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In Brief //

District #18 School Board to meet tonight

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education is scheduled to meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 11 (tonight).

The meeting, to be held in the board meeting room at Elgin Public Schools, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Among the 'action items' on the tentative agenda provided to *The* Elgin Review newspaper prior to the meeting are:

• Approve the first reading of up-dated Policy 717.00 Disposal of Property Under Federal Grants

· Approve the number of early retirement applications

Approve prices for the salad bar at lunch

• Approve the purchase of two vehicles

• Approve the trade-in of the two big vans.

The purchase of vehicles/trade-ins was on the agenda for the November regular meeting. At that meeting, the board decided to table the items till December.

There's just one item listed for discussion only, that is an update on uniform rotation for Wolfpack sports teams. Each year new uniforms are purchased for one Wolfpack sports team.

Shortly after the opening of the meeting, there will be reports from Greg Wemhoff (Principal/AD) and from Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

This will mark the first meeting of the school board since last month's general election where Eric Beckman, Luke Hinkle and Steve Busteed were re-elected to four year terms.

Wednesday night's meeting is open to the public.







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Christmas spirit on display

Santa Claus made his first official visit to Elgin on Wednesday, December 4 as part of the annual observance of Elgin's Hometown Christmas. Ambulance Captain Dean Schrage brought him to the front door of the Elgin Community Center where he was greeted by children and their parents. Nearly 200 children got the chance to spend a moment with Santa, sharing their wishes for presents on Christmas. The Elgin Review took snapshots of each child with Santa and those were posted on social media for parents to have and share. That evening, a Christmas Parade of Lights commenced down Second Avenue from Cedar Street up to North Street. Entries from Neligh, Elgin and Petersburg participated in the parade along with Elgin Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue. On a side note, Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore briefly took into custody Mr. Grinch who attempted to stop the parade. He was later set free after Santa and Mrs. Claus presented him with a large gift. Hometown Christmas activities were sponsored by the Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioners approve pay raise for VSO Nelson

Soper, Mitchell selected to serve on AC Extension Board

Meeting last week, the Antelope County Board of Commissioners approved a pay raise for one county official.

Veterans Service Officer Tom Nelson received a pay raise approved by the commissioners when they met on Tuesday, December 3.

Nelson has held the position for a number of years, providing assistance where needed to veterans and their families.

It was just one of a number of actions taken by the commissioners during the first of two regular meetings this month.

On another matter, the board ap-proved an appointment to the county's Airport Authority Board.

They appointed Neligh attorney Joe McNally to fill the vacant seat on the board. McNally lives in Neligh.

Also during the meeting, Courtney Soper and Stacey Mitchell were appointed to the Antelope County Extension Board. Soper will represent District #1 while Mitchell will serve District #3.

In other action:

Shingles - The issue of shingles on the courthouse roof was discussed for some time. The commissioners instructed Chairman Charlie Henery to contact roofers about the existing problem on the old courthouse roof.

Road superintendent — As part of the road superintendent's report, commissioners approved four underground permits and four oversize permits.

Plat approved — An administrative plat sought by Sandra Kallhoff was approved during the meeting

Agreement — A Highway 20 Law Enforcement Agreement was approved before the meeting adjourned.

Elgin blood drive is today at KC Hall

Elgin Public School will sponsor next week's Red Cross Bloodmobile in Elgin

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings - Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings - The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — The Elgin City Council Notice of Organization — Borer Grain & Livestock LLC

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 62 degrees recorded on December 7

The low temperature during the same period was 9 degrees recorded on December 4.

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
Dec. 1	32	13	.00
Dec. 2	43	13	.00
Dec. 3	42	37	.00
Dec. 4	45	09	.00
Dec. 5	26	10	.00
Dec. 6	53	26	.00
Dec. 7	62	30	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for November			2.17
Total precipitation 2024			20.94

It will be at the KC Hall on Dec. 11 (today) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be snacks available for donors after giving blood.

All types of blood are needed this time of year.

DeKay to seek Ag Committee chair in 2025

By Barry DeKay

District #41 State Senator

This past week, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee held an interim hearing to discuss the status of highways and broadband in Nebraska. The Committee first heard from Director Vicki Kramer of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) who testified that the impact of

nflation is presenting challenges to fulfill future highway construction and maintenance projects. Nebraska's current highway needs for the next 20 years currently sit at \$16.9 billion, but when inflation is accounted for, the estimated cost to build and maintain our state's roads increases to \$24.3 billion by 2045. If revenue to the NDOT remains flat or decreases, then the Department will likely shift State Senator focus to highway maintenance and Barry DeKay slow down the number of new highway construction projects. Nonethe-

less, Director Kramer did testify that the expansion of U.S. Hwy 275 to a four-lane expressway from Norfolk to Omaha is being expediated with the target deadline for completion now set for 2029 instead of 2033

The Committee then heard from Director Patrick Haggerty of the Nebraska Broadband Office who testified that his office was currently on track to deliver broadband to the last 70,000 locations currently identified as unserved or underserved by 2029. This progress is being accelerated by more than \$400 million in federal support through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program. As with the NDOT, however, cost will play a vital role in determining whether timelines will be met, especially since many of the current unserved and underserved locations are in rural parts of the state where the cost to provide broadband service is much higher.

Meanwhile, this week the Legislature will be meeting as the Legislative Council in Kearney to prepare for the upcoming 109th Legislature in January. Here, senators and senator-elects will review procedures relevant to the upcoming session as well as receive updates on a number of internal changes made by division offices and legislative leadership. For many senators, including myself, this will also be the first opportunity to meet all of the 17 new senator-elects who will be sworn into office next year. Of the new senator-elects, only one person comes with prior experience in the Legislature: Dan Quick of Grand Island who previously served from 2017-2021.

Additionally, I recently submitted my intention to run for chair of the Agriculture Committee in the upcoming session. This position, to be vacated by Senator Steve Halloran of Hastings due to term-limits, is tasked with leading the committee responsible for tackling issues relating to farming and ranching, Nebraska State Fair, food inspection, Department of Agriculture, pet shops, and most recently foreign ownership of ag land. As someone who has farmed and ranched in Knox County for over 40 years, it is

my intention to make sure that agriculture issues are brought forward front and center during the next two years.

Looking ahead, I anticipate a number of important issues will emerge next year, including:

1. A return of legislation similar to LB575 Sports and Spaces Act which proposed guidelines for opposite-sex participation in sports activities and the use of restroom and locker room facilities;

2. Reworking the state's school funding formula to schools to provide a more stable and consistent method of budgeting to help reduce school's reliance on property taxes;

3. Banning the sale of lab-grown meat;

4. Returning the state's allocation of electoral votes to winner-take-all. This proposal would eliminate the so-called "Blue Dot" around Douglas County, which has deviated from the rest of the state three times (2008, 2020, & 2024) in presidential elections;

5. Stabilizing the upcoming two-year state budget which is projected to have an ending balance shortfall of \$432 million below the minimum reserve required by statute; and

6. Implementing medical marijuana and paid sick leave now that both issues were recently passed by voters this past November.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@ leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.



AMH provider to depart in January



PJCC District acting awards

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PJCC One Act members earning acting awards at districts were (front row, I-r): Olivia Klein, Camry Kittelson, Brooke Kinney, Tessa Barlow and Juliana McNally. Back row: Gavin Kallhoff, Natalie Burenheide, Quinn Hoefer, Aidan Klein, Matthew Kerkman and Christian Preister.

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For medication refills, Aman-

da's patients may call their

pharmacy or AMH Family

Good morning I am sure everyone's busy get-

1 cup water

1 cup sugar

4 large eggs

1 tsp. salt

Repeat!

2 cups dried fruit

1 tsp. baking soda

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

ting ready for Christmas! This week's recipe comes from a lady who follows my column faithfully. She asked

1 cup brown sugar

1 Tbls. lemon juice

1 cup chopped nuts 1 gallon whiskey

2 cups flour

Sample the whiskey to check for quality. Take a large

bowl out. Check the whiskey again to be sure that it is of

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat 1 cup butter until fluffy

in a bowl. Add one tsp sugar and beat again. Make sure the

whiskey is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn of the mixer.

