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She has served on the 4-H council, church boards and has sponsored numerous State FFA trips to Lincoln.

Most importantly, she takes charge when something needs to be done and is always willing to help where needed. She is one to put others before herself without expecting anything in return. Trina and her husband Randy reside in Wheeler County. Together they have six children, Morgan, Andrea, Brenden, Logan, MaKenna and their angel baby Corbin.





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- 14** Red-E-4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP • EVFD meeting • Public hearing at Bartlett to amend 2022/2023 Wheeler Central District #45 school budget.
- 15** Red Cross Bloodmobile 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. @ Elgin KC Hall*.
- 16** First day of classes at Pope John/ St. Boniface schools.
- 17** First day of school at Elgin Public School.
- 18** Wolfpack football season opener @ Wausa, 7 pm kickoff.
- 19** Medical Benefit for Brandon 'Buff' Henn @ Elgin KC Hall*.
- 21** Elgin EMTs meeting.
- 25-27** 41st Annual Nebraska State Antique Tractor & Plowing Bee @ Petersburg.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

August 8, 1963
Elgin won the District 2 American Legion Midget tournament at Plainview Wednesday night, July 31 and squeaked a win over Humphrey Tuesday night at O'Neill to go into the Regional finals there Thursday at 6 p.m. over the winner of the Ord-Stromsburg game tonight (Wednesday). Winner of the Thursday night game will compete for the State Midget championship at Aurora.
The Mignery ranch lost five head of two-year-old Angus heifers by lightning Monday night, July 29. They were pastured west and south of Bartlett. Burdette Landgren lost one Hereford heifer by lightning the same night.
Several residents of this community have reported the odd fact that their apple trees, choke cherry and lilac bushes are blooming for the second

time this summer. To make it more unusual, the fruit trees bore fruit earlier. It is questionable whether the fruit will mature this late in the season.
Fifty Years Ago
August 9, 1973
The Elgin Carpet and Furniture, a new local business firm, has opened in the former Faubels Store building. Under the ownership of Fred and Chuck Capler, the firm plans a grand opening sometime in the future. They plan to carry a fine line of household furniture and carpet samples.
Denise Krause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Krause, won second place honors and \$25 in the Omaha World-Herald 'I Wish' contest. Her answer to 'I Wish' was: "I wish it was as easy to get a horse from my dad as it is to get a kiss from him." She commented that she thinks

she'll save the money and not buy a horse.
Two local residents were involved in lawn mower accidents in one day last week (Thursday). Injured first was Ken Starman, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Starman. It is believed a piece of wire or nail propelled from his mower ricocheted from a stock tank, striking Ken in the side. The metal penetrated his right side and through his liver. He was brought to Dr. Dunn's office and underwent surgery about an hour after the accident at Antelope Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Florian Pelster was injured the same evening when her lawn mower threw a piece of wire which struck her above the right ankle. The piece of wire lodged in the muscle of her leg. it is believed the metal will work itself out of her leg.
Thirty Years Ago
August 18, 1993

Elgin's Community Dinner Theatre production, "Out of Order" by Ray Cooney, was very successful during its three-night run, Aug. 13-15, at the Elgin KC Hall. Total attendance was estimated at 375 people and total receipts before expenses were \$4,690, according to Donna Mackel, producer. She estimated that \$3,300 or more would be left for community projects. A committee is to be formed to decide how the money will be contributed. The pork outlet supper was served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the play at 8 p.m.
FCX Farmers Grocery Store - Grocery and Meat Department Close Out Auction August 29, 1993 at 1:00 P.M. Meat handling equipment, freezers/coolers/condensing units, antiques and collectibles, inventory, checkout and office equipment, shelving/display cases, miscellaneous and lawn

equipment.
Twenty Years Ago
August 6, 2003
Remodeling of the front of the Elgin Senior Citizens and Community Center was underway Tuesday, August 5. The large windows were removed, and will be replaced with much smaller windows. Firemen installed the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire bell on its new stand at the northeast corner of the Fire Hall recently. The bell once hung from a tower located just east of the Fire Hall, but the tower and old siren were removed last year, necessitating a new location for the bell.
Sharla Schindler, Becki Schindler and Madison Voborny, all of Elgin, have been busy most of the summer practicing and performing baton routines in neighboring celebrations. The twirlettes have traveled to Butte, Stuart,

Page, Orchard and O'Neill. Sharla, a first grader, is the daughter of Jim and Marla Schindler. Becky, an eighth grader, is the daughter of Chris and Laurie Waterbury, and Madison, a second grader, is the daughter of Stan and Wendy Voborny.
Eight new members were confirmed at Park Congregational UCC Church by Rev. Ray Avidano during services on Sunday, July 20. The new confirmands are Alex Kinney, Savanna Baker, Bethany Kallhoff, Carlie Redding, Cody Baker, James Eatherton, Andrew Spalding and Eric Shoemaker.
Thomas J. Dwyer of Elgin has reported for basic training with the U.S. Army in Fort Knox, KY. He is a 2003 graduate of Pope John Central Catholic High School, and the son of Mark and Julie Dwyer of rural Bartlett.

By Betty Kallhoff

BCHC recognized as top hospital in two categories

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) a leading healthcare institution dedicated to providing exceptional patient care, has been honored with two prestigious titles: Top Hospital for Physician Communication and Outstanding Patient Experience by Becker's Hospital Review and Healthgrades respectively.
Becker's compiled a list of the best hospitals for physician communication in each state using Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems data from Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The physician communication star rating combines data from three Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey questions and summarizes how well patients feel that their physicians explained things clearly, listened carefully to them, and treated them with courtesy and respect.
The Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award is given to hospitals that meet specific criteria related to patient satisfaction. Healthgrades evaluates patient experience based on surveys administered through the HCAHPS survey.
The HCAHPS survey collects feedback from patients about their experiences during hospital stays and covers various aspects of care, communication, and overall satisfaction with the facility.
For a hospital to receive the Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award, it must rank in the top percentage for patient experience compared to other hospitals in the nation. This means that the hospital must demonstrate exceptional performance in areas such as nurse and doctor communication, responsiveness of hospital staff, pain management, cleanliness, and other aspects of the patient experience.
Receiving this award indicates that BCHC has received positive feedback from a significant number of its patients, suggesting a commitment to providing high-quality care and a positive patient experience.

"We owe this achievement to our exceptional staff and healthcare professionals, whose dedication and passion for patient care are unparalleled," added Kristie Stricklin, Interim CEO. "It is their commitment to our patients that allows us to stand out as a top healthcare institution, and we remain steadfast in our mission to serve our community with the highest standards of care and compassion."

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Community - it takes work but it's worth it

They say it takes a village to raise kids. I couldn't agree more, although I'm not sure if I fully appreciated this statement until the last year or so. Sometimes we don't fully grasp the importance of community until we either lose it or we find it.
I spent about a decade at the same church in Houston. We attended a couple different Bible study classes and formed some great friendships. Looking back, though, I realize that some of those friendships were very superficial. I don't mean that we didn't genuinely care for each other or lift each other up in prayer, but when life hit hard, those weren't the people running to help.
Right before Covid, my husband and I started attending a different church. It took a long time to find the right Bible study class but once we did, it was such a game changer. These people were the kind of people that would come early to set up a party, help cook food, shower people with love during a hard time, etc.
As we continued to form deeper relationships, we became more involved in each other's lives. We celebrated birthdays and baptisms. We held baby showers and swim parties. These were people that would drop everything to come and help if needed. That's something so rare and special, something I hadn't experienced before.
A year ago, we bought our first house. It

took a long time to find the right fit, near good schools and a seemingly nice neighborhood. It wasn't long before we felt connected. The ladies invited me to Bunco, there were parties in the park for the kids to play, and we started making friends with neighbors. They quickly became close friends, and again, the type I could call up to pick up a child if we were running late, or the kind that dropped off coffee the morning our dog died. These were true friends.
So why am I so adamant about finding these types of people in your life? Until recently, I didn't have a sense of community. We have our parents and siblings, most of whom aren't close by, that would help. We also have close friends who also live somewhat far away. To truly find community, though, not only helps when you need it, but it gives you a sense of purpose and belonging. Just like I can rely on those within these communities, they can also rely on me. I would be willing to help whenever and however I can. I'll babysit, carpool, bring dinner after surgeries or births, whatever is needed.
Sometimes it's about saying "no" to the bigger house in favor of the one with a better community vibe. Or it can be seeking out a church with people in the same phase of life. Having that sense of community and building on it helps us feel as though we're not alone. I think it's good for the kids as well because they have a network of other people that can help.
It does take work. It's not just something that happens overnight, and it does take commitment. Just joining a class or living in a neighborhood isn't enough. It takes showing up and being involved to truly see all the benefits. It is work, but it is definitely worth it.
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Opinion

Read. Reflect. Respond.

