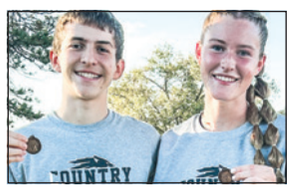


Strong interest shown for Neighborhood Watch program
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Wolfpack runners bring home medals from NVC Meet
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In Brief

Food pantry to disperse food on October 20

Starting at 2p.m.

The date has been set for the mobile food pantry in Neligh.

The event is sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as other businesses, churches, and individuals.

They will be dispersing food on Tuesday afternoon, October 20, 2026 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

The food pantry will be located at the American Legion Club located in Neligh.

The food pantry is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proposed Constitutional Amendments — State of Nebraska

Notice — Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — The City of Elgin

Notice of Organization — JJS Legacy LLC

Notice of Vacancy — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Organization — North & Son Trucking

Ordinance #685 — The City of Elgin

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 89 degrees recorded on October 10. The low temperature during the same period was 45 degrees was recorded on October 7.

No 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
Oct 4	72	47	.00
Oct 5	78	47	.00
Oct 6	87	47	.00
Oct 7	87	45	.00
Oct 8	83	47	.00
Oct 9	86	61	.00
Oct 10	89	60	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for October			0.31
Total precipitation 2026			25.38



Future of Flock cameras to be decided November 10

By Greg Tharnish
Special to The Elgin Review

To have Flock cameras in Antelope County or not will be decided at a special county commissioner's meeting on November 10 at 6 p.m. at the courthouse.

Public comments will be heard at the meeting for or against the cameras, officially known as Automatic License Plate Readers. The Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) met yesterday for over two hours with 10 Flock camera opponents and, after a mishmash of opinions, set the date and will vote on whether Flock cameras will remain in the county.

Privacy issues, cost of cameras, lack of transparency and being "unconstitutional" were the main concerns with the cameras by opponents.

One pro-camera individual, the only one present, stated he was in favor of the cameras because of their proven effectiveness by law enforcement and "if one life can be saved by the cameras, they're worth it."

In attendance at the Special Meeting will be County Sheriff Bob Moore, County Attorney Joe Smith, County Clerk Lisa Payne, the four County Commissioners and a new commissioner (yet to be determined) in place of the late Charlie Henery.

Besides public comments, Antelope County residents can also write to the ACC for or against the use of Flock cameras. However, all letters must be signed, including home address, before they're read.

Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe reported that there were nine oversize permits and two temporary road use permits applied for. Four oversize permits and the road use permits were approved. Five oversized permits were denied because of a route change by a contractor working for a wind farm. Road work continues as weather allows.

County Sheriff Bob Moore came before the ACC with an update on communication upgrades taking place for the counties' volunteer fire departments. The current radios used by the fire departments are 22 years old and need replaced. Moore requested financial assistance from the ACC once cost is established. More to come when expenses are known.



Signs of Fall here and near Elgin

Seven days without a drop of moisture has the Elgin community busy with the Fall harvest. Farmers were finally able to get into their fields to harvest corn and soybeans, taking advantage of unseasonably warm temperatures. (Above) Harvesters were working hard south of Elgin on Sunday afternoon. (Right) Around town, there's an abundance of pumpkins, in a variety of colors being displayed. Trick-or-treaters will be welcomed downtown on Friday afternoon, October 30.

ER photos/DMorgan



Work delayed on ditch excavation

City seeking to save $$ with lower bid

Meeting last week, the Elgin City Council took no action on ditch excavation at 410 N. Myrtle Street. All four members discussed at length with City Street Superintendent B.J. Bode and Mayor Mike Schmitt about the work that needed to be at the location.

Following the discussion, they decided to seek a second bid on the project and accept it if it's cheaper than the bid of $4,500 received from Seda Land Handling.

Another bid for another project was accepted at the meeting. The council decided to replace a worn out sewer plant pump with a new pump from Midwest Pump Works. The bid approved was for $9,396 plus mileage and labor.

In other action:

Building permit — The council approved a building permit sought by Karl Hensley to build a new house in the Sterling Subdivision.

No action taken — Earlier in the meeting, the board heard from a spokesperson at Applied Connective Technologies at Albion, via phone, about IT updates. The lady explained at great length the steps being proposed and the costs which would be incurred by the City. Upon further discussion, the council instructed City Clerk Kristin Childers to contact ACT to request a new bid after several items were determined not to be necessary. The item will likely be on the November agenda for possible action.

Bid received — The City has received a bid of more than $67,000 from Rasmussen Mechanical for a new pool boiler. No action will be taken until after May maintenance is completed. On another matter, Bode informed the council that a storm sewer at the corner of Highway 14 and Maple Street collapsed after being run over. If anyone has information on who may have run over the storm sewer should contact City Hall.

Open seat on county board being advertised

The process to fill the vacancy on the Antelope County Board of Commissioners has begun.

County Clerk Lisa Payne has begun to advertise the position in *The Elgin Review* and other county newspapers now through October 28.

The vacancy will be filled within 45 days from the date of vacancy by appointment by the Antelope County Attorney, Antelope County Treasurer and Antelope County Clerk. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy must be a registered voter in, and a resident of, District 4 Commissioners District. District #4comprises portions of Neligh and Oakdale Townships, including the eastern part of the City of Neligh and all of Oakdale Village.

The current term of office for Commissioner District 4 ends on January 4, 2029. The annual salary for this elective office is $20,250. Health insurance and retirement benefits are available.

Individuals interested in serving in

See **SEAT, Page 3 ►**

EPPJ is #4 seed at NVC tourney

Pairings have been announced for the 2026 Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament to be played next week.

The pairings were announced Monday.

The Wolfpack will be the #4 seed and open tournament play on Monday at 6:30 p.m. against Ainsworth. The match will be played at St. Mary's High School.

The winner will likely face St. Mary's in a semi-final round match October 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Wheeler Central High School.

The championship match will be Saturday at Ainsworth.

Check out the pairings which can be found on Page 10.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Easy Brownies



Good day,

Happy Harvest!

Hope you all are having a safe harvest season. The rain a couple of weeks ago was really nice.

This week's recipe is the one I grew-up making for many meals to feed the hayfield crew. I thought maybe your crew may enjoy it for one of their many meals.

I bet I made this recipe a million times!

Give it a try.

JoAnn





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EASY BROWNIES

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 1/2 cups flour
3 Tbls Cocoa
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cream butter, sugar and eggs together. Add the remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Pour in a sprayed 9x13 pan. Bake 25-30 minutes.

Frosting
1 cup white sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup milk
1/2 chocolate chips

Bring sugar, butter, and milk to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in chocolate chips.

Let cool until it thickens.Spread on cooled cake brownies.

This recipe frosts a 9x13 cake or brownies.

Finding your sweet balance

By Jaimie Beister, RN, CFCS

Whether you are living with diabetes, working to prevent it or simply interested in making healthier choices, Boone County Health Center invites you to join us for Sweet Balance: Diabetes Prevention & Management Event on Tuesday, November 3, from 4–6 p.m. at the Cardinal Inn. The event is open-house style, so stop by anytime.



Jaimie Beister

This year's event is bigger, with more than 20 booths and several new and different vendors. Attendees can explore everything from continuous glucose monitors and diabetic supplies to healthy eating, medication guidance and other resources. We'll also have appetizers, complimentary blood pressure and blood sugar checks, plus wine tasting at no cost. A highlight of the evening will be Lorie Lewis, co-founder of DEAR Diabetes, sharing "Finding Balance" at 5 p.m. Diabetes has impacted four generations of Lorie's family. With more than 30 years of firsthand experience, she brings a powerful message of education, support and hope while sharing ways to live well with diabetes and prevent complications.

BCHC's Dr. Tony Kusek will also discuss "Advances in Diabetes Care" at 4:30 p.m., and Kayla Baker, LIMHP, LPC, LADC, will present "Managing the Mental Load" at 5:30 p.m.

Our Diabetes Education and Management team is here to help patients manage, understand and monitor diabetes and, most importantly, know they are not alone. We're also excited to make a special announcement that evening about an expansion of our program and how we'll be able to provide even more support.

You don't have to have diabetes to attend. Bring a friend, ask questions, learn something new and discover practical ways to find your own "sweet balance."

HSC office offers help with Medicare drug plans

The Homestead Service Coordinator's office is again offering free assistance to area seniors comparing Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. Assistance is available thanks the Elgin Bargain Box and other individual donations.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to compare their current coverage with available options. Even though a plan met their needs in 2026, it may not be the best choice for them in 2027. Plans may change premiums, deductibles, the list of medications they cover and their co-pays, and costs may vary significantly.

Assistance is also offered for seniors having difficulty affording their medications. The Medicare Low Income Subsidy or pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistance Programs may be available.

Free, unbiased, confidential information to aid beneficiaries in choosing the best plan for their circumstances is offered. Appointments may be made by calling Connie Dvorak, a certified SHIIP counselor, at 843-8769.

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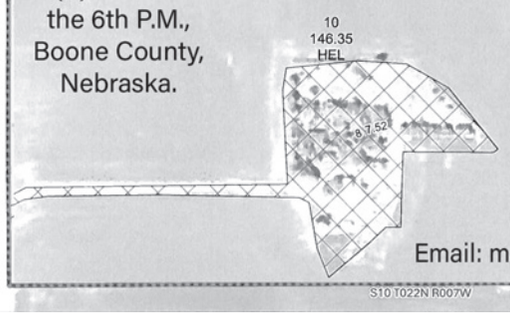
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Again and again and again ...

Lately, the word "again" has been popping up all over. I've noticed it in scripture, it was the word of the day at my workout group, and it really got me thinking about the things we must do over and over and how much meaning that word actually has.

Sometimes the word has a negative connotation to it, like when I'm doing mundane tasks around the house. I have to vacuum again. I must do laundry again. There are dishes in the sink again. Over and over, the same chores arise and must be repeated, like a never-ending cycle. The word doesn't need to mean something negative, though. There's the positive like when the sun shone again. I received a paycheck again. I woke up again. If we look for the positive, we can see those repeating patterns as well.

Then there are the choices that we must actively make, and that's where the word really has meaning and power. I have to choose to get up and work out again. I must actively make healthy food choices again. And every time we do something again, we have a chance to do it a little better, a little stronger, a little smarter.

Every day, I must make a choice to be a present mother, a hard-working employee, and a loving wife. Loving my husband and my children takes work and diligence and it's a daily choice. I am never going to be perfect, but I can keep choosing to show up again and again. I can choose to keep trying, to do the hard work, to grow closer to God and closer to my husband.

Over and over, I must make a choice of the type of woman, wife, daughter, friend, and mother I want to be. These things don't just happen by accident. Even when things are left on autopilot, we are making choices about our actions or inactions. Every day we have an opportunity to do better, and to be different.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

The important thing to remember is that when we fail, we have the opportunity to get up tomorrow and do it differently. God forgives us again

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Looking Back
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago — October 20, 1966

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sherman was observed Sept. 25 at the Methodist Church in Oakdale with open house from 2 to 4 p.m. One hundred seventy-five guests attending the occasion.

Mrs. Kenneth (Eva) McKay passed away Saturday evening at the Tilden Community Hospital following a one-car accident on Thursday. Mrs. McKay lost control of her car on the wet surface of Highway 275, about five miles west of Tilden shortly after 1 p.m. and it left the road and rolled.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerkman of Clearwater are the parents of a 6 lb. 12 oz. son born Oct. 1 at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago — October 20, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dozler announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Priscilla, to Dennis Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blair. A February wedding is planned.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, Jeanne Kerkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Kerkman, became the bride of John Dittrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Dittrich, in a 5 p.m. double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Marker are the parents of a 7 lb., 3 oz. daughter born Sept. 28, 1976. She has been named Rebecca Marie. Grandparents are Mrs. Anton Schrad and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Marker of Bartlett.

Thirty Years Ago — October 23, 1996

Antelope County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, Oct. 15, to set the 1996-97 tax rates for the governmental subdivisions.

Seniors Megan Pelster and Jeff Moser were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at Pope John Central Catholic during festivities last Thursday night, Oct. 17.

A group of local farmers, ranchers and businessmen, including present bank officers, signed an agreement last Wednesday, Oct. 23, to purchase the Bank of Elgin from the family of the late Richard K. "Dick" Draper.

Elgin High School and Pope John Central Catholic football teams will be competing in the qualifying round of the Nebraska State High School Football Playoffs this Thursday, Oct. 31.

Conditions remained mostly dry in the Elgin area for the past week, with only .02 of an inch of rainfall recorded.

Twenty Years Ago — October 25, 2006

Honor rolls for the first quarter of the 2006-07 school year were announced this week at the Elgin Public Schools and Pope John Central Catholic.

Elgin area football fans have plenty to be excited about this week, and they'll be busy this Thursday, Oct. 26, attending first round games in the State Eight-Man Football Playoffs.

Demand for irrigation well permits within the Upper Elkhorn NRD has declined considerably in 2006 as compared with the previous year.

A brother and sister team, Cassie and Austin Mitchell, Pope John Central Catholic students, recently completed 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.

By Anna Stuhr

Seat

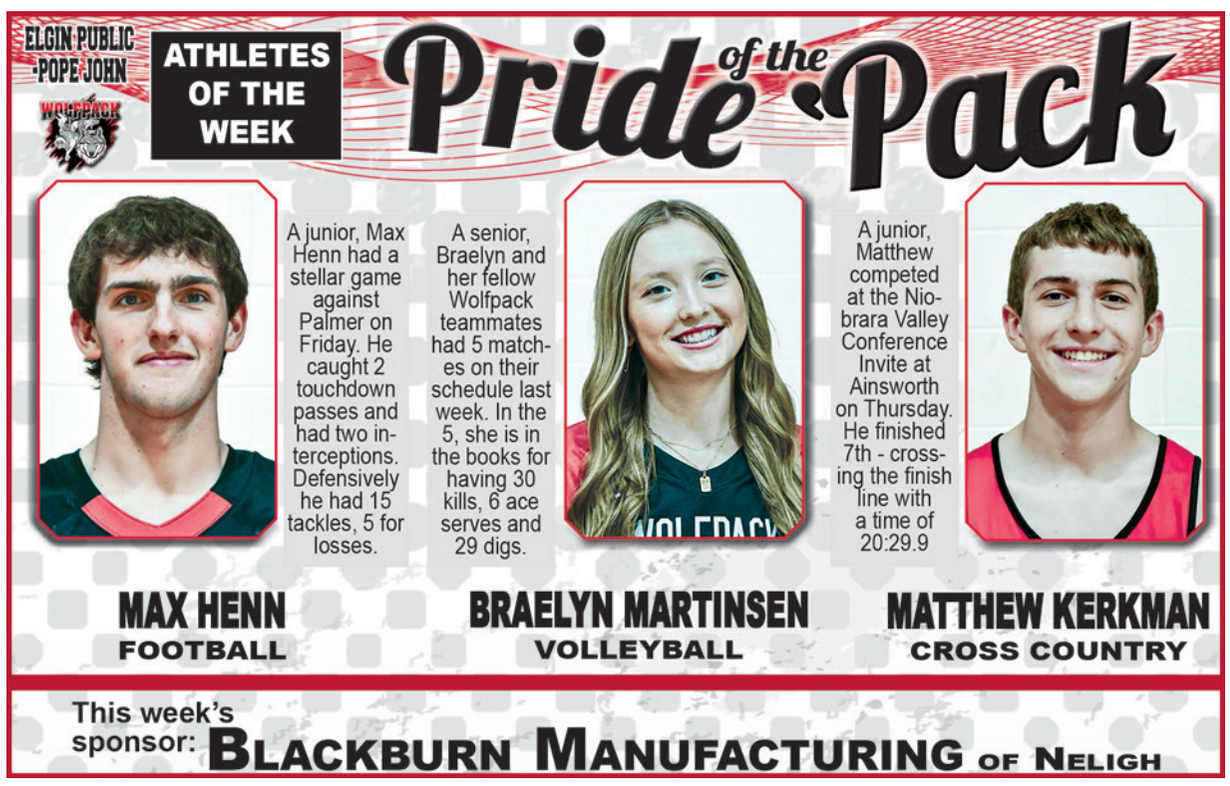
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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

How do we solve the property tax issue? Maybe change term limits

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

To solve complicated issues like property taxes, it might help to change term limits

It's been 26 years since Nebraskans voted to impose term limits on state senators.