Break too leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in a cup of

fried druit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuk in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscriver.

the highest quality. Pour 1 level cup and drink it.

Holiday Fruitcake me if I would share the funny fruitcake recipe, so here it is. Thanks Darlene Schindler. I hope you enjoy reading this

and maybe there's a few of you who might enjoy making the recipe. Enjoy! JoAnn

HOLIDAY FRUITCAKE

Sample the whiskey to check for tonsisticity. Next sift 1 cups of salt or something, who cares.

Check the whiskey!

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts.

Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350°. Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whiskey again.

Go to bed!

Who the heck eats fruitcake anyway?

Cheers!

Merry Christmas you all!

hensive patient care.

Oakley retiring after nearly five decades at BCHC

After 49 years of remarkable service, Gayla Oakley, ŘN. CCRP.



clusion of a career filled with groundbreaking Gayla

served as Director of Cardiology Services and Prevention. Under her leadership, BCHC became home to one of the first certified Cardiac Rehabilitation programs in the state, helping set a standard of excellence for cardiac care in rural America. Gayla's numerous accolades

hats, and for the past 40 years

reflect her deep expertise and contributions to her field. She was named a Fellow of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) in 1995, earned Master Fellow status in 2015, and received the AACVPR Distinguished Service Award in 2008. Her certifications span a variety of specialties, including exercise physiology, anticoagulation management, and lipid and tobacco treatment, making her a trusted leader in compre-

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In addition to her clinical work, Gayla has served as a guest lecturer at state and national conferences and as a member of the AACVPR Board of Directors, including two terms on its Executive Board. Her work in program certification and restructuring has influenced cardiac rehab pro-

grams across the country. "Gayla's contributions to **Boone County Health Center** and the lives of our patients are immeasurable," said Caleb Poore, President and CEO of BCHC. "Her dedication, expertise, and leadership have shaped our Cardiac Rehabilitation program into what it is today—a model of excellence. We are profoundly grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in retirement."

Sean Kohl, MD

BYOB (Bring

our Own Bottles)

Jason Olnes, PA-C

Angie Swantek, a longtime BCHC employee and Cardiac Rehab RN, will succeed Gayla as the new Cardiac Rehab Director. Angie, who also manages the Coumadin and Lipid Clinics, brings years of experience and a commitment to continuing Gayla's legacy of exceptional care.

A retirement celebration honoring Gayla will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the South Entrance of Boone County Health Center. The event is to the public, offering an opportunity for colleagues, patients, and community members to express their gratitude.



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your medication bottles to every appointment. This practice allows your providers to update your records accurately and helps you get rid of any outdated or unused medications in

Pharmacist Jill Nore the disposal bin at Boone County

Health Center. When your medication list is accurate, it's invaluable for your healthcare team, especially during a hospital admission or transfer. As a pharmacist,

I review your list for potential interactions, duplicates, and proper dosages, helping ensure safe and effective treatment.

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By Jill Nore, Pharmacist

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Taking Precautions Prevents Risk for Frostbite

"It is important to plan ahead when traveling or being exposed to extremely cold winter conditions," said Dr. Troy Dawson of Antelope Memorial Hospital. "By taking a few precautions, the risk for frostbite injury may be prevented.

Frostbite occurs when blood vessels and skin tissue are damaged after exposure to temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, added Dr. Dawson. It can occur quickly or slowly. The speed of a frostbite injury depends upon how cold or windy the temperature conditions are and the length of exposure to those conditions. It most commonly affects the fingers, toes, earlobes, chin, cheeks and nose, which are often left uncovered in cold temperatures.

Frostbite has three stages. Frostnip causes an individual to feel pins and needle sensations with the skin turning very white and soft. This stage produces no permanent damage and may be reversed by soaking in warm water or breathing warm breath on the frostnipped area.

Superficial frostbite causes the skin to feel numb, waxy and frozen. Blistering may occur with ice crystals forming in skin cells. The rest of the skin remains flexible.

Deep frostbite is the most serious stage. Blood vessels, muscles, tendons, nerves and bone may be frozen. This stage can lead to permanent damage, blood clots and gangrene, in severe cases. No feeling is experienced in the frostbit area and there is usually no blistering. Serious infection and loss of limbs frequently occurs after frostbite reaches this stage. However, even with deep frostbite, some frozen limbs may be saved with prompt medical attention. Suggestions to prevent frostbite are:

• Wear several layers of clothing when in extremely cold weather. Air pockets between the layers will help retain warmth.

Avoid going outdoors during extremely cold weather.

• Limit the use of alcohol and smoking tobacco. Alcohol causes blood to cool rapidly while tobacco inhibits circulation to extremities

• When outside, shield the face and other body parts by wearing protective clothing, scarves, earmuffs, gloves, etc.

• Do not spend extended periods in extreme temperatures when exhausted, intoxicated, wet or under the influence of certain drugs

"Emergency care should be sought after exposure to extremely cold conditions if skin swelling, blisters, drastic skin color changes or memory loss is experienced," said Dr. Dawson. "Other concerns requiring medical care include slurred speech, loss of limb function and absence of pain."

If unable to obtain emergency care promptly, bring patient indoors as soon as possible, added Dr. Dawson. Apply warm towels or immerse the area in circulating lukewarm water for twenty minutes. Do not use hot water or rub the affected area. If blisters are present, leave them intact. Do not hold the affected area near fire as the frostbit area may be burned due to reduced feeling. Later, seek medical care as soon as possible.



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Christmas magic shouldn't be stressful

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It's the most wonderful time of the year. Or so they say. It can also be the most stressful time of year. Although I think a lot of that we do to ourselves, and it doesn't have to be that way.

Christmastime is magical. There's something about this time of year that can bring a lot of joy. The cold air, the decorations, time with family and friends, and of course celebrating the birth of Jesus. All of it just fills my cup. However, there's a flip side of things too.

There's buying all the presents and stocking stuffers, watching the money drain for your bank account, and wrapping everything. Plus, all the activities at school, church, and neighborhoods. There's the stress of hosting, cooking, and wanting to make it magical for the kids - baking cookies, matching PJs,

Death Notice

Joan M. Kallhoff, 89 of Norfolk, NE died Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Heritage of Bel Air in Norfolk, NE

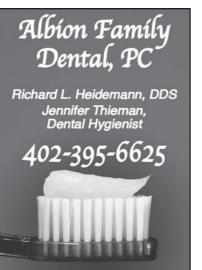
Services will be Saturday, December 14, 2024 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin.

Visitation will be held 9-10 a.m., with the Rosary being prayed at 10 a.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating, followed by interment in the parish cemetery.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin, NE is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.



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watching Christmas movies. All of it sounds so fun but when you're the one making sure it's magical, it often becomes stressful.

Then, if you're on social media, there's the pressure to "live up to" other moms. There are tons of videos of women making homemade decorations all with things from the dollar store and a hot glue gun.

Who has that kind of time??

(If you're **Tales of a Tired** Momma



enjoy the holiday season. All

the magic is useless if mom is burnt out and overwhelmed. We need to give ourselves the freedom to actually slow down and enjoy these fleeting moments with our children before they become a distant memory. Looking back, the real magic came from just being together and enjoying time with one another. It doesn't have to be picture perfect. And it doesn't have to be Pinterest-worthy either.

The things I remember most were decorating the house, driving around looking at lights while singing Christmas carols, and all the yummy food. There was nothing necessarily special about any of it, but those are my fondest memories growing up. 1 can easily replicate that with my children if I stop trying to make it special.

I end up stressing myself out and yelling at them when they are trying to help because in my mind, they're doing it wrong (although I still attest there's a right way and a wrong way to decorate a tree).

This year, I don't want to be a Grinch. I want to enjoy decorating and allowing them to participate...and fix it later when they're not looking. I want to bake cookies together. I want to watch Christmas movies and not stress about too much electronics. I want to spend the day in our PJs and play games and just be together. I challenge all of



December 10, 1964

A hole in the dining room of the John Stuhr residence was the result of a fire started Tuesday night by a space heater in their basement. There was also some smoke damage.

