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In Brief

Brockhaus among finalists for NSAA Executive Director

Interviews to be held November 18

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Board of Directors has named six finalists for the position of NSAA Executive Director.

The finalists, listed alphabetically, are:

• Mike Brockhaus, Superintendent, Elgin Public Schools.

• Dr. Chad Denker, Superintendent, David City Public Schools.

• Dade McDonald, Superintendent, McCool Junction Public School.

• Dr. Josh McDowell, Superintendent, Crete Public Schools.

• Jason Ryan, Principal, Papillion-La Vista High School. .

• Dr. Troy Unzicker, Superintendent, Alliance Public Schools.

The Board will interview the finalists on November 18, 2026, at the NSAA office in Lincoln.

The Board expects to announce its selection after contract negotiations are concluded and to approve the new Executive Director's contract at its December 10 meeting.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Constitutional Amendments — State of Nebraska

Notice of Special Meeting — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of October Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Organization — North & Sons LLC

Weather

The high temperature last week was 81 degrees recorded on October 23 and 24.

The low temperature during the same period was 41 degrees was recorded on October 18 and 19.

During the past seven days, 0.32 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Oct 18	70	41	.00
Oct 19	65	41	.00
Oct 20	72	48	.00
Oct 21	77	48	.00
Oct 22	77	48	.00
Oct 23	81	55	.08
Oct 24	81	45	.24
Total for last week			0.32
Total for October			1.14
Total precipitation 2026			26.01



Heying fails to appear in county court

Bond revoked; warrant issued for arrest

A 29-year-old Petersburg man charged with attempt of a Class IIA felony and criminal mischief-5k+ failed to appear in Antelope County Court on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Bryce Sealock, counsel for Zachary L. Heying requested a continuance.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith objected to the motion, and moments later The Honorable Danielle Fliam denied Sealock's motion.

The judge also revoked Heying's bond and established a new bond set at $50,000-10%.

A warrant for Heying's arrest was issued Oct. 22.

The charges stem from an incident on or about Aug. 25 in rural Antelope County. Mike Dewey and Charles Bode were traveling on an Antelope County roadway when they encountered a white SUV without plates.

The men asked the driver, a female, if she was OK, and she responded that the vehicle had run out of fuel and she was waiting for someone to bring gas.

Dewey reported seeing that wires on a irrigation system that had been pulled into the corner were down, and noticed that weeds in the vicinity were moving, like someone was walking through them.

Dewey and Bode went to get a pickup to drive along the system. Upon return, the SUV was gone, and the men drove around the section to try to locate the vehicle.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Dewey came upon the SUV and observed Heying in the vehicle. The SUV sped away, and Dewey returned to the irrigation to assess damage.

Per the affidavit, cost of repairs and wire is estimated at $12,000.

Courtesy of SAM

VFW announces food drive

The Elgin VFW Auxiliary will be hosting a food drive as part of the Veterans Day observance on November 11.

Persons attending the 11 a.m. program at the EPS gymnasium are encouraged to bring food items to help fill food pantries at the VA partners across the state.

According to Julie Dwyer, "Our organization would like to contribute to this project and thought maybe the Veterans Day Program held at Elgin Public School might serve as a drop off point for food donations that would in turn be taken to the closest food pantry which is located in Grand Island."

In subdistrict opener, EPPJ tops Twin River in three sets

Elgin Public-Pope John opened postseason play with a victory in the opening round of the D1-8 Subdistrict volleyball tournament.

The Wolfpack swept Twin River 25-12, 25-10 and 25-12 Monday night at Cedar Rapids. By virtue of the victory, EPPJ played top-seed Riverside Tuesday, Oct. 27 (too late for press time).

Elgin residents to decide on LB840 when they go to the polls Tuesday

And now the people will decide.

After months of campaigning, Americans will go the polls to cast ballots for local and statewide races.

While there are no contested races for Elgin voters, one item on the ballot will have a direct impact on the future of the community.

Proposition #1 would authorize the sales and use tax increase of one-half cent to the current sales tax in Elgin.

Proposition #2 would authorize the City of Elgin's economic development program. The program was passed by the Elgin City Council but must be approved by voters.

The passage of both propositions is necessary to provide Elgin an effective economic development program.

If approved by voters, Elgin would join a large number of communities across the state who utilize LB840 to fund economic development.

Polls open at 8 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Ballots will then be taken to the Antelope County Courthouse to be counted. Unofficial results will be announced on the Elgin Review's Facebook page as well as the newspaper's website.

Mahjong gains local popularity

By Jane Schuchardt
Special to the Elgin Review

The sun glares into the east window of the Elgin Community Center while the tantalizing aroma of a homecooked meal wafts through the inside double doors from the dining room. Seated at tables of four, people from Elgin, Neligh, Clearwater, and Phoenix, AZ concentrate intensely, adamantly express excitement and disappointment, give it their all to hone skills, and build enduring friendships.

What's happening? It's mahjong, a tile-based table game dating back a couple centuries and gaining renewed popularity nationwide.

Janna Schrunk, center manager, invites anyone, any age, men and women to the center every Thursday at 12:30 pm (except the third Thursday when the game rolls on Tuesday) to learn and play mahjong. "Have lunch with us," she said as she offered a cordial welcome. "Then participate in yet another activity the center offers to the community. Mahjong is something different and playing keeps cognitive skills going."

And different it is! Consider a sampling of the language of the game – 'bams, craks, dots, dragons, jokers'. Some tiles sport foreign-looking designs. Winning hands for the American version, which changes each year, are shown on a card available for purchase from the National Mah Jongg League.

The game is believed to have taken root in China in the 1800s, gaining popularity across Asia and other parts of the world. In the 1920s, the game spread to the United States and an English language rule book and version of the game, which differed somewhat from other countries, was developed. A group of Jewish-American women in New York organized the league in 1937 to standardize play here. The game is experiencing a resurgence in the United States amongst all ages.

The Elgin story originated with local resident Joyce Sullivan, who winters in Phoenix and brought her passion for the game home. "Margaret Jensen likes games," Sullivan said, "so I called her." Mary Jo Hoffman, Clearwater, has a similar story. "We moved back to the ranch from Sioux City, IA and I tried to find someone to play with." Hoffman found Sullivan and local interest burgeoned.

The game room at the Elgin Community Center was an obvious choice to gather and now there can be as many as four tables of four each going strong at once. Play can be with two, three, or four people. Some even reported practicing at home by themselves or with spouses.

The group playing on a recent Thursday in October said mahjong was a lot like playing cards. Sharon Lilii described it this way, "You put together 14 tiles to create a hand to match one of the categories on the game card." The first person to complete their 14-tile hand shouts 'Mahjong' and reveals tiles to win.

A single hand, or round, takes 10-15 minutes for experienced players to complete. The Elgin group generally takes a break at around 2:30 pm for "some brain food (candy)," according to Rhonda Jensen, Neligh. The afternoon of fast-paced fun wraps up about 3:30 pm when Margaret Jensen, Elgin, chimed in, "Our brains are done!" It's widely accepted that mahjong supports brain health by engaging memory, pattern recognition, probability calculation, and strategic decision-making.

To take the edge off of learning mahjong, Al Hagemeister, who lives in Phoenix with his wife Ramona, took three-hour lessons once a week for six weeks. He shared, "It's not easy. You have to study and know the tile combinations." He and wife Ramona, who grew up here, spend summers in Elgin. She added that in some localities, the charge might be $100-300 for a series of lessons.

Margaret Jensen right away jumped in – "Play and learn here. It's free! Everybody helps you." In other words, the other players heartily welcome newcomers. "You can lose and still have fun," Al Hagemeister said. "In Phoenix, the game is popular for both men and women. I wish more guys would play here."

When asked 'why play?', the group offered a variety of convincing reasons. Rhonda Jensen, Neligh, said, "It's educational, fun to meet people, see how the (Elgin) center is run, and I have to think!"

Hoffman said she loved the challenge of the game and tries to play as many of the 50-some hands until the new card is released. Margaret Jensen said she really missed it when away. Ramona Hagemeiser said that it's good to keep active. And Pat Voss, Neligh, summarized, "It's a way to make sense out of chaos." Several said the game was addictive (in a positive way).

With all that good energy around the mahjong craze, come on over to the comfortable and welcoming Elgin Community Center and learn, laugh, strengthen existing friendships, and build new ones. Have lunch at the center before play begins.

Sullivan, Elgin, who gets credit for introducing mahjong locally, said this on behalf of the current players, "Yes, come and join us. It's not as hard as you think."



Photo submitted

Gaining in popularity at the Elgin Community Center is mahjong played on most Thursdays. Pictured are (clockwise back table) Pat Voss, Neligh; Al Hagemeister, Phoenix, AZ; Sharon Lilii and Margaret Jensen, both of Elgin. On the front table (clockwise) are Mary Jo Hoffman, Clearwater; Joyce Sullivan, Elgin; Rhonda Jensen, Neligh, and Ramona Hagemeister, Phoenix, AZ.



From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Apple or Peach Crisp



Good day,

Apples, apples, apples! Peaches, peaches, peaches. I remember as a kid picking apples from my grandpa's apple tree. My mom spent hours peeling and canning apples to have to eat in the winter time. They were the best in all the different desserts she made.

This week's recipe is one of those desserts I grew up making and still do make it quite often today. Peaches are my favorites. I use my home canned peaches in this recipe.

When I make it just for Ted and myself, I use six apples of your choice and two quarts of peaches. This makes an 8x8 pan.

Enjoy,

JoAnn



APPLE OR PEACH CRISP

Place sliced apples or peaches in pan of your size choice.

Add a little sugar and cinnamon on the top of the sliced fruit.

Mix:
1 cup sugar
1 stick real butter
1 cup of flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt

This recipe will make an 8x8 inch pan. Double the recipe for a 9x13 pan.

Bake at 375° for 35-45 minutes until golden brown.

Hint: To mix the dry ingredients, I use a pastry cutter. Just mix it until it's crumbly. Spread evenly over the sliced fruit. Bake!

Also, using real butter is best. It makes a yummy cookie topping. Serve with ice cream of course! Delicious.

Unexpected internship opens new possibilities for NCTA student Sam Durre

CURTIS — Former Elgin High School graduate Sam Durre, a Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) student majoring in Livestock Industry Management and Agricultural Business, knew she wanted to work with cattle.



Photo submitted

Samantha Durre

She already had an internship planned that would support that interest when NCTA administrators encouraged her to consider a different opportunity. They suggested an internship with Rural Confluence, a grant-funded project focused on climate resilience in rural communities, including Curtis.

