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In Brief

Commissioners to again hold budget hearings

Meeting to begin at 8 a.m.

There will be a special meeting of the Antelope County Commissioners next week.

On Tuesday, September 22, beginning at 8 a.m., the commissioners will conduct public hearings on the proposed 2026/2027 fiscal year budget and tax asking. Following the hearings, the commissioners will go into regular session to approve the budget and tax asking.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Termination (2) — Antelope County Court

Notice of Name Change — Andrew Fangman Inspections, LLC

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings (3) — The Elgin City Council

Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education

Notice of Budget Hearing — Antelope County Commissioners

Notice of Budget Hearing — The Elgin Rural Fire District

Notice of General Election — Antelope County

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 88 degrees recorded on September 7-8. The low temperature during the same period was 53 degrees was recorded on September 9 & 11. Altogether, 0.66 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Sept 6	NA	NA	NA
Sept 7	88	73	.03
Sept 8	88	57	.32
Sept 9	66	53	.00
Sept 10	86	54	.00
Sept 11	86	53	.17
Sept 12	70	56	.14
Total for last week			0.66
Total for September			1.18
Total precipitation 2026			22.42



Gym fire panel, alarm system to be replaced

Concerns about aging equipment has led the District #18 Board of Education to make improvements to the gym building.

Meeting last Wednesday, September 9, the school board heard from Superintendent Mike Brockhaus about the need to replace a fire panel in the gym building.

He said the panel is "going out." He said the office gets a call 2-3 times a month to shut off the beeper in the gym due to the panel malfunctioning. Installing new batteries, he said, didn't help the matter, leaving replacing the panel as the next option.

As part of the process, the board will also be replacing the fire alarm system in the gym building. It's a process that may take more than 90 days to complete. The fire panel is a separate system from the fire panel in the high school building as the gym is across the street. The school board approved the new panel and system at a cost of just under \$88,800.

Also, as part of the meeting, the school board unanimously approved the 2026/2027 fiscal year budget and tax asking following a public hearing which no one attended.

In other action: Approved — The Elgin Education Association (EAA) was approved as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2028/2029 school year.

No action — The school board (all six members were present) discussed but took no action on the practice field watering wheel situation.

After many years, the wheel is in need of replacement. Another option the board may consider is underground sprinklers.



Football, patriotism come together at 9/11 observance Friday

The 25th anniversary of 9/11 was observed at Elgin Field prior to the start of the Wolfpack-GACC football game. Shown holding American flags were football seniors (l-r): Gavin Kallhoff, Michael Selting, Brayden Burenheide and Justice Blecher.

E-R photos/DMorgan

'Neighborhood watch' gets council support

Due to concerns about law enforcement protection in Elgin, the issue of forming a neighborhood watch program was raised at the city council meeting held September 9.

Elgin resident Diane Landers, a city council candidate running unopposed

for the seat currently being held by Mike Dvorak, read prepared remarks about the need for such a program.

Concerns she raised involved the perceived increase in unusual/suspicious activity in and around Elgin and the response time from the Antelope

County Sheriff's Department when incidents are called in. It is the goal of having a citizen-based "watch" program implemented that could assist the Sheriff's Department with information observed and recorded.

"A number of citizens have indicated that they're willing to be trained on how to observe or gather pertinent information that may be useful to law enforcement agencies in case you know there's a crime that has been committed," she read. "As a community, we recognize that the small size of our county law enforcement number of officers, combined with the distances involved in patrolling and traveling Antelope County...can make response times (to) calls a bit longer." It was noted that response time to Elgin for an officer dispatched from the law enforcement center in Neligh is approximately 14 minutes, depending on highway traffic and cruiser speed.

Landers' concerns were supported by council members and Mayor Mike Schmitt. Council members echoed the sentiment.

"I think it's a good idea," council member Craig Niewohner said.

While no formal action was taken since Landers was asking for just support from the council at this time, the next step will be to organize a town hall-type meeting for citizens interested in being a part of the program.

In other action: In a related matter, law enforcement patrol in Elgin during June totaled 73 hours and 18 minutes with 11 911 calls. In July, patrol time was 73 hours and 45 minutes with six 911 calls.

Ordinance — The council approved the annual wage ordinance after suspending the mandatory three readings.

Agreement — An interlocal agreement involving the Antelope County Library Association was approved.

Permits approved — Building permits sought by Capital Select, Amanda Gouge and Ted Baum were approved at the meeting.



Rain drops don't deter participants, attendees from taking part in Show & Shine Sunday

The rain may have deterred some, but not many, from participating in Sunday's 14th Annual Show & Shine Car Show held near Elgin City Park (above). Motorcycles, pickups and cars, all the pride and joy of their owners, were on display for all to see during the show which lasted for three hours. Shown touching up his vintage Ford 500 automobile is Elgin's Wes Prater (left). Before the event was over, winners were announced for the event. They can be found on Page Two.

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Good day, Are you ready for "fall season"? I am, it's my favorite time of the year! I love the cool, crisp evenings and all the colors of the trees. So pretty! Well this week's recipe makes me think of Lynell. I have heard of the times she has made this recipe or one that's maybe a little different but very delicious. I just thought that if someone needs a recipe maybe

start here and perfect it with whatever you like. Happy cooking, JoAnn



BEER CHEESE SPAGHETTI SAUCE

- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1-1/2 cups half and half
- 1 Tbls Worcestershire sauce
- 6 oz beer
- 1 large brick Velveeta cheese (cubed)
- 1 cup flour

Melt the butter in a large pan. Add the broth and half and half. Add the cubed cheese. Add the beer and the Worcestershire sauce. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add the flour very slowly to thicken it. Be sure to stir this often while cooking.

Hint: I am sure you can use some different cheese if you would want a different taste.

Bartlett News

CWC varsity volleyball girls played O'Neill St. Mary's, Tuesday, Sept. 8 in Chambers. The final score was St Mary's 3, CWC 0. They then traveled to Ainsworth on Thursday, Sept. 10 for a volleyball triangular. CWC final scores were: North Central 2, CWC 0 and Ainsworth 2, CWC 0. CWC varsity football boys traveled to Spencer Friday, Sept. 11 to play Boyd County. The final score was Boyd County 58, CWC 6. CWC football homecoming will be held Friday, September 18 in Chambers with the Renegades playing Sandhills/Thedford. The game will begin

at 3 p.m. Steven and Janna Schruk of Bartlett attended their granddaughter Elowen's first birthday celebration at the Heartland Bank Conference Center in Geneva on Saturday, Sept. 12. Elowen is the daughter of Meghan and David Hester of Fairmont, NE. Elowen and her grandfather Steven share the same birthday. Sherry Tetschner also attended this event. My daughter Angela Keyes and her husband Mike and their children Sawyer, Winnie and Juniper had lunch and an enjoyable visit with Lois Schruk in her home, Saturday. Juniper had to check her tree (a juniper

tree) out in the back yard to see how much it had grown. It's now taller than Juniper. I did a bit of traveling on Saturday. I first went to Geneva to the birthday party, then to Burwell to the Rustic Retreat Tiny House where my daughter Angela and her family were staying. Marcia, the proprietor, has done an excellent job decorating the place. We visited around the gas fire pit in the backyard. The complimentary kolaches, I'm sure baked by Marcia, looked delicious. I'm sure they were saved for breakfast the next morning.

By Sherry Tetschner



Atkinson's Rick Borer received People's Choice in the car division with his 1966 Shelby Cobra



Keith Wiehn of Battle Creek brought received People's Choice in the pickup division with the "family pickup", a 1967 Chevrolet C20



Jessy Dirks of Elgin received People's Choice in the motorcycle division with his 23 Harley - Street Glide Special

Off and on rain and cooler weather may have kept owners and some of the usual crowd away but there were still plenty of vehicles to admire at Sunday's 14th Annual ElginShow & Shine. The event is held annually on the Sunday following Labor Day weekend, in conjunction with the Young N Lively Treasures in the Park.

Elgin R eview photos by Lynell Morgan

2026 Elgin Show & Shine

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Stuck between a memory and a dream

“We’re all living somewhere between a memory and a dream.” I heard that phrase recently, and I have been pondering it since. Maybe because it feels like such an accurate description of life.

We are constantly looking backward and forward. Behind us are the memories—the people we once were, the places we once lived, the songs that take us instantly back to a particular summer, the photographs that remind us how quickly our children are growing. Ahead of us are the dreams—the things we still hope to accomplish, the places we want to go, the people we hope to become.

And somewhere between the two is today. This ordinary, easily overlooked day. I think we sometimes rush through the present because we are too busy missing what has already happened or anticipating what hasn’t happened yet. We look at old pictures and wonder where the time went. We miss the people that are no longer part of our present. We reminisce about the things of the past.

Then we look ahead and think about how much better things will be when the kids are older, when the house is finished, when the career settles down, when we finally take that trip, when life slows down.

But what if this is the part we’ll someday miss? What if some day we miss the messy kitchen, the full calendar, the conversations that happen in the car, or the workout that nearly killed us but somehow made us laugh. Will we miss having a cup of coffee on the porch or the sound of familiar voices in the next room? Some-day will we be missing people that are here with us now, but may be gone in the future?



Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago September 22, 1966

Miss Rose Lordemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lordemann and Dennis Wiehn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wiehn were married Saturday, Sept. 17, 1966 in St. John's Catholic Church in Petersburg. Rev. Francis Kubart officiated at the 10:00 a.m. double ring ceremony.

Moisture in Elgin has risen to 3.40 inches for the month of September with the addition of .30 of an inch last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Salber are the parents on an 8 lb., 10 oz. Daughter, Mary Jo born Sept. 15, 1966 in the Antelope Memorial Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago September 22, 1976

Two building fronts are being remodeled on main street. First to be enclosed was the VFW Club which was blocked in by knowledgeable members. Preparatory to expansion of Elgin Drug, Jerry Sheets is having the building adjoining him on the north remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kerkman announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Rex Hoffart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hobart of Plainview. An October 30th wedding is planned.

Frieda Josten, who has been Antelope County Superintendent of Schools for many years, has tendered her resignation to the County Board of Supervisors effective October 29, 1976. Her resignation was accepted by the board at their Sept. 14 meeting.

Thirty Years Ago September 25, 1996

John Starman, a native of the Elgin area, has recently opened a sales office and warehouse for Pioneer brand products at Beckman Lumber south of Elgin.

Karen Koenig of Elgin has been named a regional coordinator for Northeast Community College's Continuing Education Program. She will serve the communities of Battle Creek, Brunswick, Clearwater, Elgin, Madison, Meadow Grove, Neligh, Newman Grove, Orchard, Petersburg and Tilden.