Taxes too high? Let's let a committee study it

"Jack Sprat could eat no fat.
His wife could eat no lean."
The Governor put a committee on it.
This one comes from the Capitol Reporters Archives where it was referenced more than once as yet another important issue fell victim to discussion by a committee. Apologies also to King Charles I about whom this nursery rhyme was written in 1639.

Jack Sprat was believed to be someone who preferred greed over savings, lust over need. He was a person who thinks of enjoying life in debt, rather than thinking of curbing ones needs.

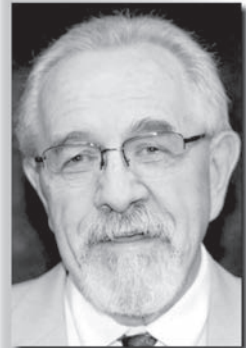
Historians write that King Charles I was left "lean" as the parliament denied him taxation. With his queen Henrietta Maria, he "licked the platter clean" by dissolving the parliament.

Governor Jim Pillen said he wants to reduce the burden of recent property valuations. He announced a new committee to examine valuations statewide because valuation increases have become an unbearable burden for homeowners, businesses and agriculture producers.

He promised to find a solution that will reduce that burden but did not specify how. Ah yes, the bane of tax discussions ever since the

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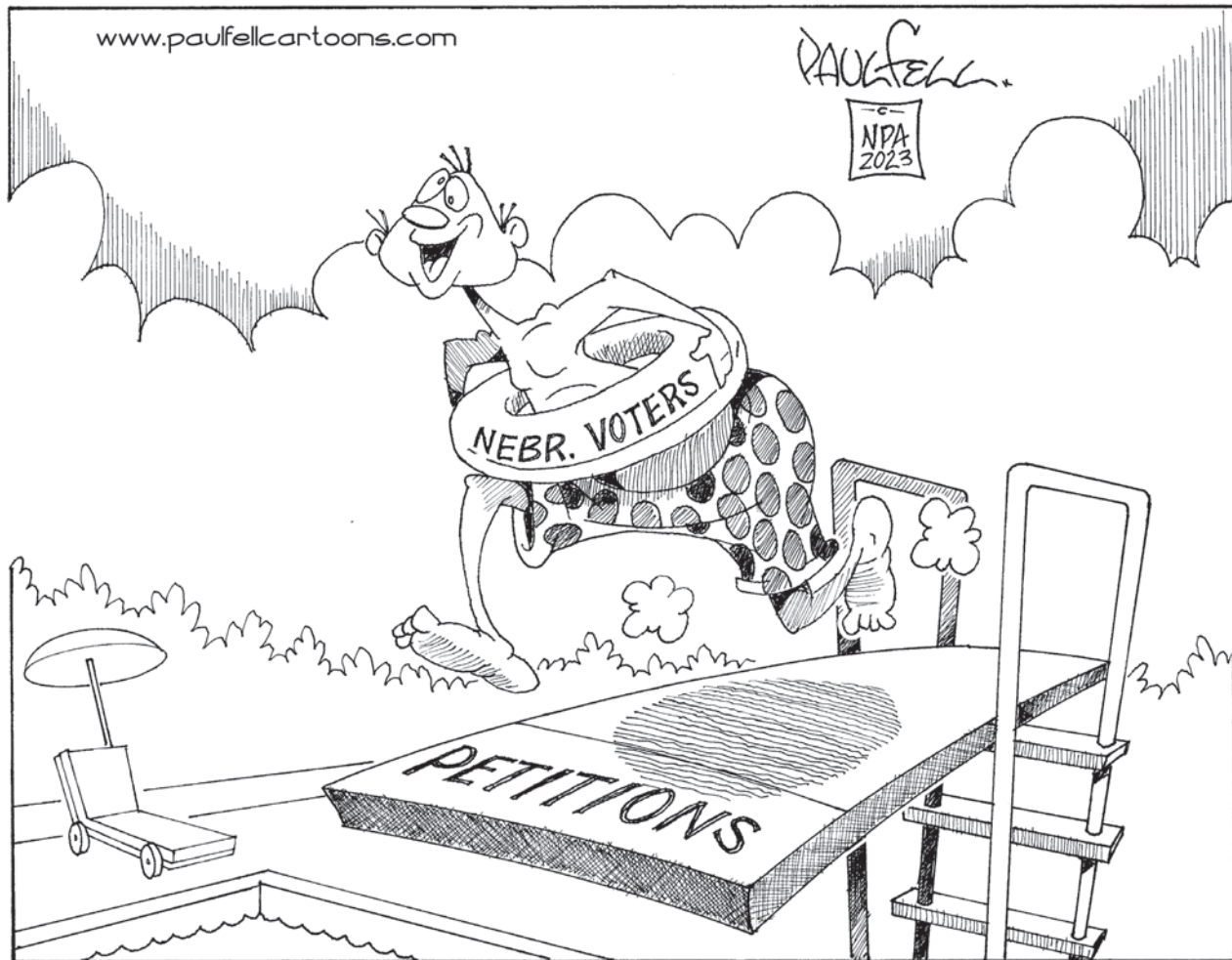
Statehouse Correspondent
J.L. Schmidt

first property tax was levied by the Territorial Legislature in 1857. The growing need for public services and changes in economic structure cause property taxes to steadily increase. This in turn prompts the necessity for relieving property taxes and providing new sources of revenue.

In November 1966, voters approved a constitutional amendment to abolish "state" property taxes. Also, the Legislature repealed the head and poll taxes, the tax on specific types of intangible property, the tax on household goods, and certain miscellaneous personal property taxes.

That left newly elected Governor Norbert Tiemann and the Legislature to find a way to finance state government. In a move that admittedly cost him a second term, Tiemann promoted adoption of a plan to replace lost revenues in the Revenue Act of 1967: the state sales and use tax; and the income tax. In addition to replacing lost state revenue, a portion of the sales and income tax monies were designated to finance state aid programs. While not doing something that drastic, Pillen said it's his job to make sure Nebraska is the best place to live, and "reckless valuation increases hinder that commitment."

Pillen will be joined in the group by members of his policy and research team, five state Senators, and representatives from the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, the Nebraska Cattlemen, the Nebraska Farm Bureau, the Nebraska Realtors Association, and the Ne-



braska State Chamber of Commerce.

Since the beginning of Nebraska's statehood, property tax has been a major source of state and local operating revenue. So-called tax studies, by committees or specially designated agencies, are about that old as well.

Since 1967, "local" units of government have exclusively levied property taxes. In 2019, Nebraska's local governments levied approximately \$4.179 billion in property taxes. In addition, for fiscal year 2019-2020, approximately \$1.841 billion in local tax relief (state aid) was appropriated for local governments, according to the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Over the years, the property tax structure in Nebraska has changed as the Legislature has addressed various economic concerns. Property tax remains primarily a tax on real property, but changes have been made in the classification of property, as well as the level of assessment at which property is taxed. Nebraska's Constitution requires uniformity and proportionality both as to the rate and the valuation.

Now a couple state senators have compared Pillen's plans to rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Sens. Steve Erdman of Bayard and Steve Halloran of Hastings said the state can't fix the property valuation process unless Nebraska eliminates the property tax system.

The deck chair reference was first uttered by then Gov. Kay Orr's last chief of staff in 1991 as he carried a box of belongings from the Capitol. I

asked him what he thought of the Governor's plan to reorganize her office. He likened it to the deck chairs on the Titanic. Pillen is more optimistic. He said transformative change could come next session by solving the valuation process. Right, and my late father used to caution about standing on one leg waiting for something to happen.

Erdman and Halloran have specifics under the EPIC tax proposal, which would replace Nebraska property, income, inheritance, corporate, and sales taxes with a consumption tax on all services and only new goods at a rate below 8 percent. It also proposes no taxes on groceries.

EPIC in all caps really sells it, don't you think? Back in the 90s we called it the Transaction Tax. A few years ago. It became the consumption tax. It's still a bad idea. Remember 1967. Know that fiscal analysts say the tax will need to be 21 percent or higher to make it work. About the committee, maybe, just maybe, some magic will happen, and the nagging property tax issue will be resolved ... and the Nebraska Cornhusker football team will win the national championship and you'll win the next Mega Bucks lottery.

