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In Brief //

District #18 school board to meet tonight

To begin at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

December 13, 2023

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular December meeting on Wednesday, December 13 (tonight). Items on the agenda are:

 Approve the teacher's negotiated agreement for the next two school years (2024/25 and 2025/26)

· Approve Superintendent Mike Brockhaus' two-year contract

• Approve the number of early retirement applications for 2024 Approve a teaching contract for

Ahlona Landauer for 2024/25 Approve the purchase of new

Wolfpack football uniforms Approve the junior class trip to New York City and Washington, D.C., in the Spring of 2024

Approve transportation for the music booster trip to the Orpheum

Discussion items on the agenda are

• 2024/25 school calendar · Football field driveway

• Tree replacement at the football

· Set the time and date for the January school board meeting.

PJCC/St. Boniface Christmas concert date announced

To begin at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. at the St. Boniface Auditorium in Elgin for the Pope John/St. Boniface **Christmas Concert!**

The event is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice to Bidders — Antelope County Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings - Elgin City Council Ordinance — City of Elgin

Notice of Organization — Doggie Digz

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

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 66 degrees recorded on Wednesday, December 6.

The low during the same period was 17 degrees on Sunday, December

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	Pred
December 4	47	21	.00
December 5	42	27	.00
December 6	66	32	.00
December 7	56	36	.00
December 8	48	29	.00
December 9	38	20	.00
December 10	41	17	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for December			0.00
Total precipitation 2023			28.86

Heithoff submits resignation letter

Effective in February

Just as he told *The Elgin Review* months ago he would do, District #5 Antelope County Commissioner Keith Heithoff has submitted a letter of res-

Heithoff, a rural Elgin resident, will step down from the position effective February 14, 2024.

He had announced his intention in September to remove himself from elective office because of plans to relocate to Arkansas.

Antelope Councy Clerk Lisa Payne has been in touch with the Nebraska Secretary of State's of-



Keith

Heithoff

One scenario which has been followed in

the past is for the county clerk to accept letters of application from persons in the district showing interest in the position, interviews open to the public

fice on the proper procedure for filling the

remainder of Heithoff's

term in office.

would be conducted before the remaining commissioners on the board would vote for the person to fill the position.

The process for filling the position will take place in 2024 likely after Heithoff leaves office, Payne said.

"I have enjoyed my time on the board and am honored to have served the people of Antelope County," Heithoff said in his resignation letter. He then wished everyone 'Merry Christmas' and all the best in 2024.

Heithoff, a Republican, was elected to the county board of commissioners in November 2022.

He has served as vice chairman since taking the oath of office in Janu-

In other action:

Pipeline — The commissioners took no action after hearing from several men regarding concerns about a proposed carbon pipeline. Among the speakers was Nebraskan Trent Loos and, from Iowa, Doyle Turner. As supporters looked on, they made presentations and took questions.

Turner spoke about adding value to the area by building methanol plants near ethanol plants which could buy carbon emissions.

Loos expressed concerns about the future of agriculture and dangers associated with pipelines like the one proposed.

Before the commissioners moved on in the meeting, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith urged them to focus efforts on zoning regulations to address pipeline issues which could arise.

Mitigation plan — Four commissioners voted to approve the Tri-County (Antelope, Holt and Knox counties) Mitigation Plan.

Auditor — Following the urging of Payne, the county will seek bids for hiring an auditor.



EPS students celebrate the holiday season

Dressed up with some place to go was young Lennon Funk, one of the many students who performed in Christmas programs/concerts at Elgin Public School last week. Both the high school concert and the elementary program were well-attended as students and family members celebrated the upcoming holiday in song. More photos from the two programs will be featured in next week's holiday issue of The Elgin Review.

Niewohner elected new council president

The Elgin City Council held its annual reorganizational meeting as part of its regular meeting on Monday, December 4.

As part of the meeting, Councilman



Craig Niewohner was elected council president. He assumes the position previously held by Mike Dvorak for a number of years.

That was just one of several actions taken by the council. A resolution setting appointments and committees for 2024 was approved as was a resolution

Niewohner

signing the year-end certification of city street Superinten-

dent. In other action:

Presentation — Tiffany Hoefer-Gustafson, representing Colonial Life, presented the council with information about voluntary benefits. Mayor MIke Schmitt said the council will address the matter with city employees to determine if there is interest and then contact her soon thereafter.

Closed session — The council went into closed session to discuss employee life insurance. The session lasted 16 minutes.

Upon returning to open session, discussion was held on increasing all fulltime, permanent employees' life insurance to \$100,000 term policies to get employees to age 65. A motion to increase life insurance policies was approved on a 3-0 vote.

New member — Eric Schiltmeyer was approved as the newest member of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department.

Pool rates — An increase in pool rates was approved for 2024. New rates are daily admission, \$5; individual season pass, \$90; annual family pass, \$150; private swim lessons \$15 - \$20 based on lifeguards years of experience.

Storm drainage — Mayor Schmitt indicated that Rutjens Construction has been contacted to look into and repair a storm drainage pipe at Elgin Bargain Box that is causing problems.

Next meeting — The January regular meeting will be held on Wednesday,

It's official: City water rates to rise in 2024

When the calendar turns to 2024, Elgin residents will see an increase in water rates. Meeting last week, the Elgin City Council voted 3-0 to approve Ordinance #673 establishing new water rates.

Council members Leigh Kluthe. Jim Kittelson and Craig Niewohner approved the ordinance, Mike Dvorak was absent.

Key provisions in the new ordinance which affects every water consumer

• A flat service fee of \$75 per meter

per quarter

· An additional charge at the rate of \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used per quarter • In addition, each meter shall be

charged a surcharge of \$2.82 per quarter to be used for water testing costs. · All residential dwellings and trail-

er houses not having a working meter shall be charged based on a usage of 24,000 gallons of water per quarter in addition to the surcharge.

· All outside hydrants shall have a meter installed at the initial expense of the customer. Maintenance and repairs shall be covered by the City.



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Five earn top acting awards

Pope John's one-act team placed third at the Class D2 State One-Act Play Competition last week. Earning recognition for their acting were Aiden Klein, Jack Barlow, Ashlynne Charf, Tessa Barlow and Elise Ruterbories, The play, "All By Myself" was directed by PJCC teachers Kerri Drueke and Amy Klein.

Elgin's Christmas Parade begins at 7 p.m. tonight

Santa Claus to arrive at 4:30 p.m. at Elgin Community Center

The day has finally arrived!

Santa Člaus will be in Elgin today (December 13).

The Elgin Chamber/Community Club is sponsoring Santa's visit and accompa-

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.





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Ambulance fund receives large donation

A check presentation was held at Dean's Market in Elgin last week. Kathy Dinslage and Kimberly Young, representing the Elgin Young N' Lively organization, donated \$2,500 to the fund drive to purchase a new ambulance and equipment. Accepting the donation, on behalf of the Elgin Rescue Squad, were EMTs Jessica Niewohner, Vicki Miller, Dean Schrage and Duane Miller.

From JoAnn's Kitchen

Orea Balls, Almond Bark Candy, Easy **Chocolate Fudge & Party Mix Candy**

Sweets for the holiday season to share and enjoy.

Good day,



Busy, busy, busy! We're all so very busy and December is the busiest month of all! Our house is no different. Having cattle sales every week keeps us

I have been trying to think of the holiday coming up. You can bet Christmas baking and Christmas dinner has been on my mind.

This week I am sharing just some easy and simple Christmas goodies I thought you or the kids might enjoy making with Mom.

Me and my girls make this

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Next day, roll into balls and dip in melted almond bark. Store in the fridge. Do not freeze. Delicious!

an annual fun day of baking and Christmas music and memories.

Take the time to share doing these things with your family!

Happy baking!

Jo Ann

You will be glad you did.

ALMOND BARK CANDY

1/2 pkg white almond bark 1 cup peanut butter 1 cup chopped peanuts

3 cups Rice Krispies® 1 tsp vanilla

Melt the almond bark in a double boiler. Stir in the peanut butter, peanuts, Rice Krispies®, and

Drop by tablespoons onto foil, or a large pan. Let cool. Yummy!

___/ EASY CHOCOLATE FUDGE

16 oz pkg chocolate chips 6 Tbls evaporated milk

1/4 cup margarine

1 tsp vanilla

1/4 tsp salt

1 lb powdered sugar 1 cup nuts

Melt the chocolate chips over hot water on very low heat. Add the remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pour into a 8x8 inch well-

buttered pan.

Chill and cut into squares.

PARTY MIX CANDY

3 cups Rice Chex® 3 cups Corn Chex®

3 cups Cheerios®

2 cups pretzel sticks

2 cups dry roasted peanuts

1 16 oz pkg M & Ms® candy 3 lbs white chocolate or white almond bark

Melt the white chocolate or almond bark in a double boiler. Mix all the other ingredients in a large bowl. Pour the melted mixture over the cereals mix until covered. Spread out on wax paper to cool. Break into pieces when cooled. Yummy!

Mobile food pantry at Neligh on **Dec. 19**

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 Tuesday, December 19, from 2:30-4:00 pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh. Recipients will remain in their vehicles and our volunteers will load the food for them.

