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In Brief

Veterans 'Salute' to be held Tuesday night at EPS gym

Free admission to ball games.

A 'Salute to Veterans' will be held during the Wolfpack vs. Neligh-Oakdale JV/V basketball games on Tuesday, December 10. There will be free admission for all veterans, starting at 4 p.m. at the Elgin Public School gym. Elgin VFW Auxiliary Post #5816 will be collecting items to be donated to the Norfolk Veterans Home. Requested items include lotions, Axe body spray & body wash for men, scented body spray & body wash for women, shampoo & conditioner, denture tables & denture cream, tissues (boxes or travel size), Little Debbie snacks, XXL & XXXL sweatpants and t-shirts.

Tickets now on sale for PCC Christmas Party

To be held December 16.

Looking for some holiday cheer? What could be better than a dinner and show in Petersburg?

The Petersburg Community Club is again hosting its annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 16.

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 Kier, a rock impressionist and comedian.

In 25 years, Kier has done it all including entertaining troops in Europe, Asia, and the Persian Gulf. He has worked with great artists like Reba McEntire, Oprah Winfrey, Darius Rucker, and Ronnie Milsap. Kier does impressions on entertainers like Sting, Dave Matthews, U2, Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Prince, Barry White, Nirvana, and many others. Along with his Rock Impressions, a highlight of the show is his History of the Rock Guitar Riffs.

Tickets can be purchased at Cedar Rapids State Bank and Great Plains State Bank, both in Petersburg. Tickets can be purchased up to December 9. The cost of this event is \$35 per person

EPS to host bloodmobile on December 11

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elgin Public School will sponsor next week's Red Cross Bloodmobile in Elgin. It will be at the KC Hall on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 43 degrees recorded on November 26-37.

The low temperature during the same period was 7 degrees recorded on November 30.

No precipitation was recorded last week in the form of rain.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Nov. 24	36	17	.00
Nov. 25	33	17	.00
Nov. 26	43	17	.00
Nov. 27	43	17	.00
Nov. 28	27	06	.00
Nov. 29	26	09	.00
Nov. 30	18	07	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for November			2.17
Total precipitation 2024			20.94

Young sworn in as new member of Elgin City Council

In an election year, the December regular meeting of the Elgin City Council takes on special meaning. Such was the case Monday night.

Ward I City Councilman Jim Kittelson, having served since 2011, completed his term in office. Mayor Mike Schmitt, at the start of the meeting, read a proclamation recognizing Kittelson for having served on the council.

Then, moments later, Jeremy Young was sworn in to begin a four-year term. Young, a write-in candidate, was elected to the position last month, defeating write-in candidate Megan Beckman.

Sworn in, at the same time, was Ward II Councilman Craig Niewohner. Having been appointed to the seat several years ago, this marked the first time he was elected to the seat.

On a side note, Niewohner was re-elected as

council president. Then, Schmitt announced annual appointments and council committee assignments.

As part of the meeting, the council discussed briefly sidewalks in the city limits. Having been the topic of a town hall meeting last month, Schmitt clarified that for the immediate future the council would continue to follow the current ordinance.

City Clerk Kristin Childers shared information about how other communities address the issue. She said some used sales tax funds while others allow home owners to apply for financial support to repair/replace sidewalks.

Schmitt said, "We'll be looking to see if we can find some kind of help."

Councilman Leigh Kluthe said sidewalks should be part of any new construction. "That's a first step," he said.



Jim Kittelson (l) and Mayor Mike Schmitt.



File photo

The Grinch is expected to be in Elgin as part of tonight's Christmas parade.

Santa's arrival, parade of lights to be today

Santa arrives at 4 p.m., Parade at 7 p.m.

Santa's arrival, a Christmas parade and so much more are on tap beginning this afternoon, December 4, in Elgin.

North Pole's favorite son, Santa Claus himself, will arrive in Elgin 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 a man who grant's Christmas wishes.

To coincide with his visit for the youngsters, the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club has planned some special happenings that evening.

To help his visit run smoothly, families are to again sign up for a time with Santa online. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A-EA82FA5FCC70-53278344-elgins> to choose your time slot.

Photos of each grouping will be taken by *The Elgin Review* and be posted on Facebook (likely later the next day) for the families' use.

Starting at 4 p.m. and continuing 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, crafts will be available for youngsters - 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 - 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. Area businesses will have floats entered in the parade. And, a certain green-clad character by the name of 'Mr. Grinch' is also expected to be at the parade.

Make plans now to be there to celebrate the start of the Christmas season in Elgin.

'I'll be home for Thanksgiving'

More than 1,000 meals served at Bazaar Thursday

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

(Editor's note - This article contains opinions of the author.)

ELGIN — One hundred years in the making, Elgin's St Boniface Bazaar once again did what it does best - make being home feel good.

From early in the morning til late that night, Thanksgiving here in this small town is a time set aside for family and friends to come together.

I knew virtually nothing about this bazaar when I came to Elgin nearly 20 years ago. I couldn't imagine how men and women (mostly moms and dads) and their children would come together to volunteer to feed the masses.

No matter the weather, no matter the distance, the bazaar is like a magnet pulling people to our hometown.

It's a place where families sit on folding chairs at long tables and feast on Thanksgiving favorites. Approximately 30 turkeys fed more than 1,000 attendees. My task on the first shift



E-R photo/LMorgan

Altogether, 1,067 meals were served at the Bazaar. Of that number, 597 were dine-in and the remainder, 470, were carry-out.

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E-R photo/LMorgan

Donation to help support those in need

Organizers of the annual Shop The North Pole (STNP) event made a check presentation last week, just in time for the Christmas season. Kathy Dinslage (left) and Kimberly Young (center) have once again donated the profits from STNP to benefit area families who need a little extra help, especially during the holidays. They presented a \$2,450.00 check to Dean Schrage (right) of Dean's Market. The money will be distributed to food shoppers at the store. This, in turn, will free up money for them to purchase gift items for friends and family -- or perhaps pay a bill -- that they may not otherwise be able to do. All of this is possible by the support of vendors, shoppers and donors at Shop The North Pole. This was their 6th year of giving back to the community.

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Turkey Tetrazzini

Perfect for turkey leftovers!

Good day,



"Leftover turkey - what do I do with it?" This is a different recipe. You could add some leftover vegeta-

bles and make it a meal in one. If you'd rather, you could use a different pasta if you don't like spaghetti. Anyway to make it, you will like it and maybe make it again. Super simple meal! Enjoy!

JoAnn

1 lb raw spaghetti
1 can of cream of chicken
3 tsp butter (melted)
1 can chicken broth
2 cups cooked turkey or chicken

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

1/4 cup celery (optional)
1/4 cup diced onion
Shredded mozzarella cheese

Break raw spaghetti into thirds and place in a ungreased 9x13 pan. Add cooked turkey or chicken soup, celery, onion and butter. Pour chicken broth over it until it's completely covered with the broth. Cover and bake for 1 hour at 350°. Add the mozzarella cheese on top in the last 5-10 minutes or until it's melted. Delicious!

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People from Elgin, communities across Nebraska - and even South Africa - joined in the food and activities at the 100th St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar. A photo sampling of those enjoying the food and our 1st (maybe annual?) Turkey Trot winners.

