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In Brief //

Commissioners approve purchase of motor graders

Bids sought for museum roof repairs.

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of two motor graders when they met on December 10.

According to the official proceedings from the meeting, which can be found on Page 12 of this newspaper, the board approved the purchase of a motor grader from John Deere with the trade-in of a paving machine which resulted in a \$3,100 credit. Then, on a separate motion, the board purchased a motor grader from CAT.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners authorized City Clerk Lisa Payne to begin advertising for reroofing the Antelope County Museum located across the street south of the courthouse.

In other action: Request — The board approved a promotional grant request for the New Moon Community Theatre in the amount of \$350 for a Christmas Tour

 $Administrative\ plats-Two$ administrative plats were approved at the meeting. The plats were sought by the Jack D. Allemang Trust and Mark & Julie Smith.

Permits — Commissioners approved an access permit as well as five oversize permits.

Students ready to perform at PJCC Christmas program

Set to begin at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend Pope John School's Christmas program Wednesday, December 18 (tonight) at St. Boniface Auditorium. Students will be performing music reflecting the season starting at 7 p.m.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's news paper include: Proceedings — Bartlett Village Board of

Trustees Proceedings — The Antelope County

Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

Notice of Organization — Borer Grain & Livestock LLC

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 65 degrees recorded on Decem-

The low temperature during the same period was 6 degrees recorded on December 12.

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

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

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Date	High	Low	Prec
Dec. 8	65	28	.00
Dec. 9	43	23	.00
Dec. 10	39	12	.00
Dec. 11	39	12	.00
Dec. 12	39	06	.00
Dec. 13	28	20	.00
Dec. 14	31	20	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for December			0.00
Total precipitation 2024			20.94

Bringing yuletide cheer just part of Young N' Lively club as it turns 50



Connie Dvorak, Elgin, Young-N-Lively member since 1987, untangles some lights before turning her attention to helping put up the nativity scene close

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

Editor's Note: This continues a series of articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents and organiza-

On February 13, 1975, Nancy Shavlik, Bartlett, tapped the gavel as the first president of Elgin's Young-N-Lively service and social organization.

About the name, Shavlik said, "Now that was a big debate at the time. What do we do when we get old, some asked. We decided to talk about that later."

Later is now, a half century next February to be exact. While none of the original 12 members are members currently, discussions are underway to determine how this milestone anniversary might best be celebrated in the new year. In the meantime, take note of all Young-N-Lively accomplishes for

Jane Niewohner, 2024 president, Elgin, said, "We don't do it for ourselves. We want to give back to the communi-

This December, take a slow drive down main street Elgin traveling north to south and notice the striking Christmas tree and nativity scene. The scene,

repaired often, and put up and taken down by members, their husbands, and friends, brings holiday joy to all who

The Elgin City Park is another visible sign of the hard work of Young-N-Lively members over the years to beautify the grounds with flowers, the addition and repair of playground equipment, and planting of a tree each year to commemorate Nebraska Arbor Day. Less visible, though just as important, are sizable donations to the Elgin Municipal Pool and Elgin Rescue Service, and giving Christmas presents to Antelope County children in need.

During the Elgin Centennial celebration in 1989, the club released the Great Cooks of Elgin cookbook followed with a second edition during the 125th celebration of the town. Niewohner said that Treasures in the Park, a recent addition to the club's efforts where small business vendors and crafters sell wares in the city park the Sunday afternoon after Labor Day, has been the major fundraiser the last several years.

Along with Shavlik, Jody Campbell, Judy McClellen, and Donna Mackel were officers 50 years ago when the group was an Extension Club. Shavlik credited her mother with the motivation to organize the club with others.

"My mother was always a member of an Extension Club meeting monthly in small community groups for an educational program and then social time," she said.

Extension Clubs were a project of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the early 1900s to extend knowledge about food preservation, gardening, cooking, and sewing primarily to rural women through the Cooperative Extension Service. The Elgin group was affiliated with the former Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs. That relationship ended many years ago.

