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In Brief

Fundraiser to begin Thursday for TeamMates

Prize is flat top Traeger® grill

A new fundraiser has been announced for Elgin Public School's TeamMates program and it involves ducks.

Yes, waterfowl will be featured prominently at Wolfpack basketball games held at the EPS gym.

Fans will have the opportunity to purchase ducks which they can try to throw and land in a plastic pool at halftime of the boys varsity game to be placed at half court.

Ducks will be sold in the lobby at a cost of: 1 - \$3; 4 - \$10; and 10 - \$20. Each duck will have a number attached to it.

Any ducks that make it into the pool will be entered for the grand prize to be drawn on February 8.

The grand prize will be a flat top Traeger® grill. Participants do not need to be present to win.

Let's call it a 'quack attack' all for a good cause - to support TeamMates!

Santa to arrive in Elgin on December 13th, parade set

At Elgin Community Center

Santa's first official appearance in Elgin will be on Wednesday, December 13.

The red-clad fella with the white whiskers will greet children and pose for pictures, taken by *The Elgin Review*, at the Elgin Community Center beginning at 4:30 p.m.

That night, beginning at 7 p.m., will be the annual Christmas parade following the same route as last year.

For more details see the ad in this week's newspaper as well as the bigger story which can be found on Page 12.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Audit Received — Antelope County Clerk Lisa Payne

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 62 degrees recorded on Wednesday, November 22.

The low during the same period was 13 degrees on Sunday, November 26.

Altogether, 0.13 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
November 20	47	29	.01
November 21	43	27	.00
November 22	62	24	.00
November 23	34	17	.00
November 24	21	17	.12
November 25	31	16	.00
November 26	32	13	.00
Total for last week			0.13
Total for November			0.70
Total precipitation 2023			28.86

Mitchell earns recognition as top clerk magistrate

Presented by Chief Justice of Nebraska Supreme Court

Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, Mike Heavican, presented Judicial Branch Recognition Awards to individuals and team members on November 20, 2023, during the Nebraska Judicial Branch's 15th annual recognition event.

The Outstanding County Court Clerk Magistrate Award was presented to Elgin's Linda Mitchell, District 7, Antelope County.

"It was a huge honor to receive this award. I have to credit all clerk magistrates and their staff to be such great people to work with. I also have great judges to work with," she told *The Elgin Review*.

Candidates for the awards were chosen and nominated by their supervisors and colleagues in their courts and probation offices.

The program aims to recognize the ongoing court and probation employ-

See **MITCHELL**, Page 2 ►



Photo submitted

Elgin's Linda Mitchell was named Outstanding County Court Clerk Magistrate last week. Making the presentation was Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican.

Schuchardt to serve as ACHS chairman in '24

Antelope County Historical Society Board Member Rick Schuchardt of Elgin was elected chairman of the society's board at their annual meeting. Schuchardt takes over from Boyd Pedersen of Neligh, who completes his tenure as chairman in January 2024.

The society operates and manages the Antelope County Museum complex, which includes the Museum Building at 410 L Street (Highway 275) in Neligh, as well as the former St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the One Room Schoolhouse and the Log Cabin.

Other officers elected included Cindy Hild of Neligh, vice chairman; Carolyn Pedersen of Neligh, secretary; Roxanne McNally of Neligh, treasurer; and Alexandra McClanahan Shively of Orchard, historian.

Pedersen and McNally are continuing their service in their respective positions, and Shively is returning as historian. The most recent historian had been former Executive Director Ron Westlake, who recently resigned from the board.

Donna Hanson, Museum executive director, said she looks forward to working with the new officers.

"We have an exciting year coming up," she said, "as we hope to create a major exhibit on the importance of water for both domestic and agricultural use. We are also looking forward to developing a green space adjacent to our Museum building that will feature a windmill. And we have recently completed renovation of part of the Museum Building to create a meeting room with a kitchen."

Hanson said the new meeting room will be available for rent. She hopes to provide more information soon about the room and other upcoming plans.

The Antelope County Museum's mission is to collect and preserve the history of Antelope County. The Museum Building houses artifacts and displays about the county's history. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is no longer used for regular worship, but is available for tours, events and weddings.



Rick Schuchardt



E-R photo/LMorgan

No one goes hungry at the bazaar

St. Boniface's annual Thanksgiving Bazaar fed approximately 1,000 people last week. Among those dining at St. Boniface Auditorium were these sisters - Marlo Legate, Joan Legate and Nora Legate. This marked the 99th year for the bazaar.

PJCC to again compete at State One-Act in Norfolk

For the second year in a row, the Crusaders will perform at the Johnny Carson Theatre

Competing in the D2-3 District One Act Play competition held at Newman Grove Monday, the Pope John One-Act team placed first and will advance to the state competition to be held at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk on December 6. They will perform at 4:30 p.m.

Earning outstanding acting awards were Olivia Klein, Kaitey Schumacher, Brooklyn Meis, Landyn Veik, Jack Barlow, Reese Stuhr, Ashlynn Charf, Tessa Barlow, Elise Ruterbories and Aiden Klein.

The play was directed by PJCC teachers Kerri Drueke and Amy Klein. Congratulations and good luck at State!



Photo submitted

Recognized with outstanding acting awards were PJCC students (front row, l-r): Landyn Veik, Jack Barlow and Aiden Klein. Back row: Kaitey Schumacher, Olivia Klein, Brooklyn Meis, Tessa Barlow, Elise Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf and Reese Stuhr.

EPPJ fans asked to bring personal care items to games Thursday

As part of veterans recognition

The Elgin VFW Auxiliary have announced plans for a special recognition of veterans to take place next week.

This Thursday, November 30, between the girls and boys varsity basketball games at EPS, the VFW Auxiliary will ask attendees to donate personal care items for the Veterans' Home in Norfolk.

These items could include shampoo and conditioner, lotions, hair gel, hair spray, deodorant for men and women, body wash for men and women, perfume and cologne, toothpaste and toothbrushes, denture tablets and cream, and boxes of tissues. A table will be set up in the entry hallway for people to drop off their donations.

All veterans will receive free admission to the basketball games that night.

Organizer Julie Dwyer said veterans will be recognized in between games. A color guard will proceed into the gym (everyone will stand at this time) and advance to the middle of the gym floor for the night's performance of The National Anthem.

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Kuhlman’s lets her voice be heard at Talladega

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As the marketing activation manager for Love’s Travel Stops, she’s been with the company for 17 years and in this role for 10 years. The position has taken her to some of the biggest sporting events in the country.

“My team manages all our sports marketing sponsorships including NASCAR, the Oklahoma City Thunder, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State football, International Finals Rodeo, and Oklahoma City Dodgers baseball. We also manage marketing events and hospitality around these sponsorships.”

Earlier this year, at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama, she had the distinct honor of speaking those famous words before the start of the NASCAR race.

“When Love’s first began sponsoring a car in NASCAR 10 years ago, I moved over to the role I am in currently in our marketing department to oversee the program. We are a partner of the NASCAR team, Front Row Motorsports, and sponsor their #34 Ford Mustang in the NASAR Cup Series and their #38 Ford F-150 in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. I’ve been fortunate to be part of the team when we won the Daytona 500 in 2021 with Michael McDowell, and the NASAR Truck Series Championship with Zane Smith in 2022. I’ve also been part of many other wins in the truck series including both Daytona and Circuit of the Americas,” she told *The Elgin Review*.

The first year in NASCAR they sponsored three races. The program has grown since then and we now sponsor half the season, which is 18 races, in the Cup series and approximately half the season in the truck series.

“This year I had a great opportunity for us to promote one of our brands, Love’s RV Stops by being the title sponsor of the Truck Series race at Talladega. NASCAR has a heavy RV fan base with fan’s traveling to races and camping at races. Talladega has one of the largest campgrounds in all of NASCAR, so it was a perfect fit when it came to a sponsorship and being part of the race from more of a branding perspective, rather than just sponsoring a truck in the race,” she said.



Amanda Kuhlman with the race trophy in victory lane at Talladega Superspeedway.

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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Jaydalynn Chessmore

Jaydalynn Chessmore is the member of the month for November.

Jayda is the daughter of Cassandra Chessmore and is a sophomore FFA member.

Jayda has been a FFA member since her freshman year. Since that time Jayda has been an excellent member and agriculture student. She participates in all the FFA events she can and is an A+ student in her agriculture classes.