But in November, voters have a chance to extend the state's term limit – from two consecutive, four-year terms to three consecutive, four-year terms.

(Lawmakers can come back after being term limited and sitting out a four-year term. A handful have. The most famous case is Omaha State Sen. Ernie Chambers, who served 38 years in the Unicameral, was term limited in 2008, and then won election in 2012 and served eight more years.)

While term limits have allowed more people to serve, it's also ended the service of some really smart legislators too soon. It has shifted power to the executive branch and to lobbyists, and also contributed to a harsher partisan divide in the one-house Unicameral.

The State Legislature deals with many complicated issues, like AI, data centers and even the death penalty.

The most complicated issue is taxation, especially concerning property taxes and how local, K-12 education is funded.

Do you raise state sales taxes so you can cut property taxes? How far can you cut state income taxes? (The state is discovering that the most recent cut probably went too far, and has contributed to huge deficits in state budgets.)

How exactly should local education be funded? More state aid? More local tax options?

Should lawmakers change the state aid formula? If you give more state aid, doesn't that mean that there's less local control, via local school boards, over whether you keep a local school?

Governors and several platoons of senators have grappled with the issue of property taxes for decades. And still we feel property taxes are way too high.

We're often told that Nebraska's formula for distributing state aid to local school districts is so complicated that "no one understands it."

I'm not sure that's completely true. A smart staffer in the depths of the State Department of Education understands it.

But to expect part-time, state senators to grasp how it works in a couple of years is probably a stretch. And then, once they understand it, to expect them to craft a solution, and sell it to their fellow state senators before they are term limited is probably a stretch, too.

I have little doubt that property taxes would be lower in the state if we allowed state senators to hang around for more than eight years. I keep thinking of former State Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, a truly wise legislator, who ruled over the state's tax system for years. He knew which levers could be pulled, and which ones couldn't.

It takes time to understand complicated problems, develop solutions, and then sell them to fellow senators. It also takes time to develop trust among fellow representatives, and develop leaders.

If you cannot serve more than two consecutive, four-year terms it creates an ever churning cast of legislators, who have to start the education process anew and hope, before their clock strikes two terms, they can get something done.

Term limits have also helped to make "moderate" state senators an endangered species because there's an open seat, at least, every eight years.

Our state legislative districts have been drawn so that most, if not all, are either "safe" Republican or "safe" Democrat districts. That makes it harder for a moderate candidate to win a primary election because fewer people vote in the primary and the ones who do, tend to be more partisan, from the right and left fringes of their parties.

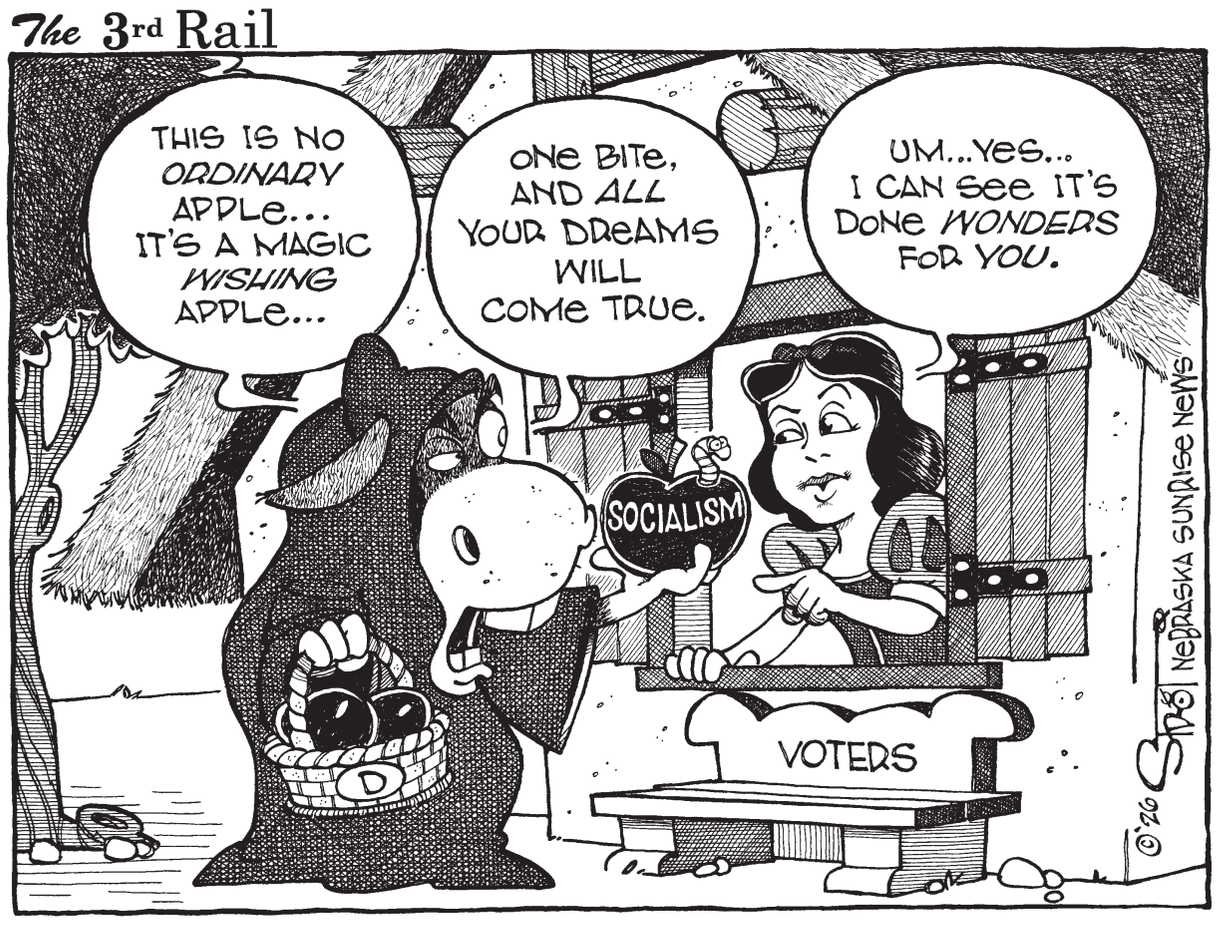
Norfolk State Sen. Rob Dover, who introduced the change in term limits to three terms, also argues that Nebraska, because it has a one-house Unicameral, loses more institutional knowledge than states with a Senate and House.

In two-house states, he said, a term-limited senator could run for the House, and continue to serve, albeit in a different legislative body.

Polls consistently show that voters approve of term limits. "Throw the bums" out is a line we often hear. But if you want solutions to complicated problems, you might want a legislative body that can gain more experience, and more knowledge.

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Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He is a retired senior reporter for the Nebraska Examiner and the former Capitol Bureau Chief for the Omaha World-Herald. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



Providing relief for Nebraska's farmers

With recent increases in diesel fuel prices and agricultural operating costs, I wanted to inform readers regarding two executive orders signed by Governor Jim Pillen that may provide relief for Nebraska farmers. Both executive orders signed by the Governor are effective for the 90-day period between September 24th until December 23rd of 2026.

Executive Order No. 26-20 allows haulers of agricultural commodities to haul livestock or harvested product loads up to 25% above legal gross and axle weight limits without needing extra permits or paying additional fees.

This order only applies to trucks operating in Nebraska and does not allow for overweight interstate travel.

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Keeping college athletics on a level playing field

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

There is something special about walking through the gates of Memorial Stadium on a crisp fall afternoon, surrounded by thousands of fans chanting "Go Big Red" as the excitement builds before kickoff. Or walking into the Bob Devaney Sports Center, where the air is electric with anticipation of the Huskers taking the court.

But what if that magic was overshadowed by game manipulation and insider trading? What if your favorite athlete was gambling on their own performance, or the opposing team's star player had previously played professionally? Suddenly every missed shot, dropped pass, or unexpected loss raises troubling questions.

We expect college athletics to be played the right way. Behind every student-athlete are years of practice, sacrifice, and support from their families, coaches, teammates, and communities. Those athletes deserve a fair opportunity to compete, and schools have a responsibility to uphold the rules that make fair competition possible. Unfortunately, as college athletics have evolved over the last few years, there have been well-documented cases around the country of players and coaches trying to go beyond the spirit of the sport.

That is why I introduced my bipartisan Fair Play Enforcement Act to hold schools accountable when they knowingly disregard established rules of competition.

Specifically, my legislation would penalize schools if they field an athlete in a sanctioned competition after that athlete has gambled on collegiate sports or signed a contract with and been rostered by a professional team before returning to compete in the same sport at the collegiate level.

Gambling undermines the trust fans place in the outcome of a game, while rules around professional participation help preserve the distinction between college and professional athletics.

The Fair Play Enforcement Act would penalize any school for putting an ineligible player on the field or court with an excise tax based on a percentage of its total gross athletic revenue. This includes money from ticket sales, media rights, sponsorships, and conference distributions.

My bill also includes safeguards to ensure these penalties are fair and based on established fact. A penalty could only be imposed after the appropriate governing body, such as the NCAA, makes a final, documented determination that a violation occurred. It would also apply only when a school knew or reasonably should have known about the violation and protect schools complying with a court order to roster or field a player.

There is a reason fans pack football stadiums on fall Saturdays and fill arenas across the country to cheer on college athletes. These teams represent our schools, our communities, and our state. At the end of the day, we should be able to trust that the athletes we cheer for and the institutions they represent are competing with integrity.

As college sports continue to evolve, I will work to preserve what makes them special: the opportunity they provide for young adults to hone their skills, represent their states and communities, and have a fair chance to compete.

Nebraska voters should ask better questions

Candidates are asking Nebraskans for our votes again.

Before we give them one, we should ask for something in return.

Give us the facts. Give us the numbers. Show us the data. Then show us the plan.

That should be our standard for anyone who wants to be our governor or represent Nebraska in the U.S. Senate.

Nebraska is worth protecting.

There is still something of the frontier in this state. We raise food that feeds people beyond our borders. We have land and water handed down through generations. We still have towns where a farm, business or factory can shape an entire community.

The frontier was never just a place. It was also the idea that people could build something of their own and have a say in what happened to it.

We should not give that away.

Look at Lexington.

Tyson closed its beef plant there in January, eliminating 3,212 plant positions. University of Nebraska researchers estimate the statewide impact could reach more than 7,000 jobs and about $3.3 billion in economic activity each year.

Behind those numbers are paychecks, families, local businesses and a Nebraska community changed by one major employer's decision.

So what did we learn from it?

How many other Nebraska towns depend heavily on one major employer? Do we know which are most at risk? Who benefits from the choices we make next, and who carries the cost?

Government cannot prevent every plant closure. We should not expect it to. But we should expect our leaders to understand our risks, prepare for them and make Nebraska a place where people want to build, invest and stay.

Our water deserves the same attention.

Water supports our farms, towns, businesses and families. Nebraska's 2026 Water Quality and Quantity Task Force identified the need to reduce nitrate concentrations in groundwater and protect our water resources for the long term.

What we do with our water is not just a policy question. It is also about what we leave behind.

Someone protected these resources before they belonged to us. We owe the same duty to the Nebraskans who come after us.

That means thinking beyond the next election. It also means thinking beyond Washington.

Too often, our political conversations start somewhere else. Washington has a fight, the parties choose sides, and soon Nebraskans are expected to choose one too.

But Nebraska is not Washington.

We should never become a branch office for a president, political party or national movement.

Our governor's first responsibility is Nebraska. Our senators should take Nebraska's interests to Washington, not simply bring Washington's politics home to us.

So this election, let's use something simple.

Call it the Nebraska Test.

Whenever a candidate makes a promise, identifies a crisis or assigns blame, ask five questions.

Is it true? Show us the evidence.

Who benefits? Who gains? Who pays? What does the candidate gain by asking us to support it? How big is it? Give us the numbers and put the problem in perspective.

What's the plan? Tell us what can actually be done, what it will cost and who is responsible.

How will we know it worked? Give us a result we can measure and check after the election.

"Who benefits?" does not mean someone did something wrong. It means voters should understand who has something to gain, including the candidate asking for our vote.

Use the Nebraska Test at town halls, during debates and when you see campaign ads.

Most importantly, use it on the candidate you already support.

It is easy to demand evidence from the other side. It is harder to look at someone wearing our colors and say, prove it.

And do not give this argument a free pass either. Test it.

A candidate passes the Nebraska Test when ordinary Nebraskans can see the evidence, know who benefits and pays, understand the plan and know what result to expect.

If we cannot do that, keep asking questions.

Nebraska's independence is worth more than loyalty to any politician.

No party owns this state. No president owns it. No corporation owns it. We do.

This election, do not just pick a side. Apply the Nebraska Test and make them earn your vote.

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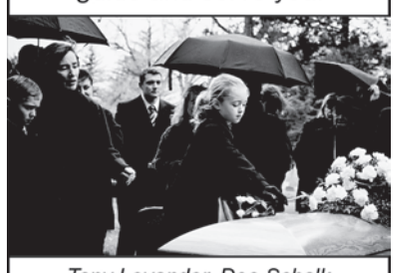
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BCHC hosts 'Get the Tea on Breast Cancer'

Mammography still the 'Gold Standard'

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) welcomed 75 guests to its "Get the Tea on Breast Cancer" event on October 5, bringing women together during Breast Cancer Awareness Month to learn more about breast cancer screening, early detection and the importance of understanding their individual risk.

Dr. Tami Dodds, BCHC Chief of Medical Staff, served as emcee for the evening. She welcomed guests and recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month as a time to honor and remember those whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. Dodds then introduced featured speaker Dr. Kinzie Norris, Breast Surgical Oncologist with Faith Health, highlighting her extensive background, passion for patient education and role as a valuable resource and partner for BCHC.

Throughout her presentation, Dr. Norris emphasized the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection. For women at average risk, current guidelines recommend annual mammography beginning at age 40, with 3-D mammography preferred when available.

Screening does not prevent breast cancer, but it can find cancer

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Executive Order No. 26-21 suspends the state tax on over-the-road (clear) diesel fuel used in highway-registered vehicles transporting agricultural commodities. Clear diesel used in over-the-road vehicles like semi-trucks are subjected to both a federal 24.4 cent/gallon fuel tax and a state 31.8 cent cent/gallon fuel tax since vehicles using this fuel primarily drive on highways. Off-road (dyed) diesel used in off-road vehicles like tractors are not subjected to a federal fuel tax and a lower state 0.25 cent/gallon fuel tax since this fuel is typically restricted to only vehicles used for off-road purposes, such as agricultural operations.