One of the 12 charter members of the Young-N-Lively Extension Club, Diane Connick, Sutherland, said the group met in homes back then. In addition to learning, "we were all ready to do our part to help our community any way we could," she said as she recalled how important an organized and clean city park was for family reunions and a place for people to meet.

Michele Reicks, Elgin, incoming president for 2025, calls Young-N-Lively "friends working together to better our park and our community." She encouraged a watchful eye for an announcement in the *The Elgin Review* early next year with details about a 50th celebra-



E-R photos/JSchuchardt

Kathy Dinslage (I), Young-N-Lively member since 2002; Jane Niewohner (c), member since 1986, and Sue Vanis (r), member since 1994, all from Elgin, hoist the lights up on the giant Christmas tree on the north end of Elgin's main street.

Area Churches Celebrating Christmas

\$1.00

accept one early

retirement

application

It's something everyone thinks of,

school, a company for many years.

meeting last week, will again offer

11, the board voted 4-0-1 (Eric

application for early retirement.

applications and, one time since

That's in the past. One early

retirement application is consistent

will continue into 2025 when a final

decision is expected to be made.

with what the school district has done

in recent years. The application process

In a meeting which lasted just short

big decisions made by the school board,

all related to motor vehicles. They were:

of one hour, it was just one of several

Approval for trading in two vans

to Woodhouse and purchasing a 2025

Wagoneer L 4x4 from Jonny Dodge of

unanimously approved on first reading

posal of property under federal grants'.

the salad bar associated with the lunch

program. Prices approved were \$1.25 if

stand alone in a small container; and

\$2.50 if stand alone in a medium sized

Salad bar — Prices were approved for

an updated policy dealing with 'dis-

Suburban for \$65,345 minus trade.

• Approval to purchase a 2025

Neligh at a cost of \$58,659.

First reading - The board

In other action:

container.

applications were offered.

the school adopted the policy, five

especially those who have worked for a

The District #18 Board of Education,

Meeting Wednesday night, December

Beckman voted 'no' and Todd Heithoff

'abstained') to, this year, offer just one

Some years, they are offered zero

Early retirement.

early retirement.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel." Matthew 1:23

CATHOLIC MASSES Christmas Eve Masses

4 pm St. Bonaventure, Raeville 4 pm St. Francis, Neligh

6 pm St. Peter de Alcantara,

6 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tilden

Christmas Day Masses 8 am - St. John, Petersburg 8 am - St. Theresa, Clearwater

10 am - St. John, Deloit 10 am - St. Boniface, Elgin

ELGIN COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Elgin 5 pm - Christmas Eve

IZ LUTHERAN, rural Albion 7 pm - Christmas Eve Service,

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rural Elgin 7 pm - Christmas Eve Service, fellowship to follow

TRINITY LUTHERAN, Elgin Christmas Eve Service 5 pm

EPPJ wrestling tournaments on tap Friday, Saturday

The Elgin Public-Pope John annual Girls Wrestling Tournament will be held this Friday, December 20, at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Approximately 20 teams are scheduled to have wrestlers compete in the tournament which is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Aside from EPPJ, other teams scheduled to compete are Arcadia-City, Atkinson West Holt, Summerland, Niobrara-Verdigre, Randolph, Sandhills-Thedford, Plainview, Tri-County Northeast, Elkhorn Valley, Homer, Schuyler JV, Norfolk Catholic, Fullerton, Neligh-Oakdale, St. Edward/ Standing Bear, O'Neill St. Mary's, Wayne and Creighton.

Wolfpack wrestlers scheduled to compete are Libby Evans and Jayda Chessmore.

Bovs Wrestlers from 18 schools are scheduled to compete Saturday at the Elgin Public-Pope John Boys Wrestling Tournament.

Official weigh-ins for wrestlers are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. followed by the seeding meeting at 8:30 a.m. First round matches are expected to begin on the mats at approximately 9:30 a.m.

EPPJ is the host school for the tournament. Wolfpack wrestlers scheduled to compete are Justice Blecher, Landyn Veik, Grady Drueke, Landon Kallhoff and Gavin Kallhoff.

