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## In Brief

**Tickets now on sale for Petersburg Christmas party**  
To be Monday, December 16.

The Petersburg Community Club is again hosting its annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 16. 'A Holly Jolly Christmas' will be the theme for this year's celebration. The doors open with a cash bar at 6 p.m. with a Smoked Pork Chop dinner to begin at 7 p.m. The entertainment begins at 8 p.m. with comedy/improv and music performed by Matt Geiler., a rock impressionist and comedian. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased no later than December 8. They can be purchased at Cedar Rapids State Bank and Great Plains State Bank, or from Mark and Chris Grundmayer. For more information, see the ad in this week's *Elgin Review* newspaper.

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:  
Notice of December Meetings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
Proceedings — The Elgin City Council  
Notice of Revised Budget — The Elgin Rural Fire District

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## Weather

The high temperature last week was 60 degrees recorded on Friday, November 21.

The low temperature during the same period was 29 degrees recorded on Saturday, November 22.

No 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
Nov 16	54	32	.00
Nov 17	54	31	.00
Nov 18	51	36	.00
Nov 19	53	33	.00
Nov 20	45	37	.00
Nov 21	60	35	.00
Nov 22	59	29	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for November			0.00
Total precipitation 2025			25.63



**Ceremonial 'burning of the note' held**  
A ceremonial "burning of the note" for the Elgin Swimming Pool took place on Tuesday, closing this chapter on a journey which began for the City of Elgin in 2014 (with a study) to a bond election in November of 2015 to the opening of the new pool in June of 2017. Last month, the Young N Lively group took the profits from this year's Treasures in the Park (held in September) and deposited it towards the principal of the loan the city procured in 2018 for expenses related to the new pool. Also in October, the City of Elgin made the decision to use funds from the sales tax account to pay off that loan. Pictured here, Elgin Mayor Mike Schmitt took a torch to a piece of paper symbolizing the note and Young N Lively president Michele Reicks reacts as Elgin councilman Mike Dvorak's hand got a little too close to the flame.  
*E-R photo/LMorgan*

## Santa Claus IS coming to Elgin

Santa's arrival, A Christmas parade will wrap up a very special day, December 3, here in Elgin. 'Elgin's Hometown Christmas' will be held next Wednesday night with activities up and down Second Avenue. Santa Claus, with an assist from the local volunteer rescue squad, will arrive at 4 p.m. near the entrance to the Elgin Community Center. A large number of children and their parents are expected to be there to greet the red & white-clad one, known to many near and far as 'the man who grants Christmas wishes.' As part of the evening's festivities, the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club has planned some special events. To help his visit run smoothly, families are to again sign up for a time with Santa online. Go to <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10C0C44AEA82FA5F-CC70-60586075-elgins> to choose your time slot. Photos of each grouping will be taken by Lynell Morgan, co-publisher of *The Elgin Review* and be posted on Facebook (likely later the next day) for the families' use. Starting at 4 p.m. and lasting til 7 p.m., the Elgin Community Center will be serving chili and chicken noodle soups, ham and cheese sandwiches and a cookie for \$9 as part of a Center fundraiser. Also during that time, crafts will be available for young-

See **SANTA**, Page 5 ►

## Council approves new water rates; change in billing cycle

Meeting on a rare Tuesday night, the Elgin City Council made several changes to water bills sent out to residents. According to information provided by City Clerk Kristin Childers, the council approved a plan to change the billing cycle. Previously, the water bill was sent out quarterly. Beginning in January, the City will change to a monthly billing cycle. The other change will be the cost for water. The council (Leigh Kluthe, Mike Dvorak, Craig Niewohner and Dr. Jeremy Young) approved increasing water rates to \$32 per month plus \$2.76 per thousand gallons of water used. The special meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes.

**Turkey drawing held; winners announced Friday**

Twenty-four Elgin area residents had their Thanksgiving holiday become just a little brighter. On Friday, the names of the winners of this year's turkey give-away donated by Elgin merchants. Residents had the opportunity to register for several weeks and the drawing of winners was completed just before noon.

Winning turkeys this year were:  
Bank of Elgin - Paige Ringhoff  
Blend & Brew 402 - Niki Moore  
City Limits - Kenny Arends  
CVA Agronomy - Jeremy Borer  
CVA Grain & Feed - Ronald Eischeid  
Dean's Market - Maeghan Hoefer  
Draper Insurance Agency, Inc. - Keith Clark  
Elgin Bargain Box - Diane Dicke  
Elgin Body & Glass - Ron Bode  
Elgin Community Center - Phil Kluthe  
Elgin Hardware & More - Reid Kietly  
Elgin One Stop/Sleepin Inn - Abby Lodge  
Elgin Pharmacy & Gifts - Duane Miller  
Elgin Review - Anne Meis  
Elgin Veterans Medical Clinic - Karen Allemang  
Insurance Mart - Janna Schrunk  
118 Insurance - Tom Morrison  
Mikon Wood Shop - Joe Seier  
Deb Warren - Elise Hoefer  
Precision Repair - Rich Uhrenholdt  
Total Image Salon - Pam Heithoff  
TC Veterinary Clinic - Ken Restman  
Sandhills Hide-A-Way - Linda Kerkman  
Sands Truck Service & Repair - Ciera Gaylor

According to Dean Schrage, each winner will receive a turkey weighing approximately 12 pounds. He said a turkey that size can feed eight people.

Turkeys can be picked up at Dean's Market during regular business hours. Organizers for this year's event were *The Elgin Review* and Dean's Market.



E-R photo/DMorgan

## Virgil takes a bride

There was nary an empty seat Sunday night at St. Boniface Auditorium for the school's dinner theatre performance of 'Virgil's Wedding.' Shown here in a scene is bride Brooke Kinney, groom Aiden Klein and Raaf Klein, minister. Earlier in the week, Pope John students earned acting awards at the NVC competition. They were Camry Kittelson, Aiden Klein, Matthew Kerkman, Reese Stuhr, Tessa Barlow, Brooke Kinney and Kinley Druke. Their next performance will be next week at the District One-Act competition to be held at Wheeler Central High School. More photos on the one act play can be found on Page Six.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

# Praline Sweet Potatoes



Good day, Happy Fall everyone! This is my favorite time of the year! I love all the beautiful colors nature has to show us.

This week's recipe is also one favorite at our house. Did you grow some sweet potatoes in your garden? Here

is a great recipe you can make for your Thanksgiving meal. I have also used butternut squash in place of sweet potatoes. Either one is really delicious. Give this a try! Yummy!

JoAnn



## PRALINE SWEET POTATOES

3-5 sweet potatoes, cooked & mashed  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla

1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup melted butter

Beat all the ingredients with a mixer until smooth. Pour in a sprayed 9 x 13 pan. Add the topping and bake uncovered at 35° for 40 minutes.

Topping:  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup melted butter

1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 cup flour

Mix brown sugar and flour with a fork. Add butter and pecans. Mix well. Sprinkle crumbs over the mixture. Delicious!

## Thanksgiving a time to acknowledge our hardworking men and women

In 1621, the early settlers of the Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Tribe met to celebrate the blessing they received from the previous year: a successful harvest. This gathering is considered the origin



State Senator Barry DeKay

of our country's modern Thanksgiving tradition. Thanksgiving then initially continued largely as a regional observance in colonial New England. In these early years, the meaning of Thanksgiving varied by location. In some areas, Thanksgiving was a celebration of the autumn harvest.

In other areas, Thanksgiving was a solemn affair where, instead of a day of feasting, it was a day for fasting and quiet reflection.

