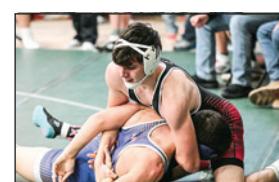




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EPPJ's Landyn Veik wins 'gold' at Twin Loup

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In Brief //

Boys, girls wrestlers here Friday & Saturday

At St. Boniface Auditorium.

ELGIN — The finest wrestlers in northeast Nebraska as well as outlying areas will be coming to Elgin this weekend. On Friday, December 19, beginning at 2 p.m. will be the EPPJ Girls Wrestling Tournament to be held at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Wolfpack wrestlers Libby Evans, Anna Dworak and Jayda Chessmore will be competing against wrestlers from Arcadia-Loup City, St. Paul, Summerland, Niobrara-Verdigre, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Sandhills-Thedford, Plainview/Osmond, TriCounty Northeast, Elkhorn Valley, Homer, Schuyler JV, Norfolk Catholic, Fullerton, Neligh-Oakdale, Twin River, Central Valley, Burwell, St. Mary's, Riverside, Creighton and Crofton/Bloomfield.

One day later, December 20, the Elgin Public-Pope John Boys Wrestling Tournament will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Schools scheduled to compete, in addition to the Wolfpack, are Archangels Catholic, Plainview, Pender, Summerland, Riverside, Arcadia/Loup City, Norfolk Catholic, St. Mary's, Palmer, Twin River, Sumner-Ed-dyville-Miller, Sandhills/Theford, Fullerton and Nebraska Christian.

Scheduled to compete for the Wolfpack are Landyn Veik, Grady Druke, John Zwingman and Ethan Hansen.

Funeral to be Thursday for Livy Ostransky

ELGIN — She touched the hearts of everyone who came to know her.

Six-month old Livy Ostransky went to Heaven Friday, following a long and courageous fight.

The daughter of Trent and Baylee Ostransky, her funeral will be held Thursday morning, December 18, at Grace Lutheran Church in Neligh. There will be no school at

Elgin Public that day to allow staff to attend the funeral.

One day earlier, on Wednesday evening, December 17, family will greet friends and family at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin.

Her short life won't soon be forgotten.

Wolfpack girls basketball coach Randy Eisenhauer was emotional Friday as he spoke of the child's impact on the team. Her father has been by Eisenhauer's side as assistant basketball coach for years now. The basketball team, Eisenhauer said, had grown close to Livy and have shown their affection by wearing Livy t-shirts over their jerseys during warmups.

"The girls have dedicated their season to Livy," Eisenhauer said. And what a season it has become. After five games the team was undefeated heading into Tuesday night's game at Elkhorn Valley (too late for press time).

Earlier this year, in October, a benefit was held at the Elgin KC Hall which featured both silent and live auctions with proceeds going to the Ostransky family. Turnout for the event was one of the largest in recent memory.

Livy's complete obituary can be found on Page Seven.

Photo: Livy Ostransky



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Sounds of the season at EPS

Brass instruments made the sounds of the Christmas holiday Monday night as Elgin Public Schools held their PreK-12 Christmas concert. Band students played, others sang songs fitting for the season as the gym was filled to near capacity by family and friends. See more photos on Page 10.

Pillen names Carney as new county court judge

Earlier this week, Governor Jim Pillen announced his appointment of Patrick P. Carney of Norfolk as county court judge in the Seventh Judicial District.

That district consists of Antelope, Cuming, Madison, Knox, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Wayne counties.

Carney founded Carney Law PC LLO in Norfolk where he handles a variety of legal issues including criminal matters, estate planning, real estate, business formation and family law.



Judge Patrick P. Carney

On a contractual basis, he also acts as a public defender in Antelope County.

Carney practiced at Balsiger & Carney from 1997 to 2006.

Carney continues to serve on the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy to which he was appointed in 2022, which provides legal services free of charge.

He has served in a variety of leadership positions for the Madison County Bar Association, including as its

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Public Notices //

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — The Bartlett Village Board

Ordinance #679 — Welding Transport, LLC

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Weather //

The high temperature last week was 46 degrees recorded on Tuesday, December 9.

The low temperature during the same period was -6 degrees recorded on Saturday, December 13.

Altogether, .07 of an inch of precipitation was recorded.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Dec 07	25	18	.02
Dec 08	46	20	.00
Dec 09	59	27	.00
Dec 10	37	24	.00
Dec 11	35	19	.00
Dec 12	27	07	.05
Dec 13	10	-6	.00
Total for last week			.07
Total for December			.07
Total precipitation 2025			25.90

Elgin's future growth rests in our hands

A group of Elgin residents, serious about improving our community for the future, met last week to share ideas and look at what could lay ahead for Elgin.

Organized by Traci Beckman, she quickly introduced guest facilitator Susan Norris.

Executive Director of Pierce County Economic Development, Norris proved to be a wealth of information for those in attendance for the question-and-answer session.

Key takeaways from the evening include:

• ECAP - Entrepreneurial Community Activation Process. Over the past several years, Norris has presented this program to EVERY community in Madison and Pierce counties. The program utilizes a broad community survey to learn "the good, the bad and the ugly" in terms of community needs. From there, town hall meetings (approx. 4), moderated by University of Nebraska representatives will do a deep dive on those results, form different groups and give clarity to plans of action.

In Plainview alone, this program ignited a tremendous amount of growth.

"The community of Plainview went through it first, six years ago", Norris told the group. "What happened in Plainview when I started working with them? They had 17 downtown vacant buildings, no new businesses in 10 years, no new housing in over 10 years, and the median age of the community was 48. We went through the ECAP process, and within five years, every single building downtown had been sold. We have now - five years out - 46 new businesses." According to Norris, Plainview received over \$7 million for the grants to make this happen. "We built new housing. We build rental homes, we've built town homes, we've built single family (homes). We've

accessed grant funding through the state. We've created revolving loan funds that the City manages. We've improved all of the parks. The school population has increased. They've hired new teachers, so everything's on track for Plainview."

After Plainview, the communities of Osmond, Pierce and Battle Creek began the ECAP process as well as Tilden and Clearwater more recently.

• Status of LB840 - Nebraska's Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act authorizes incorpo-

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Giving insights on how to better address Elgin's future was Susan Norris (right), executive director of Pierce County Economic Development. (Below) Just some of the attendees at Wednesday night's meeting.

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1 tsp onion powder

1 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp black pepper
Salt to taste

Melt butter and saute with the cornstarch until brown. Stir in the remaining ingredients.

Mix well, whisk until the mixture thickens for about 5-7 minutes. Can add flavor (beef) if it needs it.

Childlike innocence and wonder

Christmas is almost here! For some that thought evokes joy and excitement.

For others, though, the nearness of Christmas stirs up anxiety, fear, sadness and even dread.

I suspect there are many like me who have at least some mixed feelings about Christmas: those who are grieving the death of a loved one, who are lonely, who have strained family relationships or who feel overwhelmed this time of year.

Sometimes our circumstances cloud our vision and we can't see through it.

On the other hand, most children – both the young and the young at heart – see Christmas differently. They find joy, excitement and downright glee in Christmas.

It's an attitude to strive for, to pray for.

Admittedly, I'm among those who feel overwhelmed in the days leading up to Christmas. So much to do and not enough time. Sadly, prayer goes by the wayside.

Advice on avoiding Christmas busyness abounds: prioritize, make lists, set boundaries, simplify, schedule quiet time, delegate, take vitamins, exercise.

That's all good and has its place. But honestly, it's important to have the right vision, too. We need to see Christmas again through the eyes of a child.

It helps to be around kids to remember what that's like. I've been blessed in that way. Some of my favorite Christmas memories are examples of this child-

like innocence and wonder.

One occurred after I stayed up most of the night wrapping gifts and getting everything ready for Christmas.

That year we spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with the same group of relatives, who decided that we should let the children open some gifts at night, some the next day.

We discovered a problem, though. One child – my youngest one and the youngest person at the gathering – had no gifts to unwrap on Christmas Day. Apparently he unwrapped all his gifts the night before.

Having a preschooler watch everyone else unwrap gifts seemed wrong, so I talked with my sister and told her that I would sneak off to a Walgreens to buy some little gift for him. Wait, she said. She thought she could find something.

She went upstairs and came down with two gifts: a Charlie Brown Christmas tree (a packaged version of the pathetic tree from the cartoon) and a dog toy she had planned to give to her dogs.

Not the best gifts, we knew. But we thought he might not know the difference.

And he didn't! He loved them! He told us they were the best

Christmas presents ever.

Since that incident about 15 years ago, we've teased him about the gifts. He said he knew something was up when our dogs took an unusual interest in his stuffed animal. He ended up just letting them have it.

But in that moment, on Christmas, it was beautiful – and funny – to see a little child take such joy in gifts – any gifts.

It's a lesson for me to appreciate whatever I get, in any situation, and especially love it as a gift from God.

Another fun Christmas memory, which occurred a day or so after Christmas, happened when we bought a used van and took the kids on their first ride in it on the snowy streets of our neighborhood.

They laughed and shouted for glee when we drove over speed bumps, which provided an extra bounce in the back of the 12-passenger van.

As we were driving on the residential streets, we noticed a stuffed animal along the curb and picked it up. As we drove on, we spotted another. And another. We probably accumulated six to eight of the toys, which appeared to have been made for a claw machine.

We tried finding who the stuffed animals belonged to, but to no avail.

Our kids figured they must have dropped out of Santa's sleigh. A police dispatcher laughed at that notion when I reported our findings.

That incident provided another Christmas lesson you might find helpful: Go along for the ride, find joy even with the bumps along the way, and keep your eye out for a few unexpected gifts.

Merry Christmas! Rediscover your inner child!

