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In Brief

District #18 school board to meet on October 14

Meeting to begin at 7 p.m..

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting next week.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14. Set to begin at 7 p.m., the meeting will be in the board meeting room in the high school building.

One item which may be discussed again will be the need to upgrade the water reel on the practice field. It is in need of repair and one option discussed last month was replacing the reel with an underground sprinkler system.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

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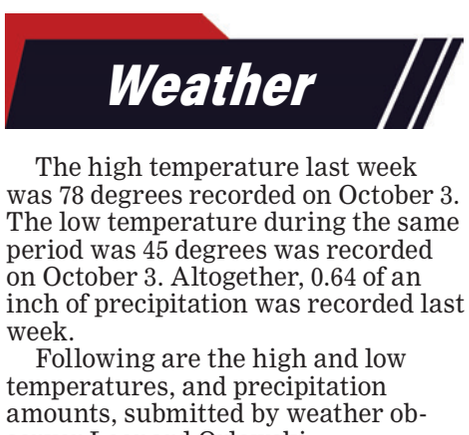
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Weather

The high temperature last week was 78 degrees recorded on October 3. The low temperature during the same period was 45 degrees was recorded on October 3. Altogether, 0.64 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Sept 27	68	62	.00
Sept 28	72	63	.00
Sept 29	72	63	.33
Sept 30	70	57	.31
Oct 1	70	46	.00
Oct 2	68	49	.00
Oct 3	78	45	.00
Total for last week			0.64
Total for September			4.14
Total precipitation 2026			25.38



Garbage, trash rates to rise in November

Come November, Elgin residents will notice an increase in their garbage/trash bill.

Meeting Monday night, the Elgin City Council passed Ordinance #685 to raise garbage/trash rates for residential and commercial customers.

Under the new ordinance, the rate will rise to $22 per month (an increase of $2) for residential and commercial customers who have once a week pickup. For commercial customers who have twice a week pickup, the cost will rise to $44 per month.

The increase was discussed at the September meeting. The decision was made, in large part, due to increased costs (fuel) being handed down by the company which provides trash service to the community - Bud's Sanitary Service - earlier this year.

In other action:

Building permit — The council approved a building permit from Karl Hensley to construct a new house in the Sterling subdivision.

Purchase made — Approved on a 4-0 vote was a motion to purchase a new pump for the sewer plant. The plant utilizes two pumps and one pump has worn out and is in need of repair. The council weighed the costs for repairing the pump and the costs of a new pump as they made their decision, deciding that money-wise the new pump was the way to go.

County accepts bid for Elgin NE project

By Greg Tharnish
Special to The Elgin Review

The Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) met yesterday and it was obvious something was missing. That something was a someone. Chairman Charlie Henery passed away last week and his absence was palpable.

After recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice Chairman Neil Williby asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Henery.

Henery was a county commissioner for twenty-six years, serving as chairman for seven. Comments were made about his even-tempered manner and calm in any situation. County Clerk Lisa Payne stated he'd be greatly missed. No one disagreed.

The ACC moved on to county business, accepting a bid from A & R Construction out of Plainview for the Elgin North East project. The bid is for $269,412.22 with a start date set for August 1, 2027.

An environmental impact study by the state of Nebraska is the reason for the late start on the project. State environmentalists will comb the adjoining land for endangered plant life before work can begin.

Two bridges and road work are in-

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Crowns and roses at EPS

Homecoming coronation was held last Wednesday night at Elgin Public School. Seventeen seniors were candidates but only two could be crowned. Chosen as queen was Kierstyn Eisenhauer, the daughter of Randy and Krista Eisenhauer. Selected as king was Michael Selting, the son of Lynn and Amy Selting.



Life Chain 2026 observed Sunday

On a sun-soaked morning after Mass, students and adults stood along Highway 14 outside of St. Boniface Catholic Church to participate in Pro-Life Sunday. Some wore T-shirts that said 'We Are The Pro-Life Generation.' More photos on Page Ten. *E-R photo/LMorgan*

Services held for CC chairman Charlie Henery

Antelope County lost one of its leaders last week with the passing of Charlie Henery.

Henery, 70, of Neligh, passed away on Monday, September 28 at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 3, at the Antelope County Ag Society Event Center.



Charlie Henery

For many years, he represented District #4 on the Antelope County Board of Commissioners. He served as chairman of the county board for a number of years.

Henery's position will need to be filled. It's likely that the position will have to be advertised, then representatives from county government will conduct interviews before the seat can be filled.

In the interim, Commissioner Neil Williby will assume Henery's duties as chairman for the foreseeable future.

'Watch' community meeting set for tonight

A local effort determined to improve the safety of Elgin residents and business will hold an organizational meeting October 7 (tonight)

The Elgin Community Center will be the location for the meeting set to begin at 7 p.m. Organized by Diane Landers, the intent is to gauge interest and move forward.

Frustrations have grown throughout the past few months. It all came to a head when Landers noticed a suspicious man in her neighborhood. Law enforcement was contacted, she said, but there was no immediate available response from the Antelope County Sheriff's Department. Landers then took her concerns to a meeting of the Elgin City Council which was attended by Deputy Sheriff Steve Mills. At a follow-up meeting, the city council gave their support for the formation of a neighborhood watch group.

Citizens throughout Elgin and the surrounding area are invited to attend and learn information on how they can responsibly observe and report on suspicious behavior that may be occurring in the community. Representatives from the Antelope County Sheriff's Department have been invited to attend the meeting to answer any questions which may arise.

For more information, contact Diane Landers at (402) 843-6513.



From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Cranberry Chicken





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Good day,

Happy Harvest!

Are you ready for the fall harvest season? I am ready! I love fall season.

Well, all you ladies who have to come up with meals to serve in the fields; I hope I can share some recipe ideas you might be able to serve your crew.

This week's idea is a meal all in one. You can use white rice in this recipe if that's what you have. Give this one a try!

Happy cooking,
JoAnn

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Cover with foil and bake for 2 hours at 350ª.

Back where it began, Reicks joins BCHC PT team

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is excited to welcome Zachary Reicks, DPT, as the newest physical therapist on its growing Therapy team.



Zachary Reicks

A Petersburg native, Reicks earned his Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Exercise and Health Science from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln before completing his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Briar Cliff University.

Reicks' connection to BCHC Therapy began in high school, when he job shadowed at BCHC and saw firsthand how physical therapists help patients improve mobility and regain confidence in the activities they enjoy. The experience inspired him to pursue a career in physical therapy.

"I always wanted to come back home and give back to the community that helped shape me," Reicks said. "I'm excited to help patients regain their independence and get back to what they love, whether that's work, sports, a favorite activity or simply moving with less pain."

Reicks enjoys treating a vari-

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Death Notice

Lisa A Engler, 62 of Omaha has passed peacefully due to multiple medical issues on September 27th, 2026. She was born to Bernard and Twila (Rossman) Engler.

Preceded in eternal rest by her parents (1999), (2018), sister Sheryl (83), and long time companion Ronnie Jones (2026).

Carrying on her memory are her sisters Patty (Engler) Marino and Amanda (Engler) Rutherford; nephews and nieces; and many relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life will be held on October 10, 2026 from 11:00 am-3:00 pm at the FOE #154, Omaha, NE 68107

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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, October 7
Neighborhood Watch community organizational meeting, 7 p.m., at Elgin Community Center.

Tuesday, October 13
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioiners at the courthouse in Neligh.

Wednesday, October 14
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education ▪ Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Elgin KC Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, October 15
District Cross Country meet at the Antelope Country Club (Neligh) beginning at 3 p.m.

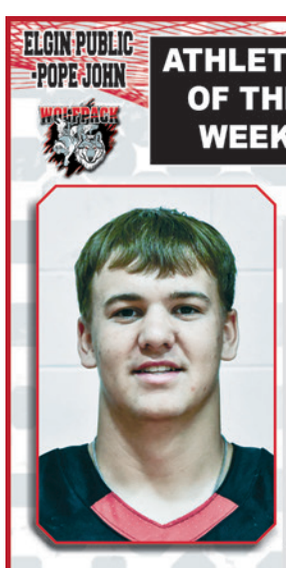
Thursday, October 22
Miles of Smiles at Elgin schools.

Monday, October 26
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District public hearing on proposed rules and regulations at O'Neill beginning at 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
EHCC Trunk or Treat at EPS.

Events listing courtesy of
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Pride of the Pack



A senior, Brayden spent previous years honing his position's skills. He has helped anchor a dominating line on both offense and defense for the 'Pack this season.

BRAYDEN BURENHEIDE
FOOTBALL

A senior, Braelyn is a full-rotation player, making an impact in games from the front and back row. In three matches last week, she recorded 28 kills and had 47 digs.



BRAELYN MARTINSEN
VOLLEYBALL

A senior, Samantha is eyeing her end-of-the-season times. At the Battle Creek Invite last Friday, she finished among the top runners, posting a time of 23:21.



MATTHEW KERKMAN
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Writer says brains are highly adaptable

We all know about brain drain -- too many young people leaving smalltown Elgin chasing big city dreams. And brain f*#ts, otherwise known as flatulence, when the memory drops off the edge of the cliff. And the worst, brain cancer, often the kiss of death.

So here's an interesting question about our human brain – Have our brains changed over the last decades to lean toward instant gratification and away from the long-term answer?

It's possible. The brain is highly adaptable. When society changes its habits, many people's brains can adapt similarly. Repeated exposure to speed can train the brain to expect quick reward and frequent stimulation.

Disclaimer – I am not a psychologist or psychiatrist. If memory serves, I took one sophomore-level psychology course at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the 1970s with my then boyfriend Rick, now husband of 52 years, called Marriage and the Family. He got an A+. I ended the semester will a mere A. Kinda amazing to remember that nonimportant detail.

Back five decades ago, it seemed more of a long-term mentality existed. Think about it. Tie the knot and make every effort to make it work. Now, live together to test a relationship, choose not to get married, or, if you do, know that a divorce, available for 400 years in the United States, is an emotional, more readily available way out these days.

Here's another example. The daily family meal – savoring time with food prep, sharing the day's high and lows over a sit-down dinner -- maybe happens far less these days. Now, ultra-processed foods and quicky meals for pick-up at the local fast-food joint, though certainly available since the 1920s -- seem to be more common. Snarf down that burger and fries in the car on the way to sports practice.

Then consider handwriting – learning cursive writing, as compared to printing, used to be the norm along with sending handwritten letters. Now, send a quick text message or use the Facebook instant greeting option to remember someone on their birthday.

Now, scrawl your hardly legible signature in pretend cursive on an electronic keypad. Recently, I had a great nephew ask me to read to him a birthday letter he received. The author's cursive writing, though much faster than printing, was incomprehensible to him. With legal documents, skip the pen and ink altogether and choose an electronic signature app such as AccuSign.

Then there's the clockface, you know the one with the 12 at the top and the six at the bottom. Interesting how the Medicare wellness check requires drawing this old-fashioned clock indicating a certain time, say 9:00 am. Will the up-and-coming generations be able to do this process when all they know is digital time?

