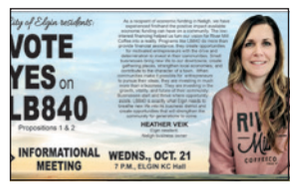


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In Brief

Interviews to be for commissioner vacancy

November 4 at 4p.m.

The date has been set to review applications from persons interested in filling the vacancy of Antelope County Commissioner District 4.

According to County Clerk Lisa Payne, a public meeting with the Antelope County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Clerk will be held on Wednesday, November 4. Selected applicants being interviewed, beginning at 4 p.m.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proposed Constitutional Amendments — State of Nebraska

General Election Sample Ballots (4) — Antelope County

Notice — City of Elgin

Notice of Public Hearing — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Vacancy — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — The Bartlett Village Board of Trustees

Notice of Organization — North & Son Trucking

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 11. The low temperature during the same period was 30 degrees was recorded on October 16.

Altogether, 0.51 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Oct 11	89	52	.00
Oct 12	61	46	.00
Oct 13	57	39	.00
Oct 14	55	44	.43
Oct 15	55	41	.08
Oct 16	50	30	.00
Oct 17	62	35	.00
Total for last week			0.51
Total for October			0.82
Total precipitation 2026			25.69





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Students learn fire safety

Pre-K and elementary students from EPS and Pope John were taught fire prevention by the Elgin Volunteer Fire & Rescue personnel last week. They were encouraged to check smoke alarms to make sure batteries are working and the alarms are ready to protect families. Also, they were told to make a family fire escape plan, know two ways out of every room and choose a safe meeting place outside their home.

GET to host LB840 meeting at KC Hall

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Growing Elgin Together (GET) will give Elgin residents one more opportunity to learn and ask questions about LB840 which will be on the November general election ballot.

The public meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21 (tonight) starting at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Elgin residents, when they go the polls on November 3, will be asked to vote on two propositions. By voting 'yes' on Proposition #1, voters will give the City of Elgin the means to raise the current city sales tax by 0.5 percent.

By voting "yes" on Proposition #2, it will allow the City of Elgin to establish an economic development program appropriating annually from local sources of revenue approximately $65,962 for 20 years.

Both measures MUST BE approved by voters to generate funds which will be used to support economic development efforts in the same way as other communities across Nebraska have done in recent years.

All are welcome to attend.

District #18 school board approves fire detectors

Elgin Public schools will take on a new look in the coming weeks. No new buildings are being constructed, but the outside appearance of the high school building will change.

It's been years since the glass door wraps have been installed and they have become faded.

The board voted 4-0 to replace the glass door wraps. Doing the work will be Love Signs of Norfolk at a cost of $2,489.72.

On another topic involving dollars and cents, the board learned that updating the school gymnasium for fire safety will require another purchase.

The board approved the purchase of gym duct fire detectors, just one month after approving a new fire system. The detectors are a necessary addition.

With the current system, Brockhaus told the board that there were no fire detectors in the duct work. That will change as the new system will be brought up to code. The detectors will be purchased from Protex Central at a cost of just under $5,400.

Staying in the gym, the board approved replacing the carpet on the gym stage steps. The board approved a bid submitted from Leifeld's at a cost of $2,163.15.

The District #18 Board of Education conducted a public hearing Wednesday night on Internet and Computer Use Policy.

Four board members participated in the hearing as Superintendent Mike Brockhaus explained the policy the school has in its manual. Absent from the meeting was Lisa Welding and Luke Hinkle.

Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said the hearing is required every year. The policy outlines allowable/unacceptable use for students.

He said steps have been taken to increase security due to outside interests 'fishing' of emails on the school website.

Board member Todd Heithoff said fishing is a problem everywhere on the Internet. "The biggest threat in banking is fishing," he said.

Technology Coordinator Amy Selting said Applied Connective Technologies, whom District #18 utilizes, "has been great making sure to keep schools and ESUs up to date."

The hearing lasted just four minutes as there were no district patrons in attendance to ask questions on the policy.

Later in the meeting, the policy was approved.

In other action:

Great turnout — K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff said 90 percent of parents with elementary students, and 83 percent of junior-high school parents attended parent-teacher conferences.

Presentation — EPS students Harper Evans and Harper Childers gave a presenation about a recent Digital Citizenship symposium they attended. The event was put on by ESU8. The presentation focused on forging healthy habits for technology use, mak-

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E-R photo/DMorgan

From cheers to tears Thursday afternoon

A season that began in the heat of summer came to an end last Thursday on the green grass at Antelope Country Club. The district cross country meet was held there with the Wolfpack's two runners - Samantha Stuhr and Matthew Kerkman competing. Samantha came so close to qualifying for the state meet, finishing 17th with her best ever time. It was the closest a Wolfpack runner has ever been to qualifying for the state meet. Her father, Scott Stuhr, is shown comforting her at the conclusion of the race. For more on the meet, turn to Page 13.



From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Meatballs



Good day,

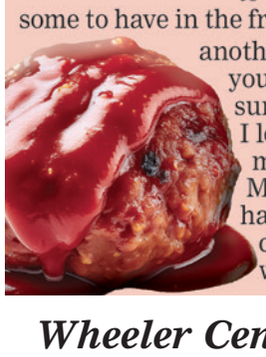
This week's recipe makes a lot of meatballs, but they do freeze well. If you want to make some to have in the freezer for another time, you could sure do that. I love meatballs! Maybe the harvest crew would enjoy them at meal time as well.

Serve this recipe with a side and a dessert, then you have a complete meal!

Make a batch and see what the family thinks!

Yummy,

JoAnn



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MEATBALLS

1 (13 oz) can evaporated milk
3 lbs hamburger
2 beaten egg
2 cups quick oatmeal
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
2 tsp chili powder

Mix all the ingredients and make into balls

Put in a single layer on a cookie sheet or a deep dish baking pan (sprayed).

Sauce:
2 cups ketchup
1-1/2 cups brown sugar
2 Tbls liquid smoke
1 Tbls chopped onion

Mix and pour over the meat balls. Bake for 1 hour at 350°. The leftovers are good frozen.

Wheeler Central, EPS among schools to divide $54,000 in grant funds

EducationQuest Foundation has awarded 77 Nebraska schools with 8th-Grade Campus Visit Grants totaling more than $54,000.

Schools will use grant funds of up to $1,350 to support eighth graders' college visits and related activities that enhance student preparation for college during the 2026-27 academic year. Area schools awarded grants were Elgin Public Schools, Neligh-Oakdale Schools, Wheeler Central and Albion's St. Michael's School

"By introducing students to college campuses in middle school, we help spark curiosity, build confidence, and normalize the idea that higher education is within reach," said EducationQuest Vice President of Grants and Scholarships Eric Drumheller. "These visits plant seeds of opportunity that shape students' futures — and the future of Nebraska communities."

The 8th-Grade Campus Visit Grants, awarded annually, are one of several programs EducationQuest provides to fulfill its mission of improving access to higher education in Nebraska.

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Popular IZ Soup Supper Scheduled November 2

It's time to ladle up the annual Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church (IZ), rural Albion, soup supper 4:00-7:30 pm, Sunday, November 1. On the menu are chili, both beef and venison; vegetable beef; chicken noodle, and cheeseburger. Delectable homemade pies and desserts will be in abundance.

Freewill donations have totaled $175,150 since this event launched 43 years ago, every cent given away. Kenny and LuAnn Bartos, Kathleen Lee, and the Miriam Taylor Memorial Fund are the recipients of the free will offering. Medical expenses have impacted each of their lives recently. Ten percent is designated to Evangelical Lutheran Church of America World Hunger.

Lynn Bygland, Albion, IZ church council president and organizer of the event, along with IZ women's group leader Sharon Taake, Tilden, work with church members to prepare food and serve. Some ingredients are provided with funds from Thrivent Financial through the Thrivent Action format. "Bring your appetites, autumn cheer, and enjoy some community fellowship and good food," Bygland said.

IZ is an ELCA congregation located at 1726 310th Avenue, rural Albion. Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. at the church are live streamed on Facebook followed by Sunday School and coffee hour. Find IZ on Facebook @Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, call 402-395-2261 or check the web at http://myizchurch.com where recordings of services are available. All are welcome!

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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, October 21
LB840 Informational Regular meeting meeting at the Elgin KC Hall beginning at p.m.

Thursday, October 22
Mahjong at (1 p.m.) at Elgin Community Center.

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 til 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
EHCC Trunk or Treat at EPS.

Sunday, November 1
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church @ Deloit Pulled Pork Dinner.*

Monday, November 2
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.

Tuesday, November 3
General Election.*

Events listing courtesy of Elgin Veterans' Medical Clinic
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School

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ing room for people and activities away from screens and phones.

Hired — Kristen Evans has been hired as the new MTSS Cordinator for the 2027-2028 school year. She currently holds the same position at Neligh-Oakdale Schools.

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Again and again and again ...

Age isn't just a number, it's a mindset. Bob Dylan sings "Forever Young" where he tells of his wishes for someone: that God bless them, that they grow up to be righteous and true, that they are courageous, but over and over he sings "may you stay forever young." Is that something we should strive for?

The song got me thinking: age alone cannot define a person unless they allow it to. Age is just a number that counts the number of years we have been on this planet. But what is old or young? I realized it's all about perception. It's how we perceive ourselves, how we perceive others, and what stage of life we're experiencing that shapes what "young" truly means. It's a subjective and relative thing that morphs and changes over time.

In my twenties, I hated telling my age at work. As soon as someone knew how young I was, they immediately discredited me and the knowledge I possessed. I also watched the older people quit exercising, ceasing to take pleasure in the same things they used to and no longer enjoying life the way they once did. Why? Did their perception of age change?

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

I know younger people who act like they're 50. On the flip side, I know an 84-year-old who works out in my women's group and is one of the spunkiest people I know. The wrinkles are the only thing that gives away her age. You would never know it by just meeting and interacting with her. She recently had a health scare and had to have a pacemaker put in. I went to visit her and she said, "I just don't understand why this happened, these are old people problems." I laughed because the woman is twice my age and I'm no spring chicken.

I find that over time, I may have misjudged other people based on their age. When I was younger,

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Looking Back
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago — October 20, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Johnson are the parents of a 6 lb. 10 oz. daughter, Victoria Rae, born Oct. 11, 1966.

Fire of unknown origin Wednesday damaged a diesel tractor at the Ben Selting farm north of town. No one appeared to be near the tractor when it started, local firemen reported. Tractor wiring and batteries were destroyed.

A cold front swept into Nebraska and this area Thursday with a light mist in the morning changing into rain, two inches of hail that changed into sleet and a few flakes of snow in the night. Apparently Elgin was on an east-west band that received more hail and sleet than any other area in northeast Nebraska. .

Fifty Years Ago — October 20, 1976

A group of thoughtful neighbors, friends and relatives of the Lawrence Ridder family turned out Friday with combines and truck to harvest around 165 acres of corn. Several neighbor ladies and relatives helped prepare and serve the noon meal and afternoon lunch.

The Elgin Volunteer Fire Department was summoned to the Delbert Heithoff farm at 2:56 p.m. Tuesday where a combine had caught fire. The fire was extinguished before the department arrived and there was no damage to the combine.

Martha Mathilda Fritz, daughter of Henry T. And Ella F. Peterson Anderson, was born here June 23, 1910 and departed this life Oct. 17, 1976, at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln at the age of 66 years, three months, and 24 days. She grew to womanhood at Elgin, and was graduated from the Elgin High School with the class of 1929.