E-R photos by Dennis & Lynell Morgan



1 Mile winners - Boyd Spieker (1st), Jay Pieper (2nd) and Jude Pieper (3rd).



5K winners - Cael Bottorf (2nd), Faith Gavin (1st) and Matthew Kerkman (3rd).



Bazaar

◀ FROM Page 1

was to serve the church's own recipe of sausage, filling take-out containers. The sausage is my favorite and so, too, for many others.

With my back to the kitchen, I had a good vantage point to watch the tables fill up fast once they began serving. Moms and dads with the little ones. One little girl decided pumpkin pie was supposed to be eaten first before the main course. Her parents, on this day, didn't seem to mind. Instead, they appeared to be all-consumed with the bazaar.

Because they, like so many others who make this a yearly ritual, have been a part of the bazaar their whole lives. From the time they were old enough to assist, they have been assigned a job. As they got older, they were given more important tasks. As adults, the work continues.

Experience comes with age. Middle age shifts from moms and dads to grandparents. Generations of the same family, whether they be Schindlers, Beckmans or Mosers, gather.

Beside me in the serving line was the man dishing up gravy, he kept looking out into the mass of people saying that's so and so.

Getting back to take-outs, some families came in to pick up big orders (16 to 20 meals). Others just enough for the immediate families. Laundry baskets, coolers and cardboard boxes. Whatever it takes to get those meals home, it works on this day. So many people working together, it's a sight to behold AND it never gets old.

Even traditions need something new every now and then to create new interest. This year's bazaar featured two new events which bookmarked the main event.

It was 25 degrees outside at 9 a.m. when the first St. Boniface 'Turkey Trot' 5K and 10 K races began near the church rectory. Some ran, most walked and there was a bicycle rider or two and two canines who participated.

I've never seen a turkey ride a bicycle before, but I did Thursday morning. Then, to wrap up the day's

activities was a Family Night at the KC Hall. Lynell and I went, not quite knowing what to expect.

I was surprised by the number of people who turned out, way more than I expected.

There were some who put together puzzles, more formed teams for a trivia contest and, as the evening concluded with a 'do as I do' moment which had everybody laughing.

If you're part of the Elgin community, you get it. If you're not, then you probably won't and may never understand what makes this community unique.

What we have here is unique and should be cherished. It's not like this elsewhere. Elgin and Thanksgiving are synonymous in Nebraska. Should the year come when the bazaar ceases to be, we will have lost something we may never find anywhere again. It's who we are.

Drawing winners were: \$2500 - Jeremy and Jessie Hofer, Elgin; \$2000 winner - Ray Thompson, Omaha; \$1500 - Dave Pelster, Yankton; \$500 - Kristina Sehi, Elgin; Quilt - JoAnn Mattner, Elgin; and gun - Jay Evans, Elgin.

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Life moments put things in perspective

"Hey, mom, want to go on a run with me?" Well, not exactly, though sitting on top of a hill in the side-by-side would be fine.

Our destination was northeast of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, to a hill our son Philip says he's found to have the steepest grade in all of Antelope County. Then off he went, not for distance, but for incline training up and down that hill. He traveled many meters, feet around here, though he lives in Canada now and the metric system is his way of measuring distance. Not sure where he got that adventurous spirit requiring intense physical prowess to maneuver back-county ski terrain this winter season. Though this writer is on the run a lot, never would you find me running up a steep hill, not then and not now. Definitely would rather write. So let's do a trial run on a column about the word run, knowing any time I could cut and run. Same for you as a reader. "Gotta run," you say, "and so sorry to eat and run."

And you're off to make the classic Christmas cutout cookies shaped like that gingerbread man in the fairytale. As the gingerbread man jumps out of the oven and runs from the lonely, childless couple who created him, he yells -

Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me. I'm the gingerbread man.

Eventually the wily fox tricks the gingerbread man and gobbles him up. This story originally appeared in an 1875 issue of St. Nicholas Magazine, a popular monthly American children's

publication.

Are you run ragged by holiday demands for parties, gifts, and creative dishes to serve? Then you have to run over to the neighbor to borrow a cup of sugar. Then you run into a road-block delivering your two dozen cookies to the church. And you run late for the Christmas party. Once more, you feel like everyone else can run rings around you. And, and, and.

Sure would be nice if all would run like clockwork. Seldom does. That's life.

If you truly feel like you're running like a chicken with its head cut off this holiday season, maybe it's time to take the ball of relaxation and enjoyment and run with it. Switch it up. Maybe run up a tab at a local restaurant for the family instead of cooking at home. Maybe get the run of a place you find to rent for a long weekend.

In the long run, your relaxed demeanor will allow you to truly appreciate the reason for the season. You'll have time to run a comb through your hair, avoid running the risk of catching a flu bug complete with the runs, or running a red light. You'll be able to run around with those you love the most and run away with an immense feeling of satisfaction and happiness. Maybe there will be time, like Philip, to take a run on a sunny, brisk December day.

Hey, I've gotta run. All good wishes for running into all the people you love this holiday season. Merry. Merry.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

December 3, 1964

Charles H. Meis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meis, has enrolled for the fall quarter at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He is a graduate of St. Boniface High School.

Laird G. Wolfe, Assistant State Conservationist will be the featured speaker for the annual Antelope County Soil and Water Conservation District banquet and award program. The banquet will be held here Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the St. Boniface auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richart are the parents of a 7 lb. 15 oz. daughter, Margaret Jo, born Nov. 26, 1964 in the Antelope Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Henery announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kay E., to Timothy H. Gilfert, son of Mrs. Bess Gilfert of Emerson. The couple plan a December 27 wedding at the Elgin Methodist Church.

Many friends, relatives and former residents trekked here Thanksgiving Day to partake of the yearly fine dinner prepared and served by members of St. Boniface parish. It is estimated that the attendance was the same as usual, approximately 1,600-1,850 people. St. Boniface high school boys and girls helped with the serving, clearing and setting tables.

Fifty Years Ago

December 5, 1974

The St. Boniface annual Thanksgiving dinner and bazaar, held at the St. Boniface auditorium last Thursday, exceeded in the number of diners the large crowd that was on hand for last year's festival. Along with the Elgin people there were many guests from other areas who came to eat and take part in the other festivities.

Debra Kallhoff of Elgin became the bride of Douglas Simons of Petersburg on Saturday November 23, 1974. The double ring ceremony was performed in St. Boniface Church.

Mrs. Jennie Donner, daughter of John and Nancy McCaughey Wylie, was born at Kempton, Ill., on Jan. 16, 1883 and departed this life at Albion, Nov. 26, 1974, at the age of 91 years, ten months, and ten days.

FFA Sweetheart finalists for the Elgin Chapter were Deanna Bergman, Julie Sutton and Chris Wildman. The three finalists were chosen from 14 Elgin High School senior girls. Each contestant submitted an application and was judged by a committee. The crowning of the Elgin FFA Sweetheart will be held December 19.

Elgin Public High School opens its second year of wrestling this Thursday at Butte. The dual meet will begin at 7 p.m. Better days should come into sight for this year's wrestlers under Coach Jim Smith.

