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In Brief

PJCC One-Act play team takes the stage at State

To perform at 2:15 p.m.

Having won the D2-3 One-Act Play competition last week, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic will be vying for a state championship later today.

The State D2 One -Act Play competition will be held Wednesday afternoon (today) at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk. The Crusaders will take the stage at 2:15 p.m. to perform "All By Myself."

Members of the cast and crew are Natalie Burenheide, Jovie Borer, Brooke Kinney, Samantha Stuhr, Elizabeth Moser, Gavin Kallhoff, Juliana McNally, Jazmine McNally, Jack Barlow, Olivia Klein, Brooklyn Meis, Kaitey Schumacher, Tessa Barlow, Camry Kittelson, Ashlynn Charf, Elise Ruterbories, Grady Druke, Aiden Klein, Landyn Veik, Reese Stuhr, Stephanie Gutierrez, Quinn Hoefer, Darby Carsens, Harlie Tyler, Aubrie Parks, Brayden Burenheide and Cameron Kallhoff. Directors are Amy Klein and Kerri Druke.

This marks the second year in a row the school has participated in the state competition. They will be competing against Potter-Dix, Falls City Sacred Heart, Arnold, Ansley and O'Neill St. Mary's.

District #18 school board to meet next week

To begin at 5:30 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular December meeting on Wednesday, December 13.

Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., the meeting will be held in the board meeting room at Elgin Public Schools.

An agenda will be posted on the school's website prior to the meeting.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Amendment findings — Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District
Notice of Organization — SALBER LAND CO., L.L.C.

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 55 degrees recorded on Wednesday and Thursday, November 29-30.

The low during the same period was 13 degrees on Monday, November 27.

No 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 27	32	13	.00
November 28	47	27	.00
November 29	55	28	.00
November 30	55	17	.00
December 1	32	21	.00
December 2	40	20	.00
December 3	36	21	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for November			0.00
Total precipitation 2023			28.86



E-R photos/DMorgan

Fans support veterans Thursday night

Veterans were recognized prior to the start of the varsity boys basketball game Thursday. (Right) Fans stood and applauded the color guard which included Beau Heithoff. (Below) Auxiliary members (l-r) Verona Henn, Joanie Stoltz and Julie Dwyer show off the boxes of personal items donated for veterans by Wolfpack fans.



Orchard woman sentenced for flight in stolen car

The Honorable James Kube, presided from the bench in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh on Nov. 29.

Morgan K. Anson, 25, appeared for sentencing on three crimes committed Dec. 9, 2022, Count I, theft by receiving stolen property valued between \$1,500 and \$5,000, a Class 4 felony; Count II, attempted possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a Class 1 misdemeanor; and Count III, use of a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Antelope County public defender Pat Carney asked for a probation sentence. He said Anson had successfully completed treatment for her meth addiction and had recently given birth. He said she "didn't have a lot of direction early in life," but would like to go back to school.

Anson said she is working at an area nursing home and affirmed her desire for further education. Upon questioning from Kube, she said she received no child support from the fathers of her three children.

"You aren't dating the right kind of guys," he told her before passing sentence.

He sentenced Anson to concurrent

18-month terms of probation, including 90 days in the Antelope County Jail. She was given credit for 106 days previously served.

Anson was ordered to pay \$500 restitution to James Molt of Spaulding on Count I, \$137 court costs and \$570 in

probation-related fees.

"I don't want you to just think of this as an opportunity to stay out of jail," the judge said.

"(It is) an opportunity to stay on the

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Judge grants continuances

Rider C. Short, 23, appeared alongside his attorney, Fred Bartell of Norfolk, for pretrial hearing on Count I, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 4 felony, and Count II, as amended in October, unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle, a Class 3 misdemeanor, both alleged July 4 in downtown Neligh. Kube set the case for a bench trial at 9 a.m. Feb. 5. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$20,000, 10%.

Several other pending cases were also continued, including:

- Kaitlyn C. Dozler, 23, of Norfolk, sentencing on DUI conviction; continued to Dec. 20;
- Koda K. Fernau, 19, of Clearwater, pretrial hearing on terroristic threats, a Class 3 felony alleged Sept. 2, 2022; continued to Jan. 31, jury trial set Feb. 20;

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- Robert J. Suhr, 24, of Elgin, pretrial on child abuse, a Class 3A felony, and third-degree domestic assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor, alleged Sept. 2; continued to Dec. 20, jury trial, Feb. 20;
- Matthew P. Williams, 52, of Neligh, pretrial on three counts alleged June 21, use of a firearm to commit a felony, a Class 3 felony; terroristic threats, a Class 3 felony; and third-degree assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor; continued to Dec. 20, jury trial, Feb. 20;

- Megan L. Brandt, 40, of Oakdale, show-cause hearing for restitution to Village of Oakdale, continued to Jan. 31, 2024; and
- Jessica T. Mace, 42, of Sioux City, Iowa, show-cause hearing for restitution owed to Kala Pelster, continued to Dec. 20.



E-R photo/LMorgan

Now that's a big donation!

A check presentation was held at Dean's Market in Elgin last week. Kathy Dinslage and Kimberly Young, organizers of the 'Shop The North Pole' event which kicks off the Christmas shopping season, donated proceeds from the event to Dean's Market for the purchase of food items for those in need this holiday season.

Santa Claus, Christmas parade to be December 13

We're just one week away from the arrival of Santa Claus here in Elgin!

An evening of activities will accompany the arrival of Santa on Wednesday evening, December 13.

The Elgin Chamber/Community Club has put together a celebration fit for all ages. ALL events at the Elgin Community Center.

Santa Claus arrives from the North Pole to visit with children at 4:30 p.m. that evening. *The Elgin Review* will, as it has done in previous years, again provide photos of children with Santa. Also at the community center there will be free craft projects for kids to enjoy.

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.

Now you can... **COME TO THE RESCUE** by donating to the new ambulance fund for the Elgin Volunteer Rescue Service.

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Court

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same path as you are, get some structure in your life...a foundation under you so you can raise your children.”

Anson was arrested Dec. 9, 2022. According to an affidavit filed by an Antelope County deputy, he attempted to pull over a vehicle traveling on a county road with no license plates, when the vehicle, driven

by Anson, fled. The chase continued with Anson running a stop sign, entering a “no outlet” road, traveling through a cornfield, through trees and a fence line.

The officer lost sight of the subject when he had to back-track but located the disabled vehicle and noted footprints in the snow, leading away.

The officer found license

plates on the floor and determined the car was stolen. Anson was later located about 100 yards away, hiding in some grass on top of a “spilled-out” purse and a duffle bag, containing tools, was found nearby.

Anson pleaded guilty to the crimes Sept. 28, pursuant to an agreement with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith. The agreement included Smith reducing Count I from a Class

2 felony, Count II from a Class 4 felony, possession of meth; and Count III, from a Class 4 felony. He also dismissed two counts, possession of burglar tools and obstruction of a police officer.

Max S. Kerkman, 34, appeared for arraignment on a pair of Class 4 felony drug charges, possession of methamphetamine and oxycodone. Kerkman pleaded not guilty to

both counts and requested jury trial.

Pretrial hearing is set Jan. 31, with a Feb. 20 jury trial slated.

He is represented by Brad Montag of Norfolk.

Kerkman was arrested following a June 6 federal probation search at his Oakdale

residence.

A jury trial, set for Dec. 12 for Jay L. Herrera, 22, of Vermillion was canceled due to the defendant’s outstanding arrest warrant for failing to appear in court.

The trial will be rescheduled after his arrest.

From JoAnn's Kitchen

Chicken Supreme Casserole, Escalloped Corn & Pumpkin Pie

A full meal to try for the family sometime soon.

Good day, What's for supper? This week I have got a recipe for a complete meal. Main course, side dish, and dessert.

This chicken dish is really good. I just used some chicken breast for the chicken part instead of cooking a

whole chicken. I improvised some of the ingredients. I used a box of chicken broth. It was still very good. You may need to double the recipe if you have a large family to feed.

This corn dish is really simple, just dump and bake. You can cook along side the chicken dish. Supper is complete. Enjoy.

Pumpkin pie is for dessert! Hope you enjoy it!

Jo Ann

CHICKEN SUPREME CASSEROLE

2 lbs chicken breast
1 can cream of chicken
1 small can evaporated milk
1 pkg (Stove Top®) herb dressing

2 cups chicken broth (save from cooking)

Stew a chicken (cool and remove from bones). Save 2 cups broth. Put deboned chicken in a 8x8x2 baking dish. Mix soup and milk together and pour over chicken. Mix herb dressing with the 2 cups broth. Mix well and put on top of the chicken. Bake 45 minutes at 350°.

ESCALLOPED CORN

1 16 oz can cream-style corn
1 cup cracker crumbs
1/3 cup diced celery
1/4 cup diced onion
3/4 cup American cheese (cut in small pieces)

1 tsp salt
2 eggs well beaten
2 Tbls melted butter
1/4 tsp paprika
1 cup milk

Combine all the ingredients, pour into a greased casserole pan and bake at 350° for 50 minutes.

PUMPKIN PIE

1 can pumpkin (2 cups)
1 cup milk
2 eggs slightly beaten
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp salt

2 tsp cream
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp allspice

Mix all the dry ingredients really well then add to the above mixture and again mix well. Spoon batter into two well-greased loaf pans. Bake a 325° for one hour and 15 minutes.

Bloodmobile coming to Elgin next week

The KC Hall in Elgin will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile next week.

The bloodmobile will be in Elgin on Wednesday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To make a reservatiion, contact Elgin Public Schools at (402) 843-2455 or Kyle Jensen at (402) 910-0681.

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Bartlett News

The 3rd annual 'Ericson Trail of Lights' was held at Lake Ericson the evenings of December 1-2.

Many helping hands have made this event such a success. Thumbs up to those helping to put Lake Ericson on the map.

The trails behind Lake Ericson are lit up with lights of all kinds and lighted displays. These included a beautifully lit up windmill and an igloo made of clear milk cartons. Some of the displays were: Big Foot Santa, Charlie Brown Christmas, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, the Nativity Scene, a patriotic display and more.