This past month, Jayda was the 7th overall individual at the District 10 livestock judging contest out of over 190 individuals. She and her teammates were the 3rd overall team which qualified them for the state contest in April.

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Jaydalynn Chessmore

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Taking part in the presentation of checks were (left to right) Jim Koenig, Dale Kallhoff, Ed Mack, Tom Parks, Bev Alderson, Gary Hoefer, Mandy Morrison, Louise Schindler and Brandi Van Ostrand.

Elgin, Neligh KC chapters make donations

Knights of Columbus members in Elgin and Neligh know a thing or two about giving. Earlier this month, the two civic organizations each donated \$1,000 to the Antelope

County Food Pantry. Elgin Grand Knight Gary Hoefer said the donation was given as part of the KC's Food For Families Program AND Coats for Kids. Coats will be dis-

tributed through Educational Service Unit #8 for children and adults in need. Accepting the checks on behalf of the food pantry was Bev Alderson.

Bartlett News

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the old fire hall in Bartlett with 10 members in attendance. The club will sponsor a free Christmas movie for kids December 10 at 2 p.m. in the Wheeler Central New Gym. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be furnished. A Christmas decoration will also be given to each

child in attendance. Parents are encouraged to come with their children and enjoy the movie. Those attending may bring pillows and blankets. The 61st Annual Groundhog Supper is tentatively set to be held February 4, 2024. The meal will run from 4-7 p.m. The snow date for inclement weather will be February 5th.

The club will meet Sunday January 14, 2024 at 6 p.m. for a Christmas party. The evening will begin with a brief meeting followed by a potluck supper and gift exchange. David Collins and his family will once again provide the meat which will be 'Brisket.' Those wishing to be involved in the gift exchange may bring a \$10-\$15 gift.

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Public Notices

Notice of Meetings County Commissioners

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2023**

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 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM

December 12, 2023 at 8:00 AM

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

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Notice of Audit Antelope County

NOTICE

The Antelope County 2022/2023 Audit was completed, and the report is on file at the Antelope County Clerk's Office and is open for public inspection.

/s/ Lisa Payne

Antelope County Clerk

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OBITUARIES

Janette Kinnan, 69

January 16, 1954 - November 18, 2023

A member of the 1972 graduating class at Elgin High School.



Esther Janette (Buffington) was born January 16th, 1954, in Burwell, NE

to John Earl Buffington Jr. and Esther Marie (Key) Buffington. She peacefully passed away on November 18th, 2023 at the age of 69 at home surrounded by family in Fort Collins, CO.

Janette graduated high school from Elgin Public School in 1972. On March 10th, 1973, Janette married the love of her life, Dennis Kinnan, in Elgin, NE. They resided in Lincoln, NE where their two children were born, Dustin and Secorra.

They moved to Fort Collins, CO in 1986 where they have lived since.

Janette is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Lee and Doug, sister-in-law's Darlene, Judy and Pam, grandson-in-law Devin. Janette is survived by her husband Dennis, son Dustin (Jessica) of Gering, NE, daughter Secorra (Joe) of Loveland, CO, brothers Al (Lois) of Fort Collins, CO,

Steve (Betty) of Scottsbluff, NE, grandchildren Prommiss, Ryan, Brennan, Kaylee, Trevor, and great-grandson Niko, and many nieces and nephews.

Janette had the biggest heart and her smile was so stunning it would light up the whole room. Beautiful inside and out.

She was a private and quiet person, but also very witty and fun! She was fearless and independent, yet sensitive and incredibly compassionate. She loved baking, gardening, reading, her vacations with her husband, going to watch St. Louis Cardinals play ball every year. Janette loved her family dearly.

She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will truly be missed and will never be forgotten.

Honor Janette's memory as family and friends are invited to attend the memorial at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W Olive St, Fort Collins, CO 80524. December 9, 2023, 1:00pm.

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Now the world awaits His coming again.
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...wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
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Sunday, December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

St. Boniface Catholic Church
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Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor
Confessions: 5-5:30 on Wednesdays.
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10 am.
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St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
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Fr. John Norman, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 8 am.
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Park Congregational U.C.C. Church
Elgin, NE
Rev. Kate West, pastor
Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 am.
Sunday School: 10:15 am.
Communion Sunday: 1st Sunday of each month. Park Women's Fellowship: 2 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the church. Parish Council: 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the church.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 7 pm.
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Bartlett United Methodist Church
Bartlett, NE
Pastor Duane Waddle
Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am.
Sunday School: 10 am.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
Elgin, NE
Pastor Norlyn Bartens
Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.
Sunday school follows service.
Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Elgin Community Christian Church
Elgin, NE
Pastor Jonathan Braden
Adult Sunday School:
Children Sunday School: 9:30 am.
Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.
Church Council: 2nd Sunday of each month following worship.

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Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor
Weekend Mass: Sunday, 11:30 am.
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St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Pastor Leif Hasskari
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

Immanuel-Zion Lutheran Church
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Romans 11:36

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Faith
is confidence is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

"To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful."

Edward R. Murrow

It's a desert out there Nebraska

Just when you thought the drought was bad, deserts have started popping up in Nebraska.

Pick a topic: childcare; food; maternal health care. They have been discussed in the interim by lawmakers and deserve to be included among bills under consideration next session. It's time to start looking at problems affecting Nebraskans and not the national agenda of one political party.

For example, the state could help encourage more doctors to dedicate their time and specialty to labor and delivery care if the dangers of maternal health care deserts are addressed, state Sen. Jen Day of Omaha recently told members of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. She was joined by doctors, maternal health experts and hospital administrators during an interim study hearing.

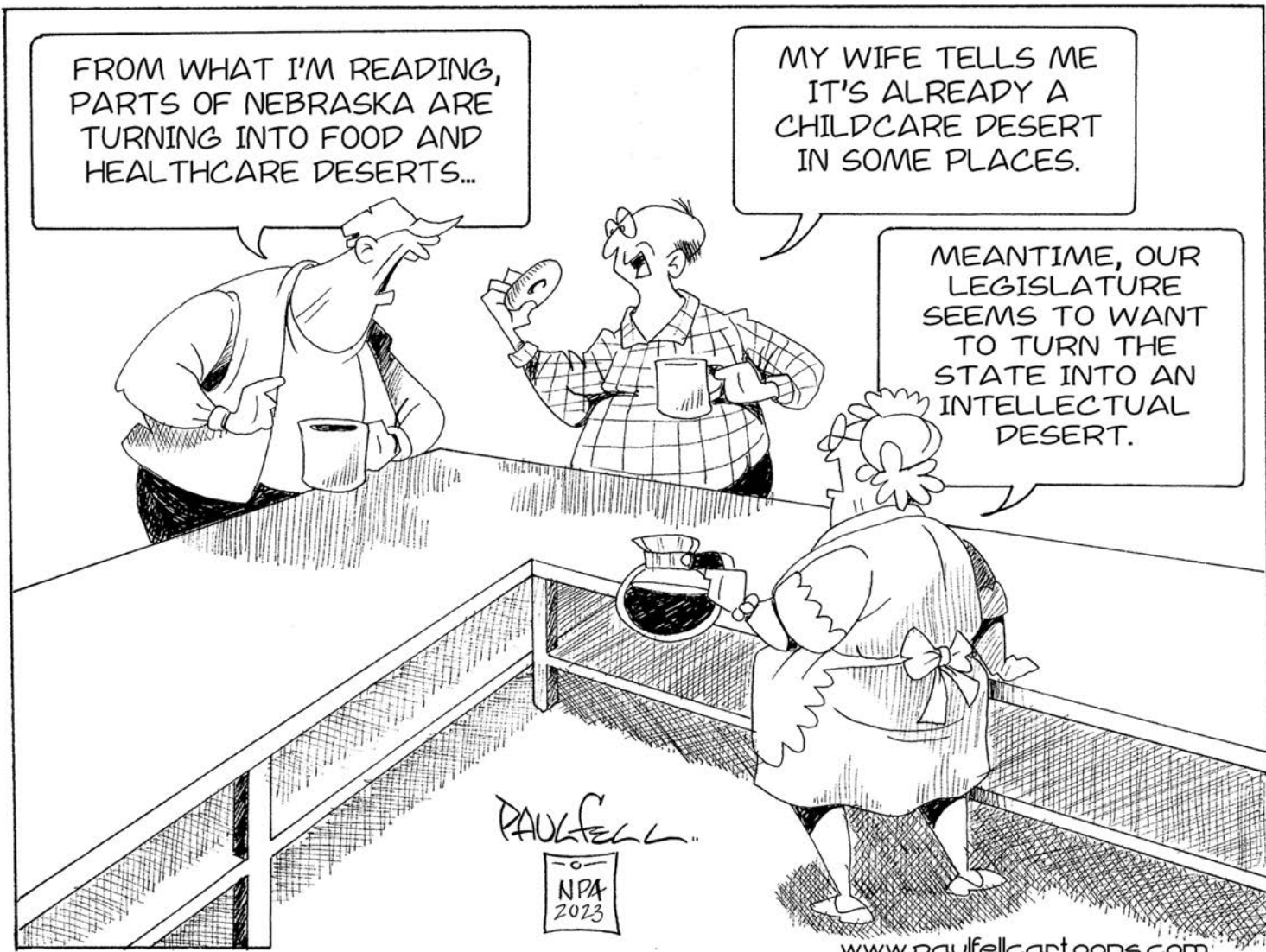
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define a maternal desert as any county without a hospital or birth center offering obstetric care. In Nebraska, nearly 52% of the 93 counties qualify.