As for the Sprats:

"And so between them both, you see, they licked the platter clean."

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

Interns recognized at appreciation day

Last February, I stopped by a coffee shop in central Nebraska. A cozy community hub, the shop was known for its great coffee and fantastic food and pastries. A variety of Nebraskans sat at tables or in circles of family and friends with coffee in hand.

This coffee shop was a regular stop for me when I visited that town. The owner loved his shop, but he told me about some of the challenges he was experiencing as prices rolled toward peak inflation. His electric bill had skyrocketed from only \$40 a month to over \$300 a month — a 650% increase.

Sadly, shortly after my visit, that coffee shop closed. Inflation got the best of it — just like many other businesses across our state and our country. The effects of our bloated economy are tragic for families, businesses, and consumers.

As millions struggle, President Biden is making claims he can't support. In a speech earlier this month in South Carolina, the president said of his economic agenda: "Our plan is working." He claimed that his plan, nicknamed "Bidenomics," is working "in rural America, the heartland, all across America."

As Nebraskans, we are the American heartland. From coffee shops to ranches to kitchen tables, we don't think Bidenomics is working.

I get letters every day from Nebraskans who are struggling under inflation, kick-started by this administration's almost two trillion-dollar stimulus package in 2021. I regularly hear stories of hardship from my fellow Nebraskans — whether they're farmers, teachers, or small business owners.

As one of our Nebraska farmers told me a few weeks ago, "Prices take the elevator up, but the stairs down." Inflation causes costs to rise quickly, and they stay up there for a long time. One big economically irresponsible move from the administration sets the stage for years of struggles. That's Bidenomics in Nebraska.

I came across an article earlier this year in which several rural businesses shared their struggles with a local newspaper. Business owners said that they felt "at a loss" for what to do as their livelihoods crumble under economic pressure.

A honey farmer shared that consistently rising prices squeeze his family into a difficult position when doing things as simple as putting their honey in jars. Sometimes they can only afford to get containers or lids for their honey — but not both.

"We're kind of forgotten about way out here," he said. That's Bidenomics in Nebraska. And, as the Biden administration chatters about its support for the middle class, thousands of people in that category are pulling out all the stops to pay their necessary expenses.

The Salvation Army of Lincoln reported a couple months ago that it's seen a 50% increase in service requests in just a year. People are going to charities to get help paying rent and utilities as the economy suffers. That's Bidenomics in Nebraska.

Nebraskans aren't listening to the administration's inflated claims about helping the middle class, but they are listening to mortgage increases and dwindling savings accounts. I think the President should step down from the podium, stop delivering empty promises, and actually get down to business fixing the disaster he's created.

As a member of the U.S. Senate, that's what I'll continue pushing as I write and vote on legislation. We need an economy that works, not one that's being damaged for the sake of a political agenda.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

College students uncover community strengths through Hometown Internships

Our Nebraska hometowns are a gift — maybe one we too often take for granted.

A good friend of mine once told me that gifts don't become gifts until they are given, received and appreciated. College students who participated in this summer's Hometown Internships, a Nebraska Community Foundation program, took that message to heart this summer. This year, their assignment — "Operation Discovery" — focused on helping them uncover the magic of their communities through experiential learning.

NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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NCF's Hometown Internship program started small in 2020, but has grown significantly with twenty-one students participating in paid internships through their local Nebraska Community Foundation affiliated fund this year. The concept is simple — students return to their hometown for the summer and work on projects determined by the community and student interest and talent — no intern experience is the same. Some help with heritage tourism, others organize youth service camps; the only limits are the student's passions and the community's dreams. Intertwined with those projects are opportunities for interns to learn from each other, share ideas and foster appreciation for their hometowns while contributing to community development efforts at the local and statewide level. In 2023, Hometown Interns were stationed in 15 different Nebraska communities, including Arthur, Deshler, Diller, Exeter, Friend, Garfield County, Hebron, Hickman, Howells, Leigh, McCook, Red Cloud, Rock County, Shickley and Wauneta.

Hometowns prosper when we recognize a com-

munity's assets and build on those strengths. When we direct our focus away from scarcity to abundance. From deficiency to opportunity. When we map our communities' assets, from beloved restaurants to beautiful parks to exemplary schools, we discover an alternate approach to community development. We discover a path that embraces our towns' quirks, charms, and niches. All the things that make it feel like home.

That's what interns did at the beginning of summer. They were asked to identify and share their findings from exploring their community and interviewing residents. They then used those findings to inform their plans for their town's future. They detailed the experience in love letters to their communities, which they shared with NCF volunteers, board and staff. Their reflections exemplified why we structure these internships the way we do. Interns build upon existing relationships in their community — using new perspectives gained during their time away from their hometowns to view their places in a new light.

Each intern's findings led them to realize our best assets are people — our fellow Nebraskans. Our friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, business owners, artists — that mix of humanity is what makes a community unique. This discovery, many interns said, brought them emotionally closer to their home. Over the course of summer, they developed new perspectives and appreciation of their community. They saw it as the gift it was. They shared that with their neighbors who may have forgotten that as well. One intern said she would never be able to look at a small town again without trying to discover its assets.

Interns' letters effused gratitude, not simply for the opportunity but for the support they received. These young Nebraskans said they felt welcomed, heard and valued by their communities. Many said they felt trusted to use their talents to improve their towns and empowered by the knowledge their supervisors had full faith in their capabilities. These community leaders encouraged interns to dive deep into their work and gave them the freedom to explore their talents

and strengths as they mapped their communities' assets.

NCF's Hometown Internships have an impact that goes beyond a single summer. Interns themselves say they are eager to watch the trajectory of the projects they began this year as volunteers continue their efforts. All of them said the experience changed who they are and how they feel about their hometown. They realized what we all need to remember every so often: our hometowns are gifts — we just need to receive them and appreciate them.

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House Republicans have made a Commitment to America to ensure we have a nation that's safe. An essential component of delivering on that commitment is reducing crime and promoting public safety through support for our law enforcement officers. Sadly, statistics from the National Fraternal Order of Police show through July, 226 officers have been shot in 2023. This is up 22 percent from the same period in 2021.

Law enforcement officers assume extreme risk each day, and we must do everything we can to ensure they have the necessary tools to jobs well and return home safely to their families. Because of this I am a cosponsor of sev-

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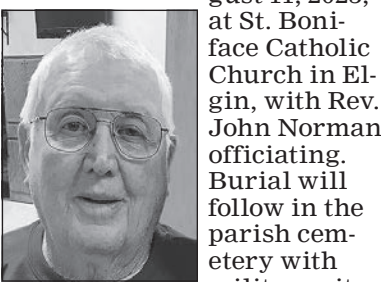
Obituary

Percy W. Payne, 91

A 1949 graduate of Elgin High School, he served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Percy W. Payne, 91, of Elgin, NE, passed away Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 11, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Rev. John Norman officiating.



Burial will follow in the parish cemetery with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #229 and VFW Post #5816 of Elgin, NE, and the Navy Funeral Home Guard. Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Percy William Payne, son of Raymond A and Thelma D. (Cratty) Payne, was born on December 18, 1931, at Elgin, NE. Percy attended Elgin Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1949. Following graduation, Percy joined the Navy and served during the Korean conflict from 1949-1953, when he was honorably discharged. He returned to Elgin where he worked for Bergstrom Oil for a number of years.

On April 20, 1954, Percy was united in marriage to Cecelia Rose Thiele at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, rural Clearwater.

After the passing of his father, they moved to the Payne family farm where he was born and raised. It was there that he began farming and the couple raised their five children: Susan, Pat, Peg, Connie, and Ray. Percy continued farming until retirement around 2000.

He was a member of St. Boniface Church, served on the CVA Board of Directors, and was a 70-year member of the American Legion. He loved golfing, playing cards, traveling and especially spending time at family events.

Percy is survived by four children: Sue (Jim) Mailhot of

Bellevue, NE; Pat Borer (friend Tim Anderson) of Neligh, NE; Connie (Alan) Laginess of Deerfield, MI; Ray (Peggy) Payne of Elgin, NE; son-in-law: Jeff “Hopper” (Joni) Merten of Albion, NE; 10 grandchildren: Erin (Brian) Whitesel, Ryan (Corrine) Borer, Curtis (Sara) Borer, Melanie Borer (Tim Stewart), Doug (Lori) Borer, Chris (Brooke) Borer, Shelby (Zach) Bastien, Andy Laginess, Kix Payne (Cari Chavez), Nickol Payne; 18 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cecelia in 1997; daughter Peg Merten in 2014; sister Donna Payne; friend Ursilla Stoltz; parents Ray and Thelma Payne; and in-laws Carl and Rose Thiele.