My son Ben and I attended this event Saturday evening. The starry sky was beautiful above us as we rode on a trailer of hay bales pulled by a side by side. The driver chose beautiful Christmas music for us to listen to as we traveled the 'trail.'

The experience is amazingly peaceful and brings joy to the heart. It is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

By Sherry Tetschner

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Flags have been flying for a long, long time

Love smalltown moments. It was nearly sundown the day before Veterans Day November 10, 2023.

While zooming south on Highway 14, there they were – Elgin’s patriotic standbys, Gary Hoefler and Ray Payne, lining the cemetery with United States flags.

Deciding this might be the perfect photo to go with the *Elgin Review’s* assignment to write a story about the Elgin Veteran’s Club (see *The Elgin Review* November 15, 2023 edition), a text got zoomed off to Lynnell, our local newspaper’s co-owner and publisher. Got the go-ahead.

Definitely the right place at the right time. The sun was

near setting, casting a brilliant hue on the precious red, white, and blue.

Those savvy in vexillology, the study of flags, note these fragile bits of fabric fluttering in the breeze have been around a long, long time, well before their use for identifying countries.

They signified religion and warfare (white for surrender) and were used for messaging and decoration.

Now there are some 195 country flags, ours included. We all learned in grade school that the stripes stand for the 13 original colonies and there’s one star for every state.

Red is for valor and hardiness. White is for purity and

innocence.

Blue is for vigilance. It’s a symbol that unites us all, especially in times of strife, and inspires unity and loyalty to our Nation.

When my dad, a WWII veteran, died, and my mother already gone, as oldest daughter I was handed the carefully folded United States flag at his burial with military honors. The precision with which the flag was folded, each step with deep meaning, still brings tears to my memory’s eye.

That precious flag, carefully placed in a triangular keepsake box, sits atop my Dad’s Army uniform in a shadow box in our farmhouse. It reminds our family every day to appreciate his and others’ service to protect our freedom.

When football season is in full swing, the dreaded yellow flag for some Husker infraction on the field comes to mind as do flags used in other sporting events.

Think the checkered flag symbolizing the first car to finish a race.

A red flag, as in rapid weight gain/loss predicting a personal health condition, generally means an unacceptable situation.

While dating, one watches for red flags that are turnoffs.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is the flagship university for Nebraska. On game days, many show team loyalty by raising the red flag with the big “N” on it. During halftime at games, the flag corps waves flags in a routine set to music played by the marching band.

To flag is a slang phrase used in policing. The cops will flag all underage drinkers, for example.

A head-cloth or bandana worn by gang members is called a flag and signifies allegiance.

If you wrap yourself in the United States flag, not literally, it means you are a devoted patriot.

My dad had a flagpole out on the farm where I grew up. Every morning and every night for as long as I can remember, he raised the flag with a salute and then lowered it, folded it properly, and tucked it away for the next day.

Some of us wave the American flag on Memorial Day as the parade goes by, display the flag outside our homes for Independence Day, and marvel at the beauty of 75 flags flying at the cemetery on a windy Veterans Day weekend.

To respect the flag and all it stands for is to believe in the power and promise of democracy.

May the red, white, and blue fly high in our skies and in our hearts this holiday season and for the rest of our lifetimes.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago December 5, 1963

Despite a chilly wind here Thanksgiving Day the unusually warm fall weather held and approximately 1,6090 diners partook of the annual dinner at the St. Boniface auditorium. Around 300 people were served at a sitting. Various booths were patronized during the program which came to a close with a dance at the K. of C. Hall in the evening. Members of the Holy Name Society assisted with the program.

“Cliff” Carlson, local John Deere dealer, is sponsoring the showing of several movies on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Avon Theatre, 1:30 p.m. Besides showing a number of 1964 machinery models, “Cliff’s” John Deere Day includes movies of Cliff Arquette (Charlie Weaver), Donna Douglas of the Beverly Hillbillies and other popular stars.

The St. Boniface Knights kept themselves in the win column Friday night at Creighton when Terry Scannell sank a field goal with 12 seconds remaining to edge St. Ludgers, 52-50. Scannell was top scorer for St. Boniface and Gragert led St. Ludgers, both with 19 points.

The second team game was tied at the end of the first two quarters but the local reserves pulled ahead in the last half to win 38-27. High scorer for St. Bon was Hank Pelster with 14 points, and Wenge led the opponents with 15.

Fifty Years Ago December 6, 1973

Christmas shoppers will have the added chance of winning prizes while shopping in Elgin the next few weeks. Three days have been set aside for drawings when the prizes will be offered. Drawings will be made publicly at the main intersection in Elgin on Monday, Dec 10, 17 and 24. Winners will be announced over the amplifying system and each winner will receive their prize in \$5.00 Trade Certificates redeemable at participating merchants. There will be a total of \$600 given in prizes with six winners announced each of the Mondays.

Mark Getzfred of Elgin Pope John High School received honorable mention in the color portrait -personality division in the high school division competition sponsored by the Nebraska Press Photographers association.

Mark and his school each received a certificate from the association and signed by the Judges, George Tuck, assistant professor, UNL School of Journalism and Randy Hampton, assistant director of photography, Lincoln Journal-Star.

David Uhrenholdt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uhrenholdt, was among the 20 upperclassmen at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agriculture to be initiated into Alpha Zeta Agricultural honorary in ceremonies Sunday, Dec. 2. Dave is a junior.

Thirty Years Ago December 15, 1993

A grass fire, whipped by strong winds from the east, burned about 40 acres of pasture land at the Wagonhammer Ranch in eastern Wheeler County last Thursday, Dec. 9. Elgin and Bartlett Fire Departments were called to the ranch at 11:35 a.m. Thursday. The fire, pushed by 40 mile per hour winds, quickly moved from a small stand of cottonwood trees near the ranch house to the Beaver Creek about 1/2 mile east. Neighbors and employees of the ranch helped to fight the fire. The blaze apparently started due to sparks from a tractor, which was idling on the road near the ranch house.

A letter from Rock County High School, Bassett, requesting admission into the Niobrara Valley Conference, was reviewed by the board. The school seeks membership for all activities except for football. Rock County High School is currently a small C1 school, but an enrollment decline was mentioned in the letter. After review and discussion, the board decided to concur with Superintendent Uttecht’s recommendation of a “no” vote on acceptance into the conference. The school will be accepted into the conference if 75 percent of the conference schools approve the application.

Pope John High School’s wrestling team dominated the field and picked up its second tournament championship trophy in as many weeks at the Stanton Invitational Tournament last Saturday, Dec. 11. The Crusaders had four individual champions, three second places and two third place finishers. Winning their weight classes were Jason Sturek at 112 pounds, Jesse Borer at 119, Pat Stuhr at 152 and Dan Seier at 160.

With four individual medalists, the Elgin-Petersburg wrestling team placed fifth in the team race at the Newman Grove Invitational Tournament last Saturday. Brock Henn was the only individual champion for Elgin-Petersburg at 135 pounds. Placing second were Mark Dietz at 112 pounds and Andy Evans at 189.

Twenty Years Ago December 3, 2003

A total of 1,338 dinners were served during the annual St. Boniface Parish Thanksgiving Festival last Thursday, Nov. 27. Although the dinner crowd was smaller than last year, a larger number of people than usual were on hand for the evening plate lunches, bingo and raffle drawing. Bingo was available for adults, and new bingo cards were provided by the family of Duane Dinslage in his memory. Duane had served as the bingo caller at the bazaar for many years.

Antelope County’s drug detecting dog, Nero, died during surgery last Saturday, Nov. 29, at a veterinary clinic in Sac City, IA, according to Nero’s handler, Deputy Sheriff Jeff Treu. Nero was undergoing surgery for what was thought to be a cancerous tumor, but the cancer was too far advanced to save him, Treu said. Nero began his service for Antelope County in September, 2002, and has been involved in several area drug cases since that time. His talent has also been on display in recent weeks at several programs at area schools.

With turmoil surrounding the Nebraska football program recently, and the firing of Frank Solich last Saturday, Husker fans are expressing their opinions. Jerome and Joni Irlmeier were flying their Nebraska flag at half staff this week.

By Betty Kallhoff

Community Center Menu

Monday, December 11: Egg bake casserole w/sausage-spinach-green peppers & onions, hashbrowns, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, December 12: Chili, carrots & celery, cheese/crackers, cinnamon roll, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, December 13: Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, peaches, milk.

Thursday, December 14: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas/carrots, strawberry/peaches mix, milk.

Friday, December 15: Brat on bun, potato wedges, pea salad,

apricots, 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.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day. For a great meal, come to the community center!



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Edward R. Murrow

Investigating the future of electrical generation

As the harvest finishes and we enter the upcoming holiday season, senators remain hard at work preparing for the looming legislative session in January. One such topic I am investigating is the future of electrical generation in Nebraska. Currently, Nebraska Public Power District's energy generation resource mix consists of the following: 42.3% nuclear, 30.1% coal, 7.4% wind, 6.4% hydroelectric, and 13.8% from all other sources such as natural gas or purchase agreements. However, as market pressures increase on public power to transition away from fossil fuels to green energy sources, such as wind and solar, the Legislature is considering how to ensure a reliable and cost-efficient electricity grid and assess the needs of the future while balancing these considerations with the environment.

I got the opportunity to tour two different places that rely on different energy sources: coal and nuclear. In Gillette, Wyoming, I toured the mines and processing facilities for the coal that is shipped to Gerald Gentleman Station in Sutherland. While the national usage of coal has declined from 52 percent in 1990 to 20 percent in 2022, Nebraska has ready access to Wyoming coal, which tends to release less sulfur and is better for the environment than coal found in other states. While coal is carbon intensive to extract, process, and burn, it also provided a ready source of electricity during the 2021 winter storms which

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District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

creation of the LR178 Select Committee. Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNR or SMR) are nuclear reactors at a smaller scale with the prospect of being able to be scaled up or down to meet energy demands and help power areas where larger plants are not needed. I see SMRs as a means to supplement existing energy sources and provide an additional source of reliable baseload generation for our electricity grid beyond what is currently provided by Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville, Nebraska.