Thirty Years Ago

November 30, 1994

A record 1,800 people were served during the 70th annual St. Boniface Parish Thanksgiving Festival last Thursday, Nov. 24. Sunny and warm weather contributed to the large turnout.

With the addition of more than \$2,100 from the Tupperware Sales Drive this week, the Elgin City Park FUNd Drive now stands at \$3,334.71.

Teresa Kallhoff of Elgin has been named the Office Technology Student of the Month for December at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Kallhoff, a 1994 graduate of Elgin Public High School, is enrolled in the office technologist program. She is the daughter of Vince and Sandy Kallhoff.

Returning letter winners for the Elgin High School girls basketball team this season are Casee Simmons, Jacquie Schindler, Tara Reestman, Crystal Mueller and Julie Sullivan.

Chris Kathol, senior volleyball standout at Pope John Central Catholic, received post-season honors from the Norfolk Daily News last week. Kathol was named to the Northeast Nebraska Top 12, which includes outstanding players in classes B through D.

Twenty Years Ago

December 8, 2004

The Unique Christmas Experience, sponsored by the Elgin Historical Society, was held at the Elgin KC Hall from 4 to 9 p.m. This event featured a soup supper sponsored by the Historical Society, along with seven booths of crafts, products and food items from local groups of individuals.

Young-N-Lively FCE also sponsored a very successful drive last Wednesday to collect clothing, personal care items and other goods for Bright Horizons in O'Neill. The covered trailer, available at the Elgin Feeders Supply lot, was nearly filled with these items.

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Edward R. Murrow

Republicans have a lengthy 'wish list' after retaining filibuster-proof majority

Everyone has a "wish list" - things they'd like to get done, things they'd like to see happen, things they wish would come true.

But the Nebraska Republican Party recently put together the mother of all wish lists.

In a four-page document unveiled last month, the Nebraska GOP listed more than 70 policy changes they'd like to see at the state, local and national level.

The long list of wishes include returning the state to a "winner-take-all" system of awarding its electoral votes for president, further restrictions on abortions (just after voters approved a 12-week ban) and adopting an EPIC ("eliminate property, income and corporate taxes") tax system.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

The Republican Party's wish list includes some other long-hoped-for policy changes, such as adopting a spending lid on local governments, ending secret ballots for state legislative leaders, and lowering the votes needed to fend off a filibuster in the State Legislature from 33 to 30.

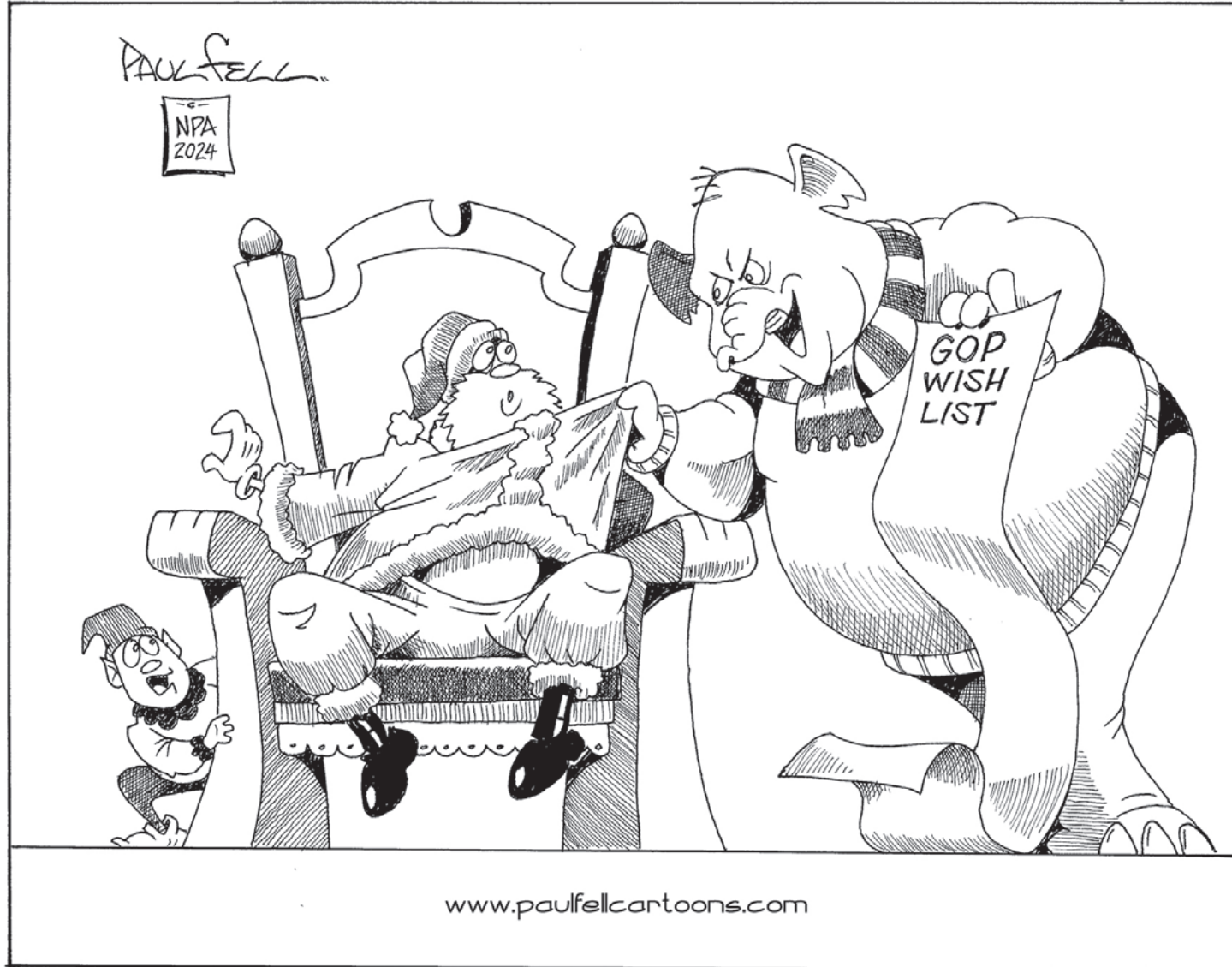
To be sure, the Nebraska Democratic Party likely has a similar wish list of policies they'd like to see adopted.

But unlike the Nebraska GOP, they don't have a filibuster-proof majority in the State Legislature - the November elections gave Republicans 33 members in the officially nonpartisan Unicameral, which is enough to shut off a filibuster and pass controversial policies.

Whether or not those 33 legislators will vote for every one of the GOP's priorities, of course, remains to be seen. And remember, today's Nebraska Republican Party is run by a group of farther right members than in the past, after they ousted the less, far right backers of former governor and now U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts from leadership posts.

There's still some independence in the Statehouse, if you ask me, though it gets less and less every year.

Example No. 1 recently was when State Sen. Merv Reipe of Ralston, a Republican, declined to vote in favor of an abortion bill in 2023 that banned the



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procedure after a fetal heartbeat was detected, which is around six weeks.

Reipe, a former hospital executive who is in his second go-around in Lincoln, argued that the "heartbeat bill" was too strict. That demonstration of independence later prompted state lawmakers to pass a compromise abortion bill, which banned the procedure after 12 weeks.