About 15% to 20% of all birthing-age women in Nebraska live in a county without maternal care. That's about 80,000 women.

Day tells about a young mother who couldn't find or afford childcare so she could drive a distance to attend a doctor's appointment. Notice multiple problems in one issue. Affordable and accessible childcare enters the picture.

A survey by the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska found that two-thirds of childcare providers have experienced income reductions in the past year and that staff turnover is rampant. Nine in 10 providers employing staff have had difficulty hiring for open positions, citing a lack of applicants and inability to offer sufficient pay. Two-thirds of child care employers experienced staff turnover, with nearly 7 in 10 providers saying staff were leaving the field of early childhood care entirely.

A University of Nebraska Medical Center researcher told the committee 16% of Nebraska mothers have to travel at least 30 minutes to a care provider. Nationally, fewer than 10% of mothers live that far from care.



The dangers of traveling farther distances to obtain prenatal care are real, said Dr. Ann Anderson Berry, executive director of the Child Health Research Institute at UNMC, testifying as an individual. "When you can't get health care in your community, the decision to seek care gets more complicated," Berry said.

Dr. Daniel Rosenquist, a family doctor in Columbus and past president of the Nebraska Medical Association, said decreased access to high-quality maternal health care has serious long-term consequences. He suggested the state could help cover some of the costs of training more rural general practitioners in obstetrics.

Berry and others, including State Sen. Merv Riepe of Ralston, a former hospital administrator who serves on the committee, extolled the virtues of making it simpler and easier for women to give birth at home with the trained help of midwives.

Equally concerning to Nebraskans

should be food deserts. How far do you have to drive to get a loaf of bread or a gallon of milk?

The Federal Government defines a food desert as a census tract where at least 500 people live in low-income areas and have limited access to a grocery store or a healthy, affordable food retail outlet. Limited access is defined as more than one mile for urban census tracts and more than 10 miles for rural census tracts.

Some areas have been dubbed "food deserts" because residents do not live near grocery stores or other food retailers that carry affordable and nutritious food. Many impoverished neighborhoods and communities only have convenience-type stores that are more expensive and do not stock healthy foods. Living in a food desert is not the same thing as being food insecure, but food-insecure individuals are often hardest hit by living in a food desert, especially those without access to a car, or who live in remote rural

areas.

Food insecurity in Nebraska households is higher than the national average, according to a recent survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Data showed that more than 12% of Nebraskans experienced food insecurity from 2020 to 2022. That's higher than all neighboring states except Missouri.

While strengthening nutrition programs is a first step, experience suggests that a broader focus on a full range of policies that affect family economic well-being will be necessary. When people face hunger, they often struggle to meet other basic needs as well — such as housing, employment, and healthcare.

Family economic well-being in Nebraska. Let's make it a big deal in the next legislative session.

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Bidenomics has failed America

The numbers say it all. Americans continue to pay the price for failed Bidenomics. Overall, prices have risen by 3.2% since last year. Cumulatively since Joe Biden took office, prices have increased by 17.61%. Necessities are costing hard-working American households hundreds of extra dollars a month. Gasoline is up 54.82%. Groceries are up 20.89%. Energy prices are up 39.69%. Rent is up 17.96%. Electricity is up 24.24%.

As a result, 92% of adults have felt a need to reduce their spending over the past six months. Seventy-six percent plan to cut back spending on non-essential items. Meanwhile, real wages are down, mortgage interest rates are historically high, and Americans are struggling to keep up.

This inflation is caused by President Biden's failed policies and reckless spending. While Americans have tightened their belts in response to rising costs, our federal government has done the opposite. Federal spending is up 40% in just four years. As a result, our national debt is approaching \$34 trillion. That comes out to \$256,000 per household. That's like a second mortgage for Nebraska families.

Despite this, President Biden has embraced the term Bidenomics in an attempt to convince Americans they should celebrate his economic agenda.

This is woefully out of touch with the struggles caused by rising costs of living. Earlier this month, the President declared, "Bidenomics is just another way of saying the American Dream." For those struggling to make ends meet this holiday season, Bidenomics is more of a nightmare.

Americans just don't support the president's failed economic policies. Biden's approval rating just declined to the lowest level of his presidency at 40%. Seventy-six percent of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. Sixty-six percent rate the national economy as "bad." More than half say Joe Biden's policies have hurt them personally. To bring inflation down and get our country back on track, we must reverse course. We need to cut our spending. Last week, the Senate passed a continuing resolution to keep the government open into January and February. It also avoids increased Democrat spending by preventing another bloated omnibus bill. However, the Senate cannot waste time if it is to pass all 12 appropriations bills before current funding runs out.

We should have an open government. Sadly, Senate Democrat Majority Leader Chuck Schumer continues to play games with the calendar in an attempt to force more spending. Most Americans work until their jobs are

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Letters to the editor

Writer appreciates all aspects of local Veterans Day observance

Dear Editor,
Compliments to the Elgin community for their annual tribute to veterans on November 10th. To the service organizations, band, school children from both schools, the speaker and anyone who played a part in the program. Especially heartwarming was the patriotic display by the young students. Long overdue is the recognition of the eight family members of the Henry Starman Sr. family who, with little or no fanfare, served their country in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Amazing.

Joe Reestman

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator

Pete Ricketts

Praying for lost people, souls & pets

This is Francis.

He's a naughty but lovable cat.

Note his devilish handsomeness, with that sly orange mustache. He shows his affection by butting his head against my face, by reaching out from the darkness of a deep laundry shelf and tapping me on the shoulder when I least expect it, and by walking on me as I sleep, to wake me up for a few of his headbutts.

Francis is a lover-boy, but he's also a wildboy. He's supposed to be an indoor cat, but he likes to run away.

The last time he escaped, through an unlatched door, he was gone for four months, from the beginning of July to the end of October.

Family members would sight him in the yard once in a while, but he would run when they called.

We put his image out on social media sites for lost pets. We checked

the animal shelter every few days and looked through kennels and lists of pets found injured or dead.

We even tried to trap Francis but instead caught possums and even a skunk. (Our adventure of getting a skunk out of a trap is a story in itself.)

Part of me wishes we had a "catcam" on Francis to see what he did and how he survived on his own for that long. But of course, I really wouldn't want to see that footage.

"Cats are resourceful. Don't worry about him," people would tell me.

But I did worry, especially when the weather was excessively hot and dry and also when freezing weather was about to move in.

I actually prayed for Francis' safety and eventual return. A lot. But I always felt guilty about praying for a cat because there are so many people in need — sometimes in deep, horrible need.

So along with praying for Francis and other lost pets, I began praying more for lost people and lost souls.

I know someone who's 19-year-old son went missing more than 20 years ago. He walked off to catch a ride to work, and his family hasn't seen him since.

The son didn't pack any belongings, and his bank account remained untouched.

I can't imagine what his parents have been through all those years. I thought of them and their son when I prayed.

I thought of an autistic boy who walked away from an elementary school not far from where I live. He hasn't been seen in two and a half years. As I fretted about a missing cat, I thought about how much worse his mother's fears would be. And I prayed for her and her son.

Worse yet, though, are lost souls, those who are away from God. I know what it's like to worry about them because they are in my own family. I've learned that they're in almost everybody's family. You want them all to find the Lord before they die.

So I prayed for them. I continue to pray for lost people,

lost souls and lost pets — even though my family was reunited with Francis several weeks ago, when some kind strangers spotted him, lured him in and reunited us.