Memorize facts? Well, no need, just Google that. I seldom use Google, Duck Duck Go, or Safari search engines anymore. We pay for a ChatGPT account which gets you the answer in an instant. Does that mean my brain has adapted to the "want it now" mentality?

Kinda spooky that ChatGPT remembers all the facts you've shared on this platform – travel destinations, interpersonal challenges, affiliations. AI (artificial intelligence, not artificial insemination as we know the abbreviation in farm country) knows me better than hubby Rick and lifelong friends.

Is this quick-fix way to live, as compared to thoughtful attention to a task, progress? Is the throw-away culture, as compared to making every effort for repair, actually the best when our landfills overflow with junk?

Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Actually, many items are made in such a haphazard way, they're not made to last. Can't blame the consumer all the time.

Certainly, I could continue this rant though I must take a sentence or two to give thanks for the human brain. Simply amazing! It's the main control organism for the body's nervous system, millions of nerve cells. Thought, memory, emotion, motor skills, vision, respiration – all controlled by the beautiful brain.

Wracking my brain to think of more. How about the latest Elgin Treasures in the Park event organized by the town's Young-N-Lively women's civic/social group. Who was the brains behind that effort? With all the careful details, no scatter brain would do.

I used to be in a carpool for many years commuting to work in DC from our home in northern Virginia. One member always called me brain dead. He teased me relentlessly and, though brain dead generally isn't a compliment, it was a term of endearment from one who became a lifelong friend.

Know the straight-A student in your class? This highly intelligent, hard-working person who excels in speech and music instead of sports, especially in a small town, often gets dubbed THE BRAIN.

Though relentlessly teased for being smart in high school, this person often ends up being the brains of something big later in life. There's also the jock-only person -- all brawn and no brains.

Thankfully, many men and women can do both. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has produced 375 Academic All-Americans, the highest number in the Big 10.

This requires high achievement in the classroom and on the field.

So, as I pick my brain to write this brain teaser, please know that an idle brain can truly be the devil's workshop. And eating ice cream too fast can result in brain freeze!

Maybe instead of the quick fix all the time, carve out some precious time to learn a new skill, send a handwritten greeting to a dear friend, read a long book, wait patiently for a response, or make a nutritious meal from scratch complimented by relaxed conversation around the dinner table.

Our magnificent brains can shift back into slow mode. Give it a try.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Looking Back
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago — October 13, 1966

Fourteen men hauled bales of hay and stacked them Saturday for Eddie Dinslage who was hospitalized. Mrs. Frank Dinslage and Mrs. Eddie Dinslage furnished lunch to the workers. Knights of Columbus members and neighbors who worked included: Frank and Bill Dinslage, Jerome Roth, Lyle Dinslage, Dean and Lyle Kerkman, Sylvester Josten, Ray Schrage, Ray Starman, Ed Mackel, Jack Dinslage, Lawrence Bohnenkamp, Al Neukirch and Rick Penne. Ray Starman and Lyle Kerkman each furnished a tractor and flatrack.

Army Private First Class Robert B. Beeson, 19, son or Mr and Mrs. Harold R. Beeson, arrived in Nha Trang Oct. 4 with the 1st Brigade the 4th Infantry Division from Ft. Lewis, Washington. The brigade landed on South Vietnam's central coast and joined the main body of the division. The arrival brings approximate American military strength in Vietnam to 321,000. He is a radio operator in Company C, 1st Battalion of the division's 8th Infantry.

Farmers Cooperative Exchange of Elgin has purchased the Crowell elevator at Petersburg and will operate it under their name as Petersburg division. The transaction took place on Thursday of last week.

Fifty Years Ago — October 13, 1976

Work is progressing on the basement for the new residence belonging to Dr. Albert Halls who will be moving to Elgin from Omaha in the near future. The residence will be located across the county road north from the natural gas station in the northeast part of town. Two or three new residences will be constructed in that addition to Elgin.

Elgin's FFA Alumni Chapter received a plaque from the state for their accomplishments. They had the most members this year in the state of Nebraska. The FFA president, Jerome Thunker presented the plaque to Myron Peters, the Alumni FFA president.

Robert Thiele suffered possible broken ribs, a broken leg and internal bleeding Monday afternoon when he was thrown through the windshield of his combine when the machine went into the ditch after striking an auto. The accident happened around 3:50 p.m. 1 1/4 miles east of Elgin. The siren sounded here around 3:55 p.m. as both the Elgin Rescue Unit and Fire Department were summoned.

Thirty Years Ago — October 16, 1996

Duane Hutchinson of Lincoln, a well-known storyteller, author and native of Elgin, will receive the 1996 Mari Sandoz Award from the Nebraska Library Association during the organization's annual convention on Oct. 24 in Lincoln. The award recognizes significant, enduring contributions to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity. He was born at home and raised on a 320-acre farm at the edge of the Sandhills near Elgin, and he has went on to write 12 books, as well as numerous articles and short stories.

A building containing six new self-storage units was recently completed at Smith's Storage along Highway 70 in Elgin. With completion of the building, owner Lee Smith now has 14 storage units.

Twenty Years Ago — October 18, 2006

A brother and sister team, Cassie and Austin Mitchell, Pope John Central Catholic students, recently competed a community service project by painting the block telephone building near the intersection of Highway 14 and the Oakdale cut-across. They decorated the building with a patriotic theme. Paint was donated by their parents, Randy and Linda Mitchell.

Talented Nebraskans and their hand made merchandise will be featured again next weekend during the fall POP IN along Highway 14.

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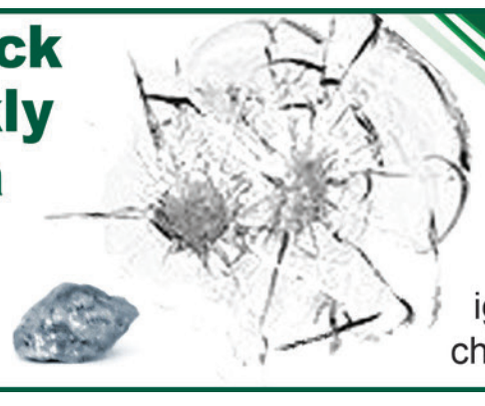
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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful."

Edward R. Murrow

NU set to 'sting football ticket holders

If you hated the "reseat" process for Nebraska volleyball season ticket holders, just wait for the cascade of complaints when reseating of football tickets begins next year.

The University of Nebraska recently announced a two-year process to "reseat" Memorial Stadium. The 103-year-old facility is undergoing a major renovation that will reduce its capacity from 85,458 to about 65,000 next year, and eventually to around 80,000 in 2028.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

The South Stadium, which typically holds 23,000 fans on crowded bench seats, will be torn down and replaced. And major changes are planned for the West Stadium – including the addition of all kinds of luxury boxes – as part of a $600 million rebuild.

As a long-time volleyball season ticket holder who was reseated to the nosebleed seats, I have a suggestion for long-time football season ticket holders: be prepared to donate a lot more money or be ready to sit much farther from the action.

The biggest change at Memorial Stadium will be the end to "grandfathering" season tickets, which allowed long-time season ticket holders to keep their seats and hand them down to future generations without providing a monetary donation to the athletic department.

About 24,000 seats in Memorial Stadium are held by "legacy" season ticket holders – who give no donations or provide discounted donations to the athletic department, according to Chris Dunker of the Lincoln Journal Star. Some season tickets that require no donation will remain, but they'll be several rows from the field, like the upper reaches of the North Stadium.

I know it's called "reseating" but a better term would be "unseating." That's because a lot of fans – including those whose tickets began long before Nebraska football began winning lots of games – will lose their seats to big donors (like $25,000 to $100,000 a year) to the athletic department every year.

You've no doubt heard stories about long-time ticket holders: how they endured many lean years of Nebraska football, and were finally rewarded for their loyalty when Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne began regularly winning 9 or 10 games a year in the 1960s. Over the years, they've watched teams that won five national titles, but also witnessed the decline over the past 30 years.

These were fans who epitomized the words in the Husker fight song: we "all stick together, in all kinds of weather, for dear old Nebraska U."

Well, NU's football team isn't ranked annually in the Top 10 like it used to be. And now, college athletics is all about money, to pay players and make stadiums more welcoming.

Thus, the reseating, which is projected to bring in nearly $30 million a year in additional donations.

For the volleyball reseating, donors who gave $25,000 a year or more got first dibs on the best seats. And they gobbled up so many that fans like me, who were supposed to get to pick four seats, got to only pick two.

My old season tickets used to be in the last row of the lower bowl. Now, I'm 15 rows higher, much nearer the ceiling than the court.

To be sure, my new season tickets are cheaper, and the mandatory contribution (which I'd paid faithfully every year) is much less. But I'd rather pay more for extra leg room and a better view of the action.

I still hear complaints from fellow volleyball fans who bought season tickets well before the sport became so crazy popular.

(And it drives me crazy to see blocks of empty seats – bought by the big donors – that sit empty in the lower bowl nowadays. Hey, if you aren't going to use your tickets, donate them to Big Brothers-Big Sisters, or give them to someone who's never attended a volleyball match.)

I get it, Nebraska volleyball, and now Nebraska football, needs more and more money to pay top players to come here. You just shake your head when you hear that top football programs now have payrolls of up to $50 million a year.

It's sad, but that's the world we live in. And long-time, faithful fans will have to step aside in the process..

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The 3rd Rail



Protecting all Nebraskans while encouraging innovation

When meeting with Nebraskans, I often receive questions about artificial intelligence, or AI, and data centers. I understand the curiosity surrounding these issues, because these topics dominate the news cycle nearly every day.

AI is technology that enables computers and machines to perform tasks we associate with human intelligence, such as learning and problem solving. While ChatGPT or Claude usually come to mind first, AI is also used to make farming more productive, solve mathematical equations faster, and make manufacturing more efficient.

But what is a data center? Data centers are facilities that host computers and servers that store, process, and share digital information. They power nearly everything we access online, including livestreams, online banking, and Facebook. These facilities also run massive AI models, which require large amounts of electricity to power the computers.

The possibilities enabled by AI are positive. We can analyze X-rays, measure distances on a battlefield, and calculate projections with greater speed than ever before. But as with any technological advancement, there are other impacts that must be considered.

Because AI uses significant energy, many Americans living near data centers are understandably concerned about their energy bills increasing. Nebraska families, farmers, and Main Street businesses shouldn't see their utility rates go up because a data center needs millions of dollars in new electrical infrastructure.

AI is becoming the backbone of innovation, competitiveness, and job growth. At the same time, AI and data centers that power it should be a net positive for communities where they are built.

That is why I cosponsored and voted for the Ratepayer Protection Act. Unfortunately, it failed to pass the Senate's 60-vote threshold; not enough Democrats joined us in supporting this pragmatic policy.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

This is particularly perplexing given that the same bill passed the House overwhelmingly with the support of 206 Democrats. I am frustrated because this commonsense legislation would have established federal standards for states to consider as data centers expand.