In addition, some Republicans in the past have not supported doing away with Nebraska's unique system of awarding three of its electoral votes by congressional district, and returning to a winner-take-all approach.

A dose of skepticism was sprinkled on the GOP's current wish list by one Republican, Central City Sen. Loren Lippincott.

"You have to remember we live in 'Realville,'" Lippincott told Andrew Wegley of the Lincoln Journal Star. ("Realville" was a term used by the late Rush Limbaugh, a conservative radio commentator to describe the difference between fantasy and what can really happen in Washington, D.C.)

Of course, some Democrats also have an independence streak. Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell (who is now running for mayor in Omaha) voted more than once with his GOP colleagues in the Legislature before he switched to become a Republican.

Democrat Sen. Justin Wayne also voted in favor of some conservative, GOP-backed bills.

Which leads us to another item on the GOP wish list - turning the nonparti-

san Legislature into a partisan body.

That, in my estimation, is a really bad idea. It makes senators more beholden to a political party rather than to the voters who put them in office, and makes it less likely that more than one candidate from each political party will run for election.

Let's hope that one stays on the wish list.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Acknowledging with grateful hearts

Poised at the threshold of the holiday season, the Thanksgiving holiday has a powerful capacity to bring us together as Americans. Despite unrest in the world, economic adversity, and political polarization, we're given the chance to unite, share in our blessings, and give thanks.

As we go about our busy days, it can be easy to forget what we have been given and what is most important. To enjoy, as we do, the legacy of liberty hard-won by courageous Americans here in the greatest nation on earth is a great privilege. In light of this, I am thankful for the countless graces provided by God, especially my dear and irreplaceable loved ones.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Below I've shared the text of President George Washington's inaugural Thanksgiving Proclamation. In 1789, at the request of Congress, President Washington made this call for the nation to observe "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer." In doing so, he laid—in the spirit of the 1621 feast shared between Plymouth settlers and Massachusetts natives—the precedent for federal recognition of Thanksgiving as we know it today.

President George Washington Thanksgiving Proclamation October 3, 1789

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions--to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To pro-

Why early sport specialization could be sabotaging your child's athletic future

Sixty million children in America participate in organized sports annually. More than 26% of those kids "specialize" before puberty, meaning they engage in intense, year-round training in a single sport.

Specializing in a sport too soon can harm kids' overall development, well-being, and love of the game -- whichever game that may be.

As someone who was a Division I collegiate athlete, I recognize why coaches and parents believe early sports specialization fuels success. Excelling in any activity takes years of practice. But this belief is misguided, and the consequences to the developing child are often tragic.

Children who concentrate on a single sport before age 12 are 70% to 93% more likely to suffer from an injury than their multi-sport peers. Early specialization places intense pressure on developing pre-adolescent bodies. It can overtax specific muscles, ligaments, and joints that are not physiologically ready for such behavior, leading to serious long-term injuries. Half of injuries in youth sports result from overuse, primarily caused by repetitive move-

ments in a singular sport.

Importantly, early specialization does not predict long-term excellence. The foundation of long-term sport excellence is athleticism: agility, balance, coordination, speed, stamina, strength. Playing multiple sports nurtures athleticism. A singular focus on one sport before puberty develops the player -- not the athlete.

Twenty-two-year-old Claire Carson, a national champion in rowing, recently warned of the risks from early specialization. She described how years of overtraining left her "stuck with a broken back" -- and in need of disc replacement surgery -- 4 years after graduating high school.

As a sports medicine physician, I have treated innumerable athletes like Claire. The injuries, the disappointment, the disconnect from sport and family are haunting stories that need not be.

Burnout is another concern. Athletes who focus on a single sport too soon are more likely to experience emotional and physical exhaustion and a diminished sense of enjoyment.

Perhaps the saddest part of early

specialization is that it isn't necessary. I was a multi-sport athlete. Playing multiple sports didn't diminish my ability to succeed on the court. I'm hardly an outlier -- about 90% of NCAA athletes participated in multiple sports growing up.

As president of the U.S. Tennis Association, I love tennis. No two shots are the same, which allows developing brains to improve executive function, and which provides a pathway for young athletes to adapt, control their emotions, and bounce back resiliently for every serve.

Even though tennis is the healthiest sport on the planet, I would never advise any child to only play tennis. Trying multiple sports helps kids build a variety of skills, develop athletically, and grow physically strong.

To foster a lasting love for sports, it's crucial that the pathway to sport is

based on a low-stakes, fun, and educational environment where children can thrive.

Rather than training kids to be professional athletes in grade school, we should encourage them to play multiple sports, learn from each of them -- and most important -- have fun. That's the most effective way to develop not only a fine athlete, but also a well-rounded human being.

Brian Hainline, MD is Chair of the Board and President of the United States Tennis Association and recently transitioned from the NCAA as their Chief Medical Officer. He co-chaired the International Olympic Committee Consensus Meetings on both Pain Management in Elite Athletes and Mental Health in Elite Athletes. Brian is a Clinical Professor of Neurology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

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SELLING - 1991 INTERNATIONAL

The Antelope County Commissioners intend to sell to the highest bidder a 1991 International model 9400, with a 13-speed road runner transmission, and 3406 B engine - missing top end. The intention is to sell for parts only. Buyer will be presented with a notarized bill of sale after acceptance of bid. It is located at the Neligh Barn for inspection.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, December 4 Hometown Christmas and arrival of Santa Claus in Elgin... Friday, December 6 EPS 'Muffins with Moms' at 7:30 a.m. in gymnasium... Monday, December 9 EPS Prek - 12 Christmas Concert at 7 p.m.

Back

Angela Farmer, 16, of rural Elgin was driving a 1995 Plymouth Neon when she apparently lost control on the icy road. The vehicle entered the south ditch, and rolled two to three times, coming to rest on its top.

OBITUARIES

Dean Borer, 65

June 28, 1959 - November 26, 2024

A 1977 graduate of Pope John High School in Elgin, his quick wit and humor made him a cherished friend to many.



NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Dean Borer, 65 of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 4 (today), 2024 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norfolk.

stories with friends and family. His love for golf was equally profound; he cherished every tee time, whether it was a competitive round or a casual day spent with loved ones on the green. Dean was also a DIY enthusiast, never shying away from a challenge.

Dean passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at his residence in Norfolk, NE. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Dean was born on June 28, 1959 in Norfolk, NE to Ervin and MaryAnn (Seier) Borer. He graduated High School from Elgin Pope John in 1977 and Milford Southeast Community College in 1979 with a degree in Industrial Welding and Metallurgy Technology.

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Watson, Leatherwood to headline Boone County Fair

Entertainment for the 2025 Boone County Fair was announced Friday. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Taking the stage on July 15 will be headliner Aaron Watson. Opening for Watson will be Bryce Leatherwood.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at <http://www.boone-countyfairne.org>.

Watson is a man forever looking to the horizon.