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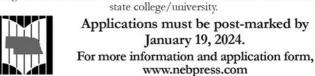
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pope John finished in a tie for third at the State D2 One -Act Play competition last week. Cast and crew were 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, Ashlynne Charf, Elise Ruterbories, Grady Drueke, Aiden Klein, Landyn Veik, Reese Stuhr, Stephanie Gutierrez, Quinn Hoefer, Darby Carsens, Harlie Tyler, Aubrie Parks, Brayden Burenheide and Cameron Kallhoff.



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Board games & children equals frustrated mom

We love board games. We love to collect them and play them. There are kid games, adult games, strategic games, easy games.

It's something we enjoy, and we love sharing that with our children and our family mem-

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played a board game with children, you might understand how frustrating it can be at

We recently visited my sister for Thanksgiving. She has twins that are 7 and their family also loves games. We played quite a few and I've come to the realization that board games and children equal a very frustrated mom (or aunt in

At first, I thought it might be just my children who sometimes behave poorly when playing games. I'm now convinced it may be universal.

The problem is most games have one winner. Which means, everyone else loses. Yes, it can be frustrating when you're only a point away and someone else steals the win (I'm a little competitive myself). It's unlikely, though, that you'll find me crying or throwing a fit because I didn't win. Kids have a harder time regulating their emotions.

I've seen a lot of tears shed over a game. Kids brag when they are winning, but quickly turn sour the second they start losing. They scream that things aren't "fair", only because things aren't working out in their favor.

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Creep feeding is a

can't win, they purposely start making silly moves just because they no longer care.

Then there's the attention span, or lack thereof. Depending upon the age, the attention span can last from a few minutes to maybe a half an hour. At some point, all kids seem to lose interest in the game and want it over as quickly as possible.

They stop paying attention, get up to get a snack, fight with their siblings, or even start another activity!

The game they so desperately wanted to play is now something I'm forcing them to finish. It makes me want to pack it up and call it good, but there are lessons here that can be learned.

As much as I would like to avoid playing games with children, it's important they're exposed to winning and losing at a young age. I've never been one to let them win because it doesn't teach them anything. I may give them a chance to rethink a turn or use the opportunity to point out a different strategy, but I'm never going to fake it.

Few things in this life are fair. Board games are no different. So, a controlled setting where they can feel upset about losing and learn to deal with it

Joel Travis, MD

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Tales of a Tired

Momma

Elgin Columnist

Katherine Cobb

start. We don't get to just give up because we're not winning or losing so badly it's no longer fun. We don't get to end it just

because we're bored or have lost interest in

the outcome. I may not always enjoy playing games with children (mine or anyone else's), but I still do it and will continue to do so.

I want them to learn to love games the way we do and learn to love the game for the game and not for the outcome. Whether we win or lose, it's fun just to play.

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

Sean Kohl, MD

Jason Olnes, PA-C

Looking Back Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

December 12, 1963

The first storm, of blizzard proportion, struck here Sunday and left yards and streets strewn with broken tree limbs and other damage caused by the 60-mile an hour gusts. Snowfall was at a minimum with possibly an inch falling throughout the day. Damage included loss of business signs, with one at Schmitt's Construction being blown through a window; loss of considerable aluminum siding at the Elgin Automatic Laundry; four of the C. of C.'s neon Christmas decorations were broken and an intersection streamer is believed to be damaged beyond repair; and a number of tv antennas are reported to have been blown over.

Santa Claus, who had made arrangements through the local Chamber of Commerce to arrive by airplane here last Saturday afternoon, had to change his plans because of the strong northwesterly gusts of wind. He was brought into town on the fire truck with siren blaring. With the assistance of a number of helpers, Santa soon had 612 candy-laden stockings dispensed to children.

Four Sisters from the St. Boniface Convent were injured seriously Saturday evening around 5:30 in a one-car accident south of Neligh. All were rushed to Antelope Memorial Hospital and Monday two of the Sisters were taken in the Brooks ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha for treatment by specialists. The nuns, who were traveling south from Neligh, were returning to Elgin after having attended a play in Norfolk. The vehicle went out of control on ice and struck the west side of the south bridge.

Fifty Years Ago

December 13, 1973

Local judging of the Voice of Democracy winners was held here Friday evening at Pope John High School. First place went to Larry Varn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Varn; second to Carol Jochum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jochum, and third was won by Sandy Pelster, daughter of Mrs. Freda Pelster.

An Elgin Lumber grain truck burned about 2 p.m. Saturday. The driver, Ken Jochum, had just unloaded the vehicle when he noticed the blaze and jumped from the cab. The truck box was scorched. Inside of the cab was also consumed by the fire. Origin of the fire is not known. The truck was stopped just west of the railroad tracks on the street south of the Elgin Lumber elevator.

Winners of \$200 in \$5.00 trade Certificates were drawn here Monday afternoon at 4:00 by Krystal Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Nelson. Winners were Joe Trenkamp - \$50; Wayne Mitchell - \$50; Mrs. Gale Schindler - \$25; Mrs. H. Kamphaus - \$25; Dennis Johnson - \$25; Mrs. Robert Tift - \$25.

Thirty Years Ago

December 22, 1993

Ray and Lee Sullivan, former owners of Ray's Superette, Inc. in Elgin, were honored by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce Monday night for 32 years of service to the community. The Sullivans operated their grocery business from 1962 until their retirement earlier this year. The store was sold to Darrell Getzfred and has been renamed Getz' Grocery.

Sheriff Ralph Black said that personal property damage, apparently caused by coyote hunters, has been reported at various locations in the northern part of the county. The damage has included fences that have been cut and gates that have been left open, leading to injury to livestock. All hunters are asked to be considerate of private property.

At its Dec. 7 regular meeting, the Antelope County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution stating its intent to approve a new system of assigning addresses for rural homes. The new system uses a three-digit section line grid to allocate numbers for each rural home. It gives every section corner a unique address with two three-digit numbers. The system was developed in answer to a 1971 directive from the Nebraska Legislature to the Board of Classifications and Standards calling for development of a statewide rural addressing system that all counties could use to uniformly number their rural roads.

Twenty Years Ago

December 10, 2003

Influenza has been hitting hard for the past week or so in the Elgin area, causing many students to miss classes and many adults to miss work days. Elgin Public sSchools had about 40 students absent on Monday, Dec. 8, mostly due to the flu. The schools total enrollment is about 185, so the absentee rate that day was over 20 percent. Pope John Central Catholic also had an absentee rate of more than 20 percent Monday, with 30 students absent from a total enrollment of 137. Antelope Memorial Hospital had run out of flu vaccine for a short time, but additional vaccine will be arriving

Winter Wonderland," a formal dance sponsored by the Elgin Future Career and Community Leaders of America Chapter, was held Saturday evening, Dec. 6, at the Elgin High School Gym. Seniors Jake Henn and Stephanie Koinzan were crowned king and queen. Prince and princess for the junior class were Cole Haddix and Shanda jochum. For the sophomore class, the prince and princess were Clayton Hensley and Katie Score. The prince and princess for the freshman class were Brandon Anderson and Billie

Three seniors from Pope John Central Catholic were named last week to Class D-2 All State Football Teams by the Omaha World-Herald. Benjamin Kuhlman was named to the D-2 first team defense as defensive back, and Keith Borer was named to the defense as a linebacker. The first team offense included Chris Vacha. By Betty Kallhoff



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Edward R. Murrow

Concerns continue to be raised over sustainability of Education Future Fund

The chickens are coming home to

Several tax watchdog groups say the Legislature, at the behest of the Governor, has gone overboard in depleting state revenue by earmarking too much for property tax relief.

But Governor Jim Pillen debunks the reports. He said they came up with different numbers than he did.

Here's the rub. He hasn't read the Let that sink in for a minute.

Not unlike the reports on higher than acceptable levels of nitrates in the groundwater near his pig farms. He didn't read the reports. Property tax reform in Nebras-

ka depends on the sustainability of increased state aid to K-12 schools.

CAPITOL VIEW



Statehouse Correspondent J.L. Schmidt

The Education Future Fund, created with a \$1 billion investment this year, will be drained within a decade without a sustainable revenue stream that addresses the needs of Nebraska's students. Ultimately, the

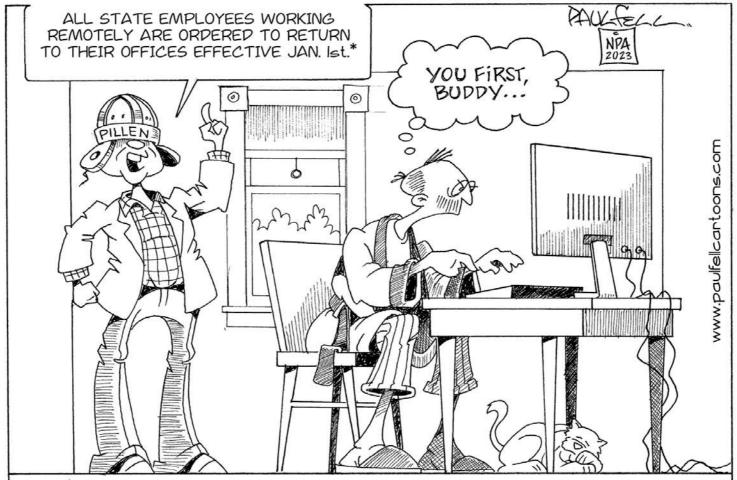
sustainability of state aid for K-12 education is critical not just

to addressing property tax reform but to ensuring that school funding is sufficient to improve student outcomes, said OpenSky Policy Institute Executive Director Dr. Rebecca Firestone.