These standards include requiring large data centers to cover the cost of any new infrastructure or electrical generation they need to power its systems.

Communities know their needs best. Local utility providers understand exactly how their grids operate and their capacity needs. This legislation provides a framework for states when a large data center requires new power generation and infrastructure. These standards can be used to ensure households aren't forced to foot the bill for higher electricity costs imposed by data centers.

Americans have always been fueled by bold ideas and ambitious citizens. Over the past 250 years, we've led the world in entrepreneurship, creativity, and new possibilities. I have faith that we will continue to do so.

Democrats block lower energy bills

Over the last year, Nebraskans and the rest of the country have been thoughtfully engaging on what data centers are, why they are important, and the impact that they have on our communities. Data centers power search engines and social media platforms. We also need to beat Communist China in the AI race. A world where Communist China leads in AI is bad for America and the entire world. We value freedom and democracy — Communist China doesn't.

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U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

At the same time, data centers shouldn't get a free pass. If companies want to bring data centers to our communities, they need to abide by the good neighbor policy. Local communities should set the terms before a data center gets built. They should require these companies to consider how they can be helpful to the community. This includes potentially offsetting property taxes and funding local projects.

Hard-working families are right to wonder who will be responsible for paying for data centers' energy needs. The answer is simple – not hard-working families. Nebraskans should not be responsible for footing the bill for data centers.

The companies building these centers should be responsible. That's why I am supporting the Ratepayer Protection Act.

The Ratepayer Protection Act would require data centers to pay the full utility cost needed to serve them. This would prevent rate hikes for ratepayers in communities where data centers are developing. If communities need infrastructure upgrades, these companies would be required to foot the bill. That cost should not be spread across everyone's electricity bills. If a data center decides to relocate, then the community shouldn't be stuck paying for extra electricity they never needed. The Ratepayer Protection Act makes sure that data centers pay their bills.

The bipartisan Ratepayer Protection Act passed the House with a vote of 417-3. That's nearly unanimous in the House of Representatives. But Senate Democrats are preventing it from becoming law. We should pass it. It's a commonsense solution.

In Nebraska, we're committed to maintaining our low cost of energy. Both the Omaha Public Power District and Nebraska Public Power District signed the White House's Ratepayer Protection Pledge. That was a voluntary commitment to keep ratepayers' electricity bills from increasing due to data centers. The Southern Public Power District has built four data centers and hasn't raised rates in thirteen years. Our bill goes further. I'll keep fighting to deliver on Nebraska's commitment to low energy costs.

Nebraskans should have a choice in allowing data centers. And they should negotiate. Communities could seek lower property taxes or bonuses for local teachers when negotiating with billion-dollar companies. And there's no reason Nebraskans should be forced to pay these companies' energy bills. The Ratepayer Protection Act addresses these problems. It would keep Nebraska's cost of energy low. It's time for Senate Democrats to stop blocking it.

Supporting families at every stage

In Nebraska, we know family is defined by more than the name we share, but by the commitment we make to one another. Across our state, individuals and families step forward every day to open their hearts and homes to children in need, providing the stability, support, and sense of belonging every child deserves.

This generous spirit is at the heart of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption Leadership Program. This program allows Members of Congress the opportunity to recognize their constituents who are making a meaningful difference in the lives of children through adoption, foster care, and child welfare. This year, I am honored to recognize Jenna and Robert Stoner of Holdrege as Nebraska's Third District Angels in Adoption honorees. Through their compassion and care, Jenna and Robert have provided their adoptive children with the love, stability, and support they needed during a pivotal time in their lives. Their example is a reminder of the profound difference a family can make when they open their hearts and their home to a child in need.

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Blackburn Manufacturing named 'Business of the Year' by Nebraska Diplomats

A Neligh company known for business success and community contributions has been named Business of the Year by the Nebraska Diplomats.

Blackburn Manufacturing received the award Monday at the Diplomats annual awards banquet at the Younes conference Center in Kearney.

Governor Jim Pillen and Nebraska Diplomats President Dave Rippe made the presentation.

According to Nebraska Diplomats, Blackburn Manufacturing is known for its generous contributions to the community.

"The Blackburn family and company have consistently supported education, health care, scholarships, local organizations, and charitable causes that strengthen Neligh and the surrounding region. Their success, both in growing their business and in uplifting their community, has earned them recognition as this year's Diplomat Business of the Year," officials said.

The company started in 1953 by E.A. "Bud" Blackburn, in the basement of the family homestead near Royal.

When Bud's uncle Ray - who worked as a surveyor - asked Bud if he could devise a machine to attach cloth or paper to wire instead of using wooden lathe stakes, Bud experimented and built a marking flag machine that secured vinyl to a wire staff.

A million piece order came in from the Oklahoma Soil Conservation Service, and production became a family affair. Bud's sons, Bob, age 11, and Jim, age 7, ran the machine for 30 days to complete the order.

A clipping written by Royal AP news correspondent Agnes Herring stated, "The marking flag is hailed as superior to all others in that it is economical, simple in construction, light in weight, easy to carry, may be readily seen, requires no reclaiming, and if left in the field, may be plowed under."

In 1957, the company outgrew its farm location. Blackburn and his four employees set up shop in Neligh. By 1990, the company opened a plant in California.

Now, Black Manufacturing produces approximately 150 million marking flags annual. The modern-day version of Bud's flag machine can make more than 6,000 flags an hour.

A nonprofit corporation, Nebraska Diplomats, Inc. has a membership comprised of business executives and community leaders. The Diplomats form alliances with other Nebraska economic development organizations to promote the state's productive business climate and unparalleled quality of life. For more information about the group's work to benefit the state, visit http://www.nediplomats.com.



Courtesy photo

Blackburn Manufacturing of Neligh was recognized as the 'Business of the Year' as the Nebraska Diplomats gathering last week in Kearney. Shown (l-r) are Governor Jim Pillen, Krista Blackburn Schindler, Jennifer Blackburn-Nielsen and, representing the Nebraska Diplomats, Dave Rippe.

Iowa women make district court appearances in separate cases

A 54-year-old Sioux Center, Iowa, woman requested a jury trial after entering not guilty pleas to four counts, on Sept. 30, in Antelope County District Court.

Carisa L. Addink appeared before the Honorable Michael Long. She faces one count of commiting child abuse intentional/no injury, a Class IIIA felony; DUI-.08 breath - 1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor; resist arrest-1st offense, a Class I misdemeanor; and obstruct government operations, a Class I misdemeanor.

Addink was arrested July 23 after Antelope County Sheriff's Deputy Keegan Barker received a report of a possible intoxicated driver at One Stop in Elgin. The driver was reported to be traveling in a black mini van with Iowa license plates.

Barker located the vehicle leaving the One Stop parking lot, and initiated a traffic stop. He observed the driver having watery eyes and slurred speech. The deputy observed a child, identified as Addink's granddaughter, in the back seat.

Addink failed standardized field sobriety tests, and a preliminary breath test resulted in a blood-alcohol level of .159.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Barker "was going to handcuff Addink in the front (seat) to avoid the issue of not being able to get back in the vehicle."

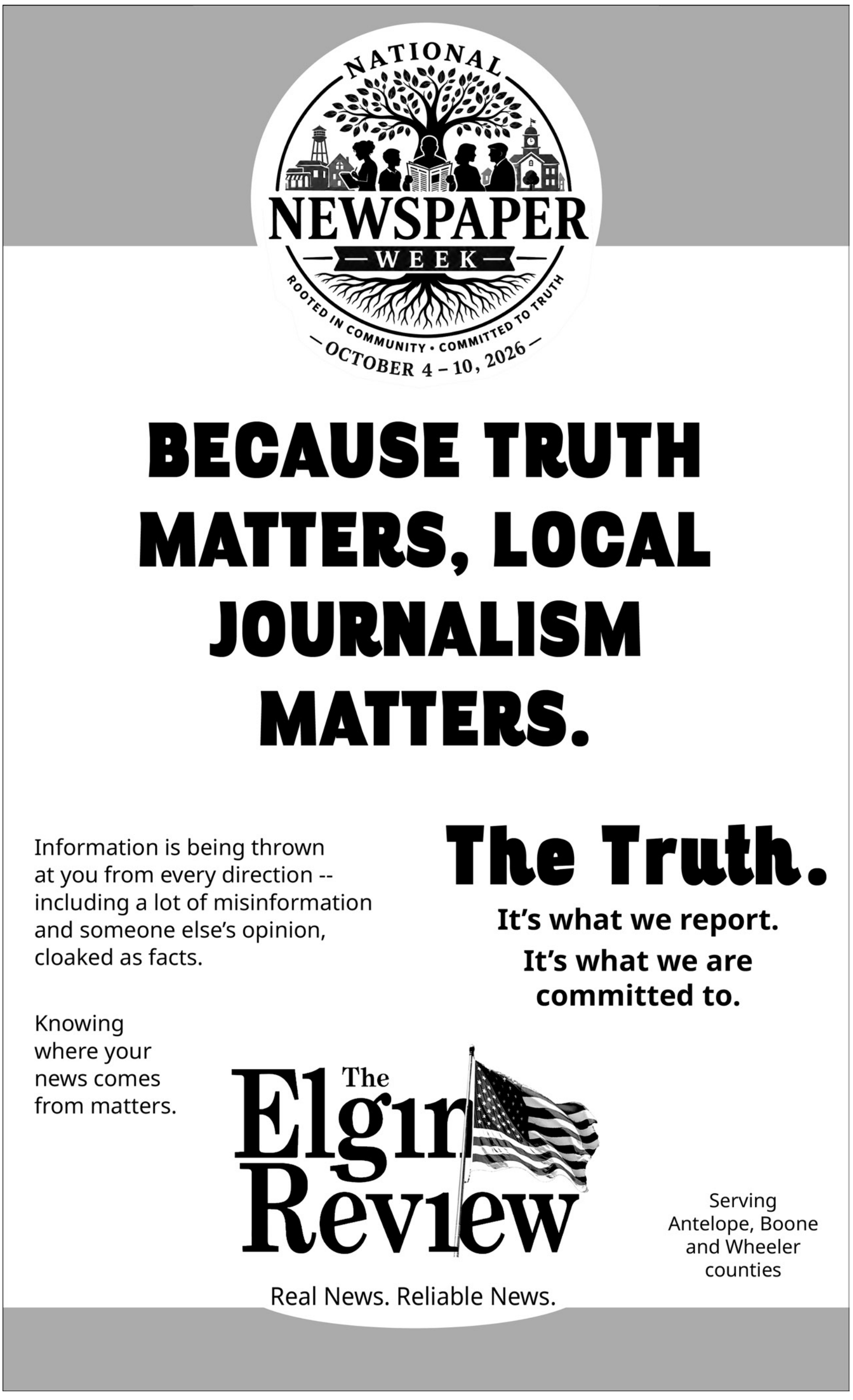
As he attempted to place the defendant in handcuffs, Addink moved her other hand behind her back to keep it from Barker, and she placed her feet in the door to prevent it from being closed.