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One day, today will be a memory. We will look back on today with fondness and miss this time, so why not enjoy it while we're in it? And perhaps that is what makes it so precious. Today was once the dream we were looking toward, and before we know it, it's the past we're remembering. We don't get to choose which ordinary moments will eventually become the ones we treasure most. The little things we barely notice today may become the stories we tell years from now. The people sitting beside us now may someday be the faces we search for in old photographs.

At the same time, the dreams ahead of us matter, too. Hope is

part of being human. We need something to look forward to. We need goals, adventures, prayers, and possibilities. Dreams keep us moving. Perhaps the trick is learning to hold both—the memory behind us and the dream ahead of us—without missing the moment underneath our feet.

Life isn't lived in the past or the future. It is lived here. In the space between what was and what will be. Between a memory and a dream. And maybe, if we're paying attention, we'll realize that someday we'll look back on this very moment and recognize it for what it was:

A dream we were already living.

City approves 26/27 budget

Weeks in the making, it all came down to a just a few minutes last week. The Elgin City Council performed one of their mandatory jobs on Wednesday night, September 9. Meeting two days later than normal due to the Labor Day holiday, and after the conclusion of two public hearings, the council unanimously approved the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year budget. All four council members - Leigh Kluthe, Jeremy Young, Mike Dvorak and Craig Niewohner, passed a 2,692,523.00 operating budget with a property tax request of 235,742.42. The tax rate is 0.331269, reflecting a -1% change from the previous year.

Also at the meeting, concerns were raised during the meeting about the street and curbs breaking up on Maple Street between First & Second streets. Noting that work could be done by portions, all agreed that it would be wise to visit with Central Valley Ag (CVA) about the damage in that area around their scale where truck traffic is heavy.

Women take it seriously - girls code

Girl Code. I'm sure you've heard of it before, but what does it really mean? Is it an actual code? Or is it just a myth? Let me tell you right now; it's real, and women take it seriously.

Rule #1: You don't tell a friend's secrets unless it's harmful to them or others.

Rule #2: Respect all other girls. Ladies, we need to support each other. That's our job as women.

Rule #3: If you're in a relationship, whether it be a friendship or dating, don't force yourself to do something that you don't want to do. You don't owe anyone anything.

Rule #4: Set your own boundaries and stick to them. If you have standards, don't change them for anyone. The right people will respect your boundaries, and they'll work to meet your standards, too. For example, I had a friend who I've been talking to for a little over a year, and he used to ask me to do something that I wasn't comfortable with, and I told him on multiple occasions that I wasn't comfortable with what he was asking me to do. Now, I have plenty of other friends, and none of them have ever pushed when I told them that I was uncomfortable with something. After comparing my relationship with him to those I have with my other friends, I've come to the conclusion that our friendship isn't the healthiest.

Rule #5: If a friend is in trouble, back her up. Do whatever you can to help her get out of trouble. No woman should have to struggle alone.

Rule #6: Don't judge each other. It will get us nowhere. Building each other up is how we make a difference in the world.

Rule #7: Be honest with each other. They always say "honesty is the best policy." Take that seriously. No one ever got anywhere by lying. Good friendships are built on trust. If you truly wish to have a friend who will stick with you and have your back, honesty is your first step.

Rule #8: Give honest advice. When your friend asks, "Does this make me look fat?" Be honest. If it does, tell her. Otherwise, someone else will, and I can guarantee you, she'd much rather hear it from you than from that boy she likes.

Rule #9: Don't leave your friends behind. Be faithful to one another. "It's better to have hard times together, than to have it easy alone." -Unknown

Rule #10: Trust each other. As I said before, the best relationships are built on trust.

THE WAY I SEE IT



Student Intern
Anna Stuhr

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Elgin Community Center meals

Monday, September 21:

Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, milk

Tuesday, September 22:

Ham & scalloped potato casserole, green beans, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, September 23:

Chicken & cheese enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, milk.

Thursday, September 24:

Baked steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, September 25:

Chili-cheeseburger, french fries, cheesy broccoli, mandarin oranges, bread & butter,

menu.

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

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

Under 60 is \$10.

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Edward R. Murrow

Growth of data centers and AI prompt reconsideration by state leaders

Just about every week, I drive by a massive construction project on the north side of Lincoln, next to Interstate 80.

Construction cranes soar high into the air; bulky soil scrapers remove hills and build new ones; a steady stream of construction vehicles scurry to and fro.

It is the site for a \$600-million data center for Google.

Work has been ongoing for more than three years, transforming farmland and a state rest stop into a home for banks and banks of high-powered computers.

When construction began, the project was only known by a code name, "Project Agate." There was mostly just curiosity about what was going on there.

Since 2020, Nebraska has been encouraging data centers, after including tax incentives for such facilities in a new, economic development tool, the "ImagiNE Act."

Forty-one of the 49 state senators voted in favor of tax credits for data centers. The bill was signed into law by then Gov. Pete Ricketts. (TV ads attacking gubernatorial candidate Lynne Walz for approving millions of dollars for data centers ought to name the 40 other state legislators and governor who OK'd the bill.)

Back then, the thinking was that data centers were a great new customer for the state's public power providers. A few, high paying jobs would come along too.

But since then, attitudes have changed dramatically as these centers have grown larger and larger and their link to artificial intelligence has become clearer.

At least 12 communities across Nebraska have passed moratoriums blocking construction of data centers over concerns about huge consumption of electricity and water and noise. Lurking in the background is whether AI will replace jobs.

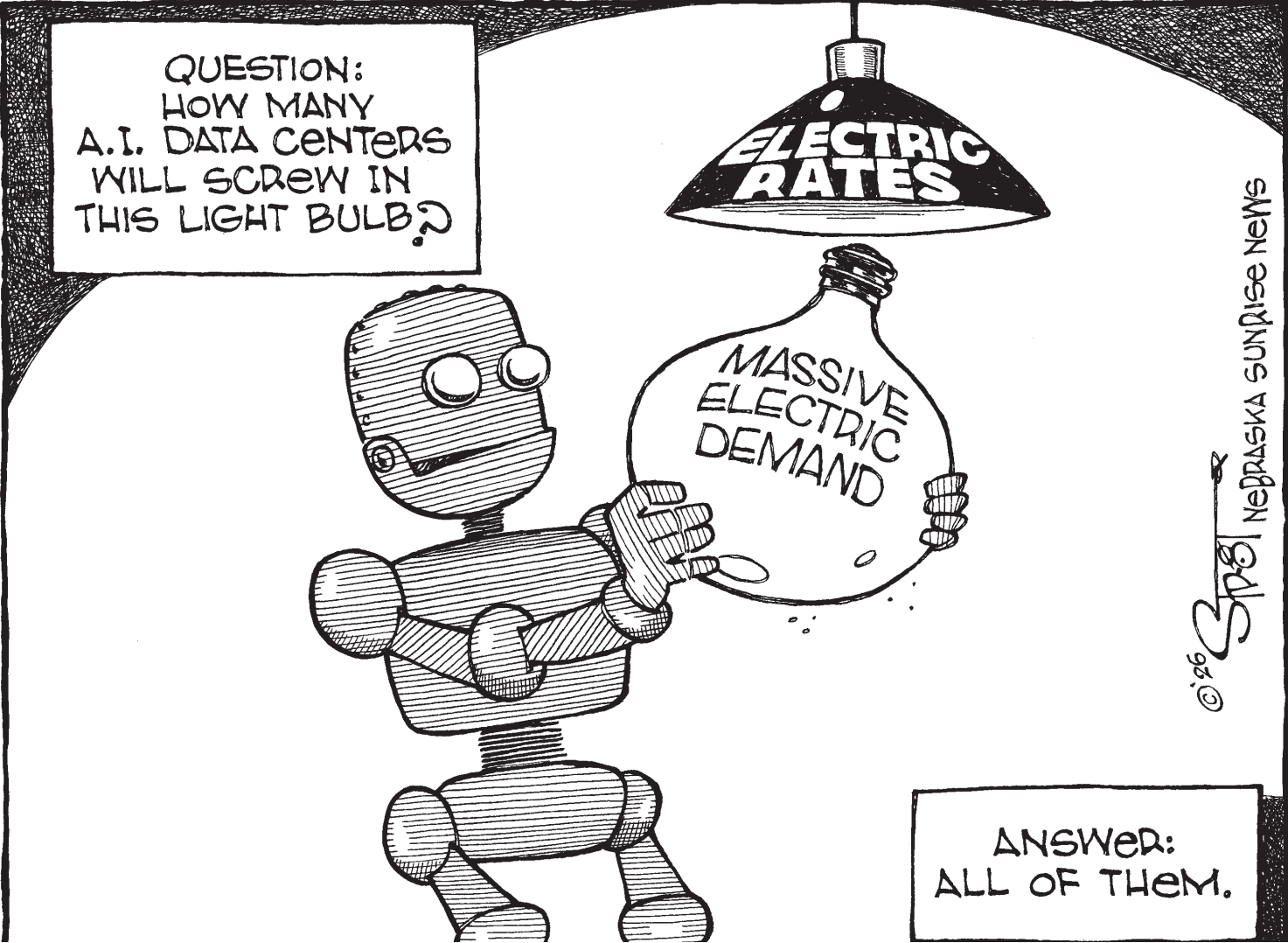
The Lincoln data center, according to the Lincoln Journal Star, is already online, and pulling 11% of the city's electricity. City leaders there are saying one data center, for now, is enough, given other demands for water and power.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

The 3rd Rail



There's a lot of mixed feelings about AI.

President Trump recently posted that data centers would lead to lower taxes and create tremendous wealth, and those opposing them favored "poverty, crime and squalor" and wished to be "backwards and poor."

To be sure, we rely on AI to answer all kinds of questions, to help create speeches, and (as I just did) double check several dates and past news stories concerning data centers. (It sure was quicker, and more convenient, than searching through a newspaper clip file as in the olden days.)

I've also used AI to create a logo for a side business I have. It took only a few seconds and cost a fraction of what a graphic arts business might charge.

At one Lincoln business, 80% of its computer coding is now written by AI, saving time and money.

But worries about the new generation of massive data centers are

growing.

Is there enough power and water for such complexes? Will our utility bills go up? What about noise and light pollution? Will jobs be eliminated by the AI revolution? And whose jobs?

A lot of these concerns have intensified in the past few months as these data centers have become much bigger, and more numerous.

Already, Nebraska has 39 data centers, which ranks No. 9 nationally for most per capita, according to reporting by the Nebraska Examiner's Erin Bamer. They consume nearly 12% of the state's electricity.

Likely in response to the AI backlash, Gov. Jim Pillen recently signed an executive order ending state tax incentives for data centers (just a few months after getting a law passed that helped data centers). In just five years, data centers have enjoyed more than (gulp) \$500 million in property tax breaks alone.

Given that these new data centers are being built by some of the wealthiest corporations on earth, it seems pretty clear that they don't need tax breaks any longer.

