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## In Brief

**District #18 board approves budget, tax levy**  
Meeting lasted just 23 minutes.

The District #18 Board of Education held a public hearing early Monday morning on the proposed 2025/26 school budget and tax levy. Superintendent Mike Brockhaus gave brief presentations regarding the creation of the proposed budget as well as tax levy. There was just one member of the public who attended the meeting — Tom Hoefer. He questioned the amount of money in the building fund. Board members and Brockhaus took turns explaining how each year the school district uses money in the fund for building maintenance, doing some each year so as not to have a year when numerous projects need to be addressed. Approved was a budget including tax asking of \$3,830,082.00 (General Fund \$3,628,062.00 and Special Building Fund \$202,020.00); and a property tax levy request of 0.355912 (General Fund 0.337139 and Building Fund 0.018773). The meeting lasted for 23 minutes before adjourning.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:  
Tax Exempt Properties — Antelope County  
Rental Rules Notice — State Board of Educational Lands & Funds  
Notice of Public Hearing on One & Six Year Street Plan — Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
Notice of Budget Hearing — Elgin Rural Fire District  
Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
Proceedings — Bartlett Village Board of Trustees

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 87 degrees recorded on Tuesday, September 16.

The low temperature during the same period was 50 degrees recorded on Friday, September 19.

Altogether, 1.26 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

| Date                     | High | Low | Prec  |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Sept 14                  | 70   | 57  | .44   |
| Sept 15                  | 83   | 57  | .00   |
| Sept 16                  | 87   | 62  | .56   |
| Sept 17                  | 70   | 57  | .26   |
| Sept 18                  | 73   | 55  | .00   |
| Sept 19                  | 70   | 50  | .00   |
| Sept 20                  | 74   | 55  | .00   |
| Total for last week      |      |     | 1.26  |
| Total for September      |      |     | 1.73  |
| Total precipitation 2025 |      |     | 24.81 |

## OAACW Mullen Award given to Linda Kerkman

HARTINGTON — An award that's been given annually since 1962 in memory of the Omaha Diocesan Council (OACCW) founder was awarded to Linda Kerkman of Elgin on Monday, September 15.

The Mullen Award was announced at the annual OACCW Convention and awarded to an active OACCW member after being nominated and then selected. This is given to a woman who is outstanding in her service to family and community, active in "Council" at the archdiocesan, deanery and parish levels; and involved in civic affairs, educational groups and groups of other faiths.

Linda's service included being a Lector, EHMC, Sacristan as well as officers at Archdiocesan and deanery levels and attending several National Council of Catholic Women conventions. She has been on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She also supports seminarians spiritually and financially. Other active areas include:

- Volunteering at Orphan Grain Train and has unwittingly mentored many of her fellow sisters in Christ,



Photos submitted  
**Mullen award** recipient Linda Kerkman with Omaha Archdiocese Bishop Michael McGovern.

encouraging them to leadership, service and spirituality, leading OACCW spiritually for several years.

- Made numerous presentations at retreats, workshops and conferences. She is a great story-teller.
- Has served as the OACCW Pre-Convention Gathering Toastmistress.

Kerkman herself initially believed God was calling her to be a nun and in the journey of discernment, then realized she could better serve God by becoming a nurse, wife and mother - which she did. With her husband LeRoy they raised four children.

She is also an Oblate of the Benedictine Monastery in Norfolk.

One of her projects was making children's chasubles and habits as a way to plant a seed of openness to a life in a religious vocation. She's made blankets for the Christ Child Society, an organization which Mrs. Mullen served as President twice; and Linda has made more than 1200 diapers out of T-shirts for missions. One of her biggest contributions to her community and so many others is the fruition of a vision she had.

She spent hours rehabbing a vacant business into a non-profit thrift store: The Bargain Box in Elgin which has become a well-known destination. After several years, she turned over the leadership of this store and with the help of many volunteers, the Bargain Box has been able to donate almost \$800,000 in monetary donations to many near and far organizations and medical causes .... and all she was envisioning was enough money for diaper postage.

For her faithful dedication and on behalf of OACCW, Theresa Pavlik presented her with an Our Lady of Good Counsel medal after it was blessed by the new Omaha Archdiocese Bishop Michael McGovern. In attendance for this honor were the Archbishop, OACCW Spiritual Advisor Fr. Ross Burkhalter, daughter Julie Saathoff, son Jeremy and wife Jamie Kerkman, several priests, and OACCW officers, members and guests.

When Linda spoke to the group after receiving her award, she was quick to

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E-R photo/LMorgan

**EPS Homecoming Royalty crowned**  
**Homecoming royalty** were announced Thursday night at Elgin High School. Crowned queen was Kayton Zwingman while Jarek Erickson was chosen as king.

## Ostransky benefit to be held

A benefit for the Trent Ostransky family will be held Saturday, October 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elgin KC Hall, 115 S. 2nd Street.

A burger meal for a free will donation will be held. Also there will be silent auction items, raffle prizes and a 'split the pot.' An account has also been set up at the Bank of Elgin.

If you are interested in donating

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## ECCF to host 'Walking with the Lord' Saturday

This Saturday will provide Christians of all faiths the opportunity to delve even deeper into their faith.

The Elgin Community Christian Church (ECCC) is hosting "The Walk - Walking With The Lord", a day for renewing faith for the Lord.

According to ECCC pastor Jonathan Braden, "The whole point of The Walk conference is to really teach people the deeper understanding of what it means to really walk the Lord. When it comes to being a Christian and being a believer, there are a lot of aspects to it. We go to church every Sunday or Saturday or whenever....we go to Bible studies or maybe reading the Word. But the ultimate question that comes around it is, what does it mean to really know Jesus, what does it mean to have a relationship with him?"

Four speakers from across Nebraska will be giving presentations - Peter Sample, Ben Burris, Rich Frantz and Mark Hoffman will lead a deep dive into what it truly means to walk the Christian Path. "I want to make a conference that really dives into that deep, that really gives people the full picture of what it looks like to live that out day to day, for both Christians and those who maybe are questioning on whether they believe in Christ or not," Pastor Braden explained.

Taking into account the current events in Amer-

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## "Attaboy Trey!"

**Wolfpack Football** Coach Nick Heithoff congratulates senior Trey Rittscher for a 21-yard 'scoop & score' during Friday's Homecoming victory over North Central. Coaches, players and fans had plenty to celebrate Friday afternoon at Elgin Field.

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Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the old fire hall in Bartlett. Four members were present.

The Lions Mobile Screen Unit will be at Wheeler Central, Riverside and Spalding Academy on October 9-10.

Members voted to give Logan Hoffman \$250 to help with expenses due to a farm accident injury. Members also voted to donate \$100 to purchase gas gift cards for Jess and Connie Plugge. Jess is recovering from the effects of a stroke.

The Bartlett Lions Club will once again participate in the Wheeler Central ‘Trunk or Treat’ Halloween event. The Club will spend up to \$250 on supplies and candy for the event. Patty Collins is in charge of buying goodies for the bags to be passed out.

The next meeting will be held October 9 at 7 p.m. at the old fire hall in Bartlett.

CWC Varsity girl’s volleyball team played Twin Loup Friday. The final score was CWC 3- Twin Loup 1. Volleyball games were held at Wheeler Central on Saturday. Final scores for the Renegades were CWC 2- Niobrara Verdigris 1, CWC 2-Twin Loup 1 and Archangels Catholic 2- CWC 0.

Benefit

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an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Todd Heithoff (402-843-6491), Randy Eisenhauer (402-843-0434), Matt Euse (402-

270-1789) and Mitch Cockerill (308 750-3385).

Trent and Baylee Ostransky reside in Elgin with their two young children, Calvin 2 years old, and Livy, 3 months. Livy

was born with a congenital heart defect and malformation of the bowel. These conditions both will require corrective surgeries this fall. She also has had an extended stay at Chil-

dren’s Hospital this fall following a viral infection.

Trent and Baylee are both educators in the community and have dedicated many hours of their time to coaching youth

athletics. They will have many more trips to Omaha for future appointments and procedures and organizers are hoping to ease their financial expenditures through this benefit.

Letters to the editor

Political assassination of Charlie Kirk

Dear Editor,

We are living in the aftermath of the tragic death of a conservative that had seen the need for God and a balanced view of our political landscape in the world. Some people did not agree with Charlie’s vision. In fact they were terrified of him and his message.

Our colleges and universities are supposed be places of free speech and the expression of ideas to further advance the quality of life. Charlie was a modern day evangelist who advocated for free speech and the exchange of ideas. He was an excellent debater in which he was always willing to meet his opponents on their turf. He could debate anyone on any topic at anytime. Some were terrified of him, some were intimidated by him.

Charlie was certainly a force for good!

May you rest in peace Charlie!

Jim Baum

Writer touts Second Chronicles 7:14

Dear Editor,

Your last sentence you wrote in last week’s Spinning Tales was ‘Right On.’

Here’s the solution to all (our) those problems - giving hope to all:

*II Chronicles 7:14 — If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

It’s called repentance for breaking God’s Laws (Ten Commandments).

Thank you for your time. you have one great newspaper. Keep up the Good Job!

Sincerely,  
Joan Johnson Dickau

Neligh Mill State Historical Site hosting Operation Lifesaver event

The Nebraska State Historical Society and Neligh Mill State Historical Site are hosting an Operation Lifesaver Awareness event this Saturday.

To be held at Neligh Mill it will coincide with Train Safety Week.

On September 27, from noon to 4 p.m., Neligh Mill visitors can check out Operation Lifesaver’s display trailer and educational materials. Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit organization and nationally recognized leader of rail safety education.

Established in 19772, Opera-

tion Lifesaver stands committed to preventing collisions, injuries and fatalities on and around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings around the country.

The event also draws attention to the City of Neligh’s efforts to preserve the vintage boxcar at Neligh Mill. The boxcar is important to the story of the mill because it helps inform school students and visitors about how flour was shipped on rail from the mill to various locations and included military forts and Indian Reservations. At that time, the Neligh Mill

could produce up to a boxcar full of flour daily.

“The City of Neligh has played a substantial role in laying the concrete foundation, gravel around the Mill and continued work on the boxcar to further telling the important story of this local historical site,” said Neligh Mill Site Manager Don “Harv” Ofe, who has been at the site for more than 40 years.

He told *The Elgin Review* Friday that in addition to Operation Lifesaver, this also marks the 30th anniversary of the Outlaw Trail.