Other schools expected to compete are Archangels Catholic, Plainview, Pender, Summerland, Riverside, Arcadia/Loup City, Norfolk Catholic, Archbishop Bergan, O'Neill St. Mary's, Palmer, Twin River, Central Valley, Guardian Angels Central Catholic, Fullerton, Nebraska Christian, Sandhills/Thedford and Ainsworth.

Admission will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students in grades K-12.

Both tournaments will be livestreamed on Elgin Public-Pope John's Hudl page.





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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

JoAnn's Chex Mix, Almond Bark Cookies & Caramel Snappers

Area any of you ladies do-ing your Christmas baking yet? The next two weeks I will share some of my fa-



goodies. Do hope you will ry some of them. This Chex mix recipe makes a big batch. If

you're looking to share it as gifts or just snacks you milk have plenty. These recipes are simple enough you can let the kids join in and help. Merry Christmas!

Hope you enjoy them.

JoAnn

CARAMEL

144 small pecan halves 36 vanilla caramels 1/2 cup chocolate chips (melted)

Grease a cookie sheet. Arrange pecans in groups of 4 and place 1 caramel on each.

Heat oven to 325 place them in oven until caramels are softened 4-6 minutes. With a buttered spatula press the caramel to cover the pecans.

Cool slightly and remove from pan. Swirl melted chocolate on top

1 box Crispix® (can use the big or small box)

1 small box Cheez-Its® 1 bag garlic chips (brown rye)

1 bag Gardetto's® 1 pkg Gold Fish® crackers

6 Tbls melted butter 2 Tbls Worchestershire sauce 1-1/2 tsp garlic powder

Preheat oven to 250°.

In a large pan or 2 9x13 pans bake 1 hour stirring every 15 minutes. I use my big roasting pan to mix it all together than divide it into 2 pans.

Spread out on paper towels and let it cool! This makes a good amount. So Yummy!

ALMOND BARK COOKIES

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1-1/2 tsp onion powder

1 bag Bugles® (optional)

1 tsp seasoning salt-Lawrys®

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1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter 1-1/2 cups Rice Krispies®

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Knights' Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus #2411 invited Pope John students from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Local winners chosen were Jacob Niewohner, Faith Bartak and Max Borer.

Brightest Blessings

Merry Christmas and best wishes to all of the kind

folks who have filled our year with friendship,

meaning and wonderful memories.

We thank you for placing your trust in us, and we

hope to see you again soon in the new year!

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Bartlett News

The Bartlett Church of Faith Christmas program was Sunday, Dec. 15 with Marcia Smith greeting the congregation.

The program included the Sunday school choir singing Go Tell it on the Mountain, Ring Bells Ring, Away in the Manger, Happy Birthday Jesus and others. The Nursery class, presented 'Christmas Elves.' The Primary Class presented 'Christmas Store Window,' a play with reading parts.

The junior class presented a reading 'The Insignificant.' The reading stressed that God chose those people some thought were 'Insignificant' such as the shepherds, and showed them wondrous things. God still chooses the 'Insignificant' to carry out his plans. The high school youth group presented the play "Santa vs. Jesus." They wrote the play in youth group the week before. It was filled with humor and was just perfect.

Michelle and Dan Kluver and Karen Kotrc sang in three vocal parts the Christmas carol 'Do You Hear What I Hear.' Karen accompanied the selection.

The grand finale every year, which still brings tears to the audience, is the presentation of the Nativity scene by Sunday school children dressed as Mary and Joseph and the baby (a doll) the shepherds, angels and wise