Earlier this month, Senator Bostelman, Senator Sanders, and I went to France to tour several nuclear facilities and learned about the refinement of uranium. As part of this tour, we examined the conversion and enrichment of uranium and the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. With the uranium we use in nuclear reactors, most of the spent fuel (~95%) goes unused and sits idle in long-term storage. The French government, which has been investing in nuclear energy since the 1960s, has decades of experience in refining uranium and my trip showed many insights on how we can learn to improve our own refining.

The Legislature is also looking into how nuclear technology has alternative uses other than just power generation. During the production of nuclear energy, different elements are created through the decay of uranium and these elements have medical as well as other benefits. Called radioisotopes, one example is Strontium-90 which is used for the development of medical and agricultural research, remote

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Pillen wants all hands on deck

Governor Jim Pillen wants all state government employees at their desks in their assigned departments beginning next month.

He said the pandemic-era remote is over, although both empirical and anecdotal evidence nationwide show a workplace change that was pandemic caused has become the new normal. Oh, and never mind the fact that some state agencies have remote and telework policies that have been in place for 15 years.

And, of course, not every department has the physical space available for more employees.

But those are just hard facts and nasty details. The governor is adamant about wanting bodies to be present so he can run government like a business.

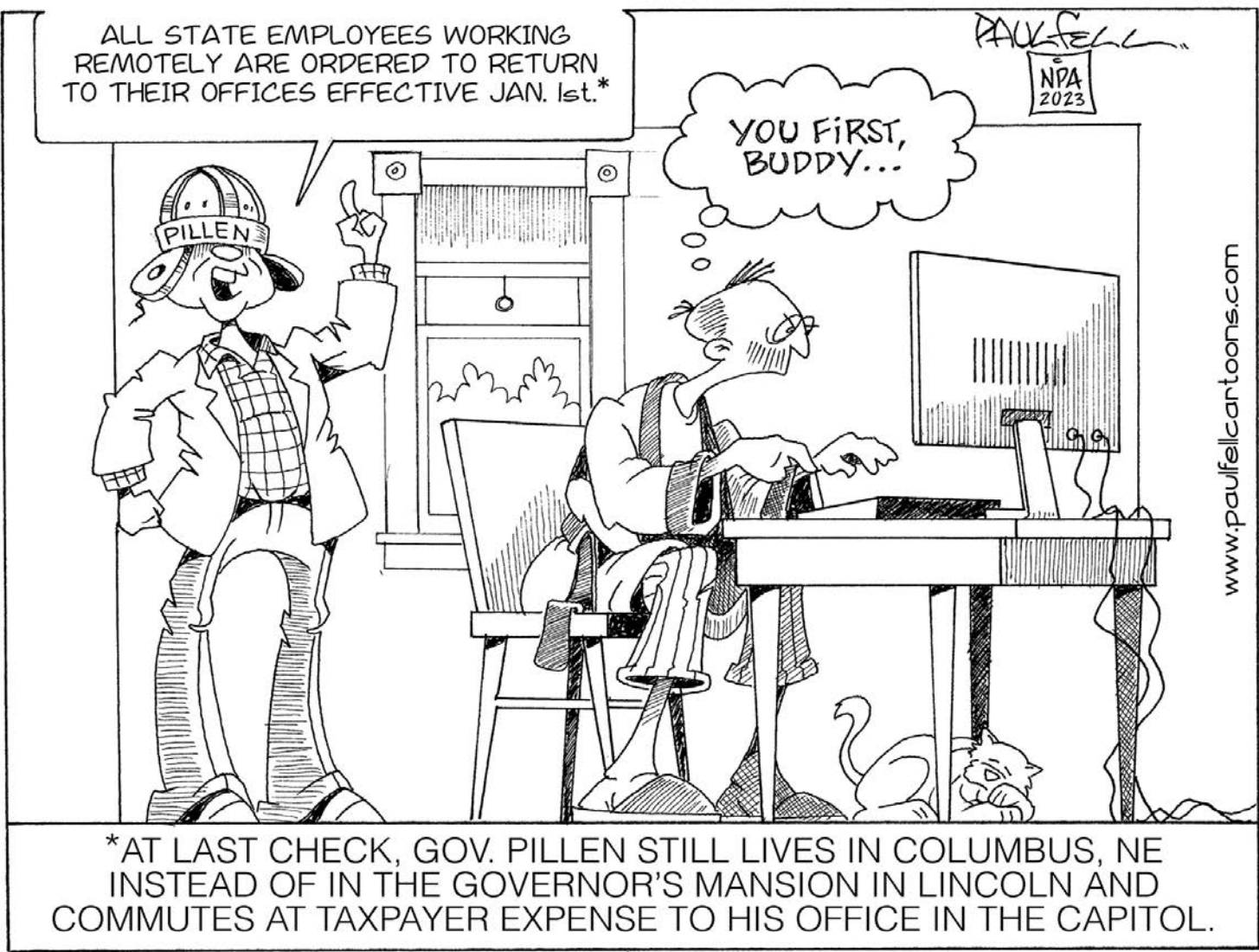
That was an old Pete Ricketts dream, but even he was realistic enough to realize that changing times call for changing best practices.

Not the new guy in the corner office when he's there. Let's remember that Pillen has chosen to live at his home in Columbus and get chauffeured to work by a State Patrol security detail. It's highly unlikely he'll have his feet under his desk 8 hours a day. Sauce for the goose, sauce for the gander.

His move caught the state employee union off guard. One would think he would have at least discussed the issue with union management. But, as we have learned since the election, that's not the Pillen way. As for him not being in the office, he'll say I have to serve the entire state.

Guess what governor, so do your state employees. In my humble opinion, they have done a great job of adjusting to the pandemic and making things work. Don't forget the folks in the different time zone out west who lose an hour trying to contact people at their desks in Lincoln.

There has been considerable pushback from state employees, many of whom say they'll likely look for work in the private sector. Pillen writes that off as the cost of doing business. Wait



town Lincoln — that will accompany the return-to-office order.

A 2020 study by University of Nebraska-Lincoln economists showed that Nebraska is losing \$745 million a year when parents leave the workforce or move elsewhere because of a lack of childcare.

Some employees have told Hunt that they've already started to seek jobs in the private sector that will allow them to continue working from home, a trend that could exacerbate Nebraska's public workforce shortage.

"Everybody's got to make decisions in their best interest, so if there are public servants whose best interest is for them to do something where they can work from home — I believe I was elected to be governor to make sure that we have tremendous return for what everybody does, and the best way

that happens is when you're at work face to face," Pillen said in a news release.

Consider this: The Department of Labor offered hybrid work setups specifically as an incentive to retain four unemployment insurance adjudicators: the Nebraska Department of Transportation employs more than 360 remote or hybrid workers, the Department of Revenue has 208 hybrid or remote employees; more than half of the state's remote or hybrid employees — 54% — work for the Department of Health and Human Services, which has had a telecommuting policy in place since 2008.

Some state agencies reduced their physical office space in recent years. The Department of Natural Resources has 72 hybrid employees and a telework policy in place for more than 15 years.

They reduced physical workspace by 30% when the agency moved from the State Office Building to its Fallbrook facility in 2022.

The Department of Administrative Services adopted its work-from-home policy in 2021 to make room for the Department of Insurance move into a state space at a savings of \$500,000 per year.

A 2021 memo to Ricketts from the State Building Division warned that the state "is nearing capacity in all of its major office buildings."

So, Governor, tell us again why this is such a good policy to adopt right now. Choose your battles wisely.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

Farm bill extension welcome, but re-authorization needed

"There are a lot of Nebraska priorities that should be included in a comprehensive bill."

Agriculture is the heart and soul of what we do in Nebraska. Our farmers and ranchers feed and fuel the world. Ensuring the strength of our agriculture sector is critical for Nebraska, but also our country.

Food security is national security. Supply chain disruptions during the pandemic reinforced the need to prioritize food production at home. As Senator, I am working to ensure we pass a comprehensive Farm Bill that supports this.

Congress is supposed to pass a new Farm Bill every five years. It is a crucial and complex piece of legislation that deals with everything from crop insurance to conservation to trade and nutrition programs.

Our farmers and ranchers rely on the certainty and stability of these programs to make decisions. Without an extension, some programs would revert to Depression-era rules that are out of touch with current needs. That would have been a disaster. That's why I proudly supported the one-year extension of the Farm Bill we passed last month.

This temporary extension avoids a lapse in funding for critical agriculture programs.

It also provides some certainty to producers for 2024. Still, I believe America's farmers and ranchers deserve the certainty only a full, five-year Farm Bill reauthorization can provide. I'm working with my colleagues to get this done as soon as possible.

There are a lot of Nebraska priorities that should be included in a comprehensive Farm Bill. First, a strong safety net for producers that protects them from natural disasters and volatile market prices.

This includes crop insurance, the Livestock Risk Protection Program, and the Dairy Margin Coverage Program. We should include voluntary, working lands-based conservation programs to encourage the protection of our natural resources without restricting private property rights.

The Farm Bill must also support our trade programs like the Foreign Market Development Program, which returns \$24.50 for every dollar invested.

Growing the international marketplace for Nebraska products was a big priority of mine as Governor. I am continuing that work as Senator. Additionally, I'm fighting for the

next Farm Bill to include three bipartisan pieces of legislation I've introduced this year. My SNAP Next Step Act would provide services like job search coaching, interview prep, and resume writing to those on SNAP benefits.

It's a hand up that gets workers into higher, better paying jobs and off government assistance. Workers who completed the program saw an average income increase of over \$25,000 more per year.

Sixty percent of those families no longer rely on SNAP. Forty percent reduced their need for those benefits. Before beginning the program, the average monthly benefit to participants was \$508.

After SNAP Next Step, the average monthly benefit dropped to \$179. Better jobs also allow workers to spend more time with their families and typically have better benefits.

It's a proven Nebraska solution we implemented successfully at the state level when I was Governor. My bill brings it nationwide, without any additional costs to taxpayers.

I've heard directly from stakeholders who want to see action on flood solutions in the next Farm Bill.

Flooding can cost agriculture businesses and rural communities billions of dollars in losses each year.

In 2019, we experienced this directly in Nebraska, with the most widespread flooding in our state's history. My bipartisan Flood Protection and In-

rastructure Resilience Act would cut red tape and help communities not just recover from disasters, but also reduce future damage.