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# Great Pumpkin

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Good day,  
Do you have some leftover chicken in fridge?  
Here’s a quick casserole you could make to feed the family. If you’re feeding a lot of hungry people, you may need to double the recipe.  
You could add some chopped onion, mushrooms or celery if those are things your family likes.  
Do a sliced cucumber or tomatoes as a side and a fresh baked bread and have a complete meal.  
I bet the family will enjoy this

From JoAnn Baum’s Kitchen

# Easy Chicken Casserole

recipe!  
Happy Cooking,  
JoAnn

## EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE

|                                         |                         |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 cup uncooked macaroni (2 cups cooked) | 1/2 cup milk            |
| 2 cups cooked and diced chicken         | 1 tsp prepared mustard  |
| 1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese      | 1 cup soft bread crumbs |
| 1 can cream of chicken soup             | 2 Tbls butter melted    |

Cook and drain the macaroni. Mix all the ingredients except the crumbs and butter. Pour in a baking (greased) casserole dish. Sprinkle the buttered crumbs on top and bake at 350 ° for about 45-50 minutes. Yummy!

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# FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

## Kayton Zwingman

Kayton Zwingman is this month’s member of the month. Kayton is the daughter of Dan and Kim Zwingman of Elgin.



Kayton Zwingman

She is a senior and has been involved with FFA since she was an 8th grader.

This school year, Kayton has done very well at district and area range judging contests. She was a member of the 3rd overall team at the Area 5 Range Contest

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Kerkman

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Linda Kerkman's children present for the award presentation were daughter Julie Saathoff (r), son Jeremy and wife Jamie Kerkman (l).

remind all that it was the Holy Spirit that led to the formation and success of the Bargain Box in Elgin.  
She further stated that without donors, buyers, volunteers and even the eventual recipients of the generosity, it would not have happened. Congratulations to Linda Kerkman for her devout Catholic heart, words and deeds! *Article and photos submitted*

Walk

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ica for the Christian community, now could be the perfect timing for this conference. "I think that the amazing thing about God is that, I think that he knows the right time to strike," said Braden, "...where that hunger is, that need for him is and and that's what I'm hoping to fulfill, it's an opportunity for those who are really hungry, for him to really satisfy that hunger or fulfill that need." Beginning at 9 a.m., the conference is designed for people to either attend the full session or come and go as their schedules allow. "This is a free flowing event for whoever wants to come or go.... we're just here just to bless people who want to be blessed. And it is for anyone - however they want to come in, come as you are," added the pastor.  
The conference is scheduled to end at 3 p.m. and will be held at the church, located at 110 North 4th Street in Elgin.  
So come for worship, games, and good fellowship. Lunch will be provided.

Teens arraigned in Antelope County Court

Three teens each appeared for arraignment last week in Antelope County Court on one count of minor in possession - ages 19/20, all Class III misdemeanors.  
Isaac W. Eckert, 19, of Tilden, entered a guilty plea, and Judge Donna Taylor ordered Eckert to pay a \$300 fine, plus \$50 court costs. Eckert was ordered to pay all costs that day.  
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Waylon D. Warneke, 19, of Tilden, pleaded guilty. Taylor sentenced Warneke to pay a \$300 fine, plus \$50 court costs. He was ordered to pay all costs that day. *Courtesy SAM*

Elgin Community Center Menus

- Monday, September 29:** Goulash, green beans, lettuce salad, apple crisp, garlic stick, milk.
  - Tuesday, September 30:** Baked pork loin, au gratin potatoes, stuffing, peas, apple-sauce, bread & butter, milk.
  - Wednesday, October 1:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.
  - Thursday, October 2:** Ham & noodle casserole, broccoli, pears, bread & butter, milk.
  - Friday, October 3:** Grilled hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, mandarin oranges, milk.
- All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.  
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Looking Back  
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**Sixty Years Ago** **September 23, 1965**  
Thieves and vandals were busy in Elgin Saturday night damaging property and stealing keys from parked cars. Thieves, or local pranksters, slipped the keys out of all of Contois Motor Company's used and new cars. Nothing else appeared to be stolen from the cars. Two front tires on the Floyd Kallhoff auto were slashed the same night and new tires had to be purchased.  
Miss Dianne Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wagner of Elgin and Lemoyne Ahlers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Ahlers of Clearwater, were married Saturday, Sept. 18, 1965 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Neligh. After a short wedding trip, the couple will live on a farm near Clarkson.  
Temperatures here dropped to a low of 38 degrees last Thursday night and Friday night when the mercury was to skid down to the frost or freezing mark the sky stayed cloudy and more rain fell. A total of 27.37 inches of moisture has been measured in the bank's rain gauge so-far this year.  
St. Boniface High School won their second straight conference game at Spalding Friday night when they defeated Spalding Academy, 20-0. The final touchdown came on a 40-yard run through the center of the defense by Hank Pelster. Hank Pelster led both the defensive and offensive efforts for the Knights as he had nine tackles and made 87 yards in ten carries.  
Approximately 200 men were present Sunday for the annual Holy Name conference at Petersburg. Don Borer of Lindsay led the group in prayer and pledge for the 9:30 a.m. opening exercises. Several junior members were on the program, including Ken Vanourney, Bob Welding, and Jim Getzfred.

**Fifty Years Ago** **September 18, 1975**  
Early Saturday morning, thieves broke into the Sugar Shack's refrigerators, located outside of their building. Taken were a case of Pizaza Burgers, 10-12 pizzas, 2 boxes of onion rings, packages of hot dogs and bacon.  
A Cowboy Kid and Junior Rodeo Queen will be selected at the annual Ak-Sar-Ben World Championship Rodeo, which begins Friday, Sept. 19 through Saturday, Sept. 27. Last year's winners were Miss Michele Mountjoy of Omaha and Kipp Erickson of Harvard Nebr. Both the Cowboy Kid and Junior Queen receive a saddle.  
The Christian Mothers held their September meeting Thursday evening at the school library. A Sunday breakfast was discussed and many other things. Father Kros gave a short talk after which lunch was served. Loraine School won the door prize.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pelster and Mary Ann spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lindholm at Valparaiso and Diane Pelster in Lincoln.  
Elgin High School showed powerful offense and a devastating defense in drilling Lindsay Holy Family, 36-0, there last Friday night. Steve Heithoff scored on TD runs of 11, 5 and 1 yards. Kent Beckman scored from 2 yards out and converted on 1 PAT. Beckman led the offense with 116 yards on 23 carries for a 5 yard per carry average. Other definite leaders in the victory were Linemen. Steve Kuester, Steve Bettendorf, Jerome Thunker and ends Bill Anderson, Bill Mickelson and Ed Sprout.  
This area received an unusually early hard frost Friday morning when the thermometer skidded from 32-36 degrees above zero. Lawns in this writer's area were covered with frost and vehicles left outside had to have the hard cover ice scraped off before they could be driven to work.

Nine speak at joint budget hearing

A joint public hearing was held Thursday evening at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh. The hearing was for School District #18, the City of Elgin and Antelope County representatives to appear before the public to comment on their proposed property tax increases.  
For nearly 50 minutes, the public which filled the commissioner's meeting room and some standing outside, numbered more than 40. Of that number, nine county residents raised concerns about high taxes as well as other items.  
Making comments/asking questions were Doug Hall, Laurel Miller, Mark Smith and Conrad Hofer, all of Neligh; Bob Krutz, Orchard; Harlan Brandt, Oakdale; Ray Payne, Elgin; and Greg Koizan, Tilden.  
No action was taken at the meeting, it was simply an opportunity for residents to make statements and/or ask questions. Representing the City of Elgin was Mayor Mike Schmitt and City Clerk Kristin Childers while School Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and school board president Lisa Welding represented School District #18. The lone representative for Antelope County was Commissioner Regina Krebs.

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Federal spending and our growing national debt are serious challenges which must be addressed for the long-term fiscal health of our nation. By enacting our tax cut and family security package (H.R. 1) in July, Republicans took significant strides to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in federal programs such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The appropriations process provides another important opportunity to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly.

With the end of the fiscal year rapidly approaching, this week I voted for a clean continuing resolution to fund the government and ensure the Trump administration can continue confronting our nation's greatest challenges while we continue working to reach a fiscally responsible agreement on funding federal agencies for the coming year.

Rather than produce responsible spending bills, Democrats in the House and Senate have demanded we attach unrelated policies to a continuing resolution thereby expanding irresponsible healthcare spending. In H.R. 1, Republicans took action to address high rates of Medicaid payment errors, eliminated a Biden-era nursing home staffing rule which burdened 90 percent of facilities in Nebraska with risk of closure, and delivered the largest ever single investment in rural healthcare through the Rural Health Transformation Fund, of which the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services launched implementation this week. In

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

their funding proposal, Democrats instead want to reverse important spending reforms while extending expensive COVID-era policies which ballooned federal spending. Through historic investment in rural hospitals, the Rural Health Transformation Fund will boost rural healthcare workforce development, improve sustainability for rural health providers, and promote innovation to improve health outcomes. As H.R. 1 will save an estimated \$911 billion over a decade in improper and misguided Medicaid spending, the Rural Health Transformation Fund will provide meaningful support to sustain rural healthcare providers at a cost of just \$10 billion annually for five years.

Biden administration initiatives passed with only Democrat votes in Congress eliminated income caps on premium tax credit (PTC) eligibility and expanded Obamacare subsidies. Unfortunately, this opened the door to massive fraud and subsidization of premiums for high-income earners.

The Government Accountability Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have confirmed 6.4 million individuals are improperly enrolled in Obamacare plans, costing taxpayers \$27 billion. Compounding matters, 100 percent of premium subsidies combined with little to no oversight or accountability opened the door to people fraudulently being enrolled in Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans without even knowing about it. In 2024, 12 million Obamacare enrollees submitted no medical claims in 2024. This is up from 3.5 million before the expansion took effect.

To end waste, fraud, and abuse, H.R. 1 required those with ACA premium subsidies to annually verify income and other qualifying information and eliminated tax credit eligibility for illegal immigrants. Sadly, Democrats are demanding the repeal of these reforms

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Lagging job growth in Omaha and Lincoln sparks concern

Editor's note: Opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Elgin Review.

Alarm bells are sounding over the lack of robust job growth in the state's two largest cities.

A recent study commissioned by the Omaha-based Aksarben Foundation indicated that job growth in Omaha and Lincoln lagged behind its peer cities, such as Sioux Falls, Des Moines and Oklahoma City.

An analysis by old buddy Henry Cordes in the Omaha World-Herald found that the number of jobs in Nebraska's top cities grew by 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively, from 2020-24. That's quite a bit less than the 1.8% job growth in Sioux Falls and the 1.2% growth in Des Moines.

The Aksarben report calculated that had Omaha and Lincoln seen employment grow at the same rate as its peers, the two cities would have added 68,000 more jobs and generated up to \$800 million in additional state taxes.