A 90-voice choir consisting of singers from Neligh, Elgin, Tilden, Orchard, Royal, Oakdale, and Madison will present "The Messiah" at 8:00 p.m. Monday, December 14 at the Neligh High School auditorium, under the direction of Merle Larsen of Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jetensky are the parents of a 6 lb. 14 1/2 oz. son, Joseph, born Dec. 3, 1964 in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Norfolk.

Christen Nielsen, son of Lars and Elizabeth Bach Nielsen, was born Oct. 3, 1878 at Sonderholm, Denmark and departed this life at Tilden Dec. 5, 1964 at the age of 86 years, two months and tww days.

Mrs. Darrell Connick fell Tuesday of last week and broke the small bone above the ankle of her left leg. She slipped on ice at the back entrance to her home.

Fifty Years Ago

Sixty Years Ago

December 12, 1974

The local level of the 28th annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest generated great interest in the area this year, the local contest chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Scholl, stated this week. A panel of three judges chose Mary DeCamp, a senior at Elgin Pope John High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrit DeCamp of Neligh, as the first place winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoefer were county delegates to the Nebraska Farmers Union convention held in Grand Island December 3,4 and 5. Russell was presented a 50 year membership pin award by National President Tony Dechant.

A daughter, Angela Jo, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born Dec. 4, 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ahlers of Clearwater at the Tilden Community Hospital.

The first degree exemplification was held recently for new members of Knights of Columbus Council 2411. The second and third degrees will be held at Norfolk December 29 in their new club house.

Two automobiles collided nearly head-on Thursday, Dec. 5 around 9:15 a.m. at the corner west of Farmers Store. Mrs. Irene Moser was driving west and turning north as the vehicle driven by Phyllis Pelster, coming from the north, attempted to turn east. There was considerable damage to both cars.

Thirty Years Ago

December 7, 1994

Freezing rain and sleet cut attendance at Elgin's fifth annual Christmas Fair last Sunday, but the event was still considered successful. About 520 people were served a the Pope John Senior Class Breakfast held in St. Boniface Auditorium. This number was only about 30 less than last year's 550 customers.

During the week of Nov. 7-13, Pope John students wore red ribbons to symbolize alcohol and drug awareness. In conjunction with the week, students who wore ribbons each day could place their name in a drawing box for \$50 savings bond prize. Dick Draper, president of the Bank of Elgin, donated the savings bond which was won by Staci Wangler.

Elgin High School's one-act play team placed fourth in the District One-Act Play Contest held last Saturday, Dec. 3, at Wheeler Central High School. Elgin presented the play "Juvie" Jerome McDonough.

Frank Dinslage of Elgin will be honored on his 90th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Boniface Church basement.

Secretary of State Allen Beermann, 54, has been chosen to replace Sandra George as executive director of the Nebraska Press Advertising Service and Nebraska Press Association.

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Practice Clinics at 402.887.5440. The staff of Antelope Memorial Hospital and its clinics wish Amanda the best in the future and look forward to continuing to meet the medical needs of area residents and their families. The public is invited to attend a farewell party for Amanda scheduled on Friday, January 17th from 4 pm – 5:30 pm in the Neligh AMH Family Practice Clinic. Refreshments and cookies will be served.

Elgin Columnist **Katherine Cobb**

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Wednesday, December 11 District #18 Board of Education regular meeting = Red Cross Bloodmobile @ KC Hall*.

Thursday, December 12 Great Plains State Bank Holiday Open House @ Petersburg.

Wednesday, December 18 Pope John Christmas concert @ St. Boniface Auditorium (7 p.m.).

Wednesday and Thursday, December 18-19 Bank of Elgin/Draper Insurance Christmas Open House*.

Friday, December 20 Elgin schools 1 p.m. dismissal (Christmas break).

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25 Elgin Community Center closed for Christmas holiday.

Friday and Saturday, December 27-28 Madison Holiday Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament (Wolfpack).

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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

Edward R. Murrow

Support for Israel key to peace in the Middle East

On the eve of October 7th, 2023, the Middle East was more peaceful than it had been in years.

Just a few years earlier, President Trump had brokered the Abraham Accords, historic agreements between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain. And in the months before October 7th, Israel and Saudi Arabia were nearing an agreement to normalize their relations, with the Saudi Crown Prince saying: "we're getting closer to peace every day." The entire region seemed primed for a new era of lasting change.

But thawing relations between Israel and Arab nations meant that Iran, and its terrorist proxies like Hamas, would be increasingly isolated. And so, on October 7th, Hamas blindsided Israel with a savage attack it knew would upend Middle East stability-and in the process, expose old wounds that would keep the region fractured, with the goal of keeping Israel isolated instead.

By instigating a conflict with Israel and purposefully housing terrorist infrastructure and weapons in civilian areas, Hamas ensured that any Israeli response would result in civilian deaths and incite international opinion against our ally. Israel, forced to pursue first Hamas and then Hezbollah for its own safety, is now subject to the tired—but effective-propaganda that claims Israel is actually the "aggressor," the "colonizer," the "war criminal.

These claims reached a fever pitch last week, when the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defense chief, Yoav

Gallant. The court

committing war

WASHINGTON accused them of REPORT



We've all had our fill of political news. So I thought that this week, we'd delve into a topic that's equally as timely – pheasant hunting.

I've spent a fair amount of time in pursuit of the ring-necked bird, and recently traveled to South Dakota – the self-proclaimed "Pheasant Capital of the World" – to try my luck with my trusty Vizsla, "Gunnar," and a couple of buddies.

If you've ever traveled to our northern neighbor this time of year, you'll

see dozens upon **ALL THINGS** dozens of guys NEBRASKA (and a few gals) in

hunter-orange garb tromping through the grasslands and marshes of the Mount Rushmore State.

There are hunting lodges aplenty along the highways of central and eastern South Dakota catering to out-of-

State Correspondent state visitors. And Paul Hammel

the local motels and restaurants are filled with dozens of hunters.

And they spend money, creating an estimated economic impact of \$281 mil-lion, according to South Dakota game officials.

More than 120,000 orange-clad pheasant hunters descend on that state each year.

It's created a healthy amount of "pheasant envy" from us Cornhuskers who remember the days when dozens of local towns hosted "hunters breakfasts" on opening day and when out-ofstate visitors steered our way to hunt pheasants.

But times have changed.

Bird numbers peaked in Nebraska in the 1960s due to a federal "soil bank' program that paid farmers to idle croplands. But the program ended, and bird numbers have been steadily dropping since.

There was a slight comeback in the mid-80s after the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was launched to pay landowners to set-aside land and plant native-grass habitat in which pheasants thrive. But the decline has slowly continued. The main problem, biologists tell us, is that Nebraska has lost a lot of its prime habitat for the birds. Fence rows have been torn out, marshes drained and ravines and grass waterways plowed under, so fewer places to nest, raise young and hide from predators. (You can't blame farmers, who fight a few headwinds (low prices, high input costs and those gosh-darn

Pheasant 'envy' confounds Huskers as hunters stream north



BEATS ME, SON.

property taxes) in trying to make a buck.

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READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

If there's proper grasslands for the birds to nest, and weather conditions cooperate (not too wet in the spring, not too harsh in the winter) you'll have pheasants, biologists tell us. I have seen this happen first hand.

What I've also seen are some things I think South Dakota does to make it a nicer destination for hunters.

For one, South Dakota doesn't allow hunting to start until 10 a.m., where in Nebraska, shooting begins 30 minutes before sunrise.

That later start allows visitors up

to find a place to hunt makes a lot of hunters hang up their shotguns.

I've often wondered why we can't legalize bird hunting in ditches on minimum maintenance roads in Nebraska? Those roads get little traffic, and are typically far from any residence or livestock facility. Allowing hunting there, and maybe planting some good habitat, would open up more land to chase birds.

To be fair, South Dakota has some advantages we don't. Land is cheaper up there, so it's easier to allow a marsh filled with cattails (excellent pheasant

in Nebraska and across the country, is under threat.