Thirty Years Ago — October 23, 1996

Dr. Albert Halls announced this week that he has finalized the purchase of his clinic building in Elgin. The building was purchased from Valerie Sheets Standard and Michelle Sheets Bohring.

Wayne and Dorothy Currie of Elgin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 13. The day began with a dinner at the Senior Citizens Center for relatives. An open house was held at Park Congregational U.C.C. Church from 2 to 5 p.m.

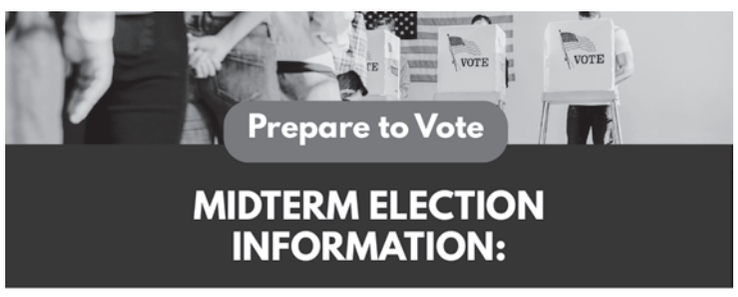
Seniors Megan Pelster and Jeff Moser were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at Pope John Central during festivities last Thursday night, Oct.17. The coronation and Homecoming pep rally highlighted a week of spirit-filled events. Homecoming attendants were Megan Dvorak, Jennifer Dwyer, Teresa Mlnarik, Leah Shavlik, Scott Borer, Michael Eischeid, Aaron Hoefer, John Paul Kimes, Gary Schiltmeyer, Ben Schrad and Curt Zegers.

Twenty Years Ago — October 18, 2006

Humid weather slowed the soybean harvest early this week, but Elgin area farmers continued to make some progress on the corn harvest. The area received small amounts of rain overnight on Oct. 11 and Oct. 17.

Lettie Jean Koinzan, 85, daughter of Clarence and Winnie Jean Coulthard, was born Dec. 20, 1920, at Elgin, and died Oct. 15, 2006, at the Ainsworth Care Center in Ainsworth. She grew to womanhood on her parents' farm northeast of Elgin, and graduated from the Neligh High School and Wayne State Teachers' College at Wayne.

By Olivia Klein



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
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A senior, Justice has been a part of the Wolfpack's defensive line. As a defensive end, he had four tackles in last Friday's game against the Burwell Longhorns.

JUSTICE BLECHER
FOOTBALL

A senior, Brooke is one of the standout back row go-tos. In last week's match against Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, she had ten digs in the three sets.



BROOKE KINNEY
VOLLEYBALL

A senior, Samantha wrapped up her high school running career at the District Meet held last week. She just missed the cut for state, finishing 17th with a time of 22:45.49



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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Columnist provides overview of Nebraska ballot issues

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 1: to expand term limits for Nebraska state senators from two consecutive, four-year terms to three consecutive, four-year terms.

FOR – Limiting legislators to two, four-year terms (or eight years) isn't enough time for representatives to fully understand, and act on, complex issues. Term limits also shift power from elected officials to lobbyists, staffers and political parties.

AGAINST – Limiting representatives to two, four-year terms – which was adopted by voters in 2000 – gives others a chance to serve and limits the fund-raising advantages of long-time incumbents. Term limits also bring in more fresh ideas.

Initiative 440: would amend the Nebraska Constitution to allow betting on sporting events via Internet sites operated by state-licensed racetracks.

FOR – Legalizing online sports betting would generate an estimated $166 million a year extra for property tax relief. The state is losing money to other Internet sites because more than 100,000 online betting accounts already exist in Nebraska.

AGAINST – Online wagering is one of the most addictive forms of gambling, and legalizing it would increase problem gambling and bankruptcies. Such gaming hurts young men and low-income families the most.

Initiative 441: sets up the regulatory framework to govern online sports betting.

FOR – This initiative directs the State Legislature to establish rules to regulate online sports betting via Internet sites operated at licensed racetracks in Nebraska.

AGAINST – Online sports betting is addictive and will increase problem gambling and associated bad outcomes. Nebraska doesn't need it.

Initiative 442: Amends the State Constitution to block biological males from participating in sports designated for females, women or girls by all public, private and postsecondary schools in Nebraska

FOR – This would enshrine, in the Nebraska Constitution, restrictions on transgender athletic participation that were passed by the State Legislature in the 2025 "Stand with Women Act." Clauses in the Constitution are harder to overturn.

AGAINST – The initiative is unnecessary because Nebraska law already blocks biological males from participating in sports for women and girls. Such restrictions intrude on private family decisions and impact very, very few cases. .

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Supporting the officers who keep us safe

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

Imagine your child's school receives a suspicious message, a small business owner notices someone lingering on their security camera footage, or you see a concerning post in a community Facebook group. On their own, these pieces of information might not seem like a big deal. But put together, they could help law enforcement prevent a crime, find a suspect, or protect an innocent child.

Making those connections is what the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC) does every day.

Operated by the Nebraska State Patrol, the NIAC helps law enforcement agencies across our state share information with one another and with federal, tribal, and private-sector partners. Their goal is to ensure that information gathered in one Nebraska community gets where it needs to go if it could help solve or prevent a crime somewhere else.

Recently, I visited the NIAC Fusion Center in Lincoln to see that work firsthand. I received a briefing from its impressive team, toured the facility, and visited its computer crime lab, where investigators use cutting-edge technology to extract large amounts of information from electronic devices such as phones, tablets, and laptops, to solve complex crimes.

This statewide cooperation is especially important for smaller and rural communities. A local police department might not have the expensive software or expert analyst it needs to crack these cases. NIAC helps bridge that gap by connecting law enforcement across the state and getting useful information into the right hands.

This type of work requires specific tools and technology. That is why I have used my role on the Senate Appropriations Committee to direct federal tax dollars Nebraskans already send to Washington back home to support efforts like these. Earlier this year, I secured $176,000 for the Nebraska State Patrol to strengthen its efforts to identify and arrest child predators. Those funds are helping upgrade technology that investigators use to analyze tips faster, share information across jurisdictions, and identify suspects.

I've also supported federal funding for Nebraska through the State Homeland Security Program. Two years ago, I voted for the Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which included $468 million for this program. From those funds, $4.36 million was awarded to our state. This included over $530,000 for a statewide information and intelligence-sharing initiative supporting NIAC's fusion center mission.

You can play a role in advancing this important mission, too.

It might be surprising what information you see or hear could be useful to investigators. A concerning email, phone call, social media post, or camera footage could provide an important piece of a big puzzle. If something concerns you, you can directly report suspicious activity at sars.nebraska.gov. You can also contact the Fusion Center 24 hours a day at (402) 479-4049 or nefusioncenter@nebraska.gov.

There's a reason we often hear "if you see something, say something." Criminals don't stop at county lines, and the information that helps catch them doesn't either. By making sure a tip from one community can reach law enforcement in another, NIAC helps Nebraska's dedicated officers work in tandem to protect our families and keep our communities safe. I am very grateful for their professionalism and dedication.



Bringing healthcare closer to home

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

In Nebraska, we are accustomed to putting a few miles on the car. We travel to watch our children play sports, visit loved ones, or pick up supplies for the farm. But when the miles become a regular part of getting to a doctor's appointment, managing a chronic condition, or accessing treatment, distance can create real challenges for patients and their families.

Every Nebraskan deserves access to quality care close to home, regardless of their ZIP code.

That is why I was pleased to welcomed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz to Nebraska's Third District recently for a visit hosted by Memorial Community Hospital in Blair.

The visit gave Administrator Oz an opportunity to hear directly from rural healthcare providers about the opportunities and challenges they face serving their communities. Local providers like Memorial demonstrate the critical role Critical Access Hospitals play in rural Nebraska.

With nearly 60 across the Third District, these hospitals ensure patients have access to essential medical care close to home.

Hosting conversations like these are important because the decisions made in Washington have a direct impact on healthcare access in communities across Nebraska. In Congress, I am

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Stephanie Jean (Alderson) Mortensen, 60



April 22, 1966 — October 18, 2026

She touched countless other lives, and built innumerable friendships, her bright light always shining from her eyes.

Stephanie Jean (Alderson) Mortensen was born on April 22,1966. The daughter of Billy and Beverly Alderson, she came into this world with a shout and a very bright light. She entered the promises of Jesus Christ and was baptized at the age of 12. Stephi attended School at Grant Elementary, Neligh and Elgin areas in Nebraska. Stephanie was an adventurer and a reality builder. She graduated from Bonner College of Hair, but set her mind on being a nurse. She achieved that with a Surgical Tech degree in Nebraska and later her LPN and RN degrees in Nebraska, serving as a school ambassador for two of those years. She achieved her BSN in Wisconsin. She also achieved several other certifications in the field of medical care during her time in Wisconsin.

On October 20, 1985 she was joined in marriage to Lance Mortensen. Stephi passed away two days shy of their 41st wedding anniversary. To this union three children were born and raised in the Norfolk, Neligh and Elgin areas of Nebraska. In 2009 Lance and Stephanie moved to Wisconsin where Stephanie enjoyed tremendous success in her career, never standing still and always moving forward. She was highly respected for her skills and leadership by her colleagues. She was a professional hobbyist and found joy in sewing, quilting, motorcycle riding, golfing, pickleball, paddleboarding, water painting, crafts and countless others. Anything Steph wanted to do she set her mind and achieved it. Stephi was a member of Stilettos on Steel Motorcycle Club and her time spent with the girls was some of her happiest moments. Stephi and Lance loved to dance, Lance was her frame and Stephi was the picture.

Along their life journey together Lance and Stephi learned what Grace and unconditional love were, and through scripture realized Gods design for one-ness and their lives were changed forever. Every morning Lance would find Stephi at her dining room table with a coffee, bibles and reference books studying the word of Yahweh. Her Bible survived a flood and fire, and every page was marked up with highlights and personal insights and revelations. To truly know her one needs to simply page through her Bible. She has touched countless other lives, and built innumerable friendships, her bright light always shining from her eyes. Never ashamed of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Steph lived her life a bold witness to the Way. She never hesitated to pray with a patient, friend or stranger whenever the Holy Spirit prompted. Steph loved to pay it forward, often paying for others' coffee or calling a waiter over and paying for a young family's meal. It was not uncommon for her to pay for someone's groceries if they were having a problem at checkout.

Stephi and Lance learned of her cancer in early 2024. She endured several courses of treatment and surgical procedures along the way but received bad news of a third return and a very aggressive disease path. As with all things she fought it valiantly and bravely never doubting God could heal her. In her bible, Stephi noted that her favorite scripture during her battle was Psalm 18.

God took back His light when Stephanie let go of her last breath of life on October 18, 2026. Stephanie is survived by her husband Lance Mortensen of Kenosha WI, parents Bill and Bev Alderson of Elgin NE, a brother Billy Jr of Oakdale NE. Son Justin Mortensen and wife Simone of Racine WI, son Jarred Mortensen and wife Stefanie of Oakdale NE, and her best friend and daughter Caitlin Svoboda and her husband Daniel of Hastings NE. From her three children Stephanie was blessed with 16 grandchildren.

She is now joined with the many loved ones who went before her: her in-laws Ronald and Marlene Mortensen, her grandparents, brother Jonathon Alderson, grandchild Tripp Svoboda, a beloved nephew Jason Mortensen, great niece Lily Mortensen, and several aunts and uncles.