With 60% of the state's jobs and wages based in those two cities, that's pretty stunning stuff.

Why Omaha and Lincoln are being lapped by its competitors was unclear. Job growth nationally has lagged in recent months, but others are doing better.

The report offered several suggestions:

– Brain Drain. Nebraska in recent years has seen more people with bachelor's degrees and higher leaving the state than moving here. In 2020, the net loss was 4,610 individuals, according to a report by the University of Nebraska at Omaha Center for Public Affairs Research.

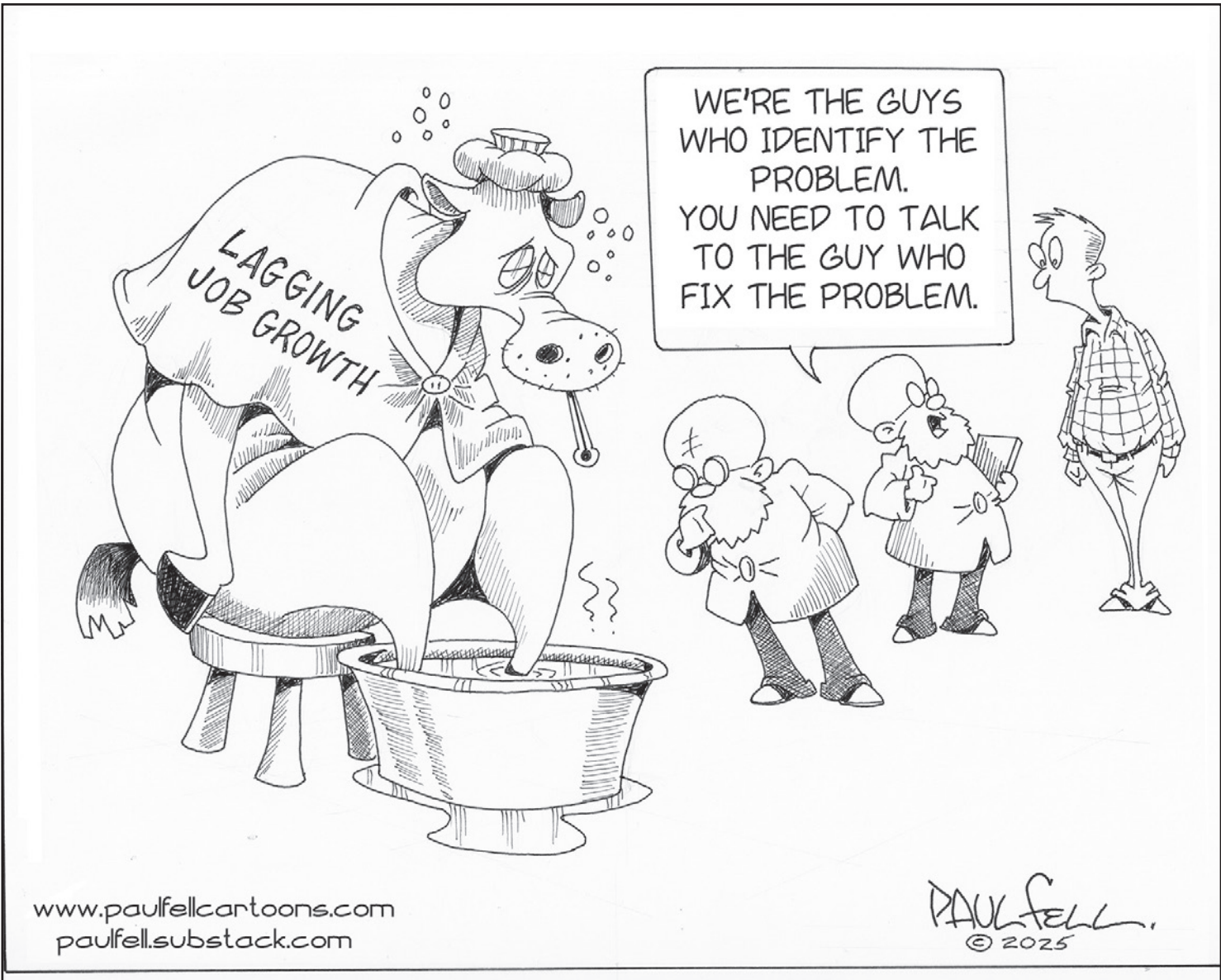
Brain drain, the report suggested, makes companies look elsewhere to expand.

Why the brain drain? I'd say it's a lack of high-paying jobs college grads want, and the age-old lure of "bright lights, big cities" being more exciting

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



than the Cornhusker State.

– High Taxes. Omaha business leaders, who make up the Aksarben Foundation, blamed the state's high property taxes and relatively high income taxes for some of the sluggish job growth.

They also called for more incentives for businesses (don't we already give millions and millions?).

But Des Moines taxes are higher, the World-Herald article pointed out, so why was its job growth so much better?

– Promotion. I saw recently that the state tourism director who adopted the pitch line, "Honestly, Nebraska: it's not for everyone," resigned. That motto brought some attention to the state, but

I thought it also gave some people one more reason not to visit or live here.

Overall, we Nebraskans are a pretty humble bunch.

We're not braggers like those big-hats in Texas, and we don't celebrate our cheese and beer like those in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

But I do think we have some work to do to promote our "Good Life" state and talk up its advantages. That probably means spending more money for promotion.

We have great public schools, low crime and ample open spaces. (I really appreciate the latter attribute after battling bumper-to-bumper, moving-at-a-crawl traffic on a recent visit to

scenic Colorado. Somehow, I didn't see beauty in the back end of the car ahead of me.)

We have a tremendous work ethic, a strong bond with our neighborhoods and communities, and a low cost of living. And the best volleyball in the land, along with a getting better football team.

It's a tough environment for companies right now. There's uncertainty about raw materials due to tariffs, and the shortage of workers is being exacerbated, to some extent, by the crack-down on immigrants.

But we have many attributes that ought to be attractive to job growth. We've got some work to do.

Resolving differences with words, not weapons

Last week, America witnessed the horrific assassination of Charlie Kirk. Charlie was a young conservative activist, a husband, and a father of two. He inspired thousands of young people. His mission was simple but powerful: to resolve disagreements through robust and substantive discourse. He welcomed challenges, inviting those who opposed him to debate and engage in open dialogue.

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U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

ness, but the very strength of self-government. We can and must resolve our differences with words, not weapons.

Here in Nebraska, we have a saying: "Nebraska Nice." It speaks to the way in which Nebraskans treat others with dignity and respect, listen to our neighbors, and communicate with kindness. It takes a lot of strength, character, and discipline to express these values each day, but that's what makes our state so special.

These virtues are not confined to our state; they

are American values. Our entire experiment in liberty depends on citizens who respect one another's dignity, even when they disagree with one another's ideas.

That doesn't mean ignoring our differences. It means choosing to argue without dehumanizing, to challenge without threatening, and to compete without destroying. These are not merely courtesies — they are requirements for freedom.

If we hold on to these values, even in the face of

grief and division, we can honor the memories of those we have lost. We can send a clear message that America's politics will remain a contest of ideas, not a battlefield of violence.

Please join me in praying for the Kirk family — along with all who have been impacted by political violence in our country. Let us resolve, together, that this is not reflective of our nation's ideals, and that we will recommit ourselves to the promise of our founding: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Ag market program helps food systems grow

By Kalee Olson, policy manager, Center for Rural Affairs

Farmers markets are in full swing this summer, bringing fresh food to communities. These markets, along with food hubs and other local food businesses, play an important role in rural economies. However, connecting with new consumers isn't always easy for producers. The Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) can help.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), LAMP was created in the 2018 farm bill to strengthen local and regional food systems. It combines several USDA programs that help farmers and food businesses grow their operations and reach new markets. These include the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP) and the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program.

FMLFPP includes two sub-programs. The Farmers Market Promotion Program helps start and improve direct-to-consumer outlets like farmers markets, community supported agriculture, and roadside stands. The Local Food Promotion Program

supports food hubs, distributors, and other businesses that move locally produced food from farms to buyers such as schools, grocery stores, and restaurants. For both programs, grant funds are awarded to organizations who then provide education and technical assistance to producers and food businesses. VAPG helps agricultural producers expand their businesses through value-added products and services by awarding grants directly to farmers and ranchers. Funding can be used to generate new products and create or expand marketing opportunities that help producers generate additional income.

Programs like LAMP are key to building a food system that works for farmers and consumers alike. Over time, these projects increase income for small and mid-sized farms, improve access to healthy food, and support job growth in rural areas. As markets grow and communities look for more local food options, continued congressional investment in programs like LAMP will remain essential.

To learn more about the program visit [ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lamp](https://ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lamp).

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Controlled burn permits subject of NRC interim hearing

This past week, the Natural Resources Committee held an interim hearing to review the current laws that relate to the approval process, personnel involved, and costs associated with controlled burn permits. Controlled burns are planned fires intentionally set to manage ecosystems or prevent future larger, uncontrolled wildfires. These planned burns help reduce hazardous fuels like dead vegetation, promote the growth of native species, and help control problematic species like the eastern redcedar tree which can impede livestock and native wildlife.

According to testimony presented by an expert from the University of Nebraska, the control of invasive species, primarily the eastern redcedar tree, is the number one reason why landowners carry out burns because such species cause losses in usable rangeland. For example,

District 40 Senator  
Barry DeKay

from 2019 to 2024, Nebraska lost between 218,000 to 419,000 tons of forage annually due to woody encroachment primarily due

to the growth and spread of the eastern redcedar in rangeland areas. The scale of this problem has led to 17 landowner burn

associations needing to be established in this state in order

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BCHC to host ‘Walk of Love and Remembrance’  
October 1 at Fuller Park in Albion

Boone County Health Center invites the community to join in a special evening of love, support, and remembrance during Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

The event, titled Remembering Every Step, will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m.

in Fuller Park.

The evening will open with remarks from Dr. Tami Dodds, followed by a prayer from Dr. Joel Travis. Attendees are then welcome to walk at their own pace—whether it’s a single lap around the park or the full trail—each step taken in

memory of precious lives lost too soon.

This meaningful event is free of charge and open to the public. No registration or RSVP is required.

Families are encouraged to attend along with their extended family members and support networks.

As part of the event, memorial ornaments will be available for families who wish to personalize one and take it home as a keepsake.

“Walking together allows us to honor and remember the little ones we carry forever in our hearts,” said organizers. “Every step is a tribute to their memory and a reminder that families do not walk this journey alone.”

For questions, please contact the Boone County Health Center Social Work Department at 402-395-3269.