Finally, my Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Act would extend and enhance the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP). RMAP supports small businesses by enabling rural microentrepreneurs to obtain better access to capital for startup and development costs. The bill rewards innovation and entrepreneurship in rural parts of the country like Nebraska.

All three of these bipartisan, common-sense bills reflect Nebraska priorities.

All three bills protect Nebraska's agriculture sector and rural communities. We are working toward a full, five-year Farm Bill reauthorization that Nebraska farmers and ranchers can rely on.

I will continue to push back on burdensome mandates and regulations that threaten our way of life and private property rights.

I'm honored to serve our state and will never stop working to protect the Good Life from Washington overreach.

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weather stations, and the treatment of bone tumors. Strontium-90 has other applications and nuclear reactions create other helpful radioisotopes.

Nuclear technology, as a long-term investment, has the potential to supplement fossil fuel and renewable energy while making sure that energy is reliable and affordable.

While it could be close to six to eight years before the state makes new investments in SMRs or other nuclear technologies, our investigation lays the groundwork for the potential expansion of nuclear technology in this state.

A quick list of some of the other meetings and activities I have been able to attend so far includes: held a listening session in

Macy, Nebraska with the Omaha Tribe as a part of the State Tribal Relations Committee, met with the area school board members and administrators in Norfolk, visited with students and administrators at Randolph Public School, learned about gas and oil pipeline safety procedures, met with area county assessors, and discussed nursing facilities with the director of the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. Going forward, Senator Kauth's LB575, the Sports and Spaces Act, remains poised to be the topic of contention during the next session and a future newsletter will talk more about it.

You can contact me at any time; I always appreciate hearing from you. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol,

Advancing common sense policy

Serving on the House Committee on Ways and Means, my work covers a wide range of policy issues. The longest running committee in Congress, Ways and Means derives its authority over all tax, revenue, and trade matters directly from Article I, Sections VII and VIII of the Constitution, which place jurisdiction for the origin of revenue-raising bills in the House of Representatives and the "Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises" before the federal legislative branch.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

Like advocating for lower taxes for American families, ensuring American companies selling their products and services abroad receive fair tax treatment from our

economic partners is a responsibility of the Ways and Means Committee. Furthermore, ensuring strategic allies like Taiwan look to the United States as a viable economic partner as they work to expand freedom and prosperity is vital to reducing the influence of the Chinese Communist Party in the Indo-Pacific region.

In May, I led a bipartisan group of Ways and Means colleagues in introducing a resolution calling for bilateral tax engagement with Taiwan. The

United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act, which passed out of committee this week with my support, fulfills this call, preventing double-taxation on business investment between our countries. However, our economic engagement with Taiwan should go beyond this tax legislation.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration's trade discussions with Taiwanese representatives have not included the issue of market access. If we are truly committed to standing with our allies and countering China's influence, any negotiations in the region should include market access, the best way to reduce real barriers to trade.

The Ways and Means Committee also considered a bill this week to revoke the tax-exempt status of non-profit groups that have provided material support for terrorist organizations.

While an executive order signed by President Bush in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks initially disrupted the ability of non-profits to fund-raise for foreign terrorist organizations, organizations have circumvented this by funneling funds through newly created affiliate groups. This bill, the Ending Tax-Exempt Status for Charities Supporting Terrorism Act would give federal authorities the tools they need to pursue organizations with complex funding structures.

On a more targeted basis, this week the full House passed, with my support, the No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act. This bill would block the president from facilitating the transfer

of the \$6 billion offered to Iran by the Biden administration in September 2023 in exchange for the release of imprisoned Americans.

We have much more to do going forward. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act delivered a tax cut to 80 percent of Americans in the form of lower rates, a simpler tax code, and a larger standard deduction.

This was achieved all while exceeding projected federal revenue as more jobs, higher wages, and greater business margins resulted in a stronger economy.

Unfortunately, to prop up runaway spending, under President Joe Biden Democrats have continuously sought to reach further into the everyday financial dealings of Americans. For example, Democrats' massive March 2021 spending package drastically reduced the minimum tax reporting threshold for users of online payment services, such as Venmo and PayPal, from \$20,000 and at least 200 transactions to \$600 and as few as one transaction. This change allows the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to

audit Americans' history of petty transactions like paying a neighbor who babysits or splitting a dinner check with friends.

Facing predictions this would require 28 million more Americans to file 1099-K tax forms this year, the IRS has delayed implementation for the second year in a row and is considering modifying the threshold to \$5,000. While I am glad the administration has recognized how unworkable their policy is, the IRS has no real legal authority to make this change. Congress must still act to permanently protect middle and lower-class Americans from this onerous "Babysitter Tax."

It's clear there is a need to get back to commonsense policymaking in Washington. We cannot continue down an anti-growth path fraught with wasteful spending, inflation, and missed opportunities to strengthen our bonds with allies through trade. Americans know the importance of smart national security and economic policy and House Republicans are working to deliver it.

OBITUARIES

Earl Lordemann, 65

May 3, 1958 - November 14, 2023

A PJCC graduate, he went on to become a handyman and a jack of all trades.

Earl Lordemann, son of Ray and Lucille (Salber) Lordemann was born May 3, 1958. He was baptized and confirmed and St. John's Catholic Church Petersburg NE.

He graduated from Pope John Central Catholic High School in Elgin NE.

Earl entered eternal rest on Tuesday, Nov 14th, 2023.

Earl is preceded in death by parents, Ray & Lucille Lordemann, brothers, Mark (Farkle) and George.

Survived by sons, Matt (Nina Vialpando) Lordemann and Jake Lordemann; grandchildren, Sophia, Eleanor, Lilah, and George; siblings, Phyllis Camp (Bill), Marie

Mack (Ray), Ray Lordemann (Mary), Rose Wiehn (Dennis), Walt Lordemann (Darla), Ann Hawkins (John), Carol Snitily (Ermin), Aggie Mahoney, Rita Peters, Phil Lordemann (Grace), Teresa Brown (Mark); sister-in-law, Bonnie Lordemann; ex-wife, Debbie Lordemann; many nieces, nephews, friends, and relatives.

Earl was a handyman and a jack of all trades. Some of his happiest moments were spent making memories with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Gathering around a table for a good meal or playing a game of cards while drinking a "cold one".

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Mark 1:1-8

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WOLFPACK

Wolfpack Sports

Wolfpack wrestlers show well at Howells-Dodge, O’Neill tourneys

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

HOWELLS — It was a medal parade for Wolfpack wrestlers Saturday at the Howells-Dodge Invite. The same can also be said for the girls team competing on the same day at O’Neill.

At Howells, all but one wrestler who donned EPPJ singlets placed in the tournament, the first of the season.

It was the best effort in an opening tournament in years for EPPJ.

Senior Sam Hemenway, competing at 215, pinned all four of his opponents to place first. Two of the pins came in under a minute.

Five other Wolfpack wrestlers placed at the event, led by Landyn Veik who took fourth. Other wrestlers who placed were:

Austin Hinkle — Sixth
Grady Druke — Seventh
Isaac Hemenway — Sixth
Jack Barlow — Sixth
Individual results were:
126 — Round 1 - Samuel Chase (Wakefield) 4-1 won by fall over Austin Hinkle (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 2:43); Round 2 - Hinkle won by fall over Brayden Keyes

Wolfpack edge N-V Cougars 51 to 49

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

NIOBRARA — Up six with under three minutes to play, Elgin Public-Pope John held off Niobrara-Verdigre down the stretch to win 51 to 49.

The Wolfpack girls found a way to win as senior Ashlynn Charf scored 17 of her 25 points in the second half when the team needed them the most. “,” Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the victory. “”

EPPJ began the fourth quarter all knotted up at 36-all after the Cougars’ Josilyn Miller hit a trey buzzer-beater at the end of the third quarter.

Over the first four minutes of the final quarter, EPPJ outscored the Cougars 10 to 4. Charf had six points in a row between baskets from Brenna Martinsen and Kate Furstenau.

Two more times the Wolfpack would answer Cougar baskets with their own at the other end of the court. Keyera Eisenhauer gave EPPJ a 50 to 44 lead with 2:30 left in the game.

The Cougars answered with a two-pointer from Allison Sucha and a trey from Summer Vesely to pull within one point, 50 to 49.

Then, with just seconds left on the clock, Charf made the first of two free throws for a 51 to 49 lead.

Coach Eisenhauer said the Wolfpack (2-0) took advantage of team fouls to deny the Cougars a chance to tie the game as time expired.

“Our girls were resilient,” he said. “I had a couple of seniors step up and kind of take over the game.”

It was a special night for Charf as she eclipsed the 1,000 point career mark in the first half. “We moved the ball,” she said. We ran our plays and we just had to shoot more and cut more,” she said.

Eisenhauer said Charf is the sixth girl since the co-op formed to surpass 1,000 points and it may not be long before the list grows to seven.

“When she (Charf) gets on a mission, it’s kind of good luck stopping her,” he added.

Charf led the team in rebounds (11), assists (4) and steals (7). Eisenhauer had seven points, Furstenau scored six.

Next up for EPPJ is home games Friday and Saturday. On Friday night they will face Platinview at St. Boniface Auditorium. Then, Saturday afternoon, they will host Wausa at EPS.

EPPJ 51, Niobrara-Verdigre 49
Wolfpack.....11 9 16 15 — 51
Cougars.....14 7 15 13 — 49
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 0-0 2-2 2, Elise Ruterbois 1-2

(Wisner-Pilger) 1-3 (Fall 0:44); Round 3 - Hinkle (Elgin Public/Pope John) 2-1 won by fall over David Schild (Lyons-Decatur Northeast) 0-3 (Fall 0:55); Round 5 - Tavious Pinkelman (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 4-1 won by medical forfeit over Hinkle; Round 6 - Jaxson Mueller (Archbishop Bergan) 3-2 won by medical forfeit over Hinkle (M. For.). Hinkle’s record is 2-1.