The formalization of Thanksgiving as a national holiday in the United States took many decades. During the Revolutionary War, the First National Proclamation of Thanksgiving was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 to celebrate the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga. George Washington became the first president to declare a national Thanksgiving Day by setting aside November 26, 1789 to recognize the role of Providence in the creation of the United States and its new constitution. In 1863, amid one of the most dire times in our nation's history (the Civil War), President Abraham Lincoln set the precedent that the country would observe the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the legislation in 1941 which largely codified the precedent set by President Lincoln, making the date of Thanksgiving a matter of federal law where it continues to stand today.

While Thanksgiving continues to evolve as each generation brings new meaning to the day and how it is celebrated, it has become a tradition where families can share a meal and reflect on all that we are grateful for together.

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As we gather to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, it is important to thank and acknowledge the hardworking men and women in our communities. Farmers, ranchers, truck drivers, and many others ensure that we have food on our tables. Educators, nurses, social workers, doctors, and first responders work to care for the people in our communities. The men and women who currently serve or previously served in the military have sacrificed so much for us in defense of our nation. There are also countless unsung heroes who use their talents, time, and efforts to better our communities in so many different ways, all of which we are thankful for.

As we come together for Thanksgiving, I personally want to thank each of you who have taken the time to read my weekly newsletters or connect with me or my legislative office. Your communication, feedback, and support are truly humbling! I want to take time to extend an invitation for you to let me know your thoughts or concerns ahead of the upcoming legislative session, which is fast approaching.

My telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Finally, my wife (Brenda) and I, along with our entire family, wish you and your families a happy, safe, and blessed Thanksgiving!



Courtesy photo

## EPS students join All-State Children's Ensemble

On Thursday, Vanessa Buschow (r) and Addison Childers (l) had the opportunity to sing in the Nebraska All-State Children's Ensemble at the Lied Center in Lincoln. Under the direction of Victor C. Johnson, the choir performed six pieces.

### Elgin Community Center menus

**Monday, December 1:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peaches, bread & butter, milk.

**Tuesday, December 2:** Chicken tortellini soup, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, pineapple, bread & butter, milk.

**Wednesday, December 3:** Sloppy joes, french fries, corn,

raw carrots, peaches/strawberry mix, bread & butter, milk.

**Thursday, December 4:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes/ gravy, green beans, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

**Friday, December 5:** Tator tot casserole, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, bread & butter, milk.

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## LIHEAP heating issuances delayed due to government shutdown

Heating issuances for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) have been delayed due to the federal government shutdown, which was effective from October 1 to November 12, 2025.

Historically, LIHEAP heating funds are received by utility providers partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by mid-November, which provide financial assistance to low-income households with heating costs.

"Although the shutdown has ended, funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 have not been received as of yet," said Shannon Grotrian, Director of the Office of Economic Assistance. "In communicating with the federal government, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) anticipates the funding release to occur by the end of November and is working as

quickly as possible to meet this goal." DHHS cannot provide an estimated date of when heating issuances will become available, however, benefits will be distributed as soon as federal funds are received. LIHEAP crisis assistance funds will remain available for households with utility shut off notices. For assistance with this process, visit <https://iserve.nebraska.gov>.

Resources may be available through 211 Nebraska. Please call 2-1-1 or visit the 211 Nebraska website at <https://uwm211.org/nebraska-programs>. 211 is a one-stop source of information for people in need of assistance. When reaching out to 211, they'll assess the situation and then utilize an extensive, up-to-date database to find the best resources in an area.

For additional information and updates to LIHEAP, visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Energy-Assistance.aspx>.

## Elgin's future to be topic of community meeting

Wednesday, December 10 starting at 7 p.m.

A group of concerned citizens looking for new ideas to improve and grow Elgin will have a community meeting in December.

The KC Hall will be the site of the meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, December 10, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend and explore new ideas to grow Elgin.

## Bartlett News

Our thoughts and prayers are lifted up for the family of Jerry Clouse, a former Wheeler County resident. Jerry died November 13, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, at the age of 73.

Funeral services were held at the Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill Friday, November 21.

Burial took place in the Bartlett Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Bartlett Church of Faith.

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday at 7 p.m. In the old firehall with seven members present. Items discussed were: The 63rd Ground Hog Supper will be held in Wheeler Central's New Gym Sunday, February 1 from 4-7 p.m. Prices will remain the same as last year.

A raffle will also be held in conjunction with the supper. The Lions will offer a Christmas movie Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. in the new gym.

The Lions Club Christmas party will be held Sunday, January 11 at 6 p.m.

Members are to bring sides and/or desserts. A \$15 (or less) gift exchange will be held during the evening..

The L and I Midwinter Lions Convention will be held February 27 and 28, 2026 in Grand Island.

David Collins received an International President Certificate at the Lions Fall Rally held November 8 in Grand Island.

I hope each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

By Sherry Tetschner



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## Community Calendar

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

**Thursday, November 27**

St. Boniface Annual Thanksgiving Bazaar @ St. Boniface Auditorium ■ St. Boniface Turkey Trot 1K & 5K.\*

**Monday, December 1**

Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.

**Tuesday, December 2**

Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners at the courthouse in Neligh.

**Wednesday, December 3**

Elgin's Hometown Christmas, sponsored by the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce.\*

**Monday, December 8**

PreK-12 Christmas program at Elgin Public School.

**Tuesday, December 9**

Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

**Wednesday, December 10**

Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education ■ Bloodmobile.



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When friendships make parenting difficult

I think many of us dream about the idea of our best friends' kids being best friends with our own children. Even better is living in the same neighborhood, making getting together even easier. Although I have achieved this dream, I never realized how some of these friendships could become so complicated. Lately, I've realized that intertwining my friendships with those of my children is harder than it seems. We moved into our neighbor-

hood in 2022, and it wasn't long before I met other moms. It turned out that many of them had kids the same age as my daughter. Naturally, we all started hanging out as a group. I'm sure our husbands were delighted when the moms took the kids with us when we got together. My daughter became especially close with two sisters in the neighborhood. They spent the night at each other's houses, rode the bus

together, and basically were around each other as much as they could be. The mom and I were also very close and became "family" for all intents and purposes. Recently, the mom and I had a big blow up. It is ironic that the two adults in their 40s had a fight and not our elementary school children. Alas, that is what happened and we are no longer friends. The hard part is how do we move forward with our children being as close as they are? I haven't even told my daughter about the event that just transpired and I'm praying that we can at least be civil when it comes to the girls getting together. It just makes me incredibly sad that my daughter might be impacted because of my own relationship and not because of anything she said or did. I had another incident with a different mom and her daughter, which had to do with the inevitability of kids getting older and not maintaining certain friendships. Typically, the first few birthday parties of a kid's life are attended by the parents' friends and children.

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Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago November 25, 1965

St. Boniface High School wound up their season rated first in the state among Class D football teams by Nebraska's three largest dailies, Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Star, and Lincoln Journal. Final classification of the top ten Class D teams, according to the Herald: Elgin St Boniface, Hartington, Coleridge, Wolbach, Spalding Academy, Dix, Palmer, Stapleton, Bruning, and Butte. Thirty six live turkeys were given away here Monday by members of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Exceptionally fine weather brought out one of the largest number of contestants since the affair started eight years ago. Rev. R. L. Miller crashed into a bridge railing last Thursday while returning to Elgin from Tilden. The mishap occurred east of town on the Cedar Creek when he endeavored to miss hitting several skunk which were crossing the road. The car he was driving skidded and struck the south side of the west three bridges. Michael Anthony Kuester, son of Arthur W. and Margaret Ann Connors Kuester, was born in the Antelope County Memorial Hospital, January 17, 1961 and died at the home of his parents southwest of Clearwater Nov. 20, 1965 at the age of four years, 10 months, and 3 days. Michael was accidentally killed when the farm wagon which he was entering was struck by a tractor which had gone out of control. He was knocked over and apparently run over by either the tractor or the wagon. School children of this county have been invited to make posters to be used in the Red Cross fund campaign. The theme was to be "Thanksgiving and why we are thankful for the Red Cross." Many students are participating and the posters have been pouring in.