I think Francis was God's nudge — maybe even a headbutt — for me to have a special place for the lost in my prayers.

After all, the lost have a special place in the Heart of the Lord, Who "has come to seek and to save what was lost."

May the Good Shepherd find all the scattered sheep, including us and those in our families.

I almost gave up on finding Francis, but God answered my prayers. I think He did that to help me grow in confidence in Him.

After all, the God who cared enough to find a lost cat certainly desires to seek and find all those we care about.

Faith



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COMMUNITY NEWS

From JoAnn's Kitchen



Chicken Supreme & Peanut Butter Pie

CHICKEN SUPREME

4 chicken breast halves
6 to 8 round slices dried beef (rinsed with water)
2/3 cup sour cream

6 slices uncooked bacon
2/3 cup cream of mushroom soup.

Place chicken breast in a greased 11x7 inch glass dish. Cover the chicken with dried beef slices.
Mix sour cream and soup and spread over the dried beef
Place the bacon on top of the soup layer.
Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 minutes. Served with mashed potatoes. Yummy!

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

1 pie crust baked
1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 pkg instant vanilla pudding

1 small container (8 oz) Cool Whip®

Crumble the peanut butter and powdered sugar together. Mix instant pudding according to the directions of the package.
Sprinkle 1/4 of the peanut butter sugar mixture on the warm pie crust. Top that with the pudding mixture.
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Ricketts

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done. Washington should do the same. For months, I've been pushing Schumer to keep the Senate in session Monday through Friday each week so we have time to debate, amend, and vote on all 12 appropriations bills to fund the govern-

ment and secure the border. Instead, he's chosen to recess early or start voting late, week after week. Not to mention that when we have been in session, almost two-thirds of our votes have been on nominations. As a result of that broken process, the Senate has only passed 25% of the 12 appropriations bills that were due on September 30th. Reckless spending is not going to ease the painful impact of Bidenomics, but cutting our spending and securing our border will. I'm committed to fighting for real relief for Nebraskans in the U.S. Senate. I'll work all day, every day to get the job done. Biden and Schumer should do the same.

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Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

November 28, 1963

President John F. Kennedy, 46, was fatally shot by sniper's bullets just before noon Friday, Nov. 22, while he was riding in a limousine on a tour of Dallas, Texas. Gov. John Connally of Texas was also wounded, but not fatally, by a third shot from Lee Harvey Oswald's Mauser rifle. Funeral services were conducted Monday from St. Mathew's Roman Catholic Cathedral. The low pontifical Mass was celebrated by Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston and an old friend of the Kennedy family. Requiem Mass was held Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at St. Boniface church for President John F. Kennedy. Local business houses were closed during these worship services. The public school was closed for the day. Prayer was given at the Methodist church during their annual Thanksgiving services Sunday night for the late President. Park Congregational and the Presbyterian parishioners were in attendance to this service. The congregation of the Trinity Lutheran church in conjunction with their regular service Sunday morning offered their prayers for the late President.

Nebraska's 29-20 victory over the Oklahoma Sooners Saturday lost much of its glamour in the ever present tragedy the day previous. Despite the final score, the Cornhuskers outplayed the Sooners on every count until the last quarter when a Nebraska substitution and Oklahoma's long-shot passes connected to narrow Nebraska's wide margin. Nebraska Cornhusker's next stop is - Miami and the Orange Bowl.

Chilly weather on Monday, which turned exceptionally pleasant Tuesday, brought out swarms of registrants for Elgin's sixth annual Turkey Day. Registrants estimated the weight of each of 34 turkeys at as many business places in their effort to win one of the Chamber of Commerce member's birds. Members of the chamber's Turkey Day committee weighed the turkeys after the noon hour and each business firm checked the estimates for their respective winner's name.

Fifty Years Ago

November 29, 1973

The Thanksgiving dinner and bazaar held annually and sponsored by St. Boniface Parish was preceded this year by a period of uncertainty due to threatened postponement because of an ice storm and power failure. As it turned out, however, the power was restored in time for the necessary preparations and Thanksgiving Day turned out to be a pleasant, mild day which allowed Elgin people as well as many guests from other areas to join the celebration.

Published in the Nebraska Reporter, Nov. 7, 1973, School of Journalism, University of Nebraska. "Fury" is part of what motivates a Lincoln Methodist minister to write and publish his own books. "It angers me that Nebraska has been ignored by the rest of the country so long," said the Rev. Duane Hutchinson, author and publisher of two books dealing with Nebraska. He has written and published "Doc Graham," a book about an (Elgin) Nebraska Sandhills doctor, and "Exon, Biography of a Governor," scheduled for release next week. He decided to print 500 copies of "Doc Graham" himself on his small offset printing press. "I ran off enough copies for my home town (Elgin), and surprisingly, they were sold out in a month." Now in its third printing, the book has sold about 2,500 copies, Hutchinson said.

All-Conference selections are named Monday night for the Sandhills-Gateway eastern and western divisions. Elgin Public was able to place three individuals on the eastern division. Seniors Scott Beckman and Jim Kuester were placed in the backfield. Brad Norton was placed in the All-Conference at a guard spot. Seven members of the Pope John Crusader football team earned All-Conference in the Mid-State West Division. The seven and their position are: Ken Parks, Sr., middle guard; Monty Reicks, Jr. defensive tackle; Jim Pelster, Sr., outside linebacker; Mike Kerkman, Sr., defensive end; Ed Petsche, Sr., tackle; Don Neukirch, Jr., halfback; Lee Kerkman, Jr., end.

Thirty Years Ago

December 8, 1993

Traffic could be moving across a Missouri River bridge between Niobrara, NE and Springfield, SD, in about five years. Construction of the bridge is not expected to start before early 1996. The construction site is the former Running Water Ferry crossing east of Niobrara.

Despite strong winds, rain and a brief snowfall last Sunday, Elgin's fourth annual Christmas Fair was held on schedule to kick off the holiday season. Although the weather caused some changes in the program, the Christmas Fair was considered successful again this year. About 550 people were served at the Pope John Senior Class Breakfast. Due to the weather, there were no horse-drawn wagon rides. Howling winds caused a last minute change of location for the Living Nativity. This event was moved from the Elgin City Park to the United Methodist Church. Area youngsters were the Living Nativity characters, and music was provided by a community choir.

Seventh and eighth grade students at Pope John Central Catholic completed the American Junior High School Math Exam on Nov. 18. The 40-minute exam included 25 challenging problems. The following top-scoring students at Pope John will receive pins and certificates: First Place - Keith Beckman, eighth grade; Kevin Thiele, eighth grade; and Karen Wiehn.

Twenty Years Ago

November 26, 2003

At least four rural state senators agreed to oppose school consolidation efforts in the Nebraska Legislature after a meeting sponsored by Communities Organizing in Nebraska (COIN) at Norfolk Tuesday evening, Nov. 18. Sens. Vickie McDonald, Matt Connealy, Gene Tyson and Arnie Stuthman stated that they would oppose recommendations from the Legislature's Education Committee to eliminate Class I or provide incentives to reorganize all school districts with less than 390 students. The Coin Fall Action meeting attracted more than 300 people.

Elgin Knights of Columbus Council 2411 is planning a barbecue this Sunday, Nov. 30, as a fund-raiser for the KC Hall expansion project. Information on the building renovation and upcoming fund-raisers will be available at the event. The barbecue will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the drawing for the building fund lottery will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Elgin High School boys basketball team is still very young, and head coach Todd Heithoff will be looking for gradual improvement during the 2003-04 season. The Eagles have only two senior letterman, Casey Clouse and Dan Morrison. There are no juniors. Sophomore letterman are Anthony Blair, Ricky Clouse, Clayton Hensley, and J.T. Best. Elgin High had its best turnout in four years, with 17 players on the roster. Coach Heithoff is assisted this year by Principal Dan Martin, who served as head basketball coach at Beemer for several years before coming to Elgin.

By Betty Kallhoff

Community Center Menus

Monday, December 4: Hogs in a blanket, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, milk.

Tuesday, December 5: Cheeseburger soup, cottage cheese, carrots/celery, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 6: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peaches & strawberry mix, milk.

Thursday, December 7: Breaded fish, tator tots, stewed toma-

toes, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday, December 8: Sloppy joes, French fries, baked beans, tropical fruit, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center, and are subject to change)

Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older. **Under 60 is \$8.50.** Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

WOLFPACK

Wolfpack Sports

Upperclassmen to lead Wolfpack boys hoops team

ELGIN — A desperation three-point shot as the buzzer sounded ended the Wolfpack’s dream of back-to-back state tournament appearances last season.