Pillen also created a task force to study issues surrounding data centers.

I've always appreciated Nebraska's reluctance to be the first kid to jump into a new pool, choosing instead to let others check out a new technology or business opportunity before leaping.

It's time to slow down, explore the issues around data centers and AI, and then decide how to proceed.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He is a retired senior reporter for the Nebraska Examiner and the former Capitol Bureau Chief for the Omaha World-Herald.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Federal issues forum recap

My favorite part of my job as U.S. Senator is traveling the state and hearing directly from Nebraskans. I welcomed hundreds of Nebraskans to my annual Federal Issues Forum at the Nebraska State Fair. I'm grateful for everyone who attended.

The Federal Issues Forum is an event where we discuss federal issues impacting Nebraskans. The event included the Ricketts Review release. This highlights my track record as Senator and discusses wins for Nebraskans. I was joined at the Forum by Senator Deb Fischer and Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. A major focus of the Forum was how we are delivering for Nebraska farmers and ranchers.

Senator Fischer and I discussed our work on the Working Families Tax Cuts. It made the Death Tax exemption permanent. 88% of Nebraska farms and ranches are family owned.

Now, generations of hard work can stay in the family. We also updated reference prices for the first time in 11 years. We doubled trade promotion funding. Now, we're providing \$285 million annually for the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development program. That means more demand for Nebraska beef, corn, and soybeans abroad.

Senator Fischer and I are also fighting to secure securing nationwide, year-round E15. In Nebraska, we know that E15 is a win-win-win. It saves folks money at the pump. It's good for the environment. And it helps farmers get better prices for their crops. We are working to get it across the finish line.

Secretary Brooke Rollins helped throughout this year's historic wildfires and natural disasters. In March, she toured fire damage with Senator Fischer and me. Secretary Rollins has seen our recovery needs firsthand. And she has helped us recover and rebuild. This includes opening the grazing access at the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. She has also offered the time and assistance of USDA officials. That includes Under Secretary of Agriculture Richard Fordyce, who joined me for roundtables to discuss wildfire recovery and the Farm Service Agency. We listened to Nebraska ranchers about the challenges for rebuilding. They said they needed flexibility, not one-size-fits-all policies. After these discussions, the USDA loosened requirements for replacing fence posts damaged in the fires. This also led to the introduction of my FENCE Act. The legislation would allow virtual fencing to be an option under the Emergency Conservation Program.

Secretary Rollins has also fought against Communist China's efforts to purchase American ag land. USDA recently established the National Farm Security Action Plan. It makes our government aware of Communist China's influence in rural America. As of 2023, Communist China owned more than 277,000 acres of farmland. It's not just about the number of acres that they own. The land they own surrounds the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota and Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Communist China is buying land around sensitive military installations. This land ownership is a real national security threat. That's why I introduced the PLOT Act and the AFIDA Improvements Act. These bills would strengthen the foreign ag land reporting process to make blocking transactions easier. Components of the AFIDA Improvements Act are included in the draft Senate farm bill and in the House-passed farm bill.

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WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

We should be grateful for their service

This week, we recognize Friday, September 11th as Patriot Day and take this as an opportunity to recognize and honor our nation's heroes. Twenty-five years ago, our country suffered the tragic events of the September 11th terrorist attacks where nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives in an unprecedented act of terror. Today, an entire generation of Americans have now come of age with no living memory of that fateful day. We take this day as an opportunity to remember and honor the innocent victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and ensure we never forget them.

I would like to take this time to recognize the countless brave men and women who responded to this crisis and continue to protect our nation to this day. On that day, and in the months following, tens of thousands of police officers, firefighters, medi-

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25 years later, we must never forget

Twenty-five years ago, our nation was attacked, and the world as we knew it changed forever.

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives during the deadliest terrorist attacks on American soil. Now, twenty-five years later, we honor their memory and ensure they are never forgotten.

But remembering September 11th means more than reflecting on the events of that day. It means remembering how Americans responded in the face of evil and carrying that courage forward.

As our nation struggled to comprehend what was unfolding, our first responders were running toward danger. Firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and countless others put their lives on the line to save their fellow Americans. They did not hesitate. They answered the call.

Miles away, we saw the same courage aboard Flight 93. After learning about the attacks in New York and Washington, the passengers and crew made the decision to fight back against their hijackers. They knew the danger they faced, but they chose to sacrifice

themselves to protect others. Their bravery thwarted the terrorists' plan and prevented the plane from reaching its intended target, ultimately saving thousands of innocent lives.

But the response did not end that day. In the days and weeks that followed, countless brave men and women answered the call to defend our nation overseas. They fought not only to keep Americans safe, but to protect the freedoms and democratic principles that make our country worth defending.

Here at home, Americans came together. Churches opened their doors. Neighbors checked on one another. People lined up to donate blood and fly flags from their homes and vehicles. Across our country, people found ways to help and remind one another that we were not alone.

Even in our darkest moment, we never lost sight of what it means to be an American.

We look out for one another. We stand with our neighbors in times of need. We serve something greater than ourselves. And when our freedom and democratic principles are threatened, we defend them.

Twenty-five years ago, Americans showed the world what we are capable of when we stand together. Today, we owe it to those we lost, those who survived, and those who sacrificed themselves to save others to never forget that lesson.

Our freedom is not something we should ever take for granted. Democracy cannot defend itself. It relies on us to continue to stand together, to serve our communities, to defend our freedoms, and pass our nation's principles on to the next generation.

Now more than ever, we must continue to defend our freedom. We must continue to stand together. And we must make sure the next generation understands why.

Twenty-five years later, we must never forget.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth G. Bode, 72

April 13, 1954 — September 6, 2026

He lived life fast and hard. He was always doing something and rarely let much dust settle beneath his feet.



Kenneth G. Bode, 72 of Elgin, passed away Sunday, September 6, 2026 at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin with Fr. Frank Baumert and Deacon John Starman officiating.

Inurnment will take place at Black Bird Cemetery near O'Neill, NE at a later date.

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday at Levander Funeral Home in Elgin.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

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

Kenneth George Bode, son of Delbert Gilbert and Delores

Marie (Jochum) Bode, was born April 13, 1954, at Tilden, NE. He grew up on the family farm west of Elgin, NE, with his siblings. Kenny attended elementary school at St. Boniface School and later Pope John High School, graduating with the Class of 1972.

Following high school, Kenny started a trucking business, eventually running as many as six trucks hauling livestock from Sioux City, IA, to Los Angeles, CA. On October 18, 1980, he was united in marriage to Barbara Kaye Mann at Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill, NE. The couple initially lived in Elgin before their adventures took them to Grover, CO; North Platte, NE; Johnstown, NE; and Burwell, NE, where they leased ranches and took in yearlings.

Kenny and Barb eventually returned to the Elgin area, where Kenny owned and operated feedyards. In addition to the

feedyards, he was involved in livestock marketing, order-buying cattle for other producers, and ultrasounding cattle alongside his son Cody.

Kenny lived life fast and hard. He was always doing something and rarely let much dust settle beneath his feet. His adventurous spirit showed itself at an early age when he built wings for his arms and attempted to fly from the hayloft. That endeavor didn't quite pan out, but it certainly didn't end his interest in aviation. Over the years, Kenny's adventures included flying powered parachutes and airplanes—with a few of those adventures ending much like the hayloft experiment.

He loved going for drives with his trusty four-legged companion, Dog, and you never quite knew where the two of them might end up. Kenny enjoyed reading and had an exceptional eye for good horses and cattle. He was constantly tinkering, building, or working on something in his spare time. He also enjoyed firearms and was an excellent shot.

During the past two and a half years, Kenny became involved with AA in O'Neill, which he fondly referred to simply as "Club." Through Club, he found a great network of friends, fellowship, and support that became an important part of his life.

Left to cherish his memory and celebrate Kenny's life are his wife, Barb Bode of Elgin; three sons: Cody Bode (Meghan Votta) of Norfolk, NE; Tyler (Hannah) Bode of Wann, OK; and Jake Bode of Verdigre, NE; seven grandchildren: Jeremiah (Aubrey) Highsmith of Nowata, OK; Harris and Lucas Bode of Wann, OK; and Malleigh, Everleigh, Stella, and Berkley Bode of Norfolk, NE; his four-legged companion, Dog; six siblings: Doris Rusnak of Wisconsin; Pat (John "Red") Burgert of Table Rock, NE; Stan Bode of Elgin; Clay Bode of Ord, NE; Charlie (Shelley) Bode of Elgin; and Doug (Jean) Bode of Burwell, NE; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Delbert Jr.; and brother, Jeff Bode.

James J. Bolling, 81

January 5, 1945 — September 16, 2026

Born south of Clearwater, he went on to operate Bolling Construction, Inc. for 37 years. He had the natural ability to "eye" a project.



Funeral services for James ("Jim") J. Bolling, Sr., aged 81, of Neligh, Nebraska will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2026 at Snider Memorial Funeral Home in Clearwater, Nebraska with Rev. Ryan Janke officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Snider Memorial Funeral Home in Clearwater. Burial will be in the Clearwater Cemetery.

Jim departed from this life at Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home in Newman Grove, NE, on September 13, 2026, surrounded by family.

Snider Memorial Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be directed to the family at www.snidermemorial.com

James "Jim" Bolling was born at home south of Clearwater, Nebraska on January 5, 1945 to Arnold and Dora (Behnk) Bolling. Jim was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Concordia Lutheran Church in Clearwater. Jim attended primary school at Midland District 70 and graduated from Clearwater Public Schools in 1963.

Following high school, Jim worked at Contois body shop in Neligh, and hauled explosives to coal mines outside of Lander, WY.

Jim returned to Clearwater and began an apprenticeship with Reid Mummert, who taught him the heavy construction trade. For 37 years, Jim operated Bolling Construction, Inc. where he altered the landscape of local farms and fields and maintained roads for county townships. He had the natural ability to "eye" a project without measurements and make it come out just right.

Jim was united in marriage on March 5, 1965 to Gayl Lar-

son, until her death on July 31, 1998. They made their home south of Clearwater. To this union were born four children: Brenda Sterns of Chambers, NE; Rachel (Ryan) Maxon of Lincoln, NE; Jamie (Brian) Podtburg; Adams, NE; and James J. Bolling, II, Clearwater, NE.

On October 22, 1999, Jim was united in marriage to Bobbi Turay and gained two step-children; Chet Wright (Robbie Cullen) of O'Neill, NE and Jamie (Brandon) Hart of Neligh, NE. Following retirement from the heavy equipment business, Jim and Bobbi made their home in Neligh and opened Riverside Antiques. Jim unretired no less than a handful of times to work for Klabenes Construction where he made many good friends.