Deputy Steven Mills was also at the scene. He and Barker used force to close the patrol vehicle door.

Addink was transported to the Antelope County Jail and, upon arrival, refused to exit the patrol vehicle. Eventually, jailers were able to get the defendant to exit on her own.

Addink submitted to a datamaster test, yielding a result of .170.

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Smith

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I understand that supporting families also means advancing policies that give them opportunity, stability, and confidence in the future. That is why my Republican colleagues and I fought to pass the Working Families Tax Cuts last summer. We stayed focused and delivered the largest tax cut for working families in American history by creating a tax code that rewards work, encourages investment, and helps Nebraska families build a more secure future.

For adoptive families like the Stoners, keeping more of what they earn can make a meaningful difference as they provide their children with the love, stability, and support they need. As part of the Working Families Tax Cuts, Republicans increased the refundable portion of the Adoption Tax Credit to $5,000. Adoption is beautiful and life-changing, but it can also be expensive. This increased credit helps ease the financial burden for hardworking families who are opening their homes to children in need.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

But our commitment to families does not end there. Through the creation of Trump Accounts, we are giving parents a new tool to help build a stronger financial future for our children from the very beginning. Americans born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028, will be eligible for a one-time $1,000 federal contribution to their Trump Account. Families can also contribute up to $5,000 annually, allowing those savings to grow over time and help a young person pursue an education, purchase a home, or start a career.

Initiative Measure 442 explained

In the upcoming 2026 general election in November, there are three ballot measures and one legislatively-referred constitutional amendment officially on the ballot. This week, I will be continuing my series explaining each of these measures by discussing Initiative Measure 442, the proposed constitutional amendment to create a biological sex requirement for K-12 and collegiate sports.

Initiative Measure 442 would amend the Nebraska Constitution by adding a new section in Article 7 detailing new sports eligibility requirements and standards for schools. Under these new requirements, schools would be required to (1) designate each athletic team or sport as either male, female, or co-ed based on biological sex and (2) prohibit athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls from being open to students of the male sex. These requirements would apply to athletic teams or sports sponsored by all public schools, plus private schools whose athletic teams or sports compete against public K-12 schools or colleges.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

In 2025, the Legislature passed LB89, or the Stand With Women Act. LB89, a bill I co-sponsored and voted for, created much of the basis for this proposed constitutional amendment. The act defines biological sex in state statute and restricts students from participating on teams outside of their biological sex in K-12 and collegiate sports, with exceptions being (1) co-ed teams and (2) female students being permitted to participate on male teams if there is no equivalent female-only team available for that sport.

Additionally, the act requires students to have a doctor's note confirming their sex to compete on sports teams. As previously highlighted, Initiative Measure 442 would therefore enshrine portions of LB89's requirements into the state's constitution as opposed to merely existing in statute.

The supporters of Initiative Measure 442 include the Nebraska Family Alliance and the sponsors of the Fairness For Girls ballot measure. The Nebraska Family Alliance has stated that they support this amendment because "males have physical advantages over young girls—higher muscle mass, bone density, and testosterone levels—which gives them a clear advantage. Girls lose opportunities for scholarships, medals, and advancement when they're forced to compete against boys. Privacy, dignity, and safety are fundamental rights of every Nebraskan, and 'Fairness for Girls' will enshrine protections for girls' sports into Nebraska's constitution." Opponents of the measure include Rainbow Parents of Nebraska and the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center. According to the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, "ballot measures that target trans people including youth are an attack on fundamental freedoms and an attempt to write discrimination into law. Voters deserve policies that protect people's dignity, not political tactics that single out vulnerable communities. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to hijack the people's tool for political gain at the expense of the trans community's well-being and belonging."

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is barry.dekay@leg.ne.gov.

Reicks

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ety of patients and conditions, with interests in orthopedic injuries, post-surgical rehabilitation and sports injuries. He especially enjoys the challenge of helping athletes recover and return to performing at their best. He also values working in both inpatient and outpatient settings, where each patient brings different goals and opportunities to make a meaningful difference.

Reicks' addition to BCHC's growing Therapy team comes at a fitting time, with October recognized as National Physical Therapy Month. The month highlights the important role physical therapists play in helping patients improve movement, manage pain, recover from injury or surgery and maintain their independence.

Outside of work, Reicks enjoys spending time with family and friends, walking, running, being outdoors and staying active.

If you think you could benefit from physical therapy, contact the BCHC Therapy Department or talk with your primary care provider to learn if physical therapy may be right for you.

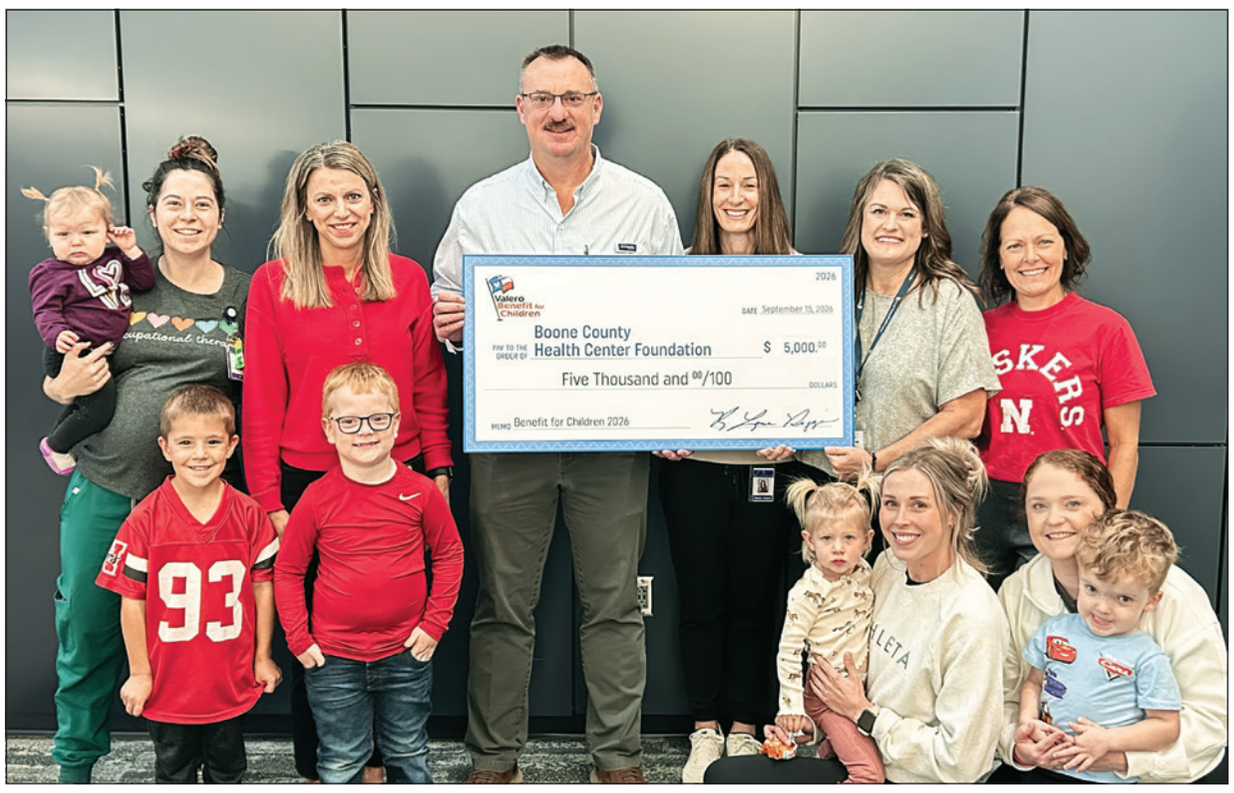


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Representatives from Boone County Health Center's Occupational, Speech, Physical Therapy and Grant/PR departments along with several children who have benefited from Pediatric Therapy accept a $5,000 Valero Benefit for Children grant from Valero representatives Andy Roberts, Plant Manager, and Nicole Levander, Office Coordinator.

Valero Benefit for Children awards $5,000 to BCHC Pediatric Therapy

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has received a $5,000 grant from the Valero Benefit for Children to support its growing Pediatric Therapy program.

The funding will help purchase specialized equipment and sensory tools for BCHC's occupational, physical and speech therapy services, helping children build strength, coordination, communication, motor skills and independence.

Since its inception just over a year and a half ago, BCHC's Pediatric Therapy program has served more than 60 children, with referrals continuing to grow.

The Valero Benefit for Children supports children's programs in communities where Valero has major operations, with a focus on basic needs, education and healthcare. Funds are generated through Valero's annual Benefit for Children charitable event in San Antonio, Texas, which includes golf outings and sporting clays tournaments. Proceeds are then distributed to children's organizations in Valero communities.

"We are incredibly grateful to Valero for investing in the kids and our communities," said Aprill Murphy, BCHC Grant Writer. "For rural families, having specialized pediatric therapy close to home means less travel and easier access to consistent care. Support like this allows BCHC to continue growing these services and giving local children the resources they need to reach their fullest potential."

Valero has a history of supporting children at BCHC, previously awarding $5,000 annually in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to support a literacy program.

Pelster named recipient of Black Hills Energy's highest company honor

Black Hills Energy employee in Albion, Gas Operations Supervisor Clayton Pelster, has received the company's highest employee recognition from company CEO Linn Evans.

Pelster is one of six receiving this year's CEO Summit Award.

The distinction acknowledges superior professional achievement and community service while supporting the development of a culture that recognizes performance, reinforces company values and standards and promotes teamwork.

"The CEO Summit Award recognizes our coworkers who exemplify our company's mission, vision and values," Evans said. "This year's recipients exhibit the qualities we cultivate throughout our organization. The awardees are individuals who are value-driven, generous with their time, strong in character and are focused on making life better for our customers and our communities."

Pelster is recognized for his exceptional leadership across the Albion and Columbus districts while also providing support to the Norfolk area during a leadership transition. Responsible for more than 36 employees and service to approximately 40,000 customers across northeast Nebraska, he has consistently delivered strong results while fostering employee engagement, collaboration and safety. His leadership has strengthened relationships with local communities and helped reinforce Black Hills Energy's reputation as a trusted community partner.

Outside of work, Pelster serves as president of the St. Michael's Parish School Board and as an executive board member for Habitat for Humanity in Columbus. He is active in his church, supports local volunteer fire departments and coaches youth football, basketball, baseball and soccer. His dedication to serving others reflects the values that define the CEO Summit Award.

Evans selected this year's honorees from peer-nominated employees throughout the company's service territory. The other honorees this year are James Curren, service specialist, Newcastle, Wyo.; Jimmy Gulledge, field measurement technician, Fayetteville, Ark.; Donny Munger, operations technician, Newcastle, Wyo.; Rosevin "Vhine" Hull, project manager II, Rapid City, S.D.; and Elaine Hegler, senior paralegal, Denver.



Clayton Pelster

Cuffe wins FB contest

Jeff Cuffe and David Voborny tied for the top spot in the Elgin Review Football Contest this week.

