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In Brief

Pope John hires new development coordinator

Change announced last month.

Recently, Pope John announced the hiring of a new development coordinator.

In an announcement made on social media, Kari Schindler was hired to fill the position. She will replace Julie Schiltmeyer who will assist her in the transition. An Elgin resident for the past 10 years, she is the wife of Jake Schindler. “I am absolutely thrilled to join the Crusader team! I look forward to serving the needs of our amazing school and building on the foundations to last a lifetime,” she said.



Kari Schindler



An Independence Day Rainbow found near Raeville

July rain storms often produce rainbows. Such was the case for this wonderful photo taken by subscriber Kay Preister on the morning of Independence Day. She said the photo was taken at 6 a.m. at the home of Jill and Chase Preister east of Raeville.

City to assist lifeguards with Red Cross fees

In a move which could have long-lasting benefits to the Elgin Swimming Pool, the council approved paying for Red Cross lessons for new lifeguards.

On a 4-0 vote, the council approved paying one-half the cost of the lessons for new lifeguards who work a minimum of 60 hours during the summer at the pool.

As part of the motion, if those lifeguards come back next summer and work a minimum of 60 hours, they will have the second half of the lessons paid for.

Casee Kittelson, mother of one of the four new lifeguards at the pool this summer, said with the weather this summer and the new lifeguards being paid minimum wage, they just weren’t making much money when having to pay for the Red Cross lessons (approximately \$180) out of their own pockets.

She suggested the change, noting how other towns have used that plan to help keep help for more than one summer.

Earlier in the meeting, Dean Schrage met with the council to ask for permission to use Elgin City Park for the community club’s annual end-of-summer steak fry on Friday, August 16.

Also, he said the club would be applying for a special liquor license just as they did one year ago. The area used for the steak fry will be fenced off and alcohol will only be allowed inside the fence.

In other developments: Trees — City officials will be checking tree limbs hanging over streets and sidewalks to make sure they comply with city codes. On streets, limbs can hang no lower than 14 feet; on sidewalks it is eight feet. Those property owners not in compliance will be contacted.

Tabled — The council tabled consideration of a request made last month on behalf of former city councilwoman Shirley Nissen. Relayed through Dona Uhrenholdt, Nissen would like to deed a portion of her land on the north side of her property at 504 Oak Street to the City of Elgin. However, according to Childers, the city has received no paperwork since the June meeting.

Also tabled, was consideration of the purchase of salt spreaders. Council members indicated they needed clarification before any action.

Pool — Pool manager Sue Vanis reported numbers are up this year. The pool will be closed at 6 p.m. through July 19 to allow for swimming lessons.

Basket — The council approved on a 3-0-1 vote (Jim Kittelson abstaining) to purchase a loader basket at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Community Club making plans for 2025 Vetch Days

It could become a 2-day celebration.

The Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce, having held a successful Vetch Days celebration last month, is looking ahead to 2025.

Meeting last week, the board of directors are looking at several new ideas for the celebration.

Based on the positive reviews received on the carnival, negotiations are underway to bring them back next year. Among the ideas being discussed is making it a free carnival (adding more rides to compensate for an increased fee); cutting the celebration from three days to two.

No contracts have been signed yet.

“A time for growth. A time for revitalization.”

Elgin LB840 committee seeks input on community needs

On August 18, 2022, a number of citizens gathered at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall and discussed the state of our community, with emphasis on businesses. As the conversation progressed, it turned to how funds can be found to improve the over-all state of our community. By the end of the evening, the majority agreed that towards looking into LB840 (see side bar) and utilizing sale tax funds would benefit the residents of Elgin and the surrounding area.

What many there learned for the first time was that there was a catch to the distribution of Elgin’s sales tax funds.

Elgin’s 1% city sales tax, since 2005, limits the allocations of those funds to specific “projects”. According to Elgin City Clerk



Kristin Childers, the proceeds of the 1% sales tax (as set up in 2005) “shall be used as follows:

- 5% to economic development;
- 20% to street, water and sewer projects;
- 20% to youth, park and pool projects;
- 25% to fire and rescue projects;
- 30% to daily operations”

As a follow-up, the 30% to daily operations is currently all being allocated to help pay off the pool.

According to Elgin’s LB840 committee member Todd Heithoff, the committee is seeking to add 1/2 of a percent sales tax to be used for economic development needs

What is LB840?

The Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB840, 1991) authorized incorporated cities and villages — if approved by local voters — to collect and appropriate local tax dollars, including sales and/or property tax, for economic development purposes.

LB840 Eligible Activities

Any project or program that provides direct or indirect financial assistance to a qualifying business is an eligible activity for local funds to be collected for the economic development program, or for any payment of related costs and expenses.

Programs could include, but are not limited to:

- Direct loans or grants to qualifying businesses for fixed assets and/or working capital.
- Loan guarantees for qualifying businesses.

See LB840, Page 10 ►

See FACTS, Page 10 ►

Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings — The Elgin City Council
Notice of Incorporation — Mosel Acres, Inc.

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 82 degrees recorded on July 3. The low temperature during the same period was 55 degrees recorded on July 5.

Altogether, 0.81 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 30	75	60	.27
July 1	70	61	.09
July 2	77	58	.07
July 3	82	61	.33
July 4	77	56	.00
July 5	78	55	.03
July 6	75	56	.02
Total for last week			0.81
Total for June			4.70
Total precipitation 2024			16.39



E-R photo/LMorgan

Elgin teams headed to state tourneys

Elgin will have two softball teams in action in separate Class D State Tournaments this weekend. On Friday afternoon both teams (10 & Under and 12 & Under) will be in action at Hastings. Each team will play a minimum of three games with the championship game to be played Sunday. Shown above is pitcher Tenley Schindler in action in an early season game.

County road boss Aaron Boggs submits resignation

For more than four years, Creighton’s Aaron Boggs headed up the Antelope County Road Department.

Last week that changed when he submitted his resignation at the close of the July 2 meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Four commissioners (Regina Krebs was absent) spent just over two hours meeting in executive session to discuss ‘personnel.’ Meeting in the county clerk’s vault, twice Boggs was invited into the session. The first time was for approximately one hour. Then, the commissioners spoke alone for 12 minutes before Boggs rejoined them for five more minutes.

Upon returning to regular session, Boggs rose and said, “I would like to formally submit my resignation at this time.” The commissioners (Charlie Henery, Casey Dittrich, Neil Williby and Eli Jacob) accepted the resignation effective immediately.

On Tuesday, July 9, the commissioners took up the issue on how to move forward. After serving for less than a year as a foreman for the road department, Boggs was hired to be the road boss in March 2020.

Also at the July 2 meeting, the board approved a resolution presented by the Antelope County Sheriff’s office stating the cost for fees. The resolution came as a result of a recommendation from the Nebraska State Auditor’s Office. Among the fees stated in the resolution were:

Gun permits \$5; Title inspections

\$10; Reports \$10; Fingerprints \$15; Vehicle impound \$15/Day; Animal Impound \$5/Day; Work release \$17.50/Day; Boarding \$40/Day; and Chemical tests \$10.



Bartlett ‘Lions’ on parade

The Fourth of July was celebrated at many locations across our great country. Patriotism was in the air Thursday at Ericson as the Bartlett Lions Club decorated a float for the parade. Celebrations were also held at Neligh and Albion which residents enjoyed.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Apple Salad and Fresh Cucumber Salad

Good morning,
Good old summertime! We are so blessed to have the rain we are getting.
Hope you had a Happy 4th of July! This week we have some summertime refreshing salad ideas. Maybe some of you are getting fresh cucumbers from your garden. This recipe is my go-to when I want a creamy



cucumber. I have been making this recipe since I could cook. It's the favorite in our house! Enjoy!
"JoAnn's Kitchen" has some news to share with my readers. Since I didn't do a cookbook last year I have decided to put 2 years of recipes in one edition and make it my fifth anniversary edition. I am really excited to do this and hopefully have it for sale in a few months. I know a lot of you clip out my recipes, but remember that your purchases are a charitable giving. I greatly appreciate that. "Thank you" to all of you who continue to support this dream of mine!