At first, Sam said no. The opportunity was outside her comfort zone and different from what she had pictured for herself. But she eventually decided to give it a chance, a decision she is now glad she made.

"I had my mind set on doing ranch work over the summer, but I'm glad I didn't. Throughout this internship, I was reminded of how much I love learning. I never would have thought I would have the opportunity to be a published researcher. I can always go and work cattle, but I'll never get an opportunity like that again," Durre said.

Rural Confluence is a National Science Foundation-funded collaboration involving the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Oklahoma State University, and Louisiana State University. The project brings researchers and rural residents together to better understand climate-related challenges and develop plans that reflect each community's

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Community Calendar

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

Friday, October 30
Elgin merchants welcome trick-or-treaters til 5-ish p.m. • EHCC Trunk or Treat (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.). • Petersburg Downtown Trick or Treat (4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

Sunday, November 1
St. John The Baptist Catholic Church @ Deloit Pulled Pork Dinner. • Daylight Savings Time ends.

Monday, November 2
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council • Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Tuesday, November 3
General Election at polling sites across Nebraska and the nation.

Thursday, November 5
Grief Support Gathering at Boone County Health Center in Albion.*

Monday, November 9
NVC Choral Clinic at EPS.

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day program at EPS. • District #18 school board meeting.

Events listing courtesy of Elgin Veterans' Medical Clinic
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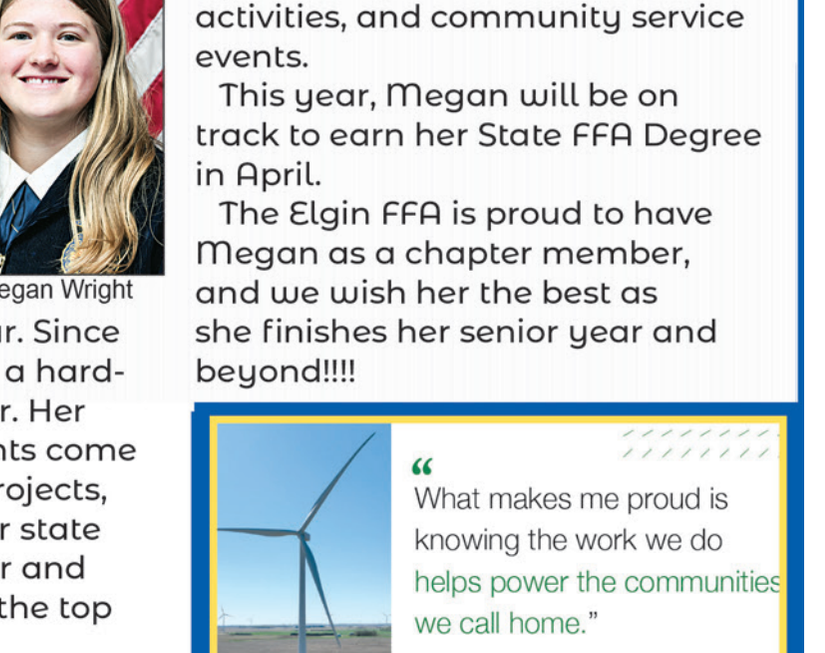

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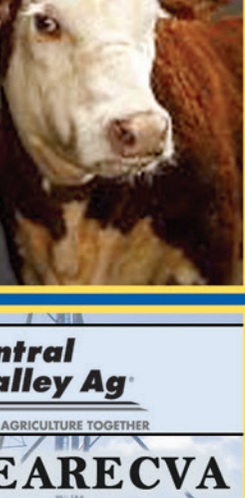
FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Megan Wright

Megan Wright is the FFA Member of the Month! Megan is the daughter of Pam Wright of Elgin and Chet Wright of O'Neill.



Megan Wright

Megan has been an FFA member since her 8th-grade year. Since that time, she has been a hard-working, active member. Her biggest accomplishments come from Agriscience Fair projects, which have qualified for state since her freshman year and have alway finished in the top three.

Megan has participated in many other events: range and livestock judging, vet science, agriscience, numerous chapter activities, and community service events.

This year, Megan will be on track to earn her State FFA Degree in April.

The Elgin FFA is proud to have Megan as a chapter member, and we wish her the best as she finishes her senior year and beyond!!!!

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Fliam presides over arraignment hearings

Dillon J. Arehart, 26, of Neligh, appeared for arraignment on three charges in Antelope County Court.

During the Oct. 21 court session, Arehart pleaded guilty to a count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor; and operate or park an unregistered vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor.

Antelope County Judge Danielle Fliam sentenced Arehart to a $100 fine on the first count; $75 on count two; and $25 on the third count. Arehart will also pay $50 in court costs.

Fliam ordered fines paid in full that day.

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Chalista R. Heithoff, 33, of Oakdale appeared for arraignment on one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor. She pleaded guilty.

Fliam ordered Heithoff to pay a $100 fine, in addition to $50 court costs. The judge set a show cause hearing for Nov. 4, if fines and costs aren't paid.

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Christian S. Stafford, 24, of Omaha, pleaded guilty to one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 16-20 mph county/state, an infraction. Sentencing included a $100 fine for count one and $200 for the second count, along with $49 in court costs.

Fliam set a show-cause hearing for Dec. 2.

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Looking Back
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Sixty Years Ago — October 27, 1966

Eight stacks of alfalfa hay and a filled silage pit were endangered Monday forenoon when one of the stacks caught fire and the blaze spread to a second stack before the local firemen contained the fire at the Richard Penne farm. Feed was being chopped near the hay stack silage pit and it is believed sparks from the tractor ignited the hay. Firemen were called around 10:10 a.m. to fight the fire northeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Getzfred of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reply and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reply and son of Tyndall, S.D., Mrs. Donna Charvot and children of Omaha, Mrs. Josephine Reicks and Alfons, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mooney and Mrs. Mary Werning all of Elgin were Sunday dinner guests at the Ralph Getzfred home to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Later in the day their sons, Bob from Sunnyvale, Calif. and Larry from Moffett Field called to wish them a Happy Anniversary.

Elgin high captured championship laurels in the Sandhills-Gateway Conference for 1966 with a 54-13 win over Orchard played at Petersburg Tuesday night. The Eagles finished with a perfect 7-0 conference record and recored their 18th win in the last 20 conference games.

Fifty Years Ago — October 27, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. James Jochum announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Keith R. Shoemaker, son of Keith L. Shoemaker. An April 16th wedding is being planned by the couple.

EHS football royalty were announced Wednesday night of last week at the football field prior to their bonfire rally. Chosen were Queen Connie Dozler and King Jerome Thunker with Michelle Santonastaso and Jerry Wilkinson the crown bearers. The sophomore float, displayed during the annual parade on Friday placed first with the junior float, second; seniors, third, and freshman float, fourth.

James H. Kuester, 20, whose body was found in a car on the county road 9 1/2 miles southwest of here, apparently died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Antelope Deputy County Attorney Ames McNally said Kuester died after apparently pulling to the side of the road early Saturday. James Henry Kuester, son of Arthur W. And Margaret Connors Kuester, was born Jan. 17, 1956 at Neligh and died Oct, 23, 1976, at the age of 20 years, eight months and six days.

Thirty Years Ago — October 30, 1996

A group of local farmers, ranchers and businessmen, including present bank officers, signed an agreement last Wednesday, Oct. 23, to purchase the Bank of Elgin from the family of the late Richard K. "Dick" Draper. The group of 13 purchasers includes David P. Sullivan, bank president and director since February, 1995, and Duane Ellermeier, executive Vice President, chief executive officer and director, who joined the bank staff in May, with the Bank of Elgin and Draper Insurance Agency, Inc., since 1974.

Weather conditions have cooperated, and area farmers have made good progress on corn harvest over the past two weeks. Corn harvest was estimated at 50 to 60 percent complete in the Elgin area by Monday afternoon.

Richard K. Draper, Jr., long-time Elgin banker, was nominated for the "Difference Makers" list. Dick was associated with the bank of Elgin from 1948 until his death in January, 1995, at age 69. He

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It takes TWO "YES" VOTES next Tuesday, Nov. 3rd
VOTE ✓ YES
Prop. 1 Authorizes the sales and use tax increase
VOTE ✓ YES
Prop. 2 Authorizes the City's economic development program
The passage OF BOTH is necessary to provide Elgin an effective Economic Development program,
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$10,000 ... $50 more
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Heather Veik
Elgin resident, Neligh business owner who benefitted from Neligh's LB840 program.
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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Economic development agency takes a big hit

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

Economic development agency takes a hit at the wrong time

By any measure, Nebraska needs folks pitching the economic opportunities in our state.

We've got an abundance of hard-working people. We've got ample water and electric resources. And we've got land – plenty of land – on which to locate new businesses.

But by some measures, our economy isn't the best, and we're still stinging from the loss of a major employer in Lexington, Tyson Foods, and the 3,200 jobs it provided.

So it's a puzzle why the state agency charged with pitching the state to potential businesses – the Nebraska Department of Economic Development – is in such sorry shape.

Over the last 18 months, that agency has seen 61 employees leave their jobs (most quit, only two were fired). That represents about half of the employment at the DED, according to reporting by the Nebraska Examiner's Erin Bamer.

That's an enormous (some might say gigantic) amount of attrition. Imagine if half of the football team quit? It tosses plenty of red flags about the state's efforts to add more jobs and grow the state's economy.

We always hear that if we grow the economy – via tax cuts and business incentives – we can cut taxes for the rest of us. Well, if half of your squad of economic developers leave their jobs, the job of growing your economy suddenly becomes much harder.

One long-time employee who quit said that recent budget cuts under Gov. Pillen and policy decisions by fairly new DED Director Maureen Larsen have been designed to force people to quit or retire.

They are "just tearing down (the agency) for the sake of tearing it down," the former employee told the Examiner.

The head of the state employees union called the huge turnover at DED "mind boggling."

"We ought to be doing everything we can right now to grow our state considering the budget situation," Justin Hubly, the state workers' union exec said in a reference to the recent series of state budget shortfalls.

Finding new jobs to replace the 3,200 lost due to the closure of the Tyson meatpacking plant might be a decent idea, too.

Adequate housing, especially in rural Nebraska, is often cited as a major problem, yet the attrition at DED has included the elimination of three regional specialists seeking more affordable housing in rural areas.

How wrong-headed is that.

Much of the concern about shrinkage of economic developers at DED have focused on the director, Larsen, who took over in July when K.C. Belitz resigned.