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and instead have put forth a proposal which would add approximately \$1.5 trillion in debt over the next ten years. Nothing in their proposal would fundamentally improve healthcare affordability or bring down the cost of insurance premiums by encouraging competition in the marketplace.

As we work to get our fiscal house in order, partisan and unreasonable demands leave us at serious risk a government funding crisis. Nebraskans deserve sound solutions which reduce government spending while ensuring families have access to care as we did in H.R. 1. It is disappointing some are insisting on a shutdown instead of working together to bring down costs for taxpayers and improve healthcare affordability.

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The Royal Court at Elgin High School gathered at the close of the crowning ceremony. Pictured are (back row, l-r) Abigail Schneider, Haley Parks, Andrea Hanson, Halle Lueking, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Kyndal Busteded, Kaiden Bode, Creighton Harkins, Isaac Hemenway, Trey Rittscher and Ticen Sparr. Front: Crown bearer Hadley Haddix, Queen Kayton Zwingman, King Jarek Erickson and crown bearer Easton Bode.

## Spinning Tales

### Huskers, Crawford and a plaque

LINCOLN — So much for breaking the streak. No, I'm not talking about the fastest thing on two feet, the guy who's so proud of his anatomy he wants to give us a peak. Ray Stevens penned quite the song back in the early 70s when streaking became a popular fad on college campuses. It continues today as, every now and then, someone jumps out of a crowd at a professional football game and runs around the field until security makes like Dick Butkus and plants that person on the ground only to be taken to the paddy wagon and off to jail.

The streak I'm talking about was the 27-game losing streak to Top 25-rated college football teams. It's now 28.

It continued Saturday afternoon when Michigan beat the Huskers 30 to 27 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. The game wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

What began in 2016 goes on. Surely it will end this season, right?

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As far as T-shirts go, I'd rather have one of the Terrence 'Bud' Crawford shirts with the Nebraska logo on it.

Crawford lit up the world on Saturday night, September 13 when he won a unanimous decision over Canelo Alvarez.

As fight fans go, I like professional boxing but very few fighters create the buzz like they did in the 70s when Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman and Ken Norton dominated the ring. After them came Thomas Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and later on to Mike Tyson, Floyd Mayweather & Co.

When those guys had fights I made time to watch them, if not live then a week or two later on ABC's Wide World of Sports (the show about the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat). Howard Cosell's verbiage still rings in my ears - "Down Goes Frazier, Down Goes Frazier." I still use the line with a slight modification here in the office or at a ball game when the time is right.

Right now, Crawford is the gold standard for all other fighters to be measured. Holding four championship belts, his record is 42-0.

What made his fight against Canelo so special was that Crawford went up two weight classes to box the Mexican fighter.

Canelo had power, Crawford nearly equaled his power, but fought a much smarter fight. He's put Omaha, Nebraska on the map for all the world to see, in much the same way Ali did for Louisville, Kentucky when he became "The Greatest."

And, even more impressive, he hasn't been trapped by the pitfalls of fame as so many other great fighters did in their prime.

Having said all that, I hope Crawford has made enough money that he can retire soon. I don't want him to stay in the

ring one minute past the end of his prime. There was nothing more distasteful than to see ALI when he was no longer the greatest. When boxers, in their

prime, like when Larry Holmes beat an Ali who was a mere shell of himself at the end of his career. It's kind of the same

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"Walking With The Lord" conference @ Elgin Community Christian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Wayne State College Band Parade.

**Monday, September 29**  
EHS Financial Aid program webinar. • Elgin Rural Fire District FY 2025/26 Budget Hearing @ Elgin Fire Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.\*

**Monday, October 6**  
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.

**Tuesday, October 7**  
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners in Neligh • Antelope Count 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Plan scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.\*

**Friday, October 10**  
EPS Teammates Tailgate to be held at Elgin Field.

**Wednesday, October 15**  
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education at 7 p.m. in the board meeting room at EPS.

Events listing courtesy of  
**ELGIN VETERANS' MEDICAL CLINIC**  
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Blake R. Baldwin was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff. A work release was under consideration by Sheriff Bob Moore.

Additionally, Baldwin agreed to have his bond exonerated and applied to \$1,281.65 in restitution plus \$50 court costs.

The Albion man accepted a plea agreement in which he agreed to plead guilty to an amended charge of assault-bodily injury/mutual consent, a Class II misdemeanor. Per the agreement, the state will not file additional charges stem-

ming from the incident.

Laraine G. Red Tomahawk, 25, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was sentenced to 73 days in jail after Taylor pronounced sentencing for one count of commit child abuse negligently/no injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Red Tomahawk received credit for 74 days served, with the additional day of credit to be applied to cover court costs.

Amanda M. Gouge, 35, of Elgin, appeared for arraignment on one count of no proof

of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of operate or park unregistered vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith dismissed the third count, with prejudice.

Gouge entered guilty pleas to the first two counts. On the first charge, she was sentenced to a \$100 fine. Taylor also ordered the defendant to pay a \$75 fine on count two. Court costs, in the amount of \$50, were also ordered.

Taylor told Gouge \$100 was due that day, with the balance payable by Oct. 22, or she must

appear in court to explain why fines haven't been paid.

**Other cases**  
A continuance was requested in a case involving a 34-year-old Texas resident charged with one count of operating a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fl, a Class IV felony.

Public Defender Patrick Carney made the request for Michael S. Boughton of Krum, Texas. The Honorable Donna Taylor granted the motion. Boughton is scheduled to appear Oct. 1 for further arraignment.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith dismissed charges against Mandy L. Morrison, 37, of Neligh. Morrison was originally charged with one count of disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor, and one count of violate open burning ban, a Class IV misdemeanor. All costs were waved.

Carney, representing Denise A. Blevins, 63, of Norfolk motioned for a continuance, due to medical issues with the defendant's mother. Smith did not object, and Taylor granted Carney's request.

Blevins will appear Oct. 22 for a preliminary hearing. She faces one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony.

Timothy D. Anderson, 69, of Neligh, appeared for arraignment on one count of DUI-alco-

hol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and requested a jury trial.

Taylor set a pretrial hearing for Oct. 22. Bond, set at \$3,000-10%, remains in effect.

Andre S. Van Rooyen, 40, of Bartlett, appeared for further arraignment on a charge of DUI-15+, a Class W misdemeanor. He pleaded not guilty.

Taylor ordered a pretrial hearing for Oct. 1. A \$1,500 personal recognizance bond remains in effect.

A Plainview man charged with obstructing government operations, a Class I misdemeanor, received a continuance.

Christopher L. Beltz, 38, made the request since he was scheduled to be working out of state on the assigned court date.

On Sept. 12, district court officials issued an order which allowed Beltz to travel to South Dakota and Iowa for work between Sept. 5 and Oct. 3.

Smith did not object to the continuation. Taylor ordered Beltz to appear for a pretrial hearing on Nov. 19.

No agreement was reached in a case involving Denis Kerkman, 92, of Tilden, who faces two charges of criminal trespass-2nd degree, both Class III misdemeanors.

A trial is scheduled for Oct. 22. A \$1,500 PR bond remains in effect.

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## Blair first, Mahnke second in FB Contest

Kurt Blair of Elgin took the top prize in this week's Elgin Review Football Contest. Blair missed just three games to claim the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks.

Three tied for the runner-up prize. Gale Mahnke, Al Hagemeister and Jack Stoltz. Mahnke's guess of 639 total yards between Michigan and Nebraska was closest to the actual figure and will receive the runner-up prize.

Stoltz's guess was 621 while Hagemeister guessed 526 yards.

Results of last week's games were:

- Miami over Florida
  - Oregon over Oregon State
  - Indiana over Illinois
  - USC over Michigan State
  - Tulsa over Oklahoma State
  - Texas Tech over Utah
  - Michigan over Nebraska
  - Oklahoma over Auburn
  - Virginia over Stanford
  - TCU over SMU
  - Iowa over Rutgers
  - Notre Dame over Purdue
  - Missouri over South Carolina
  - UCF over North Carolina
  - Kansas over West Virginia
  - Arizona State over Baylor
  - Duke over NC State
  - Fresno State over Hawaii
- Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday.

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PROCEEDINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
8 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Village of Bartlett board meeting and 1 & 6 year street plan meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on September 8, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Tetschner, Einspahr and Nordhues. Also present: Members of the public, Jacob Sertich from Wilkins Architecture and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Tetschner, seconded by Nordhues to approve the August 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

CCCCFF Feasibility Kickoff Meeting: Jacob Sertich from Wilkins Architecture Design Planning was introduced. The village board in association with the school board hired them to draw plans for the new community/weightlifting building with the grant money received for the project. Mr. Sertich discussed how this grant is given before the larger construction grant is provided. He talked about the next steps needed to fulfill the grant requirements. The next meeting will be a community input meeting, most likely sometime in October. A date will be provided to the community once it is figured out. Once input has been given by the community, Mr. Sertich will draw up the plans and they will have to be approved before the construction grant can be applied for. For at least 5 years after construction is finished, the village would be required to own 50% of the building. Then it could revert entirely to the school district. An interlocal agreement would have to be put in place between the school board and the village board before construction could begin. The construction grant would be for 50% of the total cost. The community will be informed of the next steps.

**BUDGET:** The village of Bartlett budget meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to approve the Village of Bartlett budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2026 as it was published. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Nordhues that the Village of Bartlett set their tax request at \$26,720.38 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2026 and the tax levy at 0.453421 for the same period. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr that the Village of Bartlett requests an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

**STREETS:** Jorja Sturek presented a packet to the board members with information regarding her request to fix the village gravel road in front of her property. The issues of dust, and road quality were discussed. She requested that the road be fixed or improved as soon as possible. The board will investigate ways to improve the issue of dust, since the funds are not available currently to build a new road.