While the standard clear and dyed diesel tax still applies at the pump, this executive order allows qualifying Nebraska agricultural producers to track their fuel receipts and get refunds on their state diesel taxes for any travel they did while transporting agricultural commodities during this 90-day period. In order to receive refunds, haulers must record their mileage while they were transporting agricultural commodities and record them on Form 84AG (Nebraska Ag Use Motor Fuels Tax Refund Claim). Haulers will then receive a tax refund for their diesel mileage. This form can be found on the Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.nebraska.gov.

The Department requests that those utilizing this tax refund write EO 26-21 on the top of the form to indicate they are using the provisions of this executive order.

Executive Order No. 26-21 also allows highway-registered vehicles to use cheaper dyed diesel on Nebraska highways without facing state penalties as long as the vehicles are used to haul agricultural commodities.

Finally, on October 5th, President Donald Trump announced a related federal executive order that allows the use of cheaper dyed diesel on public highways and defers the 24.4 cent per gallon federal tax on dyed diesel used on highways without any penalties, interest, or additional tax. While presently the federal taxes on dyed diesel are only being deferred, the executive order does instruct the U.S. Treasury Secretary to explore avenues and legislation to eliminate the need to pay that deferred tax altogether. However, that is not guaranteed within the order itself.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

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. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Community Calendar

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

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.

Friday, October 16
Early dismissal (1 p.m.) at Elgin schools for afternoon football game.

Thursday, October 22
Miles of Smiles to be held 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.

Friday, October 30
Elgin merchants welcome trick-or-treaters.

Saturday, October 31
EHCC Trunk or Treat at EPS.

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Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, October 19:
Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit cocktail, milk

Tuesday, October 20:
Goulash, green beans, lettuce salad, peaches, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday, October 21:
Pork loin roast, cheesy hashbrowns, peas w/pearl onions, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, October 22:
Liver & Onions or Ham, baked potato, harvard beets, pineapple, bread/butter, milk.

Friday, October 23:
German beef casserole, peas, apricots, milk.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change without notice.

Suggested price is $7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

Under 60 is $10.

Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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

Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

For a great meal, come to the community center!

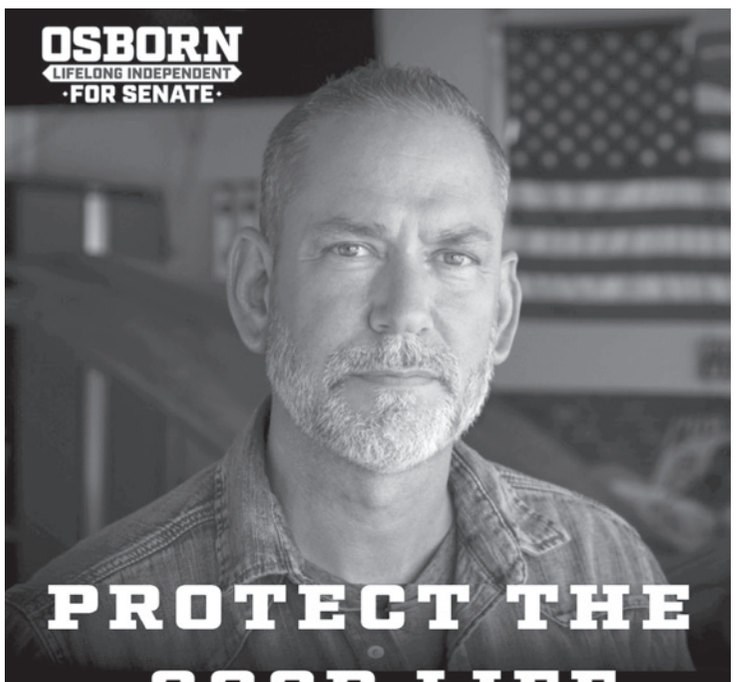
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and again, and we can offer that same grace to others and ourselves. Instead of beating ourselves up when we fall short, we get up again, dust ourselves off, learn from our mistakes and do better the next time.

My encouragement to you and my own personal goal is to just do it again, whatever it is. Whether it's getting up and going to the gym, choosing the salad over the hamburger, if it's trying to be a little more loving today than yesterday, or choosing to love our families and put their needs above our own – do it again. Over and over, make the hard choices. Don't aim for perfection, but progress as you make choice after choice.

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

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 am.
Sunday School: 10:15 am.
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Bartlett, NE
Pastor Mark Hoffman
Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.
Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
Elgin, NE
Vacancy Pastor Brian Bucklew
Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.
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Church Council: 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Pastor Leif Hasskarl
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President Donald J. Trump spoke to thousands of Nebraskans at a campaign rally held last week in Grant Island. The rally featured state and local politicians as well.

Trump feels GOP 'love'

Editor's note: The Nebraska Press Association provided a pool reporter and photographer to cover President Trump's visit to Grand Island last week so that all newspapers in the state would have coverage of the event.

By Ron Burtz
Aurora News-Register

Central Nebraska turned out in a big way to welcome President Donald J. Trump to Grand Island on Monday afternoon. And the president made his best pitch for Republican candidates in ag-centric Nebraska, even to the point of announcing – and signing in real time – an executive order temporarily waiving the off-road restriction for red dyed diesel. The fuel intended for agricultural and construction use only is usually exempt from federal and state excise taxes. The executive order will allow it to be used for on-road highway travel bringing down the price of diesel for millions of users.

Several thousand people from all over the state, many of whom were sporting red MAGA caps and other Trump gear, began packing into the Pinnacle Bank Expo Center at Fonner Park beginning at 1:30 Monday afternoon in anticipation of a 4:30 p.m. program culminating in the appearance by Trump scheduled for 6 p.m. By the time the program began, an estimated 5,800 people filled the venue and several thousand ticket holders were turned away outside.

Over the next three hours, as classic hits like Dolly Parton's "9 to 5," "California Dreamin'" and "Sweet Home, Alabama" played over the loudspeakers, the attendees mingled, waited in long lines for concessions, made new friends and took thousands of photos and videos.

The central location of the event apparently made it easy for supporters from around the state and region to attend. ANR spoke to attendees from Burwell, St. Paul and elsewhere, with some coming from as far away as North Platte and Omaha.

Joining networks like CNN, CBS, Newsmax and RSBN in the fenced-off media area, were also reporters and photographers from regional daily papers like the Omaha World-Herald (working against a 7:10 p.m. deadline) as well as a reporter for the Polk County News and Nancy McGill of the Hebron Journal Register, who was attending her first presidential event.

Political signs and t-shirts were everywhere. Especially prevalent were signs provided by the Sen. Pete Ricketts campaign proclaiming "I'm Billy Bob" or "I'm Mary Jane," which were intended as a jab at Independent candidate Dan Osborn who was caught on a hot mic referring to typical Nebraska Trump supporters by those names and claiming their lives "probably suck."

The preliminaries

Shortly after 4:30 a parade of GOP office holders were announced and made their way to the platform with state senators leading in prayer, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. They were followed by Attorney General Mike Hilgers, Third District Congressman Adrian Smith, Gov. Jim Pillen, and U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts, all of whom are running for re-election against Democratic opponents next month, and were the reason for the president's visit.

After Ricketts left the stage, anticipation began to build for Trump's appearance scheduled for 6 p.m. and the music – a staple of the president's campaign rallies – kept playing songs by such varied artists as Elvis, Tina Turner and Michael Jackson.

Air Force One touched down at the Grand Island airport at 5:30 p.m. but, as is customary for Trump, he was not introduced until 6:25.

Trump's stump speech

Entering the auditorium to cheers and applause, Trump launched into a wide ranging speech that lasted nearly 80 minutes. During the address, the president touted his record and that of the Nebraska Republicans he was there to campaign for and took now-familiar shots at the mainstream media, which he typically labels "fake news."

Adding a new twist, however, the president mentioned artificial intelligence, which he said should actually be called "super intelligence." He said the term "artificial" should be applied to the media and referred to networks like CNN as "artificial news."

Noting that Nebraska voters had turned out in large numbers to support him in three presidential elections, Trump said voter turnout tends to be low for mid-term elections.

"So I am going to do this; I'm going to ask you to pretend that I'm running," Trump said. "When I'm on the ballot, people show up and we always win. When I'm not on the ballot, 45 percent fewer people show up, so I'm asking you to pretend I'm on the ballot."

Reiterating his recent pledge to reward every adult American with a $5,000 government check if Republicans win the midterms, the president's boldest move as Nebraska farmers enter the harvest season was the signing of the executive order regarding red diesel. After announcing his plan, an aide brought on stage a large black folder containing the actual order, which the president signed and then threw the pen out into the audience.

The order allows the purchase of tax-free red dye diesel for highway use and waives the off-road requirement, enabling broader access to this type of diesel fuel.

It defers the federal excise tax on this diesel through the end of 2026, meaning no interest or penalties will apply. It aims to alleviate the financial burden on truckers and farmers, who have been significantly affected by rising diesel prices. The national average price for diesel was reported at $6.32 per gallon, so truckers could save over $100 per fill-up by using tax-exempt red dye diesel, which could significantly reduce operational costs.

Medina's story

Later on in his address, the president introduced and brought on stage former Grand Island resident Jacqueline Medina, whose teen daughter, Lizbeth Iniguez Medina, was murdered in Texas in 2023 by a Mexican national who had overstayed his visa.

"Jacqueline's precious 16-year-old daughter, Lisa, a cheerleader – beautiful cheerleader – was brutally murdered three years ago by the illegal alien who had previously been arrested many, many times and released again and again," Trump said. "Every single Democrat refused to express any remorse for what their policies have done."

Trump stated that Medina had been his special guest for the State of the Union speech earlier this year, when he used her situation to advocate for stricter immigration enforcement.

Taking the podium Medina said of her daughter, "She was born and raised here. Most of you probably went to school with her. A lot of you might have taught her in school. Her story began here. I moved to Edna, Texas, where my daughter was brutally stabbed 25 times to death, and I found her in a bathroom where she should have been safe in her own home. This is just a reminder for everyone why we need to protect our kids, keep our streets safe. President Trump, I want to thank you because you have had our back from the beginning."

Toward the end of his speech, Trump brought Pillen and Ricketts both back to the stage and allowed them to make their closing pitches. Smith and First District Congressman Mike Flood – both of whom are up for re-election – also came back on stage to make brief remarks.

The speech came to a conclusion at 7:45 but the exit doors were not opened until about 15 minutes later, apparently to give time for the president's motorcade to leave the area.

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earlier, when treatment may be less invasive and survival is higher.

A key message throughout the evening was that mammography remains the gold standard for breast cancer screening.

While other imaging options can provide valuable additional information for some women, particularly those with dense breasts or increased risk, they are generally used to supplement or be used in addition to a mammogram—not replace it. Mammography remains especially important because it can detect calcifications and other early changes that may not be seen with other screening methods.

Dr. Norris also encouraged women to understand their individual breast cancer risk and not wait for a routine screening if they notice a new or concerning breast change. She discussed breast density, family history and other risk factors, as well as when additional screening may be recommended.

The presentation addressed many common questions surrounding supplemental screening options, including ultrasound, contrast-enhanced mammography, MRI, thermography, HerScan, QT imaging and molecular breast imaging. Dr. Norris discussed the benefits and limitations of these options, along with concerns surrounding radiation exposure and emerging advances in breast imaging.

Following the presentation, Dodds recognized the BCHC Radiology team, whose members have a combined 75 years of dedicated experience serving patients.

The evening also included several giveaways. Pam Ahrendt was the winner of a self-care basket donated by BCHC providers, and 10 additional guests received 40-ounce tumblers.

Guests enjoyed iced, hot and loaded teas from Main Street Tea, macarons and tea sandwiches, along with an opportunity to shop with Sal's Shoppe.

While the evening included plenty of fun, the most important takeaway was one BCHC hopes women will act on: know your risk, get your mammogram and get screened.

Early detection can save lives.

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Timothy Lowell Peters was born September 9, 1976, in Fremont, to Lowell and Patty (Wollberg) Peters. He graduated from North Bend High School in 1995, and earned his Associates of Applied Science Degree in Diesel Mechanics from Northeast Community College in Norfolk. After college, Tim worked as a Diesel Mechanic at Johnson Farm Equipment in North Bend and K & R Equipment in West Point before joining the team at Titan Machinery in Wayne. On December 17, 2011, Tim married Trisha Hansen at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne, where they currently reside.

Tim was a loving father, devoted husband, caring brother, eldest son, dedicated mechanic, and loyal friend to many. The Lord blessed all those who knew him with far too few harvest and planting seasons together. Tim was generous, patient, careful, practical, hardworking, smart, and funny. He loved his family, the farm, simple things, dad jokes, a cold beer at the end of a long day, and time well spent with family and friends as the resident grill master. He was described by many as "One of my favorite people."

Tim was a baptized and confirmed member of St. John's Ridgeley Church, rural Scribner. Located just one-half mile from the family farm, his wishes were to be taken home to his final resting place. He volunteered his talents for many Sunday morning duties at Our Savior Lutheran Church during his time in Wayne.

Tim is survived by his wife, Trisha; their sons, Logan and Luke; parents, Lowell and Patty Peters and brother, Nick Peters all of Scribner; parents-in-law, Tim and Mary Hansen of Wayne; brothers-in-law and families, Tom Hansen (Nash, Sophie, and Evan) of Wayne and Dale and Brooke Hansen (Esdon, Chase, Aiker, and Fayth) of Wisner; aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and many loyal customers.

Preceding Tim in death were his grandparents, Aaron and Darlene Peters and Vernon and Laurene Wollberg, along with an infant sister, Jennifer.

Visitation will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne from
5 p.m. to 7p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th
Service will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Wayne
at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14th
Interment Wednesday 3:30 p.m. St. John's Ridgeley Cemetery rural Scribner, Nebraska
Arrangements are with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne







Gym issues on agenda for District #18 School Board

Regular monthly meeting to be held tonight (October 14) at 7 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will have a full agenda when they meet for their regular monthly meeting tonight, October. 14.

The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. with a public hearing on the school district's Internet and Computer Use Policy #606.06.

The regular meeting will follow the conclusion of the public hearing.

'Action' agenda are:

• Approve Policy #606.06 Internet and Computer Use

• Approve replacing the glass door wraps in the high school

• Approve the gym duct fire detectors

• Approve the replacement of the carpet on the gym stage steps

• Approve the MTSS Coordinator contract for Kristen Evans for the 2027-2028 school year

Several other items are listed as 'discussion only'. They are:

• Water wheel fixing/replacement versus underground sprinklers

• Replace playground fencing

• Americanism meeting to be held 30 minutes before the start of the November 11 regular meeting

Volunteers sign up to be 'eyes & ears' for Elgin Neighborhood Watch program

Those who came saw weeks of work by an Elgin woman committed to make this community safer for all ages.

For close to an hour, Diane Landers with some assistance from *Elgin Review* Co-Publisher Lynell Morgan, explained the merits of adopting a 'Neighborhood Watch' (NW) program. And, in the end, most of the 30 or so attendees, signed up to participate in the program.