JoAnn



APPLE SALAD

- 2 large apples (cored)
- 2 stalks celery (diced)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Cut apples into bite size pieces. Mix apples, celery, raisins, nuts, and the grapes.
Mix mayonnaise and sugar. Pour over the mixture and stir until it's well coated. Chill before serving.

FRESH CUCUMBER SALAD

- 6 cucumbers (sliced)
- 1 medium onion (sliced)
- 1 cup salad dressing (Miracle Whip®)
- 1/2 cup sugar

- 4 Tbls vinegar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp dill weed

Soak the sliced cucumbers and onion in salt water for 1 hour.
Drain well! Combine the remaining ingredients and pour over the cucumber mixture. The dill weed adds more flavor or can be eliminated.

Bartlett News

A Wheeler County GOP meeting was held Saturday evening June 29, in conjunction with the 8th Annual Veterans Celebration sponsored by Clear Creek Organic Farm and Wheeler County GOP.
The meeting was held at the Clear Creek Organic farm near Spalding. Those attending were Alan and Andi Ramsey,

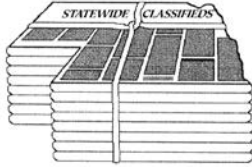
Bob Bernt, Rob Ita and Sherry Tetschner.
The meeting opened with a prayer by Bob Bernt followed by the flag salute.
Item discussions included:
• A bank account for the Wheeler County GOP has been set up at the Bartlett Cornerstone Bank.
• Members voted to give Bob

Bernt \$200 toward the 8th Annual Veterans Day Celebration. A donation from proceeds of the celebration will be given to the State GOP.
• Plans were made to have a simple float to represent Wheeler County GOP at the Ericson 4th of July parade.
• Members voted to talk to Wheeler County Fair Board members about having some sort of booth at the Wheeler County Fair to bring awareness of the Wheeler County GOP.

Saturday's afternoon temperatures were only 65 degrees, but several brave grand children took the plunge anyway and had a great time.
Special visitors at the camp were Ellis and Lois Schrunck and Steven and Janna Schrunck.
By Sherry Tetschner

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Wheeler County GOP's decorated golf cart was part of the Fourth of July parade in Ericson.

The 4th of July parade in Ericson drew a nice crowd of people from many places and walks of life. If you've never been to the parade, well it goes around twice.
The parade started with our nations' flags carried by American Legion member Dwaine Waddle and 'Sons of the American Legion Flag bearers Jamie Rudolph and Dean Miller. Fire trucks hailed from Ericson, Wheeler County Rural and Bartlett Fire Departments. A variety of floats followed making an awesome parade. Unusual cool temperatures were quite a change from what usually is a hot steamy day.

Luke and Angela Tetschner and family from Gilbert, AZ, Andy and Nikki Tetschner and children from Lincoln and Mike and Angela Keyes and children from Beatrice spent the weekend together at Pibel Bible Camp. The 'Slip and Slide,' down the hill is always the highlight.

AAC empowering voices at BCHC

The ability to communicate and connect with others is something many of us take for granted. Yet, numerous conditions can impact a person's capacity to speak and communicate, leaving individuals and their families feeling isolated and hopeless.
However, with the help of a speech therapist and the implementation of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), there is renewed hope for those affected.
AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, encompassing both high-tech and low-tech modalities to aid communication. Low-tech AAC includes gestures, writing, drawing, and pointing to pictures, while high-tech AAC involves using apps on devices like iPads or speech-generating devices with picture symbols and speech output.
Various medical diagnoses can impair communication abilities, including stroke, traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, head and neck cancers, autism, ALS, MS, Parkinson's, primary progressive aphasia, and dementia. Importantly, AAC can be utilized by individuals of all ages and at all stages of their condition, with no age limit for its use.

A common misconception about AAC is that it is a "last resort" after other methods to improve speech have failed. In reality, AAC can establish functional communication while individuals continue working on spoken language skills. Another myth is that AAC might hinder speech development in children with speech delays. Research, however, shows that AAC can encourage and promote verbal speech by enhancing understanding of core vocabulary and offering opportunities to practice words in various social contexts.

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When our kids are little, we have to do a lot for them. We spend our days wiping butts, making snacks and meals, helping them get dressed, and the list goes on and on. We start to teach them to tie their shoes, pick out their clothes, shower on their own and it's refreshing.

Man arrested at cemetery bound over on drug charge

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Douglas J. Jacobs, 32, of Elgin faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Neligh courtroom Wednesday July 3, for preliminary hearing on a Class 4 felony, possession of methamphetamine, alleged May 18 at the Oakdale Cemetery.

Taylor reviewed evidence and heard testimony from Antelope County Deputy Sheriff Trent Howard, after which she found there is probable cause for the case to continue. She bound the case over to the Antelope County district court, where Jacobs is set for arraignment July 31. Bond posted May 28, in the amount of \$10,000, 10% cash, is continued.

Jacobs is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Preliminary hearing for a co-defendant, Shayla N. Prochaska, 32, of Brunswick, also on a Class 4 felony meth possession charge, is continued to

Sometimes you have to look the other way when they walk out wearing orange pants, cowgirl boots, and a poncho. But at least they did it on their own.

If you have multiple kids, they often have to learn to do things earlier because you just don't have enough hands. You encourage them to do more because you simply can't do everything. At first, I felt guilty asking them to do things while I tended to a baby. Now, I realize that it's been good for them to be a little more independent. They enjoy being able to do things on their own (most of the

time), and we often underestimate what they're able to do.

For example, our oldest was in fifth grade before I made him pack his own lunch for school. Our middle started making his lunch in third grade. Our youngest made hers in first grade. She watched her brothers, wanted lunch on a day I didn't have time and so we walked her through it. We realized she was perfectly capable of doing it on her own.

Meanwhile, we have friends that still do everything for their high schoolers. I can't say it's necessarily bad. There are

certainly circumstances where you still do things for your kids, especially when they have so much on their plate with sports, academics, etc.

However, I remember getting to college and there were kids there who took their laundry home every weekend. I was shocked.

I know it's often faster and easier to do things ourselves. Whenever my youngest wants to help me clean, I know that I'm going to have to go back over things, but it's important to teach her. Every time my middle cooks eggs, I cringe a little, but allow him to do it while I walk him through cleaning up after himself. I often want to just take over, but then I am doing them a disservice.

We have entered the teenage years, and it's my goal that by the time they graduate, they are pretty self-sufficient. It's quickly settling in that I only have four more years to help my oldest be able to live independently before he is out of the house. He's able to cook quite a few things and he mows our lawn every weekend, much to his dismay. But there's still so much we need to teach him before he leaves the house.

We need to fight the urge to do everything for them, and encourage their independence. As moms, sometimes it's hard because we love to nurture and care for our families. In the end, though, our job is to help them live on their own. Hopefully some day we can sit back and enjoy our independent children.

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

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

July 9, 1964

Strong wind and rain battered this community last Thursday night, dumping 2.40 inches of water and leaving trees damaged or destroyed before the storm abated. Firemen were called during the height of the storm to the Gary Johnson home where they found limbs had shorted the high line, causing sparks and a fire in the trees.

Mrs. Linus Tramp of Crofton, daughter of Mr. ad Mrs. Russell Anderson, is reported to have suffered severe whiplash Sunday around 1:30 in a two-car accident a half mile east of Crofton. Her car was struck from behind by a car driven by Paul Fager, also of Crofton. There was considerable damage to both cars.

Doris Bode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Bode, recently found and returned a diamond engagement ring that had been lost in 1954, according to its owner, Mrs. Dick Beckman. Mrs. Beckman had lost the ring while she and her family lived on the Mrs. Johanna Beckman farm west of Elgin.