It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Nordhues to approve Resolution #09082025-1 regarding the 1 & 6 year street improvement plan for maintenance only. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Ab-

stained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Nordhues to approve Resolution #09082025-2 regarding Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The board discussed the upkeep needed on Walnut Street on the southeast side of town. The residents who live off of it would like it to be maintained. The board will take the month to consider and look at the road and will discuss it at the next meeting. It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to table the discussion until next month. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

**WATER:** The residents with galvanized water lines will get a packet in the mail.

**SEWER:** Discussed maintenance at the lagoon including mowing, spraying weeds and changing the float balls.

**USER FEES:** Were discussed.

**MAY CLAIMS:** It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

**GENERAL:** Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$53.56; Nebraska Northeast Telephone Company, Internet, telephone, \$131.63; Rick Custard, Mowing, bathrooms, potholes, etc., \$893.46; Lammers, Abel & Kaps, Budget preparation, \$550.00; Wheeler County Rural Fire District, Yearly building use fee, \$1.00; Plugge's Rod Shop, Mower service, \$46.35; Spalding Farm & Home, Cleaning supplies & soap, \$84.73; WeMart, Gas for mowing/streets, \$111.14; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$66.77; Grow Venture Insurance Town, insurance policy renewal, \$14,219.00; Dan Williamson, Vinegar for park weeds, \$20.54; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Salary, \$323.23

**TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:** \$18,493.41

**TOTAL KENO EXPENSES:** \$0.00

**SEWER:** Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$71.02

**TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES:** \$0.00

**STREETS:** Husker Asphalt Solutions, Seal streets, fill cracks, \$27,000.00; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$968.96; Jay Meyer, Town street superintendent, \$300.00

**TOTAL STREET EXPENSES:** \$28,268.96

**WATER:** Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$612.80; RSR Electrical Contracting, Electrical in wellhouse repair, \$424.79; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

**TOTAL WATER EXPENSES:** \$1,337.59

**GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES:** \$48,099.96

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The board discussed moving all the town accounts to Cornerstone Bank in Bartlett. This will be looked into to over the coming month. The board signed the papers to renew the town insurance for the coming year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 13th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of September 2025.

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new schedules, together with a tabulation of the valuation and the amount of semiannual rental of each lease, has been filed in the office of the county treasurer of such county and shall become effective January 1, 2026.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPT. 16 MEETING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Neligh, Nebraska**  
**September 16th, 2025**

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

Approved agenda.  
Discussion with Weed Department.  
Budget Hearing. Adoption and

Appropriation Resolution was approved.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY  
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
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## DeKay

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to pool resources and knowledge to carry out controlled burns. Overall, a controlled burn is incredibly safe. According to one study cited at the hearing, approximately 99% of landowner burn association-led initiated fires occur without incidence. Furthermore, if these burns do escape to become wildfires, the damages and suppression costs are typically lower than wildfires that start due to other ignition sources, such as lightning.

However, a controlled burn is not entirely risk-free either. One just needs to look at the case of the Plum Creek Fire near Johnston in Brown County that occurred earlier in April of this year. This wildfire began after a burn held by a landowner, in coordination with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, local fire departments, and other partners, escaped containment. The initial burn was carried out amid dry conditions near an area where a red flag warning had been issued for the day, meaning there was a high fire danger. The result was a week-long effort to control the 7,000-acre fire which resulted in more than 45 cattle being lost, and the destruction of one cabin (a secondary residence) and at least eight utility poles.

Throughout the hearing, there was broad consensus that fire remains a necessary tool for landowners to manage land and vegetation. However, testifiers indicated that the Legislature should consider further strengthening the powers of local fire chiefs to shut down more types of burning during extreme conditions, such as during the times when a red flag warning is issued. Other recommendations include encouraging landowners to have a written burn plan prior to carrying out acreage burns, improving the current generic burn permit application to allow for more specific information to be provided, and increasing fines or post-fire accountability. I would anticipate legislation next year that seeks to implement one or more of these recommendations that were discussed for possible consideration at the hearing.

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

## ANTELOPE COUNTY 2025 LISTING OF TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

The following is a listing of Tax-Exempt properties in compliance with the amendment of Section 77-202.03 R.R.S. 1943 contained in Section 1 of L.B. 530.

Once each year, the County Board shall cause to be published in a paper of general circulation in the county a list of all real estate in the county exempt from taxation for that year, pursuant to Section 77-202 to 77-202.07, except real estate owned by the state or its governmental subdivisions.

Said exempt properties are properties owned and used exclusively for educational purposes without profit to either the owner or user, charitable purposes without profit to owner or user and agricultural or horticultural societies, religious purposes and cemetery purposes without profit to either owner or user of either.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

### 2025 Antelope County Listing of Tax-Exempt Properties - CHURCHES

Abundant Life Christian Center of Neligh/FCF...Church/Personal Property  
Calvary Bible Church, Inc., Neligh ..... Church/Personal Property  
Church of Christ, Neligh ..... Church/Personal Property  
Community Church of Brunswick, Brunswick ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
Community of Christ, Clearwater ..... Church/Personal Property  
Concordia Lutheran Church, Clearwater ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
Crawford Valley Methodist Church, Crawford Twp...Church/Personal Property  
Elgin Community Christian Church, Elgin..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
First Congregational Church of Neligh, Neligh..... Church/Personal Property  
First Congregational U.C.C., Brunswick ..... Church/Personal Property  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Neligh ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage/Parking/Fellowship Hall  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tilden ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parking  
Methodist Church of Clearwater, Clearwater..... Church/Personal Property  
Oakdale Faith Community Church, Oakdale..... Church/Personal Property  
Kansas NE Conference Association of 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, Neligh .....

Church/Personal Property  
Neligh Faith Community Church, Neligh ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage/Parking  
Oakdale Church of Christ, Oakdale..... Church/Personal Property  
Building Classrooms

Orchard Evangelical Free Church, Orchard ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
Park Congregational Church, Lincoln Twp..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
Peace United Church of Christ, Tilden...Church/Personal Property/Parsonage  
St. Boniface Catholic Church, Elgin. .... Church/Personal

Property/Rectory/Parking/Gym/Ball Field  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Neligh..... Church/Personal

Property/Rectory/Parking  
St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Brunswick..... Church/Personal Property  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Orchard ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage/Parking  
St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Clearwater ..... Church/Personal

Property/Parking  
Trinity (German) Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elgin..... Church/Personal

Property/Parsonage  
United Methodist Church, Orchard.....Church/PersonalProperty/Parsonage

### CHARITABLE/MISCELLANEOUS

Antelope County Historical Society, Neligh.....Building/Personal Property  
Antelope Memorial Hospital, .Neligh/Elgin/Clearwater/Orchard/Tilden.....

Buildings/Personal Property/Parking  
Elgin Chamber of Commerce, Elgin..... Personal Property/Lot  
Elgin Senior Citizens' Center, Elgin.....Buildings/Personal Property  
Orchard Historical Society, Orchard.....Buildings/Personal Property  
Orchard Young Men's Club, Orchard ..... Building/Property  
Senior Citizens' Program, Inc., Neligh.....Building/Personal Property  
St. Boniface Catholic Church, Elgin. .... Parking/Gym/Ball Field  
The Bargain Box, Elgin ..... Building/Personal Property  
Tintner Retreat & Resource Center, Oakdale Twp...Building/Personal Property  
Clearwater Chamber of Commerce.....Building/Personal Property/Parking  
Sons of Clearwater, Clearwater ..... Building/Personal Property

### FRATERNAL/SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Antelope Post #172 American Legion, Neligh.....Buildings/Personal

Property/Parking  
Clearwater Legion Post #267, Clearwater.....Buildings/Personal Property  
Council Holding Co. of Elgin KC Hall, Elgin.....Building/Personal Property

### AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

NOTICE OF OCTOBER 7 PUBLIC HEARING  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Antelope County, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing at the County Courthouse Annex in Neligh Nebraska, on the 7th day of October 2025, at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting and adopting a One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Plan for said governing body. Anyone living within Antelope County, Nebraska, interested in the above

notice may appear in person or by counsel and be heard.

During this hearing Antelope County Commissioners will be discussing various road and bridge projects.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners,  
Neligh, Nebraska

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## It Pays To Advertise in The Elgin Review!

| NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |               |
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| ELGIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |
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| ANTELOPE County, Nebraska                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |
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| PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 29 day of SEPTEMBER 2025, at 7:30 o'clock PM at ELGIN FIRE HALL for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours. |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |
| 2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$ 126,385.26 |
| 2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 79,123.27  |
| 2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$ 105,000.00 |
| 2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$ 50,521.36  |
| 2025-2026 Total Resources Available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 155,521.36 |
| Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$ 112,734.37 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 13,757.91     |
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| <b>Breakdown of Property Tax:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$ 112,734.37 |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ -          |
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Antelope County Agriculture & Fair Association, Neligh.....Buildings/Personal Property  
Antelope County Farm Bureau Corp., Neligh.....Portion Exempt Educational  
Pope John XXIII Catholic School, Elgin..... School/Personal Property  
Educational Service Unit #8.....Building/Personal Property/Parking

### EDUCATIONAL

Antelope County Shooters Club, Neligh.....Buildings/Personal Property  
Pope John XXIII Catholic School, Elgin..... School/Personal Property  
Educational Service Unit #8.....Building/Personal Property/Parking

### CEMETERIES

All Saints Cemetery Association, S20-T26-R7 .....Cemetery  
Brunswick Cemetery, S1-T27-R6 ..... Cemetery  
Clearwater Catholic Cemetery, S21-T26-R8..... Cemetery  
Clearwater Cemetery Association, S19-T26-R7 ..... Cemetery  
Crawford Valley/Pleasant Ridge, S2-T26-R5 ..... Cemetery  
Danish Cemetery, Brunswick S9-T27-R5 ..... Cemetery  
Elkhorn Valley Cemetery Association S4-T26-R8 ..... Cemetery  
Elm Cemetery Association S23-T25-R5.....Abandoned Cemetery  
Fairview Cemetery Association (Clearwater Free Baptist 5-T24-R8).....

Cemetery  
Forbes Park Association 36-27-6 .54Ac..... Cemetery  
German Lutheran Evangelical Cemetery, S27-T25-R8 ..... Cemetery  
Gloversville Church Cemetery S1-T24-R8.....Abandoned Cemetery  
Millerboro Cemetery, Neligh S8-T28-R6..... Cemetery  
Neligh Cemetery (Laurel Hill) S16-T25-R6..... Cemetery  
Oakdale Cemetery S13&14-T24-R6 ..... Cemetery  
Orchard Cemetery Association, aka Orchard Hill Cemetery, S3-T27-R8 .....