"Without city law enforcement, we rely heaving on the county (sheriff's department)," Landers said. Noting how there is an influx of new people moving in and out of the community at any given time, she said the community strives to be welcoming, we need to be smart.

"We need to be a smart community because not everyone in this world means well. Neighborhood Watch will teach members how to utilize the skills they already have: observing, recording and messaging."

She said the mission state is to build a community where everyone feels safe, seen and supported through communication, awareness and genuine care for one another.

"We're going to work with local law enforcement," she said.

Attending the meeting was Antelope County Deputy Sheriff Steven Mills who, as the meeting went along, answered questions and concerns raised by a number of residents.



E-R photo/DMorgan

Diane Landers (left) spoke to Elgin residents about how a 'Neighborhood Watch' program could work in Elgin. Approximately 30 residents attended the program held at the Elgin Community Center.

"Every day we encounter situations where we can be the eyes and ears of law enforcements," Landers said. "NW allows citizens to help in the fight against crime … The reason for the effectiveness is simple: involving community members in watch programs decreases opportunities for criminals to commit crime rather than attempting to change their behavior or their motivation."

To connect members in the community, an effort is underway to get an app (nextdoor) which would be used to alert residents of suspicious individuals/activity. It wouldn't serve like social media as where anyone abusing the app would be removed. City Clerk Kristin Childers would serve as the moderator.

Other points of note Landers made were that the most successful watch programs are the ones that are active, hold regular meetings and have real engagement. To that end, Deputy Mills said the sheriff's department would provide the funds for the purpose of signs to be placed around town indicating the program is in operation.

Block captains, she said, should be spaced out every 10 to 15 homes. Safe houses will be marked in the community. Also a neighborhood watch coordinator will be named.

"A number of citizens have already shown their willingness to participate and we hope that you join us also," she said.

Mills explained to attendees that if they notice anything that seems off to pay attention.

"You notice someone going by your house really slow it may be something worth taking a look at because somebody you don't recognize, we're more than happy to come down and look at it," he said. "There's criminals everywhere."

Also, he said if anyone notices suspicious activity involving children, in places where they shouldn't be, to contact the department and they will send someone down to check it out.

Counting Sheriff Bob Moore, the department has six officers on duty, now full staffed.

Another positive step forward was an announcement made by Mills that Elgin Public and Pope John schools are participating in the DARE program.

Landers urged anyone who has questions or are interested in becoming part of the watch program, to contact her.



Photo submitted

Earlier this month, Steven and Janna Schrunk attended the political rally in Grand Island which featured an appearance by President Donald Trump.

Schrunks share experiences at Trump rally

Seeing a U.S. President in person creates a memory which will last a lifetime.

When President Trump arrived in Grand Island for a campaign rally, there to witness the moment were Janna and Steven Schrunk from rural Elgin.

On Thursday afternoon, three days after the event, Mrs. Schrunk shared her memories of the event.

This marked the first time the couple had attended an event where the president was in attendance. Steven, she said, saw the event advertised online a few days before the rally. "He said, 'let's go,' and I said OK," Janna said.

As is the case with every public event with a U.S. president, those with tickets must go through a security check which takes time.

"Once inside, you could see all the security people, but it didn't seem like they had a big presence," she said.

Like all the others in attendance, they arrived five hours early and were in their seats behind the national press corps when activities began. "The event started with some local candidates and state people," she said. It was around 6:30 p.m. when Trump took the stage. She said they all encouraged everyone to vote on election day.

"There was a roar when he came out," she said. "It was very exciting. Lots of people holding up their camera phones. Everybody was up like that."

The most memorable statement President Trump made?

"When he announced he was signing an executive order for diesel fuel," she said. "It was kinda neat for him to do that here in Nebraska where we face such taxation … We have equipment that runs on diesel and our pivots run on diesel so

See **RALLY, Page 12** ►



Photo submitted

Multiple tournament champions

The Elgin 4th grade volleyball team has been winning their tournaments this fall. With one tournament left (at CWC on the 24th), the team won first at Battle Creek earlier this month and again won first this weekend at Summerland. Team photo from Summerland, front row: Scarlett Sanne, Leighton Engle and Ryleigh Young. Back row: Riley Tuttle, Lillian Whitney, Ainsley Beckman, Hailey Selting and Addy Veik. The team is coached by Kimberly Young, Justine Whitney and Kara Funk.

Hagemeister, Hoefer win money in football contest

Al Hagemeister won the top prize in the Elgin Review Football Contest this week.

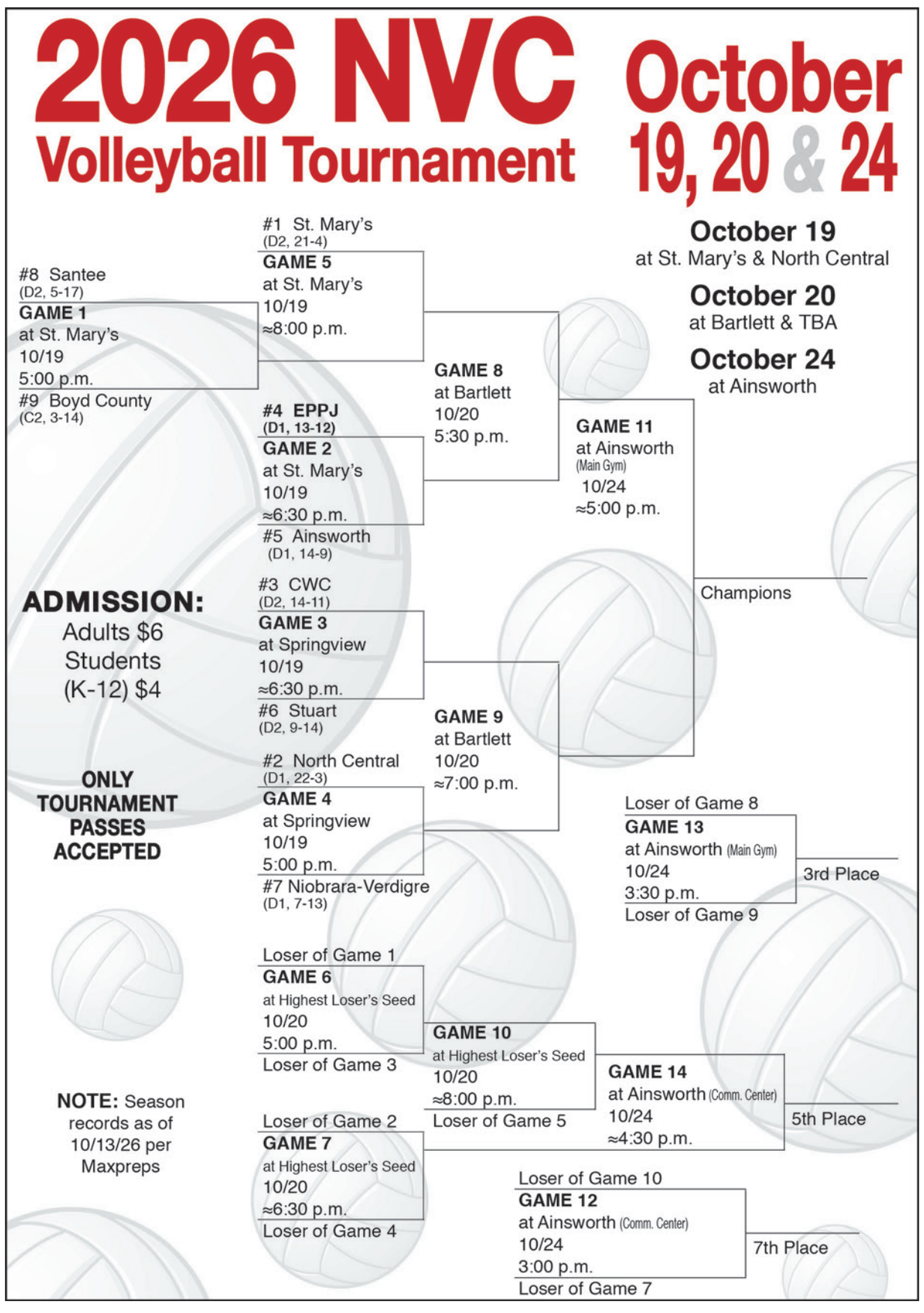
Hagemeister and Duane Hoefer each missed seven games. In the tiebreaker, Hagemeister guessed 667 total yards to win $20 in Elgin Bucks. Hoefer's guess of 524 and will receive the runner-up prize. The correct answer for total yards between Indiana and Nebraska was 719.

Results of last week's games were:

Ole Miss over Vanderbilt
North Carolina over Pitt
USC over Penn State
Purdue over Minnesota
Kentucky over LSU
UCLA over Oregon
Louisville over Florida State
BYU over Iowa State
Georgia over Alabama
EPPJ over Palmer
Iowa over Washington
Tennessee over Arkansas
Indiana over Nebraska
Georgia Tech over Duke
Central Valley over CWC
Houston over Kansas State
Arizona over West Virginia
Oklahoma over Texas

Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry with a camera phone and send it to elginreview@yahoo.com. Good luck!

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Bidding Closes: November 6, 2026 at 1:00 pm (Central)
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
NORTH & SON TRUCKING, LLC.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the limited liability company: NORTH & SON TRUCKING, LLC. The address of the designated office is: 335 3rd Street, Brunswick, Nebraska 68720. 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 October 7, 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.

NORTH & SON TRUCKING, LLC
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ORDINANCE NO. 685
THE CITY OF ELGIN

ORDINANCE No. 685
OF THE
CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING RATES FOR TRASH AND GARBAGE PICKUP RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN,NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 4 of the Official Municipal Code of the Cityof Elgin, Nebraska and Nebraska law, the City of Elgin, Nebraska (hereinafter "Elgin") provides curbside trash and garbage pickup to residents and business owners of the City.

Section 2. That the City herein has established charges to be paid by each person whose premises are served by the City solid waste collection system. That the effective date for the application of the charges set forth herein shall be November 1, 2026.

Section 3. That such monthly charges shall be as follows:

1. Residential Rates: ------$22.00
2. Business/Commercial Rates:

a. Business once (1) per week pickup: ---------- $22.00

b. Business twice (2) per week pickup: ----------$44.00

3. Any location requesting an additional tote/dumpster will be charged an additional $5.00 per month per additional tote/dumpster.

Section 4. Any other ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by State Law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of October, 2026.

BY /s/ Mike Schmitt
Mayor

Attest:
Kristin L. Childers
City Clerk
PUBLISH: October 14, 2026
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NOTICE OF DISTRICT 4 VACANCY
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Antelope County Commissioner
District 4 Vacancy

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners has determined that the elective office of Antelope County Commissioner District 4 in Antelope County, Nebraska is vacant. Pursuant to 32-567 Nebraska Revised Statutes, the vacancy will be filled within 45 days from the date of vacancy by appointment by the Antelope County Attorney, Antelope County Treasurer, and Antelope County Clerk.

Pursuant to Section 23-150 Nebraska Revised Statutes, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy must be a registered voter in, and a resident of, District 4 Commissioners District. Commissioner District 4 comprises portions of Neligh and Oakdale Townships, including the eastern part of the City of Neligh and all of Oakdale Village.

The current term of office for Commissioner District 4 ends on January 4th, 2029. The annual salary for this elective office is $20,250.00. Health insurance and retirement benefits are available.

Individuals interested in serving in this position can obtain an application and should submit the completed application to the office of the Antelope County Clerk, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756. The application deadline is 4:30 P.M. on Thursday October 29th, 2026. Selected applicants will be interviewed soon thereafter.

Antelope County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or marital status. This position is subject to a veteran's preference.

LISA PAYNE
Antelope County Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 6, 2026 MTG.
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Neligh, Nebraska
October 6th, 2026

Vice-chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved six (6) tax roll corrections. Approved one motor vehicle exemption.

Set 2026 tax levies for Antelope County and subdivisions.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

NEIL WILLIBY
Vice Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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Antelope County Levies 2026

					Totals
Antelope County:	General 0.241396	Building: 0.004710	Veterans Aid 0.000148	Total: 0.246254	
		LEC Bond: 0.011025		Total: 0.011025	Total 0.257279
Ag Society	General: 0.005051			Total: 0.005051	
Airport Authority	General: 0.001002			Total: 0.001002	
	Bond Fund: 0.000416			Total: 0.000416	Total 0.001418
ESU #8	General: 0.013461			Total: 0.013461	
City/Villages:	Brunswick	General: 0.413606		Total: 0.413606	
	Clearwater	General: 0.499996		Total: 0.499996	
	Elgin	General: 0.271744		Total: 0.271744	
		Elgin Bond 0.059525		Total: 0.059525	Total 0.331269
	Neligh	General: 0.417621	Bond: 0.112818	Total: 0.530439	
	Oakdale	General: 0.500000	Debt Servicing: 0.388028	Total: 0.888028	
	Orchard	General: 0.499986		Total: 0.499986	
	Royal	General: 0.499743		Total: 0.499743	
Schools:	Neligh/Oakdale	General: 0.587958	Building: 0.040008	Total: 0.627966	
	Elgin Public	General: 0.343863	Building: 0.018678	Total: 0.362541	
	Summerland Public	General: 0.381781	Building Fund: 0.010003	Total: 0.391784	
		Bond: 0.158434		Total: 0.158434	Total 0.550218
Fire Districts	Brunswick	General: 0.016450		Total: 0.016450	
	Clearwater	General: 0.006769		Total: 0.006769	
	Elgin	General: 0.017000		Total: 0.017000	
	Neligh	General: 0.015388		Total: 0.015388	
	Oakdale	General: 0.013287		Total: 0.013287	
	Orchard	General: 0.014005		Total: 0.014005	
	Tilden	General: 0.015525		Total: 0.015525	
		Bond: 0.005187		Total: 0.005187	Total: 0.020712

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
JJS LEGACY, LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

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.