The deer and antelope rifle hunting units continue to dwindle, possibly faster than in previous years. One rifle deer and two rifle antelope units closed during the past week, according to the Game Commission's tabulations.

Dale Schindler, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schindler, was seriously hurt on June 29th when he fell from a horse at his home. He was hospitalized in the Antelope Memorial hospital for six days while recovering from internal injuries and some bruises.

Fifty Years Ago

July 11, 1974

Elgin foremen were summoned to the Sylvester Henn home in the southeast part of town around 8:15 Friday morning to extinguish a blaze in the chicken house. A heat lamp had set the roof on fire. The fire had burned through the roof before the fire was put out. Damage was not too extensive.

Mrs. Kenneth Peters, chairman for the Elgin Cancer Drive the past year, reports that the drive has been completed with a total of \$316.45 collected.

John Temme, Petersburg, has just returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he successfully completed the course in Auctioneering and Auction Sales Management at the Missouri Auction School. He received his diploma and the honorary title of Colonel along with men and women auctioneers from throughout the US and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seier of Petersburg are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Rae, born July 1, 1974 in the Antelope Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Seier is the former Connie Schmitt.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Schrage was baptized Thursday, July 4 at St. Bonaventure Church in Raeville by the Rev. Fr. Don Kros. Brian's sponsors were Tim Schrage of Lindsay and Mrs. Douglas Vest of Schuyler.

Attending the Elvis Presley concert at the Civic Auditorium in Omaha June 30th were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Capler, Verna Capler of Elgin, Gary and Cheryl Capler of Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis of Lincoln.

Thirty Years Ago

July 6, 1994

Two thunderstorms packing strong winds hit the Elgin area during the past week, damaging crops and blowing down trees and tree limbs. Most of the damage in this area was caused by a storm Friday night, July 1, that moved in from the northwest and carried straight winds of 60 to 70 miles per hour.

Elgin Chamber of Commerce parade float, promoting the 1994 Vetch Days "Civil War Style" won the Community Pride Award from the Neligh Young Men's Club at the Neligh Old Mill Days Parade Monday, July 4. Riding the float were Matthew Kinney, Gale and Brett Mahnke, Denzel Lundgren and Ken Peters.

Ralph and Jeanette Bode of Petersburg are the parents of a son, Christopher James, born Saturday, June 25. He weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces, and joins a sister, Meaghan, 4 1/2, and a brother, Bryan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are James and Rosemary Pakes of Janesville, WI, and Raymond and Delores Bode of Petersburg.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 7, at Neligh for Alfred Marvin Suhr, 75, of rural Elgin. He died Sunday, July 3, at the Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh.

Phil Stoltz and Jack Stoltz, both of Elgin, were among the award winners in the 12th annual Educational, Performance and Carcass Contest sponsored recently by the Sandhills Cattle Association.

Twenty Years Ago

July 14, 2004

Corey Fisher, 30, has returned to Elgin High School as principal for the 2004-05 school year. He has spent most of his educational career at Elgin, serving as physical education teacher and coach from the fall of 1998 to May of 2003.

Nearly ideal weather conditions resulted in a big turnout for the 13th annual Fly-In Breakfast last Sunday morning, July 11, at the Koinzan Flying Service airfield in Elgin. More than 300 people were served by the Experimental Aircraft Association(EAA) at the pancake and sausage breakfast. A total of 35 airplanes were flown into the Koinzans' grass airstrip.

Stacy Louise Shumake and Martin Joseph Henn, both of Elgin, were united in marriage Saturday, June 26, 2004, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin. Rev. Tom Bauwens officiated at the 2 p.m. double-ring ceremony.

Keith and Keli Wiehn of St. Edward are the parents of a son, Kolton Robert, born Thursday, July 8. Grandparents are Dennis and Rose Wiehn of Elgin, Steve and Becky Welch of Omaha and Cheryl Welch of Blair.

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Edward R. Murrow

Legislative gymnastics getting elaborate to pass controversial bills

"When there's a will, there's a way." That was a phrase that surfaced regularly at the end of state legislative sessions. It referred to the hope that bills that appeared dead might be resurrected. Somehow, someway – like the zombie in a horror movie that would never die – some of those bills came back to life and were passed.

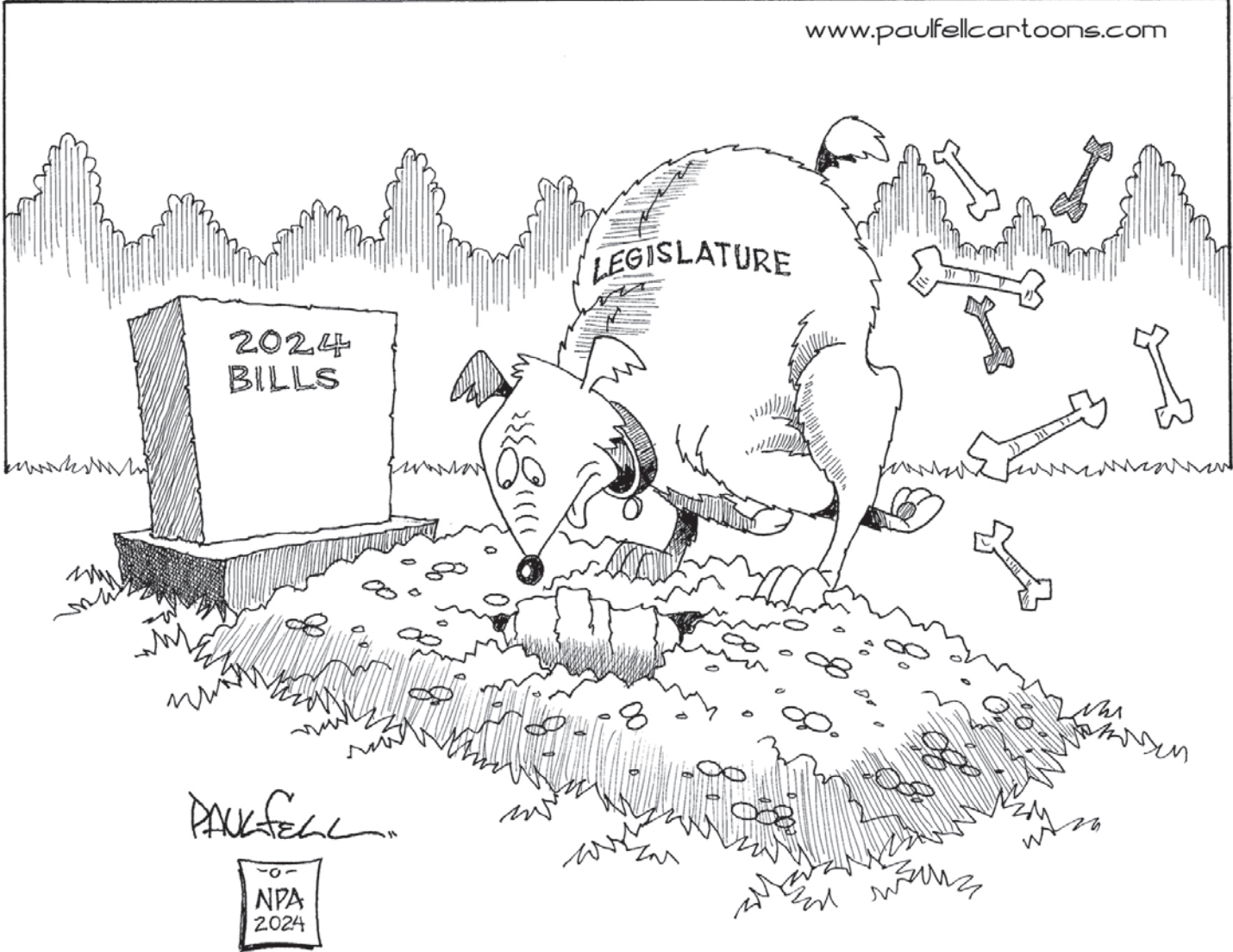
ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