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

December 16, 1965

Warm fall temperatures cooled Friday and Saturday and resulted in soupy fog Friday which turned to rain around five o'clock in the evening and night amounted to .35 according to records at the Bank of Elgin. A few flakes of snow fell here Monday and Tuesday.

Harold Rice, 57 prominent Neligh attorney for more than 30 years died in his sleep at his home Monday evening. His death was the result of a heart attack. Among survivors are his wife and two sons, Robert Harold II and Stanley Raymond.

Charles McKay was hospitalized for four days last week after becoming caught in a power takeoff on Tuesday of last week. He is ambulatory at this time with the aid of crutches after having suffered a severely bruised right leg and foot.

Five young Antelope county young men left by chartered bus Wednesday morning for Omaha and induction into the U.S. Army. Included from this county were: Marvin B. Meis of Elgin, Robert C. Holcomb of Neligh, Lawrence F. Poulsen of Plainview, Lewis E. Brown of Oakdale, and Raymond L. Schoenauer of Brunswick.

Santa Claus has scheduled his second appearance here for the benefit of children of this area on Saturday, Dec. 18. Santa will be brought into town on the fire truck which he will have loaded with candy-filled stockings.

Fifty Years Ago

December 11, 1975

Elgin opened its season with the tough Cardinals of Clearwater. The first quarter ended at 8-6 in favor of Elgin. The second quarter found Clearwater leading 17-15. The third quarter saw Clearwater outscore Elgin by seven points and the Eagles could not make up the nine point difference.

John Joseph Beck, son of John J. and Josephine Rotter Beck, was born March 2, 1908, at Pierce, and died unexpectedly while hunting in a pasture west of Elgin, Dec. 4, 1975, at the age of 67 years, nine months, and two days. Death was attributed to an apparent heart attack.

Thieves entered the Elgin Liquor Store sometime early Friday morning and stole several bottles of liquor, cigarettes, and food. Entry was made through a transom above the rear door. Taken during the break-in were around 15 bottles of liquor, seven cartons of cigarettes, and two jars of beef jerky.

Jerold D. Nolan, 20, Elkhorn Trailer Court, and Patricia Robinson, Route 3, were both reported in satisfactory condition in Norfolk hospitals following a two car collision at Norfolk Avenue and 18th Street about 1:45 a.m. Saturday in Norfolk, according to the Norfolk Daily News.

Thirty Years Ago

December 13, 1995

Elgin received a total of five inches of snow on Dec. 6 and 7, along with strong winds that blew drifts across roads on Friday, Dec. 8. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, recorded during the week by local weather observer Clarence Johns.

A new convenience store in Elgin, the Pronto Travel Plaza, could be open in January, 1996, according to the owners. The store has been under construction since last summer near the intersection of Highways 14 and 70 in Elgin. The target date for opening is Jan. 15, 1996.

By Reese Stuhr

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Tuesday, December 23: Sausage & cabbage soup, ham sandwich, cottage cheese, peaches, milk.

Wednesday, December 24: Closed.

Thursday, December 25: Under 60 is \$10.

Closed.

Friday, December 26: Closed.

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

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

Under 60 is \$10.

Wishing you a season of joy, laughter, and buffer-free streaming.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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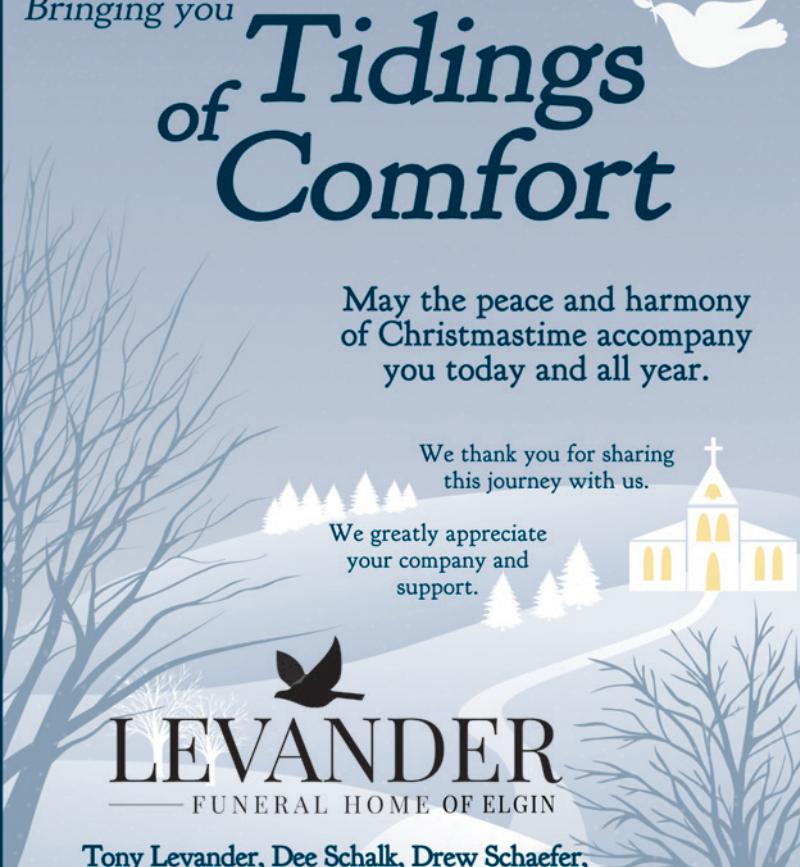


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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

Progress being made on trade

In contrast to the previous four years, trade has been at the forefront since January, and the pace has not slowed as we reach year-end. In recent weeks the administration has begun the mandatory six-year review of the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement, announced trade deals and frameworks with several Latin American and Asian partners, updated the Agreement on Trade and Agricultural Products with Israel, and inked a major agreement with People's Republic of China which eases tensions and resumes Chinese purchases of U.S. soybeans.

This week President Trump announced a \$12 billion temporary support package for U.S. agriculture, known as Farmer Bridge Assistance Payments. These one-time payments will serve as a temporary bridge for American producers in light of volatile market conditions due to weather, input prices, disease, and unfair practices from some trade partners. While supporting producers during this critical time is important, it is not a permanent solution. Nebraska farmers and ranchers want to sell their goods at home and abroad for a fair price. To this end, it is critical the administration continue opening new markets and ensuring fair treatment of American agriculture.

As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee's Subcommittee on Trade I have been just as busy, meeting with stakeholders, conducting oversight of trade negotiations, and working to move legislation which opens markets, supports producers, and ensures our global partners look to the United

States as a model for free and fair economic competition. As part of this effort, this week the full Ways and Means Committee approved several bills I co-led, including reauthorizing the African Growth and Opportunity (AGOA) and the Haiti Trade Preference Programs.

First authorized in 2000, AGOA provides favorable trade consideration for products from sub-Saharan Africa entering the United States, so long as participating nations meet high standards for political freedom, democracy, and fair treatment of American goods and services. This engagement increases economic stability in Africa, encourages supply chain cooperation, and while encourages our partners to look to the United States as a model for economic security and political freedom. When AGOA lapsed in September, thirteen participating nations were already suspended or partially suspended based on coups d'état, human rights abuses, or prohibiting certain U.S. exports, and I am hopeful the threat of suspension from a reauthorized AGOA can be a useful tool in addressing economic and human rights abuses in South Africa, in particular.

Like AGOA, the Haiti HOPE and HELP programs, which provide for tariff-free Haitian-made apparel, encourage for economic development while improving American security. By ensuring Haitian textile and apparel products easier access to U.S. markets, the programs support long-term economic growth and investment in Haiti, providing more reliable income for families there. When people have work, security, and opportunities at home, they are less likely to feel forced to migrate or seek refuge elsewhere. Strengthening Haiti's economy also helps communities recover from crises more quickly, undermines organized

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Trade war again pinches farmers, leading to \$12 billion bailout

Editor's note: Opinions expressed here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of The Elgin Review.

So much for cutting federal spending.

Just recently, President Trump announced a new \$12 billion payout to American farmers.

It's not a reward for great work – farmers produced another record crop this year.

No, it's a bailout for a failed tariff war with China, that largest customer for our agricultural crops.

President Trump loves tariffs, no doubt about that, despite the fact that when you place an additional tax on foreign goods, it gets passed on eventually to us at the cash register.

But his attempts to get China to buy more American goods, especially soybeans and corn, have backfired, now twice.

Back in 2019, during Trump's first term, he picked a trade fight with China. China responded by buying their soybeans elsewhere, like Brazil. It's a pattern that's continued.

Trump's response back then was to cover his mistake by a bailout to farmers. The payout totaled \$22 billion in 2019.

His latest trade deal with China requires that country to buy 12 million metric tons in the last couple months of this year. That brought some relief to our farmers, but it results in a 33 percent drop in soybean purchases this year by China compared to last year, before Trump's latest tariff war.