Posting a 15-9 record last season, a year when the breaks just didn’t go EPPJ’s way, this year’s team knows that they will have to be better to find their way back to Lincoln and the Boys State Basketball Tournament.

Coach Matt Euse will begin his second season at the helm of the team with an experienced squad with legitimate postseason aspirations.

“This year we have a very good core of upperclassmen that have been playing varsity basketball for a long time. We also have a few underclassmen that had a great summer and will be just as important as anyone. These guys have had amazing attitudes and energy since the day we started conditioning,” he said. “Our goals are to go and be competitive every night and to try and get 1% better each day. If we can get better each day, it should be a very fun season!”

When they take the court Thursday night to start the season against Riverside, the Wolfpack will lean on its upper-



E-R photo/LMorgan

Taking the court for EPPJ will be (front row, l-r): Gavin Kallhoff, Myles Kittelson, Gage Thiessen, Blake Henn, Brian Heithoff, Dylon Lueking, Nick Anderson, Steve Nelson and Brayden Bur-enheide. Back row: Michael Selting, Ticen Spahr, Taylor Beckman, Kaiden Bode, Trey Rittscher, Jarek Erickson, Kellan Hoefer, Karson Kallhoff, Landon Kallhoff and Dylan Kolm.

classmen in the early going to dominate inside while the back-court gains experience. The goal, as it is with every team, is to play their best basketball when the postseason begins in late February.

The Wolfpack’s six-pack of seniors are ready to lead the way. Donning varsity jerseys for

their final season are seniors Blake Henn, Gage Thiessen, Myles Kittelson, Nick Anderson, Steve Nelson and Dylon Lueking. Anderson, Henn, Lueking and Kittelson were starters, at one time, last season. Henn, at 6’3”, and Anderson and Lueking, both at 6’2” give the Wolfpack a strong presence in

the paint while Thiessen and Kittelson will help make up a strong backcourt. Nelson offers size coming off the bench.

Two sophomores will also figure prominently this season. Jarek Erickson showed he had the moxie to mix it up last season with the area’s best. At 6’3” he has the potential to be one of

the best players in the area with his ability to score inside and outside.

Karson Kallhoff gives the Wolfpack a three-point threat as well as being an excellent ballhandler.

Filling out the roster are Kellan Hoefer, Kaiden Bode, Taylor Beckman and Dylan Kolm. Of

the 12 players on the varsity, nine stand 6’1” or taller.

At a glance

Top returning scorers — Lueking (7.3 ppg) and Henn (6.6 ppg).

Top returning rebounders — Erickson (5.3 rpg) and Lueking (4.8 rpg).

EPPJ girls seeking return to State

ELGIN — The Wolfpack girls basketball team last season showed they belonged among the elite teams in Class D1, earning a trip to the state basketball tournament, finishing the season with a 22-5 record.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer’s style of play (fast-paced on offense, ball-hawking on defense) has shown time and time again it works here.

“We have a good core of players coming back from last year’s state tournament team. We will need to have some girls step up and fill in some roles that we will be missing from last year’s team,” he said Monday.

Although three starters from last year’s team were lost to graduation, a strong nucleus returns ready to guide this year’s team to Lincoln in March.

Back for her senior season in Class D1 All-State selection Keyera Eisenhauer. Last season she led the team in scoring, averaging 14 points per game. She shot better than 50 percent from two-point range and, behind the arc, she made 61 3’s.

Complimenting her with a great inside game is 5’9” senior Ashlynn Charf. Last season she averaged 13.8 points per game, all but six of her 372 points from inside the arc.

It seemed when opposing defenses concentrated on stopping Charf or Eisenhauer, the other players stepped up to lead the way.

Brenna Martinsen is one of two other seniors on the team. Martinsen provided a big spark off the bench last season in a variety of ways. The other senior, Elise Ruterbories can play a number of positions on the court. Back for their junior season are Kate Furstenau and Sara Bode. Furstenau is one of the quickest guards in the conference while Bode, at 5’9” gives the team some needed height inside and is an additional scoring threat.

Most of the Wolfpack’s statistical leaders from last year’s team return this year. Ready to contribute is junior Callie Heithoff. Kayton Zwingman is the only sophomore on the team, seeing limited action.

Freshman on the team are Elizabeth Moser, Braelyn Martinsen, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Madelyn Kurpgeweit.

At a glance

Top returning scorers — Keyera Eisenhauer (14 ppg) and Ashlynn Charf (13.8)

Top returning rebounders — Charf (10.8 rpg) and Brenna Martinsen (3 rpg)



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Suiting up for the Wolfpack girls basketball team this season are (front row, l-r): Elise Ruterbories, Ashlynn Charf, Brenna Martinsen and Keyera Eisenhauer. Middle row: Braelyn Martinsen, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Kayton Zwingman, Elizabeth Moser and Madelyn Kurpgeweit. Back row: Kate Furstenau, Sara Bode and Callie Heithoff.

Hemenway, Veik to lead Wolfpack wrestling team



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Competing for the Wolfpack wrestling this season are (front row, l-r): Student Managers Lauren Vitamvas and Samantha Durre. Middle row: Grady Drueke, Isaac Hemenway, Austin Hinkle, Landyn Veik and Justice Blecher. Back row: Coach Adam Veik, Coach Shane Beckman, Dannyka Smidt, Jack Barlow, Sam Hemenway, Libby Evans and Head Coach Mike Zegers.

Dannyka Smidt and Libby Evans make up girls team

ELGIN — Having sent two wrestlers to the State Wrestling Tournament last season, Wolfpack Head Coach Mike Zegers is hoping to take more to Omaha this year.

“As a whole, we are young and us coaches are excited about what we have (boys and girls),” Zegers said last week.

The 2023/24 wrestling season begins this Saturday at the Howells-Dodge Invite.

It’s there that seven EPPJ wrestlers will begin the season.

The meet will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Leading the way will be senior Sam Hemenway. Posting a 28-10 record en route to the state tournament last season, Hemenway was second on the team in pins last season with 21.

“We expect good things from him,” Zegers said about the 190-pound senior.

“We have a lot of young kids returning with lots of experience, it’s going to be a fun year to watch them get better as the season goes along.”

Landyn Veik (144-150) will seek to improve on a 25-16 record one year ago. Veik won 15 of his matches by pin.

Rounding out the boys team are Isaac Hemenway (138), Grady Drueke (132), Jack Barlow (144-150) and Austin Hinkle (120). All showed promise last season and should be more competitive this year with more experience.

Justice Blecher is the lone freshman on the team and will compete at 170 pounds.

At O’Neill, on the same day, at 9:30 a.m. two Wolfpack girl wrestlers (freshmen Dannyka Smidt and Libby Evans) will begin their varsity careers. Smidt will compete at 170 pounds while Evans is slated to compete in the 190-pound weight class.

“They will be fun to watch as they get better,” Zegers said.

The girls district wrestling tournament will be held on Friday, February 9 at York and the boys district tournament will be held the following day (February 10) at Pleasanton High School.

Kuhlman

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Being the race sponsor meant having an active role in making the race day happen. We had opportunities that we do not typically have at a race including

riding in the pace cars, waving the green flag at the start of the race, being interviewed by Motor Racing Network, and giving the command for the drivers to start their engines.
“I had to fill these roles with

representatives from our company. Myself, our VP of Marketing, and another representative from my team, who all also play a large part in our NASCAR program, were the ones to give the command.
“After saying “Driver’s Start Your Engines,” we then got to get in the pace cars to make

laps around the track leading the drivers to the green flag.
She said she has been to multiple Talladega races over the years, but this was an experience like none other. “Talladega is an iconic NASCAR track, so to be able to have that opportunity in front of a crowd of race enthusiasts was pretty cool!”

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Fields of the future, AI meets farming

Researchers are investigating how artificial intelligence can help improve Nebraska crops

By Samantha Grove

Nebraska News Service

Although AI has become a popular new topic for many, researchers have been discussing for several years now the ways this technology may help the future of farming. Unlike what most people mean when they talk about using generative Large Language AI models like ChatGPT, Michael Tross, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln complex biosystems graduate student, said researchers are using AI to generate more than just text and images.