Again, when there's a will, there's a way. That was the case at the end of the tumultuous 2023 session of the Nebraska Legislature, when filibusters were a daily routine, not an occasional tactic to block passage of a bill. In one corner was a "heartbeat" abortion ban, which would have blocked abortions once a fetal heartbeat could be detected, which is after about six weeks of gestation. That bill had been blocked by a filibuster and was declared "dead" for the session. In another corner was the "Let Them Grow" Act, an equally controversial proposal that would ban gender-affirming care for minors -- and the bill that prompted a session-long series of filibusters. At the time, it was unclear if that act, LB 574, had support of the necessary 33 senators (out of the "Gang of 49") to overcome a filibuster. Maybe not dead, but on life support. But suddenly, in the waning days of an exhausting, 90-day session, a solution emerged — merge the two, very controversial bills, slightly amended, into one. The goal was to entice enough senators to vote for the merged bill out of fear of allowing one of the two measures to fail. It worked. The amended LB 574, containing both abortion and gender-care issues, passed. Fast forward to now, when we need

to discuss another phrase used down at the Capitol – "single subject." According to the Nebraska Constitution, legislation, as well as ballot initiatives, must be limited to a "single subject." "No bill shall contain more than one subject, and the subject shall be clearly expressed in the title," the Constitution states. Right now, a ruling is pending from the Nebraska Supreme Court about whether the merged LB 574 violates the single subject rule. The purpose of the rule is to give senators (as well as voters in the case of ballot measures) a clear idea of what they're voting on – a "single subject" to weigh. It's also to avoid something called "logrolling," when two bills that lack enough support separately are merged to get them, as one, to pass. You might recall that the single subject rule was evoked back in 2020 by the Nebraska Supreme Court when they tossed off the ballot an initiative petition drive to legalize medical marijuana. That initiative had attracted well over the required number of signers, and had been legally reviewed and approved by the Secretary of State. The ruling was a legal gut punch to the families of kids suffering from uncontrollable seizures who had hoped to provide another option to quell the frequent and violent tremors in their children. (It appears that another subsequent attempt to get that issue on the ballot this year may fail again, leaving Nebraska as one of only a dozen states that has not legalized cannabis for medical use.) No matter how you feel about medical pot, shouldn't the voters, when enough sign a petition so they can vote on an issue, be allowed that vote? While there have been several court rulings about the single subject rule concerning ballot initiatives, there have been only a few when it comes to the rule as applied to legislation. That gives great leeway to the judges on the Nebraska Supreme Court (who, by the way, were appointed by governors who oppose the legalization of medical pot, and support strict abortion bans and restrictions on gender



care for minors). So, soon enough, we'll find out if state lawmakers stretched the single subject rule too far in marrying separate bills that concerned abortion and gender rights. Ok, we all see plenty of legislative gymnastics and deal making to get bills passed at the State Capitol. Usually, that happens when there's probably enough support to get something passed, and it just needs a couple tweaks to do it. But it seems like the gymnastics are getting more elaborate these days. This spring, we saw the Legislature

rescind a law allowing "Opportunity Scholarships" to attend private schools -- a move that removed from the ballot an initiative successfully pushed by supporters of public schools. That maneuver was labeled as "underhanded" and a "slap in the face" to those who signed the petition and wanted to vote on the controversial issue. While a second petition drive, to allow a vote on a new Opportunity Scholarship law passed this spring, may qualify (again) for the ballot in November, you can't help but think that people are losing faith in the fair-

ness of what goes on in Lincoln. At a time when trust in government is at an all-time low, avoiding the pairing of two, very controversial and separate bills might be a good way to restore some of that trust. ***** 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.

Internship opportunities for state's future leaders

Last summer, my team and I launched our internship program in Nebraska and Washington. Over the past year, we've welcomed 23 young professionals into our offices. The experience gives future leaders from across our state an opportunity to serve their fellow Nebraskans. They gain valuable professional skills. They also receive hands-on experience working in public policy, communications, and constituent services. I'm grateful to each intern we've had so far for their contributions to our team. Great constituent service is my number one priority in the Senate. It's what taxpayers deserve. That priority extends to each member of my team as well, including each of our interns. We serve you. We try to instill that mindset in every young Nebraskan that participates in our program. Part of that is making sure every Nebraskan who reaches out to our office with a question receives a response. During times of high volume, that wouldn't be possible without interns. They can sometimes be the first point of contact a Nebraskan may have with my office. Ensuring your concerns or questions are not only heard, but also answered is critical. We give interns real-world experience about working in public service. Interns in our offices are fully integrated into our team. They participate in all-staff meetings. They assist with research projects on navigating the federal bureaucracy or policy ideas. Interns in our state offices can also help organize Mobile Office Hours and other outreach events across Nebraska. In Washington, they're able to work with my communications team to staff press conferences and TV interviews. They may also meet visitors from across our state at the Nebraska Breakfast events that take place each Wednesday the House and Senate are in session. The goal of any generation should be to leave our nation in a stronger state than we inherited it. That's why I'm fighting so hard against Washington's overpending. It's why I believe we need to secure our borders and end the Biden administration's appeasement-first foreign policy. These are big problems. It's going to take all of us to solve them. Interns bring fresh perspectives, new ideas, and a passion for finding solutions to the challenges facing our nation. Our internship program works to translate that into tangible experience that will make our country stronger. We cultivate patriotism, solutions-oriented optimism, and the professional skills needed to go tackle public policy challenges facing our communities. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for our internship program, I encourage you to visit our website, www.ricketts.senate.gov/internships. We are currently accepting applicants for the Spring of 2025 and Summer of 2025 sessions. Spring 2025 applications are due October 1, 2024, and Summer 2025 applications are due February 17, 2025.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

Solving the hidden safety risks of EVs is no easy task

There's a lot of buzz around electric vehicles. Some climate activists claim they're an environmental cure-all, while others note their hidden environmental costs. Some believe the demand for EVs will create a lucrative new American industry, while others think it'll only enrich China. Whatever your opinion, any new technology comes with unexpected complications. And buried under all the EV headlines is one major problem: public safety. Our public infrastructure and emergency response systems simply weren't designed to handle this new technology. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is at the helm of mitigating safety problems created by EVs. And in 2020, the agency researched the risks of electric vehicle lithium-ion batteries. What they found was literally shocking. The high-voltage batteries in EVs can cause electric shock not just to drivers, but also to the officers who respond on the scene of crashes. And any contact with fire, however small, can cause the batteries to explode. The study highlighted the need for training and clear guidance for first and second responders. I questioned NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy in two committee hearings this year about the battery problems and other safety issues her organization has uncovered. Each time, she was receptive to my concerns and committed to public safety. That's why, this past week, I invited her back to Nebraska to visit a leading research center on electric vehicle safety: the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Midwest Roadside Safety Facility. Earlier this year, researchers at the facility conducted a crash test to see how our current safety infrastructure stands up to EVs. The results were alarming. Electric vehicle batteries can weigh thousands of pounds, which makes electric cars 30 percent heavier on average than gas-powered cars.