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eral measures in the House to honor and reinforce support for those who safeguard our communities.

One of those measures, H. Res. 69 condemns calls to “defund,” “disband,” “dismantle,” or “abolish” the police. The resolution expresses recognition and appreciation for the brave and dedicated men and women who put their lives on the line to ensure we have safe communities, serve others, and prevent crime. Calls to cut law enforcement funding or personnel are dangerous, unproductive, and misguided.

I am also a cosponsor of H.R. 734, the Protect and Serve Act, which would impose criminal penalties for assaulting and causing injury to an officer in circumstances affecting interstate commerce. Each day officers do the dangerous work of ensuring those who travel and do business across state lines do not do so in fear. This bill would increase legal protection for those officers.

Additionally, those who work to secure our southern border are deserving of our thanks, particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. For this reason, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 412, a bill to name a post office in McAllen, TX, in honor of a U.S. Border Patrol agent who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

In December 2022, Raul Gonzalez Jr., suffered fatal injuries when his ATV crashed at high speed while in pursuit of individuals illegally crossing our southern border.

Furthermore, when action is taken by law enforcement to protect the most vulnerable among us, they should be supported, not prohibited from doing their job. H.R. 1650, the Police Officers Protecting Children Act, would codify protections for officers who are authorized to carry concealed firearms, ensuring they are not subject to the federal prohibition on possessing and use of a firearm in a school zone. Robust support for the courageous heroes who put themselves in harm’s way to protect Americans and maintain the rule of law is critical to ensure a nation that’s safe. I will always fight for the men and women in uniform who give so much to our communities.

Three reasons to get the ‘will’ in place this month

According to Gallup, less than half of American adults have a will. August is “Make a Will Month” and the perfect reminder to either finally get a plan in place, or revisit estate plans to ensure they still represent one’s wishes. Here are three more compelling reasons to either write or revisit that will during the month of August.

Your family and/or heirs will thank you.

According to Caring.com, 34% of people aged 35–54 have never discussed estate planning with anyone. That means, in the event of an untimely passing, those folks are left to guess the wishes of their loved one, or worse, fight over them. Having a will in place is the best way to ensure one’s wishes are met and that loved ones are taken care of.

Your community will thank you.

Over the next 10 years in Nebraska, more than \$100 billion will transfer from one generation to the next. In Boone County alone, \$596 million is transferring in the next decade. There is always a transfer from generation to generation, as parents pass away and leave their estate to their children. But if the heirs no longer live where they grew up, that wealth may leave as well. Importantly, many Nebraska counties are approaching or are already in the midst of their peak transfer years. In other words, there is real urgency to act now. The opportunity will never be greater.

Charitable gift planning is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to ensure a portion of the multi-billion-dollar transfer of wealth remains in Albion. Nebraska Community Foundation suggests leaving 5% of one’s assets to local charitable causes like Boone County Health Center Foundation. If everyone left just 5%, it would equate to \$5 billion statewide in the next decade or \$30 million in Boone County alone. These charitable resources

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“How about, saved from the consequences of being yourself?” he replied.
The consequences: hell, eternal separation from God, poor results in life while here on earth.
Assure your salvation this week in church.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:5-15
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
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Rev. Kate West, pastor
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.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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Weekend Mass: Saturday, 7 pm.
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Pastor Duane Waddle
Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am.
Sunday School: 10 am.

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
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Adult Sunday School:
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Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.
Church Council: 2nd Sunday of each month following worship.

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Surrounded by cowboys, Brook Jamison won the breakaway competition with a time of 4.8 seconds.
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Friday night action at the Wheeler County Fair Rodeo



Cinch Kiger (above) was the lone contestant in bareback while Ryan Brushbreaker (left) competed in ranch broncs.

It will never happen, but what if it did?

One of my favorite online columnists regularly picks a topic to expound upon on how something will never happen, but what if it did?

The topics can apply to every day life, historic events as well as sports. One topic of historic note involves what might have happened had not President Kennedy been assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963? As you can imagine, this topic can go in different directions. Would Kennedy have pulled out of Vietnam? Would his personal life have been exposed? The list goes on and on. Taking my cue this week, with that in mind, what would happen if Nebraska decided to leave the Big 10 and return to the Big 12? Would Husker fans be happier returning to the Big 12 where we were once the 'big dog' to renew games against the likes of Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and now Colorado? I think fans would be happier because, in many instances, they could get off work Friday night and drive to many of the away games and be there before kickoff on Saturday.

Let's be honest, NU fans have more in common with their counterparts in the Big 12 than they will ever have with the likes of Illinois, Michigan and Ohio State.

Kool-Aid drinkers believe NU would ascend to the Big 12 football throne were they to return. People in their right minds know that it could happen but it would take time. Anyone who follows college football these days knows how the Big 12 hasn't died as some predicted with the coming exodus of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC. With a new TV contract, the Big 12 has brought CU back into the fold and has now added Arizona, Utah and Arizona State. The Big 10 added Washington and Oregon to make 18 schools in a conference which stretches from coast to coast.

All this has happened, but one thing which will NEVER happen is Nebraska leaving the Big Ten. The conference is the gold standard of athletic conferences, the only other one which may be on equal footing is the SEC. The ACC has Clemson, Florida State and a bunch of wannabes who are locked into a 'rights' deal til 2036.

It's kinda like ice cream. I had a boss who, at lunch, would always order vanilla ice cream. I asked him why he didn't try other flavors? His response was, "when you have the best, nothing else compares." NU will never leave the Big 10.

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Elgin Community Center meals next week are:

Monday, August 14: Pigs in a blanket, potato salad, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday, August 15: Chicken & rice casserole with broccoli, lettuce salad, pears, milk.

Wednesday, August 16: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, apricots, milk.

Thursday, August 17: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, creamed peas, cantaloupe, milk.

Friday, August 18: Cheeseburger, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, tomato/cucumber salad, 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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Monday, August 14th

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CROSS COUNTRY VARSITY

Sept. 1	Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC	4:30
Sept. 8	Boyd Co. Invite @ Butte GC	4:30
Sept. 11	Neligh-Oakdale Invite @ Ant. CC	4:30
Sept. 15	O'Neill @ O'Neill CC	3:30
Sept. 22	Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC	4:30
Sept. 28	Battle Creek Invite @ Evergreens GC	4:00
Oct. 6	NVC CC @ Summerland	TBD
Oct. 12	District CC @ TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	State CC @ Kearney	TBA

FOOTBALL VARSITY

Aug. 18	@ Wausa	7:00
Aug. 25	vs Humphrey St. Francis (PJ)	7:00
Sept. 8	vs Creighton (PJ)	7:00
Sept. 15	@ CWC (Bartlett)	7:00
Sept. 22	vs Boyd Co. (Homecoming) (EPS)	2:00

Sept. 29	vs. Ainsworth (EPS)	7:00
Oct. 6	@ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre)	2:30
Oct. 12	@ St. Mary's	7:00
Oct. 19-Nov 10	Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 21	State Championship @ Lincoln	TBA

JUNIOR HIGH/JUNIOR VARSITY

Aug. 28	@ Fullerton	4:30/6:00
Sept. 11	vs Summerland (EPS)	5:30/7:00
Sept. 18	vs Central Valley (EPS)	5:00/6:30
Sept. 25	vs Riverside (EPS)	5:00/6:30
Oct. 2	@ CWC (Chambers)	5:00/6:30
Oct. 9	@ Humphrey St. Francis	4:00/5:30

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 21	Jamboree @ Stanton	6:00
Aug. 24	vs. Lutheran High NE (EPS)	7:30
Aug. 29	vs. Burwell (PJ)	7:00
Aug. 31	Tri @ Stuart	5:00
Sept. 5	Double Tri @ Stuart	5:00
Sept. 7	@ Boyd County (Spencer)	6:30
Sept. 9	Trny @ Howells-Dodge (Howells)	9:00
Sept. 12	Tri @ Norfolk Catholic	5:00
Sept. 14	vs. Creighton (EPS)	7:30
Sept. 21	Tri @ EPPJ (PJ)	5:30