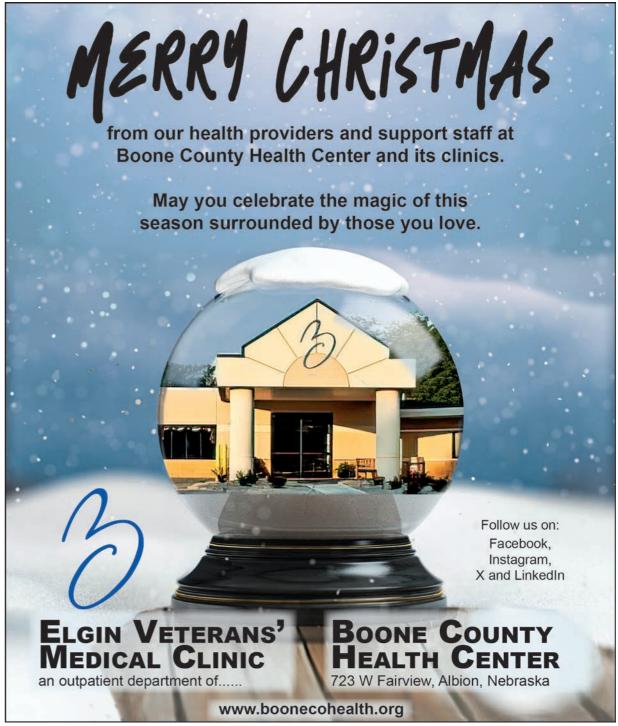
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It's so joyful to share 'Merry Christmas!' And just like that, except for a few evergreen trees here and terall, some around me celebrated Hanukkah, Say What

And just like that, except for a few evergreen trees here and there, the landscape around Elgin is a dull brown.

What happened to the lush green cornfields, and the pastel clothing, and the colorful flowers dotting neighborhoods? It's December when we pull out twinkling lights to glitter in the night, giant red bows, and fresh greenery, all to decorate and delight. And to bring some color into our lives. 'Tis the season!

A dear friend originally from Nebraska lived in Florida fulltime

for a while and often commented about how she missed the change of seasons, each bringing anticipation for what's ahead. Spring sprouts bring the hope of new beginnings. Summer brings the joy of frolicking in water. Autumn brings leaves that change color and then lilt to the ground. Winter brings frost nipping at your nose.

Living in the DC area before moving here to rural Elgin, it was recommended at the workplace that the winter greeting be season's greetings or happy holidays instead of Merry Christmas. Af-





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SNACKS

GAMES

MORE!



Day of Enlightenment, Kwanzaa, and more. Living here, there's less concern about being disrespectful of beliefs that are not mine. It's so joyful to share "Merry Christmas" and mean it.

Watching Seinfeld with hubby Rick, a TV comedy sitcom that ran on NBC from 1989-1998, the fictional Festivus got airtime around Christmas. One of Jerry Seinfeld's friends, George Costanza, had a neurotic dad who got fed up with the commercialism of Christmas and dreamed up Festivus as an alternative. At the Festivus meal, all in attendance would air their yearlong grievances about the others. Sound fun? Though not likely on Seinfeld, staged in the upper west side of Manhattan, NYC, a scuffle around here might crop up during open season on deer hunting. You'd been watching that prized four-pointer on your game camera for





Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

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Looking Back Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

December 17, 1964

The Elgin Woman's Club met last week at the home of Mrs. John Parilek for their annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. Letta Jean Coulthard was co-hostess.

The Antelope County Honor Family recognized at the conservation banquet last week was Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zegers who live southwest of Elgin. This marked the ninth year for the presentation. The area of the county to receive this award is changed every year.

Elmer Anderson and Sylvia Burk were united in marriage Saturday at Wesleyan Methodist in Neligh. Officiating was Rev. Bernice Hubby. The couple will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scholl are the parents of a baby daughter, Tracy Ann, born December 12 at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

The Sandhills Feeders Club held their December meeting at the home of Roland Kinney. All 16 members were present.

Fifty Years Ago

December 19, 1974

Dean Henn and Mark Jensen were nominated and elected without opposition Monday night at the Elgin Chamber of Commerce meeting. They will serve on the board of directors. The meeting was held at Parr's Cafe.

John Draper of Elgin, along with Robert Knapp and Elizabeth Thiele of Clearwater each received bachelor of science degrees at winter commencement exercises held at Wayne State College.

Santa Claus was forced to visit Saturday afternoon with the youngsters at the fire station due to inclement water. Among the many children to come see Santa was Joe Dozler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dozler.