The duo each missed five games.

In the tiebreaker, Cuffe guessed 712 for total yards between Maryland and Nebraska, Voborny guessed 687. The correct figure was 842. Since Cuffe was closest he will receive the top prize of $20 in Elgin Bucks, Voborny will receive the runner-up prize of $10 in Elgin Bucks.

Results of the games were:

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Central Valley over EPPJ
Tennessee over Auburn
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Entries for the next contest are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry and send it via email to elginreview@yahoo.com. Good luck!

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EHS Marching Band takes part in Grand Island parade

Earlier in September they marched in the Lions Parade at Norfolk

The Elgin High School band participated Saturday in the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island. Band members taking part in the parade were Front row: Hannah Hemenway and Bentley Ferry. Middle row: Libby Evans, Megan Wright, Molly Murphy, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Gentry Zwingman. Back row: Macy Rokahr, Brayden Clark, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Macie Suhr, Victoria Evans and Kyla Donaldson.



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Blevins pleads not guilty to felony counts

A Neligh man facing three felony counts appeared for arraignment in Antelope County District Court on Sept. 30.

A. Jared L. Blevins, 41, pleaded not guilty to one count of possession of a deadly weapon-prohibited person, a Class IIIA felony; DUI-cause serious bodily injury, a Class IIIA felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony; and willful reckless driving - 1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor.

He requested a jury trial on all counts. The Honorable Michael Long ordered Blevins to appear for a pretrial hearing on Oct. 28. A jury trial is scheduled for Nov. 16. Bond, set at $35,000-10%, with all previously-ordered conditions, is continued. Per the bond order, Blevins will be required to submit to testing of blood, breath, or urine upon request by any law enforcement officer. The counts stem from an April 22 incident, when a vehicle driven by Blevins crossed over the centerline and struck a vehicle driven by Kenneth Menning of Orchard. Antelope County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Mills responded to the call reported in the 1000 block of L Street in Neligh.

According to the arrest affidavit, Blevins appeared incoherent, with slowed and slurred speech. He was transported to Antelope Memorial Hospital, where emergency room personnel found a baggy containing what appeared to by psylocybin mushrooms.

Menning sustained a fractured sternum. A passenger in the Menning vehicle, Michael Menning, sustained a break of the C2 vertebrae and was air transported to another facility.

Bond, set at $35,000-10% remains in effect, will all conditions in effect.

Defendants appear for show cause hearings

Antelope County District Court Judge Michael Long presided over four show-cause hearings, Sept. 30.

Christopher W. Robinett, 23, of Minot, North Dakota, was scheduled to appear for a hearing in two separate cases.

Long continued the hearing to Oct. 28, allowing the State additional time to serve Robinett with the show cause order.

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Brian G. Tibbens, 54, of Superior, requested more time to pay. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith didn't object, and Long gave Tibbens until March 22, 2028, to pay in full.

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Kaitlyn C. Dozler, 36, of Omaha, was scheduled to appear. Long continued the case to Oct. 28, to allow the State more time to serve Dozler with the show cause order.

Courtesy of SAM

Polenske pleads not guilty to felony child abuse, resisting arrest charges

Ashley Polenske, 37, of Oakdale appeared for arraignment, Sept. 30, in Antelope County District Court. She pleaded not guilty to a Class IIIA felony charge of child abuse/no injury, and resisting arrest-1st offense, a Class I misdemeanor.

The Honorable Michael Long continued bond at $5,000-10%, with all previously ordered conditions in effect.

Polenske will appear Oct. 28 for a pretrial hearing. A jury trial is set for Nov. 16.

The charges stem from a July 8 incident investigated by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore.

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volved in the project northeast of Elgin, with one of the bridges known by locals as the Starman bridge.

County Engineer Brian McDonald presented a final one-and-six year road project schedule to the ACC. The projects were approved and will begin in the spring of 2027.

The County Extension Office gave an update on events from the past year with positive results from several educational programs for kids and another successful county fair.

Brooke Kumm, 4H coordinator, announced she'll be leaving the area and her last day will be March 1. Extension Office Coordinator Pam Slaymaker stated that Brooke will be greatly missed and appreciated her work for the county. A search for her replacement will begin immediately.

Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe reported on ongoing road work in the county which includes two radius installs for wind farm equipment. Four oversize permits were approved as wind farm maintenance and new installations continue.

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Bond was set Aug. 6, at $25,000-10%.

During Wednesday's arraignment, Long continued that bond amount, with all previously-ordered conditions in effect.

Addink will appear Oct. 28 for a pretrial hearing. A jury trial is set for Nov. 16.

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A Sioux City resident failed to appear in Antelope County District Court, on Sept. 30, for arraignment on a felony drug charge.

Defense counsel Doug Stratton informed the Honorable Michael Long that Baylee Bigbee, 29, was incarcerated in South Dakota.

Long issued a bench warrant for Bigbee on Oct. 1.

Bigbee was arrested on July 26, when a Nebraska State Patrol trooper observed a northbound vehicle speeding on Highway 14 near Neligh. A traffic stop was initiated. Bigbee provided an Iowa driver's license but was unable to locate the insurance or registration for the vehicle.

During a records check, the trooper learned an active extraditable warrant, from South Dakota, was active for Bigbee and involved drug charges.

While conducting an inventory of the vehicle, the trooper located a marijuana bong, grinder and marijuana in the rear passenger seat floorboard.

A probable cause search led to discovery of a small bag with a white powdery substance inside a mint container, which tested positive for cocaine.

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NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARGARET ELAINE KIMES, DECEASED

NOTICE
Estate of MARGARET ELAINE KIMES, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2026, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR26-27, Mary L. Sadler, whose mailing address is 16307 Sedona Circle, Omaha, Nebraska 68136, and Aaron Kimes, whose mailing address is 508 G Street, Neligh, Nebraska, 68756, have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 22, 2026 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.

/s/ Martin V. Klein
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Bartlett News



Photo and caption submitted

Wheeler Central Marching Band participated in the 2026 Harvest of Harmony in Grand Island Saturday, October 3. The band played 'High Hopes,' arranged by Doug Adams, for the judges and crowd attending the marching festival. Those participating were (front row, l-r): Treger Reiter, Jhett Pudwill, Brooks Wright, Easton Kasselder, Warren Sallach, Mrs. Sherry Tetschner and Jett Palmer. Back row: Franklin Schmidt, Owen Sallach, Lincoln Mallett, Carmelina Ambrocio Juarez, Macy Reich, Adynn Smith and Annabel Vanderpool. The band stepped off at 8:55 and was finished before 9:45. The small, but mighty, band celebrated afterward with an early lunch at 'Freddies,' The ice cream and fries were certainly worth the wait. This was the first Harvest of Harmony for almost all of the band members, except Franklin who attended 2 years ago,

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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of MARIE E. SMITH, Deceased
Estate No. PR26-26

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2026, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Karen Marie Eisenhauer of 202 S. Cherry, Bloomfield, Nebraska 68718 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 22, 2026 or be forever barred.

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The name of the limited liability company: JJS LEGACY, LLC. The address of the designated office is: 83605 522nd Ave., 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 September 24, 2026, 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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ESTATE OF MELVIN JAMES MEIS, DECEASED

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Estate of **MELVIN JAMES MEIS,** Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on September 18, 2026, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR26-28, James F. Meis, whose mailing address is 83720 526 Ave, Elgin, NE 68636; Joseph M. Meis, whose mailing address is 83530 526 Ave., Elgin, NE 68636; and Joan E. Meis Wilson, whose mailing address is 2816 Desert Song Dr., Bullhead City, AZ 86429, have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 22, 2026 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.

/s/ Martin V. Klein
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District ("Board") will hold a public hearing at 4:00 p.m. on October 26th, 2026 at the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District office, 301 North Harrison Street, in O'Neill, Nebraska 68763. This is not a question-and-answer hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony relevant to the adoption of proposed amendments to the District's Rules and Regulations. A summary of the proposed amendments to the rules and regulations is as follows:

The proposed amendments apply to the overall Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments authorize a general restructuring of the number identification system of the Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments update references to Department of Environment and Energy and Department of Natural Resources to Department of Water, Energy, and Environment.

The proposed amendments remove duplicated Rules & Regulations and correct grammatical errors.

The proposed amendments update the District Groundwater Quality Management Areas as follows:

Antelope County:
Sections 1-36, Township 23 – Range 5W From Phase I to Phase II
Sections 1-36, Township 23 – Range 6W From Phase I to Phase II
Sections 1-36, Township 23 – Range 8W From Phase I to Phase II

Holt County:
Sections 19-36, Township 29 – Range 12W From Phase I to Phase II
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Sections 19-36, Township 31 – Range 19W From Phase II to Phase III
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Chapter 2: The proposed amendments authorize updated enforcement rules and regulations to better conform to state statutes.

Rule 3.1.1.2 & Appendix A: The proposed amendments include the addition of the Upper Elkhorn NRD Moratorium and Stay Designation Map.

Rule 3.2: The proposed amendments clarify terminology throughout the Transfer rule.

Rule 3.4.5: The proposed amendments require the applicant who applies for and signs the water well permits to be the landowner or power of attorney.

Rule 3.4.13: The proposed amendments update the Hydrologic Evaluation section and moves it into Rule 3.4 Water Well Permits

Rule 3.6.7: The proposed amendments update the expiration date for Nitrogen Certification Cards to March 1st of the fourth year of the certification license.

Rule 3.7: The proposed amendments update the Phase Level Designations and Controls.

Rule 3.7.2.3.7: The proposed amendments update the pound per acre residual nitrate-nitrogen trigger levels for Phase III soil sampling to account for organic matter levels.

Rule 3.9: The proposed amendments update the requirements for Annual Phase II Crop Reporting through Producer Connect.

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments to the rules may be obtained at, or by contacting, the Upper Elkhorn NRD, 301 North Harrison Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763, telephone number 402-336-3867. All persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and offer testimony. Written testimony may be presented at the hearing or may be delivered or mailed to the Upper Elkhorn NRD. If mailed or delivered, such testimony must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 23rd, 2026.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the Upper Elkhorn NRD at the address or phone number listed above.

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Request By Mail or Fax: 6:00 PM, Friday, October 23rd, 2026
Request in Person: 5:00 PM, Monday, November 2nd, 2026
Request by Agent: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026

All early voting ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.
Return completed application by mail to:
Lisa Payne, Antelope County Clerk
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Voter Registration Requirements

The last day to register to vote in the November 3rd, 2026, General Election is Friday, October 23rd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Office of the County Clerk/Election Commissioner. All persons wishing to vote must be United States citizens, a Nebraska resident and at least 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of this year, that being November 3rd, 2026. Eligible applicants must complete a Nebraska Voter Registration Application providing: their name; residence address; postal address, if different from their residence address; date of birth; party affiliation, or indication of no affiliation; a valid Nebraska driver's license number and their signature. **/s/ Lisa Payne**
Antelope County Clerk/ Election Commissioner

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Long announces sentences for Elgin, Schuyler men

Rowdy Burke, 55, of Elgin, appeared for a sentencing on revocation of probation.