JJS LEGACY, LLC
Martin V. Klein
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P.O. Box 166
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(402)887-4190

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2026 MTG
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

Elgin City Council
Proceedings
October 5, 2026

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice. Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Council members present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

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

The following agenda items were approved:

- September budget hearing, special hearing to set final tax request, 1 & 6 year street hearing and regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

General Checking: U.S. Post Office, postage, 246.00; Black Hills Energy, util, 757.75; 118 Insurance LLC, ins, 3,997.00; APPEARA, srv, 124.71; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, srv, 1,000.00; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 99.91; Antelope County Sheriff, srv, 2,850.00; Applied Connective Technologies, srv, 550.00; Beckman Lumber, sup, 40.90; Boyd's Electrical Service, Inc., srv, 727.22; Bud's Sanitary Service LLC, srv, 7,513.60; Cordell's Sales & Service, LLC, equipment & sup, 11,670.73; Elgin One Stop, fuel & sup, 1,042.10; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, util, 3,676.33; Funk Construction, LLC, srv, 4,300.00; Great Plains Communications, util, 316.50; Heartland Fire Protection, srv, 867.58; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen P.C., L.L.O., srv, 52.00; Kristin Childers, sup, 268.07; Midwest Laboratories Inc., srv, 246.70; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, srv, 31.00; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 15.46; Sapp Bros, Inc - Elgin, sup, 40.78; The Elgin Review, print, 343.48; Nebraska Department of Revenue, tax, 1,235.63; United States Treasury, tax, 3,283.64; American Funds Service Company, retirement, 750.46; Bank of Elgin, fee, 20.00; Payroll, 11,870.44

Debit Card: U.S. Post Office, postage, 36.35; Verizon Wireless, srv, 33.72

Rescue Checking: Antelope Memorial Hospital, sup, 13.06; Bob Moser, misc, 25.00; Connie Kinney, misc, 25.00; Dean's Market, sup, 4.98; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 123.59; Jan Henn, misc, 25.00; Jett Klahsen, misc, 25.00; Justin Reestman, misc, 25.00; Michael Eischeid, misc, 25.00; Morgan Henn, misc, 25.00; Steven Schrunk, misc, 25.00; Stryker Sales, LLC, sup, 440.96; CLIA Program, dues, 248.00

- Get a second bid and accept the cheaper bid between Seda Land Handling at $4,500.00 or the new bid for ditch excavation at 410 N Myrtle St.
- Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 685 on three different days be suspended
- Ordinance No. 685 passed and adopted
- Replace the sewer plant pump through Midwest Pump Works for $9,396.00 plus mileage and labor
- Building permits: Karl Hensley
- Regular meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: none
- Updated quotes for IT services through Applied Connective
- Tabled radio repeater system
- Maintenance report: quote for pool boiler from Rasmussen Mechanical for $67,011.00 but will wait until after the May maintenance, storm sewer collapsed at corner of Hwy 14 and Maple St., waterline at 200 block of N 5th St.
- Trash/recycling report: new sign for tree dump
- Clerk report: Nextdoor app for neighborhood watch program, Aflac benefits to employees

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026

Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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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
Sections 1-36, Township 25 – Range 9W From Phase I to Phase II

Rock County:
Sections 19-36, Township 31 – Range 19W From Phase II to Phase III
Sections 1-36, Township 30 – Range 19W From Phase I to Phase III
Sections 1-36, Township 29 – Range 19W From Phase II to Phase III

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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OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Kenny" Hofacker, 74



Died October 6, 2026

He spent his early years in Elgin before embarking on a successful career in executive leadership which took him around the world.

Kenneth "Kenny" Hofacker, 74, of Illinois, passed away on October 6, 2026, after a sudden heart attack in Colorado.

Born to Robert and Bonnie Hofacker, Kenny spent his early years in Elgin, Nebraska, before living in Minnesota and Colorado and making Illinois his home for the last 33 years.

As a teenager, he helped Senator Wylie tame horses and rode them in the Elgin Diamond Jubilee parade. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University. Kenny and Janet (Currie) were married at Park Church with a honeymoon trip on Amtrak to San Francisco. Last March, Kenny planned a party at Steamboat Springs, CO to celebrate their 50 years together; along with funny stories of "He said, She said".

He built a successful career in executive leadership with Burlington Northern, CIT, and Progress Rail (a Caterpillar company) until his retirement in 2015. His work took him around the world—to Australia, Tasmania, Brazil, Germany, Prague, Mexico, and Canada. Among his travel memories was a visit to the Eagle's Nest in Austria, a stop that stayed with him for years. Janet accompanied him on many of the trips.

A true MacGyver, Kenny could fix just about anything. Duct tape, wire, and a jar of screws were his trusted companions, guided by his simple motto: "Don't buy anything new if it can be fixed." Most recently he helped blow up a raft for the grandkids' boat rides with a spare part from a toilet and an air compressor.

Through company events he discovered golf, leaving behind a few bent clubs from tree shots and the occasional soggy shoes after retrieving a club from the water. He was an avid snow skier who held a lift ticket for 48 consecutive years and delighted in teaching novices with his signature advice: "Stand at the top of the run, point your skis straight ahead, and push down as fast as you can, maybe turn at the bottom to stop." He never hesitated to scramble down steep ledges under the lift to recover the kids' dropped gloves and ski poles.

Water skiing on one ski and pulling Janet and the kids behind the boat brought him joy; in later years he traded that craziness for fishing, always joking with his grandson to "long-arm" the catch so it looked bigger in the photo. Concerts, sports of every kind, dinner club outings kept life interesting—Bob Seger, Michael Jordan under the basket, and the Cubs World Series Game 5 ranked among his favorites. He also loved local car shows, collecting a few trophies, showing the '62 and '68 Corvettes he had completely restored - at times, working under the hood in 100-degree garage heat.

This year Kenny enjoyed attending the Super Bowl in California and taking a Canadian wilderness fishing trip by float plane.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter Megan (Josh) Biller of Colorado; sons Jonathan and Brent (Katy), both of Chicago; grandchildren Conrad and Quinn Biller, Lillie Taylor, and Milo Hofacker; sister Shirley Thorberg; and many others whose lives he impacted. There are no pending funeral arrangements at this time.

Our hope is that there is a ski mountain and a lake waiting for him on the next journey.

My first homecoming - boys don't dance!

THE WAY I SEE IT



Student Intern
Anna Stuhr

Last Saturday, Oct. 3, I attended the Elgin High/Pope John Central Catholic Homecoming dance. While it was incredibly enjoyable (at least I thought it was), I learned multiple new things, both about myself, and about the high schoolers who run rampant in Elgin.

First: Boys don't dance. Which seems crazy to me. I've been to multiple weddings, along with other events, and the boys are always dancing. But at Homecoming, none of the guys were dancing, and I couldn't believe it. Why boys actively refuse to participate in one of life's greatest pleasures, I will never know.

Second: Not a lot of the other girls were dancing, either. Why, I have no idea. I adore dancing, so I assumed that other women like it too. Maybe not as much as I do, but I still believed that all women enjoyed it. Maybe I believed wrong.

Third: I like dancing to rap songs. Before the dance, I had always despised rap music. I always considered it the "junk music", but dancing to it is actually incredibly enjoyable. For example: Fiend. I've heard snippets of the song all over social media, but I had never listened to the full song, simply because the snippets that I heard were always so bad. Crazy how, as soon as a song is played in a public setting made for dancing, you suddenly know all the words and your body just decides to move.

Fourth: I hate Dr. Pepper. I guess I've always known that, but it became especially clear at Homecoming. Nothing bad ever happened with the pop. I don't really have a reason to hate it, other than the fact that it just tastes bad. I know lots of people would disagree, and I don't blame them. Some people really like Dr. Pepper. Not me, though. Not me.

Fifth: If given the choice between Oreos or Dill Pickle chips, I will choose the chips every time. I knew I loved all things pickle flavored before the dance. I just thought that I might love sugary things a little more. When I arrived, I was informed by a very close friend of mine that she brought Oreos, and I got super excited. About a quarter of the way through the dance, I decided I was hungry, so I went to grab some Oreos, and low and behold, there sat an open bag of Dill Pickle chips. I guess I really do love all things pickle flavored, even more than I love sweets.

Sixth: If you dance for long enough without shoes, you will eventually get blisters. I did not know this prior to the dance, but I do now. I was out on the dance floor, jumping around, having the time of my life, when all of a sudden, my feet started hurting. Now, of coarse I expected them to hurt. I can't go three hours jumping on a hard wood floor without my feet hurting. I don't know anybody who can. But this was a different kind of hurt. I stopped for a minute, walked to a chair, sat down, looked at my feet, and what I saw had me ready to curse the world. I was getting blisters. From dancing. During Homecoming. With nearly two hours left to go. Needless to say, that didn't stop me, and I was out on the floor, dancing the rest of the night, ignoring the pan of my blisters.

Seventh: Never wear a long-sleeved dress to a three-hour dance, especially when the majority of the people there are teenagers. I discovered my mistake about an hour into the dance. Things were finally starting to get good, and even though we had only been dancing for a little while, we were crowded together, so the added body heat of twenty or so girls jumping around was added onto my body heat, making me sweat like crazy. Have you ever had three hours worth of sweat stuck inside your sleeve? A sleeve that's only on one side of your dress? Let me tell you: not pleasant. At all. Also bring a pony tail, because when you're jumping for three hours, in a half backless, half sleeved dress, you get sweaty, and one of the grossest feelings in the world is having sweat-soaked hair plastered to sweat-slicked skin. Disgusting.

Eighth: Never expect a boy to ask you to be his plus one at an event, or even to ask you to dance. Teenage boys are incredibly shy, which I had never thought possible, knowing who I spend my entire school week with. I arrived at Homecoming, not expecting to get asked to dance, but I did expect to see guys asking girls to dance, especially the guys from my class. They're never shy when we're in class, so I was perplexed when they were standing against the wall, scrolling, very clearly NOT asking girls to dance. I guess boys are just a bit like girls in the fact that they have different personalities for different events.

Ninth: If a teenage girl brings a date, she will probably dance with him, if only for a bit, and then she will inevitably ditch him to go dance with her group of girlfriends, along with girls that she has no idea who they are, but who the heck cares? As long as we're having fun and nobody gets drunk or killed, anything goes. Also, once a girl ditches her date, he will do one of two things. Either he'll stay next to her the entire night and dance along with her and her girlfriends, or he'll go stand along the wall with his guy friends, not say a word to them, and scroll the entire night, or until his date comes and grabs him.

Finally: I like Mountain Dew. I had always thought that it had way too much, well, everything, mostly because Mom always told me not to drink it. However, at the dance, the only drinks they had were water, Dr. Pepper, and Mountain Dew. As I mentioned earlier, I hate Dr. Pepper, and I wasn't about to drink water at Homecoming (although I did eventually drink water), so I drank a Mountain Dew. Shocker: I liked it. So, needless to say, I will be drinking more of it in the future.

I learned many, many things at the Homecoming dance on Saturday, but these were the 11 most surprising things that I learned. When I arrived, I expected to have fun, and I did. What I didn't expect was to learn things about myself and others. However, this isn't the first time that life has surprised me, and I'm sure it won't be the last.

The lessons I learned at Homecoming have opened my eyes to the ways of teenagers. So, recap, I like Rap and Mountain Dew, I hate Dr. Pepper, I love all things pickle flavored, teens are boring, and Homecoming was awesome.

Late season rain impacts to soybean seed quality

By Amy Timmerman
Extension Educator

Excessive rainfall on mature crops can lead to harvest complications and reduced seed quality. In soybeans, these problems can include lodging, shattering, purple seed stain and even seed decay. Once fields dry out, harvest as soon as conditions allow and monitor seed quality closely. Before hauling, check for sprouting, disease, splits and foreign material that could result in discounts at the elevator.

Pod Shattering

Pre-harvest pod shattering can occur when dry pods are rewetted. Harvest pod shattering occurs when grain moisture content is less than 13%. As soybean moisture decreases, shatter and harvest losses increase.

When assessing harvest shatter losses, approximately four soybean seeds per square foot equal one bushel per acre of loss.

Plant Lodging

Excessive moisture can support saprophytic fungi that break down plant tissue. Under these conditions, fungal activity can contribute. In low areas of fields and along waterways, lodging can occur when water rapidly enters and leaves the field. Lodged plants in contact with the soil or covered with mud, silt and debris are more likely to experience seed deterioration and reduced seed quality.

Sprouting in the Pod

In-pod sprouting occurs in a two-step process. First, seeds swell to a size large enough to break open the pod. This is observed when the pods mature but frequent rains, continuous drizzle or foggy days cause water to be soaked up by the pod wall, wetting the seed. The seed then swells and breaks open the pod. Once pods are opened, more water can reach the seed. If air temperatures are above 50°F and seed moisture increases above 50%, germination will start.

Purple Seed Stain

Infected seeds may appear healthy or have pink to purple spots that range in size from specks to large blotches extending from the hilum and may cover the entire surface. Yield is not affected by the seed phase of the disease, but crop value could be decreased if the seed is downgraded because of discoloration. Seeds with a very high percentage of discoloration have lower oil content and higher protein content compared with healthy seed. Germination and seedling emergence are lower in purple seed stain-infected seeds than in healthy seeds. However, this disease is primarily an issue in food-grade soybean or soybean grown for seed.

Diaporthe Seed Decay

Affected seeds are cracked, shriveled and often associated with fungal mycelium (white cottony filamentous growth) in the pod. Seeds may appear to be covered in a chalky, white mold as well. If planted, infected seeds may fail to emerge due to seedling blight caused by this fungus. Fields with excessive moisture are most likely to have pods containing fungal growth.

Virus Infected Seed

You may see other seed symptoms that resemble purple seed stain but are not caused by fungi or exacerbated by moisture. These include viruses such as Soybean Mosaic Virus and Bean Pod Mottle Virus. These were not common issues in Nebraska in 2026.

What Elevators are Looking For

Elevators may use different evaluation methods depending on their location, standards and procedures, so it is important to check with your local elevator. In general, elevators will be watching for split seeds and may apply discounts if they are over a certain percentage in a load. Since splitting can be associated with in-pod sprouting, be sure to check fields before harvest for this issue. Foreign material is another concern that elevators may evaluate in each load. Depending on the amount present, foreign material may also result in discounts. Foreign material can include stems, leaves and other plant debris. If sclerotia are present in the sample, they may also contribute to the percentage of foreign material in the load.

Purple seed stain is generally not a major issue, but if a truckload contains a high percentage of seeds affected by this disease, there is a chance the load could be rejected.

Before sending soybean to the elevator, take time to know what is in the trailer and call your local elevator to ask what it will be looking for when evaluating seed quality. This is especially important when hauling soybean from fields where wet conditions have delayed harvest.

Source: Dylan Mangel - Extension Plant Pathologist, Chris Termunde - Extension Instructor, Kyle Broderick - Extension Educator and Coordinator of the UNL Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic, Amy Timmerman - Extension Educator (CropWatch – October 2, 2026)

Bartlett News

On October 6, CWC varsity girls hosted a triangular in Bartlett. Final scores were CWC 2, Palmer 0 and Central Valley 2, CWC 0.

Central Valley won the match 25-22 and 25-19. They had to volley hard against CWC and the two sets were fairly long and often scores were neck to neck.

Wheeler Central played amazingly well that evening. Yes, they lost the sets, but I believe there might have been some uneasy Central Valley fans worrying about what the outcome would be.

CWC Varsity Girls Volleyball played in Wausa Thursday, October 8. The final score was CWC 3, Wausa 0.

Saturday October 10, CWC played at Kenesaw. The final score was Kenesaw 2, Wheeler Central 1.

My son Ben and I attended a Mary Poppins-themed movie in Ord Sunday. Wheeler Central's first quarter ends next week. The year is going by quickly.

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STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE
BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

A vote FOR will amend the state constitution to increase the term limit for state legislators from two consecutive four-year terms (eight years) to three consecutive four-year terms (12 years).

A vote AGAINST will not amend the Nebraska Constitution, so the current limit of two consecutive four-year terms will remain in effect. State legislators will continue to be ineligible for office in the Legislature for four years after serving two consecutive terms.

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

◯ For

◯ Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to authorize the enactment of laws to allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to authorize the enactment of laws allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska?

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

(underscored language indicates added language, ~~strike through~~ indicates language being removed)

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to state that laws may be enacted allowing sports wagers to be placed within the State of Nebraska through an Internet-based platform offered by an authorized gaming operator.

TEXT: Article III, section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be amended as shown:

(1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time.

(2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature:

(i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund;

(ii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(iii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct;

(iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; and

(v) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

(5) This section shall not apply to any law which is enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this subsection or at any time thereafter and which provides for the licensing, authorization, regulation, or taxation of all forms of games of chance when such games of chance are conducted by authorized gaming operators within a licensed racetrack enclosure, including sports wagering through the Internet if the person placing the sports wager is located within the State of Nebraska at the time the wager is placed.