Stephanie's life cannot be condensed into a few paragraphs or an hour service. If you met Stephi you would soon count her as a friend. What a joy and privilege to share a piece of it. What an honor to be her friend and husband. When the end approached, I told her to prepare a place for me, and she promised me the first dance. I am looking forward to having that promise fulfilled.

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William "Bill" Eischeid, 84



September 18, 1942 — October 16, 2026

He often went for drives to check on progress at neighboring farms and kept his farmland and home place neat and orderly.

William "Bill" Eischeid, 84 of Elgin, passed away Friday, October 16, 2026 at Faith Health in Norfolk, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2026, at St. Boniface Church in Elgin with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #229, VFW Post #5816, and the Army Funeral Honor Guard. Visitation with family present will be 9:00-10:00 a.m. Thursday morning at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfh.com. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is entrusted with the arrangements.

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William (Bill) Eischeid was born to Angela Henkenius Eischeid and Joseph Eischeid on September 18,1942 in Elgin, Nebraska. As a typical farm kid, chores were finished before heading to St Boniface Elementary and, later, St Boniface High School. After graduation in 1961, he worked at the Elgin Lumber Yard before being drafted into the US Army to train as a medic. Deployment to Germany was side-lined when he was called home after a farm accident took the life of his father. Bill helped his mother raise three younger siblings and took over the family farm with his brother, Ron, coming full circle to farm chores again.

Farming became his life, raising hogs, cattle and crops working with brothers Ron, David and Uncle Ed Eischeid. He married Carol Totten Eischeid in 1972 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin. Sarah, Chris, Matt, and Tim completed the family and were taught, by example, the value and satisfaction of hard work. He often went for drives to check on progress at the neighboring farms and beyond, attended many ball games as the kids grew, was active with St Boniface Parish activities, and kept his farmland and the home place neat and orderly. His favorite 'vacation' location was sitting on his 4-wheeler in the creek pasture watching his cows and calves graze. Even after moving to town, he often hopped in the pickup or Gator to escape to the pasture. William was a resident of Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek for the last 15 months, dying at Faith Health in Norfolk, Nebraska on October 16, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Angela and Joe, nieces Mary and Stephanie Eischeid, and nephew Dana Baum.

He was loved in life and will be in death by his wife Carol, children Sarah (Jay) Ericson, Chris (Terri) Eischeid, Matt (Melissa) Eischeid, Tim (Katie) Eischeid and grandchildren Alex, Zac and Ellie Eischeid, Tyrus and Cale Eischeid, siblings Ron (Linda) Eischeid, Ruth (Dave) Rue, Mary (Jim) Baum, David (Janice) Eischeid, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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Obituaries

Margie J. Richart, 61



November 26, 1964 — October 12, 2026

Throughout life, she enjoyed Nebraska volleyball, crafting and caring for her dogs Charlie and Amos.

Margie J. Richart, 61, of Elgin, NE passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026, at CHI Health Bergan Mercy in Omaha, NE.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Elgin, with Fr. Frank Baumert officiating.

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

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Margaret "Margie" Jo Richart, daughter of Kenneth Walter and Joan Joy (Jenkins) Richart, was born in Neligh, NE on November 26, 1964. She attended Elgin Public Schools and graduated in 1984. Margie attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE, studying to become a mechanic and graduated in 1990.

In 1990, Margie began working for the Nebraska Department of Roads in McCook as a mechanic and truck driver. After her father passed away in 2010, she returned to Elgin to help care for her mother and began working as a truck driver for Pollock Redi-Mix and Rutjens Construction until her death. Throughout her life, Margie enjoyed Nebraska Volleyball, crafting, and enjoyed caring for her dogs Charlie and Amos.

Margie is survived by her mother: Joan Richart of Albion, NE; three sisters: Susan "Susie" Richart of Elgin, NE; Karen (Tim) Cakebread of Tilden, NE; Amy (John) Schofield of Lincoln, NE; honorary sister: Ina (Jim) Kittelson of Elgin, NE; brother-in-law: Jim Beltz of Norfolk, NE; nieces and nephews: Amy (Jason) Pichler of Omaha, NE; Beth (Andrew) Domina of Elkhorn, NE; James (Chassidy) Beltz of Stanton, NE; Brenton (Amanda) Cakebread of Pittsburgh, PA; BreAnn (Derek) Schulz of Battle Creek, NE; Segan (Matt) Graham of Columbus, NE; Shelby Cakebread of Vermillion, SD; Kasi Abbenhaus of Lincoln, NE; Noah Schofield of Ashland, NE; Hannah Schofield of Lincoln, NE; as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father: Kenneth Richart; two sisters: Deb Beltz; Emily Richart; niece: Lexis Abbenhaus; and many aunts and uncles.

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working to advance commonsense solutions that give patients more options and help local providers better meet their needs.

For example, pharmacists are often among the most accessible healthcare providers in rural communities, yet Medicare does not reimburse them for treating common respiratory illnesses they are trained to address. My Main Street Pharmacy Access Act would remove this bureaucratic barrier, allowing patients to access timely treatment closer to home. I am also co-leading the Critical Access Hospital Relief Act, which would provide a permanent solution to protect patients and providers from the burdensome 96-hour rule in rural areas.

While there is more work to work to be done, we are making progress.

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ERIKA GIRAUD

The first commandment, love God with everything you've got, is followed by the second: love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Jesus said everything else follows those two precepts.

They apply to us.

Practice loving God and your neighbor this week in church.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Matthew 22:34-46

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

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UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET

For United States Senator – Six Year Term – Vote for ONE
- Pete Ricketts (Republican)
- Mike Marvin (Legal Marijuana NOW)
- Robin Richards (Nebraska Working People)
- Chuck Conboy (America First)
- Dan Osborn (By Petition)

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

For Representative in Congress – District 3 - Two Year Term – Vote for ONE
- Adrian Smith (Republican)
- Becky Kelly Stille (Democratic)
- David J. Else (Legal Marijuana NOW)
- Macey Budke (Nebraska Working People)
- Mark Cohen (By Petition)

STATE TICKET

For Governor and Lt. Governor – Vote for ONE
- Jim Pillen, Governor / Joe Kelly, Lt. Governor } Republican
- Lynne Walz, Governor / Ben Steffen, Lt. Governor } Democratic
- Rick Beard, Governor / Keenya Barnes, Lt. Governor } Legal Marijuana NOW
- Brett Lindstrom, Governor / Michael Picard, Lt. Governor } America First
- _____ Governor

STATE TICKET

For Secretary of State – Vote for ONE
- Scott Petersen (Republican)
- Sarah J. Slattery (Democratic)
- Paul Rumbaugh (Nebraska Working People)
- Bob Krist (America First)

For State Treasurer – Vote for ONE
- Joey Spellerberg (Republican)
- Daniel Ebers (Democratic)

For Attorney General – Vote for ONE
- Mike Hilgers (Republican)
- Jocelyn Brasher (Democratic)

For Auditor of Public Accounts – Vote for ONE
- Mike Foley (Republican)
- John Knight (America First)

COUNTY TICKET

For County Commissioner – District 01 – Vote for ONE
- Neil Williby (Republican)

For County Commissioner – District 03 – Vote for ONE
- Regina L. Krebs (Republican)
- Don Zegers (Democratic)

For County Commissioner – District 05 – Vote for ONE
- Casey Dittrich (Republican)

For County Assessor – Vote for ONE
- Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns (Republican)

COUNTY TICKET

For County Attorney – Vote for ONE
- Joseph M. Smith (Republican)

For County Clerk – Vote for ONE
- Lisa Payne (Republican)

For Clerk of the District Court – Vote for ONE
- Angela F. Mortensen (Republican)

For County Sheriff – Vote for ONE
- Robert E. Moore (Republican)

For County Surveyor – Vote for ONE

For County Treasurer – Vote for ONE
- Deb Branstiter (Republican)

NONPARTISAN TICKET

For Member of the Legislature – District 40 – Vote for ONE
- Barry DeKay

For Member of the State Board of Education – District 6 – Vote for ONE
- Sherry Jones
- Grady Erickson

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term
Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court - Six Year Term
Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?
- Yes
- No

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ANTELOPE COUNTY NEBRASKA–GENERAL ELECTION–COUNTYWIDE PUBLICATION BALLOTS

The following sample ballots list all candidates and issues throughout Antelope County. They may not reflect the order or rotation of candidates on the official ballot for your voting precinct; only candidates and issues that pertain to your voting precinct will appear on your official ballot.

Polling sites: Tilden Precinct-Tilden Public Library; Oakdale Precinct-Oakdale Community Center; Neligh Precinct, -American Legion Post 172, Neligh; Brunswick Precinct-Brunswick Community Room; Elgin Precinct-KC Hall, Elgin; Royal Precinct-Royal Auditorium; Clearwater Precinct-American Legion Post 267, Clearwater; Orchard Precinct-Orchard Community Center.

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

NONPARTISAN TICKET

Northeast Community College – For Board of Governors - District 1 – Vote for ONE
- Delbert J. Ames

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 1 – Vote for ONE
- Chad A. Korth

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - At Large – Vote for ONE
- James G. Aschoff
- Layne Roth

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 5 – Vote for ONE
- Kevin Blair

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 6 – Vote for ONE
- Aaron Rice

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - Subdistrict 7 – Vote for ONE
- Matthew Beckman

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District – For Board of Directors - At Large – Vote for ONE
- Chris Dierks

Elkhorn Rural Public Power District – For Board of Directors – Subdivision 3 - Six Year Term – Vote for ONE
- David Hoefer

North Central Public Power District – For Board of Directors – Subdivision 2 - Six Year Term – Vote for ONE
- Brian Fanta

NONPARTISAN TICKET

Educational Service Unit No. 1 – District 9 – Vote for ONE
- Tabitha Gilsdorf

Educational Service Unit No. 7 – District 1 – Vote for ONE

Educational Service Unit No. 8 – District 3 – Vote for ONE
- Gary Arehart

Educational Service Unit No. 8 – District 5 – Vote for ONE
- Cindy Hild

COUNTY TICKET

For County Airport Authority – Six Year Term – Vote for up to TWO
- Brian Whitesel
- Maurice Soper

For County Airport Authority – Four Year Term – Vote for ONE
- Joe McNally

For County Weed Authority Board – Vote for up to TWO
- Rachel A. Shrader
- Robert Lewis

SCHOOL TICKET

For Elgin Public School Board Member – District 18 – Vote for up to THREE
- Lisa Welding
- Kimberly Young
- Kyle Heithoff

SCHOOL TICKET

For Neligh-Oakdale Public School Board Member – District 09 – Vote for up to THREE
- Kenny Reinke
- Ginny Garzon
- Toni Arehart

For Summerland Public School Board Member – Vote for up to THREE
- Scott Thiele
- Austin Twibell
- Jeremy Wagner

For Member of Board of Education Boone Central Schools – Vote for up to THREE
- Ben Stuhr
- Josh Gompert
- Brett Temme

For Creighton Public School Board Members – District 13 – Vote for up to THREE
- Dixie L. Hanefeldt
- Josh Key
- Amy Borgmann
- Sarah Strehle

For Elkhorn Valley Public School Board Member – Vote for up to THREE
- Ross Tegeler
- Sam Johnsen
- Marykae Broberg