132 — Round 1 - Grady Druke (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by decision over Ryker Koenig (Archbishop Bergan) 0-2 (Dec 4-0); Round 3 - Braxton Siebrandt (Wisner-Pilger) 6-0 won by fall over Druke (Fall 1:06); Consolation Bracket - Jager Leichter (Tekamah-Herman) 4-1 won by fall over Druke (Fall 2:21); 7th Place Match - Druke won by tech fall over Anthony Ashcraft (Lyons-Decatur Northeast) 1-3 (TF-1.5 4:23 (16-1)). Druke’s record is 2-2.

138 — Round 1 - Ethan Kester (Summerland) 5-2 won by fall over Isaac Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 1:16); Round 2 - Easton Hochstein (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 5-0 won by fall over Hemenway (Fall 1:40); Round 3 - Hemenway won by major decision over Jeremiah Reimers (Wakefield)

2-3 (MD 11-2); Round 4 - Hemenway won by major decision over Gabe Liermann (Wisner-Pilger) 0-6 (MD 8-0); 5th Place Match - Brody Kleinschmit (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 2-2 won by fall over Hemenway (Fall 1:38). Hemenway’s record is now 2-3.

150 — Round 1 - Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Kade McWhorter (Wakefield) 0-3 (Fall 0:52); Round 2 - Veik won by fall over Wyatt Zessin (Madison) 1-2 (Fall 1:05); Round 3 - Isaac Ruwe (Tekamah-Herman) 5-0 won by fall over Veik (Fall 4:40); Round 5 - Veik won by fall over Hunter Kuchta (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 3-2 (Fall 4:31); Round 6 - Veik won by forfeit over Jack Barlow (Elgin Public/Pope John) 2-3 (For.). Veik’s record is now 4-1.

150 — Round 1 - Jack Barlow (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Evan Lauck (Wisner-Pilger) 1-4 (Fall 3:34); Round 2 - Ulises Avila Dominguez (Madison) 5-1 won by fall over Barlow (Fall 2:58); Round 3 - Barlow won by fall over Tatum Kramer (Oakland-Craig) 0-3 (Fall 0:36); Round 4 - Hunter Kuchta (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 3-2 won by fall over

See EPPJ, Page 2 ►



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Ashlynn Charf had 25 points to lead EPPJ past Niobrara-Verdigre. During the first half she passed the 1,000 point career mark.

0-0 2, Ashlynn Charf 9-20 7-11 25, Braelyn Martinsen 0-0 0-0 0, Callie Heithoff 0-0 0-0 0, Brenna Martinsen 2-5 0-0 4, Kate Furstenau 2-4 2-4 6, Keyera Eisenhauer 2-7 2-2 7, Mady Kurpgewit 0-2 0-0 0, Sara Bode 0-6 5-6 5. Team totals: 16-46 18-25 51. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 1-11 (Keyera Eisenhauer).

Cougars team totals —18-43 9-17 49. Three-point shots — 4-22. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 30 (Ashlynn Charf 11), Cougars 24. Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Ashlynn Charf 4), Cougars 7. Steals — Wolfpack 14 (Ashlynn Charf 7), Cougars 12. Turnovers — Wolfpack 24, Cougars 28.

EPPJ wins opener against RV

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

ELGIN — It started out easy and then it was hard, yet in the end the Wolfpack boys handed Riverside their first loss of the season by the score of 46 to 32..

Playing the season opener for both teams Thursday night in the EPS gym, the Wolfpack’s deep bench helped wear down the Chargers in the latter stages of both halves.

After building a 15 to 11 lead in the first quarter, the Wolfpack outscored Riverside 11 to 4 to take a 26 to 15 lead at halftime. Keying the run was a three-point play by sophomore Jarek Erickson and a steal and basket from senior Blake Henn. Henn added two more field goals before Karson Kallhoff closed out the half with a two-pinter.

The lead grew to 13 points in the third quarter then Riverside cut into the lead. Carter Keen drilled a trey at the buzzer to



E-R Photo/D Morgan

Blake Henn was nearly unstoppable inside against the Chargers. He finished with 11 points.



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A state qualifier one year ago, Sam Hemenway picked up where he left off as he notched four pins to win the 215-pound weight class Saturday at Howells.

Spinning Tales

Who knew quarterbacks would cost so much?

Husker football continues to make headlines even though the players have put their pads away for the season.

Last week, NU Coach Matt Ruhl made a comment that made headlines at ESPN.com.

During his press conference, Ruhl was asked about signing a new quarterback via the portal. For those uninformed, the portal is a place where college players on one team can opt to go somewhere else to play without losing any eligibility. It’s where the boys who are homesick can find someplace closer to home to play. It’s where the players who are down on the depth chart can attempt to kick-start their college career at another institution.

It’s ruining college football, at least the kind of college football you and I grew up watching not that long ago.

Anyway, Coach Ruhl’s answer was something akin to preferring to develop quarterbacks as opposed to finding some via the portal. What really made news was his comment that today a college quarterback costs about \$1 million, money they earn through NIL (Name, Image & Likeness) deals.

Through NIL, quarterbacks and other star players can afford the luxuries of life (Rolex watches, jewelry and cars) as long as they have style and flair and a penchant for winning on the football field.

You don’t have to look far to see all this taking place, just look west to Boulder, Colorado - Coach Prime and his quarterback son Shedeur.

I don’t know if finding a million dollar quarterback who is only going to stick around one year or maybe two is a good idea. I would prefer to find someone who wants to be here

from the start, not someone who is just looking for the best deal to buy more bling.

Moving on, let’s take a moment and recognize Coach Prime as Sports Illustrated did last week, naming him their ‘Sportsperson of the Year.”

In past years, the award has been handed out to the man or woman who achievements in their sport of choice were superior in all of sport. Tom Brady in pro football comes to mind, Tiger Woods in golf and Roger Federer in tennis.

This year, the great Sports Illustrated magazine chose to honor Coach Prime for taking a one-win team and winning four games during the season. This is the team that started out 3-0 and finished the remainder of the season 1-8.

Coach Prime, to his credit, did boost the university’s image and the Boulder economy. Consider this, expectations for the Buffaloes haven’t been very high for the past few decades. They split a national championship with Georgia Tech in 1991, then began Nebraska’s decline with a 62 to 31 drubbing in 2001.

Since then they haven’t done much and most of their time in the PAC-12 was as a doormat to the likes of Oregon, USC and Washington.

Coach Prime never met a camera or a microphone that he didn’t become intimate with. He makes great commercials (AFLAC).

Is splash all that matters anymore? If so, then cancel my subscription SI. Wait, I haven’t subscribed to the magazine since it became thinner than a styrofoam paper plate. Dan Jenkins and Curry Kirkpatrick must be rolling over in their graves right now.

Let’s wrap up this rant with a positive spin. The best thing which came out of this year’s Husker football team was the revival of the Blackshirts. Defensive Coordinator Tony White created a championship-level defense that easily would have taken us to a bowl game if only we had an offense which averaged two touchdowns per game in November.

After his name was tossed around for a head coaching gig at San Diego State (he didn’t get the job), NU opened up its coffers to its assistant coach in school history. Who knew 3-3-5 would add up to big money after just one year?

It was a big week for Wolfpack senior Ashlynn Charf. On Friday night she surpassed 1,000 points in her career on the basketball court.

Then, on Sunday, it was announced that she had been selected to the Class D1 All-State Volleyball Team as chosen by the state’s largest daily newspaper, The Omaha World-Herald.

Congratulations to her and three other teammates who were recognized by the newspaper. Chloe Henn was named second-team all-state as was Kate Furstenau while Baylee Busted received honorable mention.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher

Dennis Morgan

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WRESTLING

A sophomore, Jarek utilized his size on the court to rack up nearly 16 pnts per game against Riverside & Niobrara-Verdigre.

A senior, Ashlynn surpassed her 1,000 career pnt in the Niobrara-Verdigre game. She had a total of 42 pnts in the Riverside/ Niobrara-Verdigre games.

A senior, Samuel pinned all 4 of his opponents on Saturday at the Howells-Dodge Invite. At the end of the day, he won his weight class, 215#

Wolfpack light up Riverside 67 to 22

ELGIN — Opening night for the star-studded Wolfpack girls basketball team was like a Hollywood picture show. With bleachers full of fans watching every move, the Wolfpack’s stars shined like diamonds in a 67 to 22 victory over Riverside.

Senior Ashlynn Charf tossed in 17 points and teammates Kayton Zwingman and Keyera Eisenhauer each had 10 points as the team rolled to a one-sided victory over Riverside in the season opener for both

teams.

Charf had nine points and Kate Furstenuau added five in the opening quarter as EPPJ took a 24 to 8 lead. The Wolfpack then blew the game wide open in the second quarter with a 25 to 3 run. Six Wolfpack players scored in the eight-minute stretch, growing the lead to 38 points at intermission.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer’s trademark of fast-paced offense and full-court defense proved to be too much for the Chargers to overcome. Riverside had nu-

merous turnovers which EPPJ converted into point.

With a running clock in the third quarter, the Wolfpack controlled the game by outscoring their opponent 18 to 11 in the final 16 minutes of action. All 12 players who suited up in the game saw action, all but one put their name in the scoring column.

Mady Kurpgeweit tied Brenna Martinsen for the team-high in rebounds with six apiece. Charf had a double-double with 17 points and 10 steals.

At one point in the game EPPJ scored 22 straight points as they built a 44 point lead.

As for Riverside, they made just eight of 28 field goal attempts (28.6 percent) and had just four steals in the game.

EPPJ 67, Riverside 22

Chargers.....8 3 6 5 — 22
Wolfpack.....24 25 9 9 — 67

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 3-8 3-5 10, Ellie Ruterbories 0-2 1-2 1, Elizabeth Moser 0-0 0-0 0, Ashlynn Charf 6-9 5-8 17, Braelyn

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Riverside had no answers for stopping the Wolfpack from attacking the basket. Here, Brenna Martinsen drives the lane.

Chargers

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pull Riverside within eight, 37 to 29 with one quarter to go.

Neither team scored for the first 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter.

Henn and Erickson had back-to-baskets before senior Gage Thiessen closed out the game by making five of six free throws. Riverside’s only points came on a trey by reserve Andy Glesing-

er just seconds before the final buzzer.

Dane Schalk led the Chargers with 10 points in the game.

Erickson led the Wolfpack with 14 points, Henn and Thiessen each had 11.