Captain Wayne Selting and Ray Krakoski of Omaha spent the weekend at the Ben Selting home and helped at the Mobile Cancer Detection Unit in Neligh. On their return, the two men and three nurses all were snowbound at the Selting home along with Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Zens of Miller, S.D.

Thirty Years Ago

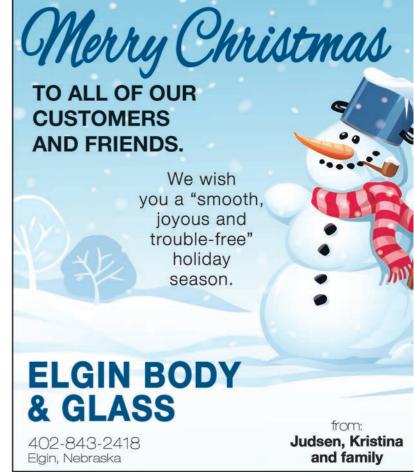
December 21, 1994

Marlene Scholl and Jerry Wilkinson were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce at their December meeting. Continuing their terms on the board were JoAnn Beckman, Darrell Getzfred, Betty Mackel and Kim

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Elgin Review



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

Edward R. Murrow

Perhaps that someone is you!

Slow down.

Someone out there needs to hear that message. Especially now, just days before Christmas. Perhaps that someone

S-l-o-w d-o-w-n.

Moving slowly, when there's so much to do, might seem counterintuitive. But trust me on this.

Trust me because the advice is not from me. I believe it's from God. He's been trying to give me that message for the past couple of months, but I'm a slow learner. (No pun intended.)

Most recently God spoke to me about slowing down through a holy, wise priest when I was in Confession. I was the last in line that evening, so I figured he might have a minute to spare for a question: How can I avoid being stressed at Christmas - my usual spiritual trap – and stay focused on Christ?

'Slow down," he said. His words struck me because of a couple of things that happened several

The first was a conversation with a freelance writer. We had been messaging back and forth about a story he had written, and together we were trying to paraphrase a quote he had used. I was in a hurry because I had to interview someone for a

Faith



Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

different story I was working on.

In my rush, instead of typing the word "important," I just wrote "import.'

The writer caught my mistake, and I told him it happened because I was in such a rush.

He emailed back that he had learned in retirement to slow down, take his time and not

I replied that my dad used to stress the importance of slowing down. In his job as a bricklayer, hurried work could

be costly and even deadly. Wise man, the freelancer emailed

but our email conversation occurred on the anniversary of my father's death. A day or so later, I had a strange dream. In it, my husband, Tim, and I were on a boat fishing with my dad. Tim reeled in a bass. I caught a turtle. My dad helped me reel it carefully so the

turtle wouldn't be harmed, then he took it in his arms, unhooked it and let it go. Гhen I woke up.

I believe that God sometimes speaks through our dreams, so I looked up what a turtle might symbolize. One answer said protection – something I'll forever associate with my dad and the role of a father – but also taking your time and being careful.

I remembered the conversation with the freelancer. I remembered the word I had botched: important!

I believed God was speaking to me: Slow down! It's important.

Then just recently, the priest brought all of that back to me. We talked for a moment about the spiritual impact of slowing down.

When people slow down, they're not frantic, frustrated or snapping at people. They're focused, deliberate and intentional. They take time to think. They take time to pray.

I know I need to hear that message this Christmas. I need to pause, take a deep breath and focus on the Reason for the Season. I need to see the world and each moment filled with awe and joy, as children do. I need to be prayerful so I can see, hear and feel God's presence as He arrives new into our lives this Christmas.

Perhaps someone else needs to slow

Perhaps that someone is you.

Traveling's greatest gifts are the people you meet

Traveling's greatest gifts are the people you meet

My family has always loved to trav-

Whether it was camping trips, a road trip to the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal, or a drive to the Black Hills to see relatives, we could put some miles on the family car.

My dad was exposed early to international travelers.