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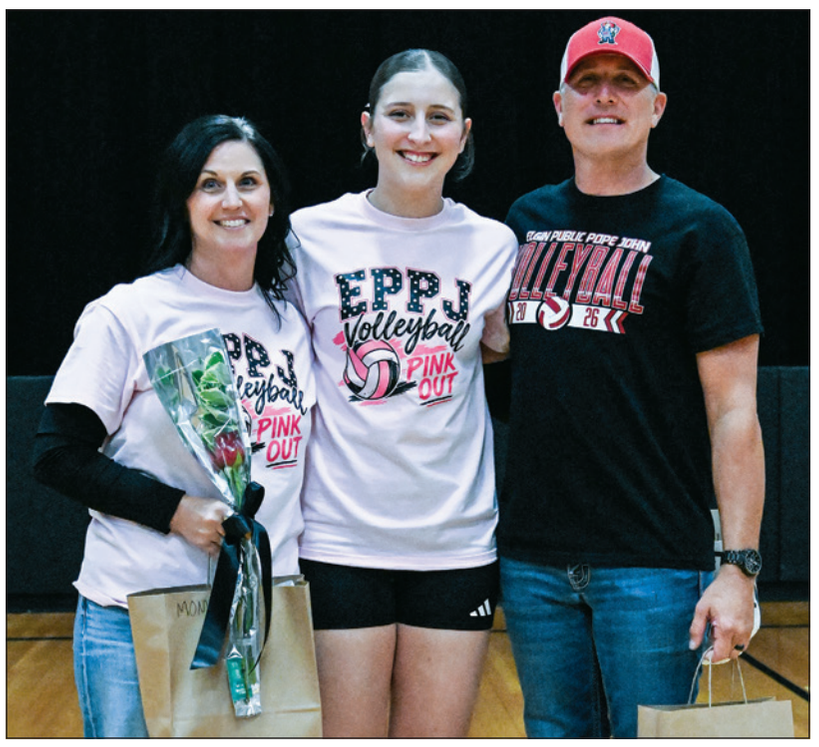
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VILLAGE TICKET

Village of Clearwater Resolution 2026-7

SHALL the governing body of the Village of Clearwater impose a sales and use tax upon transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax in an amount of two percent, which is one-half percent greater than the existing rate of one and one-half percent; no reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees will result; the projects funded by the extra half percent **shall be for public infrastructure projects**, which will not provide savings or efficiencies other than the replacement of existing infrastructure in need of replacement; the years within which the extra one-half percent shall be collected shall be from July 1, 2027, through September 30, 2036, or, if bonds are issued and the extra one-half percent is pledged for payment of such bonds, until payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever is later; and zero percent of the revenue collected from the extra one-half percent of local option sales tax shall be used for the purposes of an interlocal agreement dated May 11, 2026, between the Village of Clearwater and Antelope County, Nebraska, whose overall purpose is the long-term development of unified governance of public infrastructure projects, and there are no other parties to said agreement.

- ⬭ Yes (For such additional one-half percent of Local Option Sales Tax)
- ⬭ No (Against such additional one-half percent of Local Option Sales Tax)

For Oakdale Village Board
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Brett Kysar
- ⬭ Jasmine Kysar
- ⬭ Shelby Pitzer
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

For Orchard Village Board
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Tyson Schutt
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

For Royal Village Board
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Jim Bright
- ⬭ Adam Barone
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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

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

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

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

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

SCHOOL TICKET

For Plainview Public School Board Member
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Wyatt J. Frahm
- ⬭ Timothy E. Rasmussen
- ⬭ Justin T. Doerr
- ⬭ Melissa K. Doerr
- ⬭ Kevin L. Weber
- ⬭ Tom Krause
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

CITY TICKET

For Elgin City Mayor
At Large
Vote for ONE

- ⬭ Mike Schmitt
- ⬭ _____

For Elgin City Council Member-Ward 1
Vote for ONE

- ⬭ Leigh Kluthe
- ⬭ _____

For Elgin City Council Member-Ward 2
Vote for ONE

- ⬭ Diane Landers
- ⬭ _____

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the City Council of the City of Elgin increase the local option sales and use tax by 0.5%, to an aggregate amount of 1.5%, upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, subject to the terms and conditions of the Proposition as set out below?

- ⬭ Yes (For the Sales and Use Tax Increase)
- ⬭ No (Against the Sales and Use Tax Increase)

Terms and Conditions: The terms and conditions of Proposition No. 1 are as follows:

- Economic Development Portion: If Proposition No. 2 passes, the additional 0.5% City Sales and Use Tax shall be appropriated to the Economic Development Program - also known as an LB840 program - as provided for in the Plan set out in Proposition No. 2. If Proposition No. 2 fails, the 0.5% sales tax increase shall not be implemented.
- Termination of Tax: The 0.5% City Sales and Use Tax increase shall automatically terminate on September 30, 2047, unless the tax is extended by a vote of the electorate prior to that date.

CITY TICKET

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the City of Elgin establish an economic development program as described here by appropriating annually from local sources of revenue approximately $65,962.60 for 20 years?

- ⬭ Yes (For the Program)
- ⬭ No (Against the Program)

Terms and Conditions: The Economic Development Program, as adopted by the City Council, is summarized as follows:

- Goals of the Program: The goal of the Program is to provide quality jobs for the citizens of the City and the local area. Funds will be used to encourage and assist existing and new Qualifying Businesses to create and retain jobs, through direct or indirect financial assistance.
- Eligible Activities: Activities eligible for the Program include, but are not limited to, direct loans or grants for fixed assets or working capital, loan guaranties, grants for public works improvements, grants or loans for job training, real estate purchases and options, issuing bonds, paying City staff or contracted administration expenses, providing technical assistance, location expenses, equity investments, and grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation of housing pursuant to a Workforce Housing Plan or an affordable housing action plan.
- Qualifying Businesses: Eligible businesses include those deriving principal income from manufacturing, research and development, processing/storing/transporting/selling goods in interstate commerce, selling services in interstate commerce, headquarters facilities, telecommunications, tourism, film production, early childhood care, retail trade, and housing construction/rehabilitation pursuant to a Workforce Housing Plan or an affordable housing action plan. Because the City has a population of 5,000 or less, any business may be considered a Qualifying Business.
- Duration of the Program: The Program shall be effective starting July 1, 2027, and shall continue in existence through September 30, 2047.
- Years of Collection: The sales tax collections to fund the Program will be collected from July 1, 2027, to September 30, 2047.
- Source of Funds: The Program will primarily be funded by an additional City Sales Tax of 0.5%.
- Total Amount to be Collected: The total amount proposed to be directly collected from local sources is estimated to be $1,330,245.77 for the first twenty-one fiscal years.
- Bond Issuance: The City proposes to and may issue bonds pursuant to the Act to fund and carry out the Program.
- Additional Sources of Funds: Additional funds from noncity sources, including grants, state or federal funds, or donations, will be sought beyond those derived from local sources of revenue.

For Neligh City Mayor
Vote for ONE

- ⬭ Tyler Pedersen
- ⬭ Ray M. Connot
- ⬭ _____

CITY TICKET

For Neligh City Council Member
Vote for up to TWO

- ⬭ Ted D. Hughes
- ⬭ Stephanie Lundgren
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

City of Neligh

The City of Neligh presently imposes a 1% sales tax on taxable sales within the City. Shall the City of Neligh, Nebraska, impose an additional .5% sales and use tax for the financing of street improvement projects and the underlying utility improvements associated with the street improvement projects? The additional tax would be of the purchase price upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax.

- ⬭ FOR SUCH INCREASED TAX
- ⬭ AGAINST SUCH INCREASED TAX

For Tilden City Mayor
Vote for ONE

- ⬭ Steve J. Rutjens
- ⬭ Allen J. Miller
- ⬭ _____

For Tilden City Council Member
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Josh Becker
- ⬭ Joseph Eckert
- ⬭ Halle Hart
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

VILLAGE TICKET

For Brunswick Village Board
Vote for up to TWO

- ⬭ Todd Buck
- ⬭ Craig Forbes
- ⬭ Cory Masat
- ⬭ Austin M. Pittet
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

For Clearwater Village Board
Vote for up to THREE

- ⬭ Brian King
- ⬭ Haily Schlecht
- ⬭ Marsha M. Hart
- ⬭ Jeff Schlecht
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____
- ⬭ _____

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Court News

*All fines in addition to $49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).*

Brenda K Delaney, Minneapolis, MN 9/10/26 Speeding 75/65, Fined $75.00 - Frerichs.

John P Hayes, Omaha, NE 9/6/26 Speeding 75/65, Fined $75.00 - Farmer+Hartley.

David P Shefl, Pierce, NE 8/12/26 Speeding 75/65, Fined $75.00 - Mohr.

Marissa D Milberger, Elgin, NE 9/23/26 Fail to use child passenger restraint, Fined $25.00 - Barker.

Cedic O Kirschman, Sioux Falls, SD 6/2/26 Speeding 84/65, Fined $200.00 - Ahrendt.

Alberto Avila, Neligh, NE 8/18/26 Speeding 73/65, Fined $75.00 - Ahrendt.

Dawn M White, Oakdale, NE 9/9/26 Speeding 75/65, Fined $75.00 - Ahrendt.

James A Schrader, Neligh, NE 9/13/26 Speeding 73/65, Fined $75.00 - Ahrendt.

Stuhr recognized at EPPJ XC Parents' Day



E-R photos/LMorgan

Stephanie, Samantha and Scott Stuhr

Wolfpack football seniors and their parents



Blaine, Justice and Tina Blecher



Tonya and Gavin Kallhoff. (NP: Josh Kallhoff)



Gary and Julie Schiltmeyer, Brayden Burenheide and Lee Burenheide



Amy, Michael and Lynn Selting

Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, October 26: Chicken parmesan over noodles, carrots, lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, garlic stick, milk

Tuesday, October 27: Ham & potato soup, ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, October 28: BBQ meatballs, augrautin potatoes, broccoli, Jell-0 w/ pears, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, October 29: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, egg roll, milk.

Friday, October 30: Cheesy ham & noodle bake, green beans, pears, bread & butter, milk.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.

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!

"Every day is a good day for a home-cooked meal with friends!"

PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 12, 2026 MTG
BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
12 OCTOBER 2026

The Board Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on October 12th, 2026. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Williamson. The members present were Nordhues, Tetschner, and Einspahr. Also present:Teresa Swick, village clerk and members of the community. S. Plugge was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Einsphar, seconded by Tetschner, to approve the September 14,2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes- Tetschner and Nordhues, Einspahr and D.Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: It was discussed to have Prouty bring in crushed concrete in to put at the end of Randolph Street to fill in the holes. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Tetschner, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson No:None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. Jennifer Wright was here to discuss the Splash Pad. She said Prouty's will be here this Month to do the dirt work.

WATER: Epa's Lead & Cooper Rule Improvements (LCRI) By 2027 have the galvanized and copper-piped leading into houses replaced. Water Tower will be cleaned and Tested this month.

SEWER: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Was Discussed

OCTOBER CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of $450. Roll call vote: Yes-Tetschner, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes-Nordhues, Tetschner, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge, Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, $102.36; Nebraska Northeast Telephone Company, Internet, telephone, $133.01; Rick Custard, Mowing, bathrooms, potholes, etc., $637.50; Lammers, Abel & Kaps, CPA's P.C., Budget Prep 2027, $575.00; Grow Venter Insurance Workers Comp & Property Ins, $15,762.00; One Call Concepts, NE 811 call before you dig, $6.13;Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association, Dues 2027, $50.00; Edghill Motor's Inc.; Chain, trimmer & String, $344.90; WeMart L.L.C., Gas for mowing/streets; $141.61; Sapp Bros., Propane, $164.83; Teresa Swick, Printer ink & envelopes, $71.35; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, $1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, $50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, $50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, $50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, $50.00; Teresa Swick, Salary, $554.72; Emma Smith, Salary $63.10.