Cemetery  
Orchard Amish Church, Cemetery S4-T27-R8 ..... Cemetery  
Park Cemetery Association S8-T23-R8 ..... Cemetery  
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery S2-T26-R5 TR NW¼ ..... Cemetery  
Pleasant View Cemetery Association S25-T28-R8 ..... Cemetery  
Royal Cemetery Association S3-T27-R7 ..... Cemetery  
St. Boniface Church of Elgin Cemetery, S36-T24-R7..... Cemetery  
St. Mary's Cemetery, Tilden S23-T24-R5 ..... Cemetery  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery S10-T27-R8 ..... Cemetery  
St. Theresa's Church Cemetery S25-T26-R8 ..... Cemetery  
West Cedar Valley Cemetery, Elgin S36-T24-R7..... Cemetery  
Willowdale West Congregational Cemetery S34-T27-R6..... Cemetery

### EXEMPT REAL ESTATE OWNED BY ANTELOPE COUNTY

All of Block 5 .....City of Neligh  
Tract 10'X12' in NE Corner of Lot 1, Block 99.....City of Neligh  
Tract 168'X291' in Lot 2, Daxon's Subdivision .....City of Neligh  
Los 1 & 4, County Addition .....City of Neligh  
Lots 1-7, Block 4 .....City of Neligh  
West 92' Lots 16-18, Block 129.....City of Neligh  
Lots 11 - 15, Block 129 .....City of Neligh  
Lot 1, Block 30.....City of Tilden  
Lot 4, exc. the South 50' and S1/2 Vac St N & W1/2 Vac Alley Adj Block 3L... City of Tilden

.260 Acres in Mossbargers Subdivision of NE1/4SE1/4  
and a part of RR Station Grounds .....City of Tilden  
Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, Creighton's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition .....City of Tilden  
Block 6, Boyd's Addition .....Village of Oakdale  
Blocks 7 & 10 Boyd's Addition, Oakdale..... Village of Oakdale  
Lots 6 and 7, Block 26 .....City of Elgin  
Lots 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21, Block 3 ..... Village of Brunswick  
Tract 103'X50' exc. tracts in Out lot G ..... Village of Clearwater  
1 Acre of land in NE Corner of NE1/4 .....1-25-6  
Tract containing 171.9 Acres in Section 29 and N1/2 29-25-6 of Section..... 32-25-6

Tract containing 98.887 Acres in Section ..... 29-25-6  
Tract containing 51.744 Acres in W1/2 ..... 29-25-6  
Tract of 5.67 Acres in NW1/4 ..... 29-25-6  
8.3 Acre Tract, .83 Acre Tract & .334 Acre Tract in N1/2..... 29-25-6  
Strip of Roadway containing 4.2 Acres in SE1/4 ..... 20-25-6  
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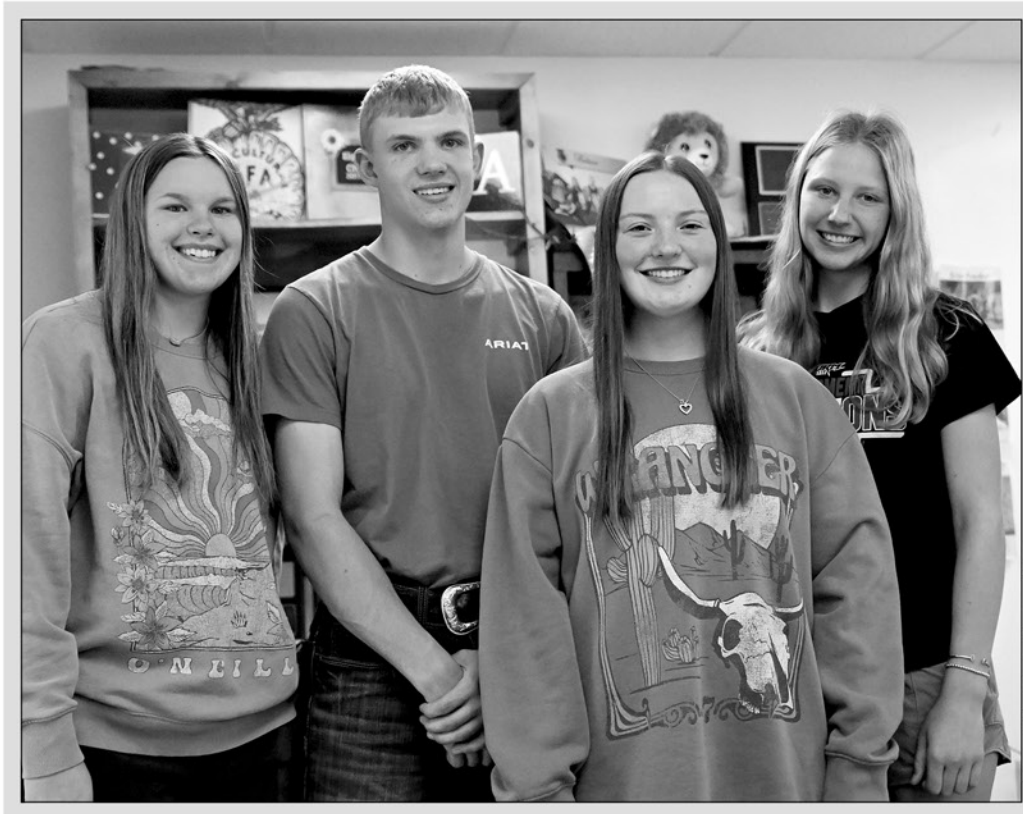
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Team members Kyndal Busted, Isaac Hemenway, Kylee Lichtenberg and Kayton Zwingman

## Elgin FFA Senior Division team competing in State Range Judging contest

Last week, several members of the Elgin FFA Chapter competed in the Area 5 Range Contest. The contest was held near Center, NE. In the Senior division, the Elgin team of Kyndal Busted, Isaac Hemenway, Kylee Lichtenberg, and Kayton Zwingman was the 3rd overall team out of 27 teams. Isaac and Kayton were in the top 10, and Kylee was 16th. They are competing in the State Range Judging contest today - Wednesday, Sept 24th - in Keya Paha County.

Photo submitted

## Controlling late summer weeds

Late summer always seems like a time when weeds can become quite noticeable in pastures. While they may be an eye sore, control methods now are limited. Proper ID can help with making the right management call.

Annual weeds like horseweed, sunflowers, snow-on-the-mountain, and buffalo bur can be plentiful, often showing up in areas of pastures that have relatively thin grass stands, in areas where animals congregate, or if some overgrazing has occurred. These weeds are taking advantage of an open space, providing the sunlight, nutrients, and water to grow. Besides being too large to kill at this point, most annuals have already set seed. Spraying at this point will do nothing to prevent that seed from maturing and starting a new plant next year.

To control the population of annual weeds next year, preventing seed spread is key. At this point the only sure fire tool available is to collect it by hand, a very labor intensive option. Plants that have yet to set seed may be mowed off to improve appearance and stop some seed production. We can also mark the spot as an area to keep an eye on next year. A spring herbicide application when plants are smaller is better for summer annual control and killing plants well ahead of seed set.

Another group of annuals we may run into later on, are winter annuals. These plants sprout in the fall, over winter and initiate growth in the spring. Species like henbit, downy brome, and mustard are best controlled later this fall in the rosette stage. If a pre-emergent option is available for the species you want to control, make sure to look at the length of residual and time your ap-

plication to provide protection through the entire fall growing period. Pulling the trigger too soon could leave a window of opportunity for growth before our first hard freeze. Again, marking these locations to come back in early spring and check for any break through plants will provide more complete control.

Perennial weeds like western ragweed, ironweed, and verberna are still noticeable but require different control. Once again, spraying weeds now

does little good. Weeds are too large to kill and herbicides may only slightly reduce some seed production. Just like annuals, spring herbicide applications are best when plants are small and young tissues more easily absorb the chemical. However, if additional control is needed, waiting closer to a killing frost is best. This provides the double whammy of stressing the plant heading into winter and allows more product to be translocated down to the shoots and roots as nutrients are pulled down for winter storage.

For all weeds, dry conditions can throw a wrench in our plans as well. Plants that have gone dormant due to drought are not absorbing and translocating herbicide like normal, so little control will come from an application. It's better to hold off until moisture renews growth either this fall or next spring.

When it comes to herbicides, getting a proper ID is critical for making the correct management decision. If you need a hand, UNL produces two handy plant ID books available in pdf form free online; "Common Grasses of Nebraska" and "Common Forbs and Shrubs of Nebraska". As always, your

local extension office is also willing to lend a hand.

The last point to consider for pasture weeds, but arguably most important, is focusing on the grazing management for long-term weed control. This includes using the proper stocking rate and developing a good rotational grazing plan. While this doesn't work for all weeds, especially some of our more nasty perennial species like leafy spurge and Canada thistle, most reoccurring pasture weeds are a symptom of poor grazing management. These plants are opportunistic invaders, taking advantage of an open piece of ground and weakened competition from their neighbors. As such, an important objective is to increase the health, vigor, and density of your grass. Healthy, competitive grass stands are essential to reduce weed populations economically over time.

Pasture weeds may look unsightly now, but hold off on spraying. Improve grazing management and time herbicides for the best window of control so herbicides won't be needed as often in the future.

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When it's hot out you look for a teammate to lend a helping hand. After finishing her race, Samantha Stuhr (r) found a water bottle to splash teammate Jovie Borer. Temperatures were in the 80s for the meet held at the Antelope Country Club.

# Stuhr earns medal last week at Neligh-Oakdale Invite



## Kerkman, Borer continue to show improvement

NELIGH — Wolfpack cross country runners battled the course AND the heat Monday, September 15.

Competing at the Neligh-Oakdale Invite held at the Antelope Country Club, EPPJ had one runner earn a medal.

Samantha Stuhr placed 15th in the girls division, posting a time of 24:29.

Teammate Jovie Borer finished 20th with a time of 26:31.

Delani Runnels from Niobrara-Verdigre dominated the field just as she has most of the season. Runnels crossed the finish line first with a time of 20:54.

In the boys division, Will Nelson of Boyd County placed first with a time of 18:13.

EPPJ sophomore Matthew Kerkman came close to medaling. He circled the 5K course in a time of 20:36 to finish 17th.

"After the Neligh-Oakdale meet I felt we were in a better spot overall from where we've started," Coach Tiffany Moser told *The Elgin Review*. "I told the girls we need to start getting into the 24s on time, and Sam did that. Jovie - we're going to keep working towards that, but she looked stronger that day I felt."

"Both have a lot of drive and ambition as well as Matthew. He was just shy of a medal, but I'm hoping that keeps him hungry for more."

**Samantha Stuhr** (left) placed 15th with a time of 24:29 at the Neligh-Oakdale Invite.

# EPPJ runners shine at O'Neill

O'NEILL — Friday morning proved to be a great time to run for the Wolfpack cross country team.

On that day they were among a number of area teams to compete at the O'Neill Invite.

Wolfpack Coach Tiffany Moser said, "Today was a huge day for us! Samantha (Stuhr) and Matthew (Kerkman) ran Wolfpack record times!"

Stuhr finished 18th with a 5K time of 23:11, just three spots away from a medal.

Kerkman ran his 5K race in a time of 19:15 to finish 27th.

Senior Jovie Borer placed 25th in the girls division with a time of 24:26.