Fifty Years Ago November 20, 1975

Alfred Josten's 1967 Chevrolet caught fire Thursday afternoon while he was attempting to start the engine. Apparently a short in the wiring caused the fire. There was considerable damage to wiring and rubber hose under the hood. Alvis Kalvelage had the misfortune of getting his right hand caught in a corn picker at his farm Monday evening. According to reports received here his brother, Joe, helps operate the farm and had to dismantle the picker sufficiently to remove Alvis' hand. He was then rushed to the Antelope County Memorial Hospital where the injured member was amputated at the wrist. Wm. E. Schulte, a resident of this community all his life, was presented the Elgin Chamber of Commerce "Distinguished Service Award" Monday night at the chamber's November meeting. Mr Schulte, who was born in this area, was among the first, if not the first, farmer to put down an irrigation well on his farm southwest of town. Two big truckloads of used clothing, gathered by Catholic parishes in this area, have been delivered to a mission center at Jackson, KY. Three sisters of the Mission Benedictine Order from Norfolk operate the mission in the heart of the poverty stricken Appalachia region. Parishes contributing the clothing and sharing costs of the delivery were those parishes at Elgin, Petersburg, Neligh, Raeville, Albion, Madison, and Clearwater. Elgin High School's football team closed the season on a sad note last Friday afternoon falling to powerful Adams, 44-30. It was a hard fought contest for the State Championship in Nebraska's 8-man football. For the Elgin Eagles, they ended the season with a record of 10 -1 and second place in the state.

Thirty Years Ago November 22, 1995

Elgin will be holding its Old-Fashioned Christmas Fair on Sunday, Dec. 3, to kick off the holiday season. Plans for the annual event were discussed at the Elgin Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night. Area deer hunters found more success in the 1995 hunt than they did in 1994, according to statistics from the Antelope County Sheriff's office. A total of 465 deer had been checked in at the Neligh check station for 1995. Hunters this year checked in 98 more deer than last year's total of 367. Country Spinners Square Dance Club held a dance on Nov. 14 at the Oakdale Community Center with Dean Dederman as caller. Guests attended from five area clubs.

Twenty Years Ago November 16, 2005

Homes are still needed for some of the dogs that were removed from the Fran Carson property after the fire destroyed her home west of Elgin on Saturday, Oct. 29. Donna Merten of rural Albion reported that homes have been found for 11 of the dogs they are caring for in their kennel. An 18-year-old driver escaped with only minor injuries after this roll-over accident northwest of Elgin last Wednesday, Nov. 9. Kelly Starman was driving the 1995 Pontiac Grand Am southbound, one mile west and nine-tenths of a mile north of Elgin, when she steered to the right to make room for an oncoming vehicle at the crest of the hill. She then overcorrected and skidded on the gravel and the vehicle flipped onto its top in the west ditch.

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Editorial  
Thanksgiving  
and a chance  
to start anew

Another year has passed and its time to gather with friends and family to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Having lived here in Elgin for nearly 20 years, I’ve come to the conclusion no other community cherishes this holiday like the residents here do.

Tomorrow, the 101st annual Thanksgiving Day Bazaar will be held. Nearly all parishioners will participate in one way or another to help feed close to 1,000 people who will travel near and far to attend.

That’s not the only celebration as not everyone will make it down to the auditorium for dinner. Others will open up their homes for a Thanksgiving feast. Families need to come together to celebrate all things family, several generations under one roof or seated around one table. At least for a few hours.

We’ve come to a point in time in this country where some will allow petty politics to separate themselves from family. Time and distance should be the only factors separating families, not who you voted for or who you believe (Conservatives and Progressives) should occupy the higher moral ground. The only disagreements on this day should be who gets the last piece of pumpkin pie; or the recliner to rest in after dinner, not who’s right or wrong when it comes to race or religion.

In a time where civility seems to have been misplaced, there’s no better day than Thanksgiving Day, to start anew, to celebrate God’s grace in our lives.

If we can set aside our differences for one day, then maybe we can begin to realize and understand that which unites us is greater than what divides us.

Give thanks. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dennis Morgan, Publisher

We deserve transparency, not ‘no comment’

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

We deserve transparency, not ‘no comment’  
There’s an old saying about government – “it’s not that ‘what is said isn’t so,’ it’s what is so isn’t said.”

So that means that someone – maybe a state auditor, maybe a whistleblower, but often a news reporter – needs to dig in and find out what is really happening with our tax dollars and state policies.

That’s why it was so disgusting to read recently about our “Secretary of War’s” crackdown on access by reporters to the Pentagon.

Pete Hegseth, a former Fox News weekend host, is the U.S. Secretary of Defense. And it’s his opinion that reporting by a free press – a right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights – is somehow disruptive to his job.

(President Trump wants to change the title to Secretary of War for some reason, but he can’t do that without an act of Congress, so I’m sticking with the actual, legal title, which is “Secretary of Defense.”)

So Hegseth wants reporters to sign what amounts to a loyalty oath, pledging that they will refrain from reporting about things his agency – one of the largest and biggest spenders in the federal government – has not authorized to be revealed.

Reporters have long self-restrained from reporting on troop movements and ongoing military exercises that would endanger soldiers.

But sometimes, reporters find out “what is so” clashes with what’s been said and have to report something. Has anyone ever heard of the Pentagon Papers?

That 1967 document, long held in secret by the Pentagon, revealed that our country’s military leaders and presidents had concluded for years that a war in Vietnam was unwinnable. Yet our leaders kept sending troops, spending money and telling us we could win until a costly war – in terms of lost lives and wasted expenditures – ended in 1975.

That was a document that the Pentagon did not authorize for release. It took a whistleblower and reporters and editors with the New York Times in 1971 to tell us the truth.

Let’s be honest, reporters and editors aren’t very popular these days.



Trump labels them often as “enemies of the people” and denigrates reporters and calls them insulting names if they write things he doesn’t like. He’s also sued several news organizations over petty grievances.

Government officials, when they screw up, would rather not read about it on the front page of a paper or a website. Hegseth, I gotta believe, wasn’t too happy when the media revealed that details of a secret air strike were accidentally, and carelessly, shared with the editor of a national magazine.

But consider this – do you want government officials to hand pick what we know and shouldn’t know? You trust them to always tell you what’s going on, even when that’s bad news?

Would you have rather not heard what our governor leaders really thought about the Vietnam War?

I’ve seen this over and over when covering Nebraska state government. And while I believe that the vast majority of folks who work in government

are honest and want to serve the public, there’s those who figure they can cut corners, enrich themselves, and make their agency look good.

All too often we get the response, “no comment,” or requests for comment are ignored altogether. It used to be that when you called a state agency, even the governor’s office, there was a chance you could talk to the agency director, a top administrator, or the governor themselves. But now, nada. It’s most often “email a couple of questions and we’ll get back to you,” which results in half-answers and non-answers.

We need reporters, as well as inspector generals and auditors, to provide an essential double check on our government.

Please know, it’s not the job of a reporter to take down everything a governor or president says and accept that what they provided must be true. “Trust but verify” was Ronald Reagan’s famous warning. So that means fact checking what’s being said, and

doing some background work.