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: $20,548.51.

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: $0.00

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, $65.97.

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: $65.97.

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, $981.17.

TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: $981.17.

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, $652.24; Wiese Waterworks, Fire Hydrant, $4,391.11; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, $450.00.

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: $5,493.35.

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: $27,089.00.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was moved by Nordhues and Seconded by Einsphar to approve the Village to borrow from Cornerstone Bank $75,000 line of credit for timing in reimbursement grant. It will be 4. 75% due 1/1/27 From Cornerstone Bank. It was determined to open a new account for The Splash Pad. A checking account with Dan Williamson, Scott Plugge and Teresa Swick on it can be opened at Cornerstone Bank to move the funds of $10,000 from keno funds to the Splash Pad account It was moved by Nordhues and Seconded by Einsphar to approve the Village to open a checking account. Roll call vote: Yes- Tetschner, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge Abstained: None. Motion Carried. There was a motion made to have Kayton International come and service the Bobcat at Bartlett's shop. Itwas moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues. Roll call vote: Yes-Tetschner, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Dated this 12th day of October 2026.

/s/Dan Williamson, Chairman/
Scott Plugge, Vice-Chairman
/s/ Teresa Swick, Village Clerk
PUBLISH: October 21, 2026
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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
Martin V. Klein
Klein Law Office, P.C.
P.O. Box 166
Neligh, NE 68756-0166
(402)887-4190
PUBLISH: October 14, 21 & 28, 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
PUBLISH: October 14 & 21, 2026
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PROCEEDINGS FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2026 MEETING
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
October 13th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of 10-06-2026 BOC and BOE Meetings. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence.

Sheriff's fee report were presented. Discussion with constituents regarding Flock Cameras. Set special meeting to hear public comments regarding Flock cameras.

Approved IT contract and signed agreements.

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: AMAZON ex 136.03; AMERITAS ins 23,430.94; ANT CO COURT ex 312.00; ANT CO VET SVC OFC ex 292.01; APPEARA ex 166.64; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,295.59; FIRSTNET ut 663.40; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 158.18; BCBS ins 85,349.89; BROGAN & STAFFORD ex 2,471.25; BROGAN LAMMLI ex 825.00; CASEYS ex 119.65; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,565.70; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 538.00; CM SUPPLIES ex 55.63; COLDTYPE PUB ex 269.22; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 175.22; COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER ex 257.50; CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING/DARE ex 680.95; CUBBYS ex 700.79; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,214.60; DUSTYS ex 1,172.87; EAKES OFC SOL ex 1,832.91; EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 376.10; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE ex 5,901.57; ELGIN REVIEW ex 1,984.04; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 390.58; FED W/H tax 14,384.73; FIRST CONCORD ins 4,874.67; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 275.00; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 335.99; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; INTL ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS ex 255.00; COLLECTION SVC CENTER garn 659.35; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIP ex 2,033.78; JAMIE MILLER ex 447.50; JONNY DODGE ex 127.93; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 5,313.16; KUSTOM SIGNALS ex 2,839.96; LIBERTY NATL ins 133.22; LOUS GLOVES ex 660.00; MAD CO SHRF ex 31.43; MAD NATL LIFE ins 112.57; MAXIMUS CONSULTING SVCS ex 400.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 244.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,327.03; NACO ex 1,522.28; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,983.47; NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN ex 135.00; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 40.75; VSP-NACO VISION ins 572.06; NCDHD ex 2,508.00; NCPPD ut 80.10; NECC ex 83.00; OLD MILL SALES ex 2,490.00; LISA PAYNE ex 124.44; PHYS LAB ex 2,875.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 3,087.78; PITZER DIGITAL ex 2,262.81; QUILL CORP ex 36.36; REGION IV ex 2,808.00; REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM ex 6,373.75; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,714.65; SOC SEC 30,407.88; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,066.51; STRATTON LAW GROUP ex 10,010.87; TRUSTMARK ins 1,370.63; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; VAN DIEST SUPPLY ex 4,967.05; WASH NATL INS ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 190.50; 319 GRAPHICS ex 340.00; ANT CO TREAS 700,000.00; PAYROLL 15,2392.48;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 1,088.26; AMERITAS ins 13,019.01; AMH ex 57.00; APPEARA ex 157.07; FIRSTNET ut 145.14; BAR U FARMS ex 1,591.28; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 28.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 342.05; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER REPAIR ex 75.80; BCBS ins 67,567.44; BOMGAARS ex 1,500.95; BT TIRE & AG SALES ex 286.82; CARHART LUMBER ex 532.11; CITY OF ELGIN ut 71.44; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.70; CM SUPPLIES ex 533.28; COLONIAL LIFE ins 368.11; CONSTELLATION ut 6.36; CORNER SVC ex 75.00; COURTESY FORD ex 317.53; CUBBYS ex 1,072.38; DUSTYS ex 499.06; ELGIN BODY & GLASS ex 3,300.00; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 4.59; ERPPD ut 1,463.25; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 63,301.69; FARMERS PRIDE ex 60,218.30; FED W/H tax 6,913.21; FIRST CONCORD ins 1,267.48; FRONTIER COMM ut 370.78; GRAHAM TIRE ex 2,488.00; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 340.85; GRUBB GRINDING ex 50,559.97; HUBEL WELDING & IRON ex 1,245.94; COLLECTION SVC CENTER garn 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING COMPANY ex 234.60; JEBRO ex 181,382.67; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 33,072.50; JONNY DODGE ex 1,575.45; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 3.66; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 5,399.29; MAD NATL LIFE ins 60.98; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 12,796.77; MID-STATE ENG & TESTING ex 3,201.00; ETHANS REPAIR ex 1,377.00; MR S'S ex 2,757.41; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 6,299.57; NATL INS SVC ins 85.55; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT garn 595.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,348.03; NEBR DEPT OF REV-MOTOR FUELS TAX ex 3,074.00; NMC ex 11,132.14; NPPD ut 193.30; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 286.77; VSP-NACO VISION ins 399.48; NCPPD ut 197.17; NNTC ut 75.22; OLD MILL SALES ex 5,285.00; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 794.49; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 2,914.43; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,225.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS ex 3,711.19; REINKES FARM & CITY SVC ex 30.80; ROYAL GAS & GOODS ex 573.17; RUETERS RED POWER ex 281.64; SAPP BRO PETRO ex 11,423.88; SARGENT IRRIGATION ex 720.00; SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex 4,085.76; WEX BANK ex 958.34; SOC SEC 17,718.34; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 7,928.43; SPUD TRUCKING ex 99,820.38; STA-BILT CONSTRUCTION ex 24,743.40; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 631.32; SWITZER WELDING-BRIAN ex 2,316.50; TEA WORX ex 1,485.00; TINSLEY GRAIN ex 1,485.00; TRUCK CENTER ex 280.04; TRUSTMARK ins 1,116.15; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 2,092.70; VILLAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 59.50; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 92.25; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 83.79; WASH NATL INS ins 99.60; WESLEY AUTOMOTIVE ex 1,226.06; WESTERN OIL II ex 525.93; WILLOW CREEK SAND & GRAVEL ex 9,513.58; ANT CO TREAS ex 305,000.00; PAYROLL 88929.75;

New Law Enforcement: BOKF ex 474,211.25;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 412.08;

Law Enforcement: AMH ex 240.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 270.84; BOMGAARS ex 244.23; BULLER FIXTURE ex 930.00; CASH-WA DISTR ex 3,179.07; CITY OF NELIGH ex 15,390.42; JAN CLAUSEN ex 150.00; CULLIGAN ex 86.00; APRIL CURTISS ex 20.00; FAITH HEALTH ex 1,080.00; HILAND DAIRY ex 523.94; HILLTOP COMMUNITY PHARMACY ex 30.53; MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY ex 493.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 333.36; CMI ex 1,003.00; SHAFFER COMMS ex 5,507.70; SYSCO ex 8,345.85; DENDINGER DRUG ex 304.31; TRANE U S ex 5,886.96; ULINE ex 991.24;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 726.24; COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 750.00; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 485.76; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 132.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,547.01; SYSCO ex 93.45;

Highway Allocation: BOKF ex 309,536.25.

Approved sign lease agreements for state highway informational signs. Approved Library Agreements for 2026-2027. Approved purchase of employment contract for Deputy.

Zoning Administrator:

Road Superintendent Report. Approved four (4) oversize permits and two temporary road use agreements for radius placement. Denied five (5) oversize permits

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

NEIL WILLIBY
Vice-chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: October 21, 2026
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The Elgin Review

Upper Elkhorn NRD Holding A Modified Groundwater Irrigated Acre Expansion Sign-Up In October

The Upper Elkhorn NRD will be taking applications for the expansion of new groundwater irrigated acres during the month of October for the 2027 growing season. There will be up to 150 new groundwater irrigated acres allotted. The focus of the 2026 sign up will be to complete pivots with 15 acres or less but not excluding other potential forms of expansion using the same criteria as last year. The sign up is not on a first come first served basis; but, based on a ranking criteria sheet that focuses on current water quality and quantity concerns within the district. Applications will be accepted from the landowner or their power of attorney from October 1 through October 30, 2026 by appointment only. There will be a $50 application fee for anyone wishing to sign up to expand new acres; and, if the application is approved there will be an acre fee of $5 per acre or a minimum of $125 to proceed with the application. The criteria ranking sheet has been updated to further meet the Board's focus for this year's expansion which also affirms that meeting the minimum score does not guarantee that the acres will be approved. Due to drought conditions, water quality issues and water quantity issues the Upper Elkhorn NRD reserves the right to deny any expansion if it might be in conflict with the Upper Elkhorn NRD Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations. Application information is posted on the NRD website at www.uenrd.org.

CITY OF ELGIN STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

	10/1/25 Balance	CREDITS	DEBITS	9/30/26 Balance
GENERAL FUND	63,688.91	555,470.07	(539,835.03)	79,323.95
SALES TAX FUND	513,805.26	107,653.41	(347,833.14)	273,625.53
STREET FUND	33,121.18	149,659.66	(175,118.50)	7,662.34
WATER FUND	18,204.44	308,578.26	(209,044.43)	117,738.27
SEWER FUND	115,016.02	118,911.05	(158,259.38)	75,667.69
FIRE DEPT FUND	5,362.57	84,814.80	(82,027.69)	8,149.68
POLICE DEPT FUND	12,863.81	34,407.50	(34,473.95)	12,797.36
RECYCLING/TRASH PICKUP FUND	23,373.29	105,979.88	(89,510.85)	39,842.32
POOL FUND	10,216.47	129,147.24	(134,069.60)	5,294.11
PARK FUND	10,503.80	10,176.00	(18,576.31)	2,103.49
LIBRARY FUND	16,120.38	51,252.98	(63,239.52)	4,133.84
YOUTH FUND	5,178.96	12,050.00	(15,974.76)	1,254.20
General Fund Total	**827,455.09**	**1,668,100.85**	**(1,867,963.16)**	**627,592.78**
Ambulance Funds	192,225.59	82,237.02	(93,801.16)	180,661.45
Debit Card Account	2,998.12	33.25	(796.83)	2,234.54
Paving Assessment	81,979.57	30,110.59	(25,900.00)	86,190.16
Bond Account	62,217.46	45,180.04	(42,180.00)	65,217.50
Sewer Replacement Fund	42,053.31	3,611.51	0.00	45,664.82
Sales Tax Water CD	0.00	38,459.24	0.00	38,459.24
Sales Tax Fire Rescue CD	0.00	178,984.44	0.00	178,984.44
Equipment CD	7,973.58	120.28	0.00	8,093.86
Water Repair CD	77,785.18	1,828.83	0.00	79,614.01
Police Dept CD	3,519.62	53.09	0.00	3,572.71
TOTAL	**470,752.43**	**380,618.29**	**(162,677.99)**	**688,692.73**
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ELGIN	**1,298,207.52**	**2,048,719.14**	**(2,030,641.15)**	**1,316,285.51**

I, KRISTIN L. CHILDERS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2026

Kristin L. Childers, Elgin City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: October 21, 2026 ZNEZ

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
(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Oct. 25)

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As BCHC grows, Carraher steps into newly created leadership role

She came to Boone County Health Center in 2005

In response to significant growth and expanded services over the past decade, Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has created a new administrative leadership position, naming longtime employee Keri Carraher, RN, BSN, as Chief Outpatient Services Officer.