Belitz was behind the strong economic growth in Columbus before being tapped to head DED in 2023; Larsen is an attorney who was a deputy at the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, which handles things like procurement, state buildings and budgeting – not exactly economic development.

A DED spokesman said the budget cuts and job losses at the agency were primarily due to wrapping up pandemic-era programs that no longer required staffing.

That accounts for some, but not nearly all, of the attrition. Some can be blamed on the belt-tightening by the governor required to deal with the revenue shortfalls slamming the state budget.

It's a sad situation, particularly when so many Nebraskans are having a hard time affording gasoline, food and paying rent and mortgages.

Don't get me started about how tariffs and higher costs have hurt our farmers. Our state needs a robust effort to attract good jobs, expand the tax base, and give our children a good reason (via good-paying jobs) to stay here instead of moving away.

Rebuilding DED would be a good start.

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Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner.

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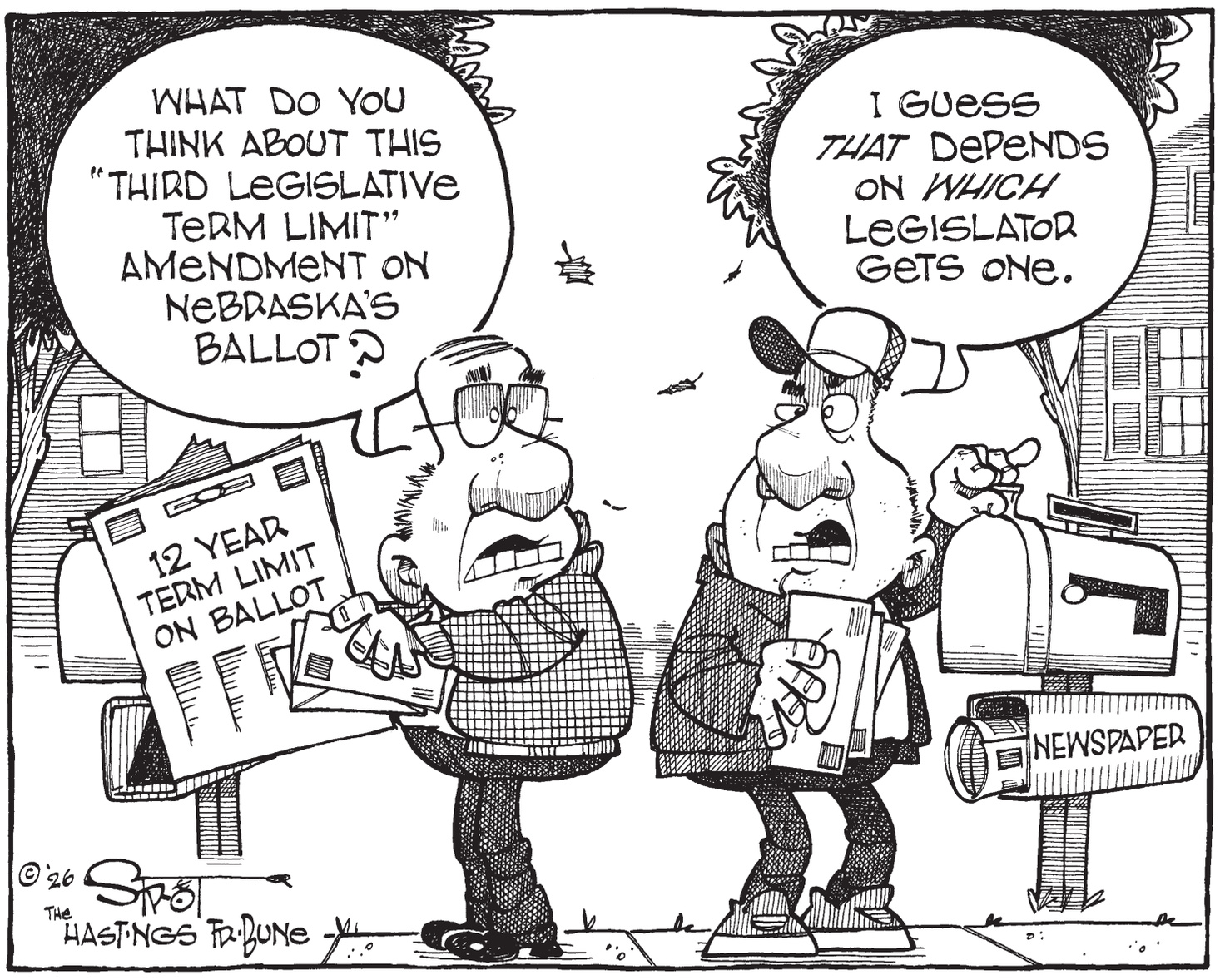

Taking steps to strengthen Nebraska's manufacturing future

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

When meeting with Nebraskans, I often receive questions about artificial intelligence, or AI, and data centers.

I understand the curiosity surrounding these issues, because these topics dominate the news cycle nearly every day.

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

But what is a data center? Data centers are facilities that host computers and servers that store, process, and share digital information. They power nearly everything we access online, including livestreams, online banking, and Facebook.

These facilities also run massive AI models, which require large amounts of electricity to power the computers.

The possibilities enabled by AI are positive.

We can analyze X-rays, measure distances on a battlefield, and calculate projections with greater speed than ever before.

But as with any technological advancement, there are other impacts that must be considered.

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

AI is becoming the backbone of innovation, competitiveness, and job growth.

At the same time, AI and data centers that power it should be a net positive for communities where they are built.

That is why I co-sponsored and voted for the Ratepayer Protection Act. Unfortunately, it failed to pass the Senate's 60-vote threshold; not enough Democrats joined us in supporting this pragmatic policy. This is particularly perplexing given that the same bill passed the House overwhelmingly with the support of 206 Democrats.

I am frustrated because this commonsense legislation would have established federal standards for states to consider as data centers expand.

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

Communities know their needs best. Local utility providers understand exactly how their grids operate and their capacity needs.

This legislation provides a framework for states when a large data center requires new power generation and infrastructure.

These standards can be used to ensure households aren't forced to foot the bill for higher electricity costs imposed by data centers.

Americans have always been fueled by bold ideas and ambitious citizens. Over the past 250 years, we've led the world in entrepreneurship, creativity, and new possibilities.

I have faith that we will continue to do so.

Connecting constituents to opportunity

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

Hearing directly from Nebraskans and seeing the challenges facing our communities firsthand helps me better advocate for our state in Washington. That's why I spend much of my time traveling Nebraska and meeting folks in their communities.

During a recent visit, I joined the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) for a roundtable discussion on transportation and infrastructure needs in eastern Nebraska.

MAPA works with communities in Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, and Cass counties, as well as several communities across the river in Iowa. The agency helps local governments plan for long-term challenges involving transportation, infrastructure, housing, and natural resources.

Local leaders know their communities' needs best. Their insights are invaluable as I work to secure federal investments in Nebraska's roads, bridges, railways, water infrastructure, and airports through my role on the Senate Appropriations and Commerce Committees.

As Congress works on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, I am also pushing to ensure Nebraska's priorities are reflected in the legislation. These include strengthening our freight network, addressing permitting challenges, and repairing and rebuilding highways and bridges across our state.

Infrastructure was

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Make sure you take time to vote

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

In this week's newsletter, I would like to encourage everyone who is eligible to consider voting in the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. This year's ballot contains several important races, including deciding who will serve in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Representatives, who will serve as the state's constitutional officers such as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and who will fill the positions of other elected positions such as state senator, county commissioner, local school board member, and many others. Several statewide measures will also be on the ballot regarding online sports wagering, designating school athletic teams on the basis of biological sex, and legislative term limits.

To find your polling place for the upcoming election, I encourage readers to visit the following website: https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voterview. This website will allow you to see several important things ahead of the election, including your voter registration, where your designated polling place is, and a sample ballot. This sample ballot can be useful to see what local elections may be occurring in your voting precinct that you may not be as familiar with, like county sheriff's races, judge appointments, or local ballot measures in your area.

It is important to note that for this year's election, Nebraska's recent voter identification requirements will still be in place at polling locations. Due to the passage of LB514 in 2023, Nebraska voters are required to present a valid form of photo ID at their polling place. According to the Nebraska Secretary of State, valid forms of identification include (1) a driver's license, (2) an ID from either the state, college, or a political subdivision, (3) military or tribal IDs, (4) U.S. passports, or (5) a hospital or assisted-living facility record that contains the voter's name and photo. These ID's can be expired, but they must contain the voter's name and photo and be a valid issued form of identification.

If you do not have a photo ID, you can get a free state ID card for voting purposes at the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In order to get this free state ID card, Nebraskans will need to bring DMV Form

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needs and priorities.

In Curtis, that work includes conversations about weather, water, fire, and preparing for future extreme events. NCTA hosted a community discussion in April 2026, inviting residents to help shape resilience plans for the area. Sam's internship connected her with this broader effort to help rural communities prepare for the future.

Through the project, Sam met with and interviewed many Curtis residents, learning about the community's history and hearing their experiences and perspectives firsthand. She also helped with drought action plans and evacuation planning, connecting her research with practical community needs. That preparedness work has become especially meaningful following fires in the area.

For Sam, the internship brought NCTA's "Learn by Doing" approach into the community. She applied her learning to real community needs while discovering what she could accomplish outside her comfort zone.

Sam also brought an agricultural perspective to the project. Her studies in Livestock Industry Management and Agricultural Business helped inform the work, adding the viewpoint of a student focused on agriculture and its connection to rural communities.

Her experience introduced her to another side of rural life: how communities understand their past, prepare for challenges, and work together to plan for the future. It also challenged her to think in new ways.

When Sam shared her experience with NCTA's first-year seminar students, her message was simple. Doing something unfamiliar had gotten her brain thinking, and she encouraged students to consider internships outside their own comfort zones. For students preparing to choose an internship, her experience offers a reminder that learning can happen in unexpected places. An opportunity that does not immediately match a student's career plans can still build confidence, expand interests, and reveal new ways to contribute. She began with a clear interest in cattle. By trying something different, she gained a broader perspective on the rural communities where agriculture and everyday life are closely connected.

Fischer

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also a topic of discussion during my meeting with the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. I enjoyed visiting with the chamber's impressive team of young women leaders about the region's growing economy and opportunities for continued development. Columbus has made tremendous strides in attracting quality jobs and expanding economic opportunities for its residents. I was encouraged by the community's momentum and look forward to seeing its continued progress.