UNL's recent tests found that the extra weight increases crash damage significantly—up to 50 percent more, in fact. Cars used in the test simply smashed through the protective barriers that line America's highways and interstates. If our current safety infrastructure can't stop an electric car, that's a major problem—especially for the safety of other drivers. The safety risks identified by both the NTSB and UNL will only increase if more drivers opt for EVs. Some project that at least 50 percent of all cars sold in the U.S. by 2032 will be electric, a trend unnaturally heightened by the Biden administration's EV mandates. If we don't upgrade our infrastructure to meet that rising challenge, it's a simple fact that America's roads will be deadlier. At the Roadside Infrastructure Roundtable hosted by UNL on Monday, researchers discussed these public safety risks with Chair Homendy. We shared plans and ideas to improve both infrastructure and electric vehicles so that EVs are less dangerous to passengers on the road. After our discussion, we saw a crash test in action—the results of that test are forthcoming, but I have no doubt they will be of enormous value to policymakers and public safety officials. Too often, politicians and bureaucrats stay in the Washington bubble, crafting policy based on the calls of the loudest activists. Without hearing from both experts and Americans across the country, they can't deliver on the policies America actually needs. But thanks to UNL's groundbreaking research, and Chair Homendy's willingness to act on that research, I'm confident that we can keep the driving public safe, no matter how many EVs hit our roads in the coming years.

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Neligh man sentenced to probation for 2021 assault

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Matthew R. Thomas, 37, of Neligh appeared in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on July 3 to be sentenced for third-degree assault, a Class 3 misdemeanor committed nearly three years ago - in October 2021.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith told the judge that Thomas' former wife, who was not present at the hearing, had requested he receive some jail time so their children would see he got some punishment. Thomas' attorney, Michelle Schlecht of Norfolk asked for probation.

The Honorable Donna Taylor sentenced Thomas

to a 12-month term of probation. Terms include 30 days in the Antelope County Jail, beginning March 3, 2025, if not waived. Taylor ordered him to continue therapy, to take medication as prescribed and to follow a parenting plan included in his recent divorce decree. He was taxed \$50 costs and \$390 probation fees.

As part of the May 15 plea bargain, Smith had reduced a Class 3A felony child abuse charge to the misdemeanor assault charge and Thomas pleaded no contest. The deal also included a joint recommendation for probation.

Kris Sanderson, 57, of Nor-

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis M. Tharnish, 85

September 23, 1938 - July 5, 2024

A Knox County native, she and her husband Bob moved to Elgin in the late 1960s. She was a school teacher for many years.



Phyllis M. Tharnish, 85 of Elgin, passed away Friday,

July 5, 2024, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating. Burial will follow at St. Boniface Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

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

Phyllis Mary (Rudloff) Tharnish, was born on September 23, 1938, in Knox County, NE to James and Marie (Vecera) Rudloff. She attended Knox County country school until the 8th grade. She then attended Verdigre Public School where she graduated with the class of 1956. Following high school, Phyllis went to Wayne State College for two years and obtained her teaching certificate.

On September 2, 1961, Phyllis was united in marriage to Robert Tharnish at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Verdigre, NE. From this union Phyllis was blessed with four sons. The couple lived in various places before settling in Elgin in the late 1960's. She was a schoolteacher for seven

years for the country schools in Knox County. After teaching, she was a homemaker and did various jobs including cooking at Pope John/St. Boniface Schools.

She was a lifetime member of the Catholic church. Phyllis was a current parishioner at St. Boniface Catholic Church and a member of the altar society. She enjoyed embroidery, playing cards, and polka music. She was an amazing cook. Above all else, she loved spending time with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren making long lasting memories. Phyllis was also a breast cancer survivor.

Phyllis is survived by her husband: Robert Tharnish of Elgin, NE; four sons: Mark (Carole) Tharnish of Elgin, NE; Greg (Deb) Tharnish of Elgin, NE; Bryan (Dawn) Tharnish of Aberdeen, SD; Bruce Tharnish of Thornton, CO; sister: Janet Frank of Verdigre, NE; seven grandchildren: Brad (Melissa) Tharnish; Jeff Tharnish; Nathan Sund; Carly Tharnish; Kristin (Andrew) Childers; Jennifer (Lee) Bartak; Robbie (Beckyjo) Tharnish; six great-grandchildren: Veronica Tharnish; Lucas Sund; Harper, Addison, and Sutton Childers; Roman Tharnish; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Philip (Marvalene) Rudloff; Charles Rudloff; niece: Melinda Madson; and niece-in-law: Kay Rudloff.

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Preliminary hearings set in felony cases Court

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Kade G. Coble, 39, of Minnesota faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last Wednesday, July 3, on a Class 4 felony, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), alleged July 1.

Coble requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Antelope County public defender Pat Carney and set a preliminary hearing July 17.

A bond hearing was held, with bond reduced from \$20,000, 10% cash, to \$10,000, 10%. Coble was remanded to the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore, pending posting of bond.

Alec M. Ferry, 29, of Elgin appeared on a Class 3A felony, terroristic threat charge. If convicted, Ferry faces a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or three years of incarceration.

Carney had previously been appointed to represent Ferry. The attorney withdrew citing a conflict. Taylor appointed Joel Carlson of Norfolk and set preliminary hearing Aug. 7, with \$20,000, 10% bond continued.

A bond review hearing was held. Ferry requested a bond condition prohibiting any contact with his family be removed, stating he wanted to move home. He said he was residing nearby and that he said he had started therapy and had set up outpatient treatment.

His wife testified that she did not call law enforcement to get him “in trouble” but as a wake-up call regarding alcohol consumption. She asked for the bond condition to be removed. She said it was difficult for the children to see their dad and not have him be able to respond. She said he took the bond conditions “very seriously.”

Citing a different juvenile case, Taylor denied the request.

“The condition remains for now, at least through the holiday weekend,” she said.

Curwin Gertse, 22, of Orchard appeared on a Class 1 misdemeanor, third-degree sexual assault, alleged June 29 at a street dance in Clearwater.

Hearing rescheduled on vehicle theft case

Shane R. Farrier, 32, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, did not appear for preliminary hearing, as scheduled in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh last week on a theft allegation but his attorney, Antelope County public defender Pat Carney did.

Carney advised that his client had been sentenced out of Platte County district court and is now in the custody of the department of corrections. The Honorable Donna Taylor continued the hearing to July 17.

Julius Tauber, 22, current address not listed, appeared alongside attorney Sydney Story of Norfolk, for an entry of plea hearing on two counts of intimidation by phone call alleged in September 2022. Story asked for continuance.

“Something just came up that we need to address with the county attorney,” she said.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith said he had been advised by a deputy earlier Wednesday morning about alleged contact with the victim at a recent event that may affect the case. Taylor reminded Tauber the many continuances that had occurred in the case were at his request and will not count against the state’s responsibility for a speedy trial. Hearing was continued to July 17.

A status hearing for Marta Yanes-Cambara, of Neligh, in two cases is also continued to July 17. Sentencing for Michael Wright, 49, and Ron Dugal, 61, both of Neligh are continued to Aug. 7, as is further arraignment for Janene Trobee, 53, of Johnstown.

Taylor ruled the county attorney may file motions/affidavits for arrest warrants for defendants who failed to appear Wednesday - Esteban O. Chavez, who is accused of writing three bad checks in February; Michelle Macias, 50, of Wayne, accused of writing three bad checks last July and August; and Michael J. Husak, 40, of Neligh, accused of a Class 1 misdemeanor, third-degree assault, alleged June 9.

If convicted, Gertse faces up to \$1,000 fine and/or up to one year incarceration and would be subject to Nebraska Sexual Offender Registration Act requirements.

Gertse told Taylor he had retained Martin Klein of Neligh as counsel. Klein was not present but Gertse asked to proceed with arraignment. He pleaded not guilty. Taylor set a pretrial hearing Aug. 7, with \$10,000, 10% bond, posted July 1 continued.

Kipp V. Polston, 46, of Nel-

igh appeared for arraignment on seven City of Neligh junk/nuisance violations alleged on consecutive days, May 1 through May 7, at his 502 N Street residence.

The case is prosecuted by city attorney James McNally, who alleged “unlicensed vehicles and accumulation of junk and debris” on the property. Polston, who is self-represented, pleaded not guilty and told the judge he was in the process of moving to Iowa.

Taylor set the case for a bench trial July 17.

folk, appeared on a Class 4 felony, issuing a bad check. A plea bargain was announced. Sanderson pleaded guilty to an amended Class 2 misdemeanor bad check charge. Smith noted that restitution had been paid.