Long found that on the original conviction of driving during a period of revocation, a Class IV felony, the probation ordered was revoked and sentenced Burke to 270 days in the Antelope County Jail with credit for 61 days previously served.

The sentence shall be served consecutive to any other sentence Burke is currently serving. His license revocation for a 15-year period is continued.

Burke was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff.

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Yeltsin Lopez-Gonzalez, 29, of Schuyler reached a plea agreement. Per the agreement, a guilty or no contest plea to amended charges would result in both parties recommending time served at sentencing.

Smith filed amended information charing Lopez-Gonzalez with one count of false information, a Class I misdemeanor, and one count of driving under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a Class W misdemeanor.

Lopez-Gonzalez pleaded no contest to both counts.

A presentence investigation was waived. Long sentenced Lopez-Gonzalez to 150 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for 150 days previously served, on count one.

On count two, Lopez-Gonzalez was sentenced to 60 days in the Antelope County Jail, to be served concurrent to Count 9. He will also pay a $500 fine to be sat out in jail with using days previously in jail.

Long revoked the defendant's driver's license for six months and ordered an ignition interlock device on each motor vehicle operated by the defendant after a minimum of 45 days of no driving.

Long ordered Lopez-Gonzalez to sit out the fine a $237 court costs by using the remaining days previously sat out in jail awaiting trial and sentencing.

He was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff for execution of the sentence.

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Burke was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff.

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Oakdale man enters not guilty plea to sex offender registry charge

John A Bishop, 54, of Oakdale, pleaded not guilty to violating Nebraska's sex offender registration act, a Class IIIA felony, during a Sept. 30 arraignment and motion of discovery hearing in Antelope County District Court.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object to the discovery motion, and the Honorable Michael Long approved and ordered reciprocal discovery.

Bishop will appear Oct. 28 for a pretrial hearing. A jury trial is slated for Nov. 16.

Bond, set at $5,000-10%, remains in effect.

Bishop was originally convicted of attempted sexual battery, a C Felony, in Cheatham County, Tennessee, in 1991.

The current charge stems from an Aug. 3 check conducted by Nebraska State Patrol Investigator Brandon Viterna, who found Bishop in violation for failing to report or update information about his registered vehicles and vehicles in which he has access or operates. Bishop also failed to provide an updated copy of a valid operator's license or ID card.

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Judge Long denies Heying request for bond reduction

Heying requests bond reduction, denied

A 29-year-old Petersburg man remains in custody following arraignment in Antelope County District Court on Sept. 30.

Zachary L. Heying appeared before the Honorable Michael Long and requested an attorney. Doug Stratton, Antelope County Public Defender, was appointed.

A bond hearing was held. Heying requested "the lowest possible bond." Antelope County Joe Smith countered and requested Long set a high bond amount.

After reviewing Heying's criminal history and listening to attorney arguments, Long set bond at $50,000-10%, with conditions that Heying appears as ordered, not leave the State of Nebraska, obey all laws, submit to blood, breath or urine testing upon request of any law enforcement officer, not use or possess any controlled substance without a prescription, and submit to search and seizure of premises, person or motor vehicle upon request of any law enforcement office.

Heying will appear Oct. 28 for further arraignment on a felony burglary count.

He was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Courtesy of SAM

Long hears pretrial arguments in several district court cases

A plea agreement was reached in a case involving a 35-year-old Krum, Texas, man.

Per the agreement, announced Sept. 30 in Antelope County District Court, a guilty or no contest plea to two amended charges would result in both parties recommending probation.

Michael S. Boughton pleaded no contest to one amended count of operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class I misdemeanor, and one amended count of willful reckless driving, a Class III misdemeanor.

Antelope County District Judge Michael Long found Boughton guilty and ordered a presentence investigation to be completed prior to sentencing.

Boughton was instructed to meet with probation office personnel that day for report preparations.

Long ordered Boughton to appear Nov. 25 for sentencing. Failure to appear could result in filing of a Class II misdemeanor.

Bond set at $20,000-10%, with previously-ordered conditions, remains in effect.

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Counsel for Dillon W. Eckstein, 29, of St. Edward, requested a continuance.

Eckstein faces a felony DUI-.15+ or refusal (2 prior convictions) charge, a misdemeanor count for refusing to submit to pretest, and one count of possession of marijuana one ounce or less-1st offense, an infraction.

Smith did not object, and Long granted attorney Bradley Ewalt's motion.

Eckstein was ordered to appear Oct. 28 for a pretrial hearing. Bond, set at $10,000-10%, remains in effect.

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Austin Klabenes, 20, of Neligh, appeared for a pretrial hearing. He faces a felony count for delivery/dispense/distribute/manufacture/possession of an exception hazardous drug.

Martin Klein, representing Klabenes, requested a continuance. Smith did not object.

Long granted the motion and set Dec. 16 for the pretrial hearing.

A jury trial is scheduled for Jan. 19.

A $20,000-10% bond remains in effect, with all previously-ordered conditions continued.

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Dustin E. Zuhlke, 48, currently in custody, requested that Antelope County Public Defender withdraw as counsel, since he retained Kaz Long to represent him.

Long granted that motion.

A status hearing was scheduled for Oct. 2, in Madison County District Court. Zuhlke and his attorney appeared via Zoom.

Smith filed a motion to endorse on Sept. 18; Long did not object, and Judge Long granted the motion to endorse.

A pretrial hearing will take place Oct. 28. Long ordered all pretrial motions intended to be heard that day to be filed by Oct. 9.

A jury trial remains set for Nov. 16.

Zuhlke requested a bond reduction. Smith objected. After reviewing Zuhllke's criminal history, Long denied the request. Bond continues at $500,000-10%, with all previously-ordered conditions in place.

Zuhlke faces four charges, including two counts of terroristic threats, both Class IIIA felonies, and two counts of use firearm to commit a felony, both Class IC felonies.

The charges stem from a March 26 incident, investigated by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore. Zuhlke is alleged to have entered property at 53060 Highway 20, near Plainview, and began yelling at Stephanie Sorensen, who was inside the residence. According to the probable cause affidavit, Zuhlke announced he had weapons in the vehicle.

Sorensen locked the doors and called Brent Demerath, her fiancé, who in turn contacted Health Zuhlke to come to the property to assess the situation.

Demerath arrived home and identified Dustin Zuhlke. Heath Zuhlke arrived shortly after Demarath did, and a confrontation occurred between the two Zuhlkes.

After the fight broke up, Dustin Zuhlke is alleged to have grabbed a handgun out of his vehicle and placed the barrel against Heath Zuhlke's forehead. Demerath reported he retrieved a rifle from his pickup and told Zuhlke to put the gun down. Information in the probable cause affidavit reports that Health Zuhlke backed away, and eventually Dustin Zuhlke put the gun down and left the scene.

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Long continued a pretrial hearing for Denise A. Blevins, 64, of Norfolk. She faces a felony count of possession of a controlled substance.

According to attorneys, more time is necessary to discuss the possibility of drug court.

Long set a pretrial hearing for Oct. 28, with a jury trial slated for Nov. 1.

A $1,500 personal recognizance bond remains in effect.

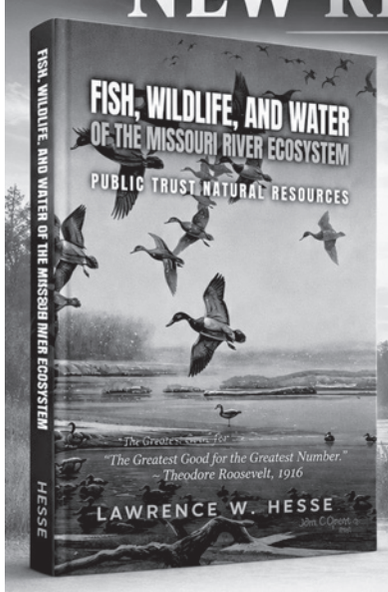
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Elgin's Life Chain 2026









Over 30 adults and students took part in this year's Life Chain, held after Sunday Mass at St. Boniface Cathoic Church. As in previous years, participants hold signs in a public area (here, along Highway 14) and pray in silence for one hour.

Established in 1987, the event is held across the United States on the first Sunday of October.

E-R photos /LMorgan

To be engaged or not

Never tell me there's nothing going on in Elgin because it's just not true.

It's all relative. If you want to be engaged in the community, you can find something to do. Conversely, if you prefer to stay home and stare at your phone for endless hours, clicking here and there, then it doesn't seem like much is happening outside your world.

SPINNING TALES

Publisher
Dennis Morgan

Perhaps the thing that caught the most eyes this past week was our schools observing Homecoming Week. A week's worth of activities wrapped up Friday night with the Wolfpack suffering a tough loss to Central Valley on the gridiron. Then, one night later, high school students enjoyed a formal homecoming dance. Central Valley defeated our team handily. It's over. The players have shifted their focus to the next opponent, Palmer. We should do the same. No need to dwell on the past, especially when it comes to sports. Teams that do well don't look back but are constantly looking forward and becoming the best athletes they can be.

As for the dance, from the photos I saw on social media, the kids cleaned up pretty good and appeared to have a great time.

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Still engaged? I hope so because October and November have activities which will directly shape Elgin's future.

On Wednesday night, October 7 (tonight), the public is invited to attend an informational meeting about the formation of a neighborhood watch program.

With the support of Mayor Mike Schmitt and the Elgin City Council, this program once implemented, will make our community a safer one for all ages.

A good set of eyes and ears can improve the safety of all here in Elgin. The watch program is not designed to replace law enforcement, but rather to serve as a tool to make neighborhoods safer.

The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center and is open to the public. Letters have been delivered to the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center asking representatives to attend as well. Let's work together and see if we can improve the quality of life we share here.

Also going on in Elgin is the buildup to the November general election when eligible voters in Elgin will be asked to adopt LB840 as a means for economic development. Information has been made available to all who wish to understand the merits of adding one-half cent to the city sales tax to be used for the betterment of the community.

Gone are the days when one can sit back and wait for someone to bring a new business or expand an existing business to create more jobs. Communities who succeed take a proactive approach. It's worked in other communities, can it work here? Voters will decide in November.

My suggestion for all of you is to be engaged in our community's future. The choice, as always, is yours.

EPPJ JVs, 'C' teams battle Lady Cougars

ELGIN — The Wolfpack JV team defeated Niobrara-Verdigre 25-6 and 25-22 Monday night, Sept. 28. In the victory, EPPJ posted 14 kills led by Macy Rokahr with 7, Libby Evans 3, Kynlee Tillis 2, Tenley Schindler 1 and Molly Thiessen 1. Kinley Drueke led the team with 10 set assists. Sophia Burke led in digs (8) and serve receive (17). Nine was the number of ace serves by the Wolfpack, led by Drueke with 6, Tillis 2 and Burke 1.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, EPPJ lost to West Holt 15-25, 20-25 and 21-25. EPPJ had 14 kills in the match, Tillis and Thiessen each had 5, Rokahr had 4. Sadie Thiessen had 10 set assists. The team had six ace serves led by S. Thiessen 2, Evans, Tillis and M. Thiessen each had 1. Evans led in digs (16) and serve receive (14).