Project 2025, a playbook for changes in federal program from the conservative Heritage Foundation, calls for eliminating the CRP program and other farm programs.

If that happened, it would certainly set back the pheasant dreams in our state.

But that might give us more time to ponder the really big questions confronting the universe, such as whether Nebraska football captains need to shake the hands of their opponent during the coin toss preceaing a games

fuel the fire of anti-Israel sentiment and risk destabilizing further a region so recently close to generational peace.

That's why it's so important for the United States to stand with Israel, and why it's important that our leaders not fall victim to the narrative of our enemies

If we don't stand up to the ICC and other opponents of Israel now, we risk losing progress for peace. Israel is our strongest ally in the Middle East, and the region's only democracy. Our nations share common interests and values. If we do not speak out in defense of Israel, the world will come to believe the lies of Israel's enemies, and the prospect of normalizing relations between Israel and Arabs will be hindered.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration has tried to play both sides, criticizing Israel and even withholding lethal aid from the embattled nation, all in an attempt to pacify progressive members of his party and the international community. This strategy was intended to prove that America was more impartial, that we could see "both sides." But that strategy has backfired every time, adding legitimacy to Israel's critics and strengthening her enemies, like Iran.

Thankfully, reinforcements are on the way. In 2025, the new presidential administration and both houses of Congress will be led by strong pro-Israel voices. The Senate, the House, and the Trump administration will stand with Israel in support of democracy, against

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north to socialize later at night, and sleep in a bit in the morning. That translates into more time to spend money at the local steakhouse or tavern and time for breakfast at the local cafe. Most hunters, at least those in my age group, are visiting for the social aspect of hunting - hanging out with buddies.

In South Dakota, they allow hunting in the roadside ditches, which opens up a lot of extra land to hunt. The inability nabital) to remain.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission isn't giving up, and every so often, state legislators take a stab at increasing pheasant numbers. In 2017, Game and Parks launched the Berggren Plan to improve pheasant habitat and open up more land to public access in targeted sections of the state. The plan has shown some success.

But the CRP program, which has helped maintain pheasant populations

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.

Continuing to fight for the 'Beef State'

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essential to our na-

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WASHINGTON REPORT

today, the "Beef State" way of life is under threat. Once again, anti-agriculture activists have taken over a federal entity to impose a radical, anti-beef agenda on the country. We must

Pete Ricketts

Committee delivers recommendations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of

USDA and HHS use those recommendations to develop official, five-year dietary guidelines. New official guidelines are expected to be released next year. The Dietary Guidelines might sound harmless, but institutions across the country rely on them to make decisions. Shamefully, the committee chose to put politics over sound science with theirs.

Last month, the Committee proposed new recommendations that would devastate Nebraska' beef industry. These "recommendations" attack beef and potatoes. The committee is pushing a switch to plant-based substitutes like peas, beans, and lentils. These recommendations are delusional. They're radical. They're anti-science. They come from people who don't respect our culture and way of life. They pretend to know better than the people who actually grow our food. This anti-meat agenda must be stopped.

It's laughable that beef is somehow unhealthy. In addition to being tasty, red meat is the best way to deliver

protein. One 6-ounce cooked serving of beef provides a whopping 25 grams of protein. Beef is nutrient-dense, containing ten essential nutrients including iron, zinc, and B vitamins. And research has linked beef protein to a host of positive health outcomes such as weight loss, muscle retention, and diet satisfaction. We should be encouraging more beef consumption, not less. Americans already struggle to get the nutrients we need each day. A shift from beef to beans, peas, and lentils will only make this problem worse.

Much of the land used for livestock production couldn't be used for anything else. Agricultural land is divided into two categories: arable land and marginal land. Arable land, which represents one-third of agricultural land, can be plowed. That means it's suitable for growing food. Marginal land, representing two-thirds of agricultural land, is not suitable for growing food. Marginal land receives little or no water, has lower quality soils, or is rocky. Cattle production keeps marginal lands thriving.

Beef production is also essential to our state and national economy. Last year, Nebraska led the nation with \$1.78 billion in beef and veal exports. We led the nation in commercial cattle slaughter, with 6.8 million head. Our 20,000 beef cow operations add over \$12.1 billion to our economy. Cherry, Custer, and Holt counties are the top three cow producing counties in the nation. Protecting and growing this industry is critical for our state's continued survival and growth.

That's exactly what I've done. As Governor, I criticized Colorado Governor Jared Polis for encouraging people to move away from red meat. I declared "Meat on the Menu Day" to support our beef industry and highlight its importance in a good diet. As Senator, I'm fighting to ensure ranchers have what they need to be successful. I'm pushing for a comprehensive Farm Bill and pushing back on burdensome man-

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Lois K. Zegers, 93

October 1, 1931 - December 5, 2024

While actively farming with her husband, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

Lois K. Zegers, 93, of Petersburg, NE, passed

away Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Bryan Medical Center West in Lincoln, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, NE with Rev. John Norman officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held Monday at Levander Funeral Home, Albion, NE, with a 7 p.m. wake service

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Lois K. (Temme) Zegers, daughter of Bernard and Christine (Niewohner) Temme was born on October 1, 1931, at the Temme farm, 6 miles east of Petersburg where she lived the first 18 years of her life. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, NE. Lois attended District 51 country school and St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

On May 9, 1950 Lois was united in marriage to George "Jim" Zegers at St. John the

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Fischer

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terrorism, and in pursuit of peace in the Middle East.

The last Trump administration aggressively supported Israel, recognizing Jerusalem as the capital and moving the U.S. embassy there. The same administration Israel also brokered the Abraham Accords, demonstrating that a path for a more peaceful Middle East starts with legitimizing Israel's position. Contrary to what the ICC and

similar critics claim, Israel is fully justified in its campaign against terror.

Baptist Catholic Church. They had five children: Larry, Terry, Deb, Jan, and Sandy. Lois was an active partner in the farming operation, and also worked for 10 years at the Boone County Hospital.

Lois was known for her ability to make homemade pies and potato salad. She enjoyed her card clubs, quilting, golfing, and her coffee times with friends. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

She is survived by her son: Larry (Carlene Pelster) Zegers of Petersburg, NE: daughter: Deb Petsche of Hickman, NE; daughter-in-law: Sherri (Dave) Peterson of Norfolk, NE; two sons-in-law Rob Merrill of Norfolk, NE; Steve (Barb Hanson) Lodge of Petersburg, NE; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; sister: Leona Seier of Albion, NE; sister-in-law: Loretta Zegers; along with relatives and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim; son: Terry Zegers; daughters: Sandy Lodge; Jan Merrill; grandchildren: Carrie Zegers: Andrew Peterson; three sisters; three brothers; and sister-in-

dates. I'm supporting risk management tools like Price Loss Coverage and Livestock Risk Protection. And I'm leading legislation to give producers relief, not regulation. I look forward to working with President Trump and his administration to make these things a reality.

Food security is national security. Without our farmers and ranchers, Americans would depend on other countries for the food we eat. I will continue to stand up against those who would tell us what to eat and what to farm.

OBITUARIES

John "Jack" Sehi, 79

May 7, 1945 - December 4, 2024

A Ewing native who later served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, he returned home and pursued a career in education.

> John received his Masters Degree in Education from

Wayne State College. John and

PJ's Cafe in Neligh for 12 years,

Patricia owned and operated

John loved teaching and was

a teacher, coach and principal

at St. John the Baptist School

prior to purchasing PJ's Cafe.

in Petersburg for several years

After selling the cafe John

returned to his love of teaching

and substituted teaching until

John was a 50+ year member

of St. Francis Catholic Church

Neligh Legion Post #172. John

loved sports, horses, ranching,

and spending quiet time at his

In his younger years, John

played softball and rode horses

and was an avid team penner,

winning state team penning in

1991. John loved giving every-

one a hard time but especially

teasing his grandchildren. The

"littles" would in turn call him

Survived by his wife, Patricia Sehi of ; sons, Jaysen (Karen)

Sehi of Neligh, NE and Judsen (Kristina) Sehi of Elgin, NE.