One of the biggest joys of his life was fishing – anywhere from Lakes Christina and Shoshone in Wyoming, to Grassy Narrows in Ontario, Canada, and to the Missouri River. He also enjoyed antiques and there wasn't a shop he didn't search out to find a treasure to drag home. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, spending time at Goose Lake when his children were young, teaching them to fish and water ski. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family at Christmas and no summer get together at Papa's house was complete without a backyard hot dog and s'mores roast with his grandchildren. Jim was also a skilled carpenter, mechanic and gardener. He enjoyed making his back yard an oasis to rest and enjoy time with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Bobbi, and his children, Jim is survived by 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Merlin (Janice) Bolling of Clearwater, NE. Jim was preceded in death by his first wife; his parents; and nephew Jarod Bolling.

DeKay

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cal personnel, and other first responders worked tirelessly to save lives and restore safety in our nation.

In total, it took nearly nine months for the wreckage of the World Trade Center in New York City to be cleaned up entirely, and over a million tons of debris was moved throughout that time.

During this process, many of these first responders were exposed to chemicals and smoke that would have serious lasting impacts on their health, and for those impacted we too remember their sacrifice and courage. To those first responders, and all those serving our communities today, I thank you for your service.

In addition to our first responders, I also want to take a moment to recognize our country's military service members who have sacrificed much to maintain the security of our country. Both before and after the events of September 11th, our country's military has been essential to defending our safety at home and providing assistance around the globe. Today, I would also like to thank these proud men and women for their service both at home and abroad.

Congress has also declared September 11th as the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

The day of service was authorized by Congress in 2009 under the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. While this designation is too a reminder to remember and show reverence to the heroes who served our nation, it is also an invitation to turn the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks into a positive day of charitable action, unity, and helping others. We must ensure that the memory of that fateful day never fades into history, but remains a living inheritance passed from one generation of Americans to the next.

I encourage readers to consider finding ways to serve others, volunteer, or assist in whatever way you can in your community as a way to remember the example of those who came before us.

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For me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Philippians 1:21-30
Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
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Community pride is strong in rural Nebraska, poll shows

Most rural Nebraskans continue to think positively about their communities, according to the 2026 Nebraska Rural Poll. Many respondents to the poll — conducted annually by Rural Prosperity Nebraska with funding from Nebraska Extension — say it would be difficult to leave and most have a positive attachment to where they live, saying they have a good bond with others and feel a sense of connectedness and belonging.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER 9 MTG THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD September Regular Meeting EPS Board Room September 9, 2026 7:00PM

President Lisa Welding called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

President Welding went over Policy #204.03 Public Hearing Comments. Supt. Brockhaus presented the Board with the 2026-2027 Budget. The general Fund Request is \$3,719,216.00 with a levy of 0.343863 and the Special Building Fund Request is \$202,020.00 with a levy of 0.018678 which is a total tax asking of \$3,921,236.00 with a total levy of 0.362541. President Welding encouraged questions or comments from the board members. Welding closed the hearing at 7:09 p.m.

President Welding opened the 2026-2027 Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request at 7:09 p.m. The General Fund Levy Request is 0.343863 and the Special Building Request is 0.018678 for a total Levy Request of 0.362541. Welding encouraged comments and questions from board members. The hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

President Lisa Welding called the Regular September meeting to order on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 to order at 7:12 p.m.

Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding 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.

President Welding went over Policy #204.03 Public Hearing Comments

Ron Bode motioned, and Eric Beckman second to approve the Consent Agenda: #5- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report, #8- Board Bills. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

319 GRAPHICS & T'S, 649.00; AMAZON, 2,085.95; AMH FAMILY PRACTICE, 258.00; APPEARA, 599.76; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 8,046.42; Avive Solutions, Inc., 199.99; Bishop Business, 496.12; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 674.97; Blooket LLC, 59.88; BOMGAARS, 268.21; CANVA US INC, 31.65; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 208.62; CENGAGE LEARNING, 198.00; CEV MULTIMEDIA, LTD., 1,575.00; CITY OF ELGIN, 2,734.64; CITY OF NELIGH, 25.00; CodeHS, Inc, 1,250.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 697.02; CUSTOM SPORTS, 550.00; DEAN'S MARKET, 639.59; Demco, Inc., 279.68; DJI USA, 3,148.89; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 2,975.77; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 1,939.16; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 1,250.49; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 3,940.85; Epidemic Sound, 144.00; ESU #8, 2,118.00; Garbanzo LLC, 149.00; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 336.82; HMM Education Company, 1,997.36; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 523.26; IXL LEARNING, 3,787.50; J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC, 85.99; JAN X, 756.48; K.D. Tools, LLC, 364.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 739.50; LAMPO GROUP, LLC, THE, 104.94; MAKEMUSIC CLOUD, 459.69; MENARDS, 3,026.71; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 2,514.40; NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, 130.00; NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, 225.00; Number Juan BBQ, 20.50; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 128.00; ONESOURCE, 68.00;

In addition, rural Nebraskans are generally positive about recent changes in their communities as well as the future.

This year, more respondents believe their community has changed for the better (31%) than for the worse (26%), similar to the past two years. However, when asked what they expect 10 years from now, 25% believe their community will be a worse place to live, compared

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President Welding recognized visitors.

In standing committee reports, Wolfpack committee discussed fundraising ideas, uniform rotation, and facility rotations. The Finance committee reported on the discussion of the budget and tax asking.

In the Principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff provided information regarding the beginning of the academic year and the start of fall activities.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Brockhaus gave an update on building projects, the bus barn is finished. Also discussed upcoming projects for the upcoming school year. Mr. Brockhaus informed the board that the auditor will be here on September 23rd.

In action items, Todd Heithoff motioned, Ron Bode seconded to approve 2026-2027 Budget as presented. The general Fund Request is \$3,719,216.00 with a levy of 0.343863 and the Special Building Fund Request is \$202,020.00 with a levy of 0.018678 which is a total tax asking of \$3,921,236.00 with a total levy of 0.362541. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Steve Busted motioned, Luke Hinkle seconded to approve 2026-2027 Tax Resolution as presented. The General Fund Levy Request is 0.343863 and the Special Building Request is 0.018678 for a total Levy Request of 0.362541. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Motion to approve the bid from Protex Central for \$7,167.57 to purchase and the installation of a new fire panel in the gym building was made by Eric Beckman, seconded by Steve Busted. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Todd Heithoff made a motion to approve the bid from Protex Central for \$88,798.36 for the purchase and installation of a new fire alarm system in the gym building. Ron Bode seconded the motion. Vote 6-0, motion carried. Steve Busted motioned, Luke Hinkle seconded to approve the purchase of white rock for the parking lots from Jason Hoefer for \$6,565.96. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Action was taken to approve the Elgin Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2028-2029 contract year. Eric Beckman motioned, Todd Heithoff seconded. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

In Discussion items, discussion was held on watering the practice field and what options are available. The water reel is breaking so need to upgrade, discussion was held on putting in underground sprinkler system.

Ron Bode motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve Busted seconded. Vote 6-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be October 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder
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to 22% who believe it will be better and 53% who think it will be about the same.

"Nebraska communities have a valuable foundation: people who care about where they live and feel connected to," said Mary Emery, director of Rural Prosperity Nebraska. "Understanding that foundation is important for communities as they think about their future. While there's some uncertainty about what the future will bring, there's also a great deal of optimism and attachment. The choices communities make today can help shape whether that sense of belonging continues to be a defining part of rural Nebraska."

Most rural Nebraskans surveyed have a positive attachment to their community, said Becky Vogt, poll manager. Most agree that they have a good bond with others in their community (65%), they belong there (62%), they can get what they need there (61%), they feel like a member of their community (61%), people there are good at influencing each other (56%),

Ricketts

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I'm grateful Secretary Rollins joined us at the State Fair. We took questions directly from the audience about what issues affect them most. I was grateful to the Nebraskans that weighed in on various issues. That includes the Trump Administration's recent decision to allow imports of foreign beef at zero tariff. This was an opportunity to advocate for our farmers and ranchers directly to Secretary Rollins. I encouraged this administration to rethink short-term policy changes that don't offer long-term solutions.

Agriculture is Nebraska's top industry. It's our way of life. I'll keep fighting for our farmers and ranchers. Thank you to everyone who came to the Federal Issue Forum. And thank you to everyone who worked, volunteered, or showed at the State Fair!

they feel connected to where they live (54%) and the community helps them fulfill their needs (53%).

Residents' feelings and attachment to their communities were also related to community size.

Respondents living in or near larger communities, over 5,000 residents, are more likely to say their community has changed for the better during the past year.

However, those living in or near smaller communities (under 1,000 residents) are more likely to say they feel connected to where they live.

Most rural Nebraskans surveyed see their communities as capable of defining their future. Sixty-three percent strongly disagree or disagree that their community is powerless to control its own future. In addition, half of respondents say it would be difficult to leave their community, while 36% indicate it would be easy to leave.

"Clearly rural Nebraskans have a strong sense of identity and belonging to their communities," said L.J. McElravy, associate professor of agricultural leadership, education and communication at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "These residents aren't simply living in these communities — many feel they're part of them and that they have a role in shaping what happens next. That sense of connection, combined with the belief that they have a say in their community's future."



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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Early Dismissal (all Elgin schools) at 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 17
EMS Extrication drill involving local rescue personnel and local/state law enforcement.

Saturday, September 19
EPS Marching band participating in Lions Club Parade in Norfolk.

Friday, September 25
Elgin TEAMMATES "Tailgate" feed at the EPPI-CWC football game. Serving begins at approx. 6 p.m. at the football field.

Saturday, September 26
Elgin Community Christian Church "The Walk" day-long event.

Sunday, September 27
PICC Homecoming Coronation beginning at 5 p.m. at St. Boniface Auditorium ■ Quilters' Bed Turning at KC Hall beginning at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30
EPS Homecoming coronation at school gymnasium beginning at 7 p.m.



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When you trust your friends, it eases your conscience, knowing that you have someone you can talk too. And your friends feel grateful, knowing that you trust them enough to talk to them. For example, one of my really good friends called me up a couple weeks ago and told me a story about what happened to her over the weekend, and it made my stomach churn. She asked me not to tell anyone else, saying that she was telling me all of this in confidence. After hanging up, I thought about what she told me, and one of the first emotions that I remember feeling was joy. I was so happy that she trusted me enough to tell me what had happened. It made me feel pride, knowing that our friendship was so strong. I've confided in her a couple of times, and when she and I talk through our problems, it lifts a weight off both of our shoulders, knowing that the other trusted us enough to tell

us, and knowing that we were helping each other.