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Aaron Watson



Bryce Leatherwood

He is the first independent male country artist ever to debut an album at No. 1 on the Billboard Country chart, a feat recognized in the Country Music Hall of Fame. He has earned a litany of prestigious awards, hundreds of millions of streams on his music, shared the stage with country music legends Willie Nelson and Alan Jackson, and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for multiple charities. Watson hails from Amarillo in West Texas and began writing songs whilst still in high school. About Bryce Leatherwood: Singer/songwriter Bryce Leatherwood aims to carry

the torch of country music and continue the legacy of legends prior.

Born and raised in Woodstock, GA, his passion for music began at an early age. Working on his grandfather's farm every summer, Leatherwood was exposed to the classic country hits of George Jones, Merle Haggard and Conway Twitty.

Soon thereafter he began picking up guitars and playing the traditional country music

that inspires him today. Leatherwood's music career began to blossom in Statesboro, GA, where he attended Georgia Southern University.

In 2022, Leatherwood competed on the NBC hit television show The Voice and was crowned the Season 22 winner in December.

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OBITUARIES

Beverly A. "Bev" Kallhoff

December 8, 1958 - November 26, 2024

From Fort Morgan, Colorado, Bev grew to love everything NU Coach Tom Osborne stood for.

A Celebration of Life for Beverly A. "Bev" Warden Kallhoff,



age 65, of Norfolk, Nebraska, will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2024, at the District Event Center, 218 W. Norfolk Avenue, in Norfolk.

Home for Funerals in Norfolk is in charge of arrangements.

Bev Warden Kallhoff was born December 18, 1958, in Harlingen, Texas. She departed this life unexpectedly on November 26, 2024, at home surrounded by her beloved two rescue dogs, Ozzie and Roxie.

Bev graduated from Fort Morgan High School in Colorado in 1977. She attended college at Northwest Nazarene in 1977, then moved back to Fort Morgan Colorado. Bev married Mark Cornwell on February 18, 1978. Through this union a daughter Andrea and a son Aaron were born. Mark later passed away in a car accident on July 4, 1980. On December 10, 1982, she was united in marriage to Alan Kallhoff at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, Nebraska. Through this union, one son, Adam, was born.

In her free time, Bev loved watching her kids and grandchildren play sports. She also loved spending time with her rescue dogs, Ozzie and Roxie,

and doing crafts. Anytime Nebraska High School State Championships were on, it didn't matter what sport, she would be watching it. She was also an avid softball player. Bev fell in love with Coach Tom Osborne and loved everything he stood for. She recently celebrated ten years of being breast cancer free.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Chuck and Marjorie (Copes) Warden; parents-in-law, Delbert and Eva (Kmiecik) Kallhoff; first husband, Mark Cornwell; Mark's mother, Mary (Geisendorfer) Cornwell; daughter, Andrea Kallhoff; one nephew, Timothy Busch; and one niece, Miranda Murray.

Bev is survived by her husband, Alan Kallhoff; sons, Aaron (Josie) Kallhoff and Adam (Sophie Stratton) Kallhoff; grandchildren, Camden, Caylix, and Capri; Mark's father, Eddie Cornwell; four sisters, Charlene (Ward) Wubben, Marjorie (Cliff) Layfield, Bernedette (Mike) Howze, and Sunserae (Tim) O'Banion; brother, Charles Warden; and many nieces and nephews.

The family asks that you please dress casual (Bev loved the Cornhuskers and bright colors).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Phelan-Mcdermid Syndrome Foundation at 8 Sorrento Dr., Osprey, Florida 34229.

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Governor Pillen previews 2025 legislative priorities

Governor Jim Pillen is previewing some of his priorities for the 2025 legislative session. These initiatives, and others, align with his administration's ongoing commitment to kids, taxes, agriculture and values. "This is by no means an all-encompassing list, but these items are certainly top of mind as we reflect on our past achievements and acknowledge there is still much to be accomplished," said Gov. Pillen. "We must continue to build on those

foundations, addressing issues that are of greatest concern to Nebraskans." **KIDS:** Gov. Pillen is advocating for guidelines around athletic activities, aimed at protecting both kids and women. Legislation brought by Senator Kathleen Kauth in 2023 proposed guidelines for opposite-sex participation in sports activities and the use of restroom and locker room facilities. It was carried over into 2024 but failed to advance by only two votes.

Eight months into his administration, Gov. Pillen became the second governor to issue an executive order establishing a Women's Bill of Rights, which in part, defined terms like "male" and "female" as guidance to agencies, boards and commissions. That order remains in effect, only to expire upon passage of a state law that provides the necessary clarification to these issues.

TAXES: Legislation passed during the summer special session produced \$185 million in new tax relief, and established caps on local tax collections. Recently, Gov. Pillen issued the 2024 School Property Tax Collection Report, which makes

the case for reworking the Tax Equity and Equalization Opportunities Support Act (TEEOA) formula, so that it provides schools a more stable and consistent method of budgeting; thereby, reducing the amount of increase that schools feel they need to offset reductions in state aid.

"We cannot continue down the path of Nebraskan's paying among the highest property taxes in the nation," said Gov. Pillen. "It makes us less competitive with other states and less attractive to people who may be looking to move here. This is a situation that we will keep fighting to address." **AGRICULTURE:** New legis-

lation will be introduced aimed at banning the sale of lab-grown meat. This follows Gov. Pillen's executive order prohibiting the state from purchasing products defined as lab-grown meat and prohibiting other parties from contracting with the state, which might also procure lab-grown meat.

At a news conference in August, Gov. Pillen pointed to the uncertainty of health impacts arising from consumption of lab-grown meat and that other states and countries have implemented strict labeling requirements and outright bans to best protect consumers. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has drafted rules and regulations to ensure proper labeling and make certain that lab meat is not sold on store shelves next to natural meat products.

At the media event, Gov. Pillen reinforced his commitment to Nebraska farmers and ranchers, who produce products that drive Nebraska's economy and are highly sought overseas. "We

feed the world and we save the planet more effectively and more efficiently than anybody else and I will defend those practices with my last breath."

VALUES: Returning the state's allocation of electoral votes to winner-take-all is another top priority when the 109th Legislature convenes. Since 1993, Nebraska, has apportioned its electoral college votes in a way that promotes gerrymandering and prioritizes a small minority of voters over a majority of the public.

For example, in the 2024 presidential election, 8% of Nebraskans allocated 20% of the electoral college votes. Gov. Pillen seeks to change this unjust system and have Nebraska rejoin the 48 other states that allocate electoral college votes through winner-take-all



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Antelope County Courthouse News

All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

Christopher L Graae, Oakdale, NE, 6/11/24, attempt of class 1 misdemeanor, sentenced to 3 days in jail - Lawson.

Cory K Bossard, Tilden, NE, 8/4/24, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fined \$500 - Miller

Cory D Romej, Neligh, NE, 9/17/24, speeding 80/65, fined \$75 - Hartley.

Brittney R Ovando, Omaha, NE, 9/21/24, speeding 75/65, no valid registration, fined \$50 - Hartley.

Jason H Johansen, Plainview, NE 9/26/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.

Stefan De Kock, Brunswick, NE 10/29/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Miller.

Andrew C Sohler, Laurel, NE 10/27/24 speeding 64/55 mph, fined \$25 - Schlote.

Ray M Connot, Neligh, NE 10/19/24 speeding 35/25 mph, fined \$25 - Lawson.