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

A vote "FOR" will enact statutes allowing persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider, and regulating such sports wagers.

A vote "AGAINST" means no such statutes will be enacted.

Shall statutes be enacted that: (1) Allow persons located within Nebraska to place sports wagers through an Internet-based platform when offered by an authorized gaming operator conducting games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure in Nebraska or the operator's platform provider; and (2) Regulate such sports wagers?

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

(underscored language indicates added language, ~~strike through~~ indicates language being removed)

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to enact a statute allowing sports wagers to be placed within the State of Nebraska through Internet-based platforms offered by an authorized gaming operator, or its contracted platform provider, and regulate such sports wagers.

TEXT: AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend section 9-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103 and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to allow an authorized gaming operator or its platform provider to conduct sports wagering by means of an Internet-based platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 9-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

9-1102 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and to the full extent permitted by the Constitution of Nebraska, including amendments to the Constitution of Nebraska adopted contemporaneously with the enactment of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, the operation of games of chance is permitted only by authorized gaming operators within licensed racetrack enclosures as provided in the act, including, but not limited to, the offer of sports wagering through an online sports wagering platform by such authorized gaming operators.

Sec. 2. Section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is amended to read:

9-1103 For purposes of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act:

(1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed pursuant to the act to operate games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(2) Authorized gaming operator license means a license to operate games of chance as an authorized gaming operator at a licensed racetrack enclosure, including operating sports wagering through an online sports wagering platform if the person placing the sports wager is located within the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed;

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this subdivision, authorized sporting event means a professional sporting event, a collegiate sporting event, an international sporting event, a professional motor race event, a professional sports draft, an individual sports award, an electronic sport, or a simulated game; and

(b) Authorized sporting event does not include an instate collegiate sporting event in which an instate collegiate or university team is a participant, a parimutuel wager, a fantasy sports contest, a minor league sporting event, a sporting event at the high school level or below regardless of the age of any individual participant, or any sporting event excluded by the commission;

(4) Collegiate sporting event means an athletic event or competition of an intercollegiate sport played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics;

(5) Commission means the State Racing and Gaming Commission;

(6) Designated sports wagering area means an area, as approved by the commission, in which sports wagering is conducted within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

(7) Dollar amount collected means the total dollar amount wagered by players of games of chance less the total dollar amount returned to such players as prizes;

(8) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table game, counter game, or card game, a keno lottery conducted in accordance with the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, or sports wagering conducted in accordance with section 9-1110. Game of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at a casino by federal law;

(9) Gaming device means an electronic, mechanical, or other device which plays a game of chance when activated by a player using currency, a token, or other item of value;

(10) Gross gaming revenue means the dollar amount collected by an authorized gaming operator from operation of all games of chance within a licensed racetrack enclosure as computed pursuant to applicable statutes, rules, and regulations less the total of (a) all federal taxes, other than income taxes, imposed on the operation of such games of chance and (b) the amount provided to players by an authorized gaming operator as promotional gaming credits, but only to the extent such promotional gaming credits are redeemed by players to play one or more games of chance being operated by the authorized gaming operator;

(11) International sporting event means an international team or individual sporting event governed by an international sports federation or sports governing body, including sporting events governed by the International Olympic Committee and the International Federation of Association Football;

(12) Licensed racetrack enclosure has the same meaning as in section 2-1210;

(13) Limited gaming device means an electronic gaming device which (a) offers games of chance, (b) does not dispense currency, tokens, or other items of value, and (c) does not have a cash winnings hopper, mechanical or simulated spinning reel, or side handle;

(14) Online sports wagering platform means an integrated system of hardware, software, or applications, through which an authorized gaming operator, on its own or through its contracted platform provider, operates, conducts, or offers sports wagering through the Internet to persons located within the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed;

(15) Platform provider means a sports wagering services provider that has a contract with an authorized gaming operator to provide an online sports wagering platform;

(16) ~~(14)~~ Prohibited participant means any individual whose participation may undermine the integrity of the wagering or the sporting event or any person who is prohibited from sports wagering for other good cause shown as determined by the commission, including, but not limited to: (a) Any individual placing a wager as an agent or proxy; (b) any person who is an athlete, a coach, a referee, or a player in any sporting event overseen by the sports governing body of such person based on publicly available information; (c) a person who holds a paid position of authority or influence sufficient to exert influence over the participants in a sporting event, including, but not limited to, any coach, manager, handler, or athletic trainer, or a person with access to certain types of exclusive information, on any sporting event overseen by the sports governing body of such person based on publicly available information; or (d) a person identified as prohibited from sports wagering by any list provided by a sports governing body to the commission;

(17) ~~(15)~~ Promotional gaming credit means a credit, token, or other item of value provided by an authorized gaming operator or its platform provider to a player for the purpose of enabling the player to play a game of chance;

(18) ~~(16)~~ Racing license means a license issued for a licensed racetrack enclosure by the commission; and

(19) ~~(17)~~ Sports wagering means the acceptance of wagers on an authorized sporting event by any system of wagering as authorized by the commission. Sports wagering does not include (a) placing a wager on the performance or nonperformance of any individual athlete participating in a single game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team from this state is participating, (b) placing an in-game wager on any game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team from this state is participating, (c) placing a wager on the performance or nonperformance of any individual athlete under eighteen years of age participating in a professional or international sporting event, or (d) placing a wager on the performance of athletes in an individual sporting event excluded by the commission.

Sec. 3. Section 9-1110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is amended to read:

9-1110 (1) The commission ~~may~~ shall permit an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering. Any sports wager shall be placed (a) through an online sports wagering platform by a person who is located within the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed or (b) in person or at a wagering kiosk in the designated sports wagering area at the licensed racetrack enclosure. A parimutuel wager in accordance with sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 may be placed in the designated sports wagering area at the licensed racetrack enclosure. An individual employed and authorized to accept a sports wager may also accept a parimutuel wager.

(2) A floor plan identifying the designated sports wagering area at the licensed racetrack enclosure, including the location of any wagering kiosks, shall be filed with the commission for review and approval. Modification to a previously approved plan must be submitted for approval at least ten days prior to implementation. The area shall not be accessible to persons under twenty-one years of age and shall have a sign posted to restrict access. Exceptions to this subsection must be approved in writing by the commission.

(3) The authorized gaming operator shall submit controls for approval by the commission, that include the following for operating the designated sports wagering area at the licensed racetrack enclosure:

(a) Specific procedures and technology partners to fulfill the requirements set forth by the commission;

(b) Other specific controls as designated by the commission;

(c) A process to easily and prominently impose limitations or notification for wagering parameters, including, but not limited to, deposits and wagers; and

(d) An easy and obvious method for a player to make a complaint and to enable the player to notify the commission if such complaint has not been or cannot be addressed by the sports wagering operator.

(4) An authorized gaming operator using a server to host an online sports wagering platform shall use a server that is located within the State of Nebraska. An authorized gaming operator may conduct sports wagering through no more than two online sports wagering platforms operated by platform providers. The authorized gaming operator and its platform providers shall submit controls for approval by the commission that fulfill the requirements set forth by the commission for operating an online sports wagering platform. The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for sports wagering through an online sports wagering platform on or before June 1, 2027.

(5) ~~(4)~~ The commission shall develop policies and procedures to ensure a prohibited participant is unable to place a sports wager or parimutuel wager.

(6) ~~(5)~~ Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 9-1312, prior to the winnings payment of any sports wagering winnings as defined in section 9-1303, an authorized gaming operator or its platform provider shall check the collection system to determine if the winner has a debt or an outstanding state liability as required by the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. If such authorized gaming operator or its platform provider determines that the winner is subject to the collection system, the operator shall deduct the amount of debt and outstanding state liability identified in the collection system from the winnings payment and shall remit the net winnings payment of sports wagering winnings, if any, to the winner and the amount deducted to the Department of Revenue to be credited against such debt or outstanding state liability as provided in section 9-1306.

Sec. 4. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 5. If any section or provision of this act is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise void or invalid.

Sec. 6. Original section 9-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103 and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex. The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.

A vote "AGAINST" means the Nebraska Constitution will not be amended in this manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to provide: (1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed; and (2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to students of the male sex? The amendment would apply to all athletic teams or sports sponsored by public schools or postsecondary educational institutions, and private schools or educational institutions whose athletic teams or sports compete against public schools or institutions.

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

(underscored language indicates added language, ~~strike through~~ indicates language being removed)

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to establish constitutional protections for sex-separate athletics to ensure equal access to athletic opportunities for females.

TEXT: Article VII of the Constitution of Nebraska shall be amended by adding a new section 16 as shown:

Art. VII §16. Equal access to athletic opportunities for females.

(1) Schools must expressly designate each athletic team or sport as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) Males, men, or boys; (b) females, women, or girls; or (c) coed or mixed.

(2) Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall not be open to students of the male sex.

(3) For purposes of this section, "schools" shall mean interscholastic, intercollegiate, and intramural athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a common school of this state, a public postsecondary educational institution of this state, or any school or institution of learning in this state not owned or exclusively controlled by the state or a political subdivision thereof whose athletic teams or sports compete against a common school or public postsecondary educational institution of this state.

(4) This section shall be self-executing, but legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operation. If any part or parts of this section are found to conflict with federal law or the Constitution of the United States, this section shall be implemented to the maximum extent permitted by federal law and the Constitution of the United States. Any provision held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State
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While the ASPCATM reports euthanasia rates for shelter dogs decreased by 7 percent between 2024 and 2025, 320,000 dogs were still euthanized in 2025. Dogs, and large dogs in particular, also are spending more time in shelters than they were as recently as five years ago. The extended time in shelters has led to issues concerning shelter capacity, as many facilities have limited space for new animals.

Prospective dog owners are urged to consider adoption when looking for a dog, as adoption can help prevent euthanization and alleviate space issues at local shelters.

Adoption also tends to be less expensive than purchasing a dog directly from a breeder.



Support group meets to observe Blood Cancer Awareness

Annually, September is recognized as Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

Across the state of Nebraska, several groups meet to discuss issues and give each other support as they live with any of the forms of blood cancer. Pictured above, the Grand Island Multiple Myeloma group gathered for their yearly meeting last month. Those attending were Bob & Nancy Polk, Jim & Karen Omel, Jo Johnson, Tim & Cindy Sharp, Eileen & AJ Widhalm, Marsha & Ken Hansen, Barry & Colleen Schochenmaier, Arlene & Matt Preisendorf and our own Steven & Janna Schrunk. The group also meet monthly, in person and/or by zoom.

What is Multiple Myeloma?

Multiple Myeloma is a rare type of blood cancer that forms in plasma cells (a type of white blood cell) in the bone marrow, causing tumors or weakening bones. While rare, it is the second most common blood cancer worldwide, with an estimated 36,110 new U.S. diagnoses.

It affects men about 1.5 times more often than women, occurs most frequently in adults aged 65 to 74, and is diagnosed in Black or African American individuals at roughly twice the rate of other groups

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For more information, visit https://themmrf.org/multiple-myeloma

Forage hazards following freezing temperatures

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As fall progresses, freezing temperatures become more likely across the Plains and Midwest. Knowing how they can impact our forage crops is crucial for safe use. Freezing temperatures cause metabolic and cellular changes to plants we need to be aware of, with prussic acid formation and nitrate poisoning being the biggest concerns.

First, let's look at prussic acid. Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, and milo following a frost have broken cell membranes that allow the formation of a cyanide compound called prussic acid. This is naturally occurring in sorghum species and comes from dhurrin, a compound that can break down and release hydrogen cyanide, or HCN. When ingested and broken down by the digestive system, the cyanide released can quickly cause lethal results when consumed in high amounts. Monogastric species like pigs and horses can get prussic acid poisoning in extreme cases, but ruminants are more susceptible.

Levels of prussic acid vary depending on plant species. Lowest risk is sudangrass, with sorghum sudan hybrids of medium risk. High risk are forage sorghums with grain sorghum or milo carrying the highest levels and risk.

Keeping livestock out of fields with these species for seven days after a frost can limit the risk associated with prussic acid. Each time a new part of the plant is frozen, this seven-day timer is reset until the entire plant has been killed. This can make grazing difficult in the fall when freezing events occur regularly but are not enough to fully kill the plant.

New shoots and especially regrowth on previously frost-damaged plants have the highest concentrations of prussic acid. If you notice new shoots after a frost, animals should not be allowed to graze until the regrowth is 15-18 inches tall or seven days after a frost completely kills the plant. This can be especially tricky when warm temperatures follow a frost.

In the past, we have often said that haying or cutting a crop with prussic acid is not a concern, because HCN can volatilize during the drying process. While drying can reduce prussic acid risk, newer work has shown that drying sorghum for hay is not a guaranteed fix. Dhurrin may remain in dried sorghum hay and still release HCN during digestion. Hay made from drought-stressed, immature, or frost-damaged sorghum should be tested before feeding. Similarly, the fermentation process for ensiled sorghums can reduce prussic acid levels, but if you are concerned about high levels of prussic acid in a silage or hay feed, samples can be sent to a lab for analysis.

Another issue to keep an eye on is nitrate poisoning. Grasses are especially susceptible to nitrate poisoning risks. Slower metabolism following a stress like freezing allows nitrates to accumulate within the plant, specifically oats, sudangrass, and millets. Because nitrates do not dissipate, haying or green chopping immediately following a freeze is not recommended and can be potentially dangerous.

Nitrates commonly concentrate in the lower portions of plant stems. Waiting five days before haying or chopping and keeping a cutting height of 6 to 8 inches will help mitigate risk. Like prussic acid, the ensiling process will lower nitrate levels of plants harvested for silage. If grazing, reducing the stocking rate and increasing the animals' ability to selectively graze can lower nitrate risks. Pull animals off once the upper 2/3 of the plant has been consumed to avoid forcing animals to eat the lower portions of plants where nitrate risk is highest. This is not a good strategy for mixtures with sorghum species due to the prussic acid concerns discussed above.

Feeds that may contain high levels of nitrate aren't necessarily unusable as long as proper action is taken to minimize risk. Send samples to a lab for analysis on those forages that are suspected to contain high nitrate levels. With these results, rations can be developed that limit the amount of high nitrate forage being fed, minimizing risk.