"We very much needed this day at this point in the season," Coach Moser said. "I was very happy with today and hope we can keep this momentum going."

Next up for the Wolfpack is the Boone County Invite Friday afternoon at Albion.

Other meets coming up are: October 3 — Battle Creek Invite @ Evergreen Hills Golf Course

October 9 — Niobrara Valley Conference Meet to be held at Ainsworth

October 16 — Class D-3 District Cross Country Meet to be held at Ainsworth Country Club

October 24 — State Cross Country Meet at Kearney

## Tales

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way with Mike Tyson. He was never the same fighter after Buster Douglas KO'd him in Tokyo. Tyson's claim to fame after Douglas? Biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. His last fight against Jake Paul was just to put money in his pocket. Oh, and to introduce the world to ring card girl/model Sydney Thomas. Crawford loves Nebraska and we love him. So far, he's been a great role model for young athletes. I hope it stays that way forever.

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Speaking about forever, tennis great Novak Djokovic did something last week to forever remember Charlie Kirk.

Djokovic dedicated a permanent empty seat in memory of Charlie Kirk on the hallowed grounds of Arthur Ashe Stadium.

um in New York where the U.S. Open is played every year.

On the seat, a golden plaque engraved with the words "Forever in the Heart of Tennis - Charlie Kirk."

A Croatian, Djokovic has dominated men's tennis, rising above retired stars Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in recent years. However, as he's gotten older, his place as the number one player in the world has been taken over by Jake Sinner and Carlos Alvarez. Djokovic is much more popular in Europe than the U.S. Still, you have to admire the player for recognizing Kirk and the support he showed for professional tennis.

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The age of late night talk shows over? Now it's not worth watching.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Our Pride of the Pack

LANDYN VEIK  
FOOTBALL

MADY KURPGEWIT  
VOLLEYBALL

JOVIE BORER  
CROSS COUNTRY

A senior, Landyn had a great game last Friday. In the Homecoming win, he led the team in tackles (8), had an interception & pulled in a 25-yard pass for a TD.

A junior, Mady was a force at the net in the HCC/NC triangular last week. In the two matches, she recorded a total of 16 kills & 2 blocks as the Pack split the matches.

A senior, Jovie continues to improve on the season as the team readies for district competition. At Neligh, she finished in 26:31 then at O'Neill, she finished with a time of 24:26

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# Wolfpack Sports



**Justice Blecher** (92) and Max Henn (13) forced a fumble by Knights quarterback Keian Fischer which Trey Rittscher (55) scooped up and rambled 21 yards for a touchdown.

## EPPJ slays NC Knights 54 to 20

ELGIN — Evin Pelster's opening kickoff return lit a fire under the Wolfpack Friday afternoon as they crushed North Central 54 to 20.

Pelster's 50-yard kickoff return and Karson Kallhoff's 15-yard touchdown run on the very next play put the Knights in a hole which they would not climb out of the rest of the game and the Wolfpack picked up their third victory of the season.

"Overall, just a really, really great, dominant performance," Coach Nick Heithoff said immediately after the game. "We thought we could push them (North Central) around a little bit up front, and we made it a mission. I kind of felt like we could have ran pretty much anything we wanted to on offense and been successful."

The Knights returned the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

That would be the extent of the offensive highlights for North Central as EPPJ scored the next 32 points.

Grady Drueke scored on a seven-yard touchdown run and then Kallhoff added his second touchdown of the quarter as the Wolfpack took a 24 to 6 lead into the second quarter.

The Wolfpack would add two more touchdowns as Kallhoff went to the air. First, he found Max Henn with a 16-yard touchdown pass. Then, just minutes later, Landyn Veik caught a 25-yard touchdown strike, having gotten behind the Knights defense.

The Knights' lone score in the quarter came when they recovered a Wolfpack fumble near midfield, then used slant passes to move the ball down to the one-yard line.

From there, quarterback Fischer scored on the next play.

Two Wolfpack touchdowns in the third quarter sealed the victory.

The first came when Gavin Kallhoff burst up the middle for a 25-yard touchdown run. Pelster added the two-point conversion to make the score 48 to 12, starting a running clock for the remainder of the game.

The Wolfpack defense added the final touchdown when Henn and Justice Blecher forced a fumble which Trey Rittscher picked up for a 21-yard scoop-and-score touchdown, making the score 54 to 12.

Not long thereafter, the



**Landyn Veik** reaches out to catch this pass, then finished off the play by scoring a touchdown.

Wolfpack reserves took the field and finished out the game. The Knights managed a touchdown in the fourth quarter to wrap up scoring.

K. Kallhoff ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more.

Drueke led EPPJ on the ground with 157 yards on 16 carries.

Veik may have had the best game of any Wolfpack player. He led the team in tackles (8), made an interception to stop one NC drive and, on offense, caught a touchdown pass.

"The seniors came up big," Co-Coach Matt Euse said. "Landyn had an interception. Trey with the recovery, and Karson made some big plays ... Homecoming is a little sweeter when you win."

Next up for the Wolfpack will be a Friday night game at Creighton.

Both coaches (Heithoff and Euse) said the game against the Bulldogs will be a big matchup as their size and speed will be a challenge for the Wolfpack to overcome.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

**EPPJ 54, North Central 20**

|               |    |    |    |   |      |
|---------------|----|----|----|---|------|
| Knights.....  | 6  | 0  | 8  | — | 20   |
| Wolfpack..... | 24 | 16 | 14 | 0 | — 54 |

EPPJ — Karson Kallhoff 15 run (Grady Drueke run)

NC — Keian Fischer 75 kickoff return (PAT failed)

EPPJ —Drueke 7 run (Gavin Kallhoff run)

EPPJ —K. Kallhoff 10 run (Evin Pelster run)

EPPJ — K. Kallhoff 16 pass to Max Henn (K. Kallhoff run)

NC — Fischer 1 run (PAT failed)

EPPJ — K. Kallhoff 25 pass to Landyn Veik (Drueke run)

EPPJ — G. Kallhoff 25 run (Pelster run)

EPPJ — Trey Rittscher 21 fumble return (PAT failed)

NC — Fischer 15 pass to Brandt Lezotte (Landon Stephen run)

| Team Stats   | EPPJ   | NC      |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Rushing/Yds  | 34/267 | 13/54   |
| Passing      | 37/70  | 21/34/3 |
| Passing Yds  | 46     | 219     |
| Total Yds    | 313    | 273     |
| Fumbles/Lost | 1/1    | 2/2     |

**Individual Statistics**

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 2/6/0 — 43, Michael Seltling 1/1/0 — 3. NC — Keian Fischer 21/33/3 - 219

Rushing — Michael Seltling 3/10, Karson Kallhoff 5/45, Ethan Hansen 1/-6, Grady Drueke 16/157, Gavin Kallhoff 3/32, Evin Pelster 6/29. NC — Keian Fischer 3/25.

Receiving (#/Yds) — Joseph McNally 1/3, Max Henn 1/18, Landyn Veik 1/25. NC — Brandt Lezotte 6/99

Tackles (solo/ast) — Michael Seltling 3/3, Joseph McNally 3/3, Karson Kallhoff 2/0, Ethan Hansen 4/2, Grady Drueke 3/2, Braedon Hinkle 2/1, Max Henn 4/1, John Zwingman 1/0, Landyn Veik 4/4, Gavin Kallhoff 1/1, Evin Pelster 2/0, Trey Rittscher 1/1, Christian Preister 2/0, Raaf Klein 0/1, Brayden Burenheide 1/0, Justice Blecher 2/1. NC — Landon Stephen 6/5

Tackles for loss — Joseph McNally 1, Max Henn 1, Landyn Veik 1, Christian Preister 1, Justice Blecher 1

Interceptions — Max Henn 1, Landyn Veik 1, Evin Pelster 1.

Fumble recoveries — Trey Rittscher 1

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## EPPJ tops HCC Trojans in 3 sets; plays well in loss to Norfolk Catholic

ELGIN — After dropping the first set, Elgin Public-Pope John seized control of the match and rolled to a 22-25, 25-14 and 25-18 victory over Hartington Cedar Catholic last week.

Playing the match at EPS as part of a triangular with Norfolk Catholic, the Wolfpack overcame the Trojans' height advantage in the latter stages of the match.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a big lead as Jael Lammers and Kayton Zwingman made big plays at the net and Tessa Barlow delivered an ace serve to lead 19 to 6.

Then, Braellyn Martinsen added an ace serve and Mady Kurpgeweit had two kills at the net to close out the set. Kurpgeweit led Wolfpack hitters with 12 kills in the match, one more than Martinsen.

In Set #3, EPPJ built a 16 to 10 lead. Then Brooke Kinney pounded an ace serve as the teams traded points to close out the match.

"I don't think we were ready," Coach Jordynnn Luettel said about Hartington CC. "We weren't ready to go. So come second, third set, we were ready to play Wolfpack volleyball and just clean up our side of the net."

Elizabeth Moser had three of the team's eight ace serves. She had 12 set assists, only trailing Camry Kittelson who added 22.

**Night cap**

The final match of the night had the Wolfpack facing off against C2 top-ranked Norfolk Catholic.

Having swept the Trojans, Norfolk Catholic came into the EPPJ match looking to win the match, which they did, but the Wolfpack didn't make it easy for them.

In Set #1, the Knights found it hard to keep the Wolfpack's front row hitters under control. Back-to-back kills by Lammers gave EPPJ an 18 to 17 lead.

That would be the Wolfpack's last lead in the set as the Knights went on an eight-to-three run to close out the set. They benefited from two ace serves by Mallory Wolf and two kills from Ava Wemhoff.

The Knights jumped out to a 14 to 8 lead in the second set only to see EPPJ make a charge. A five-to-one run by the Wolfpack cut the Knights' lead to 15 to 13. Kittelson had an ace serve and Lammers added a kill at the net.

The Knights then rebuilt a



**Camry Kittelson** finished the triangular with 31 set assists and nine kills.

six-point lead, 20 to 14. And, again, EPPJ made another run. The Wolfpack cut the lead to 22 to 19. The teams traded points before Kayton Zwingman stuffed Wemhoff at the net to make the score 24 to 21. The Knights then closed out the set and the match, handing EPPJ just their second loss of the season.

"We were right there," Luettel told *The Elgin Review*. "We stayed aggressive tonight. We were swinging. We were picking up some good balls. There's a lot of hope, seeing that."

Lammers led EPPJ hitters with six kills, Kittelson, Zwingman and Kurpgeweit each had four kills. Kittelson and Moser each had nine set assists. Kinney led the team in digs (9) and serve receive (23).