Another highlight of my time in Columbus was a visit to Central Community College, where I met with their leadership to discuss the college's student support services, transfer pathways, industry partnerships, and strategic initiatives. Columbus is just one of their seven campuses serving 25 counties in central Nebraska. I have long been impressed by their faculty and staff's commitment to helping students prepare for success in the classroom and beyond. From improving our transportation networks to expanding career opportunities and investing in the next generation, Nebraska communities are working hard to build a stronger future. These visits remind me why it is so important to spend time on the ground, listening to the people I represent.

DeKay

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(which can be obtained from the DMV) and documents proving U.S. citizenship, such as a birth certificate or unexpired passport, and you will need to bring 2 documents confirming your address like pay stubs or pieces of mail.

I encourage you all to consider making your voices heard at the ballot box. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

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

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

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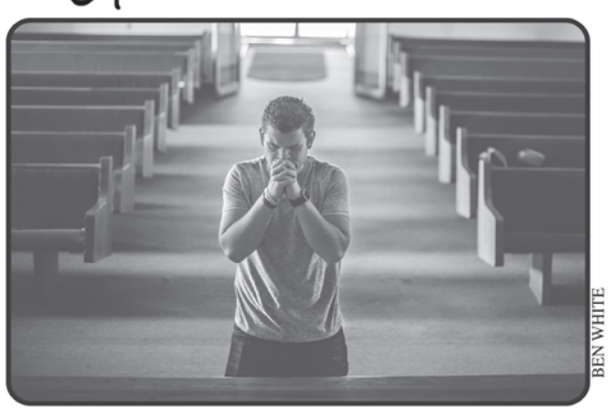
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Our age of puffery and self-aggrandizement has a surprise coming for those who so indulge.

Humiliation awaits them.

People who have not sought the limelight and notoriety will be raised to prominence.

Jesus said so.

Learn about humility this week in church.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.
Matthew 23:1-12

Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

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

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Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.
Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

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Worship Service: 10:45 am.

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Ray M. Connot, 61, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

He appeared via Zoom from the Nebraska Department of Corrections, with permission of the court.

He entered not guilty pleas.

He will appear via Zoom on Dec. 2 for a pretrial hearing in the three cases.

Courtesy of SAM

Sentencing held last week for Oakdale woman

An Oakdale woman will pay a $500 fine, enroll in probation for six months, and lose her license for 60 days. Antelope County Judge Danielle Fliam sentence Ashley Polenske, 37, in county court on Oct. 21.

Polenske was adjudged guilty on one count of DUI-drug-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor. She was arrested April 25 after Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker received a call about a reckless vehicle, which had been stopped by Neligh Police Department officials.

Barker observed erratic driving as the vehicle traveled eastbound on Highway 275. He asked Polenske to take field sobriety tests, which she failed. He asked Polenske to take a preliminary breath test, which

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HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF OUR VOLUNTEERS IS DECLINING.

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Hannah Hemenway, Ryker Lammers, Charles Miller, Allie Scheer, Garrett Busteed, Brayden Clark, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Kaleb Lopez-Brady, Tenley Schindler, Sophia Burke, Anna Dworak, Jayvin Erickson, Kinley Miller, John Zwingman, Brystol Buschow, Max Henn, Yoly Lopez-Brady, Riker Suhr, Justice Blecher, Kyla Donaldson, Libby Evans, Gavin Harkins, Kylee Lichtenberg, Aubrie Parks and Megan Wright.





Pope John

HIGH HONORS:
All A's
Seniors: Brooke Kinney and Samantha Stuhr. **Freshmen:** Chloe Kielty. **8th Grade:** Melissa Stuhr. **7th Grade:** Brecken Childers, Diedrick Klein and Aubrey Starman.



HONOR ROLL:
An average of at least 92.5%
Seniors: Brayden Burenheide, Cameron Kallhoff, Gavin Kallhoff and Elizabeth Moser. **Juniors:** Kinley Drueke, Matthew Kerkman and Christian Preister. **Sophomores:** Raaf Klein and Lillian Moser. **Freshmen:** Carter Selting and Anna Stuhr. **8th Grade:** Kate Barlow, Jory Drueke and Jacob Niewohner. **7th Grade:** Brooke Borer, Emery Borer, Elise Hoefer, Molly Mlnarik, Linley Seier, Kinley Selting and Leo Spieker.





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BCHC CEO Poore Named to Clarkson College Board of Directors

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is pleased to announce that President and CEO Caleb Poore, MHA, has been elected to the Clarkson College Board of Directors. Poore, a Clarkson College alumnus, was officially welcomed to the Board at its September 21, 2026, meeting.

As a member of the Board, Poore will help provide leadership and strategic guidance to Clarkson College, supporting its mission of educating and preparing future healthcare professionals.

For Poore, the opportunity is especially meaningful as he returns to serve an institution that played a role in his own professional journey. His involvement also creates valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships between healthcare education and rural healthcare organizations like BCHC.

"Serving on the Clarkson College Board is a great opportunity to give back to an institution that helped shape my career," said Poore. "I also see tremendous value in connecting healthcare education with the needs of rural communities. Building those relationships is important as we work to recruit and retain talented healthcare professionals for the future."



BCHC photo

Andreia Nebel, Ed.D., PT., DPT., FNAP is shown with Caleb Poore, BCHC President & CEO

Poore's appointment provides an opportunity to further strengthen BCHC's connections with future healthcare professionals, increase awareness of career opportunities in rural healthcare and encourage students to consider practicing in communities like Albion. These relationships can also support future clinical training opportunities and help build a strong healthcare workforce.

"We are proud of Caleb's leadership and his commitment to advancing healthcare, both locally and through his service to Clarkson College," said BCHC Board Chair Paul Groeteke.

Oakdale man phones in request for continuance

A 49-year-old Oakdale man failed to appear in Antelope County Court, on Oct. 21, for a hearing to revoke probation.

Earlier this year, Sean J. Throckmorton was found guilty on one count of DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor. He was sentenced to a 15-month probation term, 240 hours of community service, and an 18-month period of license revocation.

According to documents submitted by the probation office, Throckmorton was cited on Aug. 21 by the Stanton County Sheriff's Office for driving during revocation/impound - 2nd/3rd.

On Sept. 10, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith filed a motion to revoke probation.

Throckmorton appeared by Antelope County Judge Danielle Fliam on Sept. 16 and requested a continuance to consult with an attorney. Fliam granted that request.

Per court documents, Throckmorton contacted the county court office on Oct. 20 about when his hearing was scheduled. On Oct. 21, he contacted the court, noting he could not leave work. He indicated he was in the process of hiring an attorney, but the attorney could not attend court that day. Throckmorton requested a continuance.

Fliam granted the continuance but said she is "not inclined to grant any more without more information."

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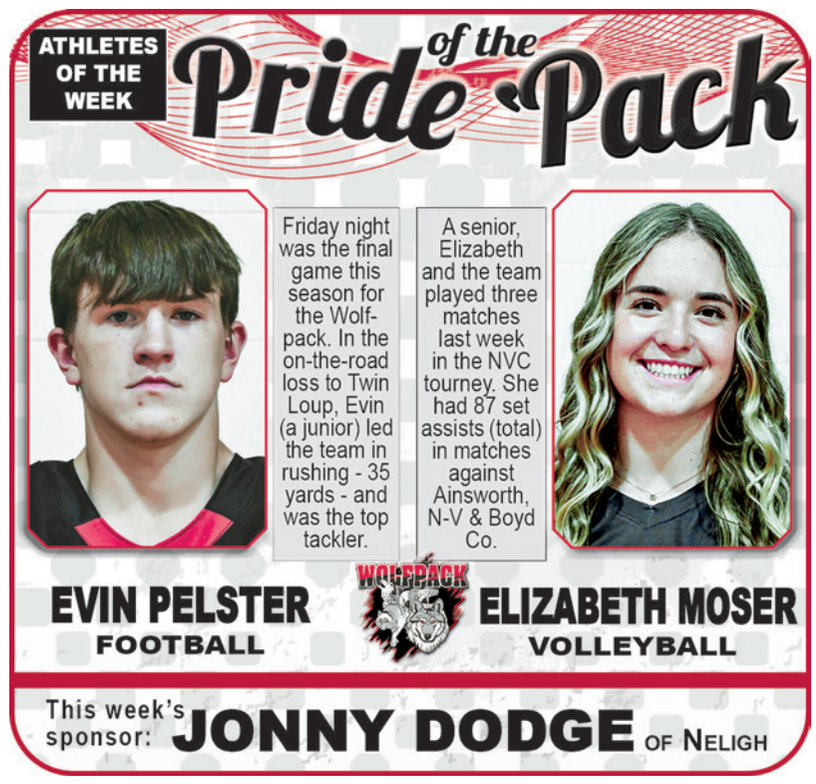



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Oct. 28 ... EPS, no school preK-6 • PJCC One Act Practice
Oct. 29 .... EPS-Elkhorn Valley JH Choral Clinic (concert at 5:30 pm) • PJCC PreK to Spalding, One Act Practice
Oct. 30 .....All Saints Day • EPS-no preschool • Trick or Treating at downtown Elgin buinesses • EHCC Trunk or Treat
Nov. 1 ..... Daylight Savings Ends
Nov. 2 .....Sizemore Sportsmanship Pep Rally (6, 7 & 8 grades), Pinnacle Bank Arena• PJCC One Act Practice
Nov. 3 ..... PJCC One Act Practice
Nov. 4 .....FFA Pre-District Livestock Judging @ Neligh
Nov. 6 .....No School, all schools
Nov. 9 ..... NVC Choral Clinic @ EPS

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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack take fifth at NVC Tournament

AINSWORTH — The Wolfpack capped conference tournament week with a four-set victory over Boyd County Saturday evening.

Playing on the final day of the Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament, EPPJ defeated Boyd County 25-10, 14-25, 25-12 and 25-17, marking the second time this season they defeated the Lady Spartans.

EPPJ's top three front row players, Braelyn Martinsen, Jael Lammers and Mady Kurpgeweit, played their best match of the season.

The trio combined for 39 kills to help guide the team to their 15th victory of the season.

Splitting the first two sets, the Wolfpack dominated the final two sets.

One key to the team's success on this day was the team's ability to disrupt the Lady Spartans' attack.

EPPJ had six blocks in the match, led by sophomore Lillian Moser with three, Kurpgeweit, Lammers and Tenley Schindler each had one.

Elizabeth Moser led the team in ace serves (2) and set assists (29). Sophia Burke had 14 set assists.