Taylor sentenced Sanderson to 13 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for 14 days previously served, and \$49.69 restitution to Mr. S’s. The extra day credit was applied to costs.

Sanderson was represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

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Spinning Tales

Holiday weekend spent here, there & everywhere

Middle of the week holidays, love them or hate them?

I fall somewhere in-between those two emotions. Wednesday holidays are the worst, but Thursdays aren’t much better. I realize it’s all subjective. If you are less than an hour away from a cabin on the river, then it really doesn’t matter. But, if you don’t have somewhere to go, it’s another story.

So what do you do? You make the best of the situation.

Since the 4th fell on Thursday this year, it was all about ribs and slots. Dean’s Market provided the ribs which took three hours to cook on another of Dean’s products - the Traeger grill. Three hours in the making, Lynell again outdid herself with the ribs. Then it was off to Columbus to share some of my hard-earned dollars with Harrah’s. The ‘House’ won as it seemingly always does, but we brought home more of our starting cash than I thought we would so it was a good day.

There never seems to be much traffic on the rural highways when we are out. I don’t know why, but I’m not complaining. Good air always

makes for a better drive. Root beer floats topped off the night, it was 11:30 p.m. before the loud fireworks subsided.

Friday was spent working til noon, then getting out the roadster for a trip to O’Neill to make a special delivery. Stopped at Taco & Tequila to connect with owner Rene. He’s really done a fine job remodeling that business. We talked for quite awhile and he shared with us the importance of using Don Julio tequila to make the best margaritas. My experience with that brand of fire juice began with Jose Quervo, then on to Patron and Cabo Wabo. None of those, he said, compares to Julio. I agree.

Holiday weekends in July must include water. Boats make water better, but that’s not to say finding a sandy beach and collecting some rays can’t be enjoyable. It all depends on the air temperature. Unfortunately, if you weren’t privy to a boat or a beach, this past weekend offered water of another variety. Elgin and surrounding area dodged some nasty storms Saturday and Sunday. Our friends to the south weren’t

as lucky. When you see those dark red, sometimes purple colors on those weather apps, it’s not good. Talking about the weather the day before the 4th, a businessman told me the reason Elgin seems to be spared the brunt of these storms is - wind towers. He firmly believes the turbulence created by those towers causes storms to be diverted. I’m somewhat skeptical, but if you watch storm after storm head towards Elgin, then either dissipate or split and go around us time and time again, it makes one wonder.

Anyway, here’s something to look forward to. The 4th falls on a Friday in 2025 and, in 2026, will be on a Saturday. If we get that far, that’s something to look forward to, comprehend?

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- The name of the Corporation is Mosel Acres, Inc.
- The Corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act.
- 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.
- 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.
- The name and street address of the incorporator is Randy G. Mosel, 85567 522nd Avenue, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.
- The Corporation commenced its existence on the 25th day of June, 2024 and its existence shall be perpetual.

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Community Calendar

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

Monday - Friday, July 8-19
Red Cross swimming lessons @ Elgin Swimming Pool.

Friday, July 12
Elgin Community Center evening meal fundraiser 5-7 p.m.*

Monday, July 15
Elgin EMTs meeting.

Friday, July 19
Deadline for submission of bids to purchase CVA in Petersburg.*

Wednesday, July 24
Retirement Open House for Chris Redding @ TC Vet Clinic in Elgin.*

Saturday, July 27
Pope John alumni softball tournament @ Petersburg.

Monday - Sunday, July 29-August 4
Antelope County Fair @ Neligh.

Tuesday - Sunday, July 30-August 4
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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings July 1, 2024

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, and Leigh Kluthe.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- June regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 102.15; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.40; APPEARA, su, 116.91; 118 Insurance, ins, 3450.25; A&M Contractors Inc, rpr, 12339.00; The Elgin Review, print, 57.28; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, se, 350.00; Eakes, su, 77.10; Amazon Business, su, 169.99; Black Hills Energy, se, 101.78; Prudential, retirement, 332.66; American Funds, retirement, 195.52; Google, se, 7.20; US Treasury, tax, 4792.98; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 597.87; Payroll, 3608.91

SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2291.81; Water Fund: 30000.00

STREET: ERPPD, se, 912.14; Verizonwireless, su, 79.06; Elgin One Stop, su, 85.05; Hometown Station, fuel, 514.43; Cordell's ATV Repair LLC, su, 60.67; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 42.66; Payroll, 1809.57

WATER: ERPPD, se, 943.29; Great Plains Communications, se, 54.90; Verizonwireless, su, 79.05; NE Health Lab, se, 33.00; Bright Horizons, rtn deposit, 200.00; Lisa Dredge, rtn deposit, 37.62; To Lisa Dredge Account, deposit on acct, 162.38; US Post Office, postage, 102.37; One Call Concepts, se, 2.78; Antelope County Clerk, se, 10.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 27.80; Payroll, 3619.11

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 894.74; Great Plains Communications, se, 51.81; Dakota Pump, rpr, 1209.55; USA BlueBook, rpr, 188.85; Midwest Labs, se, 488.57; One Call Concepts, se, 2.78-Sapp Bros., su,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 1, 2024 MEETING THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

1.00; High Tide Technologies, se, 460.00; US Post Office, postage, 70.67; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 177.29; Payroll, 1359.04

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 204.68; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.00; APPEARA, su, 116.91; Lordemann Insurance, ins, 14868.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 44.37; Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, rpr, 412.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 98.59

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6469.50; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00; US Post Office, postage, 70.66

POOL: ERPPD, se, 297.93; The Elgin Review, print, 260.00; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.43; Boyd's Electrical Service, se, 3396.93; Amazon Business, su, 281.91; Bomgaars, su, 137.85; Elgin One Stop, su, 22.08; BoundTree Medical, su, 151.78; Black Hills Energy, se, 613.79; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 8.89; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; Payroll, 6647.75

PARK: ERPPD, se, 325.39; Arbor View Farm, su, 62.00; Central Valley Ag, su, 553.44; Emily Silva, refund, 200.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 205.05; Payroll, 1824.24

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 58.40; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.01; Amazon Business, su, 125.60; Elgin One Stop, su, 29.80; Black Hills Energy, se, 74.42; Payroll, 1258.66

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 210.83

RESCUE: Quick Med Claims, su, 47.04; Central Community College, training, 1172.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 80.00

- Up to \$10,000.00 in economic development sales tax to help the committee develop an LB840 program for Elgin
- Elgin Community Club to utilize the Elgin City Park for their end of summer steak fry on Friday, August 16th
- Special designated liquor license for the Elgin Community Club's end of summer steak fry on Friday, August 16th at the City Park
- Pay half of the \$180.00 life-guard training expense this year if they lifeguard 60 hours this season with the other half paid out next year if they return
- Purchase a loader basket from Kittelson Home Repair for \$1,000.00
- Purchase Subsurface Maps through Subsurface Solutions to map City assets for \$360.00 per year
- Move the August 5, 2024 regular council meeting to the Elgin Public Library at 503 S 2nd Street
- Building Permits: Jill McNally, Lee & Kara Shavlik upon sale of property being final

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Tabled Resolution 2024-1, sale of City property
- Paying the fees associated with a portion of property at 504 Oak Street being deeded to the City of Elgin was tabled until amount and paperwork are received
- Quotes from Royelle Truck Outfitters for a new salt spreader
- Fill hole in street at intersection of Remington & 3rd Streets
- Red cross lessons are July 8-12 and July 15-19 and the pool will close to the public at 6pm on those days
- Send letters for tree trimming
- Repair to culverts near 501 Oak St
- Setback of trees from intersections
- First billing with new meters went well
- 2024-25 budget preparation is starting
- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2024 at the Elgin Public Library
- Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY 2, 2024 MEETING ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Held pay increases for extension office.