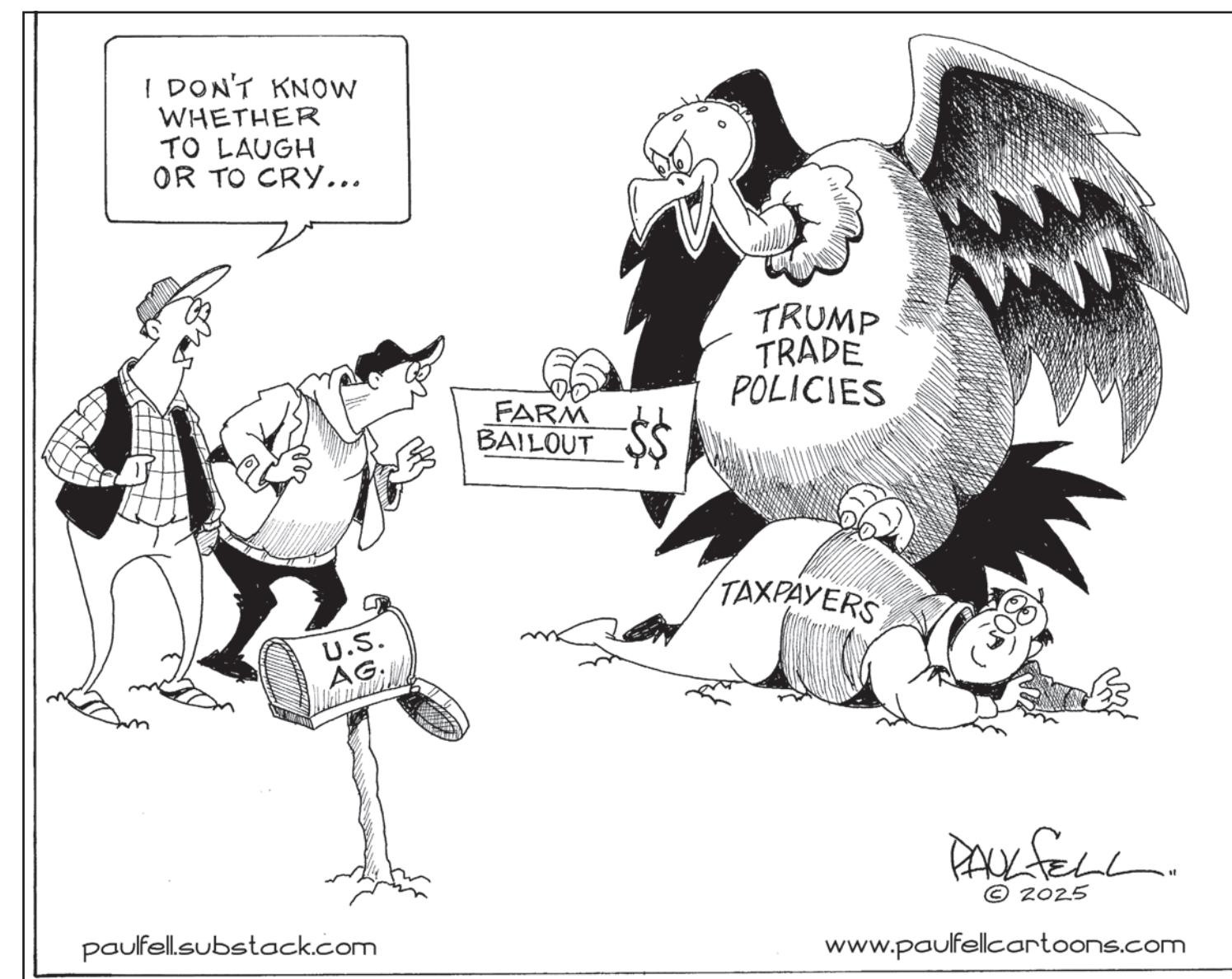
Some deal.

Going forward, the deal requires China to buy 25 million metric tons of soybeans a year, but that's still less (1.4 to 14.2 million metric tons a year less) than the Far East giant had purchased in each of the last five years, according to figures compiled by the University of Illinois.

That China is again buying our agricultural goods – they quit entirely earlier during the tariff war – is good news for Nebraska farmers. So is the \$12 billion bailout.



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Corn and soybean farmers, especially young farmers, are struggling with high input costs and low prices for their crops. So hopefully more money in their pockets will help them hang on until trade policies get rational again, and prices rebound. It should also help rural towns, because more money usually translates into more spending.

To be sure, Trump had to do something – rural Nebraska voters are the reason he won, overall, in the state. Losing their support, well, wouldn't be so great.

But writing extra checks to make farmers whole, as well as sending \$20 billion to Argentina (a competitor for soybean as well as beef exports), doesn't exactly square with the President's goal of cutting government

spending.

Remember DOGE, the Department of Government Efficiency? There's a lot of disagreement over how much money DOGE actually saved taxpayers. That now-defunct agency claimed it saved over \$200 billion – far short of the \$2 trillion in savings pledged by its chainsaw-wielding chief, Elon Musk – but other analyses have concluded that number is wildly inflated, by tens of billions of dollars.

So spending an extra \$32 billion doesn't exactly work to reduce spending by the feds. Even I can do that math.

If you ask farmers and farm groups, they'd rather see "trade" and not "aid." That means stabilizing trade with countries like China, and resuming

healthy purchases of American agricultural goods.

Picking a trade fight with them didn't work back in 2019, and didn't work again now.

Trump pledged to make American "great again," but let's face it, his tariff policies haven't exactly done that, particularly for our farmers.

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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.

Restoring meaningful peace through strength

This past week, I traveled to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for the annual Reagan National Defense Forum – one of the most important gatherings of national security leaders each year. The event brings together Members of Congress, military commanders, defense experts, and technology innovators to take a hard look at the threats facing our country and how we can keep Americans safe. While these conversations may

take place more than 1,000 miles from Nebraska, the issues we discuss directly affect families here at home. Our state has a proud tradition of military service, and Offutt Air Force Base remains home to U.S. Strategic Command and the 55th Wing. When we talk about defending the homeland, Nebraskans are on the front lines of that mission.

At the forum, I spoke on a panel focused on one of the most urgent

challenges we face: strengthening America's space and missile defense systems. China and Russia are developing weapons capable of reaching the United States, and their arsenals grow more advanced each year. The days when the homeland was safely out of reach are long behind us.

The Reagan Institute recently released new polling that shows the majority of Americans understand this reality. Sixty-eight percent of people surveyed said they support major new investments in the Golden Dome project, a next-generation missile defense system designed to protect the entire U.S. homeland from long-range threats. Only 26 percent opposed.

Golden Dome is a major step forward. The goal is simple: if something is headed toward the United States, we should be able to detect it, track it, and stop it. But building that capability requires more than interceptors. We also need better radar, better sensors, and systems that communicate seamlessly. You can't defend against what you can't see.

Last year, Congress began laying the foundation for this effort by passing provisions from my bipartisan Restoring American Deterrence Act. That law requires the U.S. Department of Defense to identify what a true nation-

al missile defense system would look like, specifically what it would cost, how long it would take, and what kind of workforce it would require. What we've needed most, frankly, is a sense of urgency. The Golden Dome project finally puts that urgency front and center.

Missile defense will never replace our nuclear deterrent. Our nuclear triad remains the cornerstone of our national defense. But missile defense strengthens deterrence by giving America more options. We saw this earlier this year when Iran launched hundreds of drones and missiles at Israel. Because Israel and the United States intercepted nearly all of them, their leaders had the time and space to consider how to respond. Defense doesn't just save lives; it prevents a crisis from spiraling out of control.

With Golden Dome, our goal is to

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks the second installment of a new series tied to our nation's 250th birthday in July 2026.

As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country's history.

It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

John Hart

1711-1779

"John Hart of New Jersey was already 65 years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

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Christmas program at Bartlett Church of Faith

The Bartlett Church of Faith held their Sunday School Program Sunday December 14 in place of the regular service. (Below) The Sunday School children sang a number of Christmas pieces. (Above, l-r): Reese Smith, Ben, Paige Schlenger, Hadley Pokorny, Casey Freouf, Jerrin Klee, Coy Thurnburg and Braelynn Schlenger. In front Parker Freouf carrying Hayes Pokorny and (hidden from view) Haley Borwege. The Bartlett Church of Faith High School Youth Group gave their rendition of the 12 days of Christmas at the Christmas Sunday School Program Sunday, December 14. Hayes is the partridge in a pear tree.



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Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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Shooters, dribblers earn awards

The annual Wolfpack Dribble and Shot clubs award winners were handed out Friday night.

The goal of the program is to encourage youth to get outside and be active during the summer while improving their basketball and life skills.

At the end of last school year, students now in kindergarten through eighth grade were sent home with logs to participate in the Wolfpack Dribble Club.

The summer goal was to dribble for 10 minutes, three times per week.

Recognized for participating in the club were: Tess Spieker, Leo Spieker, Boyd Spieker, Reid Kiely, Chloe Kiely, Judd Schindler, Mark Schindler, Jamie Eischeid, Kinley Selting, Hayley Selting and Lillian Whitney.

Students participating in the shot club are now in third through 8th grade. They were encouraged to participate at any level.

Once they reached 3,000 shots made, they earned a t-shirt. Between these 16 students, 94,114 made shots were logged, which is 20,000 more than last year.

Earning recognition were Mason Vanis, Hayley Selting, Tayson Bottorf and Caysen Bottorf.

3,000 Shot Club — Ellie Vanis, Brooke Borer, Max Borer and Boyd Spieker

5,000 Shot Club — Leo Spieker, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Kinley Selting and Emery Borer

7,500 Shot Club — Reid Kiely and Harmon Borer

10,000 Shot Club — Mark Schindler, Judd Schindler, Chloe Kiely and Aubrey Starman

Sponsors of the clubs this year were Dean's Market, Doggie Digz, Cordell's ATV Repair and the Bank of Elgin.

Fischer

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give America that same advantage. I want the Pentagon to deliver meaningful progress within the next three years, and Congress is prepared to provide resources and oversight needed.



Local youth who participated in dribbling exercises.



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Local youth who were recognized for being in the shot club.

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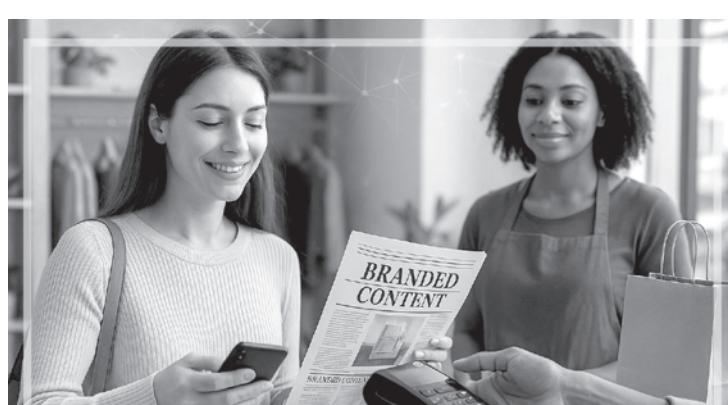


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Martha C. Beelart, 86

March 19, 1939 - December 9, 2025



She was a lifelong member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. She lived her faith through simplicity, steadiness and service.