EPPJ's 'C' team defeated Niobrara-Verdigre 25-17 and 26-24.

Rokahr led in kills with 4, Cara Romej posted 3, Chloe Kielty and Aurora Burke each had 2, Burke had all five of the team's set assists. Tillis led the team in ace serves with 3, Romej had 2, Rylee Rokahr and Burke added 1 apiece. The team had nine digs, Victoria Evans and Burke each had 3. Tillis led in serve receive with 6.

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Some breast cancer cases caused by gene changes

The American Cancer Society reports that as many as 10 percent of breast cancer cases are thought to be caused by gene changes passed down through families. Those changes, also known as mutations, can affect a number of genes, including the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, which both play a role in tumor suppression. A women with a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene has up to a 70 in 100 chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Men with a mutation in BRCA1 or BRCA2 also are at greater risk of breast cancer, even though instances of the disease among men are rare. Women with a family history of breast cancer are also are at greater risk for breast cancer compared to women with no such family connection.



Annual County Government Day

Seniors and juniors from Elgin schools attended this year's County Government Day last Thursday, October 1st

Pictured left: Elgin Public juniors (l-r) Kaidynce Schrad, Molly Thiessen and Brystol Buschow are "sworn in" as part of their visit in the court room.

Below, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic seniors Elizabeth Moser and Brayden Burenheide listen intently as Antelope County Clerk Lisa Payne explains some of the duties her office is responsible for.

Photos courtesy of SAM



EHS's Miller, Smidt, Lichtenberg and Eisenhauer; PJCC's Kinney

NSAA, Currency announce 2026-27 Believers & Achievers

LINCOLN – Currency and the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) are proud to announce the 2026-27 Believers & Achievers.

Selected from Elgin Public School were Gemma Miller, Dannyka Smidt, Kylee Lichtenberg and Kierstyn Eisenhauer. Chosen from Pope John was Brooke Kinney.

Believers & Achievers is a statewide awards program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders. All students nominated for the Believers & Achievers awards program represent the very best of Nebraska's high schools and are considered local school winners. A complete list of the local school winners for the 2026-27 activities year is available on the NSAA website.

Timing a late alfalfa cutting

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator
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Timing a Late Alfalfa Cutting

With forage supplies tight in some areas this year, getting one more cutting from an alfalfa field may be tempting. While that extra hay can be valuable, we also need to think through what a late harvest may mean for stand health this winter and productivity next spring.

Traditionally, we've recommended giving alfalfa roughly six weeks of uninterrupted growth before a killing freeze. The problem with a calendar recommendation is that every fall is different. Growing degree days, or GDD, give us another way to look at that decision.

There has also been an important correction to numbers I've shared in the past. Previous recommendations used 500 and 200 growing degree days with a base temperature of 41 degrees. A review of the original research found those values were based on Celsius GDD and weren't properly converted to Fahrenheit.

Using base-41 Fahrenheit, the numbers we should be using are about 900 and 360 GDD.

If more than 900 GDD remain between harvest and a killing freeze, alfalfa should have enough growing weather to regrow and replace the reserves it used. Once fewer than 360 GDD remain, there generally isn't enough time for much regrowth to occur.

That leaves 360 to 900 GDD as the window we want to avoid. Cutting during that period can trigger regrowth and use stored energy without leaving enough growing season for the plant to fully replace it.

Stand condition also needs to be part of the decision. Older or thinning stands, or fields stressed by drought, insects, disease, poor fertility, or frequent cutting, would benefit from more conservative management.

So how do we know where we stand?

For eastern Nebraska, the University of Wisconsin's Alfalfa Cutting Tool can help. Select the Upper Midwest map, choose your location, and click the Season Planning tab. Right now, coverage only extends into roughly the eastern quarter of Nebraska.

Farther west, the High Plains Regional Climate Center's CLIMOD tool can be used to look at historical base-41 GDD and killing-freeze dates for nearby locations.

Remember, these tools are still based on historical weather, so they should be used to evaluate risk rather than as a guarantee.

Getting the crop cut is only part of the challenge. Cooler temperatures, shorter days, and heavier dew can make getting hay dry increasingly difficult as we move further into fall.

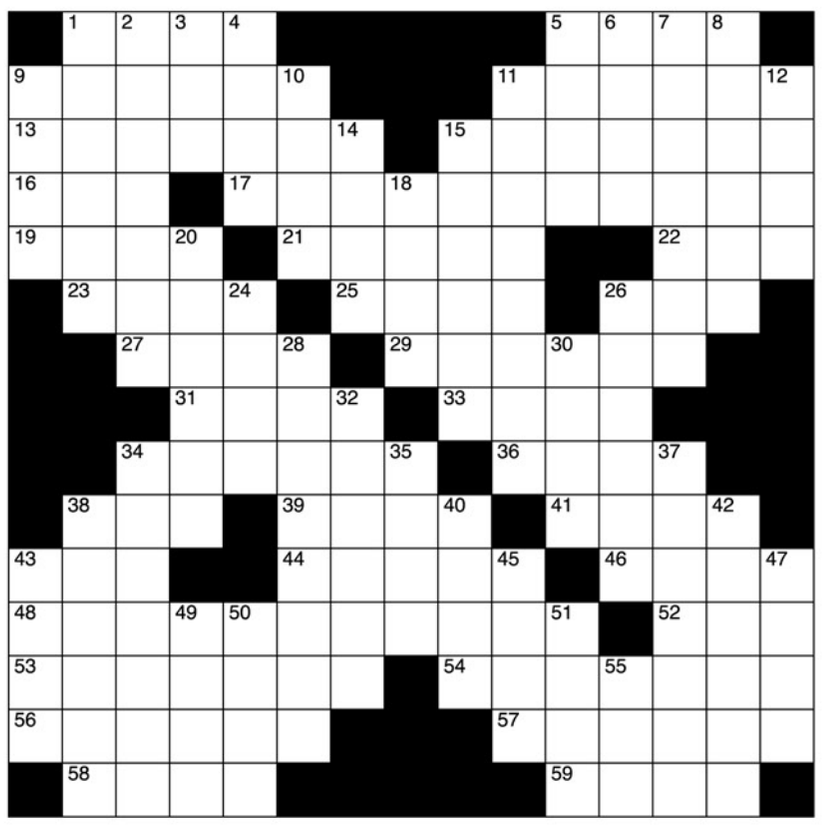
If you do take a late cutting, consider leaving four to six inches of stubble. A higher cutting height can improve airflow under the windrow and help with dry down while also leaving more residue to catch snow and provide some winter protection.

There may be a few secondary pest-management benefits to removing late-season growth, but I wouldn't take a late cutting simply to clean up a field. Stand health and timing should still drive the decision.

If you need some extra feed this winter, don't just look at the calendar. Look at stand condition and the growing weather we have left. Ideally, cut with more than 900 GDD remaining before a killing freeze, or wait until fewer than 360 remain and very little regrowth is expected.

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Crossword Puzzle Clues



CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. A group of similar things ordered one after another
11. Loved Romeo
13. Something to solve
15. Pelvic areas
16. Informal debt instrument
17. Ineffective
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"
23. Astronomer Sagan
25. C. Utah city
26. Turkey
27. Informal terms for money
29. Awakens
31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed
34. Looked through
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A type of "cast"
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Removed someone's head
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Examination
59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave
2. A state of excitement
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted from a horse
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. A disreputable man
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. A list of woes
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Broadway legend Bernadette
18. Monetary unit of Serbia
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. Branch of U.S. Congress
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Set up in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unhealthy



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Pretrial hearing set for rural Elgin man charged with possession of a firearm

A rural Elgin man charged with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person pleaded not guilty in Antelope County District Court.

Andrew D. Herley, 26, appeared before the Honorable Michael Long on Sept. 30. Long conducted a bond review, based on Herley's request to lower the amount to $50,000-10%.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object. Long granted the request, noting all previously-ordered conditions will still be in effect.

Herley was arrested Aug. 26 following an investigation by the Antelope County Sheriff's Office.

A complaint about Herley allegedly having possession of a gun was received Aug. 19.

Antelope County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Veit investigated at Herley's rural Elgin residence on Aug. 26, and Veit, along with two additional officers recorded a 22 caliber rifle matching a description of the gun Veit received. Ammunition was also recovered at the residence; however, no other firearms were located.

Herley alleged the firearm belonged to a family member who had been at the house "to shoot vermin." Herley alleged he did not know the gun had been left at the home. Long set a pretrial hearing for Dec. 16. A jury trial is scheduled for Jan. 19.

Erickson, Zwingman return to crown royalty

EPS Homecoming Coronation was held last Wednesday evening, September 30. Shown in the front are crown bearer Benson Beckman, King Michael Selting, Queen Kierstyn Eisenhauer and crown bearer Chloe Whitney. Back row: Past king Jarek Erickson, Dannyka Smidt, Rylen Schwarting, Megan Wright, Gemma Miller, Wyatt Paul, Justice Blecher, Kyla Donaldson, Mady Kurpgeweit, Libby Evans, Zevon Buechter, Kylee Licthtenberg, Braelyn Martinsen, Sadie Thiessen and past queen Kayton Zwingman.

E-R photo/LMorgan





Wolfpack Sports

Stuhr, Kerkman to compete at NVC Thursday

BATTLE CREEK —The Wolfpack cross country team is heading into the most important part of the season.

Having competed last week at Battle Creek, runners' Samantha Stuhr and Matthew Kerkman are now focusing their attention on the most important meets of the season.

They will compete later this week at the Niobrara Valley Conference meet to be held at Ainsworth. The meet will be held Thursday, October 8, with the girls race to begin at 4 p.m. and the boys race to follow

That will be their final tuneup before the district meet to be held Thursday, October 15, at the Antelope Country Club. The girls race will start at 3 p.m. with the boys race to follow at 3:45 p.m.

The top 15 individual runners will qualify for the Class D State Meet to be held the following week at Kearney.

Battle Creek meet

Competing Friday morning at Evergreen Country Club near Battle Creek, Stuhr competed against 68 other runners in the 5K race. She finished 28th with a time of 23:21. Winning the race was Annah Perdue of York who crossed the finish line with a time of 19:24.2.

In the boys division, Kerkman finished 69th out of 106 runners in the boys 5K race. His time was 21:27.

Winning the event was senior Jordan Anderson of Archangels. He crossed the finish line in a time of 16:31.

Central Valley shows why they're #1 in Class D-3

ELGIN — Class D-3's top ranked Central Valley Cougars put on a show Friday night.

It started out as a thriller then quickly became a rout as the Cougars scored 38 first quarter points and went on to defeat the Wolfpack 68 to 6.