No bids submitted for sidewalk projects.

Authorized the availability of insurance Long Term Care.

Road Superintendent Report: Approved five (5) oversized permits.

Executive Session - personnel issues.

Accepted Road Superintendents resignation.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, July 15: Goulash (meat & noodles), Harvard beets, lettuce salad, tomato, apricots, bread/garlic stick, butter, milk.

Tuesday, July 16: Ham & potato soup, ham sandwich, cottage cheese, peaches/strawberry mix, raw carrots, bread/garlic stick, butter, milk.

Wednesday, July 17: Chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges, corn, pears, bread/bun, butter, milk.

Thursday, July 18: Liver & onions OR ham, sweet potatoes, cream peas, fruit cocktail, bread, butter, milk.

Friday, July 19: Pork tenderloin sandwich, sweet potato fries, carrots, tropical fruit, raw carrots, 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.

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

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The problem of too much grass

While it can bring other problems, abundant rain produces abundant grass. If this describes your grasslands, let's find a way to take best advantage of this blessing; haying, stockpiling, and grazing.

First, grazing. While having more grass than we can graze sounds like a blessing, when it comes time to graze this tall grass much of it often gets trampled rather than eaten.

Rotating fast when grass is growing fast is a common practice in these circumstances, but as we come back to graze those pastures a second time, there is a combination of new regrowth, tall stemmy grass, dead and brown trampled grass, and partly pushed over but still green old grass. How should that mess be handled?

Animals turned into these pastures with enough time and space will wander around grazing just the regrowth, then beller to be moved to fresh pasture. That may be fine if you have plenty of pasture, but there are other options.

One option to consider is increasing stock density. If you increase stock density so your animals have access to about one day's worth of grazing at a time, grazing and manure distribution will be more uniform, animals will eat more of the less desirable older forage so carrying capacity will increase, and grass that was trampled previously will be better incorporated into the soil for faster recycling and soil improvement. This requires some temporary cross fencing as well as planning regarding water access, but it can be well worth it.

Another option to try is stockpiling, or saving some extra pasture growth for grazing during the winter.

There are lots of advantages to winter grazing. For starters, less hay needs to be fed next winter. Thus, you won't need to make as much hay this summer. And stockpiling in summer and fall followed by winter grazing is one of the best methods to improve the health of your

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grasslands, especially native range.

If you have some run down, poor condition, low producing pastures, these often are the best candidates for winter grazing. Grasses that need invigorating will be strengthened if you avoid grazing them during the growing season. Later, your winter grazing will clean off much of the frozen growth during winter. Cattle may even eat some plants like yucca and ragweed during winter that they won't hardly touch during summer. Sure, you'll need some protein supplements, but cattle do a pretty good job of picking high quality plant parts to eat while winter grazing.

The last and maybe most obvious way to conserve extra growth is by cutting hay from parts of the pasture. While it does come with a cost, if you have the equipment, the time, and more pasture than you can use this spring, cutting hay for use later in summer or winter when pasture becomes scarce is a good option.

The best case is to cut as seedheads emerge for good hay quality and plant regrowth potential. We also want to fence out soon the area to be cut from the rest of the pasture, otherwise, cattle will ignore and waste the taller, stemmier grass as they just graze new regrowth after cutting hay. You might even apply a little nitrogen fertilizer to stimulate growth if soil moisture still is good.

Don't let extra pasture go to waste. Grazing strategically, stockpiling for winter grazing, or cutting the excess as hay can turn an abundance of early grass into a way stretch your forage supply later in the year.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

Central Valley Ag shows commitment to grain bin safety with new training trailer

(York, NE) – Central Valley Ag (CVA) is proud to announce the completion of its groundbreaking grain engulfment trailer, designed to provide local first responders with training for grain bin rescues.



Developed in partnership with EBM Construction, this \$75,000 training tool began development in March 2023. Through a year of collaboration, community donations, and dedicated effort, the trailer is now fully operational.

The project began with a generous donation of the base trailer from Klute Truck Equipment and Cornerstone Bank in Bradshaw, Neb. This trailer was then designed and fabricated by EBM construction to become a fully functional grain engulfment simulator. CVA and EBM Construction worked together to finalize the design and build what is now known as the CVA Grain Engulfment Training Trailer.

While local donations covered a significant portion of the cost, EBM Construction covered the remaining balance. Andrew Ellsworth, Vice President of EBM, recognizes the importance of this training tool for local communities, farmers, and rescue teams and says EBM sees the trailer's impact as invaluable.

"This trailer could save the life of an employee, a friend, or

a customer." Said Ellsworth. "While rescue videos offer valuable information on effective grain bin rescue, nothing can compete with practicing real-life scenarios. We are thankful to work with CVA on such an impactful project and look forward to the positive difference it will make in our communities."

This one-of-a-kind trailer offers local fire departments and emergency personnel a safe and realistic environment to practice their grain bin rescue skills. The unique design allows trainees to be safely submerged up to their waist or chest in simulated grain, enabling rescue teams to practice critical extrication techniques.

"The reality is these rescue teams will be responding to real grain entrapment situations on farms or businesses." Explains Joel Wochner, CVA Bradshaw Location Manager. "This trailer provides them with the opportunity to practice using their equipment in a controlled environment, ultimately improving response times and saving lives."

Central Valley Ag recognizes the vital role first responders play in rural communities, particularly for specialized rescues. The grain engulfment trailer is available free of charge to local fire departments for training purposes.



Central Valley Ag grain engulfment trailer, ready for use.

The Bradshaw, Hampton, and Henderson Fire Departments have already benefited from this innovative training resource, and CVA hopes many more departments will follow suit.

"CVA has been deeply involved in preventing and rescuing grain engulfment incidents with our rope rescue teams." Said Brent Reichmuth, SVP Operations at CVA. "We are excited to further these efforts

by using this trailer to enhance training for both CVA and our local communities."

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Central Valley Ag is a farmer-owned cooperative headquartered with locations in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. CVA is an innovative leader providing products and services in grain, agronomy, feed, and energy. You can find more information about Central Valley Ag by visiting www.cvacoop.com.

Rock Steady Boxing for people with Parkinson's comes to Albion

ALBION, Nebraska (July 10, 2024) -- Rock Steady Boxing, a unique exercise program, based on training used by boxing pros, and adapted to people with Parkinson's disease, will now be available at Boone County Health Center. The program involves regular exercises, such as stretching, balancing, circuit-based training and lots of non-contact boxing, led by experienced therapist/coaches. Rock Steady Boxing serves both men and women of all ages and levels of ability.

"We are fortunate to be able to bring this program to Albion," said Alicia Fritschle, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, who successfully completed the Rock Steady Boxing Certification Training, and is certified to offer Rock Steady Boxing training classes to individuals with Parkinson's disease.

The Rock Steady Boxing Method was developed in Indianapolis over the course of seven years. In 2012, the Training was launched to share the Rock Steady Boxing Method with other people who are fighting back against Parkinson's.

Today, there are over 770 Rock Steady Boxing affiliate programs around the world, initiated by certified Rock Steady Boxing "Coaches." All coaches completed the requirements of Rock Steady Boxing and have been officially certified.

"Since its inception, there has always been something special about the Rock Steady Boxing Method," said Rock Steady Boxing, Inc. President Ryan Cotton. "In 2006 when Rock Steady was founded, there was little scientific evidence for this method of exercise. Today, there is growing scientific evidence supporting the Rock Steady method. We can confidently say that participants in Rock Steady have few falls, better balance, and better quality of life. Regular and consistent exercise is now considered an essential component for the management of Parkinson's symptoms."

Classes are offered in Albion at Boone County Health Center once a week and last about an hour. For additional information about Rock Steady Boxing call Alicia at 402-395-3185.



Alicia Fritschle, COTA, helps patient glove up.