With 25 years of nursing experience and 21 years of service at BCHC, Carraher brings vast clinical knowledge, leadership experience and a deep understanding of the organization to her new role.

"As BCHC continues to grow, it's important that we continue developing strong leaders from within our organization," said Caleb Poore, BCHC President and CEO. "We had a strong pool of candidates, which we narrowed down to eight highly qualified applicants. Keri's extensive experience, knowledge of BCHC and longstanding commitment to our organization made her an excellent choice for this opportunity. She knows our staff, understands our culture and shares the values that guide the work we do every day. I'm especially proud that we were able to promote an employee from within BCHC to be apart of our executive leadership team. There is something special about seeing our own employees grow professionally and take on new opportunities, and I am confident Keri will do an outstanding job in this new role."

A native of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, Carraher graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's nursing program in Kearney in 2001. She began her nursing career at Saint Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, working on the medical-surgical floor, before joining BCHC in 2005.

Throughout her 21 years at BCHC, Carraher has gained experience in numerous areas of patient care and hospital operations. Early in her career, she provided inpatient, obstetrical and emergency department nursing care. She later became one of the first clinical nursea informatics, helping develop the hospital's first electronic medical record system and assisting with the transition to its current system, including staff training.

In 2016, Carraher helped establish BCHC's Wound Care Clinic. As a certified wound care nurse, she has remained actively involved in providing specialized wound care services alongside Dr. Kohl and Candice Schnoor, DNP, throughout her time as Home Health Director.

Carraher transitioned to Home Health in 2016 and became its director in 2017, a position she has held for the past nine years.

During that time, she helped implement the department's first electronic medical record system and later guided its transition to a new system, supporting improved documentation and continuity of patient care. She has also served as a board member of the Nebraska Home Care Association.



Keri Carraher

Her experience extends beyond direct patient care to include program development, financial oversight, operational processes, technology implementation and staff leadership.

This broad background has prepared her to lead multiple departments and support the Health Center's continued growth.

In her new role, Carraher will provide administrative leadership for Home Health, Surgery, Laboratory, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Cardiac Services.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that applicants submitting applications for the declared vacancy of Antelope County Commissioner District 4 will be reviewed in a public meeting with the Antelope County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Clerk on Wednesday, November 4th, 2026. Selected applicants being interviewed, beginning at 4:00 PM, in the County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, 501 M Street, Neligh, NE.

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PROCEEDINGS OF OCTOBER 14, 2026 MTG

DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
EPS Board Room
October 14, 2026 7:00 PM

Before the meeting Amy Selting and students Harper Evans and Harper Childers presented a demonstration from their day attending Digital Citizenship Symposium at the ESU 8.

Vice President Todd Heithoff called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteed and Todd Heithoff. Also present were Principal Greg Wemhoff and Supt. Mike Brockhaus.

Eric Beckman motioned to approve to excuse Lisa Welding and Luke Hinkle. Ron Bode seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Vice President Todd Heithoff led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Heithoff reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Eric Beckman entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the financials and authorization for Superintendent Mr. Mike Brockhaus the ability to sign the checks this one time due to our unique situation with having two of the signees absent, Consent Agenda #4 - Minutes of Regular Meeting, #5- Adopt the Agenda, #6- Financial Report, #7- Board Bills. Ron Bode seconded. Motion carried, vote 4-0.

4REVS, 399.00; AKRS Equipment, 2,767.91; AMAZON, 612.60; Amplify Education, Inc., 750.00; Antelope County Clerk, 18.00; APPEARA, 584.44; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 3,648.50; Bishop Business, 599.63; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 901.95; BLACKBURN MFG, 73.50; BOMGAARS, 246.95; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 138.34; CITY OF ELGIN, 2,577.65; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 5,472.50; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 204.71; Dakota Potters, 592.50; Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, 10,720.00; DEAN'S MARKET, 172.18; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 2,625.76; EDpuzzle, Inc., 165.43; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 5,748.11; ELGIN REVIEW, THE 413.18; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 4,040.25; ESU #8, 21,072.50; FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC., 109.91; GLOWFORGE, 8,294.00; GO Physical Therapy, 3,830.64; GRAHAM TIRE NORFOLK, 153.26; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 336.82; HEARTSMART.COM, 251.34; HP Inc., 621.94; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 149.64; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 4,321.41; JourneyEd.com, 500.00; JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD, 3,642.60; KEN'S INSTRUMENT REPAIR, 66.00; KOINZAN ENTERPRISES, INC, 94.42; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 355.50; Lexia Learning Systems LLC, 99.00; Lightspeed Technologies, 3,082.00; MENARDS, 214.98; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 1,011.23; NEBRASKA DEPT. OF EDUCATION, 140.00, O'Neill Shopper, 50.75, OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00, ONESOURCE, 143.00, OVERLAND REHAB, 1,089.70, Percussion Source, 398.95, PITZER DIGITAL, LLC, 157.00, Pump & Pantry, 56.06, SAPP BROTHERS, 15.02, TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 80.00, University of Nebraska- Lincoln, 228.00, WAGEWORKS, INC., 139.25; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 24.26

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Vice President Heithoff opened the hearing at 7:15 p.m. for the Internet and Computer use Policy #606.06. Board members reviewed the policy. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:19p.m.

Vice President Heithoff recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

No committees met since the previous meeting.

In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff discussed the previous month of school programs and forthcoming occasions. He also provided information on multicultural reporting.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Brockhaus reminded the board members of the upcoming evaluations, reminding them that they must be submitted to Lisa Welding by November 4th. Mr. Brockhaus also updated the board on the condition of the window wraps on the high school building and asked for input on updating them.

Beckman motioned, Steve Busteed seconded to approve Policy 606.06 Internet and Computer use as presented. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Beckman motioned, Ron Bode seconded to approve the bid from LOVE Signs to replace the glass door wraps in the high school doors for $2,489.72. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Motion to approve the bid from Protex Central to install fire duct detectors in the gym HVAC units for $5,392.98 was made by Steve Busteed, seconded by Eric Beckman. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteed motioned to approve the bid from Leifelds for the replacement of the carpet on the gym stage steps for $2,163.15. Ron Bode seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Ron Bode motioned to approve the MTSS Coordinator contract for Mrs. Kristen Evans for the 2027-2028 school year, Eric Beckman seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

In discussion items, putting in underground sprinklers at the football practice field was discussed. Discussion was also held on replacing the playground fence.

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the EPS Board Room. The Americanism Committee will take place before the meeting, beginning at 6:30pm.

Busteed motion, Beckman seconded to adjourn the meeting was made by Bode and second by Busteed. Vote 4-0, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder
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Photo left: Mike Linder portrayed "Bert". Photo right: Ben Tetschner posed with "Mary Poppins" (Anna Olson). *Photos submitted*

Managing the sale of the cull cows in your herd

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator
Ben Beckman

The sale of cull cows often accounts for 15% to 30% of the yearly gross revenue in cow-calf operations, making it an important part of overall profitability. Traditionally, cull cow prices have been lowest in late fall, with prices strengthening through spring and often reaching their highest levels in early summer. While cattle supplies and demand for lean grinding beef can influence prices from year to year, these seasonal patterns are still worth considering when making marketing decisions.

When deciding how to manage cull cows, two common options are marketing in late summer or fall, or holding cows over until early spring. In years when prices are relatively stable and feed costs are high, selling culls earlier in the fall can make sense. Feeding culls through the winter to capture a spring rally may still work if you have access to low-cost feed such as crop residues, distillers grains, or cull feedstuffs. The key is that the additional value gained in the spring must outweigh the cost of feed, yardage, and risk.

Feeding cows for a period of time can add value by improving final weights, dressing percentage, and slaughter grade. Research has shown that moving from a Canner to Utility grade can result in price increases of 6 to 20%, although actual premiums vary with market conditions. Work from UNL and South Dakota State University indicates that cows can gain 2.5 to 3.3 pounds per head per day on moderate- to high-energy rations, depending on feeding length and ration type. Shorter feeding periods often produce higher average daily gains and better feed efficiency. Feeding periods of 50 to 100 days are often targeted, although the most economical length will depend on the condition of the cows and cost of gain. Longer feeding periods can reduce feed efficiency and increase the risk of overconditioning, as overly fat cows can be discounted at harvest.

Cows in thin to moderate body condition and sound health are best suited for feeding programs. Provide at least 24 inches of bunk space per head, and adapt them to high-energy rations gradually to minimize digestive issues. Cows already carrying excess condition are typically better candidates for immediate marketing rather than being placed on feed. Cows with health or mobility issues should be evaluated carefully to ensure they are fit for transport.

Grazing cull cows on corn stalks or annual forages can also be a cost-effective option. Corn residue quality can vary due to disease pressure, weathering, and how long cattle have been grazing, so evaluate stalk quality and available forage before turnout. While corn residue alone may be adequate to maintain cows in good body condition, adding weight will generally require some supplementation. Both energy and protein may be needed depending on forage quality and desired gains. Keep in mind that residue quality declines as grazing progresses, so supplementation needs may change over time.

Because cull cows are less efficient than younger animals, maximizing returns requires careful management. Evaluate available tools, including the use of ionophores where appropriate and according to label directions. Finally, develop a balanced ration that supports your target rate of gain and desired marketing window.

With cull cow prices and feed costs changing from year to year, it's important to evaluate your resources and market options. For many operations, selling culls in the fall rather than feeding them through winter may provide the best return. However, if low-cost feed is available, a short-term feeding program can still add value and boost your bottom line.

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Bartlett News

Trip to the Golden Husk

Ben and I attended a "Movie Event," featuring the 1964 Mary Poppins Movie. The event took place at the 'Golden Husk,' in Ord on Sunday, October 11.

Before entering the doors to the building we watched Mike Linder, portraying the role of "Bert," in the Mary Poppins movie. Bert (Mike) created a sidewalk drawing which featured a penguin,also a character in the Mary Poppins movie.

Janna Olson, dressed in Mary Poppins era style, greeted us kindly and explained the events of the afternoon.

Since kites are a part of the movie, Steffan Baker of the Ord area, was demonstrated how to make an old fashioned paper kite. We were introduced to Anna Olson who was portraying the character of Mary Poppins. Both Ben and I had a photo with "Mary Poppins."

The movie event also included a costume contest. The contest was held before the movie began with 6 entries.

Food served at the snack bar included; apples with caramel dipping sauce, frosted ginger bread and 2 types of scones.