Ashley B Rodriguez Ramos, Colorado Springs, CO 8/13/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.

Levi Kester (Terry Rakowsky), Norfolk, NE 10/29/24 speeding

75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Detlefsen. Halle R Lueking, Clearwater, NE 10/31/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - McNally.

Kadyn Fernau, Neligh, NE 3/25/24 Prohibited Dog/Dog Running at Large, fined \$50.

Michael P Smith, Omaha, NE 11/18/24 Hunt from vehicle:37-513/514/515/535/538, fined \$500 + liquidated damages of \$2,000 - Miller & Johnson.

Fredy Lopez Lopez, South Sioux City, NE 9/3/24 speeding 83/65 mph/No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$200 - Hartley.

Katlin C Koerick, Verdigre, NE 9/27/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.

Chavon L Stewart, Minneapolis, MN 10/14/24 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Hartley.

Dustin P Ptolemy, Texico, NM 10/21/24 speeding 85/65 mph, fined \$125 - Hartley.

Scott G Preister, Petersburg, NE 10/31/24 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Mohr.

Kendra A Christiansen, Albion, NE 11/1/24 speeding 65/55 mph, fined \$30 - Schlote.

Cameron Paulk, Neligh, NE 10/9/24 No valid registration-

car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$25 - Howard.

Lucas D Dobson, Maysville, OK 9/26/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.

Calahan S Henry, Eufaula, OK 11/8/24 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Grassmyer.

Trenton J Cruz, Norfolk, NE 10/12/24 no valid registration-

car/pickup/stepvan, fined \$25 - Mohr.

Cindy J Castro Mejia, Houston, TX 11/6/24 no proof of insurance/nonresident violate 30-day immunity/speeding 77/65 mph, fined \$200 - Detlefsen.

Jayden T Milne, Creighton, NE 10/27/24 speeding 70/65 mph, fined \$10 - Schlote.

Neligh WIC and Immunization clinic to be held Thursday

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership will hold the Neligh WIC and Immunization clinic on Thursday December 5th, 2024, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the American Legion- 115 W. 3rd Street Neligh, NE 68756.

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Fewer voters turned away under new Nebraska voter ID law

LINCOLN — The ballots of 345 people weren't counted in Nebraska's first presidential general election under a new requirement that voters present a picture ID to participate.

That's out of more than 965,000 ballots cast statewide, which represents less than four hundredths of one percentage point. Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen has said voter ID implementation went "extremely well."

"It went very well," Evnen told the Examiner. "That was a result of the hard work of our county election officials and our elections division. Nebraska is the gold standard in terms of the way we conduct our elections."

For comparison's sake, election officials rejected more than 650 early voting ballots statewide because voters failed to sign the envelope. Those signatures are verified against the voter file as an additional identification check.

Local election observers, including some who oppose requiring ID, praised the state's efforts to educate the public about the new law, work with counties to train local poll workers and respond to problems.

Nebraska this year joined 37 other states now requiring voter ID, according to data compiled by VoteRiders, a national non-profit group that helps people meet voter ID requirements. Voters passed a state constitutional amendment in 2022 requiring

the Legislature to implement voter ID in Nebraska.

Voting rights advocates said it is hard to know how many people chose not to vote because they lacked ID or because they faced pushback at the polls or at county election offices and didn't complain publicly.

A handful of Nebraskans raised concerns about this year's voting. One example: A Columbus woman filed a formal complaint with the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission about her interactions with a Platte County poll worker.

The woman asked ACLU Nebraska not to share her name publicly, saying she feared for her privacy. She went to vote at her Columbus polling place over her lunch break on Election Day, Nov. 5, according to her complaint.

Her driver's license had expired a month earlier, but that is still an acceptable form of ID under Nebraska's law, ACLU lawyer Joy Kathurima said. The woman also provided her active U.S. passport as a backup, another valid form of ID.

A Platte County poll worker unfamiliar with the federal citizenship requirements for a U.S. passport, questioned whether the woman, an American of Latino heritage, could prove she was a U.S. citizen.

Eventually, the woman was allowed to vote because another

Bartlett Bits

The Bartlett Lions Club is sponsoring a kids Christmas movie December 22 at 2 p.m. at the new gym in Bartlett. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided by Wheeler Central Booster Club. Parents are encouraged to come with their children.

The Bartlett Lions Club Christmas party will be held January 12 at 6 p.m. in the old fire hall. The meal will be potluck with meat being provided by Delan Reed and Dave Collins.

The next Lions Club meeting will be December 12 at 7 p.m. at the old fire hall.

I hope each of you had a special Thanksgiving holiday. My daughter Angela and her family from Beatrice were guests on Thanksgiving day. We had plenty to eat with pumpkin pie being the hit of the day, especially with the grandkids. We played Chinese checkers and 'hide the thimble,' after I explained what a thimble was used for.

My Mom, Lois Schrunk and I enjoyed a post Thanksgiving meal at Steven and Janna Schrunk's house on Saturday. Other guests were Steven and Janna's children Nick and Meghan and their families.

We've had a great holiday break. I can't say I accomplished much of anything, but everyone needs a break every now and then.

Our school 'Secret Santa,' gift exchange starts on Tuesday. Seventh and eighth graders are in one group and 9-12 graders in another group. Teachers also participate. No student or teacher knows who gave them their gift so it is fun trying to figure that out. Some students are not good at keeping secrets. This activity seems to be a big favorite of the students.

By Sherry Tetschner

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, December 9: Chicken noodles over mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, tropical fruit, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, December 10: Beef stew, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, cheese/crackers, biscuit, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, December 11: Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad, strawberries, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, December 12: Baked potato bar with all the toppings, apricots, bread/butter, milk.

Friday, December 13: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peaches, bread/

butter, milk. (All meals served with bread & butter.

Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.)

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

Under 60 is \$10.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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The specs for the graders are as follows: Please bid AWD and Tandem Drive, minimum horsepower 225, front and rear fenders, engine block heater, cold weather starting aid, amber warning beacon, 14' moldboard w/ 2' extension, differential lock, in-cab hydraulic valves for snowplow, Balderson type front lift group, Michelin Snow Plus tires, and wing ready. The Antelope County Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



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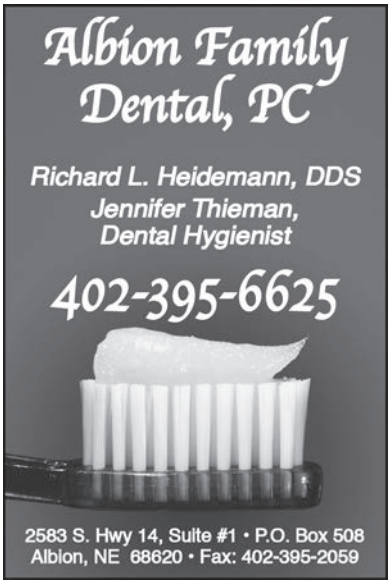
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Spinning Tales

It's footbrawl, not football during rivalry week

The NCAA football had its finest teams take on the national spotlight over the weekend.

Conference championships were on the line across the country. From the ACC with SMU versus Clemson, to the Big Ten where Oregon battled Penn State, to the SEC where Texas and Georgia squared off, and the Big 12 with Arizona State vs. Iowa State.