The Wolfpack played O'Neill on Sept. 23 (too late for press time. EPPJ will be a triangular on Thursday night at Nebraska Christian (Central City). On Saturday, Sept. 27, EPPJ will host a triangular with Plainview and Atkinson West Holt.

**EPPJ 2, Hartington CC 1**

|               |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|
| Trojans.....  | 25 | 14 | 18 |
| Wolfpack..... | 22 | 25 | 25 |

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 3/14/4, Kayton Zwingman 6/14/0, Braelyn Martinsen 11/24/0, Mady Kurpgeweit 12/19/3, Jael Lammers 5/17/3, Lillian Moser 0/1/1. Team totals: 37/89/17

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 1/14, Kittelson 1/11, Gentry Zwingman 1/10, Brooke Kinney 2/11, Martinsen 0/9, Elizabeth Moser 3/13. Team totals: 8/68

Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 1/0. Team totals: 2/0

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 3/0, Kittelson 8/1, G. Zwingman 3/2, Kinney



**Freshman Lillian** Moser looks to make a block.



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**Kayton Zwingman** knew what to do with this overpass. She finished with nine kills in two matches last week.

16/11, Martinsen 7/3, Kurpgeweit 4/0, Lammers 3/0, L. Moser 0/1, E. Moser 3/3. Team totals: 47/21

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 22/41/4, Kinney 0/4/0, Martinsen 1/2/1, E. Moser 12/32/3. Team totals: 12/32/3

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 15/2, Kinney 21/6, Martinsen 6/1, Lammers 1/0. Team totals: 44/9

**Norfolk Catholic 2, EPPJ 0**

|               |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|
| Knights ..... | 25 | 25 |
| Wolfpack..... | 21 | 21 |

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/17/4, Brooke Kinney 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 3/6/0, Braelyn Martinsen 4/18/5, Mady Kurpgeweit 4/15/4, Jael Lammers 6/17/2, Lillian Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 21/75/12. NC — Amy Wemhoff 10/23/4. Team totals: 24/75/13

Blocks (BS/BA) — Kayton Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 1/0, Kurpgeweit 2/0. Team totals: 5/0. NC team totals: 3/3

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow Kittelson 1/9, Gentry Zwingman 0/8, Kinney 0/4, Martinsen 1/6, Elizabeth Moser 1/6. Team totals: 4/42. NC team totals: 7/48

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/1, Kittelson 5/1, G. Zwingman 6/2, Kinney 9/3, Martinsen 11/5, Kurpgeweit 0/1, Lammers 1/1, Lillian Moser 0/1, E. Moser 6/3. Team totals: 39/18. NC — Amy Wemhoff 11/0. Team totals: 43/0

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 9/31/1, Kinney 2/12/1, Martinsen 0/2/0, Kurpgeweit 0/1/0, E. Moser 9/28/0. Team totals: 20/74/2. NC — Sidonia Wattier 15/49/0. Team totals: 21/76/0

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 7/0, Kinney 23/5, Martinsen 6/1, Lammers 4/0, E. Moser 0/1. Team totals: 41/7. NC — Reese Timmerman 13/0. Team totals: 37/0

## Wolfpack JVs post victories over Hartington Cedar Catholic, Newman Grove/St. Edward

CEDAR RAPIDS — Playing Saturday, the Wolfpack JV volleyball team dropped two of three matches at the Riverside JV Volleyball Tournament. In the opening round, Boone Central defeated the Wolfpack 25-22 and 25-23.

Sophia Burke led the team in digs (21) and tied for the team-high in serve receive with Libby Evans with 11 apiece.

EPPJ recorded 17 kills in the match. Lillian Moser led the way with 7 kills followed by Sydney Niewohner 4, Kinley Drueke 3, Molly Thiessen, Elizabeth Moser and Evans each had 1. E. Moser topped the team with 16 set assists.

Kylee Lichtenberg had all of the team's ace serves (2).

In their second match, EPPJ defeated Newman Grove/St. Edward 25-20 and 25-11.

The Wolfpack had 18 kills in the

match. L. Moser led the team with 8 followed by Niewohner 5, Drueke 3, Evans and E. Moser 1 apiece.

The team had 16 set assists, all by E. Moser. The team had 9 ace serves, led by E. Moser with 5, Burke 2, Evans and L. Moser 1 apiece.

Burke led the teams in digs with 8. In serve receive, Evans led the way with 8. Drueke had the team's lone solo block.

In the finale, EPPJ fell to Riverside 23-25, 25-15 and 12-15.

In the three-set match, EPPJ had 11 kills. Leading the way was L. Moser with 11, Niewohner 4, Evans 2, Drueke, E. Moser and Thiessen 1 apiece. E. Moser had 19 of the team's 20 set assists.

EPPJ had 8 ace serves led by E. Moser 4, Lichtenberg and Evans each with 2.

Burke had a big game in the back

row with 14 digs, Evans had 10. Evans led the team in serve receive with 10. The squad had five solo blocks, Drueke and L. Moser each had 2, Niewohner recorded 1.

**Earlier action**

The EPPJ Wolfpack JV volleyball team picked up a big win in action last week.

Playing on Tuesday night, Sept. 16, the JVs defeated Hartington Cedar Catholic 25-14 and 25-22 at St. Boniface Auditorium.

The Wolfpack had 14 kills in the match, led by Kinley Drueke and Sydney Niewohner each with 5, Libby Evans had 3 and Molly Thiessen had 1. Sadie Thiessen had 11 set assists for EPPJ.

The Wolfpack had six ace serves in the match as M. Thiessen and Kylee Lichtenberg each had 2, Evans and Sadie Thiessen each had 1.

Lichtenberg led the team with 11 digs. Macy Rokahr had a solo block.

Tops in serve receive was Drueke with 7.

In their second match of the night, EPPJ fell to Norfolk Catholic 13-25 and 21-25.

The Wolfpack had 12 kills in the match, led by Drueke with 6,

**Neligh-Oakdale defeats Wolfpack JH teams**

ELGIN — Seeing action on September 17, the Wolfpack junior high volleyball teams faced Neligh-Oakdale. In an 'A' team matchup, EPPJ lost 16-25 and 12-25.

Tenley Schindler led EPPJ with 2 kills, Cara Romej and Shania Buschow 1 apiece. Melissa Stuhr led the team with 2 set assists.

EPPJ had six ace serves in the match, 3 by Aurora Burke, Schindler had 2 and Harper Evans added 1. Tops in digs was Evans with 3.

In 'B' team action, EPPJ fell to Neligh-Oakdale 14-25 and 14-25. Rylee Rokahr led EPPJ hitters with 2 kills. Harper Childers had 2 set assists. Ava Dworak had 4 ace serves, McKenna Sauser added 3. Evans and Sauser each had 1 dig.

Correction: In last week's issue, the Wolfpack junior high volleyball team played Creighton, not Fullerton. The newspaper regrets the error.

Niewohner 3, Evans 2 and M. Thiessen 1.

Tops in set assists was S. Thiessen with 10. Megan Wright and Niewohner each had 1 ace serve.

Lichtenberg and Evans tied for the team high in serve receive with 4 apiece.

Niewohner led in digs with 6.

# Future is bright for Elgin Public-Pope John Volleyball

L'il Pack Night on Tuesday united third through sixth grade volleyball players with their high school heroes



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L'il Pack fifth and sixth graders shown with the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team are front row (l-r): Sloane M., Maisie S., Taryn S., Cora B., Ellie V., and Emery B. Back row: Linley S., Brecken C., Elise H., Sage S., Kinley S., Molly S., Aubrey S. and Brooke B. Kneeling beside them is Wolfpack Head Volleyball Coach Jordynn Luettel and her children. Back row: Shanda Schindler, Wolfpack varsity players Braelyn Martinsen, Elizabeth Moser, Tessa Barlow, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Sophia Burke, Mady Kurpgeweit, Brooke Kinney, Camry Kittelson, Kayton Zwingman, Gentry Zwingman and A. Hoefer, Jael Lammers and Lillian Moser, Lacy Vanis, Jessie Hoefer and Jill McNally.



Photo submitted

Third and fourth grade volleyball players posed with the EPPJ Wolfpack JV team members at L'il Pack Night last week at St. Boniface Auditorium. Pictured are, front (l-r) row third/fourth grade girls: Addy V., Scarlett S., Selene L., Aubrey F., Hayley S., Vanessa B., Aubrey L., Lillian W., Ainsley B., Leighton E. and Ryleigh Y. Not pictured: Adaleese Kinney and Riley Tuttle. Back row: Wolfpack Junior Varsity players: Kylee Lichtenberg, Kynlee Tillis, Sadie Thiesen, Macy Rokahr, Sydney Niewohner, Molly Thiessen, Kinley Druke, Libby Evans and Megan Wright.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

Sept. 26. Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC 4:30  
Oct. 3 .....Battle Creek Invite @ Evergreen Hills GC .....4:00  
Oct. 9 .....NVC CC @ Ainsworth .....4:00  
Oct. 10.....vs Neligh-Oakdale .....7:00

### FOOTBALL

#### VARSITY

Sept. 26 @ Creighton .....7:00  
Oct. 3 .....@ St. Mary's .....2:30

#### JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 29 vs Riverside .....5:00  
Oct. 6 .....@ CWC .....5:00

### VOLLEYBALL

#### VARSITY

Sept. 27...Tri @ EPPJ (PJ).....3:00  
Oct. 2.....Tri @ Boone Central .....5:30  
Oct. 6.....@ Niobrara-Verdigre .....7:00  
Oct. 7.....Tri @ St. Mary's .....5:00

#### JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Sept. 27.Tri @ EPPJ (JV only, EPS) .....3:00  
Oct. 2.....Tri @ Boone Central (JV only).....5:30  
Oct. 6.....@ Niobrara-Verdigre .....5:00

#### JUNIOR HIGH

Oct. 6 .....@ CWC .....3:00  
Oct. 8 .....@ Riverside (Spalding) .....2:00  
Oct. 11 ....Tourney @ Riverside .....9:00



### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sept. 25 .....EPS school picture retakes  
Sept. 27 .....Wayne State Band Parade  
Sept. 29 .....EHS Financial Aid Program  
Webinar • PJCC NCTA Rep & WSC Rep. • PJCC One Act Practice  
Sept. 30 .....PJCC One Act practice  
Oct. 1 .....PJCC only - School picture Day; 1 pm dismissal and PT conferences  
Oct. 2 .....Government Day  
Oct. 3 .....PJCC NO SCHOOL, EPS 1 pm dismissal  
Oct. 4 .....Harvest of Harmony Parade  
Oct. 5 .....Life Chain @ St. Boniface  
Oct. 6 .....Elgin FFA Feed the Farmer  
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