The family farm hosted agricultural exchange visitors from France and India. My dad served in Japan during the Korean War, so he'd seen a far flung part of the world, and befriended a family there who later sent a daughter

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent

to live with us one summer. Traveling

introduces you to different areas of the world, but one of the greatest gifts is encountering interesting people, who invariably give you the memories you recall

Which brings us to "The Chach." On a recent visit

Paul Hammel to Chicago to visit a European-style Christmas Market (much cheaper than

jumping on an eight-hour plane ride across the Atlantic), we were in search of supper. Our smart phones told us that just a couple of blocks away was a restaurant

pizza, something the city is known for. Soon after being ushered to a booth in the back of the place, a short, stooped-over, 70ish man waddled up to the table, informing us that we were

that featured deep-dish, Chicago-style

"in luck" because he was famous. "Just Google it. 'The Chach,'" he said. "I've been here for 40 years. People from all over the world come to

Quite an introduction from a gruff-looking guy whose back was bent over, presumably, by decades of hoist

ing plates of pizza and pasta.
Sure enough, if you Google "The Chach," you find out that he's an icon in downtown Chicago, a famed dispenser of relationship advice and life philosophies, who takes credit for helping successfully pair nearly 300

"Ī'm a life changer," he said. Over maybe 90 minutes at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta, we learned that Joe



"The Chach" Chacho had been mentored by 10 Greek and Sicilian aunts who gave him a yearly quiz on life lessons they'd related to him over the dinner table.

"Be yourself," The Chach said, "because everyone else is taken."

"Live in the moment," he advised, because you never know what the future might hold.

"Lead with goodness and kindness." When listening, make sure you're looking at who is speaking.

The Chach poured out his life story

and his guiding philosophies as he leaned over our table. We learned that he was a Nebraska

football fan as he rattled off names of some of the star Huskers of the past, Jerry Tagge, Jeff Kinney, Johnny

He used to sing in the choir at old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago; used to work two jobs, a city job during the day and as a waiter at night; he now works five nights a week, and takes the bus to and from the restaurant.

We also learned that The Chach had been "left at the altar" by one loved one, and had given up on finding a spouse in his 50s, though he didn't express one breath of regret. "I have the biggest family in the world," he said, referring to his many fans and

As he spoke, he autographed the sheet of paper covering our table: "The Chach. God Bless the Huskers. La Familia forever.'

Not everyone gets to join La Familia, The Chach explained.

Some people are "un-Chachifiable," some are pieces of "you know what,"

We just sat mesmerized listening to his rapid-fire, entertaining monologue that continued long after our pizza was delivered to our table. "Chachification," is what he calls it.

Once, his performance was interrupted by a middle-aged woman, who had stopped to say "hello" to the legendary waiter. Another time, The Chach excused himself so he could go sing "Happy Birthday" at a table across the room.

There were plenty of sights to see in Chicago, some great shows and some shops you can't find around here.

But it's the people not the places that are most memorable, including one incredible new friend, "The Chach."

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examin-

er. 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.

Hunter Biden & government efficiency

This week, despite prior assurances made repeatedly by the president himself and his spokespeople he would not do so, President Biden announced he had signed a sweeping pardon for his son Hunter Biden.

FROM THE HILL



Adrian Smith

While framed by the president as addressing tax charges, the

pardon stunningly covers all crimes Hunter "committed or may have committed" from 2014 to 2023, a period covering Hunter's questionable business dealings in Ukraine, China, and other foreign

Hunter's gun and nations. In 2014, Hunter

ident Joe Biden dined with Russian and

Kazakhstani oligarchs who were short-

ly thereafter responsible for millions of

dollars in suspect money transfers in-

began receiving \$1 million annually from Burisma, a company controlled by a Ukrainian oligarch which dealt in energy holdings, an industry with which Hunter had no relevant experience. Also, in February 2014, then-Vice-Prescluding \$142,300 which appears to have covered the cost of a car for Hunter.

Rather than supporting the integrity of the legal system, by issuing this pardon, President Biden did the opposite and instead decided to put family above fairness to American taxpayers and law-abiding citizens.

This is an unacceptable abuse of presidential powers.