“There’s a lot of different types of models that you could be utilizing in AI. One of them is language models, which everybody is familiar with, but there are also simple prediction models. An AI model doesn’t necessarily have to predict text,” Tross said.

Tross is one of the 20 researchers in the Schnable Lab at UNL, where they use technologies like AI to interpret data and make predictions. Jensina Davis and Nikee Shrestha are also both graduate students who conduct research in the Schnable Lab. Together, the three of them have been experimenting with AI to see if they

can speed up the process of selective breeding on crops like corn.

“It’s better to fail fast than to fail later in the seventh to eighth year,” Shrestha said.

She said with technology using AI models, they can test different plant variations in a shorter span of time than what can be normally achieved with selective breeding. Davis used plant height as a specific example.

“When we have different heights of corn, it can affect how much that corn plant may be prone to logging or falling over. If the corn plant falls over, you can’t really harvest that ear

very well, and so you kind of lose that money,” Davis said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated in 2020 that 30 percent of food waste occurred during the agricultural production and harvest stage. Researchers are using AI to eliminate waste by increasing efficiency and precision.

For Nebraska farmers like Scott Hellbusch, making a bit more money because of research like this adds up. When farmers like Hellbusch are looking into new technology, they are looking to see what can increase efficiency.

“Obviously at the end of the day, we’re doing this to make money and make a living for a family, and we want things that are either going to save us time or make us money or save us money,” Hellbusch said.

“We look for things that allow us to do more with less hands-on people,” Hellbusch said.

Hellbusch has seen massive changes in technology used in agriculture over the years, changes that have allowed just him, his dad and occasional seasonal workers to work the fields.

He said much of the equipment he uses nowadays uses AI and other programming to operate semi-independently.

“Used to have to be out in the dust and dirt, and now we sit in air-conditioned cabs and heated and cooled seats,” Hellbusch said.

Don Batie is a fourth-generation farmer located near Lexington, Nebraska. Similar to Hellbusch, Batie also farms corn and soybeans. Batie said farming before the accessibility

of ag technology, farming was a much tougher job.

“When I first started farming, obviously, it was no monitors, no guidance, no electronics of any kind, and it would get very tiring at the end of a 12-hour day,” Batie said.

Batie said instead of being physically exhausted at the end of a long day, much of the exhaustion is mental. His farm not only utilizes what is commercially available but also has access to technologies being tested by UNL researchers because he works with agricultural college Extension teams.

“I am sure I am an odd duck. Most farmers are probably not as willing to try new things as I am, but my dad raised me teaching me that if you do things the same way you did last year, you’ll walk backwards,” Batie said.

Batie said he has seen more wins than losses from using experimental technology.

“If you want to be on the cutting edge of technology, sometimes you have to be willing to try programs before they are ready,” Batie said.

His farm has used many different kinds of AI technology, including experimental research using satellite imaging to tell him when to fertilize. Research that increases the precision of farming is also something Hellbusch mentioned as a method to save time and money by not wasting seed or fertilizer.

Batie said he is thankful that developing technologies has given him confidence in passing down his generational farm. “I’m planning on retiring in

two years, and I have a daughter who is taking over the farm. It won’t be a problem for her to take over the farm because she is quite physically capable of doing anything that I do now,” Batie said. Tross said as researchers discover ways to improve crops through data analysis using AI, they hope to improve crop quality over time. Research like this may not be accessible to everyone right now, but farmers like Batie look forward to what has yet to come.

“I’m excited for the future, what my children and grandchildren will have happen in their lifetimes,” Batie said.

Mitchell

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WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

But this fall, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a rule that could close down nursing facilities across rural America. The rule proposed in September has the stated goal of improving care in nursing homes. But if this rule went into effect today, that good intention would, in reality, make appropriate care for senior Americans even more difficult to provide.

The rule mandates new minimum staffing standards for long-term care (LTC) facilities, requiring every facility to staff a registered nurse on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It would require staff to provide each resident with at least three

hours of direct care per day.

The administration believes the rule would improve the quality of care in our nursing facilities.

Unfortunately, the rule as written would simply force many facilities to shut down — denying care to seniors entirely.

According to CMS, 75% of nursing homes would have to increase staffing to comply with these proposed standards. But across our country, these homes already face historic staffing shortages. According to federal labor statistics, nursing homes lost more than 200,000 workers from February 2020 to December 2022.

Under this rule, nursing homes would be forced to go to great lengths to find staff in the midst of overwhelming shortages.

If they failed, they would likely need to shut their doors, depriving seniors of care.

This issue disproportionately affects rural communities. While highly populated urban areas may host several long-term care options, these facilities are few and far between in the rural areas of our country — including in parts of Nebraska.

In 80% of Nebraska counties, the number of registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) per capita is lower than the national average. Nine counties in Nebraska do not have any practicing RNs

available. The Center for Rural Affairs found that 64 of Nebraska’s 93 counties are at least partially in a primary care health professional shortage area.

This mandate from CMS would devastate facilities across Nebraska and other rural states. It would force many facilities to reduce their number of patients or close their doors for good.

After the release of this proposed rule in September, I joined the rest of the Nebraska delegation in sending a letter to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure opposing the new standards. We never received a response.

I plan to introduce legislation that would prevent these misguided standards from going into effect. My legislation also would establish an advisory panel on the nursing home workforce made up of 15 members representing various stakeholders — including members from rural and underserved areas.

The Biden administration must hear from voices outside the big cities on the coasts. This proposed rule is a one-size-fits-all solution that simply doesn’t fit. It’s a misguided mandate that will prove destructive for communities that most need care. I’ll keep working to advocate for our rural communities and fight to protect Nebraska seniors who rely on these facilities.

Central Valley Ag reports on 2023 Fiscal Year at annual meeting

Payouts to patrons highest in last seven years

Central Valley Ag (CVA) recently hosted its Annual Meeting at the Holthuis Convention Center in York, Neb. CVA reported \$61.1 million in total profit with \$39.1 million in local profit from \$2.4 billion in total sales for the 2023 fiscal year, ending on August 31, 2023. Within this profit, the cooperative was able to pay out the highest amount of cash paid to patrons in the last seven years.

CVA reported over \$38.4 million in cash paid out to patrons through equity redemptions and patronage for fiscal year 2023. “Central Valley Ag could not be successful without the member-owners,” said President/CEO of CVA, Carl Dickinson. “It is gratifying to share success with them in the form of cash payouts.”

Central Valley Ag continued to improve service to patrons through improvements and expansion projects this last fiscal year. The cooperative reported

an investment of \$64 million in capital expenditures in fiscal year 2023. “To effectively provide for our member-owners, we need to ensure we have top-tier facilities, equipment, and people. Reinvesting capital is an important part of running a prosperous business,” said

Dickinson.

Through its mail-in ballot process, CVA held elections for the Board of Directors. Voting stockholders elected the following producers to the board: Kurt Thoene of Hartington, Neb.,

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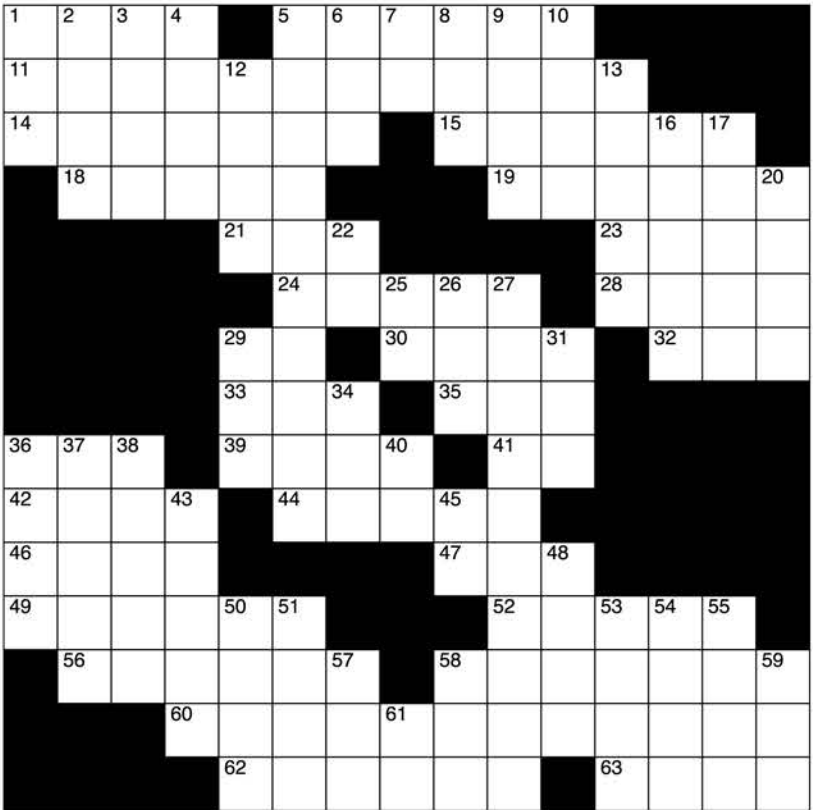
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- 5. Sculpture
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- 14. Tie the knot again
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- 21. Explosive
- 23. Popular race: ___ 500
- 24. Pile up
- 28. Mint
- 29. Commercial
- 30. A minute amount (Scottish)
- 32. Small Eurasian deer
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Numbers cruncher
- 36. Japanese masked drama
- 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Assist in wrongdoing
- 44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
- 46. Grayish-white