We spend more than \$900 billion on defense. That’s dollars you and I pay as taxes. We deserve to know, exactly, how our money is being spent, and that it’s not being spent on \$300 toilet seats or billion-dollar warships or jets that don’t operate as intended.

Almost every reporter from a legitimate news outlet turned in their Pentagon press passes in response to the awful new rules proposed by Hegseth. And rightly so. The last thing we need is some bureaucrat spoon-feeding us what he believes we should, and shouldn’t, know about how our dollars are being spent.

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Giving thanks for family, friends and Nebraska values in 2025

Next week, Americans across the country will gather around their dining tables with family and loved ones to pause, reflect, and give thanks. As I prepare to do the same, I’ve been thinking deeply about the blessings in my own life.

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U.S. Senator  
Deb Fischer

In Nebraska, those bonds are strong. Our state understands that it takes more than individual effort to raise good citizens; it takes neighbors who care, families who show up, and communities that pull together. I’ve seen this time and again in the countless

quiet acts of service that define who we are: volunteers sorting food donations, parents grilling hamburgers to help fund a local project, families carpooling students to Girls State and Boys State, and friends rallying around a neighbor facing a difficult time. These gestures build the foundation of a state that values character.

That sense of responsibility to something larger than ourselves is also evident in the many Nebraskans who serve our nation. With Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha and missile facilities across western Nebraska, our state plays an essential role in our national security. But the heart of our contribution is found in the people — the service members, their families, and the communities that embrace them. As the daughter of a World War II Army veteran, the sister of Air Force and Army veterans, and a relative to many who have served in the Army and Navy, I know firsthand the sacrifices military families make. Their stories remind me that service is a commitment lived daily, often quietly, and always with courage.

Hard work is another Nebraska hallmark. Whether baling hay well after

sunset, caring for patients in a hospital, or keeping a small business running, Nebraskans take pride in doing a job well. In the U.S. Senate, I strive to carry that same ethic. The responsibility of legislating on behalf of this state is one I take seriously. Nebraskans deserve someone who listens intently,

works diligently, and approaches each issue with humility and resolve.

This Thanksgiving, my gratitude extends far and wide — to my family, whose love grounds me; to my friends, whose steady encouragement means more than they know; and to the good people of Nebraska, whose character,

generosity, and perseverance inspire me daily. Thank you for building strong communities, for raising the next generation of leaders, and for reminding our nation what it means to live by these values.

Because of you, Nebraska — and our country — has a hopeful future.

Support and celebrate small  
businesses this holiday season

By Rhea Landholm  
communications manager, Center for Rural Affairs

This holiday season, will you shop at one of the 33.2 million small businesses that make up 99% of all businesses in the U.S.?

Up and down rural main streets in rural America, shopkeepers are readying their stores for the season. Business owners are stocking special gifts and rolls of wrapping paper to provide added value when you spend your money with a local retailer.

Independently owned businesses are what keep our rural communities thriving. They rely on our patronage during the crucial holiday season as well as year-round.

This year, more than ever, small businesses need our

support.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Index, 79% of independent business owners say this upcoming holiday season is important for their overall profit this year, up from 70% last year.

When you shop local, you support your community by paying sales tax. You are also helping out a small business owner who in turn might sponsor a school activity or host a community event, showing just how important main street businesses are as part of our life in rural America.

Shopping local is good for consumers as well. During this holiday season, more than half of small businesses, 56%, say

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## Cobb

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Our own kids aren't old enough to have their own relationships, so we're really the ones celebrating.

However, as our children age and they become their own person, they have opinions on who they want invited and to what events.

For years, my daughter would have large pool parties since she has a summer birthday.

This year, she told me that big parties give her anxiety and she wanted something smaller. I limited her to five friends since the activity chosen was expensive and that's all I could fit in my van.

My friend's daughter didn't make the list, but I didn't think much of it.

Our friendship is not dependent upon the friendship of our girls, and honestly, they have never really been that close. It's just the natural progression of things in my mind.

Unfortunately, it hurt her feelings that her daughter wasn't invited. And this just further solidified the fact that mixing relationships isn't always butterflies and rainbows. It's great when it works but it quickly becomes messy when it doesn't.

We can't force our children to be friends, and we certainly can't force ourselves to befriend all the parents.

Obviously, I'm not about to pull out of every relationship that's intertwined, but I will be more cautious in the future. I still love the dream, but I have more realistic expectations on what this can look like.

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

## Santa

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sters - families are being asked to donate a non-perishable item or two that will be given to the food pantry for their patrons.

Outside, all ages can enjoy a horse-drawn ride around town - they will be located on the south side of the Center.

The highlight of the evening will take place at 7 p.m. with the Christmas Parade down main street.

## Boone County Health Center Named 2025 Cardiac Rehab Program of the Year!

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has been honored with the 2025 Cardiac Rehab Program of the Year by the Nebraska Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network (NCVPRN). BCHC is the only facility in the state to receive this distinction, which celebrates a Nebraska-based cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program demonstrating exceptional leadership, patient service, and commitment to advancing cardiovascular and pulmonary health.

The Program of the Year Award is given to a facility that not only provides outstanding patient care but also shows excellence in community education, professional leadership, and advocacy. Recipients must demonstrate participation in National Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week, support legislative improvement efforts, promote heart and lung health in their communities, contribute to professional presentations, and maintain active involvement with NCVPRN through committee or board service.

This is not the first time the Health Center's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program has received statewide recognition — the program was also named Program of the Year in 2019, underscoring its longstanding commitment to excellence.

BCHC's Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program has a rich history of innovation and quality. It was first established in 1987 and went on to become one of the first nationally certified programs in Nebraska by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) in 1999.

This certification — the only peer-reviewed accreditation of its kind — is recognized worldwide as the gold standard for programs adhering to rigorous clinical and professional standards.

"This award is a testament to our entire team's dedication to helping patients regain strength, confidence, and quality of life after cardiac or pulmonary events," said Angie Swantek, RN, Cardiac Rehab Di-



Photo submitted

Members of the cardiac rehab program at BCHC are (back row, l-r): Jaimie Beister, Jamie Afrank, Janet Feik, Carla Berlin, Nettie Horan and Colton Pelster. Front row: Melissa Nissen, Angie Swantek, Abbie Nelson and Heather Imler.

rector. "We take great pride in offering a program that blends compassionate care with the highest professional standards, and we're honored to be recognized once again by NCVPRN."

Under Swantek's leadership, Boone County Health Center continues to expand its impact, not only through exceptional patient outcomes but also by

fostering community awareness and promoting healthier lifestyles across the region.

For nearly four decades, Boone County Health Center has been at the forefront of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, helping patients return to active, fulfilling lives through expert care, encouragement, and education.

## BCHC Announces Changes in Key Medical Leadership Roles

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Anthony Kusek for his many years of dedicated service as Chief of Medical Staff—a role vital to the leadership and coordination of BCHC's medical providers. Dr. Kusek most recently served 13 years in the position and previously served for several years in the late 1980s and throughout much of the 1990s, making his influence on BCHC's medical leadership both longstanding and deeply significant. As his tenure concludes, BCHC welcomes Dr. Tami Dodds into the role.

The Chief of Medical Staff serves as a key liaison between the hospital's administration and its medical providers, ensuring the highest quality of patient care, smooth communication, and adherence



Photo submitted

Caleb Poore, CEO, presents plaque to Anthony Kusek, MD.

to best medical practices. In this leadership role, Dr. Kusek guided the provider team through years of change and growth, helping to shape policies, strengthen teamwork, and maintain the Health Center's

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Attending church services has so many benefits...spiritual growth, community connections, and - believe it or not - positive health outcomes. Regular church attendance can also give you opportunities for personal development, service, and a deepening your faith. If your faith could use a booster shot, attend a service of your choice.