EPPJ pulled down 40 rebounds led by Thiessen and Lueking each with eight. Lueking was the team leader in assists with five.

EPPJ 46, Riverside 32

Chargers.....11 4 14 3 — 32
Wolfpack.....15 11 11 9 — 46

Wolfpack — Blake Henn 5-11 1-2 11, Kellan Hoefer 0-1 0-0 0, Gage Thiessen 2-5 5-6 11, Karson Kallhoff 1-9 2-2 4, Nick Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 5-12 3-4 14, Steven Nelson 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor Beckman 0-0 0-0 0, Dylan Lueking 3-6 0-0 6. Team totals: 16-45 11-14 46. Three-point shots — Wolfpack

3-18 (Gage Thiessen 2, Jarek Erickson 1).

Riverside — Carter Keen 5, Dane Schalk 10, Drew Carraher 7, Jack Molt 5, Larry Diessner 2, AJ Glesinger 3.

Rebounds — Wolfpack 40 (Dylon Lueking 8, Gage Thiessen 8). Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Dylon Lueking 5). Steals — Wolfpack 5. Turnovers — Wolfpack 16.



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WRESTLING

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Dec. 16 @ EPPJ (Pope John) 9:30

GIRLS VARSITY
Dec. 9 @ Wood River 10:00
Dec. 15 @ EPPJ (Pope John) 4:00
Dec. 18 @ Summerland 2:00

BASKETBALL

GIRLS & BOYS VARSITY
Dec. 8 vs Plainview (PJ) 4:00
Dec. 9 vs Wausa (EPS) 2:00
Dec. 12 @ Elkhorn Valley 4:00
Dec. 16 @ Boyd County (Spencer) 1:30
Dec. 18 @ Creighton 4:00
Dec. 28-29 Holiday Tourney @ Madison 11:00 start

GIRLS & BOYS JUNIOR HIGH
Dec. 11 @ Niobrara-Verdigre (Niobrara) 4:00
Dec. 14 vs Elkhorn Valley (G) (EPS) 3:30

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

OTHER UPCOMING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Dec. 6 State One Acts, PJCC only - NO SCHOOL
Dec. 7 EPS Elementary Christmas Concert
Dec. 9 ACT
Dec. 10 CCPJ Breakfast • Wolfpack Volleyball Awards (at EPS)
Dec. 13 Bloodmobile, 9 am • EPS School Board Meeting • Santa in Elgin/Christmas Parade
Dec. 15 9th Grade Career Day at NECC • Wolfpack Girls Wrestling Senior Night
Dec. 16 Wolfpack Boys Wrestling Senior Day
Dec. 17 Little Kids Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium • Wolfpack Football Awards (at EPS)
Dec. 19 Elgin FFA Christmas Supper/Gift Exchange
Dec. 20 P.J/SB Christmas Concert
Dec. 21 Elgin schools, 1 pm dismissals
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Dec. 28 & 29 Madison Holiday Tournament

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Rule amendment findings from the November 27, 2023 meeting

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District

UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT ORDER Rule Amendments November 27, 2023 FINDINGS

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 46-701 et seq., provides the authority for the adoption and amendment of rules and regulations for the management of groundwater.

Notice of the November 27, 2023 Public Hearing on the proposed chemigation rule and regulation amendments was published in accordance with state law in the following newspapers in general circulation in the Upper Elkhorn NRD ("UENRD"): (a) Holt County Independent, (b) Atkinson Graphic, (c) Elgin Review, (d) Rock County Leader, and (e) Summerland Advocate-Messenger.

Notice of the Public Hearing of the proposed rule and regulation amendments was posted on the UENRD website at www.uenrd.org. Copies of the proposed rules and regulation amendments were also made available from the UENRD office in O'Neill, Nebraska at the time of publication of the newspaper notices identified above.

The Public Hearing was held on November 27, 2023 in accordance with state law and as noticed. All persons present at the Public Hearing were afforded an opportunity to provide oral or written testimony regarding the proposed rule and regulation amendments.

Written testimony received at the UENRD office by 4:30p.m. on November 24, 2023 was submitted to the record of the Public Hearing. The record of the Public Hearing was held open for the receipt of written testimony until the close of the Public Hearing. Copies of all written testimony, personally provided at the Public Hearing or mailed, were made available to the UENRD Board of Directors for their consideration.

Testimony presented at the Public Hearing, whether written or oral, is part of the Public Hearing record on file with the UENRD office in O'Neill, Nebraska.

The UENRD Board of Directors considered all testimony and, in open session, at its regular Board of Directors meeting on November 27, 2023, voted to approve the proposed rule and regulation amendments.

The changes to the Rules & Regulations are as follows:

The proposed amendments apply to the overall Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments authorize a general restructuring of the number identification system of the Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments authorize updated enforcement rules and regulations to better conform to state statutes.

Rule 11.1.1.1 The proposed amendments authorize a new application fee of \$100.00 (not to exceed \$150) for each new permit shall be paid to the District, of which \$5.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy

Rule 11.1.1.2 The proposed amendments authorize a special permit application fee of \$30.00 (not to exceed \$150) shall be paid to the District, of which \$5.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy

Rule 11.1.1.3 The proposed amendments authorize the annual renewal fee of \$30.00 (not to exceed \$100) shall be paid to the Dis-

trict, of which \$2.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy

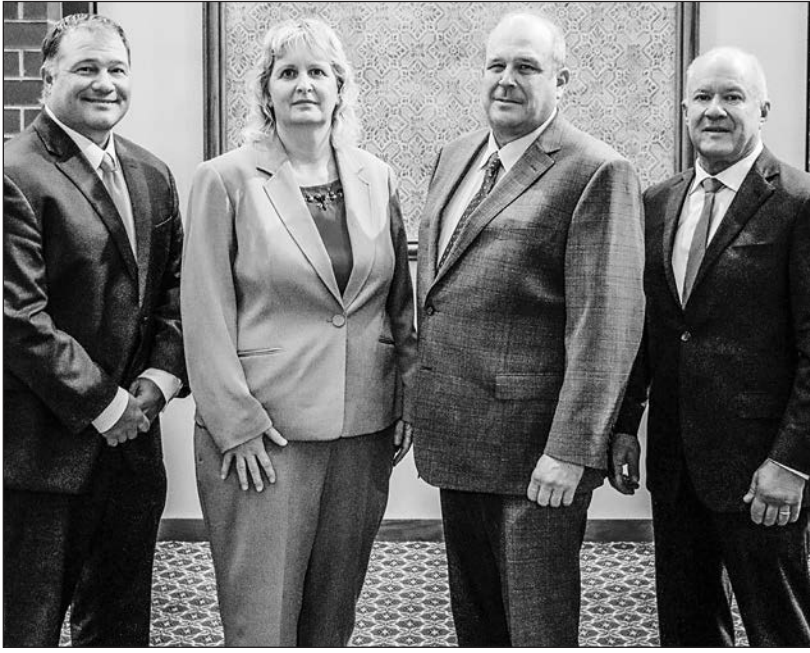
Rule 11.1.1.4 The proposed amendments authorize an emergency permit application fee of \$250.00 (not to exceed \$500) shall be paid to the District, of which \$10.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY NEBRASKA LAW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The rule and regulation amendments adopted by the UENRD Board of Directors on November 27, 2023, attached hereto and fully incorporated herein, are adopted and shall become effective January 1, 2024.

Signed by UENRD Board Chairman Keith Heithoff and General Manager Dennis Schueth on November 27, 2023.

Effective data subject to final approval by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. PUBLISH: December 6, 2023 ZNEZ



NSB FY24 Executive Committee: From left to right—Jason Penke (Chairman), Anne Meis (Vice Chair), Blake Johnson (Treasurer), and Mike Tomes (Secretary).

Meis elected vice chairman of Nebraska Soybean Board

The Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) convened its inaugural board meeting for fiscal year 2024 on November 20–21, 2023, in Lincoln.

During this meeting, restructuring of both the board and committees transpired alongside routine board business.

The newly elected officers, chosen to lead the board for a one-year term, are as follows:

- Chairman: Jason Penke of Craig – District 2
- Vice Chair: Anne Meis of Elgin – District 1
- Secretary: Mike Tomes of Utica – District 6
- Treasurer: Blake Johnson of Holdrege – District 8

In addition to these appointments, committee chairs and members were also announced:

- Farmer Support Committee: Chair: Ruth Ready
- Other Members: Jason Penke, Mike Tomes, Doug Saathoff
- Production & Crop Research Committee: Chair: Doug Saathoff. Other Members: Eugene Goering, Blake Johnson, Mike Tomes, Greg Anderson
- Community Engagement Committee: Chair: Mark Caspers. Other Members: Jason Penke, Anne Meis, Ruth Ready
- Demand & Utilization Committee: Chair: Mark Caspers.

Other Members: Eugene Goering, Anne Meis, Blake Johnson, Greg Anderson

Andy Chvatal, NSB executive director, expressed confidence in the newly appointed officers and committee members, stating, "These dedicated individuals will be working tirelessly on behalf of Nebraska's soybean farmers. Throughout the upcoming year, they will continue to make strategic decisions to effectively invest and leverage soybean checkoff resources. Their focus will be on growing value for Nebraska farmers by maximizing their checkoff investments."

NSB looks forward to a productive and prosperous year ahead under the guidance of its newly elected leadership team and ongoing strategic plan.

About the Nebraska Soybean Board: The nine-member Nebraska Soybean Board collects and disburses the Nebraska share of funds generated by the one-half of one percent times the net sales price per bushel of soybeans sold.

Nebraska soybean checkoff funds are invested in research, education, domestic and foreign markets, including new uses for soybeans and soybean products.

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The name of the limited liability company: SALBER LAND CO., L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 51881 837 ½ Road, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W.

4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced

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CVA delivers value to member-owners through patronage

Total approved payout was \$29.5 million in patronage refunds

Central Valley Ag (CVA) continues to give back to its member-owners demonstrating the cooperative spirit. Recently, the CVA Board of Directors approved the distribution of patronage to its member-owners.