Grandchildren: Taylor (Cody) Hambleton; Colby Sehi, Jacksyn

Thomas Sehi. Great grandchil-

Hambleton and baby Sehi due in

California. Nieces and nephews

and 3 sisters, Joan Dickau, Pat

Hruby, and Kathy Dubas all of

Nebraska.

dren are Aspen and Beckham

January. In-laws: Dan (Chere)

Hale, David (Debbie) Hale,

Barbara (Greg) Glass, all of

a "teaser, weaser, beezer".

Sehi, Charlotte Sehi, and

and a 50+ year member of

May, 2024 along with raising

black angus cattle.

'Cabin.'

Funeral Service for John (Jack) Sehi age 79 of Elgin, Nebraska will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (today) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Neligh, Nebraska with Father John Norman, officiating. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery rural Clearwater, Nebraska.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening, December 10, 2024 at Snider Memorial Funeral Home in Clearwater, Nebraska.

Jack passed away December 4,2024.

Condolences may be directed to the family at www.snidermemorial.com *****

John (Jack) Albert Sehi, youngest son of Albert and Erma (Zegers) Sehi was born at Ewing, Nebraska on May 7, 1945. He was raised on the family farm south of Clearwater, Nebraska.

Graduated from Clearwater High School in 1963. Worked at Behlens Mfg in Columbus, Nebraska until drafted in the United States Army on November 10, 1965. He completed basic training at and served in Vietnam, he was honorably discharged on August 13, 1967.

Upon returning to the States, he enrolled at Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, and graduated May 1971 with a degree in Education. John met Patricia Hale of Whittier, California in May 1971 and they were united in marriage on July 15, 1972 in Neligh, Nebraska. They were blessed with two sons, Jaysen and Judsen. The Elgin Review • December 11, 2024

Magic

FROM Page 3 families and enjoy this holiday season. Let's not worry about making it perfect, but let the

magic just happen without forcing it. This is the time to make those memories our children will carry with them always.



law: Sylvia Temme.

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024







DECEMBER 3, 2004 PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD **OF COMMISSIONERS** Neligh, Nebraska December 3rd, 2024

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

Approved agenda. Public comment.

Correspondence was reviewed. Zoning Administrator approved administrative plat.

Appointment to the Airport Authority Board member.

Approved Highway 20 Law Enforcement Agreement

ROW - Utility policy to update process and approve on individual basis.

Approved appointment of two (2) Extension Board Members.

Road Superintendent Report: approved four (4) underground permits, and approved four (4) oversize permits. Discussed various equipment and vehicle status

Chairman authorized to contact roofers on old courthouse shin-

Bartlett Bits

Local area women met at the Bartlett Church of Faith Monday evening, Dec. 2 for a 'Ladies Night Out.' The event was started years ago by Carol Seaman and her Bible study group in Ericson. With help from Carol, five women volunteered to carry on that tradition. They were Sue Allemang, Faye Rudolph, Darlene Bloomquist, Jamie Harrison and Sherry Tetschner. The event focused on the true meaning of Christmas and a time of fellowship before the busy holiday season begins.

The evening began with each lady answering a question about Christmas such as "What is the strangest thing you've ever seen or used as wrapping paper, etc. A soup supper consisting of potato, cheesy broccoli, vegetable, chicken noodle and chili soups, cheese and crackers, cookies, mini cheesecakes, hot apple cider and hot cocoa. Events included a drawing for gifts, word scramble and Christmas Bingo with prizes. Sue Allemang gave a short inspirational talk and Darlene Bloomquist read the poem "A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer" and a short tear jerking, happy ending story which I will call "Because of Love, Only because of Love," a true story written by Willy Eagle. The evening concluded with the singing of Christmas carols and prayer. Approximately 30 were in attendance.

The Wheeler Central Booster Club gathered Christmas trees and decorations to put in the high school and elementary buildings. Students decorated the trees Friday during Bronco Time. Students enjoyed 2 days last week of "Secret Santa" gift giving. All in all, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," at Wheeler Central. No dreary looking hallways.

gles. Approved pay increase for VSO. Met as BOE. Meeting Adjourned. Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY Chairman of County Board Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: December 11, 2024 ZNEZ

DECEMBER 3, 2004 PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZA-

TION

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD **OF EQUALIZATION** Neligh, NE

December 3rd, 2024 Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open to the public. Four (4) tax roll corrections

were approved. Meeting adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Equalization

CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman Attest: LISA PAYNE Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: December 11, 2024 ZNEZ



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ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

Proceedings

December 2, 2024

regular session on Monday, De-

cember 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., pur-

Mayor Schmitt called the meet-

present

ing to order, and announced the

location of the Open Meeting Act.

for regular meeting were Craig

Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak,

Councilmembers present for re-

organizational meeting were John

"Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, Craig

A complete and accurate copy of

the minutes is available for public

inspection during normal business

Jim Kittelson, and Leigh Kluthe.

Niewohner, and Jeremy Young.

hours at the City Clerk's office.

suant to posted notice.

Councilmembers

The Elgin City Council met in

dress of the registered agent and designated office is 52153 844th Rd, Elgin, Nebraska 68636. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited lia-

bility company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The limited liability company was formed on December 3, 2024, and has perpetual existence. Its

affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to the Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 MEETING

THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

The following agenda items were approved:

 November regular meeting and public hearing minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 100.85; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.35; APPEARA, su, 60.32; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, se, 350.00; The Elgin Review, print, 357.34; 118 Insurance, ins, 3348.00; Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute, training, 443.00; Antelope Co Treasurer, se, 123.00; AMGL CPAs & Advisors, se, 3800.00; Amazon Business, su, 41.38; Kristin Childers, su, 5.98; Google, se, 7.20; Schacht Abstract & Title Co, se, 1431.46; Black Hills Energy, se, 99.20; US Post Office, postage, 146.00; Prudential, retirement, 375.91; American Funds, retirement, 201.44; US Treasury, tax, 3280.56; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 481.43; Payroll, 7650.51

STREET: ERPPD, se, 925.25; Verizonwireless, su, 78.38; Hometown Station, fuel, 202.55; Kittelson Welding, se, 925.00; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 46.07; Payroll, 1882.50

WATER: ERPPD, se, 1041.75; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.85; Verizonwireless, su, 78.38; NE Health Lab, se, 256.00; NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Ioan, 52898.76; Sargent Drilling, se, 21278.00; NE Rural Water Assoc, training, 222.50; US Post Office, postage, 32.80; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 364.20; Payroll, 3764.99

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 723.02; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.26; NE Dept of Environment &

Energy, Ioan, 3243.98; Midwest Laboratores Inc, se, 219.62; Sapp Bros, fuel, 37.80; NE Rural Water Assoc, training, 222.50; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 1082.22; Payroll, 1450.49

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 190.71; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.45; APPEARA, su, 60.31; ECHO Group, su, 54.32; Black Hills Energy, se, 169.65

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00; Applied Connective Technologies, se, 18312.76

RESCUE: Jessica Niewohner, su, 92.63; Bound Tree Medical, su, 129.92; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 208.55; Dean Schrage, captain fee, 100.00; Kari Schindler, training officer fee, 100.00; Vicki Miller, secretary/billing fee, 250.00; Stryker, se, 3291.20; Quick Med Claims, su, 173.12; Kim Koch, misc, 25.00; Carson Mack, misc, 25.00; Telena Woodard, misc, 25.00; Chris Janovec, misc, 25.00; Tyler Iburg, misc, 25.00; Cole Niewohner, misc, 25.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Betty Moser Estate, rent, 100.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6629.25

Plains Communications, se, 10.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 40.19; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79

PARK: ERPPD, se, 187.98; Central Valley Ag, su, 258.80; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 62.62; Payroll, 432.01

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 57.51; Great Plains Communications, se,

December food pantry date set

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on Monday, December 16, 2024 from 2:00-3:30. pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

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59.46; Amazon, su, 209.81; Eakes, su, 84.99; Black Hills Energy, se, 81.371; Payroll, 1332.42 YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 44.06

 Adjourned the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m. and opened the Reor-

ganizational Meeting at 7:37 p.m. Oath of Office to Councilmember Ward 1-Young, Councilmember Ward 2-Niewohner

 Craig Niewohner to serve as President of the Council

 Resolution 2024-9, setting appointments and committees for 2025

 Resolution 2024-10, signing the year-end certification of City Street Superintendent

Building Permits: Brenda Ruhrer

The following agenda items were discussed:

 Presentation of Proclamation · Follow current ordinance regarding sidewalks

 Tabled alley inlet on Bowen Street to obtain additional bids

 Land where the tree dump is rented is being sold

 Replace heater at sewer plant - Sheriff report: October-78.58

hours with five 911 calls

 Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025

 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

John Stoltz wins contest

It was 'Championship Week' for college football and for John Stoltz that was perfectly fine.