Here are some fun facts about those we met. Mike Linder (Bert) was formerly in the military and now works at Miskos in Ord. At Christmas he paints a beautiful winter scene on the front windows of the Misko store in Ord. Anna Olson (Mary Poppins) is a teacher at Hastings Christian School, grew up in Ord and is also a nanny once a week. Anna suggested, a number of years ago to make the movies, shown at the Golden Husk, into more than just a movie. So she and her Mom, Janna Olson, collaborated to make it a 'Movie Event," Janna is the assistant director of the Golden Husk.

By Sherry Tetschner

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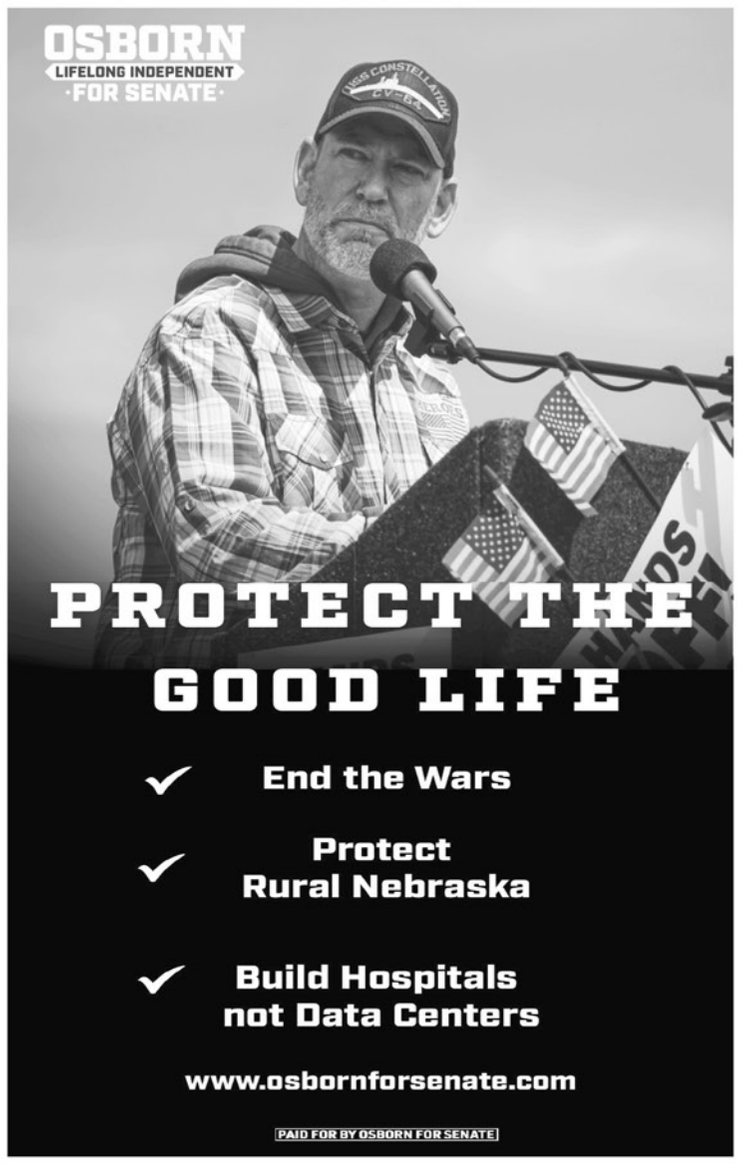
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Wolfpack JV netters drop matches to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge last week

ELGIN — Playing Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Thursday night, the Wolfpack JV volleyball team were swept 25-10 and 25-13. EPPJ was led in set assists by Sophia Burke with 8. The team had 11 kills, led by Kynlee Tillis and Molly Thiessen each with 3, Macy Rokahr 2, Kinley Drueke, Tenley Schindler and Sadie Thiessen each had 1. Drueke had the lone ace serve as well as a team-high 19 ace serves. Libby Evans led in digs with 12 and had 10 serve receive. M. Thiessen had 2 solo blocks.

The Wolfpack 'C' volleyball team fell to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 25-6 and 25-13.

Aurora Burke and Macy Rokahr each had 1 kill. Burke had the team's only set assist.

Kynlee Tillis and Rokahr each had 1 ace serve.

Rylee Rokahr, Tillis and Burke each had 4 digs. Tillis led in serve receive with 13.

Is long distance running the loneliest sport?

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

NELIGH — Long distance running. You have to love it to be good at it I think. Hate it and you never have any chance to be successful. Success doesn't necessarily mean winning every race, unless that is your sole purpose. Success, I think, is self-satisfaction at what you're doing.

If you feel better after running a couple of miles, that's success. If you're running to get in better shape and drop a few pounds or just to get healthy and it works, that's success in my book.

If it makes you happy, then it can't be that bad. I think that's how Sheryl Crow described it on one of those dusty CDs from decades ago. It's still true today. If you're happy doing what you are doing, in this case running, then it's surely not bad.

Rewind the memories to last Thursday afternoon at the Antelope Country Club. There's nary a parking space to be found near the clubhouse, but I did find a spot near one of the cart sheds. There were more cars and trucks at the club grounds than I've ever seen before. They extended almost all the way back to the highway on the entrance lane.

If you're hosting a district cross country meet, that's good news and the fine folks at ACC had the course in fine shape for this meet.

More than 100 high school athletes, boys and girls converged on this piece of land. The course, especially where there's grass, absorbed the moisture from the night before really well. Just a spot or two where the ground was wet, but all things considered, with the weather we were dealt, it was in great shape.

If you're a runner, you like to run. Conditions matter little. Everyone has to run on the same course, on the same path.

These runners competed in front of the biggest crowd of the season. Some fans hold signs, others speak words of encouragement as their runner passes by.

Everyone on the course knows what is at stake. Be on one of the top teams and you make state OR finish in the top 15 and you make it.

We've been among those encouraging Samantha Stuhr in her quest to be the first Wolfpack runner to make it to state. And, as I watch her, she seemed to know she had to turn in her best effort of the season to have a chance at state.

She was in the hunt until the very end. Despite recording a personal best time, she finished two spots short of making a trip to state.

It's emotional beyond the finish line. There's heartbreak coming so close. Parents did their part, her friends and classmates offered words of encouragement. It's disappointing to come so close and not make it. But, she knows she did her very best, her best ever time. She's a winner in my eyes and all who watched her compete on this day.

The boys race starts and I can see this is going to be tough for Wolfpack junior Matthew Kerkman.

With more than 70 runners on the course, Kerkman's challenge was a tough one. He's good at what he does, so too, were many of the runners he's competing against on the course.

Loup City's Dutch Miller sets a blistering pace and easily wins by 50 seconds over the second place runner. Ord has all five of its runners place in the top 15.

Kerkman finishes the race in 35th place. Disappointed? I'm sure. The good news is he has one more year to compete, one more year to get better.

This sport pits runner versus the clock. There are runners from other schools, some finish ahead of you, others behind.

As long as you run your race and keep on posting better times, that's winning in my book.

That's how guys like Marty Liquori, Steve Prefontaine, Jim Ryun, Kip Keino, Mary Decker and Zola Budd found success on their own.

It's a lonely sport that only runners can truly appreciate.

JVs split triangular

SUMMERLAND — The Wolfpack JV squad split a triangular Tuesday night, October 29, at Summerland.

Against Summerland, EPPJ won the match 25-22 and 25-22.

The Wolfpack had 10 kills in the match. They were led by Macy Rokahr and Molly Thiessen with 3 apiece, Kaylee Tillis and Kinley Drueke each had 2. Sophia Burke had a team-high 7 set assists.

EPPJ had 10 ace serves. Lead-

See JVs, Page 14 ►



Wolfpack Sports

'Back-breaker' first sets costs Wolfpack against LCC

ELGIN — An epic comeback in the first set came up short and Laurel-Concord-Coleridge took charge from there on to sweep EPPJ 29-27, 25-15 and 25-14 in girls varsity volleyball Thursday night.

It's been said you can't win a game early on, but you can lose a game.

Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel said that had the Wolfpack been able to win the first set, and they had opportunities, the outcome of the match could have been different.

"That first set was a back-breaker," Luettel said. "If we win the set, it's a completely different ball game."

In the pivotal first set, LCC led 18 to 12 and seemed on their way.

That's when the Wolfpack made their move. It started with a kill by senior Mady Kurpgeweit seeing her most extensive action since an injury which kept her out for several weeks.

LCC built their lead to 22 to 14. Senior Braelyn Martinsen then put together back-to-back kills and one could feel momentum start to swing.

At 23 to 17, she added another kill, then teamed with Tenley Schindler for a stuff block and now LCC's lead was only 23 to 19 as they called a timeout.

Two errors by LCC wrapped around an ace serve from senior Elizabeth Moser made the score 24 to 22.

That was followed by back-to-back kills by Jael Lammers to knot the score at 24-all.

The teams then traded points. Twice EPPJ served for the set and were denied. LCC twice served for the set and, on the second chance, converted to win 29 to 27.

In Set #2, LCC was up 12 to seven when they put together a six to one run to lead 17 to 8, then traded points the rest of the way to win the set.

The third set was tied 10-all. Then, LCC closed out the match on a 15 to 5 run to end the match.

"We had the wrong errors at the wrong time," Coach Luettel said.

Looking ahead, she said all the team's goals remain in front of them. "I think we're starting to peak at the right time. I'm happy with where we are at."

Kurpgeweit led EPPJ with 10 kills, Martinsen had nine while Lammers and Lillian Moser each had eight.

Elizabeth Moser had 24 set assists, Sophia Burke added 11.

Gentry Zwingman led in serve receive with 15. Martinsen had 23 digs.

The loss dropped EPPJ's record to 13-13 heading into the NVC Tournament.

LCC 3, EPPJ 0

Lady Bears.....29 25 25
Wolfpack.....27 15 14

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 9/25/3, Mady Kurpgeweit 10/30/7, Jael Lammers 8/38/3, Lillian Moser 8/22/2, Tenley Schindler 3/7/2, Sydney Niewohner 0/5/2. Team totals: 38/127/19

Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/8/0, Brooke Kinney 0/9/0, Martinsen 0/12/2, L. Moser 0/5/2, Schindler 0/2/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/15/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/7/0. Team totals: 1/58/5

Blocks — L. Moser 3, Schindler 2.

Digs (D/DE) — Burke 2/13, Kinney 10/4, Martinsen 23/8, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 3/2, L. Moser 2/1, Schindler 4/0, E. Moser 5/2, Niewohner 1/0, Zwingman 16/8. Team totals: 67/38

Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Martinsen 0/1/0, Burke 11/35/0, E. Moser 24/66/3, Zwingman 1/11/0. Team totals: 36/ 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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Wolfpack players (l-r) Mady Kurpgeweit, Lillian Moser and Sydney Niewohner anticipate the Lady Bears next serve.

Longhorns stampede past EPPJ

ELGIN — One could feel Fall in the air Friday afternoon as the Wolfpack played their final home game of the season.

A cool breeze filled the air and temperatures were in the 50s for a 3 p.m. kickoff.

Burwell proved to be everything their one-loss record indicated and, by the end of the game, the scoreboard read 56 to 8.

"There were a lot of little things we could have done different. I'm not saying they would have won the game," Co-Coach Matt Euse said as he walked off the field after the game.