Martinsen and Gentry Zwingman tied for the team high in digs (19) and serve receive (22).

Tuesday match

After being upset in the first round, EPPJ came out the next night to make amends. The Wolfpack, playing at home, swept Niobrara-Verdigre 25-19, 25-10 and 25-13. It wasn't that close.

At one point in the match, EPPJ scored eight consecutive points. Burke had two ace serves, Kurpgeweit had two kills. L. Moser had one kill and teamed up with Sydney Niewohner for a stuff block.

Martinsen led Wolfpack hitters with 10 kills, Kurpgeweit added nine. Burke and E. Moser combined for 19 set assists.

L. Moser finished with six solo blocks.

From the service line, Burke had four ace serves.

First round

The Wolfpack opened tournament play Monday night at St. Mary's High School.

The #4 seed, EPPJ faced #5 seed Ainsworth.

The Bulldogs came ready to play and dominated the first set, winning 25-18.

EPPJ fought back to win the next two sets and appeared ready to finish the match off in the fourth set.

But, the Bulldogs had other ideas and pulled away late to win and force a fifth set.

Hitting errors proved costly in the final set as EPPJ couldn't keep pace with Ainsworth as they pulled away for the victory.

Martinsen had 25 kills in the match, Kurpgeweit had 21. Feeding the hitters, E. Moser had a career-high 48 set assists in the match.

Zwingman led the team in serve receive with 37. Schindler had three solo blocks.

EPPJ 3, Boyd County 1

Spartans.....10 25 12 17
Wolfpack.....25 14 25 35
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Martinsen 11/31/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 16/38/8, Jael Lammers 12/34/3, Lillian Moser 4/14/6, Tenley Schindler 1/7/1, Sydney Niewohner 2/10/6. Team totals: 48/135/30
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 1/15/1, Brooke Kinney 1/12/1, Martinsen 0/19/2, L. Moser 1/6/1, Elizabeth Moser 2/19/4, Gentry Zwingman 1/17/1. Team totals: 6/88/10
Blocks — Kurpgeweit 1, Lammers 1, L. Moser 3, Schindler 1.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 5/1, Kinney 9/3, Martinsen 19/0, Kurpgeweit 5/0, Lammers 4/0, L. Moser 4/0, E. Moser 13/2, Niewohner 2/1, Zwingman 19/5. Team totals: 79/12
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 14/41/2, Kinney 0/2/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, E. Moser 29/76/0, Zwingman 2/16/0. Team totals: 45/136/2
Serve receive (R/RE) — Kinney 8/0, Martinsen 22/0, Lammers 1/0, Niewohner 1/0, Zwingman 22/2. Team totals: 54/2

EPPJ 3, Niobrara-Verdigre 0

Cougars.....19 10 13
Wolfpack.....25 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 0/1/1, Braelyn Martinsen 10/26/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 9/18/3, Jael Lammers 2/16/1, Lillian Moser 5/15/0, Tenley Schindler 3/8/0, Sydney Niewohner 2/8/2. Team totals: 31/92/13
Serving (A/Att/E) — Burke 4/22/1, Brooke Kinney 0/8/0, Martinsen 0/11/0, L. Moser 1/8/0, Elizabeth Moser 1/9/3, Libby Evans 1/4/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/9/0. Team totals: 7/71/4
Blocks — Kurpgeweit 1, Lammers 2, L. Moser 6.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 7/2, Kinney 9/3, Martinsen 10.2, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 2/2, L. Moser 4/0, Schindler 1/1, E. Moser 6/3, Niewohner 2/0, Zwingman 14/3. Team totals: 56/16
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 9/35/3, Kinney 0/1/0, E. Moser 10/31/2, Evans 0/1/0, Niewohner 1/1/0, Zwingman 2/14/0. Team totals: 22/83/5
Serve receive (R/RE) — Kinney 5/0, Sadie Thiessen 4/0, Martinsen 10/3, Lammers 2/0, Zwingman 16/0. Team totals: 37/3

Ainsworth 3, EPPJ 2

Bulldogs.....25 24 15 25 15
Wolfpack.....18 26 25 21 11
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Brooke Kinney 0/1/0, Braelyn Martinsen 25/69/7, Mady Kukrpgeweit 21/55/11, Jael Lammers 8/56/8, Lillian Moser 5/24/8, Tenley Schindler 5/14/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/6/2, Sydney Niewohner 1/3/0, Gentry Zwingman 0/1/0. Team totals: 66/229/37
Serving (A/Att/E) — Sophia Burke 1/13/0, Kinney 0/13/0, Martinsen 2/16/1, L. Moser 0/12/2, E. Moser 1/29/0, Zwingman 0/18/2. Team totals: 4/101/5
Blocks — Lammers 1, L. Moser 2, Schindler 3.
Digs (D/DE) — Burke 14/5, Kinney 22/8, Martinsen 29/8, Kurpgeweit 3/0, Lammers 7/1, L. Moser 11/0, Schindler 2/0, E. Moser 27/4, Zwingman 22/13. Team totals: 137/39
Set assists (Ast/Att/E) — Burke 4/18/0, Kinney 1/7/0, Martinsen 0/3/0, Kurpgeweit 0/1/0, Schindler 0/2/0, E. Moser 48/158/7, Zwingman 3/23/0. Team totals: 56/212/7
Serve receive (R/RE) — Burke 4/1, Kinney 22/2, Martinsen 20/1, Lammers 4/0, Zwingman 37/1. Team totals: 87/5



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Sophia Burke lunges forward to make one of her seven digs during Tuesday night's second round match in the NVC Volleyball Tournament. The match was played at EPS as the Wolfpack squared off against Niobrara-Verdigre.



Libby Evans shows perfect form from the service line during last week's match against Niobrara-Verdigre.



Sadie Thiessen came off the bench in the third set to return serve against the Lady Cougars.

Football season ends in shutout loss to Twin Loup

SARGENT — Having faced a daunting schedule during the season, it was only fitting that their final opponent be a foe heading to the state playoffs.

Twin Loup improved their record to 8-1 Friday night, shutting out Elgin Public-Pope John 49 to 0.

The Wolves dominated the game with their running attack. On defense, Twin Loup limited EPPJ to just seven first downs in the game.

Wolfpack Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said the Wolves got off to a strong start and EPPJ just couldn't match their point production.

"They (Twin Loup) came out and hit the holes hard," he said immediately after the game. "They're a really good team. They're definitely one of the top four (D3) teams in the state."

Oran Grint got the Wolves on the scoreboard on their first play from scrimmage. He went 65 yards along the west sideline for the first touchdown of game with just 11 seconds off the clock.

Then, after forcing the Wolfpack to a three-and-out, Blake Bottorf capped a four-play 30-yard drive with an 11-yard run to make the score 14 to 0 at the 9:06 mark of the opening quarter.

Turnovers plagued the Wolfpack on their next two possessions. First, Carter Hall picked off a Michael Selting pass intended for Evin Pelster to end one Wolfpack possession.

EPPJ got a stop against the Wolves, forcing a turnover on downs.

Then, EPPJ was forced to punt. Jayvin Erickson's punt was blocked by Jackson Hall, giving the Wolves great field position on EPPJ's 11-yard line. Once again, EPPJ's defense got a stop as senior Justice Blecher had a tackle for a loss. The Wolves then attempted a field goal on fourth down and it was no good.

The Wolfpack started the second quarter with a bad snap on fourth down, giving the Wolves the ball deep in Wolfpack territory. The Wolves scored four plays later, the first of three touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 35 to 0 lead.

The Wolfpack's first half was marred by two interceptions, a blocked punt and a bad snap on fourth down, giving the Wolves all the momentum they would need on this night.

With a running clock in the second half, the Wolves added two more scores, one in each quarter to seal the game.

For EPPJ, they started the second half strong, gaining a first down on their opening possession. However, the drive ended two plays later when Brennan Beran intercepted a Michael Selting pass. The Wolves capitalized on the interception with a touchdown.

Reserves played much of the rest of the game and showed promise for next year. Backup quarterback Carter Selting engineered a drive which picked up two first downs. The drive ended near midfield, where the Wolves scored their final touchdown two plays later.

One thing that has been consistent for EPPJ from the first game to the last game of the season has been effort.

"We tried to play everyone tough," Coach Heithoff said. "I truly feel like our team never quit. We always came out with great effort and determination.

As the team huddled after the game, Co-Coach Matt Euse told the players to hold their heads high.

"Don't judge the season on our record. We played a heck-uva schedule. We can't control that. I truly feel we got better every week ... We are much better than where we were at the beginning of this year. That's a testament to you guys coming to work."

The game marked the end of the careers of M. Selting, Blecher, Brayden Burenheide and Gavin Kallhoff (injured and unable to play).

The loss ended the Wolfpack's season at 3-6.

Twin Loup 49, EPPJ 0

Wolves.....14 21 8 6 — 49
Wolfpack.....0 0 0 0 — 0
TL — Oran Grint 65 run (kick good)
TL — Blake Bottorf 11 run (kick good)
TL — Grint 4 run (kick good)
TL — Yahya Harris 1 run (PAT failed)
TL — Harris 5 run (2 pt conversion good)
TL — Harris 9 run (2 pt conversion good)
TL — Alfred Switzer 24 run (PAT failed)

Team Stats	EPPJ	TL
Rushing	35/61	32/248
Passing	5/15/2	3/7/1
Passing Yds	33	35
Total Off.	94	283
First Downs	7	11
Penalties/Yds	2/10	5/30
Interceptions by	1	3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0

Individual statistics

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Michael Selting 2/10/2 — 9, Carter Selting 1/2/0 — 6, Braxtyn Eisenhauer 2/3/0 — 18. Twin Loup — Yahya Harris 2/6/1 — 17
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Ethan Hansen 2/11, M. Selting 6/3, Joseph McNally 5/2, C. Selting 5/-7, Eisenhauer 2/16, Nolan Seier 1/0, Cecil Shavlik 3/4, Sawyer Veik 1/0, Evin Pelster 9/35, Jayvin Erickson 1/-3. Twin Loup — Oran Grint 9/93
Receiving (#/Yds) — Max Henn 1/5, Brayden Clark 1/3, Cael Bottorf 2/21, Justice Blecher 1/4. Twin Loup — Luqman Harris 2/17
Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Hansen 1/2, M. Selting 0/1, McNally 2/4. Eisenhauer 1/0, Henn 5/3, Clark 1/0, Bottorf 1/0, Veik 0/1, Pelster 7/3, Braedon Hinkle 1/0, Raaf Klein 0/1, Brayden Burenheide 0/1, Blecher 0/2, Erickson 0/3. Twin Loup — Jackson Hall 2/9
Interceptions — M. Selting 1. Twin Loup — Carter Hall 1, J. Hall 1, Brennan Beran 2.