Sept. 23	Tri @ West Holt	3:00
Sept. 28	Tri @ Battle Creek	5:30
Oct. 3	Tri @ EPPJ (EPS)	5:00
Oct. 5	Tri @ Wausa	5:00
Oct. 6	@ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre)	8:00
Oct. 10	Tri @ Riverside	5:00
Oct. 16-20	NVC Trny @ TBA	TBA
Oct. 23-28	Subs & Districts @ TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	State @ Lincoln	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Aug. 24	vs. Lutheran High NE (EPS)	5:00
Aug. 28	@ Fullerton	5:30
Aug. 29	vs. Burwell (PJ)	5:00
Sept. 7	@ Boyd County (Spencer)	4:30
Sept. 11	vs. Summerland (PJ)	6:00
Sept. 14	vs. Creighton (EPS)	5:00
Sept. 16	Tourney @ Riverside	9:00
Sept. 18	@ Boone Central (C team only)	6:00
Sept. 18	vs. Central Valley (JV) (PJ)	6:00
Sept. 23	Tri @ West Holt (JV only)	3:00
Sept. 25	@ O'Neill	6:00
Sept. 28	Tri @ Battle Creek (JV only)	5:30
Sept. 30	Tmy @ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre)	9:00

Oct. 2	@ CWC (location TBA) (JV only)	5:30
Oct. 6	@ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre)	5:30
Oct. 7	Tourney @ Riverside	9:00
Oct. 9	@ Battle Creek (C team only)	5:00
Oct. 9	@ Battle Creek (JV only)	6:00
Oct. 14	Trny @ Neligh (C team only)	9:00

GOOD LUCK TEAMS

OTHER UPCOMING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Aug 11	EPS Teacher Work Day • Elgin Community Club End-of-Summer Steak Fry
Aug 14	EPS Teacher In-Service • Fall Sports Team Photos • PJCC/SB Family Night (drop off students items/parent meeting/meal)
Aug 15	EPS Teacher In-Service • EPS All School Open House
Aug 16	PJCC/SB first day of school, 1 pm dismissal • EPS Teacher In-Service

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 11	vs. Summerland (PJ)	4:00
Sept. 13	vs. Neligh-Oakdale (PJ)	3:00
Sept. 18	vs. Central Valley (PJ)	4:30
Oct. 2	@ CWC (location TBA)	3:30
Oct. 4	@ Riverside	2:00
Oct. 7	Tourney @ Riverside (location TBA)	9:00

Aug 17	EPS first day of school, 1 pm dismissal
Aug 22	PJCC StuCo meeting • NVC Admin meeting
Aug 29	PJCC StuCo meeting • EPS school picture day
Sept 4	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept 6	FFA District Range Judging @ Sargent
Sept 5	PJCC StuCo meeting
Sept 8	SB only, 1 pm dismissal
Sept 10	Treasures in the Park

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Notice of Incorporation — Oakdale Community Betterment Club

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation of Oakdale Community Betterment Club, Inc a Nebraska corporation (the Corporation), were filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on 06/20/2023. The registered office of the corporation is 904 Wilson St Oakdale, Nebraska 68761 and the registered agent at such address is Jasmine Kysar. The purposes for which

the Corporation is organized is to engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Business Corporation Act. The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is Zero (0) of common stock. The name and street address of the incorporators are as follows: Wanda Cornett, Member, 306 Jenks St Oakdale, NE 68761. Charlotte Tracy, Member,409 Walther Oakdale, NE 68761. Jasmine Kysar, Treasurer, 904 Wilson St Oakdale, NE 68761. Gene Kinnan, Chairman, 101 Taylor St Oakdale, NE 68761. Sharon Kinnan, Secretary, 101 Taylor St Oakdale, NE 68761.

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Notice of Organization — SEHI ACRES, L.L.C.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the limited liability company: SEHI ACRES, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 400 Oak Street, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W. 4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and

all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on August 2, 2023, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by

the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

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Proceedings — Antelope County Commissioners

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
August 1st, 2023

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the July 11th, 2023, BOC Meeting and July 19th BOE Meeting.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Authorized Chairman to sign two (2) certificates of substantial completion; one (1) change order, and one (1) contractors' ap-

plication of pay.

No Zoning Administrators Report.

Road Super Report. Approved OS Permit. Discussed One- and Six- Year Road Plan/Program.

Discussed water leaking on courthouse foundation.

Approved Cintas Medical Supplies.

Approved two (2) promotional fund grants.

Heard/Read Treasurer's Return of Sheriff report of distress warrants report. Approved permission to strike balance. Ap-

proved transferring balance of ARPA Funds to General Revenue and terminate ARPA account.

Held public hearing regarding 858th Road. Motion was made for road to remain open.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk

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Notice — Estate of Rodney D. Roland

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Rodney D. Roland, Deceased.
Case No. PR. 22-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for Authority to

Sell Real Property of the Decedent has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, located at the Antelope County Courthouse, Neligh, Nebraska, on August 16, 2023, at or after 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Amy M. Eisenhauer

Attorney for Petitioner
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Notice for Name Change — Antelope County

LEGAL NOTICE FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Case Number CI23-31
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF JOVIE MARIE VAISVILAS
By Lauren Borer, Petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of August, 2023, a petition was filed in the District Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's or children's name(s) from Jovie Marie Vaisvilas to Jovie Marie Borer.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable James G. Kube, in courtroom no. 1, 501 M Street, Neligh, Nebraska, on the 30th day of August, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the

minor child(ren)'s name(s) will be changed from that of Jovie Marie Vaisvilas to Jovie Marie Borer.

/s/ Marvin V. Klein
August 2, 2023

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Wages — City of Elgin

NOTICE

In accordance with Section 19-1102 of the Nebraska State Statutes, the following employee job titles and their current salaries, as of August 1, 2023, corresponding to such titles, are hereby published as follows:

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Assistant Maintenance.....	\$19.62/hr
Co-Librarian.....	\$650.00/month
Swimming Pool Manager.....	Starting at \$17.75/hr
Asst. Pool Manager.....	\$16.75/hr
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Seasonal Employees.....	Starting @ 11.00/hr
City of Elgin	/s/ Kristin L. Childers City Clerk

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Nurses Neidhardt, Iverson now wound care certified at BCHC

Boone County Health Center (BCHC), a healthcare leader committed to providing exceptional patient care, is pleased to announce that two nurses have successfully attained wound care certification.

Nurses Michelle Neidhardt and Brooke Iverson, both highly experienced and valued members of the nursing staff, have demonstrated their dedication to advancing their knowledge and skills in wound care management. By obtaining this specialized certification, they have enhanced their ability to provide evidence-based wound care treatments, ensuring the best possible outcomes for patients.

Wound care is a critical aspect of patient recovery and plays a vital role in preventing infections and complications. A wound is any hole in the skin. It can be caused by a bug bite, cut, burn, trauma, surgical incision or pressure wound such as bed sores. With their newly acquired exper-

tise, Neidhardt and Iverson will continue to contribute significantly to the overall quality of care. Neidhardt has been a nurse for 13 years and involved with the wound care clinic since its inception in 2017. Iverson has been a nurse at BCHC for 6 years.

“We are proud of Neidhardt and Iverson for their dedication to professional develop-

ment and their commitment to our patients' well-being. Their efforts in obtaining wound care certification are a testament to their passion for delivering top-notch healthcare,” said Dr. Sean Kohl, Wound Care Clinic Lead Physician.

BCHC Wound Care Clinic is offered every Friday. Patients can call 402-395-5013 for an appointment.



Michelle Neidhardt, LPN and Brooke Iverson, RN

Dark skies, dangling questions greet hundreds at annual Nebraska Star Party

By Carson Vaughan
Flatwater Free Press

MERRITT RESERVOIR – Last September, the International Dark-Sky Association confirmed what veterans of the Nebraska Star Party have known for 30 years: On a clear night, the Sandhills boast some of the darkest skies on Earth.

Thanks to a joint effort between two Nebraska state agencies, the 729-acre Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area – spilling like a broken vessel across the heart of Cherry County – is now the first certified International Dark Sky Park in the state.

“The Milky Way is so bright here it casts shadows on the ground!” said Brenda Culbertson, a solar system ambassador with NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, at last month’s 30th annual Nebraska Star Party. Her husband Mike, a farmer and mechanical engineer, tinkered with his telescope beside her. “Here the stars are in your face, not up in the sky. It feels like you’re on a different planet.”