It has been said, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and after the historic inflation, regulatory overreach, and failures of leadership we've seen throughout the Biden-Harris administration, it is clear reining in the excesses of the federal government has never been more urgent.

As Republicans look forward to advancing sound policy for the American people in the coming year, we are preparing to deliver government accountability to the taxpayers, families, and small businesses which make up the backbone of our economy.

This week, the office of Sen. Joni Ernst released a report showing only 6 percent of the more than two million federal employees work completely in-person rather than telework or remote work.

Meanwhile, leasing, maintenance, and operations for federal office buildings costs taxpayers approximately

\$15.7 billion annually.

This is the reason I supported the SHOW UP Act in 2023 to require federal agency employees to show up for work and get back to the business of serving

the American people. Unfortunately, the bill has been ignored by Democrats in the Senate and White House.

I am eager to ensure the government works more efficiently for the American people and welcome the opportunity to work toward this goal with Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswamy, and President Trump's newly formed Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) which aims to address wasteful federal spending and bureaucratic bloat in the coming year.

The IRS will be a good place for DOGE's work to start. Overhauling the IRS requires new leadership. I applaud President Trump's announcement of his plan to remove the current Commissioner Danny Werfel and nominate my former colleague, Billy Long to fill the

Despite his commitments to "worldclass customer service" and "to roll up [his] sleeves to help working families' during his confirmation process, Commissioner Werfel's tenure at the IRS has instead focused on advancing the Biden-Harris agenda to intrude further into the financial privacy of American families and small businesses.

We need an IRS commissioner who will restore accountability to the agency and its employees, ensure unelected bureaucrats do not harass Americans on the basis of ideology as it did under the Obama administration, simplify tax compliance, protect taxpayer data and privacy, update antiquated technology systems, return to wholly appropriated funding, end the unlawful Direct File Program, and have a true focus on serving taxpayers well.

I hope Rep. Long will demonstrate his capacity to do this as the Senate considers his nomination.

To combat inflation caused by overspending, clean up the morass of overregulation, and hold those entrusted with power accountable, we need to refocus and repair how the federal government serves Americans.

In many ways this looks like getting Washington out of the way and allowing the American people do what they do best.

President Ronald Reagan famously said, "the nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.'

It's about time we restore accountability and focus on efficiency governmentwide.

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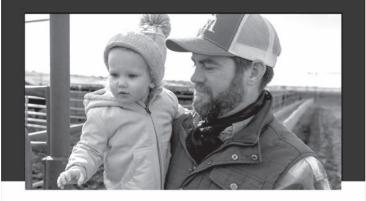
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Geraldine M. "Jeri" Childers, 87

July 21, 1937 - December 7, 2024

Geraldine M. "Jeri" Childers was born July 21, 1937, in Elgin to Gerald and Julia Zegers. She passed away on December 7, 2024 surrounded by love and family.

Jeri loved to share that she had 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren whose energy she could nearly match.

Never one to sit still, she always had projects and interests throughout her 87 years. She loved to golf, play Pinochle and Bridge, throw parties, sew, renovate homes, and was a professional wallpaper hanger with her friend Jane. It is, therefore, no wonder that she was good at puzzles too. Jeri claims she became ambidextrous as a young farm girl because when one hand got tired, she just switched to the other!

She enjoyed going to plays and musicals and her favorite was "The Sound of Music". While her children attended St. Cecilia's and Cathedral schools, Jeri was an active member in the parish and along with her late husband, Wayne, helped to get Bingo and the Cathedral Octoberfest started. We will miss her sparkle, her advice, and her

boundless energy.
Jeri is survived by her children: Karen Klausner, Val (Jeff) Lennard, Paul (Patt), Nancy (Dean) Dobmeier and John (Pam); eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; siblings, Gayle (Judy) Zegers and Judy (Late Jack) Ortmeyer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; sons, Kurt (Sharon) and David; grandson, Jeremiah.

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OBITUARIES

Joan M. Kallhoff, 89



September 28, 1935 - December 8, 2024

A graduate of St. Boniface High School in 1953, she had a strong faith over the years as a member of multiple parishes.