Stoltz won in a tiebreaker over David Voborny, each missing just two games. Stoltz's guess of 830 total yards was the closest to the actual figure of 992 between Oregon and Penn State. He will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. David Voborny will receive the runner-up prize, his tiebreaker guess was 737.

Results of the games were: Villanova over Incarnate Word

Jacksonville State over Western Kentucky

Oregon over Penn State South Dakota over Tarleton Army over Tulane Clemson over SMU Georgia over Texas Jackson State over Southern Mercer over Rhode Island Arizona State over Iowa State Boise State over UNLV Ohio over Miami (Ohio) Idaho over Lehigh South Dakota State over

Montana

UC Davis over Illinois State North Dakota over Abilene Christian

Montana State over UT Martin

Marshall over Louisiana Entries for the Elgin Review's Bowl Game Football Contest will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, December 27. Save a stamp, take a picture of your entry with a cameraphone and send it to elginreview@ yahoo.com.

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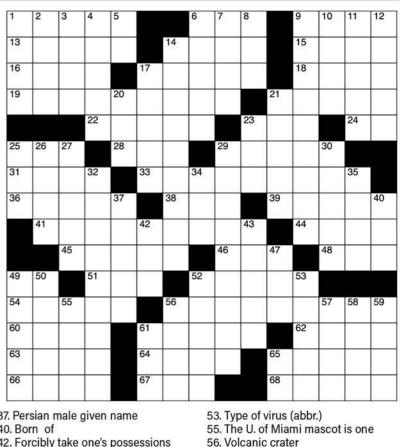
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predators like coyotes. Even in wooded areas, cedars fill in the understory, slowly choking out saplings getting denser, until movement through the area is impossible. Finally, in the event of a wildfire, uncontrolled cedar tree growth can result in

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Southern "Belle" now managing Bartlett's 'Windmill'

By Pauline Marker

Special to The Elgin Review

Belle and her son Jeremy have been managing the Windmill in Bartlett since August 2024. They have been introducing the community to Southern Cooking.

So far they have prepared jumbalaya, gumbo and blackened chicken. Recently they served a special meal consisting of alligator, frog legs, shrimp and gumbo, along with regular fixings.

The community and surrounding areas have enjoyed meeting Belle and Jeremy. Born and raised in New Orleans, Belle lived there till the age of 43 when she decided to "leave everything behind and set out on the greatest adventure of my life."

In August 2020, she said she escaped a bad marriage with her son, four-pound furbaby and hit the road in her Mustang with no destination in mind

"We landed in Nebraska in June 2021 and shortly thereafter I landed a job on one of Nebraska's popular food trucks," she said. It was there that she found her passion for cooking.

"I decided that I wanted to build my own thing, my own little place to cook and share my food with the people in Nebraska whom ... I've grown to love like family.'

The response, she said to her home cooking, was "amazing and gave me hope that I could really do this."

Opportunities to purchase small bars fell through til August 2024 when an opportunity led her to manage 'The Windmill' with the understanding that if I did well I could purchase the bar.

"Here we are, just over four months of starting this venture and things are going great! I couldn't ask for a better response from the people in such a small town. They've shown up, they've tried my food and they love it.

Belle posts the evening specials and information on any change of times on 'The Windmill' Facebook page.

Regular business hours are Monday through Saturday, opening at 5 p.m.



Photo submitted

Belle (r) and her son Jeremy recently hosted a Halloween party at The Windmill in Bartlett.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, December 16: Balsmic chicken, marinade, couscous, asparagus, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, December 17: Beef & noodle soup, cheese sandwich, carrots/celery, cottage cheese, peaches, bread/butter, milk. Wednesday, December 18: Spaghetti, bologenese, lettuce salad, green beans, strawberries/peaches, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, December 19: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, peas & carrots, peaches, bread/ butter, milk.

Friday, December 20: French bread pizza, lettuce salad, corn, strawberry/banana mix, 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.

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Meals are served Monday thru Friday.



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Page 11 Wolfpack Sports

EPPJ drains 10 treys in win over Riverside

CEDAR RAPIDS — Elgin Public-Pope John scorched the nets Thursday night, defeating Riverside 69 to 62 in the season opener for both teams.

The Wolfpack had an edge in practice time since the Chargers had only a limited number of practices due to reaching the finals of the Class D2 State Football Playoffs.

And it showed as Riverside fell behind early, and were unable to make up the difference in the game's final moments.

EPPJ started out strong as Karson Kallhoff had 14 of the team's first 15 points en route to a 17 to 16 lead after one quarter.

Wolfpack Coach Matt Euse said a decision by Riverside to switch to a 'box & 1' defense to try and shut down Kallhoff allowed other EPPJ players to find their shots. Both Jarek Erickson and Kellan Hoefer stood out in the second quarter as EPPJ took a 37 to 35 lead at intermission.

The lead grew to six points entering the fourth quarter where the Wolfpack made some big plays to hold off the Char-gers. Freshman Max Henn had a big putback for his only two points of the game.

Late in the game, forced to foul, Riverside sent Kallhoff to the line three times. Kallhoff made all his free throws (six) and then Erickson add two more to close out the game.

The victory was sweet for the Wolfpack as they were eliminated by the Chargers in subdistrict play one year ago.

Kallhoff led all scorers with 29 points as he connected on seven treys, most coming in the first half. Hoefer and Erickson each had 16 points. Erickson led the team in assists (8) and rebounds (14) to complete a 'double-double.

Riverside (0-1) was led in scoring by Jack Molt. A senior, Molt had 21 points in the game, Carter Keen added 15 and Larry Diessner scored 11.

EPPJ 69, Riverside 62

chael Selting 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 8-14 6-6 29, Evin Pelster 0-0 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 7-10 2-2 16, Taylor Beckman 1-2 2-3 4, Max Henn 1-3 0-0 2, Dylan Kolm 1-4 0-0 2, Trey Rittscher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 24-46 11-12 69. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 10-23 (Karson Kallhoff 3, Kellan Hoefer 3). Riverside team totals: 23-53 2-2 62. Three-point shots - 14-35.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 29 (Jarek Erickson 14), Riverside 15. Assists - Wolfpack 13 (Jarek Erickson 8). Steals - Wolfpack 1 (Max Henn 1). Turnovers -Wolfpack 10, Riverside 6.



Only the tough survive as Braelyn Martinsen won this battle for a loose ball under the basket Friday night against the Lady Cougars.

Wolfpack's second half comeback edges N-V Lady Cougars 33 to 32

ELGIN — Thank goodness high school basketball consists of two halfs.

After a sluggish first half which saw the Wolfpack trailing Niobrara-Verdigre by five points, EPPJ eaked out a 33 to 32 victory over the Cougars.

An adjustment made at halftime provided the spark the Wolfpack needed to make a comeback and stay undefeated.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer said the team needed a spark and they found it by going to a 2-2-1 full court press. The tactic proved to be successful as in the second half, EPPJ outscored the Cougars 19 to 13.

Still, the outcome of the game was not decided until the final buzzer sounded.

Entering the fourth quarter, EPPJ trailed 23 to 22. Braelyn Martinsen gave the Wolfpack their first lead of the second half with a two-pointer. Then, after the Cougars tied the score at 24-all, senior Kate Furstenau stepped up and drained a trey for a three-point lead with 3:32 left on the clock. The lead grew to six points on a basket by Callie Heithoff.

