant milestone not for just Summit Carbon Solutions, but for the entire agriculture industry as it seeks access to new and emerging markets, like sustainable aviation fuel, by lowering ethanol's carbon intensity score (CI).

This comes on the heels of successful reapplication hearings for its Summit's North Dakota pipeline permit in front of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC).

“The momentum will continue as we prepare to file our South Dakota permit application in early July,” said Lee Blank, CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions. “We look forward to engaging with the state throughout this process and are confident in a successful outcome.”

The company is seeking to build a pipeline which would run through part of Antelope County en route to North Dakota.

Summit Carbon Solutions is partnering with 57 ethanol plants across five states and has signed voluntary easement agreements with 75% of Iowa landowners along this route.

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Summer 2024 Elgin ball teams



The Elgin 12U girls softball team consists of (l-r): Front row kneeling - Kinley Miller and Lillian Moser. Standing: Aurora Burke, Emmy Tillema, Sydney Niewohner, Tenley Schindler, Cambree Kimes, Evelyn Johnson, Emma Horstmann, Chloe Kielty and Victoria Evans. Photo courtesy of Jamie Thiele Photography



Playing this year for the Elgin 8U girls softball team are (front row, l-r): Selene Lopez, Addison Childers, Ainsley Beckman, Hayley Selting and Vanessa Buschow. Back row: Cora Beckman, Aubree Lemke, Solane Miller, Ruth Thomas, Elly Boschen and Taryn Schindler. Coaches are Kelsey Selting, Shanda Schindler and Hannah Beckman. Not pictured: Adalyn Veik. E-R photo/ KSchindler



Playing for Elgin 2 this season were (front row, l-r): Coach Matt Pelster & daughter Jewel, Ace Pelster, Cole Niewohner, Grant Blecher, Wyatt Stuhr, Max Borer and Jaxon Haddix. Back Row: Coach Keith Borer, Gabe Schindler, Anton Shavlik, Owen Childers, Corby Testerman and Coach Tina Thiele-Blecher. E-R photo/ LMorgan

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