Justice Blecher (92) brings down Twin Loup's Oran Grint for a short gain.



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Cael Bottorf (17) caught one pass for a 17-yard gain..



Nolan Seier (9) follows a block from John Zwingman (44).

Neligh man arrested for DUI, tells officer he's 'sorry'

Joshua C. Strong, 45, of Neligh, appeared for an entry of plea hearing in Antelope County Court on Oct. 21. Strong faces one charge of DUI-.15+, a Class W misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, which stems from an Oct. 1 incident.

On that date, Antelope County Sheriff's Office Deputy Riley Schroeder observed a vehicle, driven by Strong, swerving and crossing the shoulder line on Highway 275 near Boyd's Electric. As the deputy approached the vehicle, Strong reportedly leaned out the window and told the officer he was sorry and he was trying to look at the vehicle's speedometer.

Schroeder asked for identification and asked to conduct field sobriety tests. Strong agreed to the tests, which he failed. Schroeder asked to conduct a preliminary breath test. Strong tested at .200 blood-alcohol content.

Strong was transported to the Antelope County Jail. During inventory of Strong's vehicle, 13 empty cans of alcohol and two empty boxes for the alcohol were found.

A DataMaster test showed a BAC of .206. Strong was booked in the Antelope County Jail.

A $1,500 personal recognizance bond remains in effect. Strong will appear Nov. 4 for a pretrial hearing.

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Cory D. Romej, 48, of Neligh, appeared for arraignment on one count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor. The defendant informed Antelope County Court Judge Danielle Fliam he had retained Brad Montag as counsel. Romej pleaded not guilty.

Fliam set a pretrial hearing for Nov. 4. A $1,500 personal recognizance bond remains in effect.

The charge stems from an Oct. 5 incident. Neligh Police Sargent, Aubrey Miller, received a call regarding an accident on east 4th Street in Neligh, where a vehicle driven by Romej struck a parked vehicle.

Romej refused to take field sobriety tests, and Miller arrested him. He was transferred to the Antelope County Sheriff's Office, where he agreed to a preliminary breath test that resulted in a BAC of .127. A .177 DataMaster test was recorded.

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Danial C. Hohrein, 48, of Neligh pleaded not guilty to a count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor.

Defense counsel, Bryce Sealock, requested discovery. Fliam granted the request after Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object.

Hohrein will appear Nov. 4 for a pretrial hearing. Bond, set at 10% of $7,500 is continued.

Hohrein was arrested on Sept. 10 after Officer Riley Schroeder was dispatched to a residence on K Street. Hohrein is reported to have punched holes in the walls of the residence while children were present, according to the probable cause affidavit. The homeowner, Bobbi Claussen, advised Hohrein was "likely going to his mother's residence."

Schroeder located Hohrein traveling eastbound on Highway 275 and conducted a traffic stop. Schroeder detected alcohol coming from Hohrein. He denied being at the Claussen residence. Schroeder also observed abrasions and scrape marks on Hohrein's hands, and he denied they were injuries from punching anything.

A preliminary breath test resulted in a 0.173 blood alcohol content level. He was transported to the ACSO, where a Data Master breath test produced a result of 0.186.

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Rashaun R. Johnson, 20, of Norfolk, appeared for a pretrial hearing on one count of minor in possession - ages 19/20, a Class 3 misdemeanor. Johnson withdrew his previous not-guilty plea and pleaded no contest.

Fliam sentenced Johnson to pay a $500 fine, plus $49 costs. She ordered Johnson to appear Dec. 2 if fines are not paid.

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NOTICE OF NOVEMBER MEETINGS
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2026

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

November 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM
(3rd General Election Day)
November 10th, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Antelope County Board of Commissioners are hosting a special meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, 501 M Street, Neligh - to discuss and hear public comment on Flock Cameras (ALPR). The Board encourages both attendance and/or written comment. Written comments must be received by the Antelope County Clerk (PO Box 26/501 M Street) no later than 4:30 PM on Tuesday, November 10th. Only signed letters will be read and considered. The meeting is open to the public.

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ORGANIZATION NOTICE
NORTH & SON TRUCKING LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the limited liability company: NORTH & SON TRUCKING, LLC. The address of the designated office is: 335 3rd Street, Brunswick, Nebraska 68720. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W. 4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on October 7, 2026, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

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Court News

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Jayne M Roberts, Edmond, OK 9/16/26 Speeding 79/65, Fined $125.00 - Ahrendt.

Prakash Pannuru Sai, Mishawaka, IN 9/22/26 Speeding 74/65, Fined $75.00 - Ahrendt.

Gwen M Beckman, Elgin, NE 9/11/26 Speeding 75/65, Fined $75.00 - Detlefsen.

Blake A Kitto, Elgin, NE 8/1/26 Disturbing the peace, Fined $350.00 - Barker.

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served as the bank's president and cashier from 1962 until 1995.

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Harvest progress remained slow in the Elgin area during the past week, mostly due to rain and snow showers last week. The precipitation increased moisture content of soybeans, and very little of the crop has been harvested since Oct. 11.

Many students from Pope John Central Catholic, St. Boniface and Elgin Public Schools took an active part in the Young Americans workshop and concert last Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, at the Elkhorn Valley High School Gym in Tilden. Almost 50 students from the local schools attended the three-day Young American workshops Monday through Wednesday. They received training in singing, acting, improvisation and dance to boost their performance abilities and their confidence.

Elgin FFA Chapter hosted the District X Livestock Evaluation CDE contest last Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Antelope County Fairgrounds in Neligh. Elgin FFA Chapter includes students from Elgin Public, Pope John, Elkhorn Valley and Neligh-Oakdale.

By Olivia Klein

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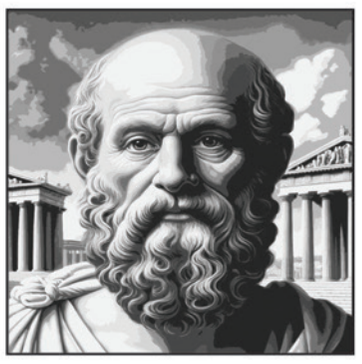



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STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

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

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

◯ For

◯ Against

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

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

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

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

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 440

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

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

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

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

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 441

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

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

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

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

◯ For

◯ Against

TEXT OF PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE 442

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State
(Publish three times, weeks of Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Oct. 25)

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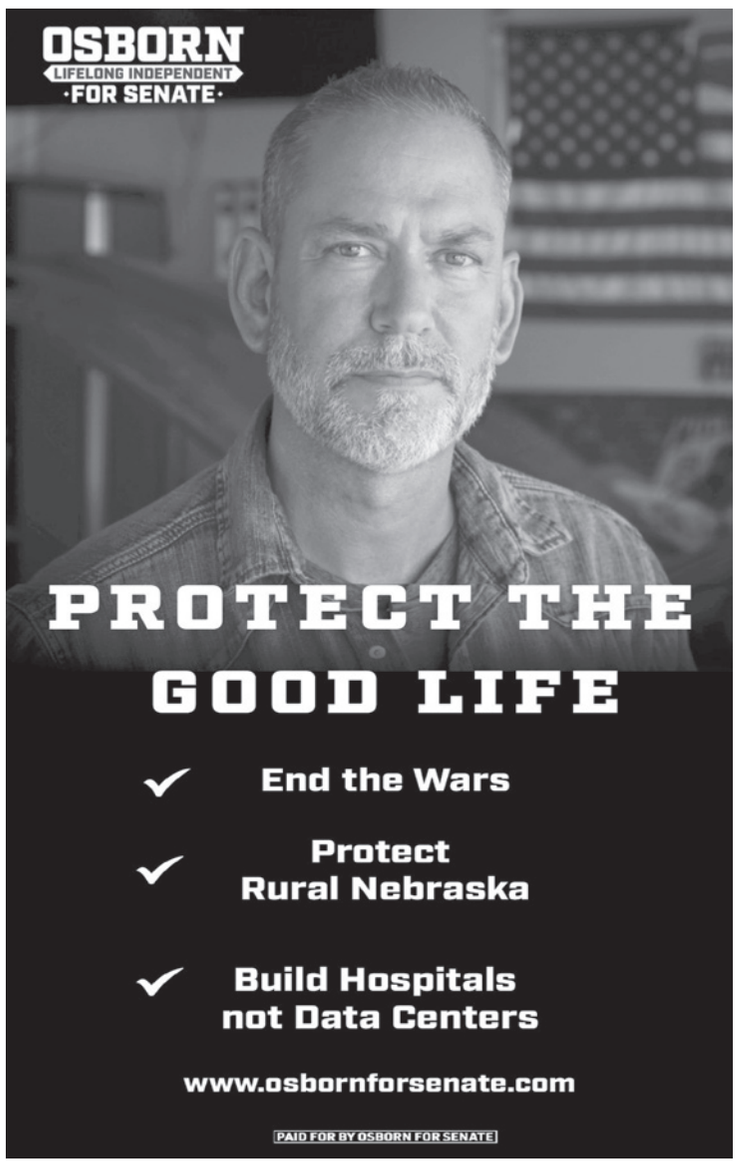


In rural Nebraska, mail voting saves money and boosts access; restrictions could change that

By Margery Beck
Flatwater Free Press

For most of the 21st century, some of Nebraska's smallest counties have conducted elections entirely by mail following bipartisan action to expand voting access. The effort has saved taxpayer money and made it easier for residents in the state's most isolated rural areas to vote.

But now, as President Donald Trump pushes to restrict mail voting nationwide, Nebraska's Republican nominee for secretary of state is proposing changes to a system that has become essential to election administration in some of the state's most Republican counties.

Scott Petersen, who defeated incumbent Secretary of State Bob Evnen in the Republican primary in May, has called for establishing in-person voting in those counties rather than automatically mailing ballots to all registered voters. Petersen has argued that technology could make polling places accessible to rural voters without requiring counties to conduct elections only by mail.

Morrill County in the Nebraska Panhandle is one of 11 counties that have opted to conduct their elections entirely by mail. The county's election commissioner, Candace Panas, said all-mail voting saves the county the costs of setting up polling places.

"I don't have the money in my budget to turn around and get all my polls in order and all the equipment…," she said. "There's just no way my budget would allow me to do that."