The recent report to the Tax Rate Review Committee shows estimated distributions from the Education Future Fund outpacing projected transfers in after the first year, with the shortfall increasing over time. By FY27, the report shows estimated **Education Future Fund distributions** at \$350 million with just \$250 million transferred in," she said.

Pillen told reporters the participation rate fell below his administration's hope for the new educational funding plan.

'Year One is not where we wanted he Vear One was not the success



*AT LAST CHECK, GOV. PILLEN STILL LIVES IN COLUMBUS, NE INSTEAD OF IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION IN LINCOLN AND COMMUTES AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE TO HIS OFFICE IN THE CAPITOL.

shows estimated Education Future Fund distributions at \$350 million with just \$250 million transferred in," Firestone said.

"They're not seeing the numbers I've seen, I can assure you that," Pillen said, calling the fund "sustainable for the foreseeable future."

We have money resources throughout state government that we're finding in a lot of places, and so I disagree with that concept. The sustainability of this program for K-12 education will go on a long way. Not a shadow of a doubt," Pillen said.

"Locally elected school board memhers are best positioned to determine

what resources are needed to provide the learning environment and support from teachers to prepare students for a bright future," said Firestone.

Pillen and his state budget director,

Lee Will, said they disagreed with a projection that the Education Future Fund would be depleted faster than anticipated. The Legislative Fiscal Office re-

leased a projection that the \$1 billion fund would diminish to near \$500 million as soon as the 2025-26 fiscal year, about four years earlier than the Governor's Office anticipated.

About those chickens: Bad deeds or words return to discomfort their perpetrator.

My parents often used the phrase. The folks who track such things say it was used as a motto on the title page of Robert Southey's poem The Curse of Kehama, 1810. "Curses are like young chickens, they always come home to

Let's hope that one of those chickens lays the golden egg.

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

Consumer choice and unleashing prosperity

This week, House Republicans took action to push back on proposals by President Biden's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) effectively forcing consumers to drive only electric vehicles (EVs) by 2032. The EPA's out-of-touch policies are unworkable for the Third District because of our winter weather and expansive driving distances. Furthermore, China, which holds 78 percent of the world's EV battery cell manufacturing capacity, recently implemented export controls on raw EV battery materials. In the interest of consumer freedom and minimizing dependence on China, the federal government should reverse course on heavy handed EV mandates

EVs not only cost more than internal combustion vehicles, making them an impractical choice for many, a study from Consumer Reports found EVs have nearly 80 percent more problems than internal combustion vehicles. In light of this, EPA must stand down and allow Americans to make the best choice of vehicle to meet their needs. By passing the bipartisan Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act, the House has done its part to put a stop to Biden's radical EV push. The CARS Act was supported by every member of Nebraska's House delegation, and I'm grateful Nebraska Sens. Fischer and Ricketts released a statement calling for Senate action on the CARS Act. Nebraska's congressional delegation is united in our efforts to stop the Biden administration's heavy-handed EV mandate.

The need to hold Biden's EPA accountable also extends to its outdated choice of emissions model for renewable fuels, which currently does not reflect the full life-FROM THE HILL

cycle impact of biofuels production. As the second-largest ethanol producing state, Nebraska is already a leader in providing America and the world with clean, renewable fuel. Earlier this year, I partnered with my fellow Bipartisan Biofuels Caucus co-chairs

from South Dakota, Adrian Smith

Minnesota, and Wisconsin to introduce a bipartisan bill requiring EPA to adopt an up-todate, scientifically accurate emissions model that fully reflects the positive contributions of American farmers and ranchers on emissions reductions, reinforcing the competitiveness of American agriculture exports.

In an increasingly competitive global energy market, the United States cannot afford to leave any opportunity to increase energy production on the

As part of an all-of-the-above strategy for American energy dominance, the availability of nationwide year-round E15 is crucial. For nearly a decade, I have been pushing EPA to allow the uninterrupted sale of E15, first introducing legislation back in 2015. I am continuing to push for nationwide, year-round E15 and working closely with the delegation to get this import-

ant measure over the finish line. An all-of-the-above energy strategy is critical to our national security. Unleashing a strong, diverse energy portfolio ensures global competitiveness – as well as lower costs for American consumers.

As an affordable and highly sustainable source of energy, hydroelectric power is a valuable component of an all-of-the-above strategy for American energy dominance. Our hard-working producers, industry leaders, and natural resources give the United States a powerful advantage for energy produc-

end their war on domestic energy and consumer choice and unleash American prosperity

It's time the Biden administration

Getting results for Nebraskans

There are a lot of ongoing policy debates in Washington, D.C. We need to secure our border and rein in bloated federal spending that's causing inflation. We need to pass a re-authorization for the National Defense Authorization Act

WASHINGTON and a comprehen-**REPORT**



Pete Ricketts

sive farm bill. We need to end Biden's appeasement-first foreign policy and restore American leadership in the world. I'm fighting tirelessly to represent Nebraskans in these debates. However, when I first came to the Senate, I also promised I would fight to ensure government is

working for taxpayers. Looking back at this first year, I'm proud of the work my team has done to fulfill and build on that promise.

When I was Governor, we made strides improving the level of customer service Nebraskans received from state agencies. As Senator, I'm continuing that work. My team and I are

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the documents but couldn't get help fixing the simple address issue that was holding up her application. My team contacted the GSA and helped Jen get the problem solved. As a result, the daycare recently opened and families around the area are benefiting.

Oversight from our team can also bring clarity to confusing situations. Doug and Christine in Lancaster County contacted my Lincoln office seeking help with a tax return. Due to an error, they had overpaid \$60,000 in taxes.

Despite much effort to obtain a refund from the IRS, they couldn't get an answer. They felt they were being stonewalled. My team contacted the IRS and quickly discovered the problem. Doug and Christine's account had been flagged, yet the IRS failed to tell them.

Working with my team, Doug and Christine were finally able to get the money they were owed.

Knowing not everyone can make it to our offices, we're also sending team members to you. As of this week, our team has

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Bartlett News

The Bartlett Community mourns the death of Sarah Race who died Wednesday, December 6 at the age of 60. Our prayers are lifted up for her family.

Carol Seaman and her sister Jane Berry hosted a ladies event 'A Valentine Christmas,' at the Ericson Methodist Church on December 4. Approximately 20 ladies attended from around the area. The menu included lasagne, garlic knots and garlic bread, lemon bars, brownies, decorated sugar cookies, pumpkin sandwich cookies, apple cider with red hots and hot

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Sunday School: 10:30 am

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An inspirational message was given by Carol followed by a game of Christmas Bingo complete with gifts for the first seven winners. It was an evening to relax and remember our Savior as the one being honored during the Christmas holiday. Thumbs up to Carol's sons Clancey and Wylie who also helped.

A 'Forgotten Warrior' Honorary Coin presentation was held at the Wheeler County Courthouse on Friday, December 8. District 41 Legislature candidate Nadine Bane presented Wheeler County resident Merlyn Schrunk with the coin.

Merlyn served in the U.S. Army during the years 1959 1962 as a E-4 Specialist serving in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged.

Family members attending the ceremony were Laura Ratliff and Colleen Vanmeter, Kevin, Kirk and Lisa Schrunk, Sherry Tetschner, Earleen and Justin Jensen, Tim Schrunk and Ruth Ziegler, Ellis, Lois and Steven Schrunk.

The program of presenting coins to promote our Korean and Vietnam War Veterans is sponsored by a former Vietnam Airforce Medic USAF (who wishes to remain anonymous at this time). Veterans who receive the coin are asked to keep it in their pockets for it helps veterans to talk about their time in the service. The coin is green with an American Eagle and flag on one side. The other side features 'A Soldier's Creed.' which states: I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen com-By Sherry Tetschner

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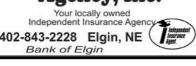


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Keyera Eisenhauer connected on four treys Saturday, surpassing 1,000 career points playing for the Wolfpack.

Second half comeback nets EPPJ girls fourth victory

ELGIN — Down by nine points in the first half, Elgin Public-Pope John roared back in the second half to defeat Plainview 48 to 35 in girls baskethall action

Midway through the third quarter, EPPJ turned the tables on the Pirates. Trailing 27 to 19, Wolfpack senior Keyera Eisenhauer took over. In the span of just under a minute she single-handedly cut the Lady Pirates lead to two points with back-to-back-to-back baskets.

After a two-pointer from Plainview's Jordynn Frahm with 3:52 to go in the third quarter, they would score only one point over the next six minutes.