The Cougars made a late run as six-foot Eve Kucera had backto-back inside baskets to pull to within three, 33 to 30 with

1:11 left on the clock. Then, free throws by Delani Runnels and Kucera cut the margin to one point before time ran out.

Furstenau led the Wolfpack with 12 points as she connected on four of nine treys. She was the only EPPJ player to score in double figures.

Martinsen had a big game on the boards, pulling down 10 rebounds.

Mady Kurpgeweit led the team in steals with four. EPPJ 33, Niobrara-Verdigre 32

Cougars.....11 8 4 9 - 32 Wolfpack.....10 4 8 11 - 33 Wolfpack— Kayton Zwingman 0-3 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-4 0-0 2, Trissa Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Braelyn Martinsen 1-9 1-2 3, Callie Heithoff 4-15 0-0 9, Kate Furstenau 4-10 0-2 12, Mady Kurpgeweit 1-7 3-6 5. Team totals: 12-52 4-10 33. Threepoint shots - Wolfpack 5-23 (Kate Furstenau 4, Callie Heithoff 1). Niobrara-Verdigre team totals: 12-48 7-11 32. Three-point shots - Cougars 1-12.

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Team Statistics: Rebounds -Wolfpack 35 (Braelyn Martinsen 10, Mady Kurpgeweit 9), Cougars 42. Assists - Wolfpack 9 (Kayton Zwingman 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 2, Kate Furstenau 2), Cougars 5. Steals - Wolfpack 13 (Mady Kurpgeweit 4), Cougars 14. Turnovers - Wolfpack 30, Cougars 33.

EPPJ routs Chargers; Martinsen scores 16 Defense holds Riverside to just 11 points in second half

CEDAR RAPIDS — Opening night in a sports season means high expectations for all teams. to 61 to 29 late in the game. For Elgin Public-Pone John

A trey in the second half by Trissa Russell boosted the score Elizabeth Moser scored Wolfpack's last points on a steep and a layup with less than a minute to play. EPPJ's three seniors (Russell, Heithoff and Furstenau) combined for 32 points in the game. Coming off the bench, Russell had 12 while starters Heithoff and Furstenau each had 10. Sophomore post player Mady Kurpgeweit added eight points.

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lyn Martinsen 9, Mady Kurpgeweit 6), Chargers 11. Assists - Wolfpack 18 (Elizabeth Moser 6, Kate Furstenau 4), Chargers 5. Turn-overs – Wolfpack 21, Chargers 47.





E-R photo/DMorgan Jarek Erickson (21) and Taylor Beckman fight for a rebound.

girls, the lights shined bright on the Wolfpack as they defeated Riverside 63 to 29.

Sophomore Braelyn Martin-sen led four Wolfpack players scoring 10 or more points. The sophomore finished with 16 points in a game which was essentially over by halftime.

Martinsen spearheaded a fast first quarter as EPPJ (1-0) built up a 19 to 10 lead. Kate Furstenau had a run of five points late in the quarter.

Coach Randy Eisenhauer's team kept the pace up in the second quarter and, by the time the halftime buzzer sounded. EPPJ had doubled the score on the Chargers to lead 38 to 18, the last points of the half came from Callie Heithoff.

Riverside (0-1) was led in scoring by Grace Mahony. A sophomore, she finished with eight points.

EPPJ 63, Riverside 29 Wolfpack......19 19 10 15 - 63 Chargers......10 8 6 5 – 29 Wolfpack – Kayton Zwingman 0-0 1-2 1, Kinley Drueke 0-0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-4 4-4 6, Trissa Russell 5-10 0-0 12, Braelyn Martinsen



E-R photo/DMorgan Kayton Zwingman (1) reaches high to snare a rebound.

Wolfpack win over NV; Cougars held to 20 points

ELGIN — You can't win if you can't score. Seven simple words which define high school basketball.

Elgin Public-Pope John kept Niobrara-Verdigre players from scoring Friday night and cruised to a 54 to 20 victory in a battle between conference foes.

Junior Jarek Erickson scored 13 of the team's 19 points in the first quarter and, at the other end of the court, limited the Cougars' scoring chances.

Niobrara-Verdigre fell behind 19 to four after one quarter and never stood a chance against a Wolfpack team that nailed one trey after another against their foe. The lead grew to 31 to 3 before play was stopped for approximately 11 minutes when Julius Brandt suffered a serious leg injury which required him to be taken by ambulance to an area hospital.

The Wolfpack closed out the first half on a 19 to four run as Karson Kallhoff and Michael Selting each had two treys.

For the majority of the second half, the game was played with a 'running clock' once

the Wolfpack's lead reached 40 points.

Selting added two more treys in the game. EPPJ's last points came on an inside basket by reserve Brayden Burenheide.

The victory boosted the Wolfpack's season record to 2-0.

EPPJ 54, Niobrara-Verdigre 20 Cougars......4 2 2 12 - 20 Wolfpack......19 21 9 5 - 54 Ticen Sparr 0-0 0-0 0, Kellan Hoefer 3-7 2-2 9, Michael Selting 4-8 0-0 12, Joseph McNally 0-1 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 4-12 1-1 11, Evin Pelster 0-1 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 1-2 0-1 2, Jarek Erickson 7-10 0-0 18, Taylor Beckman 0-1 0-0 0, Max Henn 0-2 0-0 0, Dylan Kolm 1-2 0-0 2, Trey Rittscher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 20-46 3-4 54. Three-point shots - 11-25 (Kellan Hoefer 1, Michael Selting 4, Karson Kallhoff 2, Jarek Erickson 4)

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 23 (Karson Kallhoff 4, Jarek Erickson 4, Taylor Beckman 4), Cougars 19. Assists - Wolfpack 12 (Dylan Kolm 3, Karson Kallhoff 3) Steals - Wolfpack 6 (Jarek Erickson 4). Turnovers - Wolfpack 10, Cougars 10.



E-R photo/DMorgan Karson Kallhoff scored 11 points Friday night against the Cougars.



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Blecher, Veik place seventh Saturday at Howells-Dodge Invite ե

HOWELLS — Four of the five Wolfpack boys wrestlers came away with victories Saturday, competing at the Howells-Dodge Invite.

Some of the best teams from across Northeast Nebraska were in Howells for the start of the season and Wolfpack wrestlers more than held their own.

Sophomore Justice Blecher and junior Landyn Veik placed seventh in their respective weight classes

Blecher recorded pins over Summerland's Jacob Schlect and Cedar Bluffs' Leonardo Hernandez Ladezma in early round action. Then in the seventh place match, Blecher

recorded his third pin of the day, this time over Andrew

Hernandez. Veik split his first four matches. Then, in the seventh place match, he got his first pin of the season, in 4:13, over Wakefield's Ruben Vega.

Grady Drueke and Gavin Kallhoff picked up victories on the mat to start the season. Landon Kallhoff dropped both of his matches Saturday.

Here are the official results from TrackWrestling.