Rule #11: Listen when your friends give advice. This is my most important rule. Advice from friends has kept me from making some pretty stupid decisions. If she's truly your friend, then the advice that she gives is for your well-being and nothing else. The best example that I have is from a little over a year ago. I had just started talking to a new friend, and once my other friends found out, they told me, over and over again, that it was not a good idea. I didn't listen, and I've been talking to him since, but they were right. Our friendship isn't the greatest, and I've unofficially ended it between us. Best decision of my life.

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Detecting cow pregnancy early can lead to more profit

Early pregnancy detection in replacement heifers or cows is a tool producers can use to increase profit. Traditionally, cows and replacement heifers are pregnancy tested in the fall of the year and then non-pregnant cows and cull cows are marketed at that time. With several options available, having a plan for testing can impact not only herd management, but your bottom line. Blood test methods can detect pregnancy in cows as early as 28-30 days and do not require the same level of specialized experience as palpation or ultrasound. For these tests to be accurate in cows that have already calved, they generally need to be at least 75 days postpartum so pregnancy-associated proteins from the previous pregnancy have cleared. Cost is typically relatively low, although shipping and laboratory fees need to be considered. Depending on the test used, results may be available chute-side or may require sending samples to a

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laboratory. Blood tests cannot determine the age or sex of the calf. Ultrasound can similarly detect pregnancy as early as 30 days and has the benefit of providing an estimate of fetal age and viability, along with immediate results. Fetal sex can also potentially be determined, typically later in pregnancy around 60-90 days. Ultrasound does require an experienced technician, and cost will vary depending on herd size, travel, and who performs the testing. The final option, palpation, requires a bit later window of around 35-50 days before pregnancy can be detected. Experience of the person palpating can make a significant difference on how early in this range pregnancy can be detected. While the sex of the calf cannot be determined, an estimate of fetal age can be provided and results

are immediate. Again, an experienced technician is required. There are several advantages and disadvantages to each of the three methods of pregnancy testing. In some instances, using a combination of these methods within a herd may be a valuable tool to accomplish management and marketing goals. Producers should also realize that early pregnancy is a period when pregnancy loss can occur naturally, and handling stress, timing, and technician experience may influence that risk. Research evaluating heifers pregnancy checked between about 42 and 74 days has reported losses in the 1-3.5% range, with greater losses associated with earlier diagnosis and less experienced technicians. For cow herds calving January through April, cows can be pregnancy tested in late summer or early fall and non-pregnant cows marketed at that time. There are a few things that help make this a strategy to consider. The first is that cull cow prices have historically been stronger during the summer and early fall before increasing numbers of cull cows come to market later in the fall. The second is that cows nursing a calf may lose weight as we move toward weaning if forage quality has matured and declined while nutrient demand

Evans each had 2 while Druেকে had 1. Burke led the team in digs with 19, L. Evans had 13. Burke also led in serve receive with 13. Earlier in the week, the JV team split a pair of matches Tuesday night at Niobrara. The Wolfpack defeated Summerland in three sets 25-13, 23-25 and 15-4. M. Thiessen, Kynlee Tillis and Rokahr each had four kills in the match, Cara Romej had

2 while S. Thiessen and Kiełty each had one. S. Thiessen led the squad with 9 set assists. EPPJ had 11 ace serves in the match, led by S. Thiessen with 4, Rokahr 3, L. Evans 2, M. Thiessen and Kiełty each had 1. Evans led the team in digs with 12, Tillis had 8. Evans also led in serve receive with 12. Loss to Niobrara-Verdigre EPPJ fell to Niobrara-Verdigre by the scores of 25-19 and 25-21.

EPPJ had 16 kills in the match. Leading the way was Tillis with 6, Kiełty 4, Evans 2, M. Thiessen 2, Rokahr 1 and Romej 1. S. Thiessen recorded 31 set assists in the match. Thiessen led the team in ace serves with 6, Kiełty and Rokahr each had 1. Evans led the team in digs with 9 and serve receive with 22.

Playing Thursday night, the Wolfpack junior high volleyball team defeated Creighton 25-19, 19-25 and 15-5. Aubrey Starman led hitters with 4 kills, four others each had two kills (Payton Switzer, Kinley Selting, Harper Evans and Brooke Borer), Kate Barlow had 1. Borer had 5 set assists, Switzer had 4. Selting, Switzer and Starman each had 4 ace serves, Borer had 2. Harper Childers led the team in digs with 6. 'B' team wins The EPPJ 'B' team swept Creighton 25-21 and 15-11. Molly Mlnarik had 3 kills, Brecken Childers had 2 while Elise Hoefer and Harper Evans each had 1. Hoefer led the team with 5 set assists. Recording ace serves were McKenna Sauser and Mlnarik 3 apiece, Melissa Stuhr, Linley Seier and Hoefer each had 1. Sauser and Borer each had two digs. The 'C' team defeated Creighton 25 to 17. Sauser led the team with 2 kills, Mlnarik and Linley Seier each had 1. Hoefer had 3 set assists. Melissa Stuhr led the team with 4 ace serves, Sauser and Hoefer each had 2, Mlnarik and Childers each had 1.

For producers, leaving bulls with the cows for a longer breeding season provides the opportunity to potentially get a higher percentage of cows pregnant. Cows that will calve later than desired can then be sold to someone whose calving season fits that time frame. This can be a way to capture additional value from later-calving cows that would otherwise be sold as non-pregnant females in a shorter breeding season, provided feed resources allow this. Non-pregnant heifers and cows, as well as cull or bred cows, can provide a significant portion of the gross income to a cow-calf operation on an annual basis. Taking advantage of opportunities to effectively add value to and market these cows through timely pregnancy diagnosis, along with an understanding of market seasonality, can allow producers to capture more profit from this segment of the cow-calf operation. - Ben Beckman is a livestock systems Extension Educator based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington, serving northeast Nebraska. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, MTG
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
September 9, 2026

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Mayor Schmitt also opened the One and Six Year Street Hearing.

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

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

The following agenda items were approved:

- August regular and budget workshop meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, transaction report, and paying the claims (CLAIMS)

General Checking: Black Hills Energy, util, 885.08; 118 Insurance LLC, ins, 8,872.00; APPEARA, srv, 196.16; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, srv, 5,000.00; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 537.48; Antelope County Sheriff, srv, 2,850.00; Applied Connective Technologies, srv, 25.00; Barb Bode, srv, 50.00; Bauer Welding & Repair, srv, 975.00; Blackburn Mfg. Co., sup, 290.50; Bomgaars, sup, 189.98; Bud’s Sanitary Service LLC, srv, 7,508.60; Camry Kittelson, training, 45.00; Cordell’s Sales & Service, LLC, sup, 78.66; Dakota Pump, srv, 1,760.21; Dean’s Market, sup, 58.90; Kaitlyn Dozler, rtn deposit, 32.64; Elgin One Stop, fuel & sup, 1,041.67; Elgin Volunteer Fire Dept., allotment, 4,600.00; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, util, 4,602.53; Fitzgerald,Veter, Temple, Bartell& Henderson, srv, 350.00; Great Plains Communications, util, 296.91; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen P.C., L.L.O., srv, 468.00; Kaitey Schumacher, training, 105.00; Karin Kinney, training, 45.00; Kayton Zwingman, training, 105.00; Kenzie Wies, training, 60.00; Kerri Drueke, training, 150.00; Kevin Schindler, travel, 59.09; Kinley Drueke, training, 150.00; Kittelson Welding, srv, 620.00; Leifeld Hardware, sup, 43.71; M. Solutions, LLC, srv, 4,200.00; Macy Rokahr, training, 90.00; Menards - Norfolk, sup, 103.60; Midwest Laboratories Inc., srv, 575.32; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, srv, 15.00; Neligh Auto & Machine Inc., sup, 248.75; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 13.04; Sapp Bros, Inc - Elgin, sup, 93.60; Sewer Replacement Account, transfer, 3,400.00; Sophia Burke, training, 90.00; Sydney Niewohner,

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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF
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JV25-24

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
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TO: JOHN DOE, natural father of LILIEANN N. MAUGHAN, and all other persons interested herein:

A motion has been filed in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, acting as a Juvenile Court, the purpose of which is to terminate parental rights between the juvenile, LILIEANN N. MAUGHAN, and her father, JOHN DOE, and a hearing on said petition, at which time an order may be entered, will be had in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska on the 21st day of October, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the County Courtroom, Antelope County Courthouse, Neligh, Nebraska.

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/s/ Danielle Fliam, County Court Judge
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- Resolution 2026-3, a resolution to sign the municipal annual certification of program compliance for 2026

• Request to close Oak Street from 6th Street to Plantation Street for the car show on September 13, 2026

- Request from Young-N-Lively to utilize the Elgin City Park for Treasures in the Park on September 13, 2026

- Adopt the 2026-2027 budget as proposed
- Resolution 2026-4, a resolution setting the final tax request for 2026-2027 at \$235,742.42
- Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 684 on three different days be suspended
- Ordinance No. 684 passed and adopted

- Interlocal agreement for Antelope County and Antelope County Library Association
- Quote received from Blue Valley Public Safety for two new outdoor emergency sirens for \$65,368.00

- Increase trash rates to \$22.00 per month
- Building permits: Capital Select, Amanda Gouge, Ted Baum
- Regular meeting and One and Six Year Street Hearing adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: neighborhood watch program
- Quotes for IT services
- Maintenance report: iron at sewer plant has been picked up
- Sheriff’s report: June-73 hours 18 minutes and eleven 911 calls; July-75 hours 49 minutes and six 911 calls
- Clerk report: ERPPD service project scheduled for September 24th

- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026
- Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
September 8th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of 09-01-2026 BOC Meeting. Public comments. Reviewed correspondence. Weed Superintendent gave quarterly report.

Treasurer’s Fund Balance, Treasurer’s Miscellaneous Revenue, Sweep Account Statement, Clerk of the District Court Report and Sheriff’s fee report were presented. Office inventories were reviewed and resolution was approved. Discussion with constituents regarding Flock Cameras.

Approved janitorial contract and Lamar sign lease agreements.