- 47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 49. Microorganism
- 52. Place under prohibition
- 56. Calm, dependable
- 58. Congressman
- 60. Force
- 62. As a result of this document
- 63. One of two main branches of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make a mistake
- 2. Gordon and Snider are two
- 3. Geographical region of Finland
- 4. Ejected saliva
- 5. A way of performing
- 6. Scotland's longest river
- 7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
- 8. Body art
- 9. Two-toed sloth
- 10. Electronic counter-counter-measures
- 12. Foolish person (Brit.)
- 13. Of the wind
- 16. Grand home
- 17. Sound
- 20. English river
- 22. Symbol indicating ownership
- 25. Exclamation of surprise
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Apart from
- 29. Satisfaction



- 31. The bill in a restaurant
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- 37. Double-reed instruments
- 38. Center
- 40. South Dakota
- 43. An orderly crowd
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- 48. ___-pedi
- 50. Nonsense (slang)
- 51. Republic of Ireland
- 53. Nocturnal flyers
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Controlling Cedar trees

One of the biggest threats facing pasture and rangeland across Nebraska is the encroachment of the Eastern Red Cedar. Although a native tree, and very useful in a number of circumstances, its slow take-over of what used to be grass-

land has put much of the state in a difficult situation. Cedar trees, when contained, are a great resource for livestock producers. They are hardy, fast growing, and dense, all traits that make them ideal for windbreaks. However, they don't like to stay put, and with their prolific seed production, can soon start to take over without active control.

It is estimated that a single cedar tree with an 8-foot diameter could reduce forage production by 3 pounds. If you had a density of 200 trees per acre, that would translate into nearly a 1/3 loss in forage production because of the effects of area coverage, moisture use, and shading.

In addition to cedar tree impacts on forage production, excessive cedar trees will also dramatically alter habitat for many wildlife species that are adapted to a grassland environment. Once they begin to peak above the grass canopy, cedars provide a perch for raptors and cover for ground based predators like coyotes.

Even in wooded areas, cedars fill in the understory, slowly choking out saplings getting denser, until movement through the area is impossible. Finally, in the event of a wildfire, uncontrolled cedar tree growth can result in devastating and destructive wildfires.

The one redeeming quality of the cedar is that when it comes down to it, they are relatively easy to kill. Many problem plants have deep root systems and reserves that take years to wear down, or sprout new shoots after mechanical removal, creating 2-3 new plants where there once was one. Cedars on the other hand have growing points all above ground. Kill off the top of the plant, and the whole thing dies.

Recent studies from UNL have shown that up to 80% of new cedar seedlings can be found within 100 yards of the parent tree. Up to 90% can be found within 200 yards. In theory knowing this should make efforts to control trees easier, by pin pointing where we should focus our efforts. In practice however, we have gotten to the point where there are so many trees across the landscape that almost everywhere falls into

the 200 yards from a cedar tree category.

As the number of cedars in a landscape increases, control techniques like mechanical cutting or shredding and herbicides become cost prohibitive pretty fast. In cases where these are options, acting regularly can keep the situation manageable. As we wait, the effectiveness of treatments decreases, and costs increase. One tool that is by far the most

economical for light control or dealing with a total infestation is prescribed fire.

Due to the cedar's above ground growing points, a hot enough fire will kill even tall trees, while also taking care of unseen seedlings. Additionally, other control methods leave any seed already produced viable, just waiting to drop to the ground. Fire takes out the current seed crop, reducing the overall seed bank and over time, seedling pressure overall.

Safe and controlled prescribed burns don't just happen. It takes preparation, planning, and an understanding of how fire reacts in certain weather conditions, with particular fuel loads, and on various types of topography.

You can begin to learn how to conduct a safe, legal, and effective prescribed burn by attending one of several prescribed fire training workshops held the winter months. Pheasants Forever, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and other conservation partners sponsor the workshops that will be held at various locations across Nebraska. One event coming up soon is the 2023 Nebraska Prescribed Fire Conference. This conference will be held on December 5th in Kearney. To learn more about this conference, including registration and agenda, search online for Nebraska Prescribed Fire Conference.

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Albion woman honored for dedication to agriculture

Hilary (Esch) Maricle named 2023 Ag-Ceptional Woman of the Year

NORFOLK – An Albion woman whose dedication to agriculture has been described as inspiring to others was honored at Northeast Community College on Friday morning.

Hilary (Esch) Maricle was named the 2023 Ag-Ceptional Woman of the Year during Northeast Community College's AgCeptional Women's Conference on the Northeast campus in Norfolk. The announcement was made as part of a video tribute that was played during the opening session of the 15th annual conference. The video was sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America and produced by the Northeast Agriculture Department and District 25 Productions.

Maricle said the award belongs to the other women in the room as they make it happen on the farm every day. She had been surprised earlier when she was given the award – a moment that was captured on the video shown Friday morning at the conference.

"It was a wild day. It was the day they had a big shower for our family (with a family event), so that was exciting. And then that night was homecoming, so it was like, 'OK, we'll squeeze one more thing into our day. This is our life. This is normal.' And so I think that's the reality for most of the people in this room," Maricle said to a room full of hundreds of women gathered to celebrate women's accomplishments in agriculture.

A special selection committee made up of professionals from agricultural businesses and operations is assembled each year to select the winner from a competitive group of nominees.

Even though Maricle's parents owned a grocery store in Spading where she grew up, her goal was a farming career, patterning those of both sets of grandparents.

That dream became a reality when she met Brian Maricle of

rural Albion at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where both were agricultural majors. She earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural sciences and a master of science degree in leadership education from UNL.

She and Brian married and live on the homestead farm that has been in the Maricle family since 1871. As owner-operator of Maricle Family Farms, she is immersed in the couple's livestock and grain operations.

Accomplishments include:

- Agriculture education instructor/FFA adviser at Spading and Albion
- Agribusiness instructor and associate dean of agriculture, math and science at Northeast
- UNL Extension Leadership team (including engagement zone coordinator)

Last January, Maricle was appointed Nebraska's deputy director of agriculture in recognition of her extensive experience and education in natural resources, leadership, agriculture and agribusiness.

"I have a deep-rooted passion for agriculture that I want to share with others, and I'm excited to be a part of NDA (Nebraska Department of Agriculture) in my home state where agriculture is our No. 1 industry," Maricle said.

In her new role as deputy director, she will build on Nebraska's successes in agriculture and pursue future opportunities both locally and internationally to grow the state's economy.

Sherry Vinton, Nebraska Department of Agriculture director, said, "With her extensive knowledge and background, Hilary understands agriculture and how important ag is to growing Nebraska's economy. I can't think of a better person to promote and support Nebraska's ag industry."

Maricle was nominated for the AgCeptional Woman award by Mary Pat Hoag, Norfolk, who was a pioneer for women on reporting on agricultural issues for the Norfolk Daily News for decades.

Hoag said Maricle is passionate about the agricultural industry as evidenced by her selfless giving of herself as an "ag-vocate" on many agricultural fronts over the years.

"Hilary uses social media as an ag producer to connect with consumers and has championed for the family farm in Washington, D.C. She was in the Nebraska Leadership Action Development Program's Class 34, enhancing her leadership and communication skills and knowledge of the world. Hilary's other involvements include her community and her parish (St. Michael's in Albion), as well as serving four years as an elected Boone County commissioner," Hoag said.

The AgCeptional Women's Conference is northeast Nebraska's premier event for women in agriculture, attracting over 400 women annually.