At the other end of the court, EPPJ scored 15 unanswered points to take a 41 to 30 lead with 3:52 left in the game. Leading the surge was junior Kate Furstenau with seven points, Ashlynne Charf had six points and Sara Bode added two.

From there the game was no longer in doubt as the Wolfpack defense held Plainview to just five points the rest of the game.

The first half was a different story as the Pirates put together a big second quarter. Leading by one at the start, they outscored the Wolfpack 17 to 11 behind the play of Abbie Kromarek and Tava Boyer

For the game, EPPJ (4-0) was led in scoring by Furstenau who made two treys and finished with 15 points. Charf had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds to go along with a team-high eight steals and five

assists. **EPPJ 48, Plainview 35**

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 31 (Ashlynne Charf 11, Brenna Martinsen 6), Plainview 31. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Ashlynne Charf 5), Plainview 9. Steals — Wolfpack 19 (Ashlynne Charf 8, Brenna Martin-



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EPPJ gals roll past Wausa 49 to 33

Eisenhauer shoots her way into Wolfpack record books

ELGIN — Outscoring their opponent in all four quarters, Elgin Public-Pope John's girls team defeated Wausa 49 to 33.

Six points by senior Ashlynne Charf helped stake the Wolfpack to a five-point lead after one quarter.

The lead kept growing and by halftime EPPJ led 27 to 14. Keyera Eisenhauer had six points in the quarter.

In the closing stretches of the first half, EPPJ outscored the Vikings nine to four. Reserves played a big role as Kayton Zwingman, Braelyn Martinsen, Elizabeth Moser and Callie Heithoff each scored two points and Sara Bode added a free throw.

The big excitement in the game came in the second half. Eisenhauer needed six points

to reach the 1,000 point career mark and was well on her way to getting the mark when she hit a trey to start the third quarter.

Then with two minutes gone in the fourth quarter, Eisenhauer connected on another trey with an assist from Charf, from the left side of the court. Fans joined family in the stands celebrating the moment as Coach Randy Eisenhauer, her father, called timeout.

"I was pretty proud of myself," she said about achieving the mark, "and all the hard work that I put in the gym, but gotta move on now and keep working hard because there's more goals to achieve than just that."

Coach Randy Eisenhauer echoed her comments after the

game. "You can't do this without good teammates and that's what we have," he said.

From that point on, she would add another trey as the Wolfpack closed out the game on an eight to five run.

The 16-point margin of victory can be attributed to, in part, by the Wolfpack's defense which forced 22 turnovers.

"We did a pretty good job of coming out here and playing really good defense," the coach said.

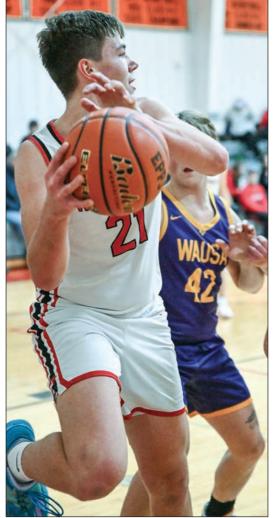
Eisenhauer led the Wolfpack with 20 points, Charf had another double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds to go with four blocks, five steals and five assists (all team-highs).

The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 5-0. The loss dropped the Vikings record to 1-3.

EPPJ 49, WAUSA 33

Wolfpack......11 16 10 12 - 49 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 1-2 0-0 2, Elise Ruterbories 0-2 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Ashlynne Charf 4-4 2-3 10, Braelyn Martinsen 1-3 0-0 2, Callie Heithoff 0-1 2-2 2, Brenna Martinsen 1-5 2-3 4, Kate Furstenau 2-8 0-0 4, Keyera Eisenhauer 7-14 2-4 20, Mady Kurpgeweit 1-5 1-2 3, Sara Bode 0-3 2-4 2. Team totals: 17-48 11-18 49. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-15 (Keyera Eisenhauer 4). Wausa team totals: 13-48 4-4 33. Threepoint shots — Wausa 3-12.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 35 (Ashlynne Charf 10, Brenna Martinsen 8), Wausa 32. Assists — Wolfpack 7 (Ashlynne Charf 5), Wausa 8. Steals — Wolfpack 17 (Ashlynne Charf 5), Wausa 6. Turnovers — Wolfpack 12, Wausa 22.



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Jarek Erickson tied for the team-high in rebounds with six against the Vikings.

Wolfpack solve half-court trap in second half to defeat Vikings

ELGIN — The Wolfpack took Wausa's best shot Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough as EPPJ prevailed 55 to 42.

Coach Matt Euse's team played one of their most physical games in recent years as they fought off a determined Vikings team who kept playing hard as the Wolfpack's lead grew.

The battle was back and forth for much of the first half. After the Vikings scored to cut the lead to 22 to 16, the Wolfpack (4-1) scored nine unanswered points to close out the first half

Senior Dylon Lucking started the run with a trey with three minutes to go before

Kellan Hoefer then scored the next four points before Karson Kallhoff closed out the run with a basket following a steal from

Up by 15 points to start the second half, EPPJ had to deal with a change of tactics. Wausa Coach Tim Schindler had his team go to a trapping half-court defense against EPPJ and it worked - for awhile. They cut the deficit to 12 points when Cade Wakeley

drained a trey.

The Wolfpack adapted to Wausa's ploy and with great ball movement they were able to find the open man for easy baskets. Blake Henn had back-to-back baskets. Later, Gage Thiessen added a three-point play as part of seven points in a row to boost the lead to 45 to 26.

Henn and Lucking closed out the quarter

with free throws.
"We had to use a lot of ball fakes and

then we just had to settle down on offense," Thiessen said about adapting to Wausa's pressure.

Thiessen's two pointer early in the fourth quarter gave the Wolfpack a 20-point lead. From there, Wausa (2-2) closed out the game with an 11 to four run but it wasn't enough to stop the Wolfpack from picking up their fourth victory of the season.

"I'm extremely happy with the victory," Coach Euse said after the game. "It ws a tough one last night (loss to Plainview) and we came out tonight like it never happened. It was a good win."

EPPJ was led in scoring by Thiessen with 16 points.

Matthew Schindler scored 11 points to lead the Vikings, Cashe Carlson added nine. **EPPJ 55, Wausa 42**

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 24 (Gage Thiessen 6, Jarek Erickson 6), Wausa 21. Assists — Wolfpack 13 (Jarek Erickson 5), Wausa NA. Steals — Wolfpack 12 (Gage Thiessen 3, Jarek Erickson 3), Wausa 10. Turnovers — Wolfpack 17, Wausa 18.

Veik leads wrestlers at Twin Loup Invite Friday

SARGENT — Landyn Veik and Sam Hemenway earned wrestling medals Friday at the Twin Loup Invitational.

For the second week in a row, Wolfpack wrestlers shined. Veik reached the championship match in the 150-pound weight class. There, he ran into Kegan Payne. The Warrior bested Veik on this day, pinning him in 3:33. Coming into the match, Veik defeated three opponents, two by pin. Veik is now 7-2 in the young season.

For Hemenway, he suffered his first loss of the season in the semi-final round. There, he faced Neligh-Oakdale's Jacob Henery who claimed a nine to five decision. Hemenway came back to win a two to zero decision over Hagen Hodges of Burwell in the third place match. His record now stands at 7-1.

Unable to compete at Sargent due to injuries were Wolfpack wrestlers Austin Hinkle and Isaac Hemenway.

EPPJ will next be in action Saturday at the Wolfpack Invite. Wrestling is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Wolfpack individual results from Sargent were:

132 — Quarterfinal - Charlie Houser (Cambridge) 9-4 won by fall over Grady Drueke (EPPJ) (Fall 3:41); Cons. Round 2 - Hector Estrada (Twin Loup) 6-4 won by fall over Drueke (Fall 3:08). Dreuke's record is now 2-4.

150 — Champ. Round 1 -Keaton Dowse (Twin Loup) 8-1 won by fall over Jack Barlow



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Shown here in action at Howells, Wolfpack seniors Jack Barlow had one pin Friday competing at the Twin Loup Invite.

(EPPJ) (Fall 0:31); Cons. Round 2 - Barlow won by decision over Ashton Lambert (Sandhills Valley) 1-6 (Dec 4-0); Cons. Round 3 - Colin Rooney (Sandhills Valley) 4-6 won by fall over Barlow (Fall 3:49). Barlow's record is now 3-5.

150 — Champ. Round 1 - Jayden Ruf (Cambridge) 9-2 won by fall over Gavin Kallhoff (EPPJ) (Fall 0:33); Cons. Round 1 - Mason Dutro (Overton) 2-6 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 2:01). Kallhoff's record is now

150 — Champ. Round 1 -Landyn Veik (EPPJ) won by fall over Kody Carpenter (Hyannis) 0-7 (Fall 1:09); Quarterfinal -Veik won by fall over Chase Kaczor (North Central) 4-7 (Fall 1:56); Semifinal - Veik won by major decision over Jayden Ruf (Cambridge) 9-2 (MD 13-4); 1st Place Match - Kegan Payne (Neligh-Oakdale) 8-2 won by fall over Veik (Fall 3:33). Veik's record is now 7-2.