144 pounds — Oliver Belina (Howells-Dodge) 3-2 won by decision over Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/Pope John) 1-2 (Dec 13-12); Drueke won by fall over Heydon Velez (Ponca) 0-3 (Fall 2:55): Austin Mendoza (Summerland) 6-1 won by major decision over Drueke (MD 10-0)

150 — Alex Meier (Élm Creek) 6-2 won by fall over Gavin Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 1-2 (Fall 0:59); Walker Ott (Wisner-Pilger) 4-3 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 1:42); Kallhoff won by decision over Matteo Fanelli (West Point-Beemer) 0-3

(Dec 12-6) 157 — Ty Opfer (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 3-1 won by fall over Landon Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 0-2 (Fall 0:55); Konner Bourek (Howells-Dodge) 2-2 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 0:43); Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 0-2 received a bye

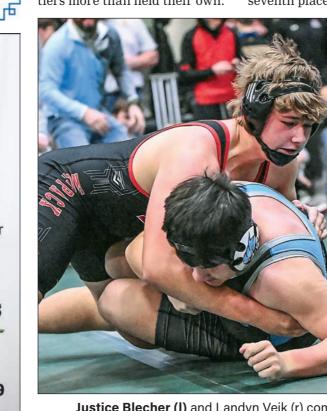
165 — Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) 2-2 won by major decision over Ayden Dolezal (Bancroft-Rosalie) 0-2 (MD 15-5); Veik received a bye; Josh Mace (Archbishop Bergan) 4-0 won by fall over Veik (Fall 3:54); Matt Umphress (Summerland) 4-3 won by decision over Veik (Dec 7-1); 7th Place Match - Veik won by fall over Ruben Vega (Wakefield) 2-4 (Fall 4:13)

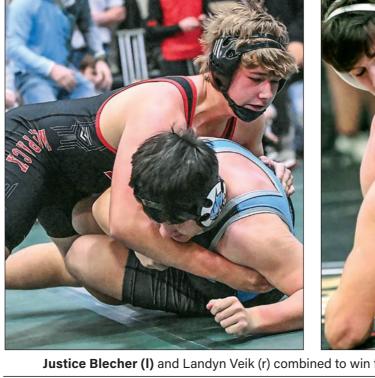
215 — Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) 3-2 won by fall over Jacob Schlecht (Summerland) 2-3 (Fall 2:34); Omar Garcia (West Point-Beemer) 5-1 won by fall over Justice Blecher (Fall 1:25); Blecher won by fall over Leonardo Hernandez-Ledezma (Cedar Bluffs) 0-3 (Fall 0:35); Kyptin Collier (Hartington Cedar Catholic) 4-1 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 2:05); 7th Place Match - Blecher won by fall over Andrew Hernandez (Elm Creek) 5-3 (Fall 2:31)

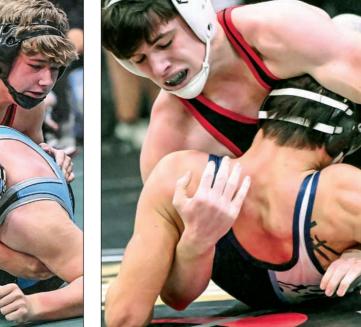
Evans takes second at 190# Saturday at **O'Neill Invite**

O"NEILL - EPPJ had two girls compete today at the O'Neill Invite, their first meet of the season.

Sophomore Libby Evans placed second in her weight class. She received a first round bye, then pinned her next two opponents to reach the finals. In her final match of the day, Evans faced Wil-







Justice Blecher (I) and Landyn Veik (r) combined to win five matches Saturday, three by pin.



Neligh, NE

Spinning Tales EMTs response was 'fantastic' Friday night at N-V game

In a matter of seconds the sounds emitting from St. Boniface Auditorium Friday night went from cheers to a horrific scream to almost dead silence. Then, approximately 11 minutes later the sound of applause and the resumption of play.

It was opening weekend of the basketball season and for the Wolfpack boys basketball team everything was going their way. Points were pouring into the basket at the Wolfpack end of the floor. On the other end of the gym, shots were off the mark.

By midway through the second quarter, EPPJ had a growing double-digit lead. There was a loose ball near midcourt which Karson Kallhoff grabbed and dribbled to the basket. In close pursuit was 5'11" junior Julius Brandt. He went up to try and stop Kallhoff's drive to the basket. He and Kallhoff crashed on the floor under the north basket

Kallhoff, who made the basket, got up. Brandt did not.

The next thing fans on both des of the gym heard was a

they had been doing, who they

In a matter of a few moments, lance and it quickly arrived by the east door. Having done everything to prevent him from making any unnecessary movement, the EMTs were working as a team in a calm, professional manner, to first stabilize the leg with an air cast. Once that was done, they placed him on a back board, still keeping the injured leg from moving. Once on the electric cot, it was risen to the required height before moving towards the ambulance.

By that time, his teammates were now nearby. Beside them, the Wolfpack players and coaches were there to. They, as well as fans from both teams, applauded as he was wheeled off. A moment or two later, he was loaded into the ambulance and off it went to an area hospital. Some of the EMTs left in the ambulance with him, their job wasn't done until his care was transferred to nurses and doctors

are made and the game contin-

Kallhoff shot a free throw to complete the three-point play and the game resumed.

The game then played out to its expected conclusion. The Wolfpack had a big victory, the

now didn't

matter much because their thoughts were with their teammate.

One-sided games, early in the season, don't mean much.

the kind of games my father didn't care to watch and I'm not crazy about them either. He liked the games where the teams were evenly matched and the outcome could have gone either way

SPINNING TALES



Dennis Morgan

These are

had been talking to, none of that ues. mattered now. Nor did it matter that these Elgin EMTs would be providing care with a gym full of spectators watching their every move. Teams were gathered by their benches looking on. Cougars lost a game someone called for the ambuwhich



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problem.

horrific scream, a scream full of pain.

The gym went silent, except for the young man who just seconds ago was an athlete making an athletic play.

Now, he was on the floor wreathing in pain, his leg bent in an unnatural shape.

As I looked at him, I knew this wasn't good, this was bad, real bad and I started waving for the EMTs I knew in the stands to come to his assistance.

In seconds, they were there. All their training now being put to the test. It didn't matter what

A junior

Karson

was on fire

against

Riverside,

scoring

29 pnts

in a close

game. He

accounted

Injuries are part of sports. They happen on the football field, in the gymnasium, and on the oval track. Fortunately, I'd say gruesome injuries like this are extremely rare. We play sports because it's part of who we are - we need to compete. Injuries happen, more often that not, through no one's fault. Games don't stop, substitutions

ELGIN PUBLIC-POPE JOHN

A senior.

Kate

helped

lead the

Wolfpack

to 2 wins

in the

season's

opening

week. She

A soph-

omore,

Libby com-

peted at

the O'Neill

Invite on

Saturday

She had 3

matches.

winning 2

Many of you who watched the game in the gym or maybe Hudl until it was shut off should remember this ... on a night where the only thing to play for was a 'W', another kind of scene took place. Our Elgin EMTs were called into action, as we all saw, suddenly summoned into service to care for this young athlete. Perhaps these EMTs, and firemen too, should adopt a new motto - "We're there when you need us."

They were and they continue to be - there when we need them. Job well done, EMTs!



Libby

Evans

Jayda Chessmore recorded two pins in her four matches.

ber-Clatonia's

Undefeated in

earlier in the

day, Klabenes

over Evans.

She dropped her first match. then recorded pins over Sabree Poppe of Centennial; and Neligh-Oakdale's Taryn Wingate. She did not place as she was pinned in her next match.

The duo will next be on the mats this Saturday at Wood River.

Here are the official results from TrackWrestling.

125 — Bailey Salers (O`Neill Girls) 2-2 won by fall over Jayda Chessmore (EPPJ Girls) 2-2 (Fall 1:40); Chessmore won by fall over Sabree Poppe (Centennial Girls) 1-2 (Fall 0:59); Chessmore won by fall over Taryn Wingate (Neligh-Oakdale Girls) 0-3 (Fall 1:50); Lorelie Duffy (Crofton/Bloomfield Girls) 3-1 won by fall over Chessmore (Fall 1:22)

190 — Libby Evans (EPPJ Girls) 3-1 received a bye; Evans won by fall over Addyson Jacob (Neligh-Oakdale Girls) 0-3 (Fall 3:43); Evans won by fall over Shaylee Gardner (Pierce Girls) 2-2 (Fall 1:35); 1st Place Match - Faith Klabenes (Wilber-Clatonia Girls) 4-0 won by decision over Evans (Dec 3-1)

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for 11 pnts had a total by pin, and finished of 22 pnts against N- V. 2nd @190 in the 2. KATE FURSTENAU KARSON KALLHOFF LIBBY EVANS **BOYS BASKETBALL GIRLS BASKETBALL** WRESTLING This week's BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING OF NELIGH) BAM sponsor: A little rock Rock damage, a close encounter BO with deer, racoons or another can quickly car? become a See me Free Estimates for a **FREE** like us on acebook Auto Body Repair Rock Chip Repair Don't elginbodyandglass ESTIMATE! Glass Replacement ignore that Judsen Sehi 402.843.2418 chip or crack! judd311@gmail.com