Martha C. Beelart, 86, of Elgin, NE passed away Tuesday,

December 9, 2025, at Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., Monday, December 15, 2025, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating.

Interment followed at the parish cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Monday.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Martha Christina Beelart, daughter of Michael Alfred and Helen Marie (Winneppenninkx) Beelart, was born on March 19, 1939, in Elgin, NE. She attended St. Boniface School through the eighth grade and lived her entire life in the home where she was raised.

Martha worked in many

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local businesses over the years, including cleaning homes, medical offices, hardware stores, and other workplaces. She cleaned for Laura Kluthe for more than forty years and forty-five years at the Elevator Office and Hardware Store.

A lifelong member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Martha lived her faith through simplicity, steadiness, and service. She found joy in the things she could create with her hands: gardening, crocheting, knitting, sewing and she treasured the peaceful hours she spent reading.

She is survived by her two sisters: Frances and Mary Delores Beelart of Elgin, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will remember her gentle presence and unwavering kindness.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers: Leo, Joe, Albert, Alfred "Bud", and Leonard "Butch"; and two sisters: Rose Marie Sabin and Joan Van Ostrand.

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Independence

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of the Peace, and militia leader for the Crown. He and his wife of 35 years had thirteen children, twelve of whom survived beyond childhood.

Hart was therefore known throughout western New Jersey for his competence in farming and in civic affairs.

He was known for his generosity in donating land to a group of Baptists to build a meetinghouse.

Hart was a Presbyterian.

By the time, then, of the Second Continental Congress, Hart had enjoyed prosperity, comfort and responsibility.

Unfortunately, the Revolution would take much of this away.

Shortly after signing the Declaration, Hart was elected to the New Jersey Assembly and chosen as its Speaker, so great was that body's respect for him.

But even as he left Philadelphia to assume his new responsibilities in Princeton, the seat of the legislature, his farm and his livestock were being destroyed by Hessian mercenaries who had invaded from the north in advance of British regulars.



Caroline Epp

OBITUARIES

Livy Jo Ostransky, 6 months

June 12, 2025 - December 12, 2025



With her bright, sparkly blue eyes and her little tuft of hair, Livy was so loved by everyone.

Livy Jo

Ostransky,

six-month-

old daughter

of Trent and

Baylee (Wemhoff) Ostransky of

Elgin, Nebraska, was welcomed

into the arms of her Heavenly

Father on Friday, December 12,

2025, following her courageous

battle here on earth.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 2025 at Grace Lutheran Church in Neligh, NE with Rev. Brian Bucklew officiating. Burial will follow at West Cedar Valley Cemetery in Elgin.

Visitation will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin, from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday (today).

In honor of Livy, for those attending the funeral, please consider wearing your Livy Jo's Sunshine Squad shirt, or the colors blue and yellow, or red to represent Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) awareness.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, with funds to be designated at a future date toward a memorial to honor Livy.

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

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin has been entrusted with arrangements.

Livy Jo Ostransky was born on Thursday, June 12, 2025 to Trent and Baylee (Wemhoff) Ostransky at Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha, NE. Livy was born with Down Syndrome, a congenital heart defect, as well as Hirschsprung's Disease. Despite all of this, Livy was a fighter.

With her bright, sparkly blue eyes and her little tuft of hair, she quickly became a favorite during her time in the NICU. She also was known for her little side eye glances.

After spending 30 days in the NICU, we were finally able to bring Livy home. She was welcomed with open arms by her big brother Calvin and her puppy Scarlet. While at home, Livy enjoyed watching her big brother play and cause a ruckus, getting all the snuggles and

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The name of the limited liability company: Welding Transport, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 504 Wirges Street, 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.

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Letters to Santa

The following letters were submitted by elementary students at Pope John Central Catholic and Elgin Public schools.

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Dear Santa,
I am 4. I have been nice. I want a car.
Casey Vanis

Dear Santa,
My name is Jack. I am 4. I have been nice. I want a remote control grippy car. I had one but it got broken but I want another one because it was so cool. My sister is gonna have a drone and I'm gonna have a car ramp.
Jack Schindler

Dear Santa,
My name is Adalie. I am 4 years old but I'm 5. I have been good. I want make up, Barbie dollhouse, and a dress just like Maisys. I want a flying remote controller
Adalie Vanis

Dear Santa,
My name is Baelor. I am 4. I've been nice. I want makeup. Also I want dollies. Also I want a toy reindeer that you squish with.
Baelor Schindler

Dear Santa,
My name is William Lane Thomas. That's my actual name but my mom calls me William. I am 5. I've been nice. I want a remote control pipe with 3 fins and a remote control tractor and a Hot Wheels set. Mom said only 3 things.
William Thomas

Dear Santa,
My name is Penelope. I am 4. I've been nice. I want toy cookies.
Penelope Whitney

Dear Santa,
My name is Maisy. I am 4. I was nice. I want a baby set, costumes, and a baby high chair.
Maisy Beckman

Dear Santa,
My name is Ridge. I am 4 years old. I've been nice. I want a speedy cart that goes around, around and around.
Ridge Anderson

Dear Santa,
My name is Cohen. I am 4. I've been nice. Please bring me a flying drone, a remote control excavator and a remote control lizard.
Cohen Vanis

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt. This year I have been nice. I want a train, monster truck and a shark.
Wyatt Engle

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison. I am 4. I've been nice. I want a car seat for my bike for beary. I want glow sticks that glow in the dark on my night stand.
Madison Mitchell

Dear Santa,
My name is Ember Jean. I am 3. I've been nice. I want a lot of presents, like toy presents.
Ember Jean Erickson

Dear Santa,
My name is Emmie. I am 3. I've been nice. I want a cat toy and dog toy.
Emmie Haddix

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander. I am 4. I've been nice. I want Santa toys. I want a Spidey thing so it can be like a Hulk Smash thing. I want 4 Hulks and 4 Spideys.
Xander Lopez

Dear Santa,
My name is Tate. I am 3. I've been nice. I want crayons. I want a monster machine like Paxton has.
Tate Henn

Dear Santa,
My name is Beau. I am 4 now. I want a John Deere combine that says John Deere and I want an auger on it. I want some art crafts.
Beau Schindler

Dear Santa,
My name is Stella. I am 3. I've been nice. I want slime and a blankie. I want a jacket.
Stella Fischer



Dear Santa,
My name is Sloane. I am 4. I've been nice. I want a Pocahontas dress, Belle dress, Ana dress and shoes, and an Elsa dress and shoes. I want earrings. I want Rapunzel too. Rapunzel is my favorite movie.
Sloane Heithoff

Dear Santa,
My name is Leighton. I am 3. I've been nice. I want Batman, Captain America, Spiderman and an Alligator.
Leighton Ferry

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava. I am 3. I've been nice. I want a sled, a Christmas tree and a bow.
Ava Anderson

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like an electric robot. I need new snow boots. My Grandma would like a new TV.
Davante Ertz

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like my own diary. I need a winter coat. My Dad would like a Spiderman game.
Jasmine Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Rumi doll. I need new running shoes. My Dad would like a winter coat.
Quynn Luscomb

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a football helmet. I need new snow gear. My Ridge would like a hot wheels track.
Rhyson Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a big Barbie doll house. I need snow gear. My Mom would like a phone.
Raygen Brady

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a RC car. I need snow gear. My Deen would like a PS 5.
Bowden Zawacky

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a unicorn. I need snow boots. My brother would like Spiderman.
Aspen Dozler

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie Dream House. I need pants. My brother would like a Captain America figure.
Jaxxon Ferry

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Aspen Dozler

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie Dream House. I need pants. My brother would like a race track.
Ren Kinney

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a hoverboard. I need a water bottle. My Mom would like a real elf.
Sutton Childers

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like an alligator. I need a hat. My Paxton would like triceratops.
Tatum Childers

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a mosasaurus rescue dino. I need gloves. My Leighton would like a Captain America figure.
Jaxxon Ferry

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
I want an elf on the shelf and a eletric bike and a synde rondo verse and a grinch shirt and a grinn gibbs lion gerse and a detroit lions gloves and a eletric scooter and a synde NFL football and a 8 year old scooter and a real phone and a desk for my room and a circle water bottle and a golden bike for a 8 year old with no pedles and a PS5 and the game will be fornite and a new pencils and a nuf gun and a fornite blanket and a santa stuff animal and a santa blancklet and some chapter books and it should all de Aj books.
-Easton

Dear Santa,
I would like a rug for my room. A hover bord. A kids kindle. A poloride camra. Some Taylor Swift boots. A volly ball and net. A Grinch stuffy and Max stuffy. A Nebraska pusle with a volly ball player. A cook book. Some pencils and pens. A bingo stuffy that is small. A marker bord with markers. A drum set.
-Robin

Dear Santa,
I wood like a cun putr.
I wood like a cross.
I wood like a smol tree.
I wood like a desk.
Santa I wood like a Elf.
I wood like markrs.
I wood like a cakalatr.
I wood like a Bluey Irning clt with the ABC in crsiv.
-Cristopher

Dear Santa,
Thank you for our class room elf G. Junior he has been realy realy fun in our class we all love Junior. Thank you for my elfs Elvis and Hank. Santa Claus for Christmas I would like a big toy monkey please and thank you. I have one questin do you ever get cold when you deliver presents? Santa Claus do you have night visione? I am so excited for you to come to my house and put presents under my tree. I realy love Christmas Santa Claus.
-Hadley