The first half saw the Longhorns score touchdowns on all six of their possessions. Doing most of the damage was senior Brody Jensen. He scored three touchdowns in the first half and quarterback Drew Dawe added two. All six of the Longhorns first half touchdowns came on runs, the longest being 37 yards.

As for the Wolfpack, their best chance to score in the first half came early in the second quarter. On first down at their own eight yard line, Michael Selting dropped back to pass and saw Max Henn running free behind the Longhorns' defense. However, before he could get the pass off, Selting was sacked.

Burwell opened the second half with a 52-yard touchdown run by Jensen on the second play.

The Wolfpack answered back with their only sustained drive of the game. Starting on their own 20-yard line, Selting connected with Henn for nine yards, then ran a quarterback keeper 21 yards to the Longhorns' 30-yard line. Five plays later, from the nine-yard line, Selting carried the ball again, this time finding the endzone.

EPPJ was successful on the two-point conversion when 280-pound Jayvin Erickson did his best 'Refrigerator Perry' impersonation, running straight forward to score.

From that point on, the Wolfpack played reserves to get them some valuable experience. Braxtyn Eisenhauer and Carter Selting played quarterback in the fourth quarter. Cecil Shavlik had a nice run from scrimmage.



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"Not this time" Jayvin Erickson might have said as he took down Brody Jensen.

One drive by the reserves ended on the Longhorns' 14 yard line as they turned the ball over on downs.

Having been eliminated from the state playoffs with their 3-5 record, the Wolfpack will wrap up the season this week. Coach Euse said he expects the team to turn in a strong effort to go out on a high note.

"We play another good team this week (Twin Loup)," Euse said. If we can do the little things better we can make them work for it."

The Wolfpack will attempt to close out the season on a winning note Friday night when they face Twin Loup at Sargent. Twin Loup enters the game with a 7-1 record.

The game will be the last for the Wolfpack's four seniors - Gavin Kallhoff, Michael Selting, Justice Blecher and Brayden Burenheide.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

Burwell 56, EPPJ 8

Longhorns .....14 30 6 6 — 56
Wolfpack .....0 0 8 0 — 8

BUR — Drew Dawe 20 run (PAT good)
BUR — Brody Jensen 4 run (PAT failed
BUR — Jensen 1 run (PAT failed)
BUR — Kason Larson 37 run (PAT good)
BUR — Jensen 16 run (PAT good)
BUR — Dawe 1 run (PAT good)
BUR — Jensen 52 run (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Michael Selting 9 run (Jayvin Erickson run)
BUR — Bo Gubbels 5 run (PAT failed)

Team Stats	EPPJ
Passing	5/14/0
Passing Yds	20
Rushing/Yds	24/51
Total Offense	71

Individual statistics

Passing — Michael Selting 5/13/0 — 20, Carter Selting 0/1/0 — 0. Team totals: 5/14/0 — 20

Rushing — Ethan Hansen 1/3, Michael Selting 7/25, Joseph McNally 5/5, Carter Selting 2/4, Braxtyn Eisenhauer 2/7, Cecil Shavlik 3/6, Evin Pelster 4/1. Team totals: 24/51

Receiving — Ethan Hansen 1/4, Max Henn 3/15, Evin Pelster 1/1. Team totals: 5/20

Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Ethan Hansen 2/3, Michael Selting 2/1, Joseph McNally 1/2, Carter Selting 2/1, Braxtyn Eisenhauer 1/1, Nolan Seier 0/1, Cecil Shavlik 0/1, Max Henn 1/2, Brayden Clark 2/4, Cael Bottorf 0/5, Evin Pelster 5/4, James Lodge 1/1, John Zwingman 1/2, Raaf Klein 0/3, Brayden Burenheide 1/3, Christian Preister 1/3, Justice Blecher 2/2, Jayvin Erickson 4/3

Tackles for loss — Braxtyn Eisenhauer 1, Max Henn 1



Ethan Hansen (1) slips a tackle during first half action.

Stuhr comes up short in quest for State trip

NELIGH — Cross country season for Wolfpack runners Samantha Stuhr and Matthew Kerkman came to a close in the late afternoon sunlight at Antelope Country Club last week.

On Thursday, a day which began with light rain along with cold and windy conditions, ended with the sun shining on the Antelope Country Club, site of the district cross country meet.

Some of the best long distance runners from across the state stepped up to the starting line to compete for berths at the state meet to be held later this week at Kearney.

The girls race was first and with it the Wolfpack's best chance to qualify their first-ever state contestant.

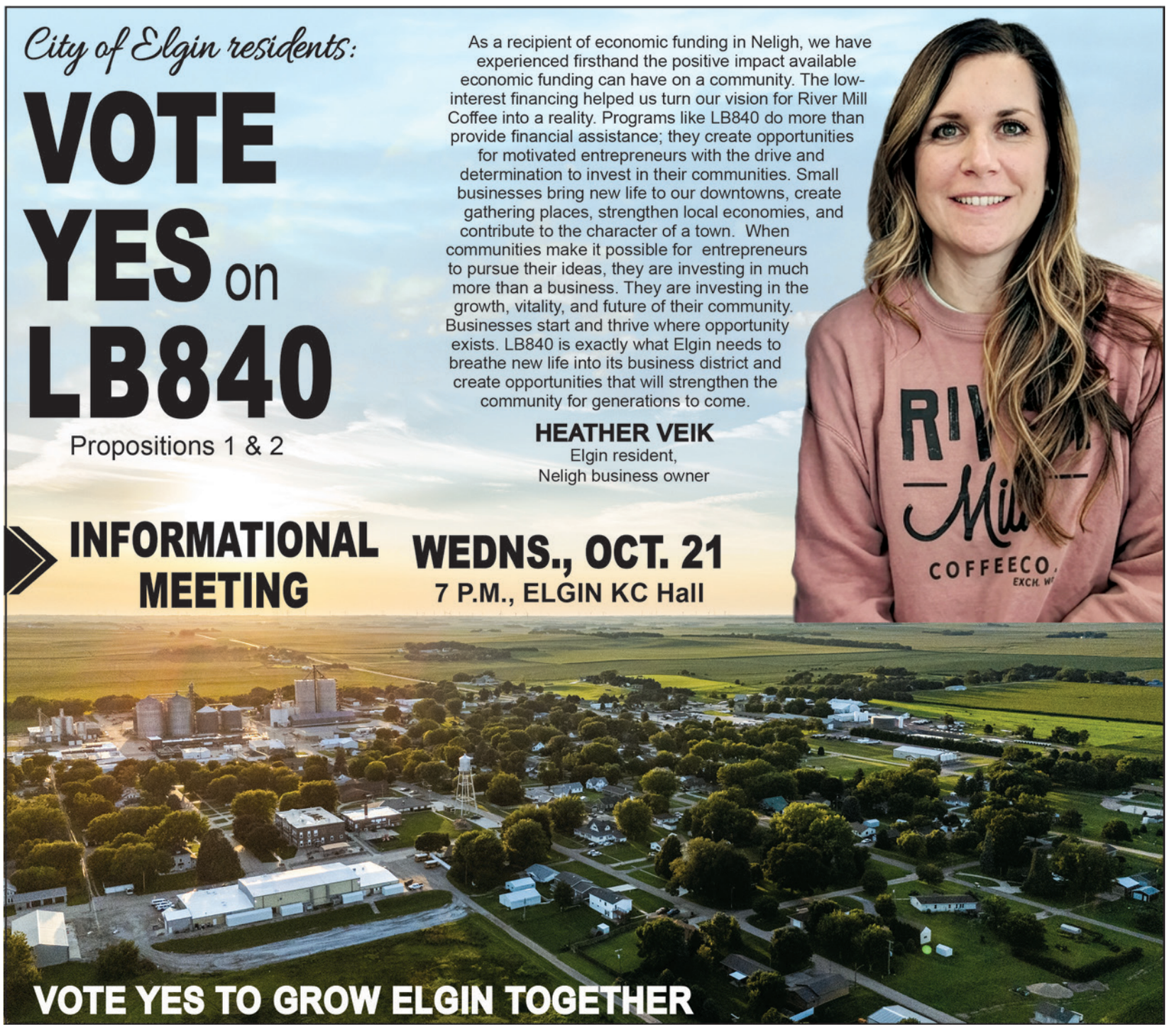
The top 15 individuals would automatically qualify for the state meet.

All season long, Wolfpack senior Samantha Stuhr has been at or near the top of every race she has competed in a season which began in the heat at Albion and concluded today in Neligh.

Stuhr got off to a good start and stayed in contact with the lead runners for most of the race. But, in the last 1,000 meters the front of the pack pulled away, led by Niobrara-Verdigre's Delani Runnels.

Runnels crossed the finish line in a time of 19:29.73, more

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EPPJ drops opening round match at NVC Tournament

Elgin Public-Pope John was upset Monday night in the opening round of the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament.

Playing at O'Neill St. Mary's, the Wolfpack (13-14) were up two sets to one, then dropped the final two sets to Ainsworth (16-11). Scores were 25-18, 24-26, 15-25, 25-21 and 15-11.

The tournament will wrap up Saturday at Ainsworth.



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than 40 seconds ahead of second place finisher Reagan Moody of Ainsworth at 20:18.21.

Stuhr finished 17th, crossing the finish line in a time of 22:45.49, a personal best for 5,000 meters. There to greet her at the finish line were her parents, her classmates and other friends. The Wolfpack had a large contingent of students at the meet from Pope John and EPS.

The boys race followed, getting underway close to 4 p.m.

Wolfpack junior Matthew Kerkman started near the middle of the runners on the starting line.

Like Stuhr, he would need to finish among the top 15 to qualify as an individual runner at state.

And, in the middle of the pack is where he finished the race. He finished 35th with a time of 20:29.58 out of 70 runners who were on the course.

Winning the race was Dutch Miller of Loup City. He was a notch above all the other runners on the course. His winning time was 16:41.02, 50 seconds faster than second place finisher James Piskorski of Ord who turned in a time of 17:31.76.



EPS students cheered on Matthew Kerkman during his race.

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ing the way was Aurora Burke with 4 kills, Sophia Burke had 2 as did Kinley Drueke, Libby Evans and Sadie Thiessen each had 1.

S. Burke led in digs with 12 while Evans led in serve receive with 12.

In their other match, Battle Creek defeated EPPJ 25-10 and 25-15.

M. Thiessen led the team in kills with 3, Drueke had 2 followed by S. Thiessen, Tillis and Evans with 1 apiece.

The leader in set assists was S. Burke with 8. The Wolfpack's lone ace serve was by S. Thiessen.

Evans led the team in digs (12) and serve receive (15).

Heithoff, Voborny are top two prognosticators

Todd Heithoff won the top prize in this week's Elgin Review Football Contest.

He bested David Voborny in a tiebreaker as both contestants missed six games.

Heithoff guessed 612 total yards between Nebraska and Oregon while Voborny picked 737. The correct answer was 484 combined total yards between Oregon and Nebraska.

Heithoff will be awarded for his efforts with the top prize of $20 in Elgin Bucks, Voborny will receive $10.

Results of the games were:

Florida over Texas
Michigan over Penn State
Tennessee over Alabama
North Carolina over Duke
Kansas State over Kansas
Washington over Purdue
Utah over Colorado
Rutgers over Maryland
Oregon over Nebraska
Tulane over Memphis
Miami over Florida State
Burwell over EPPJ
LSU over Mississippi State
Twin Loup over CWC
UCLA over Wisconsin
Ole Miss over Missouri

Entries for the next contest are due at 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry with a cameraphone and send it to elginreview@yahoo.com.

Good luck!