The IDA called Merritt’s certification “a major first step in conserving Nebraska’s night-scape” and “an opportunity to highlight it as an astrotourism destination.” And judging by this year’s Nebraska Star Party turnout – the third highest on record, with 382 registered stargazers – the results may already be speaking for themselves.

Despite thunderstorms, soaring temperatures and haze from Canadian wildfires, vehicles from Nebraska to New York and Michigan to Massachusetts skirted the park’s weather-cracked roads all week, waiting for that one clear night beneath the stars.

“This is amazing!” said Dave Knisely, Nebraska Star Party board member and field school coordinator. “I’m looking at a galaxy – a huge galaxy – from one end to the other, right now, with just the naked eye.”

Beneath the excitement of ring nebulae and globular clusters, however, whispers circulated throughout the event that mere bureaucracy prevented Merritt Reservoir and the surrounding wildlife management area, both managed by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, from achieving the highest classification: not that of a “Dark Sky Park,” but a full-fledged “Dark Sky Sanctuary.”

Though reluctant to comment on what she called “local politics,” former IDA director of conservation Ashley Wilson agreed.

“From my point of view, IDA would have easily accepted that site as a sanctuary,” she said. “But it appeared that the people in charge of the wildlife management area were just done. They just wanted to observe from the outside, and not really be part of the application process.”

Had the 8,900-acre wildlife management area chosen to participate, the larger Merritt area would have joined fewer than 20 other certified dark-sky sanctuaries in the world.

Sandhills natives have long cherished the clarity of their night skies. But the success of the Nebraska Star Party over three decades has confirmed just how rare that celestial theater has become in the 21st century, as artificial light pollution continues to draw the curtain.

Today, the Milky Way itself – inspiring humankind since the birth of our species – is no longer visible to roughly one-third of the planet, research shows, including 80% of Americans.

In fact, between 2011-2022, Earth’s average night sky has grown brighter by 9.6% each year.

“Nobody has worse skies than I do,” said Dan Higgins, president and founder of Astro-World TV, a YouTube channel devoted to astrophotography. He traveled to this year’s Nebraska Star Party from his home on Long Island. “If you take a look at the light pollution map for New York, it’s pure white. There’s no comparison here. These are the darkest skies I’ve ever seen.”

According to Nebraska Star Party officials, the skies over

Merritt are a “true” Class 1 on the Bortle scale, a ranking system adopted by amateur astronomers to assess a given location’s stargazing potential. Other Bortle Class 1 sites include Big Bend National Park in Texas, Denali National Park in Alaska, and more.

Nebraska Star Party founder Tom Miller couldn’t quantify it when he first invited friends and family to Merritt in the summer of 1993, still “testing the waters” for a star party, he said. But he could sense the potential right away.

“It was cloudy when we first got here. We pulled up to the Snake River campground and got out, and it was so dark you couldn’t see your hands in front of your face.” When the clouds finally lifted, he knew already, the stars would explode.

Slipping a cold Leinenkugel’s, Miller narrated the Big Bang of the Nebraska Star Party from a lawn chair on “Dob Row,” a small cul-de-sac in the observation field where attendees have long gathered with their canon-sized “Dobsonian” reflecting telescopes, optimized for “deep-sky” observation.

“It’s his fault! Everything here is his fault!” yelled his friend Dragan Nikin, popping out from a trailer he purchased to haul his 600-pound, 11-foot telescope. “That’s why I’m broke.”

“They blame me for their aperture fever,” Miller said.

Born and raised in Lincoln, Miller started working for his family’s seed business fresh out of high school in 1975, overseeing a plant in Hereford, Texas. He married and started a family, all while his grind at Miller Seed Company shifted into higher gear. On the verge of burnout in the early ‘80s, he built a small observatory in his backyard and cruised the cosmos. It was something to utilize the only free hours he could find; something to shift his perspective.

“You just realize how small you are. You get out here, and you see the Milky Way, how it runs from horizon to horizon. We’re part of just one galaxy, and there are billions of galaxies in this universe,” he said, shaking his head in disbelief. “Wow, you know?”

Soon he joined the astronomy club in nearby Amarillo. He went to the Texas Star Party near Fort Davis. It was pitch black, he said, until the clouds lifted and the stars exploded. He went the next year, too. And again after that – six years straight. When he moved back to Lincoln in 1991, he joined the Prairie Astronomy Club and convinced four other members to go back to Fort Davis with him.

When they left the desert, they started brainstorming what a star party might look like back home. Miller kept researching. The club kept debating. And in the summer of 1993, by invite only, they soft launched their very own Nebraska Star Party at Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area, where the light-pollution maps fade to black; where the lake provides daytime recreation for the families in tow; where the campgrounds provide cheap, if simple accommodations; and where – on a year so wet as this – the hills virtually hum with wildflowers.

“I tell people Nebraska takes and it gives,” said Ken Plecki, who towed his 28-foot travel trailer from Willow Springs, Illinois, to this year’s event. “I had a scope. I didn’t even look through it. I just sat here and looked at the sky because the center of the Milky Way was casting a shadow,” he said, quieter now, as if it were happening all over again. “At that moment, I kind of felt like I wasn’t looking at the galaxy anymore. I was a part of it.”

The Nebraska Star Party had long been discussing the potential for dark-sky certification at Merritt. But “the spark plug that finally kicked things into high gear,” said public outreach coordinator John Johnson, was the Nebraska Tourism Commission’s new adventure travel specialist.

Originally from Georgia, Jenna Bartja had just spent the past five years working at Grand Canyon National Park,

then pursuing its own accreditation from the International Dark-Sky Association (now DarkSky International), a recognized authority on light pollution.

When Bartja arrived in Nebraska in the fall of 2018, she said, “I already had this sense of dark skies as a natural resource worth protecting, and the potential for it to attract more tourism.”

She honed in first on the sparsely populated Sandhills, and then, with the enthusiastic support of the Nebraska Star Party – the Merritt area in particular: The 729-acre state recreation area, and the roughly 8,900 acres of wildlife management area surrounding it.

Bartja approached the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission a year later, delivering her compiled dark-sky readings, which far exceeded the criteria for an International Dark Sky Park. She also delivered a full inventory of the lights that would need replaced or retrofitted to meet IDA requirements.

“We weren’t really familiar with the program, so it took some time to understand the commitment there,” said Bob Hanover, Game & Parks’ assistant parks division administrator. But the commission soon agreed to begin the process, impressed by what he called “layers of value” in preserving Merritt’s night skies.

“Astro-tourism is something that we know a lot of people are interested in,” he said. “But the other side is that we know preserving dark skies has a value to the environment, to wildlife, even to recreational activities.”

After Bartja submitted the official International Dark Sky Park application in spring 2021, however, the campaign began to wobble.

Citing exceptional night sky quality and a historic dearth of public programming at Merritt, the IDA suggested they apply for sanctuary status, instead, denoting a more remote, hands-off experience and even darker skies. Shortly after doing so, however, the IDA’s new program manager exposed a fundamental misunderstanding between the submitting parties.

Unlike Bartja, the commission had never considered the surrounding wildlife management area part of the application.

Barring its inclusion, the IDA recommended they revert back to their original application for a park. The commission agreed, though why exactly it chose to omit the larger area remains unclear.

“It wouldn’t have impacted anything,” Bartja said, adding that the Merritt Reservoir Wildlife Management Area currently has no lights. “But I kind of understood there was something else going on here that they’re not sharing with me.”

Deputy director Jim Swenson dismissed the notion, claiming it was more a matter of crowd control. Given the uncertainties of a new dark-sky designation, he said, the commission hoped to confine any new influx of visitors to an area more easily serviced, and to safeguard the larger habitat area “for hunters, anglers, bird watchers, so on and so forth.”

He clarified, however, that stargazing and other activities like camping, though “not necessarily promoted” in wildlife management areas, aren’t technically prohibited, either.

The IDA ultimately cleared the recreation area at Merritt Reservoir an International Dark Sky Park last September, the first in Nebraska, and the 200th IDA site worldwide. Though happy to celebrate the win, Bartja and Johnson said they haven’t yet abandoned hope for one day achieving sanctuary status.

“The true cherry on top would have been the opportunity to say not only is it the first in Nebraska, but it’s of the highest tier that this organization offers – one of only 15 in the world,” Bartja said.

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Planning now can make for a "smooth" silage harvest

Before you start cutting silage, planning for your harvest now can make for a much more smooth and successful experience. We've after we pick a good storage site, we can plan for packing, quality assessment, and covering.