Since 2005, Nebraska has allowed counties with fewer than 10,000 residents to hold elections entirely by mail. Eleven now do so: Boone, Cedar, Cherry, Clay, Dawes, Dixon, Garden, Knox, Merrick, Morrill and Stanton. All 11 supported Trump by wide margins in the 2024 election.

Those 11 counties also have consistently recorded higher voter turnout than Nebraska as a whole. In the 2022 midterm election, turnout in those counties averaged about 69%, compared with 55% statewide.

The difference is not simply a reflection of rural voting habits. A 2024 Flatwater Free Press analysis found that the number of ballots cast in the 11 counties increased by an average of 16% between the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections, as most transitioned to all-mail voting. Participation also increased in lower-turnout elections, including the 2022 midterms, even as statewide turnout declined.

The findings suggest that automatically sending ballots to registered voters may have helped boost participation in counties where residents often live far from polling places.

Panas said the move to all-mail voting has been positive, noting that many Morrill County voters are elderly or live far away from the county seat. The county also had rural roads washed out by recent flooding and some not passable after wildfires last year, she said.

How Nebraska Republicans helped expand mail voting

Mail-in voting has been around as long as Nebraska has been a state. But for most of its history, the state required those voting in absentia to provide a reason they couldn't vote on Election Day. Absentee ballots were available mainly to deployed military members, the disabled and the elderly. But in 1999, the Nebraska Legislature opened mail-in voting to all voters, becoming a no-excuse state that allows any registered voter to request an early-voting ballot.

In Nebraska, the effort was introduced by a Democratic state lawmaker, publicly supported by the Republican Nebraska secretary of state and advanced unanimously from committee. It was signed soon after passing in the Legislature by then-Gov. Mike Johanns, a Republican.

The intent was to get more voter participation in elections, and it clearly worked, said Dave Shively, who headed elections in Lancaster County from 1999 to 2023. Shively conducted one of the first elections in the state in mid-1999 that allowed no-excuse absentee voting.

In 2005, Republican state Sen. Deb Fischer sponsored legislation allowing Nebraska's smallest counties to conduct elections by mail, in part to avoid the expense of equipping far-flung polling places with accessible voting machines required under federal law. Fischer, now a U.S. senator, later explained that maintaining the equipment across sparsely populated counties was prohibitively expensive.

The transition was gradual. Some counties first experimented with mailing ballots to voters in a handful of precincts before expanding countywide. In Stanton County, inaccessible polling locations and a tornado that destroyed much of the town of Pilger helped accelerate the shift. In Knox County, officials expanded mail voting after seeing turnout rise in precincts that tried it in 2018.

"We probably have a larger number today of people that are what we call 100% voters — people that never miss an election — because, you know, they get that ballot in the mail and always send it in," Shively said. "If they didn't get that ballot, they might not vote in every election."

A longtime voting practice faces new opposition

Voting by mail has been besieged by critics in recent years who cast it as a threat to election integrity. It became a flashpoint in 2020, following President Trump's claim — without evidence — that voter fraud cost him re-election. Trump has since cast doubt on mail ballot security, although he has repeatedly cast his own votes by mail and has encouraged Republican voters to utilize mail ballots.

In March, Trump issued an executive order designed to restrict mail voting by requiring the U.S. Postal Service to deliver ballots only to those voters who appear on lists built from federal data that has been called into question as unreliable. Courts have blocked that effort for this year's midterms.

Some Nebraska Republicans also have sought to restrict mail voting, despite officials' assurance of vote-by-mail security. Since 2024, Republican lawmakers have introduced measures to limit early and mail voting, including again requiring voters to provide an acceptable reason to vote by mail and cutting the time voters now have to vote by mail. Those proposals failed to advance, but Nebraska has adopted other changes. After voters approved a photo ID requirement in 2022, lawmakers passed a law requiring people voting by mail to provide ID information when requesting or returning their ballots. The state has also imposed security requirements on ballot drop boxes.

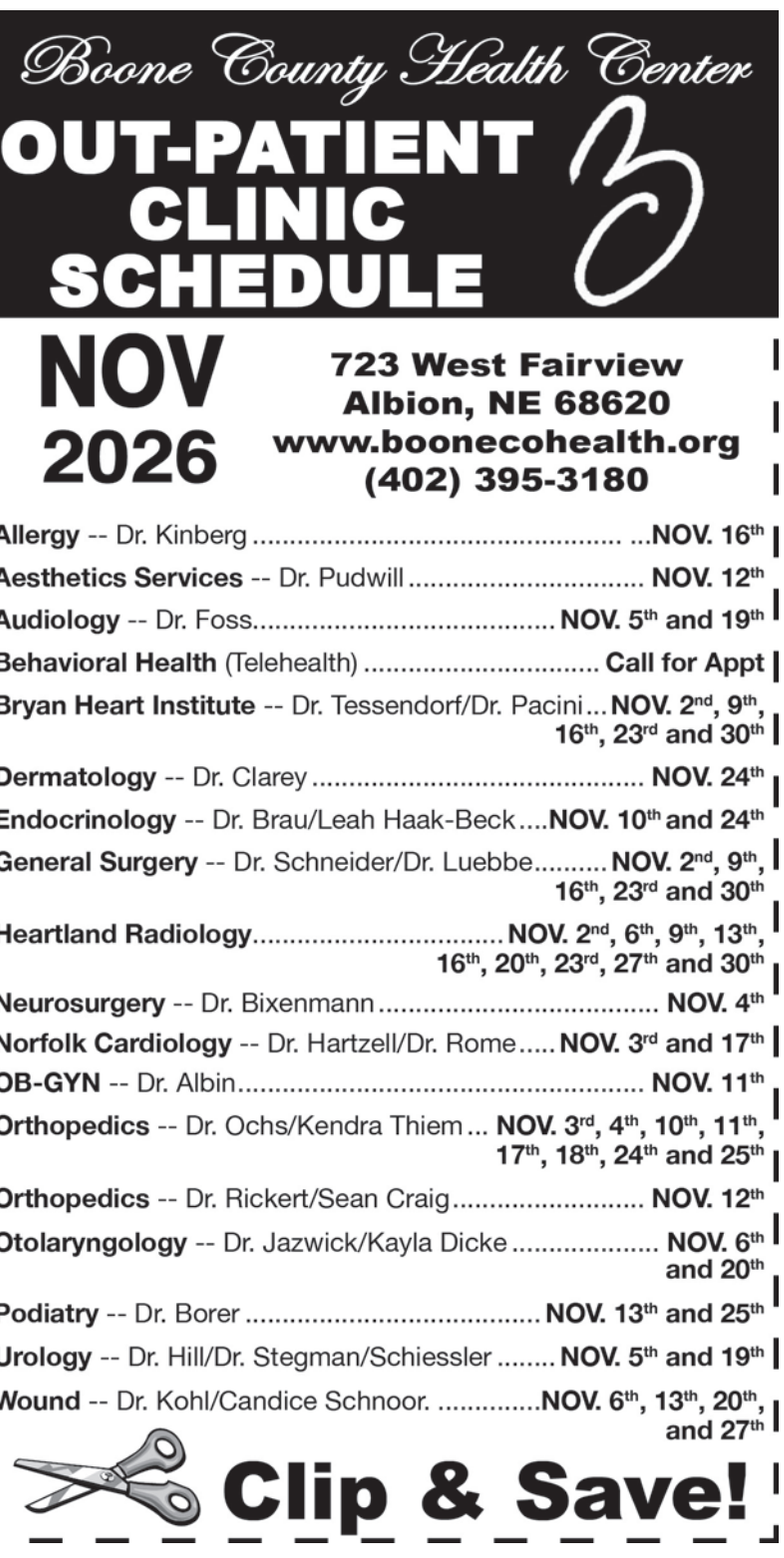
Nebraska election officials say voting by mail is reliable thanks to its extensive security measures: a photo ID requirement to receive a mailed ballot, a signature requirement on the outside envelope of a returned ballot that is matched to the signature on voter registration records, and barcodes on the envelope that are scanned.











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Virtual fencing, grazing practices featured

Field day near Verdigre on November 5

Nebraska Extension will host a virtual fencing and grazing management field day Nov. 5 near Verdigre, offering livestock producers an opportunity to see virtual fencing technology in action and learn how it can be used to manage grazing on a working ranch.



The free event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at No Name Creeks Ranch, 52570 883 Road, where Scott and Becky Ravenkamp & Brian and Zoe Vakok will share their experiences using a virtual fencing system to manage livestock and grazing rotations.

Virtual fencing uses GPS-enabled collars and digitally established boundaries to help producers manage livestock movement without relying exclusively on physical fencing.

No Name Creeks is a northeast Nebraska ranching partnership raising fullblood Akaushi cattle and focus on soil health, rotational grazing and grassland management.

The ranch has incorporated virtual fencing into its intensive grazing practices, allowing for more frequent livestock moves and the addition of small ruminants. Its pasture management efforts also include eastern redcedar removal, prescribed fire and other practices intended to improve grassland health and wildlife habitat.

The field day will begin at the ranch headquarters with an overview of the virtual fencing system and experiences using the technology. Participants will learn how the operation establishes virtual paddocks, manages grazing rotations and uses the system to move cattle.

The program will also highlight areas where sheep grazed earlier in the season and the ranch's experience using virtual fencing collars with small ruminants.

Cassidy Wessel with Nebraska Game and Parks will discuss the ranch's pasture improvement plan and its implementation, including eastern redcedar management and other efforts to improve grazing conditions.

The field day will provide an opportunity for producers to ask questions, learn from the Ravenkamp's experiences and consider how virtual fencing might fit into their own livestock operations.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Ben Beckman, Nebraska Extension, 402-254-6821 or at *ben.beckman@unl.edu*.

Corn residue grazing considerations

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator
Ben Beckman

As corn harvest wraps up and fields open for grazing, there are several things worth checking before animal turnout. Corn residue can be a valuable, low-cost feed resource, but conditions this fall could affect both the amount and quality available.

First, fungal diseases have made noticeable impacts on corn fields in Nebraska this year. Fungal leaf diseases like tar spot and southern rust can cause early leaf death, while stalk rots weaken plants and increase the potential for lodging. With some fungal diseases, residue quality may be somewhat lower. However, the bigger concern is that there may simply be less leaf material left. Along with husks, leaves are the primary component of residue-based diets. Their loss can shorten the window of quality grazing.

Another concern is downed corn. Stalk rots, wind damage, and harvest losses may leave more grain in the field than normal. Cattle will seek out that corn first, and too much at once can lead to acidosis, or grain overload.