## What's Next?



When is our time here up?  
How we've lived life matters.  
We can decide to live life well and anticipate a good future.  
Or we can live by making poor choices.  
In church this week, hear words to help make the best life decisions.

## ...the day is near.

Romans 13:11-14

Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44 Psalm 122

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For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
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Romans 11:36

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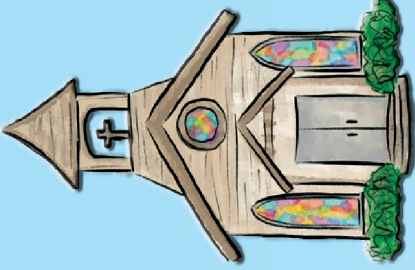
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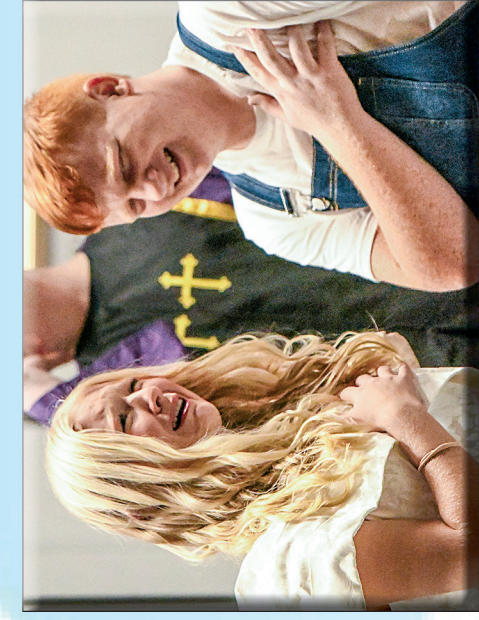




# POPE JOHN XXIII CENTRAL CATHOLIC ONE ACT VIRGIL'S WEDDING



A Comedy in One Act by Eddie McPherson

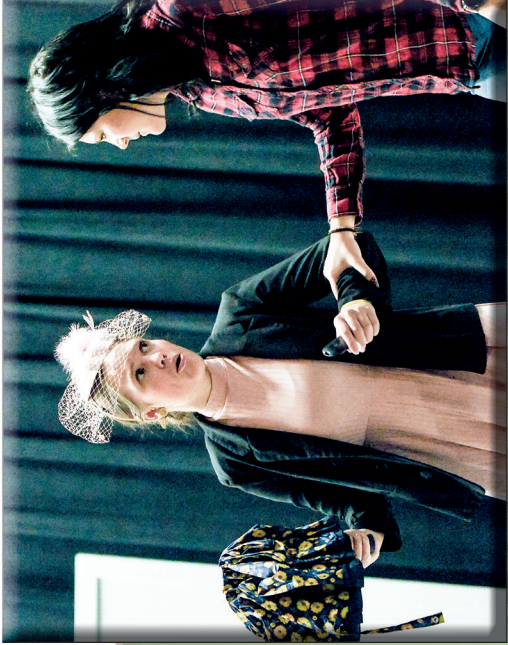


It's the social clash of the century as Ms. Delamie, a high-end wedding planner, and her assistant, Barbie, are hired to direct a simple ceremony for two of Lickskillit's favorite lovebirds. Grinning with confidence and guaranteed a promotion if the Margaret Hooper-Virgil Sludge wedding is a success, Ms Delamie invites her boss, Mr. Wright, to attend the simple ceremony. But it's a wild romp before the nuptials are exchanged. The bride doubts the groom's love, the in-laws are decorating the church with Christmas garland, the Reverend arrives late with notes for a funeral service, and the groom ends up spending the night before the wedding in his best man's lizard trap. The morning of the wedding is a coordinator's nightmare. It starts with a skittish bride who thinks she's promised her love to the wrong man (her mama told her to marry "Mr. Right"), a lost groom and ungracious relatives that refuse to cooperate with fancy city ladies. Too busy with the bride to worry about the groom, Ms Delamie and Barbie work on the threshold of tragedy trying to explain the difference between Mr. Wright and "Mr. Right" to the bride before she ends up marrying the wrong "Mr. Right."

The PICC One Act team is coached by Amy Klein and Alan Reicks.

The team will be competing in District (D2-2) One Act at Bartlett next Wednesday, December 3.

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**Mandated as** lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic school were (l-r): Samantha Stuhr, Brooke Kinney and Elizabeth Moser. Back row: Gavin Kallhoff, Father John Norman and Aubrie Parks.

Pope John students mandated  
for service to area parishes

Five Pope John XXIII Central Catholic students were mandated as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Thursday morning, November 20th at an all-school

8:15 a.m. Mass. Father John Norman conducted the mandation. He thanked the students for their willingness to serve their school and parishes. Students mandated were

Gavin Kallhoff (EMHC), Brooke Kinney (EMHC), Elizabeth Moser (EMHC), Aubrie Parks (EMHC), Samantha Stuhr (lector & EMHC).

Master Gardener program celebrates  
50 years of growing gardeners, communities

In 2026, the Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program celebrates its 50th anniversary of cultivating knowledge, service and community impact across the state. Since its inception, more than 4,000 Nebraskans have become trained volunteers dedicated to sharing research-based horticultural knowledge and strengthening their local communities through plants, education and stewardship.

The program is a hybrid educational experience coordinated by Nebraska Extension. Participants receive in-depth instruction from University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and staff on the whole landscape system — including soil health, plant selection, pollinators, turf management, tree care, water conservation and pest management.

After completing 40 hours of training, volunteers contribute 40 hours of community service

in their first year, applying what they learn to make a difference statewide.

“Master Gardener Volunteers are lifelong learners who bring science to life in backyards, schools and community gardens,” said Terri James, Nebraska Extension educator and statewide coordinator. “For 50 years, they’ve helped Nebraskans grow smarter, more resilient landscapes while fostering connections between people and place.”

The impact of the program reaches every corner of Nebraska — including community gardens supporting food security, youth education programs, public demonstration gardens and tree-planting initiatives that

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The men who signed the  
‘Declaration of Independence’

*Editor’s note: This week marks the beginning of a new series tied to our nation’s 250th birthday in July 2026.*  
*It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.*  
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As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the Declaration of Independence.

According to Benjamin Rush in a letter to John Adams, ‘signing the Declaration was their death warrant.’ What spurred them to take such a radical step? Where did they even get direction for taking that stand? How would they know what it takes to establish a free nation? It seems much preparation of heart and mind

Caroline Epp

occurred for these Founders to stand audaciously for individual freedom and the self-government of our nation.

In the coming months, we are going to explore these Signers, our Founding Fathers, as to who they were and the prominent influencers, Montesquieu, Blackstone, Locke and, believe it or not, the Bible, giving them courage and direction to put their lives, fame and fortune on the line declaring independence from Great Britain, militarily strongest nation on earth. Some of this will be brought forth by their own words from direct quotes of the Signers.

According to Rick Green in his book, *Freedom’s Frame*, he reveals four basic principles brought forth in the Declaration of Independence.

- Self-evident Truths – The undeniable fact that moral absolutes exist.
- Endowed By Our Creator – Our unalienable rights to individual liberties come from God, not government.
- The Pursuit of Happiness – The importance of free enterprise to our freedom.
- Consent of the Governed – We each have a voice.