"I thought our boys battled hard," Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said. "Every once in a while you just kind of have to tip your hat to them and say good luck with the rest of the year."

"We did a bunch of good things. I thought our effort was good overall. I thought our physicality was good."

Central Valley's speed and quickness proved to be too much on this night as the Wolfpack managed just 70 yards of total offense in the game.

The Cougars' offense overwhelmed the Wolfpack defense, racking up 447 yards of total offense.

Doing much of the damage for the Cougars was junior William Pokorny. He scored Central Valley's first four touchdowns and finished the game with 131 yards rushing on just six carries.

The Wolfpack's lone touchdown came in the first quarter when Evin Pelster ran a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

"I just put my head forward and ran as fast as I can," Pelster said about his kickoff return.

Aside from Pelster's exciting kickoff return, other highlights for the Wolfpack in the game were:

• Braedon Hinkle's 18-yard miraculous reception in the fourth quarter. He went up for the ball and it bounced off his hands, then as he fell on his back he made the reception.

• Freshman Cecil Shavlik averaged more than four yards per carry, finishing as the team's leading rusher with 17 yards.

• Junior Max Henn had a team-high six tackles. He recovered one fumble.

• Freshman Cael Bottorf had a quarterback sack.

• Senior Michael Selting had an interception to end a Cougar drive in the first half.

The Wolfpack's effort was hurt by five players who suffered injuries which kept them on the sideline for a period of time or knocked them out of the game. Coach Heithoff said he was optimistic the injured players will be available for the next game.

The best thing about Friday night's game? It's over. Coaches Matt Euse and Heithoff told the players to focus on what they did well in the game and focus on the team's next opponent.

"We'll make sure we're focused on Palmer," Heithoff said.



Evin Pelster scored EPPJ's lone touchdown on a kickoff return.



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Central Valley's Lincoln Nekoliczak learned early in the game there's no getting away from Justice Blecher (92).

Next up for the Wolfpack will be a game Friday night at Palmer (0-6). Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

Central Valley 68, EPPJ 6

Cougars .....38 16 6 8 — 68
Wolfpack.....6 0 0 0 — 6
CV — William Pokorny 36 run (PAT good)
CV — Pokorny 6 run (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Evin Pelster 75 kickoff return (PAT failed)
CV — Lincoln Nekoliczak 9 pass to Pokorny (PAT good)
CV — Pokorny 14 run (PAT good)
CV — Nekoliczak 30 pass to Landon Shoemaker (PAT good)
CV — Nekoliczak 4 run (PAT good)
CV — Lane Foltz 1 run (PAT good)
CV — Foltz 10 run (PAT failed)
CV — Drexon Dugan 38 pass to Landon Poss (PAT good)

Team Statistics	EPPJ	CV
Rushing	42/35	30/328
Passing	4/8/1	12/16/1
Passing Yds	35	119
Total Yds	70	447
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Interceptions by	1	0

Individual Statistics

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Michael Selting 3/4/0 — 17, Carter Selting 0/1/0 — 0, Braxtyn Eisenhauer 1/3/0 — 18. CV — Lincoln Nekoliczak 11/15/1 — 116
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Ethan Hansen 3/6, Selting 6/-20, Joseph McNally 6/11, Selting 3/0, Eisenhauer 1/3, Nolan Seier 2/5, Cecil Shavlik 4/17, Gavin Kallhoff 8/11, Evin Pelster 1/-8, Braedon Hinkle 3/10. CV — William Pokorny 6/131.
Receiving (No/Yds) — Kallhoff 1/20, Pelster 2/-3, Hinkle 1/18. CV — Landon Shoemaker 6/75
Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Hansen 4/0, Selting 1/1, McNally 0/1, Eisenhauer 1/0, Max Henn 5/1, Brayden Clark 1/1, Cael Bottorf 1/0, Kallhoff 1/0, Pelster 4/1, James Lodge 1/1, John Zwingman 1/0, Raaf Klein 1/2, Jayvin Erickson 4/0. CV — July Gotschall 12, Pokorny 11.
Quarterback sacks — Bottorf 1. CV — Pokorny 2.
Tackles For Loss — Bottorf 1, Lodge 1. CV — Pokorny 4.
Interceptions — Selting 1.
Fumble recoveries — Henn 1.



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Braelyn Martinsen had 12 kills and four ace serves against the Lady Cougars.

Wolfpack sweep N-V

ELGIN — Having dropped two of their past three matches, the Wolfpack volleyball team regained their winning form with a sweep of Niobrara-Verdigre last week.

EPPJ topped the Lady Cougars 25-18, 25-16 and 25-13 in a match played Monday night, September 28, at St. Boniface Auditorium.

It was EPPJ's first match of the season at the old venue and the Wolfpack showed the form which had eluded them in recent losses.

Coach Jordynn Luettel said, "We needed to get back in our groove and we needed to feel confident in the new rotations and the new setups, without Mady as part of that lineup. Tonight was instrumental, especially going into the next two weeks."

The Wolfpack's domination of the net showed against the Lady Cougars. EPPJ had 38 kills in the match. Sophomore Jael Lammers again led with 14 kills and senior Braelyn Martinsen added 12 while sophomore Lillian Moser, becoming more active in the offense as Mady Kurpgeweit remains sidelined with an injury, had eight. Setter Elizabeth Moser had 32 set assists in the match.

Martinsen brought her 'A' game to the service line as she had a team-high four ace serves. She also led the team in digs with 20.

Sophomore Sydney Niewohner had three of the team's six solo blocks in the match.

Gentry Zwingman led the team in serve receive with 18.

EPPJ 3, Niobrara-Verdigre 0

Cougars.....18 16 13
Wolfpack.....25 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 12/29/5, Jael Lammers 14/37/4, Lillian Moser 8/16/3, Tenley Schindler 2/7/0, Elizabeth Moser 0/4/0, Sydney Niewohner 2/8/2. Team totals: 38/101/14
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/7/0, Brooke Kinney 0/6/0, Martinsen 4/23/1, Kinley Drueke 0/5/1, E. Moser 0/14/1, Gentry Zwingman 0/17/0. Team totals: 4/72/3
Blocks — Lammers 1, L. Moser 2, Schindler 1, Niewohner 3.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 8/1, Kinney 4/2, Martinsen 20/3, Drueke 1/1, Lammers 5/0, L. Moser 2/1, Schindler 1/1, E. Moser 6/0, Zwingman 19/2. Team totals: 66/11
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 0/1/0, Kinney 0/1/0, Martinsen 0/2/0, L. Moser 0/1/0, E. Moser 32/90/4, Zwingman 2/6/0. Team totals: 34/101/4
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 1/0, Kinney 6/1, Martinsen 12/2, Zwingman 18/2. Team totals: 37/5



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Gentry Zwingman appears to take a 'header' at Thursday's Battle Creek Triangular.

Bravettes, Cards surprise EPPJ

Losses drop record to 11-10

BATTLE CREEK — The Wolfpack volleyball team have 'owned' Boone Central in recent years. But such wasn't the case Thursday night as the Cardinals swept EPPJ in a triangular played at Battle Creek High School.

Behind 14 kills from senior Addy Hedlund, the Cardinals defeated EPPJ 25-18 and 25-21.

Trailing 17 to 16 in the first set, Boone Central pulled away with a eight to two run to end the set.

The second set was tied at 19-all before the Cardinals again pulled away to win with a six-to-two run.

The Wolfpack managed just 19 kills in the match, led by Braelyn Martinsen with eight, Jael Lammers had seven.

On defense, Lammers, Lillian Moser and Tenley Schindler each had one solo block.

Elizabeth Moser recorded 16 set assists in the match. E. Moser, along with Brooke Kinney and Gentry Zwingman each had nine digs. Zwingman led in serve receive with 19.

In the last match of the night, EPPJ started strong by winning the first set, then dropped the last two to Battle Creek to lose the match 25-23, 18-25 and 22-25.

In the third set, E. Moser recorded back-to-back ace serves which cut the Bravettes lead to 21-19 as Battle Creek called a timeout. The teams traded points before L. Moser put down a kill to cut the lead down to two, 24 to 22. Battle Creek then won the final point to claim the match.

Lammers led hitters with 12 kills on 48 swings, Martinsen had eight and L. Moser had six. E. Moser posted 28 set assists in the match.

EPPJ had seven ace serves in the match, Martinsen had four, E. Moser had two and Sophia Burke added one. Martinsen had 18 digs in the match, one more than E. Moser.

Zwingman led the team in serve receive with 19, Brooke Kinney had 16.

The losses dropped EPPJ's record to 11-10.

Battle Creek 2, EPPJ 1

Bravettes.....23 25 25
Wolfpack.....25 18 22
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/1/0, Braelyn Martinsen 8/23/4, Jael Lammers 12/48/6, Lillian Moser 6/20/3, Tenley Schindler 2/5/2, Elizabeth Moser 2/4/0, Sydney Niewohner 4/11/0. Team totals: 34/112/15
Serving (A/Att/E) — Burke 1/9/2, Brooke Kinney 0/8/0, Sadie Thiessen 0/1/0, Martinsen 4/16/1, Kinley Drueke 0/5/1, L. Moser 0/2/2, E. Moser 2/9/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/19/0. Team totals: 7/69/6
Blocks — Lammers 1, Schindler 1.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 8/4, Kinney 6/4, Thiessen 1/0, Martinsen 18/7, Drueke 0/1, Lammers 7/0, L. Moser 0/1, Schindler 3/0, E. Moser 17/3, Zwingman 15/9. Team totals: 75/29
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Kinney 0/1/1, Martinsen 1/3/2, L. Moser 0/1/0, Schindler 0/2/1, E. Moser 28/95/4, Zwingman 1/11/0. Team totals: 30/113/8
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 4/0, Kinney 16/0, Martinsen 11/2, Lammers 7/2, Zwingman 19/1. Team totals: 57/5

Boone Central 2, EPPJ 0

Cardinals.....25 25
Wolfpack.....18 21
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 8/24/4, Jael Lammers 7/29/5, Lillian Moser 2/9/0, Tenley Schindler 1/4/1, Elizabeth Moser 0/2/0, Sydney Niewohner 1/5/0. Team totals: 19/73/10
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/6/0, Brooke Kinney 0/10/2, Martinsen 0/8/1, Kinley Drueke 0/3/2, E. Moser 1/6/1, Gentry Zwingman 0/7/0. Team totals: 1/40/5
Blocks — Lammers 1, L. Moser 1, Schindler 1.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 0/2, Kinney 9/5, Martinsen 9/4, Lammers 0/1, Schindler 1/0, E. Moser 9/2, Zwingman 9/7. Team totals: 37/21
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Kinney 0/1/0, Martinsen 1/2/0, Schindler 0/1/1, E. Moser 16/61/4, Zwingman 0/6/0. Team totals: 17/71/5
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 3/0, Kinney 7/3, Martinsen 15/2, L. Moser 1/0, Zwingman 19/0. Team totals: 45/5



Elizabeth Moser reaches high to tip the ball over the net against Boone Central.

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