So how much corn is too much? Nebraska Extension has a simple way to estimate it. In fields planted in 30-inch rows, count dropped ears along three separate 100-foot row sections. Add those ears together and divide by two. For example, 30 ears would mean about 15 bushels per acre left on the ground. Check several locations since losses can vary. Once you're above eight to ten bushels per acre, precautions are needed. Gradually adapting cattle to grain before turnout and strip grazing to limit access are two ways to reduce risk. If you want more detailed information on managing downed corn, UNL's Dr. Mary Drewnoski has a great article titled "Dealing with Down Corn" at the beef.unl.edu website.

If you're already out counting ears, keep an eye out for moldy ears. While visible mold doesn't necessarily mean mycotoxins are present, and clean-looking grain isn't a guarantee they're absent, large amounts of moldy grain and ears warrant a closer look. Lab testing, while expensive, is the only reliable way to determine mycotoxin levels.

Nitrates are another concern, particularly in drought-stressed corn. Nitrates tend to accumulate in the lower stalk, while the grain, husks, and leaves cattle prefer are generally much lower in concentration. Avoid turning hungry cattle onto suspect fields or leaving them long enough that they're forced to eat stalks. If drought stress was severe, especially in stunted areas, consider testing questionable material before grazing.

Finally, remember that residue quality declines as cattle graze. Once the grain, husks, and leaves are gone, what's left is lower in energy and protein. Dry cows in good condition may do well early in the grazing period, while lactating cows and younger animals may need additional supplementation. Monitor body condition, residue availability, and adjust grazing duration accordingly.

Evaluating disease damage, downed corn, and nutritional needs ahead of turnout can help make the most of crop residue while maintaining livestock performance.

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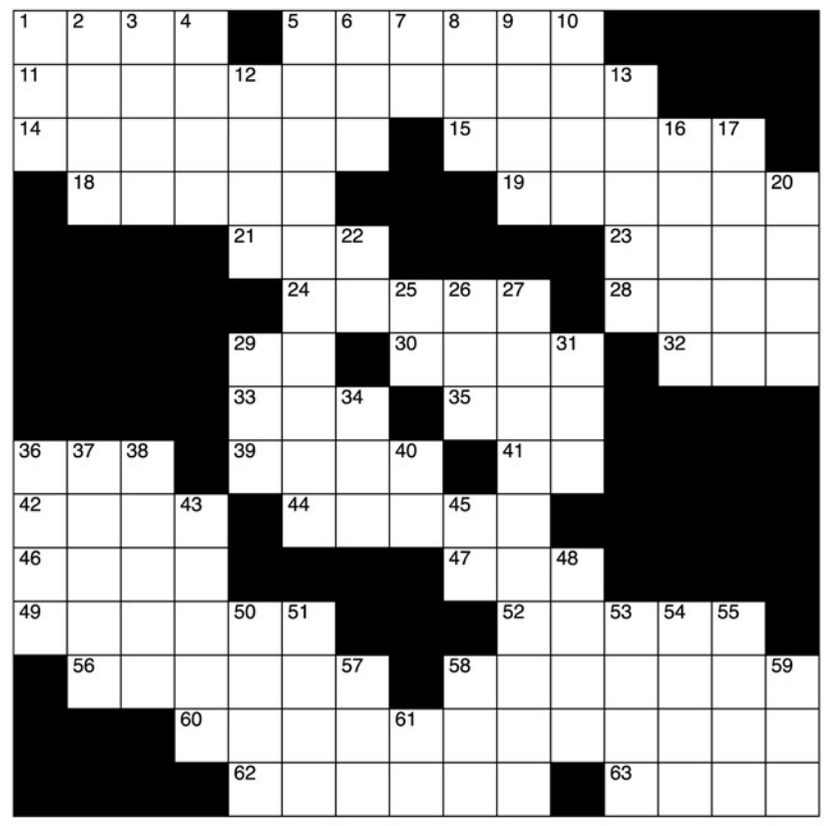

CLUES ACROSS
1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN
1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-counter-measures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I



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Friday night felt like a 'Twilight Zone' episode

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

One of the best television shows ever was the 1960s series "The Twilight Zone."

Every week, for 30 minutes, creator and narrator Rod Serling would weave a tale which never ceased to mess with your mind.

I felt like I was living in such an episode Friday night watching the Wolfpack football team play their final game of the season.

Twin Loup, having lost just one time, controlled EPPJ from the start and ended up winning the game 49 to 0.

The action on the field was like any other game, but the action outside the lines felt everything but normal.

In no particular order, here's what felt strange:

• Just moments before the 7 p.m. kickoff, the entire bank of lights on the east side of the field went dark. For 41 years I've covered high school sports, been on fields from one end of the state to the other, but never have the lights gone out right before kickoff.

There seemed to be some confusion on where the fuse box was, then a bunch of guys, some with flashlights, messing with the box. I'm glad somebody took charge because the others didn't appear to be on top of the situation. Then, suddenly the lights came on. The field was lit, but the lights appeared to be from another time. They were nothing like the lights we have at Elgin Field.

Considering Twin Loup plays on two different fields, the powers that be are doing the best they can.

• Pronunciation please — It's a common occurrence that happens when the public address announcer stumbles over a name or two of the visiting team.

It just seemed to happen more often Friday night. Names like Blecher was pronounced Bleecher for the game. I've heard his named butchered at every away game this season. I don't know why. It looks pretty simple to me. Just pronounce it the way its spelled. The announced missed up Michael Selting's last name, calling him Steling. Brayden Burenheide's named was more like Burnheidi and Evin Pelster's name was spoken as Peltzer.

Maybe the guy was having a bad night or maybe his vision was blurred. I'll leave it at that.

• Aeration please. Everywhere I stepped during four quarters of action, the ground felt bumpy.

It just makes one appreciate the fine facilities we have here in Elgin. It's not like that everywhere else.

Thanks to the NSAA adding a new division in Class D3, fewer teams made the playoffs. It's been years since the Wolfpack missed the playoffs.

With the young talent on our roster, I'm confident we can return to the playoffs next year.

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One last thought about the state playoffs. With fewer teams qualifying for the postseason, it's created some interesting matchups when it comes to mileage.

Consider the Auburn Bulldogs football team. It was a team I covered for a few years in the early 2000s. The signs entering town said "Community plus school equals #1.

The town is located 20 miles south of Nebraska City,

In their class they were awarded the #14 seed and a road game to Chadron. The Bulldogs and their fans will have to travel 490 miles (each way) for their playoff game. That's the farthest distance between any two schools in the playoffs.

For the sake of their fans, I hope they charter a bus.

Other playoff games of note and the miles between schools are:

Omaha Gross at Scottsbluff - 450 miles
Hay Springs at Red Cloud - 420
Alliance at Boys Town - 395
Aquinas at Hemingford - 390
McCook at Blair - 340
Mitchell at Boone Central - 330
Leyton at Riverside - 320.

Let's just say the NSAA playoffs have created some road warriors. If you're going to travel that far you might as well win the game.

Judge Fliam maintains bond for Orchard man charged with terroristic threats

An Orchard man facing a terroristic threat charge appeared in Antelope County Court for further arraignment on Oct. 21.

Michael J. Northcutt, 33, requested a preliminary hearing. Antelope County Court Judge Danielle Fliam ordered him to appear Nov. 4 for the hearing.

Northcutt also requested a bond review and asked for a personal recognizance bond. Antelope County Attorney Joe smith objected, and Fliam agreed, denying the request.

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

The charges stem from an Aug. 27 incident after the Antelope County Sheriff's Department received a phone call from Melinda Northcutt that her son "was out of control."

A second call, from another son, was received by the ACSO, asking for a check on his parents, due to threats made by Michael.

Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore responded to the residence and talked to Northcutt's parents, who said the younger Northcutt "threatened to physically hurt them if they tried to leave and had threatened to kill them earlier in the week."

Per Northcutt's father - also named Michael - the younger Northcutt had left the residence and was walking toward downtown Orchard.

Moore requested assistance from Deputy Joe McNally. Northcutt was apprehended in town, and he was transported to the ACSO.

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Miller, Blair win money in ER Football Contest

Duane Miller bested the field to win the Elgin Review Football Contest.

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Duke over Virginia

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

Oakdale

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produced a result of .000.

Barker contacted the Nebraska State Patrol's drug recognition expert. Due to Polenske's performance on the tests, along with her lack of focus, Barker placed her under arrest for driving under the influence of drugs.

Courtesy of SAM

Arraignments

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Faviola Antonio Carrasco, 36, of Humphrey received a continuance so an interpreter can be present. Fliam set arraignment for Nov. 4. Carrasco faces one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor.

Courtesy of SAM

Phone

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A 49-year-old Oakdale man failed to appear in Antelope County Court, on Oct. 21, for a hearing to revoke probation.

Earlier this year, Sean J. Throckmorton was found guilty on one count of DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor. He was sentenced to a 15-month probation term, 240 hours of community service, and an 18-month period of license revocation.

According to documents submitted by the probation office, Throckmorton was cited on Aug. 21 by the Stanton County Sheriff's Office for driving during revocation/impound - 2nd/3rd.

On Sept. 10, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith filed a motion to revoke probation.

Throckmorton appeared by Antelope County Judge Danielle Fliam on Sept. 16 and requested a continuance to consult with an attorney. Fliam granted that request.

Per court documents, Throckmorton contacted the county court office on Oct. 20 about when his hearing was scheduled. On Oct. 21, he contacted the court, noting he could not leave work. He indicated he was in the process of hiring an attorney, but the attorney could not attend court that day. Throckmorton requested a continuance. Fliam granted the continuance but said she is "not inclined to grant any more without more information." She ordered Throckmorton to appear Nov. 4 for an entry of plea hearing.

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Denis F. Kerkman, 91, of Tilden requested to waive probation fees. Fliam denied the request, noting Kerkman could pay the $30 one-time enrollment fee and then $25 per month, since it isn't required to pay the fee in a lump sum.

Earlier this year, Kerkman was found guilty of two counts of attempt of a Class I misdemeanor. The probation order was part of his sentence.

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Austin Victor, 24, of Elgin, failed to appear on two misdemeanor counts of dog running at large, alleged to have occurred on Aug. 22. Fliam advised the city attorney that he may file an affidavit and order for arrest.

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Gail Allen, 50, of Neligh appeared for a show cause hearing. The defendant told Fliam no payments have been made.

The judge set a show cause hearing for Nov. 4 and told Allen that payment in full must be received by then or she will be jailed.

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