Energy from corn silage when grain is produced comes in a large part from the grain itself, specifically starch set down in the kernel. While drought stressed corn without ears can produce silage with energy levels 80-90% of normal, that energy is primarily still in sugar in the stalk. When grain is present, the outer seed covering contains the kernel and protects the starch inside, even from digestion by our livestock. To counteract this, many modern choppers are fitted with a kernel processor; two opposing, ridged cylinders that roll and physical crush or damage the grain and stalks, improving digestibility. Setting these rollers at the right distance apart is critical. Similarly, machines that are able to adjust chop length can influence the ability to pack a pile as well as digestibility of the final product.

While a lab tests can tell us about problems after the fact, keeping an eye on the pile as loads come in can catch issues early and allow for adjustments. Give someone the job to watch and sample silage as it comes in. Chop length can be easily monitored and adjusted if needed. We can also assess moisture of the product coming in and packing efficiency.

65-70% moisture is the optimum moisture level to shoot for quality silage. Drought impacted crops can often be deceptive, looking dryer than they actually are, so running a sample before chopping can be helpful to determine true moisture levels. When packing, keep the 800 rule in mind. Multiply the number of tons dumped per hour by 800 to determine the weight needed to properly pack a pile. Try to keep each level at 6-4 inches of new material to properly get it packed.

To check kernel processing, grab a 32 oz. cup and at least once an hour, grab a sample from the pile. Spread the

sample out on a flat surface and go through looking for kernels.

A card table out of the way

but near the pile is a great option here. Count all the kernels that are uncrushed.

The goal is to have 2 or fewer kernels in your count.

Anything over that and we need to notify the chopper to adjust the processing rollers.

For those who don't have access to a kernel processor, keeping chop length short can help accomplish similar results. Typically ¾ inch cut length is the sweet spot for choppers running a processor in

terms of fiber particle size for the ration. Shortening that down to 3/8 inch for machines without a processor will do more kernel damage and maintain similar fiber particles. For those who don't have to worry about particle size, mostly our beef producers, dropping down to ½ inch will damage even more kernels and provide benefits for getting a good pack.

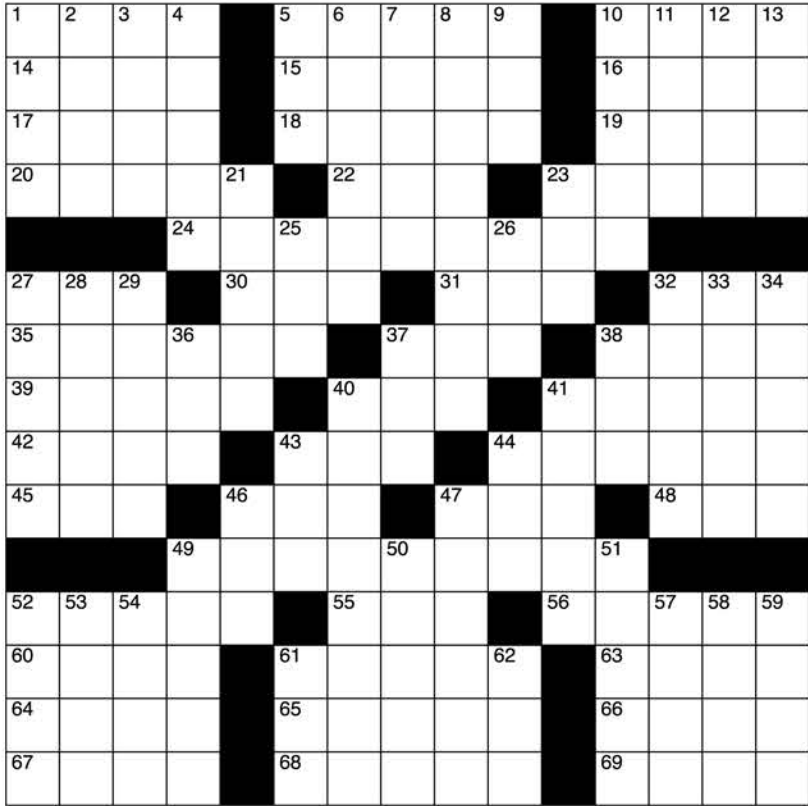
Finally, get a plan together now for covering the pile. If you go through all the work to harvest at the right moisture, pack correctly, and put up a quality silage but don't cover, it's just like running a marathon and quitting in the last 500 yards. Even just a single layer of plastic can reduce dry matter losses by 40%, improve stability, and preserve quality. Yes it's labor intensive and a pain at feed out, but it's worth it.

Planning for silage harvest is critical for success, but just developing the plan doesn't help if it isn't followed through. Figure out now who will be responsible for checking things like kernel processing, packing, and moisture. How often will these be checked? If something is off, how will information get back to the chopper? A plan without follow-through helps no one.

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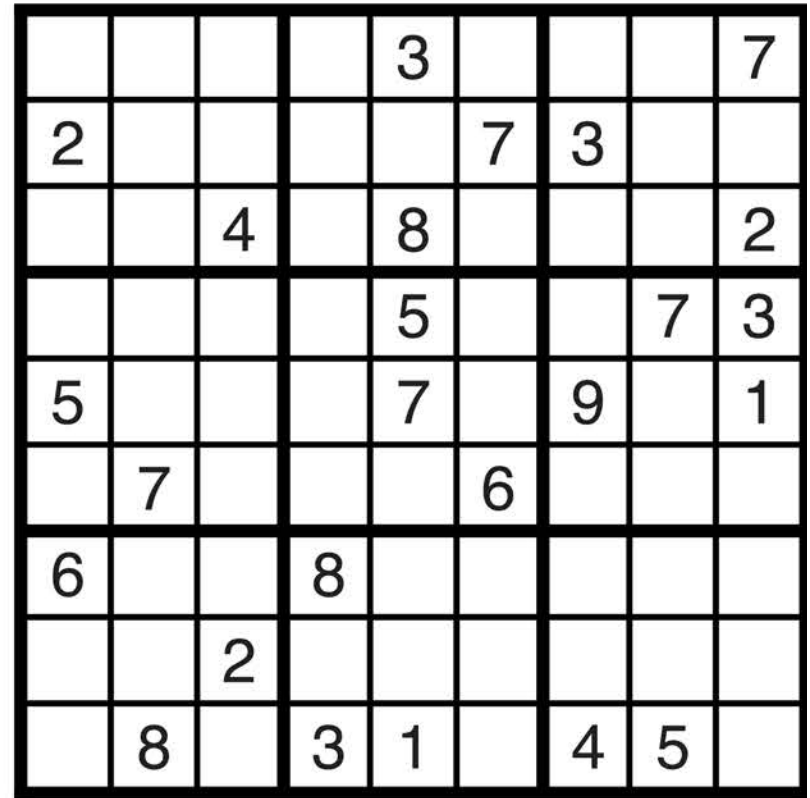
Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- A way to pick up
- Presents
- Type of guitar
- Actor Idris
- A citizen of Iran
- Creative
- Harness
- Unit
- You better call him
- Utterly devoted
- Male cat
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Risk taker
- A team's best pitcher
- Cool!
- Women's ___ movement
- Georgia rockers
- Step-shaped recess
- The princess could detect its presence
- Type of truck
- Butterhead lettuces
- Angry people see it
- Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
- Soviet city
- Carpet
- Traveled all over
- Thin, straight bar
- Body art (slang)
- Congressman (abbr.)
- No seats available
- Breaks apart
- Arabic name
- Ballplayer's tool
- Type of sword
- Baseball team
- Upper bract of grass floret
- Italian Seaport
- Ancient Syrian city
- Shoelace tube
- The Miami mascot is one
- South American nation
- Popular video game "Max ___"
- Body part

CLUES DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Ancient Greek City
- Ancient Hebrew calendar month
- Long-legged frog family
- Photo
- Delivered a speech
- Lute in classical Indian music
- Decorated
- Take a seat
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- Member of a Semitic people
- Part of a ticket
- Defunct Guinean money
- Challenges
- Popular BBQ food
- Subway dweller
- By way of
- Shady garden alcove
- Egyptian city
- Partner to "flowed"



Level: Intermediate

- Widens
- Old Eurasian wheat
- Act incorrectly
- European pipeline
- Al Bundy's wife
- Ocean
- Root eaten as a vegetable
- Sound units
- Style of music
- A way to drench
- Hot beverage
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Rumanian city
- Urge to action
- Vaccine developer
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
- Small fry
- ___ Clapton, musician