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: AMERITAS ins 22,746.54; ANT CO COURT ex 300.68; APPEARA ex 83.32; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,088.86; FIRSTNET ut 647.92; AXON ENT ex 7,656.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 157.45; BCBS ins 90,678.41; BOMGAARS ex 278.67; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,722.29; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 85.00; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 175.22; COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER PC ex 437.50; CUBBYS ex 1,036.45; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,214.60; DUSTYS ex 1,326.08; EAKES OFC SOL ex 1,003.87; EGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 2,491.90; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE ex 180.00; ELGIN REVIEW ex 219.80; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 664.71; ESRI ex 550.00; FED W/H tax 13,563.69; FIRST CONCORD ins 3,580.77; GOV FORMS & SUPPLIES ex 238.79; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 319.96; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HOLIDAY INN ex 699.75; COLLECTION SVC CENTER ex 659.35; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 2,038.40; KOINZAN ENT ex 150.26; LAWNs R US ex 721.00; LIBERTY NATL ins 133.22; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 24.00; MAD CO TREAS ex 116.36; MAD NATL LIFE ins 112.57; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 4,933.37; NACO ex 360.00; NATL INS SVC ins 55.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,686.12; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 10.90; NELIGH POSTMASTER ex 210.00; VSP - NACO VISION ins 591.37; NCPPD ut 81.57; OLD MILL SALES & REPAIRS ex 35.00; LISA PAYNE ex 277.43; PINNACLE

BANK ex 57.67; PITNEY BOWES ex 1,063.26; PITZER DIG ex 170.20; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; SANN REPAIR ex 1,011.82; CAROLINE SIEMS ex 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,737.32; SNIDER MEMORIAL ex 1,100.23; SOC SEC 29,617.64; STEALTH BROADBAND ex 1,140.76; STRATTON LAW GROUP ex 5,000.00; TRUSTMARK ins 1,099.75; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; WASHINGTON NATL ins 285.92; WAYNE CO TREAS ex 3,423.23; WESTERN OIL II ex 161.22; 319 GRAPHICS ex 124.50; ANT CO TREAS ex 500,000.00; PAYROLL 148,537.59;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 5,057.91; AMERITAS ins 12,811.70; AMH ex 95.00; APPEARA ex 75.90; FIRSTNET ut 145.15; B’S ENT ex 8,162.50; BAUER BUILT TIRE ex 395.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 342.22; BCBS ins 63,310.92; BOMGAARS ex 1,736.23; CARHART LUMBER ex 56.51; CIRCLE M TRUCKING ex 9,240.00; CITY OF ELGIN ut 82.41; CITY OF NELIGH ut 30.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 71.11; COLONIAL LIFE ins 368.11; CONSTELLATION ut 8.91; CORNER SVC & TIRE ex 960.00; CORNHUSKER INTERNATL TRUCK ex 6,141.87; CREDIT MGMT SVCS garn 571.61; CUBBYS ex 854.43; DUSTYS ex 632.01; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 19.49; FARMERS PRIDE ex 42,551.86; FED W/H tax 7,007.91; FIRST CONCORD ins 2,991.37; FRONTIER COMM ut 1,101.34; GI TRAILER ex 301.88; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 340.85; GRUBB GRINDING ex 2,235.05; HARBOR FREIGHT ex 1,284.93; HOOFIN-IT TRUCKING ex 18,705.00; COLLECTION SVC CNTR garn 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 242.42; JEBRO ex 162,855.18; JEO CONSULTING ex 13,383.75; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 381.62; LAWSON PRODS ex 169.94; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 4,678.45; MAD NATL LIFE ins 60.98; GEORGE MAJERUS ex 11,680.00; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 13,088.67; MEDICAL ENT ex 72.00; ETHANS REPAIR ex 826.20; MITCHELL MACHINE WORKS ex 20.00; NACO ex 60.00; NATL INS SVC ins 88.25; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT garn 545.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,404.60; NMC ex 1,754.63; NPPD ut 218.63; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 134.92; VSP - NACO VISION ins 389.86; NCPPD ut 207.78; NNTC ut 74.82; OLD MILLS SALES & REPAIRS ex 1,600.00; LISA PAYNE ex 70.97; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 138.25; RAZOR TRACKING

ex 1,225.00; RDO TRUCK CNTRS ex 17,347.80; ROSE EQUIPMNT ex 549.40; RYANS TRUCK ex 10,801.16; SAPP BRO PETRO ex 9,167.04; WEX BANK ex 629.12; SOC SEC 17,887.72; SPIKE DIAMOND RANCH TRUCKING ex 2,640.00; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 122,325.17; SPUD TRUCKING ex 7,392.50; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 160.74; SWITZER WELDING ex 25.00; TEA WORX ex 4,950.00; TINSLEY GRAIN ex 8,990.00; TRUCK CENTER ex 1,028.78; TRUSTMARK ins 1,165.15; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 885.42; VILLAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 59.50; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 89.50; WASHINGTON NATL ins 99.60; WESTERN OIL II ex 363.14; WILLOW CREEK SAND & GRAVEL ex 5,360.25; PAYROLL 89,316.78;

County Visitor Promotion: YOUNG N LIVELY ex 215.00;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 412.08;

Law Enforcement: BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 278.43; CASHWA DIST ex 435.54; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,432.16; CULLIGAN ex 76.25; APRIL CURTISS ex 50.00; DEANS MARKET ex 559.20; FAITH HEALTH ex 405.00; HI-

LAND DAIRY ex 631.48; MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY ex 1,949.31; PINNACLE BANK ex 296.90; SYS-CO ex 1,555.92; THRIFTWAY ex 176.65; DENDINGER DRUG ex 432.27; TRANE U S ex 4,349.00;

Commissary: CHARM-TEX ex 656.10; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 233.12; MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY ex 817.13; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 66.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 829.95;

Building: ANT CO CLERK-REGISTER ex 48.00; BRIAN DINSLAGE ex 2,609.88; ANDY DRUEKE ex 4,440.00; GENE SELTING ex 1,792.26.

Zoning Administrator: Zoning permit report.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved six (6) oversize permits.

Budget hearing. Approved adoption and tax request resolutions.

Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY	
ELGIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT IN ANTELOPE County, Nebraska	
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 23 day of SEPTEMBER 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at ELGIN FIRE HALL for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.	
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 79,123.27
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 9,338.50
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 218,000.00
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 103,165.91
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	\$ 321,165.91
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 112,798.11
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 15,911.48
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 112,798.11
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -
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ANTELOPE COUNTY						
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY						
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 22nd day of September 2026 at 8:00 AM at County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.						
Funds	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2025-2026 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	11,791,157.88	10,440,752.32	13,736,793.54	1,000,000.00	5,705,150.12	9,031,643.42
ROAD & BRIDGE	10,448,934.22	8,923,516.19	11,650,194.88	0.00	11,650,194.88	0.00
NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER BOND	485,990.00	489,718.75	486,938.75	425,000.00	499,431.29	412,507.46
COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND	4,539.77	1,400.00	62,257.69	0.00	62,257.69	0.00
COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	7,000.00	1,750.00	17,022.11	0.00	17,022.11	0.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND	4,197.60	4,537.92	19,818.16	0.00	19,818.16	0.00
VETERANS AID	10,485.00	3,489.60	20,000.00	3,000.00	17,465.31	5,534.69
STOP PROGRAM (REPLACES 2355)	0.00	0.00	10,952.08	0.00	10,952.08	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION FUND	0.00	0.00	840.86	0.00	840.86	0.00
K-9 FUND	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00
FEDERAL GRANTS FUND	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
DISASTER 2019 FLOOD	2,618,197.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	398,200.00	1,027,226.32	7,546,218.31	0.00	7,546,218.31	0.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	223,711.38	278,710.19	1,137,057.50	0.00	1,137,057.50	0.00
COMMISSARY - LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	36,426.33	26,679.78	71,535.41	0.00	71,535.41	0.00
HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BOND	318,352.50	320,822.50	317,572.50	300,000.00	617,572.50	0.00
BUILDING	51,877.56	179,361.75	181,000.00	25,000.00	29,771.84	176,228.16
GRAND TOTAL	26,399,069.32	21,697,965.32	35,314,201.79	1,753,000.00	27,441,288.06	9,625,913.73
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax				412,507.46	9,213,406.27	9,625,913.73
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						0.00

ANTELOPE COUNTY NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST			
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of September 2026 at 8:00 AM at County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.			
	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	33,853,217.77	35,314,201.79	4.32%
Property Tax Request	9,625,955.59	9,625,913.73	0.00%
Valuation	3,692,464,423.00	3,741,419,991.00	1.33%
Tax Rate	0.260691	0.257279	-1.31%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.257281		
Meeting of Antelope County Board of Commissioners. Notice is also given that the Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session on September 22 nd , 2026 and will commence immediately upon adjournment of the budget hearing beginning at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, September 22 nd , 2026.			
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS — ELGIN NORTHEAST ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**SECTION 00 10 00
INVITATION TO BID**
Sealed Proposals for the construction of Elgin Northeast for Antelope County, Nebraska,” JEO Project No. 241579.00, QuestCDN No. 10336519, will be received by the County Clerk at 501 Main Street, Rm. 1, Neligh, NE 68756, until 10:00 am on the 6th day of October 2026, and thereafter will be read aloud.
The work is generally described as follows: Road grading and box culvert construction.
Opinion of Probable Cost \$400,000
Proposals will be taken for said

construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.
All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of Antelope County as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.
Copies of the contract documents are on file with Antelope County for examination by bidders.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO’s website at jeo.com for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100 per set. Please contact Sandy Walker at 402-371-6416, swalker@jeo.com to coordinate your request and send your check to: 404 S. 25th Street, Suite B, Norfolk, NE 68701. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract

award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion, serve the best interests of the Project and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.
Antelope County, Nebraska
Charlie Henery, Chairman
ATTEST: Lisa Payne, County Clerk
PUBLISH: September 16, 23 & 30, 2026
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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
ANDREW FANGMAN INSPECTIONS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Andrew Fangman Inspections, LLC has changed its name to Fangman Farms, LLC by amendment to its Certificate of Organization filed

with the Nebraska Secretary of State.
PUBLISH: September 2, 9 & 16, 2026
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ORDINANCE No. 684
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

**NOTICE
City of Elgin, Nebraska**
On the 9th day of September, 2026, the City Council of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, adopted an ordinance entitled:
Ordinance No. 684
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO SET WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, REPEALING THOSE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.
Said ordinance was published in pamphlet form and copies thereof are available at the office of the City Clerk.
Kristin L. Childers
City Clerk
PUBLISH: September 16, 2026
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NOTICE
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
September 9, 2026

The Elgin City Council met for special hearing to set the final tax request on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing, pursuant to published notice.
Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.
Council members present were Craig Niewohner, John “Mike” Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.
A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk’s office.
The following agenda item was discussed:
* Setting the final property tax request for 2026-2027
Special hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
PUBLISH: September 16, 2026
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NOTICE
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
September 9, 2026

The Elgin City Council met for the 2026-2027 budget hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., pursuant to published notice.
Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.
Council members present were Craig Niewohner, John “Mike” Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.
A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk’s office.
The following agenda item was discussed:
• 2026-2027 budget
Budget hearing adjourned at 7:23 p.m.
Mayor Mike Schmitt
City Clerk Kristin L. Childers
PUBLISH: September 16, 2026
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TERMINATION NOTICE
ANTELOPE COUNTY
COURT