190 — Quarterfinal - Eli Powers (Broken Bow) 8-2 won by fall over Justice Blecher (EPPJ) (Fall 0:55); Cons. Round 1 - Blecher won by fall over Daymion Cacy (Ravenna) 1-4 (Fall 2:33); Cons. Semi - Gunner Bottorf (Twin Loup) 3-4 won

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Charf named to LJS D2 second team, Busteed gets honorable mention Sunday

LINCOLN — The state's second largest daily newspaper, the Lincoln Journal Star, announced its all-state volleyball selections Sunday.

Elgin Public-Pope John had two seniors recognized by the newspaper.

Ashlynne Charf was named to the Class D1 All-State Second Team. Earning honorable mention was senior Baylee Busteed.

Senior Elise Ruterbories tries to work her away around Plainview's Abbie Kromarek to grab a rebound on a missed free throw.

EPPJ-

◄ FROM Page 6

by fall over Blecher (Fall 1:53). Blecher's record is now 2-4. 215 — Quarterfinal - Samuel Hemenway (EPPJ) won by fall

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over Kaden Allen (Sandhills Valley) 5-6 (Fall 1:38); Semifinal - Jacob Henery (Neligh-Oakdale) 9-2 won by decision over Hemenway (Dec 9-5); Cons. Semi - Hemenway won by fall

ELGIN PUBLIC-POPE JOHN

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

This week's sponsor: PRECISION REPAIR OF ELGIN

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over Beau Kaufman (North Central) 6-5 (Fall 2:01); 3rd Place Match - Hemenway won by decision over Hagen Hodges (Burwell) 6-4 (Dec 2-0). Hemenway's record is now 7-1.

Evans, Smidt both medal at Wood River

WOOD RIVER — The Wolfpack's dynamic duo of Libby Evans and Danny Smidt continued their strong start of the girls wrestling season, competing Saturday at the Wood River Girls Tournament.

Both freshmen wrestlers ended the day on the medal stand.



Photos submitted

WRESTLING

BASKETBALL **GIRLS & BOYS VARSITY**

GIRLS & BOYS JUNIOR HIGH

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

Dec. 15 @ EPPJ (Pope John)......4:00 Jan. 4 @ Norm Manstedt Inv. (Columbus).....8:00

Dec. 28-29 Holiday Tourney @ Madison...... 11:00 start

BOYS VARSITY

GIRLS VARSITY

Freshman Libby Evans (above) and Dannyka Smidt (below) came home with medals Saturday from the Wood River Girls Invite.



190-pound weight class, winning two of her three matches. Evans improved her record to

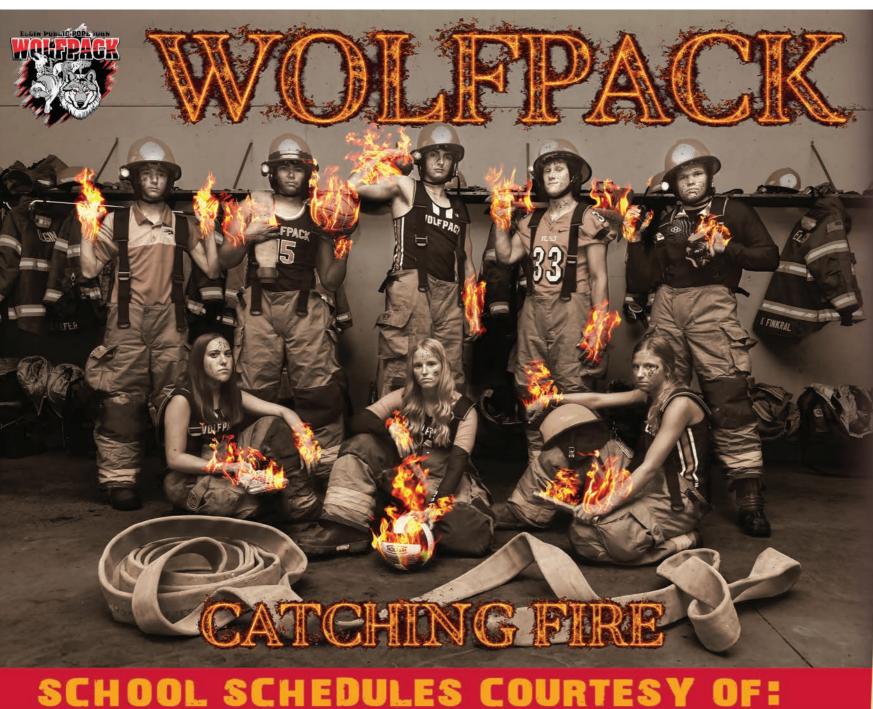
Smidt improved her record to 4-3, placing second in the 170-pound weight class by win-

ning two of. Her three matches.

Individual results were: 170 — Quarterfinal - Dannyka Smidt (EPPJ) won by fall over Reese Chrastil (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 1-2 (Fall 0:55): Semifinal - Smidt won by decision over Megan Boyd (Northwest Girls) 6-2 (Dec 4-3); First Place Match - Lauren Sladek (St. Paul Girls) 5-0 won by fall over Smidt (Fall 3:47).

190 — Round 1 - Libby Evans (EPPJ) won by decision over Madison Holman (Franklin Girls) 4-3 (Dec 10-7); Round 2 - Leslie Garcia (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 1-2 won by fall over Evans (Fall 2:22); Round 3 - Evans won by fall over Mattilyn Stepanek (St. Paul Girls) 3-2 (Fall 1:31)

The duo will next be in action Friday afternoon at the Wolfpack Invite held at St. Boniface Auditorium. Wrestling is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.



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Dec. 14 vs Elkhorn Valley (G) (EPS).....3:30 Jan. 4 @ St. Mary's (G)......4:00 **HOME GAMES IN BOLD OTHER UPCOMING**

SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES Bloodmobile, 9 am • EPS School Board Meeting • Dec. 13

Santa in Elgin/Christmas Parade 9th Grade Career Day at NECC • Wolfpack Girls Dec. 15 Wrestling Senior Night Wolfpack Boys Wrestling Senior Day Dec. 16

Little Kids Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium • Wolfpack Football Awards (at EPS) Dec. 19 Elgin FFA Christmas Supper/Gift Exchange

Dec. 20 PJ/SB Christmas Concert Elgin schools, 1 pm dismissals Dec. 21 Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break for EPS students

Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 Christmas Break for PJ/SB students Dec. 28 & 29 Madison Holiday Tournament School resumes for EPS students Jan. 4

School resumes for PJCC/SB students Boone Central Choral Clinic Jan. 8 Jan. 10 FFA Leadership Contest @ Atkinson Jan. 13 Howells-Dodge Speech Invite

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Notice to Bidders

Antelope County to seek bids for pavement repairs estimated to cost \$375,000

SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "2023 Pavement Repair for Antelope County, Nebraska," JEO Project No. 230778.00, QuestCDN No. 8873232, will be received by the County Clerk at 501 Main Street, Rm. 6, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68705-0026, until 9:30 AM on the 2nd day of January 2024, and thereafter will be read aloud.

as follows: pavement repair. Opinion of Probable

The work is generally described

\$375,000.00

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of Antelope County, Nebraska as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with Antelope County for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please send your check payable to JEO Consulting Group, Inc. at 404 S 25th Street, Ste. B, Norfolk, NE 68701. If you have any questions,

contact us at 402.371.6416. In or-

der to bid the project, the contract

documents must be issued directly

by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

antelope county, nebraska CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman ATTEST: LISA PAYNE, Clerk PUBLISH: December 13, 20 & 27 ZNEZ

Proceedings from the December 5, 2023 meeting

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska December 5th, 2023

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the 11-14-2023 BOC

Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Treasurers Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Clerk of the District Court Report, Zoning Permit Report, Treasurer's Sweep Account Report.

Approved four (4) Promotional Grants.

Met in executive session regarding personnel issue - no action

Approved Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Resolution.

Heard from the public regarding

denial of CO2 pipeline. Authorized Clerk to advertise for

auditor. Zoning Administrator Report, monthly zoning permit report. Approved two (2) Administrative Plats.

Authorized clerk to advertise intersection pavement projects.

Road Superintendent Report approved three (3) underground permits, two (2) oversize permits,

two (2) access permits. Denied two (2) underground permits. Denied two (2) access permits.

Meeting Adjourned. Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY

Chairman of County Board Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: December 13, 2023

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 UEN-RD 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 amend-

The changes to the Rules & Regulations are as follows:

The proposed amendments apply to the overall Rules & Regula-

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 statues.