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is two miny brands and can you get me a basetbal hoop and can you make sure you may safe piper because she is freezing and I feel bad for her.
-Emma

Dear Santa,
I how, you Santa will give me a mamtnin bike. And 10 doge balls. And
-Oliver

Dear Santa,
I want a elf on a shelf and a minie frij. I want to have my mom and dad have a perresin to. I want a barbey to. I wan a minie uvin to. And I hope you have a good Christma. I want a small baskitboll. And a claye maker.
-Hadley

Dear Santa,
I wont a lechrit drt dik. I wont a lechrik dik.
-Deen

Dear Santa,
I want a Eagls swet shert. Haw meny elfs do you have can you macke sparkls do sunsing crazy.
-Callan

Dear Santa,
I have been mosle good this year. Can I please have a barbe horse and some barbes to please for Christmas. Can I please have a mordol set and can I have a elf please a girl elf I haven't got we never can I have pupol slime please and some barbes.
-Marie

Dear Santa,
Makup robot poly pocket dolls doll cloys doll stuf like a real baby has. Toys nuget couches. Books. every buty to get what they want for Christmas. Elf at my dads wath big dolls TRIGLE dress up stuff gams. gimgngsteckbar chees mat Do you ever diver coul to the notty kids. Gient stufet animals kichen set duck cook book. Facke food cirkul water botel pool at my moms chalk marers. Grinch trap marke bord facke classroom a wig. Grich stuf tent cats irn beads markers clous plants stuf to coo with facke food teacher stuf. rooler stick stan glass windo big big box of markers confy snow mishin phone charge for mom.
-Lennon

THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and the elves this year? What is your favorite kind of cookie? Do you know my elf Snowy? Has Snowy been good at the North Pole? This year I guess I have been pretty good. So I want squish mallow. I also want squish mallow slippers, fidgets, make-it-minis, and some mini brands.
Love, Ainsley Beckman

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? How many elves do you have? How are your reindeer? I want Mario playests this year. I want baby Yoda legos. I want Grinch Legos and Grinch puzzles. I want two baby Yoda plushies one for me and one for my sister Jasmine.
Love, Lorenzo Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus, and your elves doing? Are your elves busy with Christmas? For Christmas I want a hover board with speaker underneath. For Christmas my brother Evin wants a hover board with a speaker underneath also. Logann would like a new cooking set.
Love, Brycen Pelster

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite food? What are your favorite cookies? I've been pretty good. I woald like a long neck dinosaur and a T-Rex.
Love, Micah Suhr

Dear Santa,
Are your elves doing a good job wrapping toys? I have been pretty good this year. How are your reindeer? How was your year? I want an electric bike and a new train set.
Love, Paul Thomas

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? How many elves do you have? Do you celebrate Christmas too? I don't know if I have been good this year or not, I have been both. This year I want a crystal necklace, a coloring book, and a little marker board. And I'll take one more thing picked by Mrs. Claus. I hope you deliver children's gifts safely. Have a good Christmas. I love my elves. Thank you!
Love, Riley Tuttle

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? How is Mrs. Claus doing? When is your birthday? I have been good this year. I would like a Nintendo Switch, a baby with a stroller and a high chair. Thank you!
Love, Lillian Whitney

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are the elves working hard? I am looking forward to this Christmas. My shepherd and camel have caused mischif. I am looking forward to getting a Bluey airport or Bluey 3 in 1, please.
Sincerely, Ryleigh Makenna Young

Letters to Santa

PRE-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Evelyn and I am 4 years old. I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a bay doll named Sugar. Thank you for all that you do.

-Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus and Rudolf doing? Your reindeer can eat some hay while you're here. I'm a little bit naughty and nice. I would like a Dallas Cowboys jersey please. Merry Christmas!

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-Love, Kasen Funk

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-Love, Alyssa Haselhorst

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-Klayton Schindler

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-Mick Schindler

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Dear Santa,
My name is Zekkious. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This Christmas I would love to get Robux boots and a 3D printer. I also have a question for you. What is your favorite cookie, and how do your reindeer fly? Say hi to Rudolph, Buddy the elf, and Chippy!

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER 11 MTG. ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska December 9th, 2025

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the December 2nd, 2025 BOC meeting.

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: MELVIN AHLERS ps 24.00; AMAZON ex 105.59; AMERITAS ins 22,777.10; AMY PICKREL ex 20.00; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 234.00; APPEARA ex 80.50; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,269.90; FIRSTNET ut 643.48; BEAR GRAPHICS ex 572.17; BECKY KERKMAN ex 20.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 824.97; BCBS ins 80,378.87; BOMGAARS ex 92.92; BRITE ex 5,760.00; MARY BROWN ex 100.00; ARDITH CARR ps 108.00; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,070.15; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLEARLY ut 159.42; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 72.00; COLDTYPE PUB ex 922.63; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40; CUBBYS ex 885.29; D&L TIRE ex 81.15; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,214.60; DUSTYS ex 793.88; EAKES OFFICE SOL ex 38.49; JAMES EGLEY ex 100.00; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 127.75; ELGIN REVIEW ex 132.31; ELITE COURT REPORTING SVC ex 444.35; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 278.72; FED W/H tax 13,735.09; FIRST CONCORD ins 3,079.96; FLOOR MAINTENANCE ex 359.08; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 309.71; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; MAX HIETER ps 36.00; INTL ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS ex 255.00; JACKS UNIFORMS ex 289.78; JAMIE SCHRADER ex 20.00; JONNY DODGE ex 160.97; K&M REPORTING ex 100.00; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 464.10; KOINZAN ENT ex 175.00; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 986.62; MADISON CO DIST COURT ex 50.00; MADISON CO SHRF ex 30.41; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 133.04; MARLIN MATSON ps 48.00; MENARDS ex 17.95; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ex 12.00; MIPS ex 3,244.04; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 992.24; N&B GAS ex 60.00; NACO ex 320.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,316.57; NEBR FIRE SPRINKLER CORP ex 515.00; NEBR SHRF ASSOC ex 200.00; NIELSEN INS ex 40.00; VSP - NACO VISION ins 563.88; NCPD ut 56.33; NE NEBR HEATING & AIR ex 1,368.33; BRUCE OFE ps 108.00; CONNIE OFE ps 84.00; ONE OFC SOL ex 576.67; LISA PAYNE ex 63.98; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 20.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 71.87; PITNEY BOWES LEASE ex 1,063.26; PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ex 3,000.00; PITZER DIGITAL ex 45.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMM ex 518.50; RAZOR TRACKING ex 700.08; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; JERALD SCHWAGER ps 36.00; MONTE SHABRAM ps 36.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 936.21; SOC SEC 29,312.98; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,141.06; RYAN STOVER ex 100.00; THRIFTWAY ex 22.10; TRUSTMARK ins 243.67; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; WASHINGTON NATL ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 580.00; JAMES WILCOX ps 72.00; SUE WILLIAMS ex 40.00; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ex 50.00; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 100,000.00; PAYROLL 148,233.12;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 1,286.62; AMERITAS ins 12,208.63; AMH ex 19.00; APPEARA ex 75.72; FIRSTNET ut 140.24; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 340.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 641.51; BLACKSTRAP ex 1,320.05; BCBS ins 59,535.27; BOMGAARS ex 1,167.23; CARHART LUMBER ex 29.50; CATERPILLAR ex 40,836.22; CITY OF ELGIN ut 7.50; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.78; COLONIAL LIFE ins 370.83; CONSTELLATION ut 8.17; CORNER HARDWARE ex 29.61; CREDIT MNGT SVCS gari 373.27; CUBBYS ex 951.68; DINKEL IMPLEMENT ex 207.70; DIXON CONSTRUCTION ex 110,532.62; DUSTYS ex 171.46; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 95.35; ERP-

Road Superintendent Report. Approved nine (9) oversize permits. Tabled road closing – for further information.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENRY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 11, 2025 MEETING

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 11 DECEMBER 2025

The Board Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 6:58 p.m. on December 11th, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Nordhues, Tetschner, Einspahr and Plugge. Also present: Emma Smith, village clerk and members of the community. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to approve the November 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to appoint Jay Meyer, Class A, License S-1162 as street superintendent during January 1 thru Decem-

ber 31, 2026 for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The board discussed how the culvert by the state yard is starting to sink from being rusted out underneath.

WATER: Was discussed. Mark Nordhues asked for a raise to \$450/month starting January 1st. It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to raise the water operator salary to \$450/month starting January 1st. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

SEWER: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Were discussed.

DECEMBER CLAIMS: It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to appoint Jay Meyer, Class A, License S-1162 as street superintendent during January 1 thru Decem-

ber 31, 2026 for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: The board discussed the CCFF Feasibility Study community input meeting planned for December 15th at 6 pm. The meeting might be moving to the high school gym.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$68.34; Rick Custard, Potholes, rake leaves, sewer chemicals, branches, \$210.00; Federal Signal Corporation, Siren, \$17,338.18; Blue Valley Public Safety, Push button control on siren, \$247.50; Wilkins Architecture Design Planning, CCCFF Study *paid out of CCCFF acct*, \$4,664.80; Elgin Review Newspaper, printing, \$146.63; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Safety Deposit Box fee, \$20.00; Northeast NE Telephone Company, Internet, phone, \$131.67; WeMart, Fuel, \$196.85; NE Department of Labor, Lower tax rate, \$32.09; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00;

Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Printer ink, \$100.73, Salary, \$412.50

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$25,561.29

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Municipal Chemical Supply, Powdered enzymes, \$700.00; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$66.01

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$76.01

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$564.51; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$864.51

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$28,179.90

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 12th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of December 2025

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PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 10, 2025 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room December 10, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular meeting of the Elgin Public School Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteed, Luke Hinkle, Todd Heithoff and Lisa Welding. Also, present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

School board meeting notice complied with Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. The agenda was posted on the school website, at the Elgin Post Office and the door of the EPS High School building.