A total payout of \$29.5 million dollars in patronage refunds was approved based upon the continued success of the cooperative. Of this amount, 75% (or \$22.0 million) will be paid out in cash. The balance of the patronage (\$7.5 million) will be allocated in the form of non-qualified

deferred patronage, which means you will pay taxes only on the cash portion you receive today and will only pay taxes on the non-qualified equity when it is redeemed in future years.

"We could not provide this payout to our patrons without the support of our member-owners and our outstanding group of employees," said Carl Dickinson, President and CEO of Central Valley Ag, "I am very proud of CVA's performance this last year and am excited to share the cooperatives success with

our members owners; without their loyalty this would not be possible."

Patronage is based on volume during CVA's fiscal year. Fiscal year 2023 began September 1, 2022 and ended on August 31, 2023. Checks were mailed to patrons on November 22, 2023. CVA will continue to invest in assets to serve its member-owners to the best of its ability. We are proud of the way your cooperative performed this year and the cooperative model has never been more relevant.

NDEE offers free nitrate sample kits for private drinking water wells

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) is offering free nitrate sample kits and lab analyses to private drinking water well owners across the state.

These kits are only available for a limited time until Jan. 31, 2024.

Well owners who participate will receive their sample results, and NDEE will use the data from this sampling effort in a statewide nitrate study that the agency is currently conducting.

The study will include nitrate sampling data from public water systems and from private drinking water well owners who agree to participate. Well owners' identifying information will not be used in the study.

Nebraska's private drinking water well owners can request a free nitrate sample kit, which comes with sampling instructions and pre-paid return postage, online on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Lab-Price-List.aspx>.

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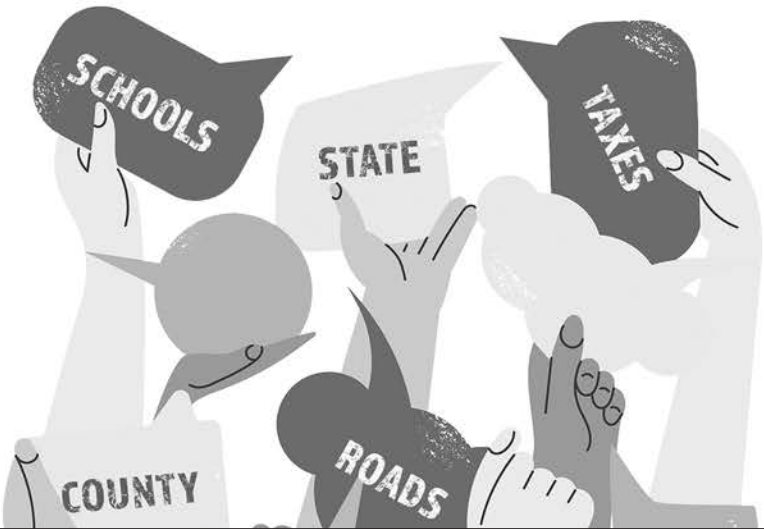
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Bids should be marked with Bobcat/Skid-loader Bid on the sealed envelope. Bids must be received by the Antelope County Clerk, 501 M Street, Neligh, NE 68756, by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened during the Commissioner Meeting on December 12th, 2023. 10-11c

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for the many hugs, prayers, cards, donations and love shown us since Earl's death.

Phyllis Camp & Rose Wiehn

Many thanks to my family for the memorable birthday party, including family photos, video and games. I enjoyed the flowers, cake, gifts and many hugs I received. It was a fun day! Also, thank you for the many cards I received from relatives and friends. I enjoyed each and every one of them. God Bless, Marcella Schiltmeyer

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The "extra" costs of purchased hay

Winter is finally here and for many of us, that means dipping into hay stores. Dry weather this summer may have led to hay reserves being a bit smaller than we'd hoped for. While we can reduce demand by adjusting rations or selling animals, sometimes purchasing hay may be the best option to fill in a feed gap.

When we do have to buy some extra, purchased hay is usually hauled in and fed without issue. It's a regular occurrence for many operations and should always be an option for consideration. While the sticker cost is typically the first factor considered why buying hay, there are additional costs that purchased

hay can bring to an operation.

1) Get a Hay Test

Not all hay is created equal. Even if our guess in quality is close, a few percentage points either way on energy or protein content can mean the difference between healthy cows come calving and a successful breed back or animals in low body condition and open animals next year.

Not only does a hay test provide a better understanding of what quality of product you are purchasing, it can help with finding the best deal when comparing options. Use a tool like the UNL Feed Cost Cow-Q-Lator to come up with a cost per pound of energy or protein amount that can easily be compared with other hay sources or even alternative feed options.

2) Don't Spread Invasive Species

Even if the hay looks fine, unwanted hitchhikers may be

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lurking inside. Hard to control weeds like sericea lespedeza and old-world blue-stems from Kansas, absinthe wormwood from North and South Dakota, or even leafy spurge or Canada thistle from a local hay source can suddenly turn a clean pasture into a battle ground with noxious weeds.

Uninvited guests don't have to be plants either. Alfalfa weevils can be shipped in from just about anywhere or fire ants from Texas or Oklahoma. Fire ants won't survive a typically harsh Nebraska winter, but if it's mild and the hay is well-sheltered, they could be a problem for a season or two.

How do we mitigate these risks? Begin by asking questions.

Find out what pests are a problem in the area your hay is coming from. Check references. Reserve the right to refuse the hay after it arrives, and you've checked it out thoroughly. Then, when you feed the hay, do it only in a small area. That way, if a problem does develop, you can keep it isolated and, hopefully, controllable.

3) Is The Hay Toxic?

Outside of prussic acid, most toxic compounds become locked in when forage is harvested for hay. Drought stress can lead to high levels of nitrates. Small grains and annual forage grasses along with some weedy species like pigweed are of espe-

cially high concern. It's always best to get a nitrate test if you have any reservations.

Weedy hay may contain plants that are toxic to livestock. Keep an eye out for anything unusual in the bale and try to identify unknown plants if possible. This may need to be done on a bale-by-bale basis, as some species are patchy in growth and may not show up uniformly across a field.

Finally, hay that was put up in a rush may not have been dried and cured properly. Wet hay often leads to mold growth. Besides lowering the quality of feed, mold can cause respiratory issues with cattle breathing in the "dust" created by spores and in some cases mycotoxin development. While not every mycotoxin is the same, consumption can lead to lowered gains and in extreme cases aborted calves and death.

Feeding animals through the winter can be a major cost for livestock operations. If you do need to purchase hay to fill a forage gap, there are some risks that need to be considered. Get a hay test, watch out for invasive hitchhikers, and mitigate the risk of toxins. By being prepared, purchased hay doesn't have to come with an additional cost.

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SPORTS



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It took just 52 seconds for Landyn Veik to register a pin over a wrestler from Wakefield in the opening round of the Howells-Dodge Tournament. Veik went on to finish fourth in his weight class Saturday, a good start to the wrestling season.

EPPJ

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Barlow (Fall 1:43); Round 6 - Veik won by forfeit over Jack Barlow (Elgin Public/Pope John) 2-3 (For.). Veik's record is now 4-1.

190 — Round 1 - Dominick Richter (Oakland-Craig) 4-1 won by fall over Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) (Fall 1:58); Round 2 - Blecher won by fall over Kwyntin Kampa (Lyons-Decatur Northeast) 0-3 (Fall 1:03); Round 3 - Alton Wurdinger (Stanton) 3-2 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 1:36). Blecher's record is now 1-2.

215 — Round 2 - Samuel Hemenway (Elgin Public/Pope John) won by fall over Jacob Swick (Ponca) 2-2 (Fall 0:49); Round 4 - Hemenway won by fall over Dallas Martin (Wisner-Pilger) 2-4 (Fall 0:32); Round 5 - Hemenway won by fall over Cole Booth (Tekamah-Herman) 3-1 (Fall 3:10); 1st Place Match - Hemenway won by fall over Tristan Tobin (Tekamah-Her-

man) 4-1 (Fall 3:42). Hemenway's record is now 4-0.

Girls meet

Elsewhere at O'Neill, the Wolfpack's two girl wrestlers saw their first competition of the season Saturday.

Libby Evans placed second in her weight class while teammate Dannyka Smidt recorded two pins. Evans opened the tournament with back-to-back pins, each in just over one minute.

Then, after a loss in the semi-finals, she came back with another pin to place second.

Smidt dropped her first match, then came back with a pair of pins to advance to the semi-final round where she dropped her final match of the



Libby Evans

day.

Individual results were: G170 — Quarterfinal - Lesleigh Lovings (Ralston Girls) 3-2 won by fall over Dannyka Smidt (EPPJ) 2-2 (Fall 5:48); Cons. Round 2 - Smidt won by fall over Marlee Lloyd (Wilber-Clatonia Girls) 0-2 (Fall 1:47); Cons. Round 3 - Smidt won by fall over Brooke Carey (West Holt Girls) 1-2 (Fall 0:56; Cons. Semi - Fabiola Cortez Carcamo (Grand Island) 7-2 won by fall over Smidt (Fall 0:30).

Smidt's record is now 2-2.

G190 — Round 1 - Libby Evans (EPPJ) won by fall over Lauren Ueding (Pierce Girls) 1-3 (Fall 1:04); Round 2 - Evans won by fall over Taylor Shelton (Blue River Girls) 1-3 (Fall 1:11); Round 3 - Paola Vergara (O'Neill Girls) 4-0 won by fall over Evans (Fall 2:47); Round 5 - Evans won by fall over Dezeray Baker (Ralston Girls) 1-3 (Fall 1:56).

Evans' record is now 3-1.



Ashlynnne Charf



Kate Furstenuau

OWH selects four EPPJ players for postseason honors

Four members of the Wolfpack volleyball team earned postseason awards from the state's largest newspaper Sunday. The Omaha World-Herald announced their all-state teams.

In Class D1, Wolfpack senior Ashlynnne Charf was named to the all-state first team.

During a season which saw EPPJ compile a 28-7 record and place third at the state tournament, Charf played a big role. She led the team with 368 kills.

She's joined on the first team by Mya Hedstrom, O'Neill St. Mary's; Mikah O'Neill and Taryn Arbuthnot, SEM; Jayden Ehrisman and Isabel Hass, West Point GACC; and Hannah Herrick, Amherst. All but Arbuthnot are seniors.