These men, set apart from all other men who had ever rebelled against a government, had everything to lose. Most were well established financially, highly educated and respected by all. In history, it had always been those who had nothing to lose, rebelling against their leaders. Our Signers knew the importance of freedom and knew it was the only way to live which made them willing to give up all for their fellow countrymen and descendants to come.

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**Richard Stockton (1730 – 1781)**  
After graduating from Princeton, he became a distinguished

attorney and judge, and many who studied law under him would eventually become notable Founding Fathers, including Elias Boudinot (president of Congress and a framer of the Bill of Rights), Joseph Reed (a general during the Revolution and governor of Pennsylvania). He actively recruited John Witherspoon (later to become a signer of the Declaration) to be president of Princeton. Part of the Executive Council of New Jersey, he was sent to the Continental Congress, where he signed the Declaration of Independence. Betrayed by pro-British neighbors, he was turned over to British authorities, placed in a prisoner-of-war camp, tortured, and abused. Finally released in a prisoner exchange, his health had been shattered, and he died shortly thereafter. (*Founders’ Bible*, p. 1920)

This truly was a man who lost life and fortune. His home, extensive library and farm were destroyed by the British. At one point, Mr. Stockton had the favor of the British and in 1763 earned a high distinction by the English Courts due to his successful practice of law. During a 15 month visit to England observing their high courts to enhance his knowledge of law, he was well received and entertained by the noble. In 1768, he was chosen to be a member of the royal executive council of New Jersey, and in 1774 placed on the bench of the Supreme Court in that Province. One would think, due to honor from the King and his great wealth or fortune, Mr. Stockton would have sided with the British, but ‘his principles could not be governed by self-interest, and he espoused the cause of the patriots.’ (*Lives of the Signers*, by B.J.Lossing, Foreword by David Barton, Wallbuilders, p. 79)

In 1776, Richard Stockton was elected to the Continental Congress by the Provincial Congress of New Jersey in time to be a Signer of the Declaration after hearing John Adams’ persuasive arguments. Shortly thereafter, he was in a tied race for Governor of New Jersey but was encouraged by friends to let his competitor have the seat. He was then elected to be Chief Justice of the State but declined the position and returned to the Continental Congress.

A note of interest: his eldest daughter, Julia Stockton, married Dr. Benjamin Rush, a prominent medical practitioner, a Signer and founder of the Philadelphia Bible Society.

Richard Stockton declared: “I subscribe to the entire belief of the great and leading doctrines of the Christian religion,... and I exhort that the course of life held up in the Christian system is calculated for the most complete happiness that can be enjoyed in this mortal state.” (*The Role of Pastors & Christians in Civil Government*, David Barton, p. 27)

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## Arraignment for Poli to be in December

### Judge Taylor renders decision

A 48-year-old Neligh man received a continuance in Antelope County Court case where he is charged with one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable a Class III misdemeanor.

Raymond F. Poli appeared for arraignment and requested counsel.

The Honorable Donna Taylor deemed Poli indigent and appointed Antelope County Public Defender Patrick Carney. On Nov. 24, Carney entered a motion to withdraw as counsel, due to a conflict of interest.

Taylor ordered Poli to appear Dec. 3 for further arraignment.

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Jordan D. Melhado, 20, of Wayne, entered a no contest plea on one count of drive under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor.

Taylor found Melhado guilty and ordered a \$100 fine, plus court costs, to be paid that day.

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Hope M. Petite, 31, of Orchard, was found guilty of driving under suspension/before reinstated - st, a Class III misdemeanor.

Taylor ordered Petite to pay a \$100 fine, plus \$50 court costs. The sentence was suspended until Dec. 17. Petite was ordered to appear for a show cause hearing on that date if fines and costs are not paid.

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Carolyn G. Childs, 23, of Oakdale, arrived in the afternoon for a morning hearing. She entered a guilty plea on one count of possession of marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, an infraction.

Taylor ordered Childs to pay a \$300 fine, plus \$49 in court costs. Following discussion on payment arrangements, Taylor ordered Childs to pay \$175 immediately, with the remaining balance due by Dec. 3. Failure to pay the balance will result in a show cause hearing on that date.

Courtesy of SAM

## Knapp to have cases consolidated in Antelope County Court

A 23-year-old Lincoln man will have his case consolidated with another case, following a motion by Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith during a Nov. 19 hearing in Antelope County Court. Defense attorneys Pat Carney and Preston Koehler did not object.

Dillan Knapp faces one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor. His case will be consolidated with a case involving Darren Stewart.

Judge Donna Taylor ordered a list of witnesses and exhibits be provided to all parties by Nov. 29.

Knapp will appear Jan. 9 for a jury trial.

Bond, set at \$4,000 - 10%, remains in effect.

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Fifty-two-year-old Tyler O. Wood, of Plainview, failed to appear for arraignment on one count of theft - unlawful taking \$501-\$1,499, a Class I misdemeanor.

Defense counsel Patrick Carney requested a continuance, which Taylor granted, noting a warrant will not be issued until after Dec. 3, if Wood fails to appear for that day's court appearance.

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A preliminary hearing will be held Dec. 3 in a case involving 26-year-old Gage T. Schultz. His attorney, Martin Klein, made the request.

The Tilden man faces one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony.

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Jesse J. Borer, 48, of Neligh, requested a jury trial. He faces one count of DUI- .15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of willful reckless driving - 1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor.

Borer pleaded not guilty to both charges. He will appear Dec. 17 for a pretrial hearing.

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Smith requested a change in bond conditions for 32-year-old

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### NOTICE OF UPCOMING DECEMBER 2025 REGULAR MEETINGS

#### THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**  
**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners

of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

December 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM

December 9, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified

at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.  
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### PROCEEDINGS OF NOV. 18, 2025 MEETING

#### THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

**ELGIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Proceedings**  
**November 18, 2025**

The Elgin City Council met in special session on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

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

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public

inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- Change to a monthly billing cycle
- Increase water rates to \$32.00 per month plus \$2.75 per thousand gallons of water used

Special Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor MIKE SCHMITT  
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS  
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## WIC/Immunization clinic in Neligh on December 4

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership will hold the Neligh WIC and Immunization clinic on Thursday December 4, 2025, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the American Legion- 115 W. 3rd Street Neligh, NE 68756.

For an appointment or for more information regarding the WIC or Immunization Programs please call (402) 385-6300.

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Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP), headquartered in Pender, NE, is one of nine Community Action Agencies in Nebraska. NENCAP manages several different programs as determined by identified needs of residents in the 14-county service area. The Agency serves over 10,000 clients a year due to successful outreach efforts.

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2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 126,385.26
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 79,123.27
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 114,000.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 55,521.36
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$ 169,521.36
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 112,734.37
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	21,757.91
<b>Breakdown of Property Tax:</b>	
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Thank you all....