The proposed Rule 11.1.1.1 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 District, 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 NAT-URAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY NE-BRASKA LAW, IT IS HEREBY OR-**DERED:** 1. The rule and regulation

amendments adopted by the UEN-RD 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 Chair-

man 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

Notice of Organization

Doggie Digz, LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that Doggie Digz, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 84398 522 Ave, Elgin,

NE 68636. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Audra Borer, 84398 522 Ave, Elgin,

PUBLISH: December 13, 20 & 27, 2023 ZNEZ

Proceedings of December 4, 2023 Meeting

Elgin City Council

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings December 4, 2023

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

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

Councilmembers present were Jim Kittelson, Leigh Kluthe, and Craig Niewohner. Mike Dvorak was absent.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

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

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 105.39; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.65; APPEARA, su, 58.38; The Elgin Review, print, 52.70; Brenda Reikofski, se, 127.50; Dean's Market, su, 10.78; Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute, training, 443.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 113.97; Prudential, retirement, 353.81; American Funds, retirement, 195.42; US Treasury, tax, 3189.80; Payroll, 7566.89

Transfers: 5000.00 **SALES TAX:** Pool Fund:

2655.09; Street Fund: 10325.00

STREET: ERPPD, se, 932.80; Verizonwireless, su, 75.32; Elgin One Stop, fuel & su, 375.08; Hometown Station, fuel, 54.01; Dean's Market, su, 14.50; Kayton International, Inc, machine rent, 3454.00; Corner Service & Tire, LLC, rpr, 927.84; Black Hills Energy, se, 61.10; Payroll, 1813.87

WATER: ERPPD, se, 855.20; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.15; Verizonwireless, su, 75.32; NE Health Lab, se, 18.00; One Call Concepts, se, 5.96; NE Department of Environment & Energy, loan pymt, 53250.25; Kathy Wheaton, return dep, 81.36; NE Rural Water Association, misc, 100.00; US Post Office, postage, 62.75; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 332.73; To Kathy Wheaton Acct, return dep on acct, 118.64: Payroll, 3627.71

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 807.77; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.06; One Call Concepts, se, 5.96; Elgin One Stop, su, 48.46; Sapp Bros, fuel, 67.15; NE Department of Environment & Energy, loan pymt, 3269.62; NE Rural Water Association, misc, 100.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 1160.47; Payroll, 1384.77

FIRE: ERPPD, se, 165.45; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.25; APPEARA, su, 58.38; Elgin One Stop, su, 12.38; Corner Service & Tire, LLC, su, 368.90; Black Hills Energy, se, 256.55

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: ZNEZ

Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6500.50; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00 POOL: ERPPD, se, 69.52; Great Plains Communications, se, 10.00;

Black Hills Energy, se, 38.75; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79 PARK: ERPPD, se, 99.87; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 3.55; Payroll,

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 56.36; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.26; Amazon Business, su, 653.95; NE Library Commission, su, 500.00; Black Hills Energy, se,

98.89; Pavroll, 1258.12 YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 36.53

RESCUE: Elgin One Stop, fuel, 157.60; Teresa Moore, misc, 25.00; Mark Allemang, misc, 25.00; Trent Allemang, misc, 25.00; Jeff Schindler, misc, 25.00; Peggy Payne, misc, 25.00; Tom Allemang, misc, 25.00; Justin Henn, misc, 25.00; Hurt Hanlin, misc, 25.00

 Suspend reading of Ordinance 673 on three different days

• Ordinance 673 passed and ad-

 Adjourned the regular meeting at 7:36 p.m. and opened the Reorganizational Meeting at 7:36 p.m. Craig Niewohner to serve as

President of the Council Resolution 2023-7, setting appointments and committees for

Resolution 2023-8, signing the year-end certification of City Street

Superintendent • Enter into closed session at

• Reconvene in public session at

• Increase employee life insurance policies to \$100,000 benefits and to change the term to get employees to age 65

 Approve Eric Schiltmeyer to the Elgin Volunteer Fire Depart-

 Set January meeting date for Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

 Increase pool rates as follows: daily admission to \$5.00, individual ticket to \$90.00 annually, family ticket to \$150.00 annually, private swim lessons to \$15.00-\$20.00 based on the lifeguards years of experience

The following agenda items were discussed:

Colonial Life voluntary benefits

for employees

Sewer plant study

 Rutjens Construction to look into and repair a drainage pipe at the Bargain Box

 Clerk Childers attended a training regarding zoning Next regular meeting will be

held on Wednesday, January 3, Regular Meeting adjourned at

8:48 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt City Clerk Kristin L. Childers PUBLISH: December 13, 2023

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

SALBER LAND CO., L.L.C.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the limited liability company: SALBER LAND CO., L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 51881 837 1/2 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

upon filing the Certificate of Ormembers. commenced

ganization with the Secretary of State on December 4, 2023, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its

The Honorable Donna Taylor

handled several arraignments

bench in the Antelope County

courtroom in Neligh on Dec. 6.

igh appeared for arraignment

assault. Conviction of the Class

1 misdemeanor would have re-

sulted in up to \$1,000 fine and/

The charge was reduced to a

Class 2 misdemeanor, assault

ant to a plea agreement with

Antelope County Attorney Joe

Smith. The Class 2 misdemean-

or carried the same potential

fine but only up to six months

was a joint recommendation

\$644.93 paid in restitution to

for a \$1,000 fine, with credit for

home and by the time the case

Warnke pleaded guilty to the

incarceration. In addition, there

by mutual consent, pursu-

or up to one-year incarceration.

on a charge of third-degree

Jeremy J. Warnke, 49, of Nel-

when she presided from the

SALBER LAND CO., L.L.C. Martin V. Klein Klein Law Office, P.C. P.O. Box 166 Neligh, NE 68756-0166 (402)887-4190 PUBLISH: December 6, 13 & 20,

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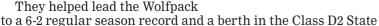
Blake

Six Wolfpack football players earn OWH honorable mention

Six members of the Wolfpack football team garnered postseason recognition from the Omaha

World-Herald Sunday. The newspaper announced their all-state teams.

Receiving honorable mention for their play on the gridiron this fall were seniors Blake Henn, Dylon Lueking, Nick Anderson, Sam Hemenway, junior Taylor Beckman and sophomore Jarek They helped lead the Wolfpack





Beckman



Jarek Erickson

amended charge. Smith explained the incident that took place at Hanson's home, stemming from a disagreement about a relationship between the two men's children. Smith said Warnke damaged the screen in a door to Hanson's

Justin Hanson.

went to court the door had been replaced.

Taylor fined Warnke a total of \$1,000, with \$644.93 of the fine to be paid, through the court, to Hanson. Warnke was assessed \$50 costs.

Warnke was represented by Ashley D. Boettcher of O'Neill. Denis F. Kerkman, 90, of Tilden appeared for further arraignment on a charge of violating a protection order, a Class 1 misdemeanor alleged Oct. 13. Kerkman pleaded not guilty and requested jury trial. Taylor set pretrial hearing for Jan. 17. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$20,000, 10% cash, with an order for no contact, neither direct nor indirect, with victim. Kerkman is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

James A. Brady, 68, of Neligh appeared, without counsel, for arraignment on a Class 1 misdemeanor, third-degree assault, alleged Nov. 25 in Neligh. If convicted, Brady faces up to a 1,000 fine and/or up to one year in jail. Brady requested continuance to allow time to retain an attorney. Taylor continued arraignment to Jan. 3. Bond

is continued, in the amount of \$4,000, 10%. Taylor amended bond conditions to include orders for no consumption of alcohol or controlled substances and an order submit for testing. She deleted a condition for not leaving the state.

Damage to screen door costs Neligh man \$1,000

Rowdy L. Burke, 52, of Elgin faced Taylor, without counsel, for arraignment on a Class 4 felony, driving during 15-year revocation, alleged Nov. 14 in Elgin. If convicted, Burke faces up to a \$10,000 fine and/or up to two years' incarceration, along with further revocation of his driver's license.

Burke requested a continuance to discuss the case with an attorney. Taylor set preliminary hearing Jan. 3. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$10,000,

Newell Douglas, 53, of Petersburg appeared for arraignment on three Class 4 felony counts of issuing insufficient-fund/no-account checks, second offense. Checks were allegedly written to Elgin One Stop on May 30, June 3 and June 11, for a total of \$531.37. Douglas has a prior conviction, in 2022, in Boone County, making the charges

felonies. If convicted, Douglas faces up to a \$10,000 fine and/ or up to two years imprisonment on each count, along with restitution.

Douglas requested continuance to consult an attorney. Taylor set preliminary hearing Jan. 3. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$10,000, 10%

Thomas R. Miller, 54, of Petersburg appeared for arraignment on a Class 2 misdemeanor, second-degree forgery, alleged Oct. 11, when he is accused of passing a counterfeit \$100 bill at Elgin One Stop. If convicted, Miller faces up to a \$1,000 fine and/or up to six months in jail, along with restitution.

After some debate, Miller waived his right to counsel and

pleaded not guilty. "I've got to figure it out yet," he said. "I don't know what I want to do... so much going on in my life."

Taylor set pretrial conference Jan. 3.

Tyler S. Zawacky, 30, of Elgin faced Taylor on three counts alleged Oct. 28, Count I, leave scene of property-damage

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as Lawrence-Nelson upset EPPJ in the opening round of the state

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NOTICE:

Mikon Wood Shop will be open I want to thank Elgin Rescue - Terthis Saturday, December 16 from ry, Maria & Julie - for their guick 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. 112 North 2nd Street, Elgin. 402-843-8186. 12c

CARD OF THANKS

A big "thank you" to all who sent cards to make my 80th birthday special. My heart is full. May you all have a joyous holiday season!