Anita Keys, Elsmere, was named the 2022 Ag-ceptional Woman of the Year during last year's conference. Other past AgCeptional Woman of the Year honorees include Joan Ruskamp, Dodge (2021), Lisa Kruger, Columbus (2020); Lisa Lunz, Wakefield (2019); Shana Beattie, Sumner (2018); Liz Doerr, Creighton (2017); Anne Meis, Elgin (2016); Karen Grant, Meadow Grove (2015); Dawn Winkelbauer, Norfolk (2014); Jan Frenzen, Fullerton (2013); Nancy Kirkholm, Homer (2012); Jan Miller, Belden (2011); and Bonnie Schulz, Battle Creek (2010).



Tara Smydra (left), dean of science, technology, agriculture, and math at Northeast Community College, presents Hilary (Esch) Maricle, with the 2023 AgCeptional Woman of the Year award during the college's Ag-Ceptional Women's Conference in Norfolk on Friday (Nov. 17). (Northeast Community College)

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Key benefits of the navigation technology at BCHC include:

- Precision and Accuracy: Surgeons can now visualize the patient's joint anatomy in real-time, allowing for more precise and accurate placement of knee and hip implants. This can result in improved joint function and longevity of the implants.
- Personalized Treatment Plans: The navigation system enables the creation of personalized surgical plans based on each patient's unique anatomy. This tailored approach contributes to better outcomes and a more efficient recovery process.
- Minimized Tissue Trauma: With the aid of navigation technology, surgeons can minimize tissue trauma by precisely targeting the affected area, potentially leading to reduced pain and faster recovery times for patients.
- Improved Patient Experience: The adoption of navigation technology aligns with BCHC's commitment to providing the highest quality of care.

Dr. Jordan Ochs and Dr. Jared Rickert, leading orthopedic surgeons, have a specialty clinic at Boone County Health Center. Dr. Ochs has a weekly clinic and Dr. Rickert bi-weekly. They perform surgeries in Albion in a new, state-of-the-art surgery department.

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Q & A

What is your favorite brand of volleyball shoes? My favorite brand is probably Mizuno, but this year I wore Nike. The Nikes were actually made for basketball so they had more traction.

Which team do you like to play against and why? I love playing St. Mary's. It's always a good game and I've become friends with a few of the girls so it's fun to play them.

What is the scariest movie you've ever watched? The clown Pennywise movie.

What is your favorite app on your phone? Snapchat.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Nebraska? The Cheesecake Factory in Omaha.

If you were stranded on a deserted island with a working television and could only watch two movies the entire time you were there, what two movies would you pick? "Miracle Season" and "Finding Nemo."

If you could have any superpower, what would you want and why? I would like the ability to read minds. I think it'd be fun to know what people are thinking and work for you on the court, knowing where the ball is going.

Aside from your own, what high school has the best team uniforms? I like Summerland's 'pink out' uniforms this year, they were really cool.

What is the most common quote or phrase you have heard from your coach? "Go, Fight, Win!"

If you had your own warning label on the volleyball court, what would it say? My spikes can cause concussions.

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“...and that’s a wrap on Big Red 2023”

LINCOLN — The curtain has come down on the 2023 football season for the Huskers.

We were there Friday, chilled to the bone, watching victory slip through Big Red's fingers once again.

Somehow, walking to the parking lot and driving home after the game, I don't feel anger or any other emotion about the season coming to an end with Iowa kicking a game-winning field goal as time expired.

Trust me, I've drank the kool aid for more than 20 years now, people in the know telling us how the Huskers are "turning the corner" only to see the team suffer heartbreaking loss after loss.

But I'm not bitter. Many who sit around me are. There's the guy two rows down and four seats over, let's call him 'Fair weather Phil.' He epitomizes a large number of fans throughout the stadium who have turned the 'F-word' into a verb. Thanks to StubHub We've had plenty of these 'fans' sitting near us.

Nothing goes right and the verb comes out to describe this and that. There are a lot of F-bombs dropped by fans nowadays, it's different than it was in 1972 when I went to my first game. I guess I shouldn't be so surprised, people have changed a lot in 50+ years. I agree with those who say the change has not been for the better.

No, I'm not bitter about the way the season ended because this year's team was competitive in all but one game. We lost three games by a field goal as time expired, another loss came in overtime, we had a chance to defeat another Big 10 team. We lost to a Colorado team who pulled away in the second half. The only game we were outplayed in was Michigan who has a great shot at playing for the national championship in January.

You can't fix years of slip-sliding away from relevance in just a couple of months. But Matt Ruhle almost did that. He took Scott Frost's players and made a defense which played at a championship level for most of the season. On offense, Ruhle didn't do as well as portal quarterback Jeff Sims fumbled way too much. In came Heinrich Haarberg who found a way to win before being injured. Then came third-string Chubba Purdy who was a mixed bag of good and bad.

Injuries decimated the backfield and the offensive line, still we were competitive, just not good enough to put away foes in the last month of the season.

Next year will be better, but the schedule will be tougher. One thing is for certain, we will be there. After the 2024 season? I don't know. The south stadium is to be torn down and when reconstruction is completed, there will be 10,000 less seats. That means 10,000 season ticket holders won't have tickets anymore. We'll see what happens.

Closer to home, the winter sports season starts Thursday for the Wolfpack. The basketball teams will host Riverside at the EPS gym. Two days later boys and girls grapplers will start their seasons at separate locations.

The next three months should give Wolfpack fans plenty to cheer about.

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THE BACK PAGE

Elgin’s ‘Hometown Christmas’ to be held December 13

The calendar will soon be turning to December and thoughts of Christmas festivities will begin to take shape. The Elgin Chamber/Community Club has announced the date for its annual Christmas celebration. “Hometown Christmas” will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13, with ALL events at the Elgin Community Center. Santa Claus arrives to visit with children, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Elgin Review will again provide photos with Santa. Also, there will be free craft

projects for kids. A hot meal featuring soups, sandwiches and bars will be served as part of a fundraiser for the Elgin Community Center. Kids and adults will have the opportunity to experience a wagon ride with a Clydesdale team. Rides will be offered, starting at 5 p.m., at the corner of Highway 14 & Cedar Street (along the community center). Wrapping up the celebration will be the annual Christmas Parade. This year’s parade will feature a special guest! The parade

will begin at 7 p.m. The parade route will be from Cedar Street north on Highway 14 with a turnaround at Elgin OneStop and back down Highway 14 to Cedar Street. It’s going to be a fabulous evening so mark the date on your calendar.

Blair claims top prize in ER football contest

Kurt Blair is the big winner in this week’s Elgin Review Football Contest. Blair missed just two games to win the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. There was tie for the runner-up spot as Tim Rossow and David Voborny each missed three games. Voborny guessed 617 total yards between Michigan and Ohio State, Rossow guessed 649. Rossow was closest to the actual figure of 716 yards between the Buckeyes and Wolverines. Rossow will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks. Results of the games were: Alabama over Auburn Utah over Colorado

Purdue over Indiana Oregon over Oregon State Michigan over Ohio State Duke over Pitt Kentucky over Louisville Arizona over Arizona State LSU over Texas A&M Northwestern over Illinois Syracuse over Wake Forest Wisconsin over Minnesota Texas over Texas Tech Washington over Washington State

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Region 2; Heath Reimers of Clarks, Neb., Region 3; Carmen Schlickbernd of West Point, Neb., Region 4; Luke Carlson of York, Neb., Region 5; Tom Vodicka of Surprise, Neb., Region 6; and Ryan May of Hunter, Kan., Region 9. The Board of Directors is made up of local agricultural producers who are recognized for their industry expertise, as well as economic and community development skills. Its mission is to provide leadership of CVA’s current direction and initiatives, in addition to positioning the organization for future success and profitability for members. “Serving on the CVA Cooperative Board is about representing your neighbors,” said CVA Board Chairman, Luke Carlson. “We make sure that their needs are met.”

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- Friday, December 1 EPS Muffins w/Moms @ 7:30 a.m.
- Monday, December 4 Elgin City Council meeting ■ EPS High School Christmas Concert.
- Tuesday, December 5 Antelope County Board of Commissioners meeting @ Neligh.
- Wednesday, December 6 PCCC One-Act competing at Class D2 State Competition @ Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk*.
- Thursday, December 7 EPS Elementary Christmas Concert.
- Wednesday, December 13 District #18 Board of Education Regular Meeting ■ Red Cross Bloodmobile ■ Elgin Chamber/Community Club ‘Hometown Christmas’ and parade.

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