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS CASE NO. JV25-3
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE INTEREST OF AZALEA MAUGHAN, A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS
TO: JOHN DOE, natural father of AZALEA MAUGHAN, and all other persons interested herein:
A motion has been filed in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, acting as a Juvenile Court, the purpose of which is to terminate parental rights between the juvenile, AZALEA MAUGHAN, and her father, JOHN DOE, and a hearing on said petition, at which time an order may be entered, will be had in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska on the 21st day of October, at 1:00 o’clock p.m. in the County Courtroom, Antelope County Courthouse, Neligh, Nebraska.
BY THE COURT:
/s/ Danielle Fliam, County Court Judge
PUBLISH: September 16, 23 & 30, 2026
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NOTICE OF 2026 GENERAL ELECTION				
ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA				
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, at the designated polling places in the precincts of Antelope County, Nebraska, an election will be held for nominating, or in some cases electing, candidates to various offices and for voting on measures. The polls will open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Some races may not appear on your ballot as the candidates and issues are elected by specific subdivisions, districts or wards. 4 Year Terms unless other wise noted. If Party is not listed, there are no filings.				
UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET		NON PARTISAN TICKET CONT.		SCHOOL TICKET CONT.
For United States Senator		Educational Service Unit No. 8		For Plainview Public
6 Year Term - Vote for ONE		District 05 - Vote for ONE		School Board Member
Pete Ricketts - Republican		Cindy Hild		Vote for up to THREE
Mike Marvin - Legal Marijuana NOW		Antelope County Airport Authority Board		Wyatt J. Frahm
Robin Richards - Nebraska Working People		At Large - Six Year Term		Timothy E. Rasmussen
Chuck Conboy - America First		Vote for TWO		Justin T. Doerr
By Petition - Dan Osborn		Brian Whitesel		Melissa K. Doerr
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET		Maurice Soper		Kevin L. Weber
For Representative in Congress		Antelope County Airport Authority Board		Tom Krause
District 03		At Large - Four Year Term		CITY TICKET
2 Year Term - Vote for ONE		Vote for ONE		For Elgin City Mayor
Adrian Smith - Republican		Joe McNally		Vote for ONE
Becky Kelly Stille - Democratic		Antelope County Weed Authority Board		For Elgin City Council Member
David J. Else - Legal Marijuana NOW		Vote for up to TWO		Ward 1 - Vote for ONE
Macey Budke - Nebraska Working People		Rachel A. Shrader		Leigh Kluthe
By Petition - Mark Cohen		Robert Lewis		For Elgin City Council Member
STATE TICKET		COUNTY TICKET		Ward 2 - Vote for ONE
For Governor and Lt. Governor		For County Commissioner - District 1		Diane Landers
Vote for ONE		Vote for ONE		For Neligh City Mayor
Republican		Neil Williby - Republican		Vote for ONE
Jim Pillen and Joe Kelly		For County Commissioner - District 3		Tyler Pedersen
Democratic		Vote for ONE		Ray M. Connot
Lynne Walz and Ben Steffen		Regina L. Krebs - Republican		For Neligh City Council Member
Legal Marijauna Now		Don Zegers - Democratic		Vote for up to TWO
Rick Beard and Keenya Barnes		For County Commissioner - District 5		Ted D. Hughes
America First		Vote for ONE		Stephanie Lundgren
Brett Lindstrom and Michael Picard		Casey Dittrich - Republican		For Tilden City Mayor
For Secretary of State		For County Assessor		Vote for ONE
Vote for ONE		Vote for ONE		Steve J. Rutjens
Scott Petersen - Republican		For County Attorney		Allen J. Miller
Sarah J. Slattery - Democratic		Vote for One		For Tilden City Council Member
Paul Rumbaugh - Nebraska Working People		Vote for ONE		Vote for up to THREE
Bob Krist - America First		For County Clerk		Josh Becker
For State Treasurer		Vote for ONE		Joseph Eckert
Vote for ONE		Lisa Payne - Republican		Halle Hart
Joey Spellerberg - Republican		For Clerk of District Court		VILLAGE TICKET
Daniel Ebers - Democratic		Vote for ONE		For Brunswick Village Board Member
For Attorney General		For County Sheriff		Vote for up to TWO
Vote for ONE		Vote for ONE		Todd Buck
Mike Hilgers - Republican		For County Surveyor		Craig Forbes
Jocelyn Brasher - Democratic		Vote for ONE		Cory Masat
For Auditor of Public Accounts		No Filings		Austin M. Pittet
Vote for ONE		For County Treasurer		For Clearwater Village Board Member
Mike Foley - Republican		Vote for One		Vote for up to THREE
John Knight - America First		For County Auditor		Brian King
NON PARTISAN TICKET		For County Treasurer		Haily Schlecht
For Member of the Legislature		Vote for ONE		Marsha M. Hart
District 40		For County Surveyor		Jeff Schlecht
Vote for ONE		No Filings		For Oakdale Village Board Member
Barry DeKay		For County Treasurer		Vote for up to THREE
For Member of the		Vote for One		Brett Kysar
State Board of Education		For County Treasurer		Jasmine Kysar
District 06 - Vote for ONE		Vote for One		Shelby Pitzer
Sherry Jones		For Elgin Public School Board Member		For Orchard Village Board Member
Grady Erickson		District 18 - Vote for up to THREE		Vote for up to THREE
Northeast Community College		Lisa Welding		Tyson Schutt
For Board of Governors		Kimberly Young		For Royal Village Board Member
District 01 Vote for ONE		Kyle Heithoff		Vote for up to THREE
Delbert J. Ames		For Neligh-Oakdale Public School Board		Jim Bright
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources		District 9 - Vote for up to THREE		Adam Barone
District for Board of Directors		Kenny Reinke		JUDICIAL TICKET
Subdistrict 01 - Vote for ONE		Ginny Garzon		For Judge of the Nebraska Workers'
Chad A. Korth		Toni Arehart		Compensation Court
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources		For Summerland Public School		6 Year Term
District for Board of Directors		Board Member-District 115		Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?
At Large - Vote for ONE		Vote for up to THREE		For Judge of the Nebraska Workers'
James G. Aschoff		Scott Thiele		Compensation Court
Layne Roth		Austin Twibell		6 Year Term
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District		Jeremy Wagner		Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?
For Board of Directors		For Member of Board of Education		Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Initiatives: The Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any amendments or referendums once each week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election.
Vote for ONE		Boone Central Schools		IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 14th day of September, 2026.
Kevin Blair - Subdistrict 05		Vote for up to THREE		
Aaron Rice - Subdistrict 06		Ben Stuhr		
Matthew Beckman - Subdistrict 07		Josh Gompert		
Chris Dierks - At Large		Brett Temme		
Elkhorn Rural Public Power District		For Creighton Public		
Subdivision 03		School Board Members		
6 Year Term - Vote for ONE		District 13		
David Hoefler		Vote for up to THREE		
North Central Public Power District		Dixie L. Hanefeldt		
Subdivision 02		Josh Key		
6 Year Term - Vote for ONE		Amy Borgmann		
Brian Fanta		Sarah Strehle		
Educational Service Unit No. 1		For Elkhorn Valley Public		
District 09 - Vote for ONE		School Board Member		
Tabitha Gilsdorf		Vote for up to THREE		
Educational Service Unit No. 7		Ross Tegeler		
District 01 - Vote for ONE		Sam Johnsen		
No Filings		Marykae Broberg		
Educational Service Unit No. 8				
District 03 - Vote for ONE				
Gary Arehart				
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.				
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.				
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				
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)				
Polling sites: Tilden Precinct and Tilden 1st Ward-Tilden Public Library; Oakdale Precinct-Oakdale Community Center; Neligh Precinct-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 Room.				

I know it's Bowling Green, but ...

LINCOLN — The first sip of Fall was in the air Saturday when the Husker football team hosted Bowling Green.

Just one week after fans were baked in high heat and humidity, the air felt different in the stadium.

Not a strong breeze, but not a light breeze either, was blowing out of the north. The feeling was out of this world. When you're clapping and cheering with 85,000 members of the same fan club gathered in the same place, it is welcome relief.

If you watched the game in the stands or on TV, I wonder if you felt the undercurrent of change?

Granted, Bowling Green is not Alabama. Heck, they're not even Ohio whom we soundly defeated last week. Bowling Green is closer to the bottom than the top of their conference. But Saturday's game, to me, felt like some kind of turning point.

I think the ghost of quarterback Dylan Raiola has left the stadium. The five-star recruit signed two years ago and given the starter's job from Day 1, gave up on NU, took his hair gel and headed to the University of Oregon.

So what did NU Coach Mark Ruhle do? He went looking on the market for a new signal caller and signed this guy Anthony Colandrea from Nevada-Las Vegas.

Much less heralded than Raiola, Colandrea has shown more playmaking ability in two games than Raiola did in two years. Colandrea has legs and he knows how to use them, and he finds and throws 'dimes' to open receivers instead of checking down for a shorter gain.

The key stat in this game and so far this season is a balanced

offensive attack. The yards against Bowling Green were nearly identical on the ground and through the air.

Balance is what every coach looks for. It makes it much harder for the defense to stop the Huskers when they don't know whether or not the quarterback will be passing or handing off the ball. I know we won't win all our games, I just want to see a winning record and good play on the field.

Again, it's Bowling Green, so I know we will know more when Big Red gets into the meat of the schedule. But, from my perspective, I'm liking what I see from this team of no stars and no expectations.

Sitting in the south stands, after two games it appears that the student section to my right is not as wild as in past years. Oh, they still take off their shoes for the kickoff, but they don't throw their empty water bottles like they have in past years. I'm sure it still is being done by some, but it's not as prevalent as it used to be.

What is on the rise is the work of stadium rescue personnel. I know it was hot last week and expected to see people being hauled out of the stands

due to heat exhaustion (natural or self-inflicted). But I was surprised to see the stretcher heading towards the top of the south stadium in the first half against Bowling Green.

I know it's Bowling Green. But the weather conditions didn't seem to warrant emergency measures set in motion.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

After three losses to start the season, this Friday night's football game for the Wolfpack at North Central is, in my opinion, a very winnable game.

Buoyed by the ways the boys played the second half against GACC, the team seems to be rounding into shape. As the game wore on, it seemed like we were stronger and better conditioned at the end of the game than we were in the first two games.

Netters win two at Niobrara

NIOBRARA — Elgin Public-Pope John swept a double triangular here Tuesday night.

In a rematch from one week earlier, EPPJ again dominated Stuart by winning 25-17 and 25-23.

Mady Kurpgeweit had eight kills and Jael Lammers added seven as the Wolfpack's season-long domination at the net continued. The Wolfpack finished with 25 kills in the 2-set match.

Braelyn Martinsen led servers with 3 ace serves.

Sydney Niewohner had two solo blocks in the match, Martinsen added one.

Elizabeth Moser led the team in set assists with 10.