Kathy Koch

CARD OF THANKS

response to my call and also to Dr. Thoendel.

Jeanette Starman

Thank you for the phone calls, musical wishes, cards and prayers I received on my 90th birthday. Each act of kindness made the day more memorable.

Marlene Henn

Nuisance, unsafe building violation cases heard in county court

Three defendants, charged with Neligh city and Oakdale village ordinance violations had their day in county court last week.

Appearing in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor at the courthouse in Neligh on Dec. 6, Linda Mack of Elgin appeared for sentencing and an abatement order on an offense of maintaining a dangerous building on the west half of lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 197, in Neligh.

Prosecutor, Neligh city attorney James McNally indicated Mack had recently contacted the Neligh Volunteer Fire Department about burning the house as a training event. He suggested a minimal fine with no abatement order. If the property isn't cleaned up by spring, he will refile charges.

Mack said she had continued to work on the property and verified she had contacted an official with the fire department and had recently received a list of requirements she needs to complete before the department will consider the burn.

She was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$50 costs of prosecution.

Kipp V. Polston of Neligh appeared for arraignment on a charge he violated Neligh's nuisance ordinance, on his

property at 402 N Street. If convicted, Polston faces up to a \$500 fine along with abatement of the nuisance.

Polston testified that, as of three days prior to the hearing, the property had been "all cleaned up," but he had been evicted from units at a local storage facility. He said he had rented units at another facility and the items were all on a trailer hooked to his pickup on the property but the truck wouldn't start. He also claimed a blood clot in his leg hampered his effort.

"The stuff will be gone as soon as I can walk without straining," he said, seeming to be reluctant to enter a plea.

Taylor entered a not guilty plea on Polston's behalf.

"Mr. McNally, the citation is very vague," Taylor said. "Is he (Polston) on the right track – that it's what he says?

She set a trial date of Jan. 3 but Polston asked for a later date, saying he was set to begin a new job "around the holidays." Taylor delayed the trial to Jan 17, and told Polston to contact McNally if the nuisance is abated before then.

Shane Sleister of Oakdale appeared on an Oakdale nuisance violation, alleged in February. Special village assistant attorney, Joe Smith, had offered a deal after some abatement work was

Looking at the week that was.....

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

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

During his press conference, Ruhle was asked about signing a new quarterback via the **Dennis Morgan** 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

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

college career at another

institution.

Our long seasonal nightmare is over, well almost. Another December and

completed. Smith agreed

Sleister told the judge he

arm surgery.

to dismiss the charge after

Sleister paid \$50 court costs.

The costs had not been paid.

couldn't work due to having

Taylor set the case for trial

Jan. 3, telling Sleister the trial

Smith dismissed a littering

charge for another defendant,

Melissa Murberger of Neligh,

continued for two defendants:

arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor;

Kristopher Dorrie, 39, of

Albion, to Jan. 3 on a count of

third-degree assault, alleged

Two defendants chose to

Andrew D. Raduechel, 45,

(incorrect unit for the permit).

of Omaha was fined \$100 and

taxed \$49 costs for violating

deer-hunting regulations

He was cited Nov. 11, near

866 Road/520 Avenue, by a

Nebraska Game and Parks

officer noted warnings were

given for failure to cancel two

Warren J. Risinger, 75, of

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N.Y., or oranges in Miami. For me, to sit down

and watch teams with 6-6 records play at a nowhere bowl destination with is a two-connection flight away, just doesn't seem right. Yes, I'm one of the late end baby boomers who came along at just the right time.

The 1969 Sun Bowl was my 'awakening.' Watching Paul Rogers, Jeff Kinney, Van Brownson & Co. beat up on Georgia initiated a run of bowl games unequalled in modern

Back then, and through

much of the 70s, 80s and 90s, Husker bowl games were usually played on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Senior standouts wrapped up their careers in bowl games, more often than not there was a national championship to claim if the games went right. Now the mood is why play and risk an NFL career due to an injury in a meaningless game.

Anyway, that's nostalgia.

Nebraska hasn't played in a meaningful bowl game since Rex Burkhead was in the backfield. We backed into a bowl game in 2015 when there weren't enough eligible teams. With a 5-7 record, we went to California and defeated UCLA and their sure-to-be NFL quarterback John Rosen. A first round draft pick, he was out of the league in three years never to be heard from again. The last bowl game? One year later, in 2016, we went to the Music City Bowl and lost to Tennessee 38 to 24.

Maybe next year, Year#2 of the Matt Ruhle reign. I sure ****

To wrap things up. Those

at Saturday's Wausa game saw history made. Those who weren't there, missed out.

Early in the fourth quarter, Keyera Eisenhauer pulled up from behind the threepoint arc and launched a shot that swished through the net to score her 1,000th career point for the Wolfpack. She's the seventh player to have eclipsed the milestone as a Wolfpack player.

She then swished another trey and finished the game with 20 points.

Arguably the Wolfpack's best-ever three-point shooter, she's gotten there by spending many hours in the gym shooting and shooting and shooting some more.

What's even more impressive is that she's done it while playing with a bad knee.

A week earlier, Ashlynne Charf eclipsed the 1,000 point mark. It's rare to have teammates do that in the same season, even more so three games apart.

Fans, if you're not there watching and cheering, you're missing out on something special this season.

With today's Forage Focus, I'm Nebraska Extension's Ben Beckman.

Examine road hay carefully

With continued dry weather this summer, hay stores may not have recovered from a poor year in 2022. With these thoughts in mind, maybe you harvested hay from the roadside or purchased "ditch hay" and will be feeding it soon. Emergency hay supplies like this can be a much-needed forage source, however there are several

in mind as you feed. Did you walk the road ditch and pick up

things for you to

think about and keep

trash before you hayed it? Even if you did walk the road ditch, watch carefully as you feed and pick up any trash that may cause problems. This is especially true if the hay was purchased and you can't be certain how through trash collection before harvest was.

Metal parts, plastic, glass shards, and all other kinds of trash could have ended up in the hay. Ingested metal or plastic objects can cause hardware disease in cattle, and debris can cause issues with feeding/ranch equipment or cause lameness in animals, so it's important to be extra vigilant as you feed that



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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman if any of the plants

be tempting to grind it before feeding. This can break up trash into smaller pieces and spread it throughout the hay, limiting animals' ability to sort, not to mention the damage that can occur to the grinder itself.

We'll talk about

quality later, but if

low quality, it may

your roadside hay is

What are the plants that are growing in the ditch? Did you observe

are annuals or mostly perennials? Are the grasses cool-season, warm-season, or a mix? When did you harvest the hay? Depending on the type of grasses and timing of haying, this will affect the quality of the hay. Forage quality declines as plants mature. Cool-season grasses like smooth bromegrass mature in June and warm-season grasses like big bluestem mature in August

Are the forbs in the hay common forbs that you have in your pastures? Are there any noxious weeds? Seeds from these plants may spread where the hay is fed, so a good question to ask is, "Are the plants present those that you would want growing next spring where you fed this winter?

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and the manure from the cattle that eat the hay. Consider carefully where you feed this hay, knowing you may have some possible herbicide effects to deal What is the nutrient quality of the hay? Taking a sample of the hay

herbicides may have carryover

and remain active in the hay

and having it analyzed is the only way to know its quality. Once you know the nutrient quality, you can formulate rations, along with any needed supplement(s), to meet the nutrient requirements of the cows you are feeding. Road hay often includes part of the ditch that hasn't been annually harvested, so previous years growth will be mixed in with the new growth this year. Even if harvested at optimum times for quality, this can impact overall hay quality significantly.

Road ditch hay can provide needed forage. With a few precautions and a forage analysis, it can help you meet your cow's nutrient requirements this

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Pirates hold off EPPJ

ELGIN — In an early season battle of unbeaten teams, Plainview held off the Wolfpack in the fourth quarter to win 58 to 50. Trailing 45 to 44 with just under four minutes left in the game, the Pirates (3-0) took control of the game. First, they put together a five-point run to take a 50 to 45 lead behind points from Kohen Lingenfelter, Spencer Hille and Harrison Thor.

After a basket by Blake Henn stopped the streak, the Pirates used a three-point play from Jason King and free throws from Lingenfelter to go up by eight points with 39 seconds left on the clock. The Wolfpack cut the margin to five points when Karson Kallhoff drained a two-pointer and Myles Kittelson added a free throw. Forced to foul in an attempt to get the ball back, Plainview closed out the game on free throws as Lingenfelter added two and Brendan Weber made one in the game's final moments.

The Wolfpack used the threepoint shot to build a lead in the first half. Senior Myles Kittelson connected on two treys, Dylon Lueking and Kallhoff each had one trey. For the game,

EPPJ rolls past Warriors 52 to 30

NELIGH — Up by one point to start the second quarter, EPPJ's offense turned it on and pulled away to defeat Neligh-Oakdale 52 to 30 in girls basketball action on December 5.

Over the second and third quarters, the Wolfpack outscored the Lady Warriors 41 to 13 to seize control of the game.

Lighting up the scoreboard was junior Kate Furstenau. At the start of the third quarter she drained two treys as part of a 11 to 0 run.