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular wine  
5. Greatly impressed  
11. \_\_\_ and that  
12. Uttered with passion  
16. Boats  
17. Veteran actor  
18. Casserole with game  
19. Reprehensible acts  
24. They precede C  
25. Says under one's breath  
26. Taxis  
27. It transfers genetic info  
28. NFL great  
29. Where college students sleep  
30. Major European river  
31. Taco condiment  
33. -frutti  
34. Polish city  
38. Astronomy unit  
39. Khoikhoi peoples  
40. Bears QB Williams  
43. Scrambled, fried, boiled  
44. Price indicators  
45. One-time world power  
49. When you hope to get somewhere  
50. Farm building  
51. Choose carefully  
53. Magnum was one  
54. One who combines  
56. Nursemaids  
58. Partner to Pa  
59. Notable river  
60. Officially honors  
63. Colorless compound  
64. A fancy chair  
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building  
2. Religion of Japan  
3. Leggings  
4. Officially distributes  
5. Arabian Sea seaport  
6. Spanish doctors  
7. It cools your house  
8. Currency of Poland  
9. Slowly moves into  
10. Days (Spanish)  
13. Unit of volume  
14. Emit  
15. With two replaceable hydrogens  
20. Title for a man  
21. Equally  
22. Scarlett's home  
23. One-time tech titan  
27. Subway dwellers  
29. One-tenth of a liter  
30. Central European river  
31. Distress signal  
32. Expression of sympathy  
33. The bill in a restaurant  
34. Football equipment  
35. Dance music  
36. Russian river  
37. Cosmetics giant Mary \_\_\_  
38. Gym class  
40. Automobiles  
41. Roman honorific

As producers, we do what we can to make sure the hay we store for winter is in the best shape possible. We cut at the appropriate time, try to bale at optimum moisture contents, and even give the plants we harvest a hand by irrigating and fertilizing when able.

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42. Losses in sports  
44. Skin tone in summer  
45. Distant planet  
46. Critical humor  
47. Illegally obtained  
48. Go back over  
50. Home appliance brand  
51. Unit of radioactivity  
52. Home of the Flyers  
54. Short official note  
55. Emit coherent radiation  
57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)  
61. Most common noble gas (abbr.)  
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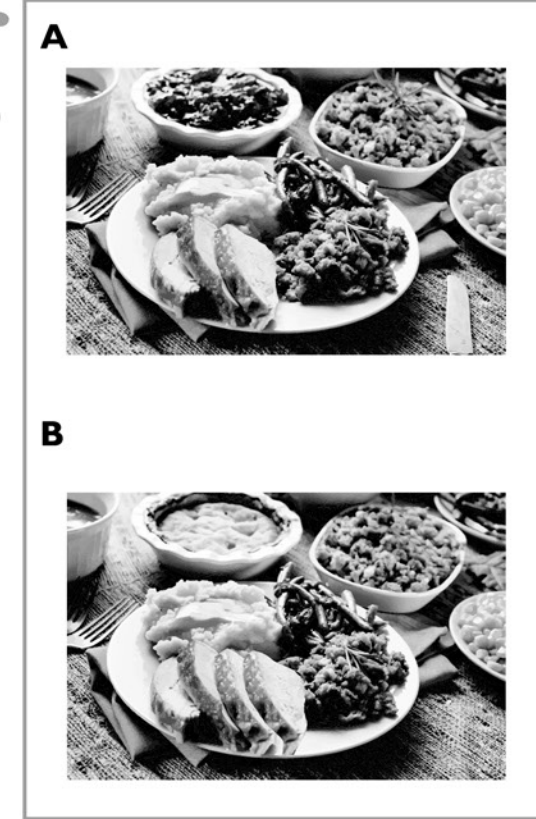
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Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College president, presented Bonnie Johnson Bartee of Norfolk (center) with the Northeast Governor of the Year Award during the NCCA Convention in Lincoln on Sunday, November 2. Also shown on the right is Courtney Wittstruck, executive director of the NCCA. (Northeast Community College)

## Concern for students, love of writing noted in Northeast faculty winner

Bonnie Johnson Bartee, a former Elgin resident, is known around Northeast Community College for cultivating relationships with students and offering encouragement. That care and concern in and out of the classroom puts students at ease, which helps them develop their writing skills and find their writing voice.

The Northeast instructor, who teaches creative writing and literature, was the Nebraska Community College Association Faculty Member Award winner. The award was presented earlier this month during the NCCA Conference in Lincoln by Northeast President Leah Barrett. Carol Tharnish, a Northeast English faculty member, said Johnson Bartee cares for each student beyond classroom instruction.

"She will not only notice when a student might need college support, but she will take the time to ensure the student gets that help," Johnson Batee said. "Students will often stop by her office — just to chat, grab some candy, or share some exciting news. Bonnie greets all with a friendly smile and an understanding heart. Bonnie's literary accomplishments and professional connections have cultivated a love of writing for countless students."

Johnson Bartee also serves as the coordinator of the Visiting Writers Series and is the editor of Northeast Community College's annual Voices Out of Nowhere. She has held several positions with Northeast, including her first in 2000 as a Writers' Clinic tutor, and others, such as Volunteer Coordinator, ESL instructor, GED instructor, Transitional English lab instructor, and adjunct English instructor. In 2008, Johnson Bartee was hired as a full-time English instructor. In 2022, she revived and co-hosted the Nebraska Poetry Festival.

The two-day event had not taken place in Nebraska in more than 30 years. At Northeast, she brings local and national authors to campus to read selections of their work and to answer questions regarding the writing process.

"Bonnie is always willing to lead workshops for creating poetry and short stories," said Connie Sixta, dean of Science, Technology, Agriculture and Math Departments. "She has worked with students from middle school and up to help them unlock their creativity."

Wade Herley, director of Work-Based Learning, noted Johnson Bartee's care and concern for students.

"Bonnie has a unique and rare ability to connect with students that helps bring out their inner creativity with their writing, but she also connects with students on a personal level that creates a significant degree of comfort and trust," Herley said.

Johnson Bartee is an accomplished writer. She is the author of two chapbooks of poetry, *Bildungsroman* 38 (2004) and *Named, but Unknown* (2006), and the editor of *Teachers College: Essays on the Art of Education* (WSC Press, 2007). Her full-length book, *Cord Blood* (Sandhills Press, 2022) won the Nebraska Book Awards Poetry Honor Award.

Johnson Bartee has three children: Michael, Cassandra and Cole, and is the grandmother to Jaidyn, Kaidynce, Jaxon, Hadley, Easton, and Emmie. Bonnie is married to James Bartee.

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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Kyla Donaldson

Kyla Donaldson, a junior at EPS, is the FFA member of the month! Kyla is the daughter of Dan and Diann Donaldson of Neligh and has been a member of the Elgin FFA chapter since her 8th grade year.

Kyla has been a very active member since she has joined the chapter. She has participated in Agriscience Fair every year, qualifying for state and placing in the top three each year. She is an active volunteer when it comes to the FFA giving back.

As a junior, Kyla has a full plate. She has participated in range judging and livestock judging this



Kyla Donaldson

fall already. She is on the senior state qualifying livestock judging team this year and had the highest reasons score on the team! Currently, Kyla is preparing another agriscience fair project and practicing her senior public speaking speech for the district contests in January!

Great work Kyla and good luck with all your upcoming events!

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a living outside. You've found a way to beat the cold and I admire you for that.

With snow comes the question. Do you blow, do you scoop? Or do you do nothing at all? More than a couple of inches brings out the snowblower, it all depends on the wind. I don't like walking on ice or snow. That means I'm always waiting to get the driveway cleared before someone drives on it and packs it down.

It's coming. You know it and I know it.

Then there's the winter sports season. Every year teams and fans get a guided tour of the best and worst gymnasiums across the state. Newer gyms provide modern amenities. Older gyms are all about nostalgia. Son plays there now, dad and other relatives played there years ago. Oh, if those locker-rooms could talk the stories they would tell.

Holiday tournaments, wrestling invites fill the calendar. So, here, I look for two dates - the Super Bowl and the Daytona 500. Once those two events pass, winter will start to wane.

Bring on the cold, the snow I don't mind.

Just stay on schedule, so when its time to be over, you're outta here!



Trey Rittscher



Jarek Erickson



Grady Dueke



Max Henn



Landyn Veik



Evin Pelster

## Six earn D2-7 All-District honors

### Three receive honorable mention

Nine members of the Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack football team collected postseason honors last week from the D2-7 District.