Steve Busteed motioned and Eric Beckman second to approve the Consent Agenda: #5- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report, #8- Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 6-0.

APPEARA, 535.13; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,465.50; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 75.00; Beckman, Ann, 218.40; Bishop Business, 175.43; Boys Town Press, 397.20; CARHART LUMBER CO - NELIGH, 10.00; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 45.99; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTION, 0.00; CDW Government, 5,358.00; Computer Hardware, Inc., 1,441.50; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 2,125.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 174.72; CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, 1,249.47; DEAN'S MARKET, 132.67; Dollar General Store, 14.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 1,332.39; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 2,920.30; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 1,253.35; EMBASSY SUITES HOTELS LA VISTA, 541.80; ESAU, DUANE, 35.00; ESU #7, 20.00; ESU #8, 54,983.00; FLOOR MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY, INC, 378.24;

Gimkit, Inc., 59.88; Great America Financial Services, 1,468.09; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC, 337.10; HF Group, 190.00; Hilton Omaha, 678.00; HMH Education Company, 716.75; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 144.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC, 77.00; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 2,223.55; Klub 81, 51.54; Moby Max LLC, 111.00; NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, 1,228.00; NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 150.77; Old Mattress Factory, 35.81; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00; OVERLAND REHAB, 902.40; PROTEX CENTRAL, 444.00; RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, 180.21; Retirement Plan Consultants, 400.00; Speed Services, LLC, 129.00; TUR-NITIN, LLC, 2,559.55; TYPING. COM, 309.45; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 2.17; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.12; WAGEWORKS, INC., 144.50; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 23.00; WAYNE STATE COLLEGE, 65.00

TOTAL: 88,701.48

President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

No standing committees to be reported.

Principal Wemhoff provided a summary of recent activities and upcoming events.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the school's AQuESTT rating of great. Also, went over 2025-2026 Board goals and Board Self Evaluations.

Todd Heithoff motioned, Ron Bode second to approve the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement as presented for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic school years. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Luke Hinkle motioned to approve the Superintendent's Contract for the 2026-2027 academic school year with a salary of \$128,484.83 and 2027-2028 academic school year with a salary of \$131,696.95. Steve Busteed seconded the motion. Vote 5-1, with Ron Bode opposing. The motion

passed.

No steps were taken to approve an early retirement application.

Heithoff motioned to approve bid from Complete Floors for \$39,792 for the removal and replacement of the flooring under the gym bleachers, seconded by Bode. Vote 6-0, motion carried. Busteed motioned, Beckman seconded to approve the transportation for the Music Booster Club on Sunday, January 25th to Omaha. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Wolfpack uniform rotation and updating uniforms every five years. Track uniforms are being ordered and will be worn this spring. Girls and Boys high school basketball uniforms will be ordered in the spring of 2025, to be worn in 2026-2027.

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, January

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14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Board Room. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bode and seconded by Hinkle. Vote 6-

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Controlling lice in your herd

As we move into the colder months, producers may need to start thinking about lice control in the cow herd. Lice populations really ramp up during winter, with numbers typically peaking in January and February. Catching problems early can help prevent rubbing, hair loss, and reduced performance — and it's one of the simpler winter management tasks to stay ahead of.

Nebraska Extension Entomologist



Beef Systems
Asst. Ext. Educator
Ben Beckman

Dave Boxler shares:

If you suspect lice, take a few

minutes to get a closer look.

The best way is to run animals through the chute and part the hair along the topline, withers, and face. When you part the hair, look closely for small, flat insects moving on the skin or attached near the base of the hair. You may also spot tiny white or yellow eggs — called nits — stuck to the hair shaft.

Both are signs lice are present and actively feeding.

A few lice — maybe one to five per square inch — is considered a low infestation. Six to ten is moderate. But once you're seeing ten or more, that's a heavy load, and treatment is usually warranted.

There are several treatment options available. Non-systemic pour-ons and sprays work well for winter control. Systemic products — including systemic pour-ons and injectables — can also kill lice, but they shouldn't be used between November and February if a systemic product wasn't already applied in the fall due to cattle grubs. Ani-

imals carrying cattle grubs can have adverse reactions to systemic products during this window while grubs are in the esophagus or spinal canal, so it's important to keep in mind when making product choices.

One other key reminder: rotate chemical classes. Using the same product year after year increases the risk of resistance. Rotating modes of action helps keep treatments effective

long term and protects the tools we have available.

Heavy lice loads aren't just a cosmetic issue. UNL research shows that cattle carrying significant lice burdens can lose about two-tenths of a pound of gain per day. Over the winter, that adds up — especially for growing calves or cows that need to maintain condition going into calving.

As we head into the colder stretch of the year, keep an eye out for cattle lice. Take a few minutes to check the herd, identify any problem animals, and choose a treatment strategy that fits your operation. A little attention now can prevent rubbing, hair loss, and lost performance later on.

For more information on this topic, and for a detailed list of insecticides along with their group number, visit beef.unl.edu.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator northeast Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu

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40 BLK/RED Strs	743#	384.00
35 BLK Strs	787#	378.25
54 BLK/BWF Strs	837#	353.00
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FUTURE

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-rated cities and villages — if approved by local voters — to collect and appropriate local tax dollars, including sales and/or property tax, for economic development purposes. Elgin is seeking to add .5% to the current sales tax (6.5%) for economic development. Much of the legwork for LB840 (survey, business/housing inventory) was completed prior to the 2024 election however approval of the wording by an attorney was yet to be completed. Plans are for LB840 to be on Elgin's November 2026 ballot.

Norris again cited how the LB840 funds were utilized by the City of Plainview. "When we received LB840 there for the first couple years, we were really using it for gap financing for businesses. After a while, we realized we're spending almost all of our LB840 getting new businesses going and helping people fix up buildings and get the downtown going. So we weren't really utilizing it for what it could be, using all the possibilities." With that realization, they explored additional funding options. "So what we did instead is we wrote a grant to the USDA for a revolving loan fund. We wrote a grant for the first one (it was) \$100,000 and we matched it with \$25,000 from LB840. We didn't have \$25,000 in LB840 (funds) at that time. So what we did with them is for every loan that we made, 73% of the loan would come from our USDA revolving loan fund and 23% would come from LB840. So now only 23% of our LB840 money is being used.

Being used for businesses, which is great. We went ahead and wrote another grant to USDA for a half a million dollars to assist businesses coming into the community." By using a smaller portion of the LB840 funds to secure the USDA funds, that allowed more of the LB840 funds to be used for grant matches for housing and revitalizing their downtown. "LB840 is just a financial tool that the city can use to help them cover those matches, so they won't have to come up with that extra money."

Norris emphasized the need to be open and educate voters on LB840 before the November election. "They (Plainview) didn't want to put more of a burden on the taxpayers in the area when the economics of today are so tough, but nobody's coming to save your town — you have to save yourselves. So it's one tool in your belt that can help you get there." On the ballot, voters will need to vote "yes" on BOTH the development of the economic plan AND for the implementation of the tax. If both items are not passed, LB840 will fail.

She also reminded those in attendance that LB840 shouldn't be thought of as a tax on Elgin residents "...people are already spending their dollars. Why not capture

what you can, you know, if you have people that are driving through? You have a highway coming through. People are stopping to get gas and do other things. You're capturing their dollars as well. The City of Norfolk was a really great example. 50% of their LB840 was coming from the outside communities because everyone was going to Norfolk to buy their bigger purchases."

• LB256 - Vacant Property

Registration Act (originally introduced as LB219).

This bill has

many variables

in it, allowing its

enforcement to be customized

by communities

for their unique

needs. The crux

of the bill is that

a city or village

may create a data base of unoccupied buildings (both business buildings

and residential buildings/housing) through

registration and may assess fees to the

property owners "for the increased public

costs associated with vacant properties".

This bill allows cities to incentivize owners

of what is commonly considered nuisance

properties (vacant/rundown buildings

that are an eyesore and/or creating public

health concerns) to repair for occupancy, to

sell or to demolish said property.

The opening verbiage of the bill is worded as such "The Legislature finds and declares that: (1) Vacant properties have the potential to create a host of problems for Nebraska communities, including a propensity to foster criminal activity, create public health problems, and otherwise diminish quality of life;

(2) Vacant properties have the potential to reduce the value of area properties, increase the risk of property damage through arson and vandalism, and discourage neighborhood stability;

(3) Vacant properties represent unrealized economic growth in Nebraska communities..."

If readers would like to learn more about this legislation, also refer to Nebraska Revised Statute §18-1720 and Nebraska Revised Statute §19-5401. Many communities are utilizing these statutes to keep their communities free of nuisance properties as the legislation has proven to be a tool for local governments to steer absentee owners "slum" landlords into either cleaning up, removing or selling these nuisance buildings.

Also discussed was the current availability of quality homes when discussing the need for new housing in Elgin. Norris

gives the example of Pierce County... "In

Pierce County, 24% or 25% of housing stock is owned by people who are over 55. Well, that tells me, in the next 10 to 15 years, we're going to have turnover, turnover (of) older homes. So I can go out here and build all the single family brand new homes I want. But what am I going to do with these older homes where they hit the market? That doesn't help your town either, right? Because now you've created another problem. What we're looking at is how do you create programs to help people flip some of those older homes? How do you help create programs that help owner-occupied rehab? People living in the homes that maybe need to bring them up to code? If they're over 55 and they own their home, can we have a program that helps them do that? There is grant money for that, and three of my communities have that grant, and you probably do too, because it's a program from the 80s.