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Library News

The Summer Reading program at Elgin Public Library has wrapped up for another year. This year's theme was "Adventure Begins At the Library". Approximately 50 children attended story time each Monday and Wednesday to go on a "new adventure". Week one found us going to Grandma's house in a hot air balloon and then on to the Savannah. Week two adventures included the



Randy Score and Callan Schindler showing off their aprons made for Adventures in the Kitchen. Photo submitted

Petting Zoo and Adventures in Space. Billy the Sea Turtle led us on our journey into the Ocean while "Going On a Bear Hunt" took us on a trip into the "Wild". Decorating their own aprons was a highlight of our Kitchen adventure while we ended with Prehistoric Adventures visiting the world of dinosaurs. We would like to thank our library board, craft helpers and parents who provided snacks for helping make our summer program a huge success.

Our Thursday activity time for 2nd through 5th grade students was led by Anne Dexter – Antelope County Extension Summer Intern. The 4-H Reading Connections program engages youth in extended 4-H learning opportunities in partnership with the Collaborative Summer Library Program. With that they talked about the 4 H's: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health and began each activity with a physical activity to get their minds and bodies ready!

The first week they talked about Head and Mapping Their Community. The kids walked around the library to look at different ways to map their community around the library. They had to come up with symbols that would also go on their map key. Once they had a sense for that, they drew it down on paper making sure they had key symbols on their maps. They read the book Mapping Penny's World.

During the second week they used their heart by talking about healthy foods that are good for you. The afternoon started off with fruit and veggie yoga in the back yard of the library and moved onto the main activity, TIE-DYE! Not your regular tie-dye but with liquid that was boiled off from purple cabbage, red beets and the spice turmeric. On to the third week where they talked Hands: getting outside and exploring nature with their hands. The activity started off with a nature scavenger hunt with in the block around the library. They either worked in groups or by themselves to find everything on the list! They then used some of those things to make a garden stone out of salt-dough.

The final week was about Health and Battle of the Senses with a couple taste testing experiments. First, they played an exciting game of hot-potato then broke out the blindfolds! The kids had to use their sense of feeling, smelling, and tasting to guess what food they were eating. *Just Try One Bite* is a book about kids trying to get their parents to put down the junk food and just try one bite of health food. Every kid could relate to that!

By Co-librarians Dianne Gunderson and Barb Bode



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Third place finish

Elgin's Junior Pee Wee baseball team finished third in the league tournament held at Neligh. Making up the team were (back row, l-r): Coaches Marty Klein, Curtis Lemburg, Adam Spieker and Brett KIELTY. Middle row: Carter Lemburg, Hunter Zawacky, Bentley Kittleston, Harrison Lodge and Mikaiah Hoefer. Front row: Jackson Evans, Reid Kielty, Mark Schindler, James Moser, Diedrick Klein and Leo Spieker. Photo courtesy of Gina Moser

GOOD LUCK



Front, kneeling: Kinley Miller and Lillian Moser.
Standing, l-r: Aurora Burke, Emmy Tillema, Anna Dworak, Sydney Niewohner, Tenley Schindler, Cambree Kimes, Evelyn Johnson, Emma Horstmann, Chloe Kielty and Victoria Evans.

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CHLOE KIELTY
Chloe - Good Luck and have fun!
Love - Your Family

EVELYN JOHNSON
Good Luck at State Evelyn, We are so proud of you! Love - Dad, Mom and the boys

LILLIAN MOSER
Good Luck, Lillian! We are proud of you! Love - Dad, Mom, Elizabeth and James

EMMY TILLEMA
Emmy - Play hard and never give up!
Love - Mom, Dad, Rylee & Lexy

LB840

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that are currently ineligible to receive sales tax monies. “These funds could be used for building improvements, purchasing of land, many different business needs,” Heithoff told *The Elgin Review*. “We (the committee) would act only as an advisory board. We would pass our recommendation on to the city council. It would be up to them to approve any funds.”

A letter from the committee....

“A time for growth. A time for revitalization.” These are the

aspirations of many residents in and around Elgin. Elgin’s current motto states “Some bigger, some smaller, none better” and it has been a guiding principle for years. To uphold this tradition and improve Elgin, a committee of ten dedicated individuals has been formed. But how do we achieve this?

Here are the steps to put this “better Elgin” vision into motion:

Step One: Very soon, local residents will receive a survey seeking their opinions on how Elgin performs in various areas

and what improvements are needed. While surveys can be time-consuming, they provide the community with a voice on necessary improvements. The committee cannot make these decisions alone—everyone, at every stage of life, has different needs and perspectives. The more surveys returned, the clearer the overall picture will be. **Surveys are due by August 1st!**

Editor’s Note: Be looking for your survey in the mail within the next week or so. An online form will also be made available

for residents living outside of the city limits so they can have input. Watch *The Elgin Review* for more information on how to complete the survey.

Step Two: Based on survey results, the committee will develop a plan to best serve Elgin’s needs. The community will then be invited to a meeting where feedback and discussion on the proposed plan will be welcomed. With this plan, the committee aims to work with the City of Elgin to add LB840 to the November ballot. LB840, also known as the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, will allow Elgin to generate funds specifically designated for economic development projects within the community by proposing a half a percent increase to the current sales tax, which, according to

City Clerk Kristin Childers, could provide approximately \$50,000 annually based on the average of the last three years. These funds will be strictly allocated to projects addressing identified needs from the survey, such as building façade updates, startup assistance for new businesses, workforce housing initiatives, and expanding daycare options.

Step Three: Show up at the polls in November and vote YES to LB840!

Step Four: Encourage young people to move back and start businesses. Consider starting a business of your own. Apply for assistance to enhance your current business. Shop local to boost Elgin’s economy!

More information about Elgin’s

plan for economic development and LB840 will be shared once the survey responses are reviewed. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Todd Heithoff, Julie Schiltmeyer, or Kristin Childers at the city office.

The survey is an important step to help guide the future of Elgin. Please participate for the good of our community. If you have an older family member, help them complete a survey as everyone should have input.

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Pee Wees shine on the field

This year’s Elgin Pee Wee baseball team included (back row, l-r): Coach Steve Busteed, Coach Baylee Busteed, Braxton Eisenhower, Sawyer Veik, Brayden Clark, Harmon Borer, Garrett Busteed, James Lodge and Coach Steve Bottorf. Front row: Coach Adam Veik, Carter Selting, Cecil Shavlik, Liam Pelster, Jory Druke, Shamus McClain and Jacob Niewohner. Photo courtesy of Lacy Bottorf.

LB840 facts

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- Grants for public works improvements which are essential for the location or expansion of a qualifying business.
 - Grants or loans for job training.
 - The purchase of real estate, options for such purchases, and renewals or extensions.
 - Grants or loans to businesses to provide relocation incentives for new residents.
 - Payments for salaries and support of city staff or the contracting of an outside entity to implement the economic development program.
 - Grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease of housing for persons of low or moderate income.
 - Grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease of housing as part of a Workforce Housing Plan.
- SOURCE: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

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Front kneeling: Aubrey Starman and Brooke Borer. Standing, l-r: Brecken Childers, Harper Childers, Ellie Vanis, Hannah Hemenway, Kate Barlow, Harper Evans, Kinley Selting, Elise Hoefler and Molly Mlnarik.

Team photo by Jamie Thiele Photography

Ok you “Smart Puppies”.... it’s time to



Jill and Den

KINLEY SELTING
“Play hard and have fun! Go Elgin!”

MOLLY MLNARIK
Good luck! -- from Mom, Emma and Scarlett

HARPER EVANS
Good Luck at State Softball. Have fun & play hard. Love - Mom, Dad, Jackson & Kayson

AUBREY STARMAN
Good luck, we are proud of your hard work! Mom & Dad (Nicole & Andy)

HARPER CHILDERS
Good luck at state, Harper! We love you! Dad, Mom, Addison and Sutton



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