Coaches in the district made their selections for all-conference accolades. In addition to EPPJ, other schools in the district are North Central, Creighton, Neligh-Oakdale, O'Neill St. Mary's and Ainsworth.

Six Wolfpack players were named to the all-district team.

Leading the way were four seniors - Trey Rittscher, Grady Dueke, Jarek Erickson and Landyn Veik. Also named all-district were two sophomores - Max Henn and Evin Pelster.

Earning 'Honorable Mention' were three Wolfpack players - senior Karson Kallhoff, junior Justice Blecher and freshman Jayvin Erickson.

These Wolfpack players played big parts in leading the team to a 6-3 record and a berth in the Class D2 State Football

Playoffs.

Also earning all-district honors were:

North Central — Keian Fischer, junior; and Landon Stephen, sophomore; Riar Lezotte (HM) and Brandt Lezotte (HM)

Ainsworth — Witten Painter and Chris Fernandez, seniors; and Jacob Ortner, sophomore; Easton McMillin (HM), John Lewis (HM) and Zane Evans (HM)

O'Neill St. Mary's — Gage Hedstrom and Lane Bybee, seniors; Ben Barlow, Dalton Herley, Eli Banks, Drake Berg and Carter Cole, juniors; Ben Pongratz (HM), James Eby (HM) and Keigan Couch (HM)

Neligh-Oakdale — Andrew Henery and Grayson Knight, seniors; Breckin Knight and Jase Schmoltdt, juniors; and Cooper Arehart, sophomore; Trevan



Karson Kallhoff



Justice Blecher



Jayvin Erickson

Torres (HM), Tyler Furstenau (HM) and Corbin Hoefer (HM) Creighton — Ethan Kuhl, Owen Doerr and Calvin Wilmes, seniors; Ethan Kuhlman, junior; Braxton Eggerling (HM) and Haiden Horstmann (HM)

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## Cuffe wins contest

### Eischeid beats out Blair for second

Three contestants tied for the top spot in the *Elgin Review* Football Contest this week.

Jeff Cuffe, Jake Eischeid and Kurt Blair all missed four games, invoking the tie-breaker. Nebraska and Penn State combined 730 total yards Saturday night. Cuffe guessed 712 followed by Eischeid 593 and Blair 577.

Cuffe will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. Eischeid will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

Results of the games were: SMU over Louisville Tennessee over Florida Stanford over California Texas over Arkansas Oklahoma over Missouri Arizona over Baylor Utah over Kansas Pitt over Georgia Tech Vanderbilt over Kentucky Nevada over Wyoming BYU over Cincinnati TCU over Houston NC State over Florida State

Arizona State over Colorado Oregon over USC Duke over North Carolina Northwestern over Minnesota

Penn State over Nebraska Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by Friday at 11 a.m. (due to the kickoff between Iowa and Nebraska). Many of the best matchups will be this weekend, known as 'Rivalry Week.'

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## WRESTLING

### BOYS VARSITY

Dec. 6...	@ Howells-Dodge	9:30
Dec. 12...	@ Sargent	11:00
Dec. 20...	@ EPPJ* (Senior Day, PJ)	9:30
Jan. 9...	@ Burwell	10:00
Jan. 10...	@ Summerland	10:00
Jan. 16...	@ *Summer-Eddyville-Miller	12:00
Jan. 17...	@ Sandhills-Thedford (Dunning)	10:00
Jan. 24...	@ *Neligh-Oakdale	9:00
Jan. 30...	@ Central Valley (Greeley)	10:00

### GIRLS VARSITY

Dec. 6...	@ O'Neill	9:30
Dec. 13...	@ Wood River	10:00
Dec. 19...	@ EPPJ* (Senior Day, PJ)	2:00
Jan. 8...	@ Norm Manstedt Inv. (Columbus)	8:00
Jan. 2...	@ Winnebago	9:00
Jan. 12...	@ Summerland	1:00
Jan. 15...	@ Ord	1:00
Jan. 19...	@ Battle Creek	11:00
Jan. 23...	@ *Neligh-Oakdale	3:30

Feb. 6...	@ Southwest (Bartley)	9:30 CT
Feb. 13-14...	Districts	TBA
Feb. 19-21...	State @ Omaha	TBA

### BOYS JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Nov. 6...	@ Plainview	3:30
Nov. 13...	@ Madison	4:00
Nov. 18...	@ EPPJ (EPS)	3:00
Nov. 20...	@ Newman Grove	4:00
Dec. 1...	@ *Neligh-Oakdale	3:00
Dec. 2...	@ Battle Creek	3:00

### GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Jan. 26...	@ Amherst	9:30
Feb. 6-7 Districts	@ Weeping Water	TBA
Feb. 17-18...	State @ Omaha	TBA
Jan. 12...	@ Randolph	2:00
Jan. 17...	@ Plainview	10:00
Jan. 23...	@ Summerland	4:00
Feb. 2...	@ Boone Central	TBA
Feb. 9...	@ Creighton	TBA

## BASKETBALL

### BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

Dec. 4...	vs Riverside (PJ)	4:00
Dec. 5...	@ Niobrara-Verdigre	4:00
Dec. 9...	@ Neligh-Oakdale	4:00
Dec. 12...	vs Plainview (PJ)	4:00
Dec. 13...	vs Wausa (EPS)	2:00
Dec. 16...	@ Elkhorn Valley	4:00
Dec. 18...	@ Boyd County	4:00
Dec. 22...	@ Creighton	4:00
Dec. 29...	Holiday Tourney @ Madison	11:00
Dec. 30...	Holiday Tourney @ Madison	11:00
Jan. 2...	@ North Central (Bassett)	4:00
Jan. 8...	@ St. Mary's (G)	6:15
Jan. 10...	vs Bloomfield (PJ)	2:15
Jan. 13...	vs Fullerton (EPS)	4:30
Jan. 16...	@ Stuart	4:00
Jan. 20...	vs O'Neill (EPS)	4:00
Jan. 27...	@ Central Valley (Greeley)	4:00
Jan. 29...	vs Humphrey-Lindsay (EPS)	4:00
Jan. 31 - Feb. 7...	NVC Tourney	TBA
Feb. 10...	vs CWC (PJ)	4:00
Feb. 12...	vs Randolph (Senior Night, EPS)	4:00

Feb. 16-17...	Girls Subdistricts	TBA
Feb. 19...	Girls Subdistricts	TBA
Feb. 20...	@ St. Mary's (B)	6:15
Feb. 23-24...	Boys Subdistricts	TBA
Feb. 26...	Boys Subdistricts	TBA
Feb. 27...	Girls Districts	TBA
Feb. 28...	Boys Districts	TBA
Mar. 4-7...	Girls State @ Lincoln	TBA
Mar. 11-14...	Boys State @ Lincoln	TBA

### BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH

Nov. 24...	Tri vs. Madison & Fullerton (G, EPS)	4:00
Dec. 2...	vs Humphrey-Lindsay (G, EPS)	4:00
Dec. 11...	vs Neligh-Oakdale (G, PJ)	4:00
Dec. 15...	@ Niobrara-Verdigre	4:00
Jan. 5...	vs CWC (PJ)	3:30
Jan. 8...	@ St. Mary's (G)	4:00
Jan. 20...	@ Riverside	3:00
Jan. 22...	@ Randolph	3:00
Jan. 24...	@ Bloomfield, Round Robin (B)	9:00
Jan. 26...	vs Plainview (B, EPS)	4:00
Feb. 20...	@ St. Mary's (B)	4:00

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