It is important to note that, while separate committees designed to be a cross-section of Elgin's population would be doing the footwork on these programs, their recommendations would be passed along to the Elgin City Council who would make the ultimate decision on what will be implemented and acted upon.

As the meeting wrapped up, the general mood of the room was "let's move forward!" Norris told the *Elgin Review* in a followup that she was encouraged to see the large group that came out on a Wednesday evening and she looks forward to working with any committees and the City of Elgin on a revitalization plan to get Elgin on a positive path forward. The *Elgin Review* will keep readers posted on followup meetings.

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Dec. 20.. @ EPPJ* (Senior Day, PJ) 9:30
Jan. 9....@ Burwell 10:00

GIRLS WRESTLING

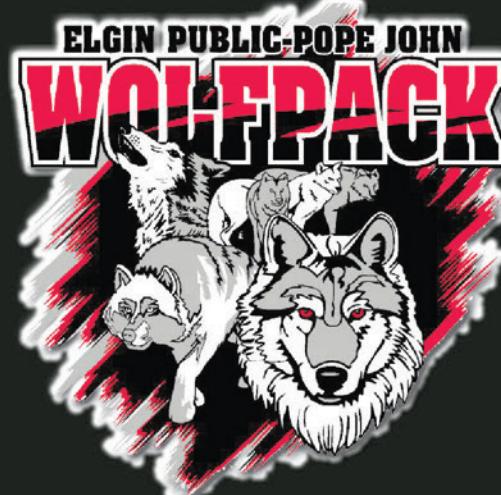
Dec. 19.. @ EPPJ* (Senior Day, PJ)..... 2:00
Jan. 8....@ Norm Manstedt Inv. (Columbus) 8:00

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec. 18 ... @ Boyd County 4:00
Dec. 22 ... @ Creighton 4:00
Dec. 29-30...Holiday Tourney @ Madison 11:00

BOYS & GIRLS JH BASKETBALL

Jan. 5 vs CWC (PJ) 3:30
Jan. 8 @ St. Mary's (G)..... 4:00



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dec. 17 PJCC Christmas Concert
Dec. 19 PJCC noon dismissal/ EPS 1 pm dismissal for Christmas break
Jan. 3 ('26).....EPPJ Wolfpack Youth Wrestling Tournament
Jan. 6.... Classes resume - all Elgin schools - JH Quiz Bowl @ Stuart
Jan. 12-Feb. 6 PJCC STAR testing
Jan. 14.....FFA District LDE @ West Holt • EPS school board meeting
Jan. 15 PJCC NHS Induction
Jan. 16..... PJCC K-6 only - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 17 Pierce Speech Meet
Jan. 19..... All Schools - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 28 Howells-Dodge Speech Meet

Spinning Tales

Livy Ostransky was special to all of us

ELGIN — I've watched Randy Eisenhauer coach football and in recent years, girls basketball. He's had great success, putting his team in a position, year in and year out, to compete for state championships.

He's won big games and while success at the state tournament has eluded him, this year's team could be the one to break through and bring great joy to

Wolfpack fans.

Yet, on Friday night, he may have coached the most heart-wrenching game in his long career on the bench.

On Friday, the team came out to play with heavy hearts, having learned that six-month-old Livy Ostransky, the infant daughter of assistant coach Trent Ostransky and wife Baylee, left this life to become an

angel in Heaven.

He said the girls knew at practice one day earlier that the end of Livy's health battle was indeed near. Eisenhauer said at practice, basketball took a back seat to Livy's precarious situation.

On Friday, they took to the court wearing the blue t-shirts they have been wearing for the past few games, showing

their support for the Ostransky family. As the team came out for warmups, Eisenhauer carried a small vase of flowers given to the team from the Plainview team. The flowers were placed where the team could see them throughout the course of the game.

About the game, the team played for Livy, running and jumping, rebounding and scoring for her, playing the game which she will now never get to play. Whatever success the Wolfpack have this season will be for their youngest fan. Each victory will be for her.



Publisher Dennis Morgan



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Wolfpack Sports



Photo submitted

Wrestling for the first time this season, Jayda Chessmore posted two victories, both pins, at the Wood River Invite.

Wolfpack girls pile up pins at Wood River Invite

WOOD RIVER — The Wolfpack duo of Libby Evans and Anna Dworak, for the second meet in a row, both medaled.

Competing Saturday at the Wood River Invite, Evans won three of four matches, registering two pins. In the finals, she lost a major decision (11-0) to Graclyn Simmons (NW).

Dworak, competing at 105 pounds, pinned Arianna Decoff (NW) in the consolation finals to earn a third place medal. Altogether, Dworak wrestled six opponents and came away with five victories.

Competing for the first time this season was Jayda Chessmore who pinned three opponents in four matches. Her fastest pin came against Elizabeth Nunez (SCYL), pinning her in 1:19.

Individual results were:

105 — Anna Dworak (EPPJ) pinned Dinah Culp (WIHI) in 1:28; Arianna Decoff (NW) pinned Dworak in 43 seconds; Dworak pinned Hestony Apodaca (GRIS) in 35 seconds; Dworak pinned Yarita Mejia (SCYL) in 2:48; Dworak defeated Teagan Holmes (FRNK) match forfeit; consolation finals, Dworak pinned Arianna Decoff (NW) in 1:00.

130 — Jayda Chessmore (EPPJ) was pinned by Elizabeth Nunez (SCYL) in 1:19; Chessmore pinned Bailey Atz (KENE) in 3:59; Chessmore pinned Alynna Wallace (WOR) in 1:55; Sawyer Waltemath (L) M) pinned Chessmore in 55 seconds.

190 — Libby Evans (EPPJ) pinned Julina Kurz (SHLT) in 1:57; Evans pinned Josa Dunse (ALMA) in 1:03; Evans won 9 to 7 over Leslie Garcia Gomez (GRIS); finals, Graclyn Simmons (NW) won 11 to 0 (MD) over Evans.

Wolfpack play for Livy; defeat Plainview 53 to 41

ELGIN — Playing with heavy hearts Friday night, the Wolfpack girls basketball team defeated Plainview 53 to 41.

Tip-off of the game just hours after the passing of Livy Ostransky, the baby daughter of EPPJ Ass't. Coach Trent Ostransky, it was one of the most emotional games the team has played in years. It showed at the start of the game as the Pirates carved out a 15 to 10 lead after one quarter.

Then, momentum swung to the Wolfpack and they out-scored Plainview 43 to 26 the rest of the way.

The Wolfpack's high-scoring trio came through again. Mady Kurpewit had a game-high 20 points, Braelyn Martinsen added 15 and Kayton Zwingman tossed in 12. Together, they scored 47 of the team's 53 points.

Other statistical leaders were junior Elizabeth Moser. In addition to scoring four points, she dished out a team-high three assists.



Mady Kurpewit (23) and Braelyn Martinsen (5) battle for a rebound against the Lady Pirates Friday night. Kurpewit finished with 10 rebounds, Martinsen had five.

EPPJ hold off Vikings to boost record to 5-0

ELGIN — The Vikings just wouldn't go away so the Wolfpack made them pay in the fourth quarter.

Leading 41 to 38 to start the fourth quarter, junior Michael Selting drained two big treys down the stretch to secure the team's fifth victory of the season.

Coach Matt Euse said they have been working in practice to get Selting more involved in the offense and it showed. Both of his field goals were treys and he made four of eight free throws to finish with 10 points.

Euse said the team continues to improve at both ends of the



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From the high post, Michael Selting was 'instant offense' with 10 points against Wausa.

EPPJ starts slow, finishes fast against Lady Warriors

NELIGH — After a slow start, the Elgin Public-Pope John girls basketball team pulled away to defeat Neligh-Oakdale 57 to 30 Tuesday night.

Playing on the Warriors' home court, the Wolfpack broke the game wide-open in the second quarter. Tied 11-all at the start of the second quarter, the Wolfpack took control of the game with an 18-0 run. Junior

court.

EPPJ 52, Wausa 44

Vikings.....18 12 8 6 — 44

Wolfpack.....10 25 6 11 — 52

Wolfpack — Michael Selting 2-5 4-8 10, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 3-8 1-2 10, Evin Pelster 1-3 0-0 2, Jarek Erickson 3-12 2-4 8, Max Henn 5-8 6-11 17, Jayvin Erickson 1-3 2-2 5. Team totals: 17-42 11-19 52. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 7-20 (Kallhoff 3, Selting 2, Henn 1, Jv. Erickson 1). Wausa team totals: 17-48 3-4 44. Three-point shots — Vikings 7-29. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 29 (Henn 12, Jv. Erickson 9), Vikings 24. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Kallhoff 5), Vikings NA. Steals — Wolfpack 3 (Henn 2), Vikings NA. Turnovers — Wolfpack 7, Vikings 9.

EPPJ rolls past Warriors

NELIGH — Elgin Public-Pope John overcame an improved Neligh-Oakdale squad Tuesday night, winning the game 63 to 45.

Playing just their third game of the season, the Wolfpack boys took control of the game in the middle two quarters, outscoring the Warriors 31 to 16.

Max Henn led a trio of Wolfpack players scoring in double figures. Henn had 15 while seniors Jarek Erickson and Karson Kallhoff each had 14 points. The Wolfpack's other two starters, Evin Pelster and Michael Selting, combined for 15 points.

The Wolfpack made nine of 22 treys, led by Kallhoff with three.