- Take a chance
- Bland food
- Consumed



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B & C Pelster - 15 Black pregged open heifers, 800-850#
J Kerkman - 5 Black heifers, 700-750#
R Eischeid - 21 Black & BWF steers, 725-825#

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School District	Certified TEEOSA State Aid FY23/24 (1)	LB583 Combined Increase in State Aid to Public Schools FY23/24 (2)	Certified TEEOSA State Aid + LB 583 Combined Increase in State Aid to Public Schools FY23/24 [(1) + (2) = (3)]
Allen Consolidated Schools	\$66,446	\$365,156	\$431,602
Bloomfield Community Schools	\$41,256	\$544,364	\$585,620
Boyd County Schools	\$109,603	\$704,818	\$814,421
Chambers Public Schools	\$47,038	\$273,510	\$320,548
Creighton Community Public Schools	\$50,124	\$679,508	\$729,632
Crofton Community Schools	\$458,756	\$746,263	\$1,205,019
Elgin Public Schools	\$356,121	\$459,673	\$815,794
Elkhorn Valley Schools	\$86,003	\$924,264	\$1,010,267
Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools	\$112,593	\$918,671	\$1,031,264
Isanti (Santee) Community School	\$4,031,850	\$308,258	\$4,340,108
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School	\$89,793	\$935,195	\$1,024,988
Neligh-Oakdale Schools	\$68,677	\$802,012	\$870,689
Niobrara Public Schools	\$1,731,910	\$312,472	\$2,044,382
O'Neill Public Schools	\$129,730	\$1,748,052	\$1,877,782
Osmond Community Schools	\$127,311	\$491,673	\$618,984
Plainview Public Schools	\$60,579	\$733,798	\$794,377
Ponca Public Schools	\$1,770,201	\$218,733	\$1,988,934
Randolph Public Schools	\$42,290	\$520,006	\$562,296
Stuart Public Schools	\$1,423,510	\$104,636	\$1,528,146
Summerland Public Schools	\$41,115	\$1,037,482	\$1,078,597
Verdigre Public Schools	\$60,109	\$312,413	\$372,522
Wausa Public Schools	\$86,638	\$463,359	\$549,997
West Holt Public Schools	\$59,408	\$976,456	\$1,035,864
Wynot Public Schools	\$1,405,584	\$96,206	\$1,501,790
TOTAL	\$12,456,645	\$14,676,978	\$27,133,623

State senator answers questions on LB583 (state aid)

By Barry DeKay
State Senator District #41

During the interim, I have talked to many constituents who had questions regarding a bill enacted by the Legislature earlier this year: LB583. LB583 makes adjustments to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) formula for state aid to Nebraska’s public schools. As reported in the Unicameral Update: “Under LB583, introduced by Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders at the request of Gov. Jim Pillen, the state will pay public school districts \$1,500 in foundation aid per student beginning with school fiscal year 2023-24.

The bill also requires the state Department of Education to reimburse each school district 80 percent of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services in the following school year.”

In total, the state will direct approximately \$300 million per year in additional funding to K-12 public schools under LB583. This funding will be sustained through investments by the newly created Education Future Fund created under LB818, which received \$1 billion from the General Fund this year and is expected to receive at least \$250 million each year thereafter. The purpose of this legislation is to increase the state’s investment in education and reduce schools’ reliance on property taxes.

The following chart represents the difference in estimated certified TEEOSA State Aid prior to the passage of LB583 (column 1), the estimated combined increase in state aid to area schools included in LB583 (column 2), and the estimated new

total state aid to area schools factoring in the changes made by LB583 (column 3). These sets of figures represent estimates for the upcoming FY2023-2024 school year. Schools will receive both the estimated certified TEEOSA State Aid prior to the passage of LB583 (column 1) and the estimated combined increase in state aid to area schools included in LB583 (column 2) this year and every year thereafter, equating to the estimated total state aid to area schools factoring in the changes made by LB583 (column 3).

Therefore, the area will see more than double the amount of state aid granted to our area’s public school districts. To determine the estimated new total state aid that area public schools will receive this school year, see column 3.

Estimates for all Nebraska school districts can be found on the Nebraska Public Media website: https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/documents/213/District_by_District.pdf

As state senator, I voted in support of LB583 because it represents a starting point to address some of the glaring disparities in state funding distributed among Nebraska’s school districts, especially in rural parts of the state. Many schools in our area have received little to no funding from the state’s TEEOSA school equalization formula. With the state’s increased commitment to public school funding, schools will have additional support to help ensure every child has the opportunity to have their educational needs met. Ideally, the state’s investments to our schools under LB583 will begin to reduce schools’ reliance on property taxes and should begin to slow or decrease property tax rates for taxpayers.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

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Keep this recipe handy, I am sure you will be making it again and again!
Have a great week and happy baking!
JoAnn

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

1 pkg German Chocolate Cake Mix
1/2 cup evaporated milk
3/4 cup butter
14 oz caramels

6 oz chocolate chips
1 cup chopped nuts

Prepare chocolate cake as directed. Pour 1/2 the butter into a 9x13 pan.
Bake for 15 minutes at 350°.
Melt together 1/2 cup evaporated milk, 3/4 cup butter and 14 oz caramel.
Pour over the cake while it's still hot.
Sprinkle chocolate chips and chopped nuts over the caramel mixture.
Pour the remaining cake batter on top of the mixture.
Bake 20-25 minutes longer. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Wills

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Morning Preschool will be held **8:15 – 11:30** for the first day of classes. Afternoon Pre-

school will begin on Monday, August 21st.
Regular schedule will be observed starting Friday, August 18th with school hours: **8:15 a.m. to 3:43 p.m.** for high school (7-12) and

8:15 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. for K-6.
Morning Preschool (4 year olds) will be held each weekday **8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Afternoon Preschool (3 year olds) will be held Monday thru Thursday **12:45 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.**

PUBLIC NOTICE ~ CHILD FIND

Residents of District 18, Elgin, are notified that School District 18, Elgin, NE participates in all required Special Education Services for all resident students, ages 0-21. If you know of any student not currently being serviced by an appropriate educational program or have questions concerning the Special Education Program, contact the Superintendent's office at Elgin Public School.

Elgin Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. Further, the school complies with all Title IX and Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines as determined by Federal directives.

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Petersburg Route--Randy Henn
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Heather Rokahr
Tom Morrison/Cassandra Chessmore

Preschool Bus Driver (noon route)--
Teresa Schindler



2023-2024 Elgin Public School STAFF

ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. Greg Wemhoff Principal

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Mrs. Julie Thiessen Paraprofessional
Mrs. Christy Knutson ESU Nurse
Mrs. Meghan Veik Paraprofessional

BREAKFAST/LUNCH SERVICE

Breakfast and Lunch will begin on Thursday, August 17th. Breakfast will be \$1.80 and will begin at 7:45 a.m. Student lunches will be priced at \$2.50 for PreK- 6; \$2.75 for Grades 7-12 per meal.
During 2023-24, MEALS ARE NOT "FREE" this year and families will need to apply for free and reduced lunches.



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Teachers

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College. She is a former graduate of Pope John Central Catholic. Anne Van Winkle was hired to teach high school math. This position was previously held by Bill Heelan and, most recently, Anne Meis.

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Cale Kinney (r) and Lynae Koinzan (l) were recognized with 4-H Outstanding Member scholarships. E-R photos/LMorgan



4-H Extension Educator Tessa Harms (l) recognized Elgin's Chris Redding (r) as the 2023 State 4-H Volunteer of the Year.

Kandi Hart (l) was joined by son Tyler (r) in presenting High-Point Belt Buckles (in honor of the late Tim Hart) to Luci Koinzan and Cooper Mueller.

Back To School

Keep the kids safe as they head back to the classroom.

Top 10 Tips

1. Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
2. If your child bikes to school, make sure he/she wears a helmet that meets safety standards. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.
3. If your child drops something near the bus, have him/her tell the bus driver before retrieving it. If they were to bend over to pick it up, the bus driver may not be able to see them.
4. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
5. Teach children not to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs. Darting into the street accounts for 50 to 70 percent of pedestrian injuries among children ages nine and under.
6. Teach your children the proper hand signals to use when they turn or stop while riding their bikes to school.
7. Be sure that your child knows his/her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.
8. Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks and stop at stop signs.
9. Never pass a bus that is stopped, has it's lights flashing or stop arm out. You may never know where a child might step out from.
10. Don't allow your child to wear headphones or play hand-held video games or text while walking to school.

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