Two Wolfpack players earned all-state second team recognition. They were hitter Chloe Henn and libero Kate Furstenuau. Henn was a force at the net, producing 330 kills to go along with 39 solo blocks. In the back row, Furstenuau led the team in digs with 543 and serve receive with 489.

Joining Henn and Furstenuau on the second team were Saryn Prickett, Amherst; McKenna Plumbtree, Fullerton; Ann Bose, Southern Valley; Jocelynn Skoda, GACC and Bryn Lampe, Southwest. All are seniors except for Henn and Furstenuau.

Senior setter Baylee Busted was one of a number of players to receive honorable mention

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Chloe Henn



Baylee Busted

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

NIOBRARA — It was over shortly after it started.

EPPJ's boys earned their second victory of the season, a one-sided affair, as they defeated Niobrara-Verdigre 61 to 27.

A 21-point first quarter was all the Wolfpack needed to take a commanding lead and seal the Cougars' fate Friday night.

The game had a bit of everything one looks for in a winning team. Balanced scoring, a ball-hawking defense and a bench that produced points with the starters off the floor.

"I knew if we could execute our press we could get turnovers and get out and run on them," Coach Matt Euse said. "We came out and did what we were supposed to do."

EPPJ jumped out to a 21 to three lead after one quarter as the Cougars failed to score with repeated trips down the floor. At the other end of the court, sophomore Jarek Erickson was having his way under the basket. Ball movement was key as the Wolfpack found the open man time and time again. Erickson made five of six two-point attempts in the game along with two of four treys to finish with a game-high 17 points.

In the second quarter the Wolfpack added to their lead, outscoring the Cougars 18 to 10 to lead 39 to 13 at halftime. In the final two quarters, EPPJ outscored their opponent 22 to 14.

Erickson wasn't the only Wolfpack player to have a good night. A starter, senior Blake Henn made four of five shot attempts (including a dunk) to finish with eight points.

Coming off the bench to score 12 points was junior Kellan Hoefer. As a team, EPPJ made 37 percent of their field goal attempts (23 of 63). On the boards, EPPJ pulled down 34 rebounds, led by Nick Anderson and Erickson each with seven

rebounds while Gage Thiessen had six.

EPPJ 61, Niobrara-Verdigre 27

Wolfpack.....21 18 12 10 — 61

Cougars.....3 10 4 10 — 27

Wolfpack — Blake Henn 4-5 0-0 8, Kellan Hoefer 4-12 2-4 12, Gage Thiessen 2-3 0-0 4, Karson Kallhoff 1-10 0-0 3, Nick Anderson 0-4 2-2 2, Jarek Erickson 7-10 1-2 17, Taylor Beckman 1-5 1-4 3, Steven Nelson 1-1 0-0 2, Dylan Kolm 1-6 2-2

5, Dylon Lueking 2-7 1-2 5. Team totals: 23-63 9-16 61. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 6-25 (Kellan Hoefer 2, Jarek Erickson 2, Karson Kallhoff 1, Dylan Kolm 1). Rebounds — Wolfpack 34 (Jarek Erickson 7, Nick Anderson 7, Gage Thiessen 6). Assists — Wolfpack 16 (Dylan Kolm 4, Dylon Lueking 3, Blake Henn 3). Steals — Wolfpack 15 (Blake Henn 3, Jarek Erickson 3). Turnovers — Wolfpack 9.



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Defensive pressure forced the Cougars into numerous turnovers Friday night as EPPJ prevailed 61 to 27. Here, Gage Thiessen (l) and Kellan Hoefer double team a Cougar player in the backcourt.

Opener

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Martinsen 2-4 0-0 4, Callie Heithoff 1-1 0-0 3, Brenna Martinsen 3-7 2-4 8, Kate Furstenuau 3-9 2-4 9, Keyera Eisenhauer 3-9 2-2 10, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 1-1 0-0 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 1-1 0-0 2, Sara Bode 1-1 0-0 2. Team totals: 24-51 14-24 67. Three-point shots — 5-14 (Keyera Eisenhauer 2, Kate Furstenuau 1, Callie Heithoff 1, Kayton Zwingman 1). Riverside team totals: 8-28 5-10 22. Three-point shots — Riverside 1-8.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 23 (Mady Kurpgeweit 6, Brenna Martinsen 6), Riverside 29. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Mady Kurpgeweit 3), Riverside 6. Steals — Wolfpack 30 (Ashlynnne Charf 10, Kayton Zwingman 6), Riverside 4. Turnovers — Wolfpack 9, Riverside 36.

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Wednesday, December 6
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Thursday, December 7
EPS Elementary Christmas Concert.

Sunday, December 10
CCPJ Breakfast.

Sunday, December 11
Red-E--4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP ■ EVFD meeting.

Tuesday, December 12
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Wednesday, December 13
Shredding Event, Elgin Community Center ■ District #18 Board of Education Regular Meeting ■ Red Cross Bloodmobile ■ Elgin Chamber/Community Club 'Hometown Christmas' and parade.

Wednesday, December 20
EPS Elementary Christmas Concert.

Friday, December 21
Start of Christmas break at EPS, PJCC and St. Boniface Schools.

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Health Center Implements Parking Changes and Enhanced Security

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) announces significant updates to their facility to ensure the safety and well-being of patients, visitors, and staff. These changes include a one-way entrance in the south parking lot and locking the north door of the facility.

To streamline and improve the parking experience for our patients and visitors, BCHC has made changes to our south parking lot.

Patients and visitors should enter the parking lot from 7th Street

on the east side of the clinic and exit toward 8th Street to the west, creating one-way traffic through the parking lot.

These changes are intended to enhance accessibility, ensuring that individuals can come and go more easily. Updated signage has been installed.

In an ongoing commitment to provide a secure environment, BCHC's north entrance will be employee access only. However, it will be unlocked during events held in the Kvam Community Room.

The outside door will be open 24/7 in order for the public to access the Medication Disposal Unit.

Patients or visitors coming to the emergency room, hospital,

treatment room, respiratory therapy, lab, radiology, or patient accounts should enter through the east doors. Those coming to the medical clinic, specialty clinic, surgery, cardiac rehab, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy should go to the south entrance.

These updates align with our ongoing efforts to prioritize the safety and well-being of our patients, visitors, and staff. BCHC remains committed to providing exceptional healthcare services in a secure and comfortable environment.

OWH

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for her play on the court.

She led the team with 903 set assists.

Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel was "beyond proud" to see four members of the team recognized.

"Ashlynnne was named as a 1st team selection and rightfully so. She had such a presence on the court and other teams were aware of her and what she brought to the table. She is a well rounded six rotation player that was just as much a threat on defense with her blocking and reading as she was on offense.

"Her stats will tell the same story 368 kills, 336 digs, 380 service receptions, 35 ace serves, 24 blocks. She not only brings her athletic ability to the court,

but she is a leader on and off the court and really pushed her teammates to be better," she said Monday.

"Chloe, Kate, and Baylee are also all very deserving of this recognition. All three of these players demonstrated what it took to be at the top level and recognized throughout the state.

"They push themselves to get better daily, but also lead by example and push their teammates to continuously grow. They are all leaders and I am excited to see them continue to grow on and off the court. I am extremely proud of each and every one of them and over the moon that the state got to see their talent and hard work pay off too."

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Krebs, Bearer awarded UNL Schuchardt scholarships

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students Kirsten Krebs, a 2021 graduate of Elgin's Pope John High School, and Kierra Bearer, a 2020 graduate of the last senior class of Clearwater High School (now Summerland), have been named winners of the Schuchardt Family Scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year.



Kirsten Krebs

Krebs, the daughter of Jeff and Lynette Krebs of Neligh is a sophomore majoring in pre-veterinary science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). At the university, she is involved in the Pre-Vet Club and plans to attend vet school at Colorado State or Kansas State upon graduation in 2025. About the scholarship, Krebs, who was active in FFA, sports, and one-act at Pope John, said, "I am extremely grateful for this financial support. It makes life less stressful. I really like it here at UNL." She works parttime at a building materials store in Lincoln. Upon obtaining her medical degree, due to growing up with

cattle and spending time with animals, she hopes to come back to rural Nebraska, possibly Neligh, to set up a large and small animal clinic. Bearer, the daughter of Jarod and Tammy Bearer of Clearwater, graduates in spring 2024 with a degree in elementary and early childhood education in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS). She completes her second-grade student teaching at Seward Elementary School in spring 2024 with graduation scheduled for May. At UNL, she was selected as a freshman for the prestigious Teacher Scholars Academy giving her volunteer opportunities throughout her college career with mentoring incoming education students and teaching. Currently, she student teaches in the Ruth Staples Child Development Lab on East Campus, a requirement of the early childhood education component of her degree program. As the oldest of six children, she also tries to make it back home to see family as much as



Kierra Bearer

possible. At Clearwater High, Bearer was active in sports, music and one-act. After graduation, she plans to take an elementary school teaching job. About the scholarship, she said, "It's really awesome this is available to rural students. I have enjoyed the faculty (at UNL) so much. They all are so supportive and greet me by my first name." The scholarship is funded through the University of Nebraska Foundation by Rick and Jane Schuchardt of rural Elgin, both UNL first-generation graduates. With appreciation for the stellar education they received in the early 1970s, the scholarships are designed for Antelope County students with preference given to those attending Elgin schools. If no students from Elgin are available, the scholarship competition reaches to nearby areas. Given to incoming or current undergraduate students majoring in courses of study offered by CASNR and CEHS, candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and preferably demonstrate financial need. To apply for 2024-2025 academic year funding, contact the CASNR or CEHS Dean's office.

Stoltz claims top spot in ER Football Contest

In the final regular season football contest, John Stoltz was the clear winner. Stoltz missed just three games to claim the \$20 top prize.

Five contestants each missed four games for the runner-up spot. They and their tiebreaker guesses were Fr. Ross Burkhalter 700; Tim Rossow 560; Jack Stoltz 580; Duane Hoefer 695; Kurt Blair 613; and Dave Shrader 680. Iowa and Michigan combined for 368 total yards. Rossow wins the \$10 runner-up prize. Results of contest games were:

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