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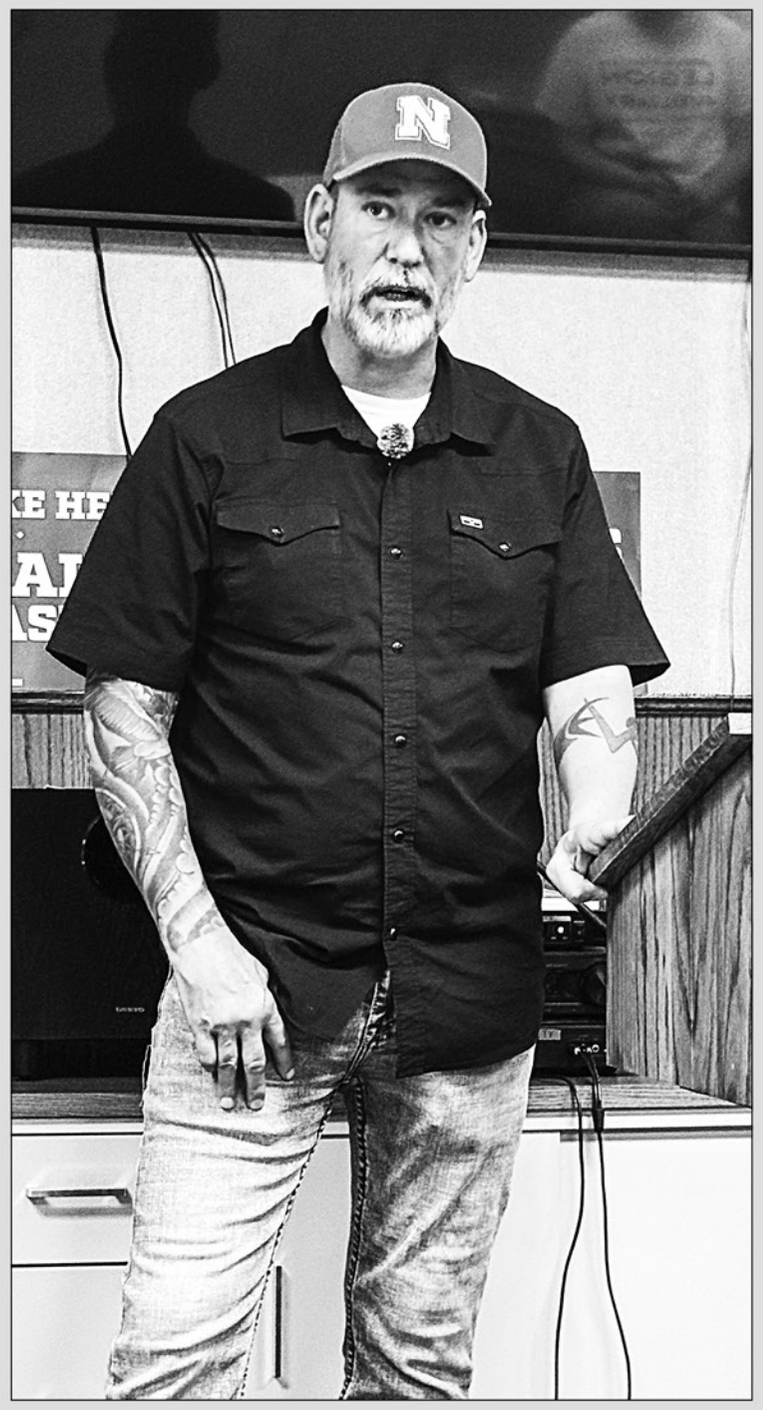
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Osborn swings through Antelope County

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Some cancer cells can "hide"

The National Cancer Institute notes that some cancer cells can avoid detection by a person's immune system. A recent study from researchers with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute found that cells can turn on a gene called SOX17 in the early stages of colon cancer. That gene allows the cells to become essentially invisible to the immune system. This discovery might bode well for treating future cases of early stage cancer. Researchers behind the study feel if they can find a way to inhibit the SOX17 gene, then they might be able to prevent colon cancer in patients susceptible to developing it.

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JH netters win two of three against CWC

The Wolfpack junior high volleyball teams were in action Monday night, October 5, against Chambers/Wheeler Central.

In the 'A' game, CWC defeated EPPJ 25-18 and 25-19. The Wolfpack were led by Kinley Selting and Brooke Borer, each with 4 kills, Harper Evans had 1. Selting led the team in digs with 9. Payton Switzer had 7 set assists.

EPPJ's 'B' team defeated CWC, winning 25-19 and 25-16.

Evans, Borer and Molly Mlnarik each had 2 kills while Brecken Childers, Linley Seier and Kate Barlow each had 1. Switzer led the team in ace serves (8) and set assists (5).

Emery Borer had a team-high 5 digs.

In 'C' team action, EPPJ won 25-9 and 25-8.

Switzer had 10 ace serves, Ellie Vanis, McKenna Sauser and Melissa Stuhr each had 4 while Elise Hoefer added 3. Allie Scheer and Selting each had 1 kill in the match.

JH netters drop two matches to Riverside

On Wednesday, October 7, the Wolfpack junior high volleyball teams squared off against Riverside.

EPPJ"s 'A' team lost their match 25-11 and 25-11.

The Wolfpack had four kills in the match, one each from Brooke Borer, Kinley Selting, Elise Hoefer and Harper Evans.

Kate Barlow had the team's only ace serve.

Borer led the squad with 2 set assists. Evans, Harper Childers and Payton Switzer each had 4 digs.

EPPJ's 'B' team lost to Riverside by the scores of 25-20 and 25-22.

Statistical leaders were Ellie Vanis with 10 digs; Hoefer had 9 ace serves and 4 set assists. Brecken Childers and Linley Seier each had 2 kills, Molly Mlnarik, Evans and Barlow each had 1 kill.

JVs earn victory

The Wolfpack JV volleyball team defeated Newman Grove/St. Edward (NGSE) in three sets Thursday.

The Wolfpack won 25-19, 25-16 and 25-17.

Kinley Drueke led Wolfpack hitters with 10 kills, Libby Evans had 7 followed by Macy Rokahr 2, Molly Thiessen and Kynlee Tillis each had 1.

Sadie Thiessen had a team-high 19 set assists.

The team had 11 ace serves. Leading the way was M. Thiessen with 4, Tillis and S. Thiessen each had 2, Rokahr, Evans and Drueke each had 1.

Drueke led the team in digs with 12. Rokahr had one solo block. Evans led in serve receive with 10.

In 'C' team action, NGSE defeated the Wolfpack 25-23, 25-18 and 15-3. No individual statistics were submitted for the match.

Mid-October is do-or-die time for EPPJ volleyball

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

It's crunch time.

Perhaps you've noticed that on your sports calendar.

We've reached mid-October and if you follow the Wolfpack volleyball team, you know the most important matches of the season are ahead of them.

After competing Saturday, the Wolfpack's record is now is now 13-12. That's a far cry from what I thought it would be at the start of the season.

It's time to deal with today, now and what's left for matches on the schedule.

After 'Senior Night' Thursday at home against Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (LCC), the team has the NVC Conference Tournament next week followed by sub-district play.

Having been sidelined for several weeks, senior Mady Kurpgeweit is back in the lineup. Her presence alone should give the team a boost if a rematch happens between EPPJ and O'Neill St. Mary's at the conference tournament.

I want to believe the Wolfpack has the most talent of any of the NVC teams we have seen so far this season.

The conference tournament will conclude Friday night, October 23.

Then, just a few days later, the D1-6 subdistrict begins. Aside from EPPJ, the other teams in the sub are Fullerton, Newman Grove/St. Edward, Riverside and Twin River.

The sub-district brackets have yet to be announced, but I've been told Riverside has an excellent chance to host. In matches against their sub-district foes, Riverside is undefeated.

The best teams find a way to become road warriors. We need to do that.

Rally

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Seeing a U.S. President in person creates a memory which will last a lifetime.

When President Trump arrived in Grand Island for a campaign rally, there to witness the moment were Janna and Steven Schrunk from rural Elgin.

On Thursday afternoon, three days after the event, Mrs. Schrunk shared her memories of the event.

This marked the first time the couple had attended an event where the president was in attendance. Steven, she said, saw the event advertised online a few days before the rally. "He said, 'let's go,' and I said OK," Janna said.

As is the case with every public event with a U.S. president, those with tickets must go through a security check which takes time.

"Once inside, you could see all the security people, but it didn't seem like they had a big presence," she said.

Like all the others in attendance, they arrived five hours early and were in their



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BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH/VARSITY
Oct. 8 .....NVC CC @ Ainsworth 4:00
Oct. 15 ...District CC ..... TBA
Oct. 23 ... State CC @ Kearney ..... TBA

FOOTBALL
VARSITY
Oct. 9 .....@ Palmer 7:00
Oct. 16 ....vs Burwell (Senior Day) 3:00
Oct. 23 ....@ Twin Loup (Sargent) 7:00

JUNIOR VARSITY/JUNIOR HIGH
Oct. 12...vs Archangels Catholic.....4:00

VOLLEYBALL
VARSITY
Oct. 10 ...Tourney @ Thayer Central 10:00
Oct. 15...vs Lrl-Conc-Col (Senior Day, PJ) 7:30
Oct. 19 ...NVC Tourney (Top 2 seeds host) ..... TBA
Oct. 20 ...NVC Tourney @ TBD ..... TBA
Oct. 24 ...NVC Tourney Finals @ TBD..... TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM
Oct. 10 ...Tourney @ Thayer Central (JV).....10:00
Oct. 12 ...@ Summerland (C team only)..... 5:00
Oct. 12 ...Dble Tri @ Summerland (JV only).... 6:00
Oct. 15...vs Lrl-Conc-Col (Senior Day, PJ)...5:30
Oct. 17 ... Tourney @ Neligh (C team only).....8:00

JUNIOR HIGH
Oct. 7.....vs Riverside (EPS) 2:00
Oct. 10 ...Tourney @ Riverside.....9:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Oct. 7 .....PJCC DARE class, 6th grade • PJCC One Act Practice
Oct. 8 .....Fire Safety Week @ Elgin Fire Hall • PJCC One Act Practice
Oct. 9 .....EPS HAL students to Epic Discovery Center
Oct. 13 ..... EPS FAFSA Competition , Parents Night • All Schools - 6th grade DARE • PJCC One Act Practice
Oct. 14 ..... Wolfpack Blood Drive • All Schools, 1 pm dismissal • EPS, Spalding Academy JH Scholastic Contest • EPS school board meeting • PJCC One Act Practice
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Wolfpack Sports

Stuhr, Kerkman place in top ten at NVC championships

Wolfpack runners to try and qualify Thursday for State XC Meet next week

AINSWORTH — The Wolfpack cross country team's dynamic duo of Samantha Stuhr and Matthew Kerkman brought home some hardware last week.

Competing at the Niobrara Valley Conference cross country championships Thursday afternoon, October 8, both runners brought home medals.

Altogether, runners from seven of the eight schools in the conference, participated in the competition which got underway at 4 p.m.

The girls race was first and Niobrara/Verdigre senior Delani Runnels continued her dominance this season. Runnels completed the 5K race in a conference record time of 20:02.7, nearly 13 seconds faster than last year when she set the conference record of 20:15.25.

Stuhr, a senior, finished sixth with a time of 24:02.9 in her final race before the district meet to be held tomorrow, October 15, at the Antelope Country Club.

Altogether, 18 runners competed in the girls race.

Next up was the boys 5K race.

North Central junior Nate Frick set a new meet record winning in a time of 17:47.2. He broke the mark of 18:00.88 set last year by Boyd County's Will Nelson.

Wolfpack junior Matthew Kerkman finished in the top ten, coming in seventh place with a time of 20:29.9.

Both he and Stuhr will be seeking to qualify Thursday afternoon as the first-ever EPPJ cross country runners to compete at the State Meet. At the Antelope Country Club, the girls 5K race is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The boys race will start at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Schools competing at the district meet will be Ainsworth, Ansley-Litchfield, Arcadia/Loup City, Boyd County, Burwell, Central Valley, Centura, Chambers-Wheeler Central (CWC), Creighton, Elgin Public-Pope John, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara-Verdigre, North Central, Ord, Riverside, Sandhills Valley, Sandhills/Thedford, South Loup (Callaway/Arnold), Stuart, Summerland, Twin Loup and West Holt.



Courtesy photo

Matthew Kerkman placed seventh and Samantha Stuhr took sixth Thursday at the NVC Cross Country Championships at Ainsworth.

EPPJ finishes strong in at Palmer

PALMER — It was a tale of two halves, one good and one not so good.

Yet, in the end, the Wolfpack captured their third victory of the season in runaway fashion - Wolfpack 51, Palmer 28.

The Wolfpack kept shooting themselves in the foot with penalties and poor execution in the first half and led just 21 to 14 against a winless Tigers (0-7).

"We did good things, but it seems like every drive we'd have a dumb penalty or a dumb personal foul after that fact that would just kill drives," Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said about the first half.

"I kinda got after the kids a little bit in the second half because I wasn't pleased with the first half."

EPPJ finished the game with five penalties for 75 yards.

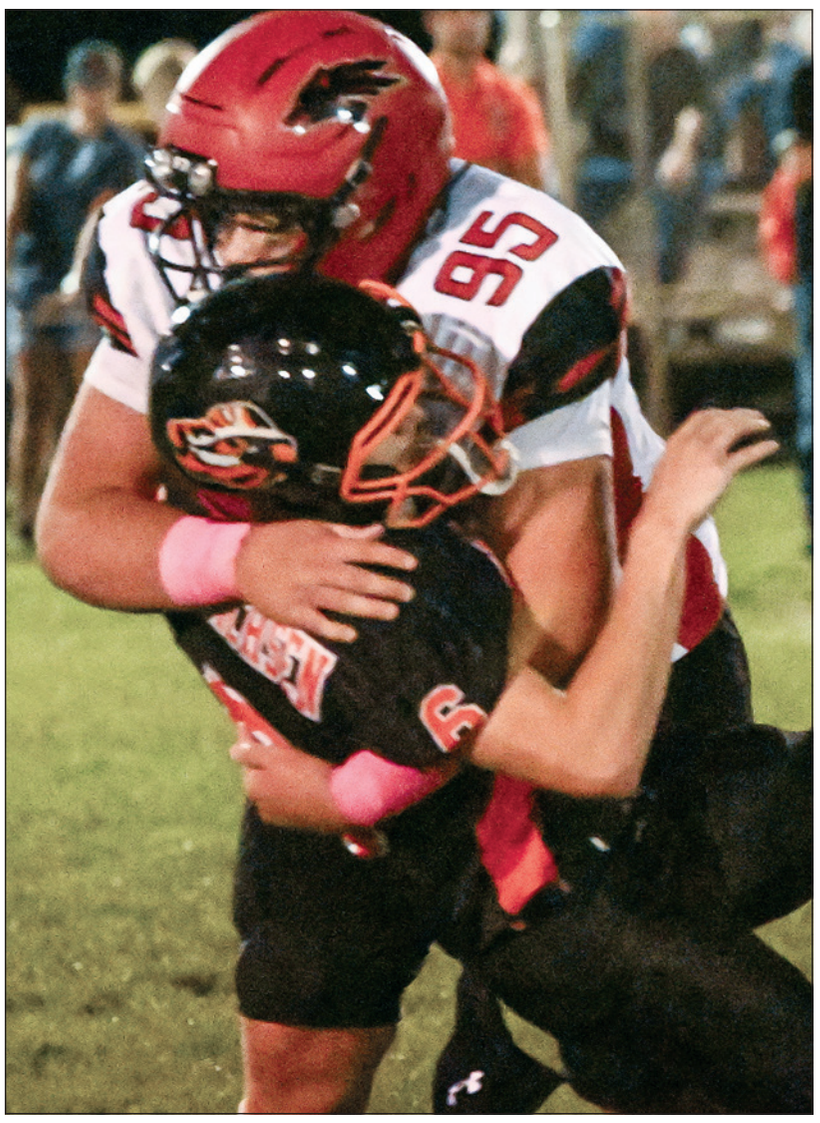
In the second half, the Wolfpack took control of the game. Up 27 to 20 entering the fourth quarter, EPPJ scored 24 unanswered point to build a 51 to 20 lead.

Palmer added a late score, long after the outcome of the game had been decided.