EPPJ 63, Neligh-Oakdale 45

Wolfpack.....17 12 19 15 — 63

Warriors.....14 4 12 15 — 45

Wolfpack — Michael Selting 3-7 0-0 8, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 5-14 1-2 14, Evin Pelster 3-4 1-2 7, Brayden Burenheide 0-1 1-2 1, Jarek Erickson 4-6 6-8 14, Max Henn 6-9 2-2 15, Braedon Hinkle 0-0 0-0 0, Christian Preister 0-0 0-0 0, Justice Blecher 0-1 1-2 1, Jayvin Erickson 1-3 0-0 3. Team totals: 24-47 6-10 63. Three-point shots — 9-22 (Michael Selting 2, Karson Kallhoff 3, Jarek Erickson 2, Max Henn 1, Jayvin Erickson 1). Warriors team totals: 18-49 5-9 45. Three-point shots — 4-16.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 29 (Max Henn 8), Warriors 22. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Ja. Erickson 7), Warriors NA. Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Evin Pelster 2), Warriors NA. Turnovers — Wolfpack 9, Warriors 10.



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Freshman Jayvin Erickson is providing the Wolfpack with quality minutes off the bench. Here, he's battling Pirate Wyatt Schrot for a rebound.

EPPJ makes nine treys in blowout over Pirates

ELGIN — Making almost 40 percent of their three-point shot attempts, the Wolfpack boys dominated Plainview 59 to 29 Friday night.

Leading 22 to 17 to start the second half, the Wolfpack pulled away by outscoring the Pirates 37 to 12 to earn the victory.

Wolfpack senior Karson Kallhoff connected on four treys to lead EPPJ's long-range shooters. Jarek Erickson made three treys while Michael Selting and Jayvin Erickson each had one. Kallhoff proved to be an effective playmaker on this night, dishing out seven assists and making three steals, both team highs.

The Wolfpack had a definite size advantage in the 'paint' and it showed in rebounds. EPPJ pulled down 38 rebounds compared to the Pirates with 24. Max Henn led the team with

10 while Evin Pelster wasn't far behind with eight.

EPPJ 59, Plainview 29

Pirates.....8 9 9 3 — 29

Wolfpack.....11 11 20 17 — 59

Wolfpack — Michael Selting 1-3 1-2 4, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0,

Karson Kallhoff 6-16 0-0 16, Evin Pelster 2-6 0-0 4, Jarek Erickson 12-4 6 19, Max Henn 5-3 5-13, Braedon Hinkle 0-1 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Christian Preister 0-0 0-0 0, Justice Blecher 0-0 0-0 0, Jayvin Erickson 1-3 0-0 3. Team totals: 21-48 13-19 59.

Three-point shots — Wolfpack 9-24 (Kallhoff 4, Selting 1, Ja. Erickson 3, Jv. Erickson 1). Plainview team totals: 9-51 6-10 29. Three-point shots — Pirates 5-27.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 38 (Henn 10, Pelster 8), Pirates 24. Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Kallhoff 7), Pirates NA. Steals — Wolfpack 5 (Kallhoff 3), Pirates NA. Turnovers — Wolfpack 11, Pirates 8.

EPPJ starts slow, finishes fast against Lady Warriors

record to 3-0.

EPPJ 57, Neligh-Oakdale 30

Wolfpack.....11 23 13 10 — 57

Warriors.....11 2 7 10 — 30

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 5-7 0-1 10, Gentry Zwingman 0-2 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 3-4 0-0 6,

Kinley Drueke 3-10 1-1 7, Braelyn Martinsen 3-9 3-3 12, Lillian Moser 0-3 1-2 1, Kinley Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Sydney Niewohner 0-1 0-0 0, Jael Lammers 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpewit 8-17 3-4 20. Team totals: 19-45 12-20 53. Three-point shots — 3-8 (Martinsen 2, Kurpewit 1). Plainview team totals: 19-48 1-5 41. Three-point shots — 2-12.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 29 (Kurpewit 10, Martinsen 5), Plainview 27. Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Elizabeth Moser 3), Plainview 8. Steals — Wolfpack 17 (Kurpewit 7), Plainview 6. Turnovers — Wolfpack 19, Plainview 27.

Braelyn Martinsen got things going with back-to-back treys. She finished with nine points in the quarter. Mady Kurpewit had six points, Kinley Drueke and Kayton Zwingman each had four as EPPJ took a 34 to 13 lead at halftime.

Kurpewit, Martinsen and Zwingman combined for 37 of the team's 57 points.

The victory boosted EPPJ's

record to 3-0.

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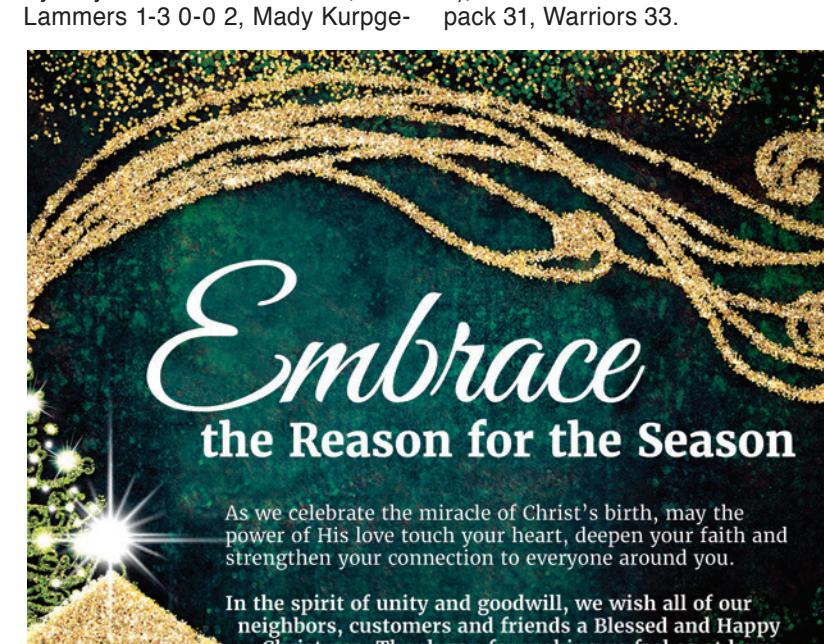
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Twin Loup Invite brings out the best in EPPJ Wrestlers

SARGENT — Wolfpack senior Landyn Veik claimed his first tournament championship of the season Friday competing at the Twin Loup Wrestling Invite.

Veik, one of four EPPJ wrestlers competing at the tournament, won all four of his matches, two by pin.

His best match may have been one where he didn't register a pin. In the championship round he faced off against Burwell's Preston Krause. What many expected to be a tough match, turned out to be one-sided. Veik outscored his opponent 10 to 3 to claim the champion-

ship medal.

He wasn't the only Wolfpack wrestler to bring home a medal. Competing at 157 pounds, senior Grady Druke reached the finals where he finished second, losing to Cazen Smith of Twin Loup.

Although not bringing home medals, two other EPPJ wrestlers continued to gain experience. Competing at 165 pounds, John Zwingman went 2-2 with two pins. Teammate Ethan Hansen, competing at 138 pounds also went 2-2 with one pin and a technical fall victory.

Individual results were:

175 — Landyn Veik (EPPJ) pinned

Tristen Epp (RAV) in 58 seconds; Veik pinned Jeter Clark (NP) in 2:00; Veik won 9-0 (MD) over Jackson Christen (ANMR); (championship) Veik won 10 to 3 over Preston Krause, (BUR).

165 — John Zwingman (EPPJ) pinned Andrew Karchner (BRDY) in 3:47; Trentin Brown (BUR) pinned Zwingman in 1:48; Zwingman pinned Jacob King (SOLP) in 1:22; Danny Taylor (HYAN) pinned Zwingman in 32 seconds

157 — Grady Druke won by technical fall (19 to 4) in 4:24 over Tyce Coufal (RAV); Kolton Thoene (BUR) pinned Druke in 5:08; Cazen Smith (TWLO) pinned Druke in 3:00

138 — Devan Rodriguez (CAMP) pinned Ethan Hansen (EPPJ) in 2:00; Hansen pinned Otto Klein (NEOK) in 2:29; Braxton Eggleston (BOW) pinned Hansen in 2:10; Hansen pinned Destry Woodward (BOW) in 44 seconds; Hansen defeated Jake Bumgarner (ANMR) 17 to 2 (TF)



File photo

Landyn Veik won all four of his matches Friday to win the 175-pound division at the Twin Loup Invite.

Wolfpack's 'numbers' crush Lady Vikings

ELGIN — It was a game of numbers for the Wolfpack.

Saturday's 56 to 43 victory over the Wausa Lady Vikings had something for everyone.

There was the Wolfpack's defense again dominating with their press, creating 13 steals and forcing 22 turnovers.

Again, three Wolfpack players scored in double figures - a recurring trend this season for EPPJ.

Then there were these numbers:

• Wolfpack junior starter Elizabeth Moser played a 'perfect' game - almost. She was four-for-four shooting from the field and made all but one free throw to finish with 10 points, her highest scoring game of the season.

• They scored 23 points in the first AND third quarters; and five points in the second AND fourth quarters.

Numbers like these don't happen every game.

Braelyn Martinsen led EPPJ (5-0) with 15 points, teammate Mady Kurpgewit had 14 to go along with a team-high 15 rebounds for a double-double.

Taylor Dawson led the Vikings with 14 points.

EPPJ 56, Wausa 43

Vikings.....11 9 8 15 — 43

Wolfpack.....23 5 23 5 — 56



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Elizabeth Moser was 4-4 from the field for 10 points as EPPJ rolled past Wausa.

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A sophomore, Max is becoming a difference-maker on the court. In their 3 victories last week, he scored a total of 45 points PLUS he pulled down a total of 30 rebounds.

KAYTON ZWINGMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

A senior, Kayton averaged just over 10 points per game in last week's matchups. She's a big part of the team being undefeated entering this week's games.

LANDYN VEIK WRESTLING (BOYS)

A senior, Landyn and the team competed Friday at the Twin Loup Invite. Wrestling in the 175# class, he won all four of his matches, bringing home the championship medal.

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