All that was missing was Colorado and Coach Prime. Having lost to Nebraska, Kansas State and Kansas earlier in the season, they found themselves on the outside looking in. Too bad for the Buffs, too bad for Coach Prime, his sons and Travis Hunter, too bad for the

networks, but great for the rest of us.

Colorado, the last two seasons, has changed how college football is played. Team accomplishments don't mean as much as individual glory. They (CU) tapped into a growing trend where the game means less and individual glory means more.

As much as that is true, the spectacle which was Thanksgiving weekend football has left a bad taste in my mouth and those of purists who long to see a return to class and respect on the field before, during and after the game.

The weekend began with a Friday night game between Nebraska and Iowa. Before the game, law enforcement guarded the Hawkeye logo at midfield to prevent Husker players from gathering on it. The logo has become sacred turf. More about that later.

Then, when captains met at midfield for the coin toss. The Huskers refused to shake the hands of their Hawkeye counterparts. It was a bad photo op. Nebraska used to be the class of the college football world. All that was great about the sport was reflected by the Huskers.

A simple class act of shaking hands was something Nebraska would not do. It allowed Iowa to take the high road. I didn't think that was possible, but this is Coach Matt Ruhl's team, not Tom Osborne's team.

As bad as it looked Friday night, it paled compared to Saturday's rivalry games splashed across the nation.

If you watched the Ohio State/Michigan game, you saw a 6-5 team (Michigan) beat a 10-1 team (the Buckeyes) in one of the greatest upsets in the rivalry. Players are supposed to leave 'it' all on the field, give it everything they've got till the final seconds tick off the clock.

These two schools, their players and fans hate one another. The word 'hate' doesn't do justice to the animosity.

It all spilled over onto the field when Michigan tried to plant their flag on the midfield logo. The Buckeyes decided that wasn't going to happen and what followed was an epic melee, it seems players on both sides weren't spent after all.

How bad was it? Law enforce-

ment from Michigan and Ohio got between them and used pepper spray to break it up.

Pepper spray and college football don't mix well. Spray is meant to disperse rioters, not football players. In 50-plus years of following college football, that's the first time I've seen that tactic used - a new low.

Melees happened again (minus pepper spray) at the conclusion of the North Carolina/North Carolina State game and the Florida/Florida State game, and to a lesser extent (not much) at Alabama/Auburn.

It's only getting worse. Don't be surprised, with fans storming the field after big games, if an incident doesn't occur where somebody is seriously injured or, Heaven forbid, dies. I can see it now, a drunk fan runs out on the field, says something to a hot-headed player who's not taking s---t from anybody and all hell breaks loose. It's going to happen some day, mark my words.

Players need to play with passion until the whistle blows and then go back to the huddle and get ready for the next play. That's not always the case anymore.

For God sakes, does good sportsmanship no longer exist? Bad apples shouldn't spoil the whole bunch (team), right? It seems like collegiate athletes no longer play with class, they play more like gangsta's.

What's the answer? Nothing I say or write will change a thing. Change will only come from inside the locker room.

When will that happen? It won't because, thanks to NIL, the player(s) will take their money and run to another school willing to accept 'bad ass' actions for more W's.

Players and coaches should be more known for their actions in the game, NOT after the game.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

Nebraska DMV expands online registration renewal services

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pleased to announce the deployment of expanded online registration renewal services, providing greater convenience and accessibility to Nebraska vehicle owners.

Over the past year, the DMV has implemented several enhancements to broaden the range of vehicles eligible for online renewal. New and Expanded Online Services Include:

- Military Members: Non-resident military members residing in Nebraska and Nebraska resident military members residing outside the state now have the option to renew vehicle registrations online.

- Additional Vehicle Types: Online renewals are now available for vehicles with single-plate decals, Amateur Radio plates, and vehicles subject to Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) requirements.

- Address Changes: Vehicle owners who have moved within the same county or from one Nebraska county to another can now renew their registration online without needing to visit a DMV office.

- Specialty Plates: Customers can renew registrations and obtain previously requested specialty plates through the online portal.

- Bulk Renewals: The latest enhancement allows vehicle owners to renew multiple registrations expiring in the same month with a single transaction, streamlining the renewal process for households or businesses with multiple vehicles.

"These improvements reflect our commitment to making DMV services more efficient and accessible," said Rhonda Lahm, Director of the Nebraska DMV. "We're excited to offer expanded online options, saving our customers time and making it easier to stay compliant with registration requirements."

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Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack girls face new challenges as 2024/25 season begins

ELGIN — Having been among the elite teams in Class D1 the last two years, participating in the girls state basketball tournament, the Wolfpack enter the coming season facing new challenges.

Having been bumped up to Class C2, Elgin Public-Pope John is somewhere between 'rebuilding' and 'reloading' as they start a new season this week.

Having been at the helm of the Wolfpack program for close to 20 years, Coach Randy Eisenhauer has orchestrated the growth of EPPJ into a team to be reckoned with year after year.

But this year, at least in the early going, new faces will need to step up.

"Always tough to replace seniors each year they graduate. Especially this year with Ash (Charf) and Keyera (Eisenhauer) graduating," he said.

"I would say it's going to be a combination of both reloading and rebuilding. We do have a good core of girls coming back that played last year with varsity experience, but a lot of those girls are going to have some different roles this year from what they have had in the past."

To lead the way will be five returning letter winners. They are seniors Kate Furstenau and Callie Heithoff, junior Kayton Zwingman and sophomores Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgeweit.

"We had a lot of girls score each game last year and I think that could happen again this year as well. Kate was a very good threat last year to knock down some big buckets," Eisenhauer said.

"We also have some very good shooters I believe this year from the outside and will also be able to get to the rim with their speed. I see Braelyn and Mady being able to do this as well as Kayton. Callie will step into a new role this year and I also believe she could help us from game to game."

Add to the mix senior Trissa Russel and underclassmen Elizabeth Moser and Kierstyn Eisenhauer and the Wolfpack have all the ingredients necessary to have a successful season.

"I always have the same goals for each team when the season starts and that is to be playing in March. Sometimes it happens and others it doesn't" Coach Eisenhauer said.

"I believe this is a group that will have to find their roles ... we will need players to step up into their roles to help us out throughout the season."



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Members of the Wolfpack girls basketball team are (front row, l-r): Elizabeth Moser, Dannyka Smidt, Ruby Durre, Molly Thiessen, Kyla Donaldson, Bristol Buschow, Kinley Druke and student manager Tenley Schindler. Back row: student manager Sydney Niewohner, Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff, Trissa Russel, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Mady Kurpgeweit and student manager Gentry Zwingman.



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The Wolfpack boys basketball team consists of (front row, l-r): Joseph McNally, Michael Selting, Kellan Hoefler, Taylor Beckman, Dylan Kolm, Evin Pelster and student manager Garrett Busteed. Back row: Student managers Carter Selting, Braxtyn Eisenhauer and Jayvin Erickson, Karson Kallhoff, Jarek Erickson, Max Henn, Brayden Burenheide, Trey Rittscher, Ticen Sparr, student managers Cael Bottorf and Braedon Hinkle.