In their other match, the Wolfpack dropped the first set then rallied for a 25-27, 25-20 and 25-17 victory over the Summerland Bobcats.

The Wolfpack had 37 kills in the match as Jael Lammers led the way with 11 and Braelyn Martinsen notched 10.

They were equally effective at the service line with eight ace serves. Elizabeth Moser led the way with three aces.

She and Lammers combined for 26 of the team's 30 set assists. They had just 11 serve receive errors in the match. Gentry Zwingman led the team in serve receive with 27.

EPPJ 2, Stuart 0

Broncos.....17 23
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 3/20/7, Mady Kurpgeweit 8/20/3, Jael Lammers 7/19/0, Lillian Moser 2/9/4, Tenley Schindler 1/3/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Sydney Niewohner 3/7/2. Team totals: 25/79/17
Serving (A/SA/E) — Sophia Burke

1/9/2, Brooke Kinney 0/4/0, Martinsen 3/17/0, Lammers 1/5/1, E. Moser 1/8/1, Gentry Zwingman 0/5/0. Team totals: 6/48/4
Blocks (BS) — Martinsen 1, Niewohner 2.
Digs (D/DE) — Kinney 10/1, Burke 1/0, Martinsen 16/1, Lammers 9/0, Schindler 0/1, E. Moser 6/0, Niewohner 1/0, Zwingman 12/5. Team totals: 55/8
Set Assists (A/At/E) — Kinney 1/1/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, Lammers 7/29/0, E. Moser 10/29/1, Zwingman 3/11/0. Team totals: 21/71/1
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kinney 6/0, Martinsen 10/0, Lammers 2/1, Niewohner 0/1, Zwingman 10/3. Team totals: 28/5

EPPJ 2, Summerland 1

Bobcats.....27 20 17
Wolfpack.....25 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Brooke Kinney 0/2/2, Braelyn Martinsen 10/14/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 7/25/5, Jael Lammers 11/28/5, Lillian Moser 4/10/3, Tenley Schindler 1/3/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Sydney Niewohner 2/6/0. Team totals: 37/119/22
Serving (A/SA/E) — Kinney 1/12/0, Martinsen 2/14/1, Lammers 1/10/0, Sophia Burke 0/7/1, E. Moser 3/17/1. Team totals: 8/74/3
Blocks (BS) — L. Moser 1, Niewohner 2, Kurpgeweit 1, Lammers 1.
Digs (D/DE) — Kinney 13/2, Martinsen 17/3, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Lammers 7/1, L. Moser 3/0, Schindler 4/0, E. Moser 13/0, Gentry Zwingman 15/7. Team totals: 74/13
Set Assists (A/At/E) — Zwingman 2/12/0, Kinney 0/1/0, Martinsen 1/6/0, Kurpgeweit 1/1/0, Lammers 12/47/2, Burke 0/1/0, L. Moser 0/1/0, E. Moser 14/49/3. Team totals: 30/118/5
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Zwingman 27/6, Kinney 11/1, Martinsen 11/3, Lammers 1/1. Team totals: 50/11

Starman wins football contest

Phil Starman and Jack Stoltz tied for the top spot in the Elgin Review Football Contest, each missing three games. In the tiebreaker, the total number of yards from Nebraska and Bowling Green was 715. Starman's guess of 711 was closest to the actual figure and will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. Stoltz guessed 719 and will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

Results of the games were:
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Alabama over Kentucky
Utah over Arkansas
California over Syracuse
Michigan over Oklahoma
GACC over EPPJ
Iowa over Iowa State
UCLA over San Diego State
Oklahoma State over Oregon
Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by emailing your entry to elginreview@yahoo.com

Lil Pack Night is September 25

Lil Pack/Big Pack football night will be Friday, Sept. 25. Lil Pack are encouraged to come meet the players, eat with them and get autographs from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the EPS cafeteria. Then, line up at the south goal post at 6:30 p.m. to be announced!

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Wolfpack Sports

Bluejays give EPPJ the blues, 49 to 20

Rushing (att/yds) — Ethan Hansen 2/1, Selting 12/10, Joseph McNally 7/18, Carter Selting 2-6, Cecil Shavlik 1/3, Gavin Kallhoff 7/55, Evlin Pelster 9/11, Jayvin Erickson 1/9. GACC - Luke Guenther 13/215. Receiving (#yds) — Kallhoff 2/10, Justice Blecher 1/41. Tackles (solo/ast) — Hansen 3/3, Selting 3/3, McNally 2/2, Braxtry Eisenhauer 0/1, N. Seier 0/1, Max Henn 0/5, Brayden Clark 0/1, Harmon Borer 0/1, Kallhoff 4/4, Pelster 0/4, John Zwingman 1/2, Raaf Klein 1/1, Brayden Burenheide 1/2, Christian Preister 1/1, Blecher 1/2, Erickson 3/0, Garrett Busted 0/1. Passes deflected — Hansen 2. Fumble recoveries — Sawyer Veik 1, Kallhoff 1, Blecher 1.



On a fake punt, Jayvin Erickson (95) gained nine yards and a first down.



E-R photo/DMorgan

It was 76 yards of excitement as Ethan Hanson returned a kickoff for a touchdown during second quarter action Friday against Guardian Angels Central Catholic. Among players shown trailing the play are Max Henn (13), Gavin Kallhoff (25) and John Zwingman (44).

EPPJ earns hard fought victories Saturday at Howells

Blocks (BS) — L. Moser 2.
Digs (D/DE) — Kinney 7/1, Martinsen 11/4, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Lammers 6/4.
L. Moser 1/0, Schindler 1/1, E. Moser 2/0, Niewohner 0/1, Zwingman 5/2.
Team totals: 35/13
Set assists (A/At/E) — Kinney 1/4/0, Martinsen 0/2/0, Lammers 6/21/4.
L. Moser 0/2/0, E. Moser 13/41/1, Zwingman 1/7/0. Team totals: 21/77/5
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kinney 8/0, Martinsen 13/1, Lammers 4/3, E.
Moser 1/0, Niewohner 1/0, Zwingman 13/0. Team totals: 40/4

EPPJ 2, Wynot 1

Blue Devils.....25 16 18
Wolfpack.....22 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Brooke Kinney 0/2/1, Braelyn Martinsen 12/26/5.
Mady Kurpgeweit 9/20/3, Jael Lammers 14/29/4, Lillian Moser 2/9/2.
Tenley Schindler 0/2/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Sydney Niewohner 0/2/0.
Team totals: 38/91/16
Serving (A/SA/E) — Sophia Burke 0/9/0, Kinney 0/7/1, Martinsen 0/6/0.
Lammers 4/18/0, E. Moser 1/18/2, Gentry Zwingman 0/0/1. Team totals
5/11/14

Blocks (BS) — None
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 1/0, Kinney 9/4, Martinsen 11/3, Kurpgeweit 4/1.
Lammers 4/3, Schindler 2/0, E. Moser 9/0, Zwingman 11/0. Team totals
51/11
Set assists (A/At/E) — Burke 0/1/0, Kinney 1/5/0, Martinsen 0/1/1, Lam-
mers 10/34/3, E. Moser 16/33/1, Zwingman 4/12/0. Team totals: 31/86/5
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kinney 10/1, Martinsen 15/4, Lammers 1/0,
Schindler 0/1, Zwingman 16/2. Team totals: 42/8

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Samantha Stuhr earned a fifth place medal at the Boyd County Invite, crossing the finish line in a time of 24:21.

Stuhr, Kerkman medal at BC Invite

SPENCER — Both members of the Wolfpack high school cross country team brought home medals Thursday afternoon from the Boyd County Invite. In the girls division, senior Samantha Stuhr posted a time of 24:21 over 5000 meters to earn a fifth place medal.

Winning the meet in dominating fashion was Niobrara's Delani Rannels who placed first in a time of 20:36, more than three minutes faster than North Central's Zoe Snyder who came in second at 23:41. Altogether, 18 girls competed in the race.

In the boys division, Wolfpack junior Matthew Kerkman posted a time of 20:33 to finish 12th. Winning the race was North Central's Nate Frick with a time of 18:31. Placing second was Creighton's Ethan Rohrer

Results and photos of the Neligh-Oakdale cross country meet will be in next week's paper.

who crossed the finish line in 19:13. Altogether, 38 boys competed in the race.

Coach Shanda Schindler

said she was pleased with the runners' efforts. "I'm happy with how they ran at Butte. The better weather definitely helped

and the competition pushed them to step it up. They ran hard, competed well and even brought some medals home."

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Pride of the Pack

A sophomore, Ethan's speed has been a big asset to this team's arsenal. Friday, he returned a kickoff for a 76-yard touchdown. He also notched 6 tackles.

ETHAN HANSEN
FOOTBALL

A senior, Mady and her teammates played 6 matches over the past week. In the Wolfpacks 5 victories, Mady recorded a total of 56 kills at the net.

MADY KURPGEWIT
VOLLEYBALL

A junior, Matthew turned in an outstanding performance last week at the Boyd Co. Invite. He finished in 12th place in the 5000 meter race, medaling. His time was 20:33.

MATTHEW KERKMAN
CROSS COUNTRY

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Sept. 25 .Boone Central Invite (Alb. CC).....4:30

FOOTBALL

VARSITY
Sept. 18 ..@ North Central (Springview)..... 7:00
Sept. 25 ..vs CWC 7:00
Oct. 2 vs Central Valley 7:00

JUNIOR VARSITY/JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 21 .@ Central Valley (Wolbach) 4:30/6:30
Sept. 28 .@ Riverside (Spalding) (no JV).....5:00

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY
Sept. 22 .vs O'Neill (EPS) 7:00
Sept. 24 .Tri @ EPPJ (EPS).....6:00
Sept. 26 .Tri @ West Holt 3:00
Sept. 28 .vs Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ) 7:00
Oct. 1 Tri @ Battle Creek.....5:30

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Sept. 21 .vs Boone Centr. (C team) (EPS)....6:00
Sept. 21 .@ Central V y (JV only) (Greeley).....6:00
Sept. 26 .Tri @ West Holt (JV only) 3:00
Sept. 28 .vs Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ) 4:00

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 21 .@ Central Valley (Greeley).....4:30
Oct. 5.....vs CWC (PJ) 3:00
Oct. 7.....vs Riverside (EPS) 2:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sept. 16 All schools, 1 pm dismissal •EPS Wonderful World of Water •PJCC One Act Practice
Sept. 17 EMS extrication drill, 7-12 grades
Sept. 19 Lions Club Parade (Band)
Sept. 22-23 FFA State Range Judging @ Lincoln
Sept. 23 PJCC One Act Practice
Sept. 24 Senior College Fair @ NECC
Sept. 25 ...EPS no preschool •Elgin TeamMates Tailgate
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