"We stuck both Evan Pelster and Ethan Hansen on the outsides and kind of ran some jet sweeps back and forth to loosen (the defense) up and it worked," Heithoff said. ".

Junior Max Henn turned in a standout performance on both sides of the ball. His stat line included a team-high 15 tackles, two interceptions, two touchdown receptions (both in the first half) to help lead the way to victory.

Pelster also had a strong night. He scored three touchdowns, rushed for 144 yards on 12 carries and, on defense, made five tackles.



Palmer quarterback Jackson Friedrichsen got the pass off but paid the price with this big hit from Jayvin Erickson.

Quarterback Michael Selting completed seven of 14 passes for 95 yards an two scores as well as rushing for 59 yards.

The Wolfpack played the game without senior Gavin Kallhoff who wasn't ready to go after the injury sustained against Central Valley. He hopes to be back in action this week.

Next up for the Wolfpack (3-4) will be a game Friday night at home against Burwell (6-1). Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

EPPJ 51, Palmer 28

Tigers.....0 14 6 8 — 28
Wolfpack.....7 14 6 24 — 51
EPPJ — Evin Pelster 5 run (Jayvin Erickson kick)
PAL — Jackson Friedrichsen 3 run (PAT good)
EPPJ — Michael Selting 18 pass to Max Henn (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Selting 52 pass to Henn (Ethan Hansen run)
PAL — Friedrichsen 27 pass to Owen Schwarz (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Hansen 40 run (PAT failed)
PAL — Schwarz 45 run (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Pelster 39 run (Hansen run)
EPPJ — Selting 2 run (Selting run)
EPPJ — Pelster 39 run (Pelster run)
PAL — Micah Rice 12 pass to Owen Shotkoski (Shotkoski run)

Team Statistics	EPPJ	Palmer
Rushing	33/252	32/139
Passing	7/14/0	13/28/2
Passing Yds	95	152
Total Yds	347	291
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Interceptions by	2	0

Individual Statistics

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Michael Selting 7/14/0 — 95. Palmer — Jackson Friedrichsen 12/27/2 — 140

Rushing (Att/Yds) — Ethan Hansen 3/42, Selting 13/59, Joseph McNally 5/7, Evin Pelster 12/144. Palmer — Ol Schwarz 11/97

Receiving (No/Yds) — McNally 1/5, Max Henn 3/65, Pelster 3/25. Palmer — T. Scheer 9/89

Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Hansen 2/4, Selting 0/3, McNally 1/2, Carter Selting 1/0, Braxtyn Eisenhauer 1/0, Max Hernn 7/9, Braxtyn Clark 1/0, Pelster 2/3, Brandon Hinkle 0/1, James Lodge 0/1, John Zwingman 1/0, Brayden Burenheide 1/6, Justice Blecher 2/6, Jayvin Erickson 2/4. Palmer — W. Scheer 15

Tackles For Loss — Hansen 1, McNallly 1, Henn 5, Blecher 1, Erickson 2. Palmer — C. Goerl 2.5

Interceptions — Max Henn 2.

Fumble recoveries — Henn 1.



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With big blocks from Justice Blecher (92) and Brayden Burenheide (73), Wolfpack speedster Ethan Hansen took a jet sweep for a touchdown.

Wolfpack sweep Archangels; get swept by St. Mary's Cards

ELGIN — Six ace serves helped propel the Wolfpack to a sweep of Archangels Catholic Tuesday night. The last match of a triangular was all Wolfpack as pinpoint serving allowed EPPJ (12-10)to control the match from the outset. Gentry Zwingman had three ace serves in the match, Lillian Moser added two and Sophia Burke had one to help guide EPPJ to their 12th victory of the season.

The Wolfpack had just seven service rotations in the second set as the Defenders struggled to keep pace. Four of EPPJ's six ace serves came during the set.

Braelyn Martinsen and Moser tied for the team-high in kills with seven apiece, Jael Lammers had six. Elizabeth Moser had all 21 of the team's set assists.

In the opening match of the triangular, O'Neill St. Mary's swept the Wolfpack 25-18 and 25-16. The Cardinals limited EPPJ to just 17 kills in 97 swings with 16 errors. Martinsen led hitters with eight kills, Lammers had four and Sydney Niewohner added three to go along with a team-high three solo blocks.

Zwingman led the team in serve receive with 17, Martinsen had 13 and Brooke Kinney added 11. A special moment in the match came when Martinsen recorded her 1,000th dig.

St. Mary's 2, EPPJ 0

Cardinals.....25 25
Wolfpack.....18 16

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 8/35/5, Jael Lammers 4/26/4, Lillian Moser 2/14/3, Tenley Schindler 0/5/2, Elizabeth Moser 0/5/1, Sydney Niewohner 3/12/1. Team totals: 17/97/16

Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 1/5/0, Brooke Kinney 0/3/0, Martinsen 1/5/0, L. Moser 1/6/1, E. Moser 0/7/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/7/0. Team totals: 3/33/1

Blocks — Lammers 1, L. Moser 2, Schindler 1, Niewohner 3.

Digs (D/DE) — Burke 9/4, Kinney 4/3, Martinsen 6/0, Lammers 8/1, L. Moser 4/0, Schindler 0/1, E. Moser 9/3, Niewohner 2/0, Zwingman 11/4. Team totals: 53/16

Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 0/2/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, E. Moser 17/77/2, Niewohner 0/2/0, Zwingman 0/9/0. Team totals: 17/91/2

Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 1/0, Kinney 11/0, Martinsen 13/0, Lammers 3/0, Zwingman 17/0. Team totals: 45/0

EPPJ 2, Archangels 0

Defenders.....20 19
Wolfpack.....25 25

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 7/17/4, Jael Lammers 6/20/4, Lillian Moser 7/13/3, Tenley Schindler 2/4/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/5/0, Sydney Niewohner 1/5/2. Team totals: 24/64/14

Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 1/12/1, Brooke Kinney 0/5/0, Martinsen 0/6/0, Lillian Moser 2/7/1, E. Moser 0/6/0, Gentry Zwingman 3/13/0. Team totals: 6/49/2

Blocks — L. Moser 1, Schindler 1, E. Moser 1, Niewohner 1.

Digs (D/DE) — Burke 2/0, Kinney 3/2, Martinsen 6/3, Lammerc 0/1, L. Moser 2/2, Schindler 0/1, E. Moser 2/1, Zwingman 9/4. Team totals: 24/14

Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Martinsen 0/1/0, E. Moser 21/55/1, Zwingman 0/4/0. Team totals: 21/60/1

Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 2/0, Kinney 5/1, Martinsen 10/0, Lammers 3/0, Zwingman 15/0. Team totals: 35/1



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One of the best servers on the team this season has been Brooke Kinney.



Serve receive is key to any team's success. Here, Sophia Burke (2) receives serve as teammate Braelyn Martinsen readies behind her.

EPPJ drops two of three matches at Hebron Saturday

HEBRON — Elgin Public-Pope John won their first match, then dropped the next two played Saturday at the Thayer Central High School.

EPPJ opened tournament play making quick work of McCool Junction 25-8 and 25-17. The match marked the return of senior front row hitter Mady Kurpgeweit who had been sidelined with an ankle injury last month.

With her back in the front row, the Wolfpack registered 25 kills against the Mustangs. They were led by the duo of Braelyn Martinsen and Jael Lammers each with seven kills. The biggest stat was ace serves as EPPJ had 11, led by Martinsen with five.

In pool play, next up was Milford and the Eagles won 25-19 and 25-16. The Eagles stymied EPPJ's attack as they had just 17 kills in 53 swings with 15 errors. Lammers had five kills and Lillian Moser had four solo blocks.

In the consolation finals, Central Valley swept the Wolfpack 25-13 and 25-23. Lammers led the attack with nine kills and senior Elizabeth Moser posted 14 set assists. Gentry Zwingman led the team in digs (13) and tied for the team high in serve receive (12) with Martinsen.

The Wolfpack's record now stands at 13-12 heading into Thursday night's match against Laurel-Concord-Coleridge to be played at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Starting next week will be the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament. EPPJ will open tournament play against Ainsworth at 6:30 p.m. Monday night at St. Mary's High School in O'Neill.

EPPJ 2, McCool Junction 0

Mustangs.....8 17
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 7/15/2, Mady Kurpgeweit 2/4/2, Jael Lammers 7/12/1, Lillian Moser 3/6/2, Tenley Schindler 3/6/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Sydney Niewohner 2/3/0. Team totals: 25/47/8
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 2/10/1, Brooke Kinney 0/3/0, Martinsen 5/11/0, L. Moser 1/8/1, E. Moser 2/9/2, Gentry Zwingman 1/8/0. Team totals: 11/49/4
Blocks — Niewohner 1.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 5/0, Kinney 3/1, Martinsen 9/2, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 4/0, E. Moser 2/0, Zwingman 1/2. Team totals: 25/5
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 6/13/1, Kinney 0/1/0, E. Moser 12/21/0, Niewohner 1/1/0, Zwingman 0/4/0. Team totals: 19/40/1
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 2/0, Kinney 2/1, Martinsen 3/2, Lammers 4/1, E. Moser 1/0, Zwingman 6/1. Team totals: 18/5

Milford 2, EPPJ 0

Eagles.....25 25
Wolfpack.....19 16
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 4/16/5, Mady Kurpgeweit 1/5/1, Jael Lammers 5/16/4, Lillian Moser 3/9/4, Tenley Schindler 0/1/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Sydney Niewohner 3/4/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/1/0. Team totals: 17/53/15
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/5/1, Brooke Kinney 0/7/0, Martinsen 0/6/0, L. Moser 0/4/0, E. Moser 0/4/1, Gentry Zwingman 0/5/0. Team totals: 0/31/2
Blocks — L. Moser 4.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 2/0, Kinney 4/1, Martinsen 8/0, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 1/1, E. Moser 3/3, Zwingman 8/1. Team totals: 27/6
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 4/27/1, Kinney 0/4/0, Martinsen 3/4/0, Kurpgeweit 0/1/0, E. Moser 8/19/1, Zwingman 1/3/0. Team totals: 16/58/2
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 1/0, Kinney 6/0, Martinsen 7/1, Lammers 3/4, Zwingman 14/2. Team totals: 31/7.

Central Valley 2, EPPJ 0

Cougars.....25 25
Wolfpack.....13 23
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 4/15/5, Mady Kurpgeweit 0/2/0, Jael Lammers 9/19/1, Lillian Moser 2/6/1, Tenley Schindler 0/3/2, Sydney Niewohner 1/6/0, Team totals: 16/51/9
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 1/5/1, Brooke Kinney 0/5/1, Martinsen 0/9/1, Lillian Moser 1/5/0, Elizabeth Moser 0/4/1, Gentry Zwingman 1/8/0. Team totals: 3/36/4
Blocks — Martinsen 2.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 2/2, Kinney 9/4, Martinsen 5/3, Kurpgeweit 2/2, Lammers 2/1, L. Moser 1/0, E. Moser 9/3, Niewohner 1/0, Zwingman 13/7. Team totals: 44/22
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Martinsen 0/1/0, Burke 1/8/0, Kinney 0/1/0, Kurpgeweit 0/1/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 14/39/0, Zwingman 0/9/0. Team totals: 15/60/0
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 2/0, Kinney 9/2, Martinsen 12/2, Lammers 2/1, L. Moser 1/0, Zwingman 12/0. Team totals: 38/5/0

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Neligh, Nebraska
October 6th, 2026

Public Hearing to set tax dollars was held.

Vice-chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of September 8th and 22nd, 2026 Board of Commissioner Meetings. Public comments. Correspondence was reviewed. Monthly reports from CDC & Treasurer.

Zoning Administrator – approved six (6) lot splits/administrative plats.

Met with Highway Superintendent, held 1- and 6- Year Road Projects Public Hearing, adopted plan. Open and approved bids for Elgin NE Bridge project.

Approved resolution setting tax request.

Met as a Board of Equalization.

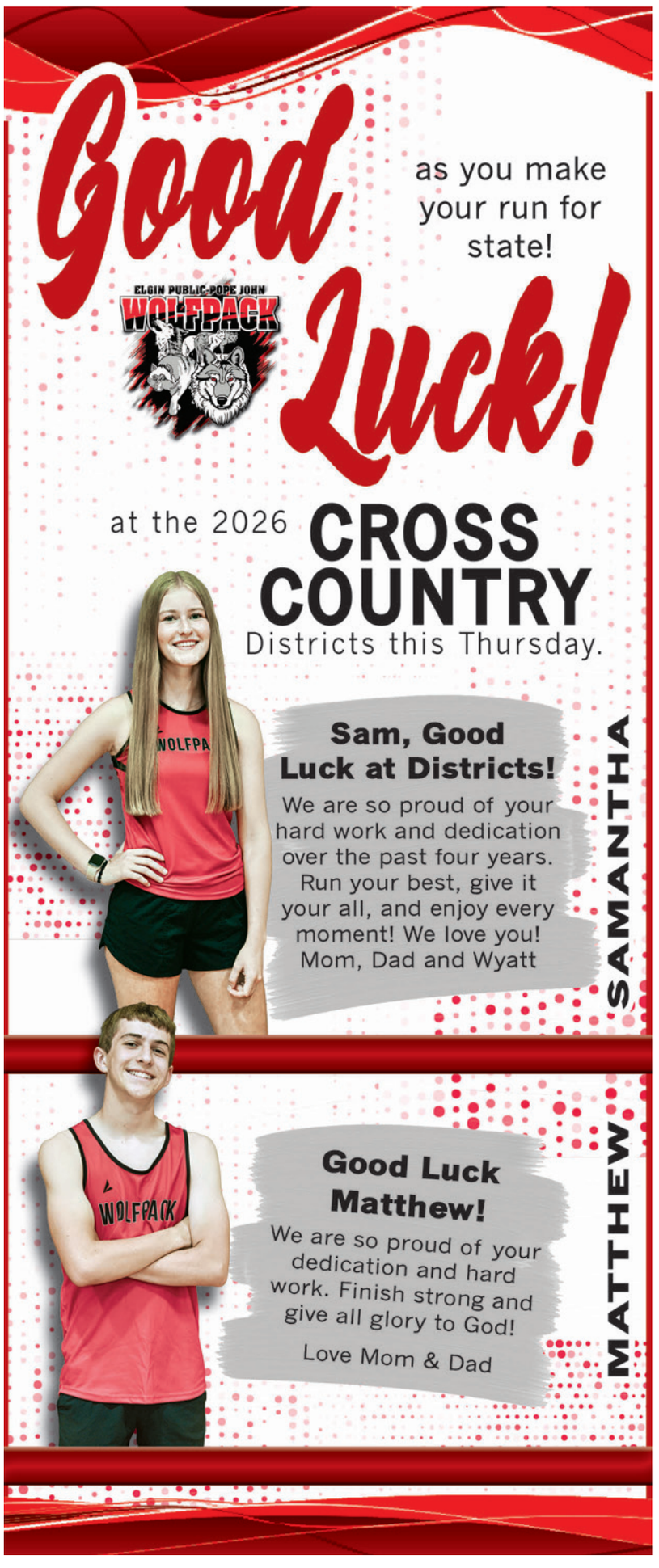
Road Superintendent Report: approved four (4) oversized permits; three (3) access permits. three (3) underground permits and two (2) temporary road use agreements. Discussion on wings for graders-no action. Discussed 849th Road.

Meeting Adjourned.

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