EPPJ boys ready for season opener

ELGIN — Coach Matt Euse begins his third season as head coach of the Wolfpack with a mix of experience and youth which he hopes to shape into a winning team.

Having missed out on opportunities to advance in the postseason the last two years, this year's version of the Wolfpack could be his best team yet.

"We lost a lot of experienced players due to graduation. They will be greatly missed," Euse said last week. "As far as this year's team, we don't have as much depth as we have had in the past couple of years. We still have a lot of returners that have quite a bit of experience and a few younger guys that are going to step up and help us out."

While depth may be a concern, the team returns an abundance of experience who know how to play and to win.

"I feel really good about the leadership we have," Euse said.

"Taylor Beckman, Kellan Hoefler, Dylan Kolm, Karson Kallhoff and Jarek Erickson (all returning letter winners) have all played a lot of basketball. They are extremely unselfish, hardworking and very coachable ... These guys (along with others) have shown a great deal of leadership so far and I expect that to continue as games start up."

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Wolfpack wrestlers seek to improve on last year's success

ELGIN — Wolfpack varsity wrestlers are ready to begin the season with expectations of heading to Omaha in February.

Longtime Head Coach Mike Zegers has six boys and two girls on this year's team, all with potential to be among the best in their weight classes in

Northeast Nebraska.

Six boys are competing, led by Grady Druke who stood out at state last year. He is expected to wrestle at 144 pounds. He is one of three returning letter winners on the squad. The others are Landyn Veik and Austin Hinkle.

Landyn Veik came up one match short of qualifying for state one year ago. Veik is expected to compete at 157 pounds.

Hinkle, who was injured for much of last season, appears ready to go. According to Coach Zegers, Hinkle is expected to wrestle at 132 pounds in his final season.

Calling the trio the most experienced wrestlers on the team, Zegers said "We have high expectations of them this year."

Three other wrestlers only lack experience on the mats. Senior Landon Kallhoff will compete at 150 pounds. Gavin Kallhoff and Justice Blecher are two sophomores with plenty of potential. Kallhoff will compete at 144 pounds while Blecher is slated to wrestle at 215.

"They were coming on strong at the end of last year," Zegers said, noting how they improved as the season went along.

Watch for these wrestlers to continue to improve.

Girls team

Underclassmen make up the girls wrestling team.



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Competing on the boys wrestling team are (l-r): Gavin Kallhoff, Grady Druke, Landyn Veik, Justice Blecher, Austin Hinkle and Landon Kallhoff.

Sophomore Libby Evans was a dominant wrestler last year, her first at the varsity level. Wrestling at 190 pounds, Evans

qualified for the state tournament and came within one match of earning a state medal. "We are expecting big things

from her this year," Zegers said. "Hopefully, we can continue

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Wrestling on the girls team are (l-r): Jayda Chessmore and Libby Evans.

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Voters

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Platte County poll worker corrected the first poll worker and pointed out that passports count as valid voter ID.

The woman told the ACLU, which filed the complaint on her behalf, that she felt "incredibly uncomfortable" at her polling place. She was already an infrequent voter, having not voted in eight years, Kathurima said, so this didn't help.

"To have that type of experience obviously makes it even harder for someone to be able to want to vote in the future," Kathurima said.

The Platte County Election Commission did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. State election officials acknowledged a handful of incidents in which poll workers misunderstood the requirements.

No results changed, officials say

Groups such as ACLU Nebraska and Civic Nebraska say having even one voter turned away is too many. They pointed to close races like east Omaha's Legislative District 13 as an ex-

ample where every vote matters.

In that race, 151 votes separated Ashlei Spivey, the winner, from second-place finisher Nick Batter. Election officials, however, have said they knew of no result that would have flipped because of voter ID issues.

The most common concern reported to Civic Nebraska's voter hotline was poll workers not understanding that the picture ID is required only to verify that voters are who they say they are — not to verify their address.

How voter ID works in Nebraska

Voting in person

Nebraska requires in-person voters to take a state-approved photo ID, which could include a driver's license, a college ID, a nursing home ID, a passport, a military ID, a tribal ID or an ID from a city, county, school district or another political subdivision.

People who forget to take their photo ID but want to cast their ballot can still choose to vote provisionally. However, they will need to take a photo ID to their county election office within a week of Election Day.

People who lack a photo ID can have their ballots counted if they apply for a certificate from their county election office verifying an accepted disability, circumstance or religious objection.

Voting by mail

Voters requesting a ballot to vote early by mail must also verify their ID. They can do so by writing down their ID number from a Nebraska driver's license or state ID card.

Wolfpack

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Add to the mix Michael Selting (sophomore) and Max Henn (freshman). He said Selting

EPPJ

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to build off of last year and get better this year."

New to the team this year is junior Jayda Chessmore. Zegers said she will be competing at 125 pounds. Inexperience is the only thing holding her back as the season starts.

The Wolfpack boys will be at the Howells-Dodge Invite to start the season Saturday. The girls will open the season at O'Neill on Saturday.

"is going to help us out in a lot of different ways. Very smart player and he has grown over the last year. Henn will be a big piece for us. Not many freshman are his size and he continues to work hard every day."

The Wolfpack will look to push the ball up court every chance they get. Then, when they don't have the ball they will work to play great defense.

"A big focus right now is getting in shape," the coach said. Looking at the 2024/25 season, Euse said he expects the Wolfpack to be competitive every game.

"It is a group that works their tails off every day and hopefully we can continue to get better every day. If we can do that, we will have a very exciting year.

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WRESTLING

BOYS VARSITY
Dec. 7 @ Howells-Dodge 9:30
Dec. 13 @ Sargent 11:00
Dec. 21 @ EPPJ (Senior Day) (PJ) 9:30

GIRLS VARSITY
Dec. 7 @ O'Neill 9:30
Dec. 14 @ Wood River 10:00
Dec. 20 @ EPPJ (Senior Day, PJ) 3:00

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

VARSITY/JV
Dec. 5 @ Riverside 4:00
Dec. 6 vs. Niobrara-Verdigre (PJ) 4:00
Dec. 10 vs. Neligh-Oakdale (EPS) 4:00
Dec. 13 @ Plainview 4:00
Dec. 14 @ Wausa 2:00
Dec. 17 vs. Elkhorn Valley (PJ) 4:00
Dec. 21 vs. Boyd County (EPS) 2:00

JUNIOR HIGH
Dec. 12 @ Neligh-Oakdale (G) 4:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dec. 4 EPS Art, downtown painting • PJCC NO SCHOOL • One Act Districts @ PJCC • Elgin Hometown Christmas Santa at 4 pm (Community Center)
Dec. 6 EPS Muffins With Mom • PJCC grandparents Day, noon dismissal
Dec. 9 EPS Prek-12 Christmas Concert
Dec. 11 Bloodmobile at the KC Hall, EHS sponsoring
Dec. 12 Elgin FFA meeting/Christmas supper
Dec. 13 9th grade career day @ NECC • CyberPatriot State Round
Dec. 18 PJCC Christmas Concert
Dec. 20 Schools have early dismissal (1 pm) for Christmas break
Dec. 21 Wolfpack Dance Camp
Jan. 6 PJCC Classes resume
Jan. 7 EPS Classes resume



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