The Wolfpack used the threepoint shot control the game. While Furstenau finished with three treys, senior Keyera Eisenhauer found the mark with back-to-back treys in the fourth quarter. Also making three-point baskets in the game were reserves Braelyn Martinsen, Callie Heithoff and Mady Kurpgeweit.

The Wolfpack's defense limited Neligh-Oakdale to just 16 points through three quarters. EPPJ forced the Lady Warriors into 37 turnovers. Ashlynne Charf had five steals to go along with 10 points.

The win boosted EPPJ's record to 3-0.

Leading Neligh-Oakdale in points were Jayce Gadeken with eight, Daniela Parra had seven EPPJ 52, Neligh-Oakdale 30

Wolfpack......8 21 11 12 - 52 Wolfpack - Kayton Zwingman 0-3 0-0 0, Elise Ruterbories 0-1 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Ashlynne Charf 4-7 2-4 10. Braellyn Martinsen 3-5 0-0 7, Callie Heithoff 1-7 0-0 3, Brenna Martinsen 1-3 0-0 2, Kate Furstenau 5-13 3-4 16, Keyera Eisenhauer 4-12 1-1 11, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 1-7 1-2 3, Sara Bode 0-3 0-0 0. Team totals: 19-63 7-11 52. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 7-28 (Kate Furstenau 3, Keyera Eisenhauer 2, Braelyn Martinsen 1, Callie Heithoff 1). Warriors' team totals - 12-35 5-10 30. Three-point shots — Warriors 1-8.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 29 (Brenna Martinsen 5), Warriors 28. Assists - Wolfpack 15 (Keyera Eisenhauer 6), Warriors 5. Steals - Wolfpack 20 (Ashlynne Charf 5), Warriors 12. Turnovers -Wolfpack 17, Warriors 37.



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Junior Kate Furstenau had her best night of the season, scoring 15 points against the Lady Warriors.

EPPJ (now 3-1) was led in scoring by Henn and Kittelson each with 13 points. Dylon Lueking pulled down 14 rebounds.

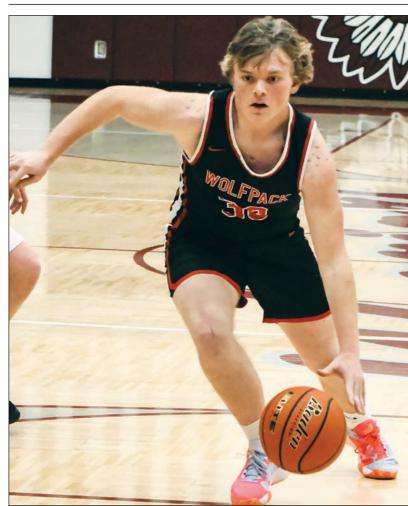
EPPJ 50, Plainview 58 Pirates.....13 10 12 23 — 58 Wolfpack......11 14 11 14 - 50 Blake Henn 4-9 5-9 13, Kellan Hoefer 0-1 0-0 0, Gage Thiessen 0-4 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 4-13 2-2 11, Myles Kittelson 3-11 4-7 13, Nick Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 2-3 0-0 5, Dylan Kolm 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon Lueking 2-10 3-6 8. Team totals: 15-51 14-24 50. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 6-25 (Karson Kallhoff, Myles Kittelson 3. Jarek Erickson. Dvlon Lueking). Plainview team totals: 22-53 9-17 58. Three-point shots — Plainview 5-14.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 33 (Dylon Lueking 14), Plainview 26. Assists — Wolfpack 9 (Karson Kallhoff 3), Plainview NA. Steals - Wolfpack 5 (Dylon Lueking 4), Plainview NA. Turnovers - Wolfpack 11, Plainview 8.



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Myles Kittelson battles Pirate Kohen Lingenfelter for a rebound. Kittelson scored 13 points against Plainview.



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Dylan Kolm drives the lane for two of his six points against the Warriors.

Eleven EPPJ players score in win over Warriors

NELIGH — Taking care of business.

That's exactly what the Wolfpack boys varsity did last week, defeating Neligh-Oakdale

EPPJ took the fight out of the Warriors early in the first quarter. They started the game with a 17 to 0 run. Sophomore Jarek Erickson scored the game's first four points, Nick Anderson came off the bench to add four more and teammates Dylon Lueking and Karson Kallhoff drained treys and Gage Thiessen added three points to account for the run.

The lead grew to 20 by the end of the first quarter and the game from there on was never in doubt.

Over the second and third quarters, EPPJ outscored their opponent 39 to 16. Only in the fourth quarter against the Wolfpack's reserves did the Warriors make a run. Corey Furstenau had a big quarter to finish as the game's leading scorer with 23 points (15 in the fourth quarter).

Elevan Wolfpack players found their way into the scoring column, led by Erickson. The

sophomore made five of nine field goal attempts and finished with 11 points. He was the only Wolfpack players to score in double figures.

for the team-high in rebounds with five apiece. Junior Kellan Hoefer dished out a team-high three assists. The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 3-0.

EPPJ 67, Neligh-Oakdale 35 Wolfpack......23 22 17 5 — 67 Warriors......3 11 5 16 — 35 Wolfpack - Blake Henn 3-3 0-0 6, Kellan Hoefer 3-5 0-0 7, Kaiden Bode 1-4 0-0 3, Gage Thiessen 4-9 1-2 9, Karson Kallhoff 2-2 0-0 5, Michael Selting 0-1 0-0 0, Myles Kittelson 4-6. 0-0 9, Nick Anderson 1-4 2-2 4, Jarek Erickson 5-9 1-1 11, Taylor Beckman 1-5 0-0 2, Steven Nelson 0-1 0-0 0, Dylan Kole 2-6 2-4 6, Dylon Lueking 2-4 0-0 5. Team totals: 28-59 6-9 67. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-13 (Kellan Hoefer, Kaiden Bode, Karson Kallhoff, Myles Kittelson, Dylon Lueking).

Team statistics: Rebounds - 31 (Nick Anderson 5, Jarek Erickson 5). Assists - Wolfpack 11 (Kellan Hoefer 3). Steals — Wolfpack 14 (Jarek Erickson 4). Turnovers — Wolfpack 14.

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Plea deal reached in domestic assault case

Kegan J. McAllister, 19, of Tilden faced the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on Dec. 6 for pretrial hearing on a Class 1 misdemeanor.

A plea agreement was announced. McAllister pleaded guilty, as charged, to a count of third-degree domestic assault committed July 6. In return, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith agreed to file no additional charges related to the incident and will make no recommendation at sentencing. Carney informed the judge that McAllister is set for sentencing in Madison County district court Feb. 23, with a presentence investigation report ordered there. Taylor set sentencing Feb. 7 and ordered a predisposition investigation. Ronald Murray faced Taylor for pretrial hearing. Antelope

County public defender Pat Carney said the case is close to resolution, the defendant's driver's license had been reinstated but he was still working on obtaining an SR22, a state form verifying he has the minimum amount of insurance.

Carney requested a second bond posted by his client in August after he was arrested for failure to appear, be refunded due to Murray being incarcerated in another county at the time. Taylor ordered the balance of that bond held by the county be refunded to Murray. She continued the hearing to Jan. 17. A \$1,500 personal recognizance bond, filed in April, is continued.

Murray was cited May 5, 2022, by an Antelope County deputy, in Oakdale, for three counts, no proof of financial responsibility, no registration and no operator's license.

Community Calendar

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.

Friday, December 15 Wolfpack Girls Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium at 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 16 Wolfpack Boys Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 17 Little Kids Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 20 Pope John/St. Boniface Elementary Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. @ St. Boniface Auditorium.

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BY Mike Schmitt Mayor

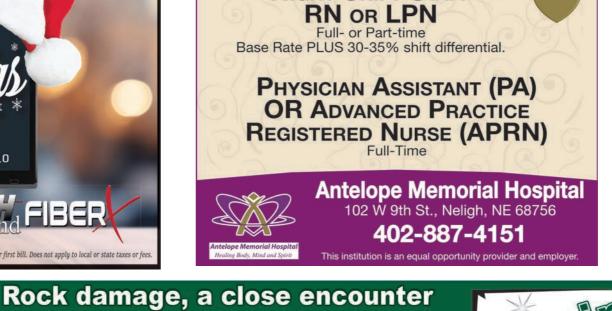
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accident and Count II, no proof of financial responsibility, both Class 2 misdemeanors, and Count III, fictitious plates, a Class 3 misdemeanor. Zawacky requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Carney and set further arraignment Jan. 3. If convicted, Zawacky faces fines of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail each, on counts I and II, as well as restitution and suspension of his driver's license; and up to a \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail on Count III. Taylor set further arraignment Jan. 3.





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Penny 'war' raises over \$1,800 for St. Jude's

The Elgin FFA declared a Penny War last week and invited elementary & JH students to join. FFA officer teams were paired up with a class and the war was on! At the end of the week, Baylee Busteed's FFA group and the 6th grade class came away with the most points. The winners will be treated to a pizza party! The best part of the week was that 100% of the money that all the students raised - \$1,827.49 - will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

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Regina Krebs is turning 50

Regina Krebs will be turning 50 on December 25th,

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