Joan M. Kallhoff, 89 formerly of O'Neill, NE died Sunday,

December 8, 2024 at Heritage of Bel Air in Norfolk, NE.

Services were held Saturday, December 14, 2024 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Rosary being prayed at 10

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

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

Joan Marie Kallhoff, daughter of Richard and Marie (VonBonn) Penne, was born September 28, 1935 on a farm near Elgin. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Church in Elgin and attended St. Boniface School, graduating

Joan married Denis Kerkman, and they lived in Elgin for a short while before moving to California. To this union, three children were born: Jeanne, Kathy and John. The family returned to Elgin in 1961 and lived there until moving to Tilden in 1972. Joan worked at Johnson's IGA and Tilden Community Hospital. The couple later divorced. Joan was united in marriage

to Ray Kallhoff on November 13, 1992 at Tilden. They made their home in O'Neill, NE where Joan worked at the O'Neill Hospital, and later at Bartak Glass.

She had a strong faith and

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of multiple parishes including St. Boniface – Elgin, Our Lady of Mt. Caramel – Tilden, St. Patrick – O'Neill, and St. Mary - Norfolk.

She was a member of the Altar Society and Catholic Daughters. She was devoted to praying the Rosary. She enjoyed playing Bridge and Pitch, but family was everything to her. Joan is survived by three

children: Jeanne (John) Dittrich of Meadow Grove, NE; Kathy Turnbull of Pawnee City, NE; John (Leslie) Kerkman of Oakdale, NE; six step-children: Jean Kallhoff Smith (Pat) of Seattle, WA; Jarl (Sue) Kallhoff of Seattle, WA; Linda Kallhoff of Shawnee, KS; Larry Kallhoff of Norfolk, NE; Glen Kallhoff of Omaha, NE; Greg (Patsy) Kallhoff of Wayne, NE; nine grandchildren: Matthew (Ralitza) Turnbull of Washington DC; Mitchell (Kenzie) Turnbull of Pawnee City, NE; Emily (Curtis) Banzhoff of Lincoln, NE; Katelyn (Curtis) Pilger of Meadow Grove, NE; Jake (Kelley) Dittrich of Happy Valley, OR; Max Kerkman of Oakdale, NE; Dana (Tom) Kavan of Battle Creek, NE; Breanna (David) Kirby of Kearney, NE; Lindsey Kallhoff of Norfolk, NE; 14 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; three siblings; LaVerna (Dave) Edmister of Elkhorn, NE; Phyllis Hyde; Rick Penne of Oakdale, NE; sister-in-law JoAnn Penne of Oakdale, NE; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ray in 2013; siblings: Melinda Penne in infancy, Ella Mae (Donald) Dozler, Jim Penne, Betty Jo (Rollie) Davidson, and sister-inlaw Mary Ann Penne.

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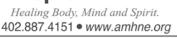
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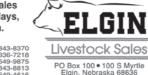
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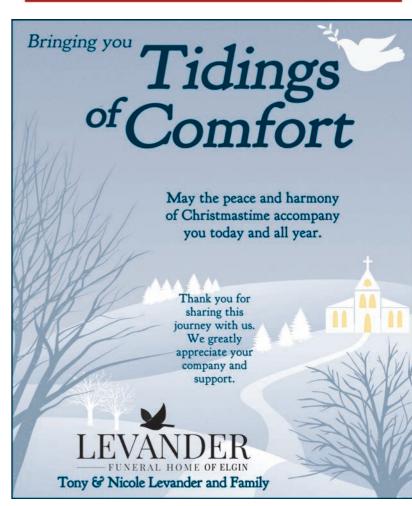


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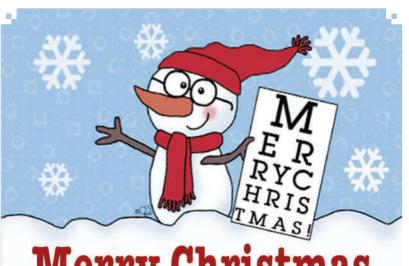
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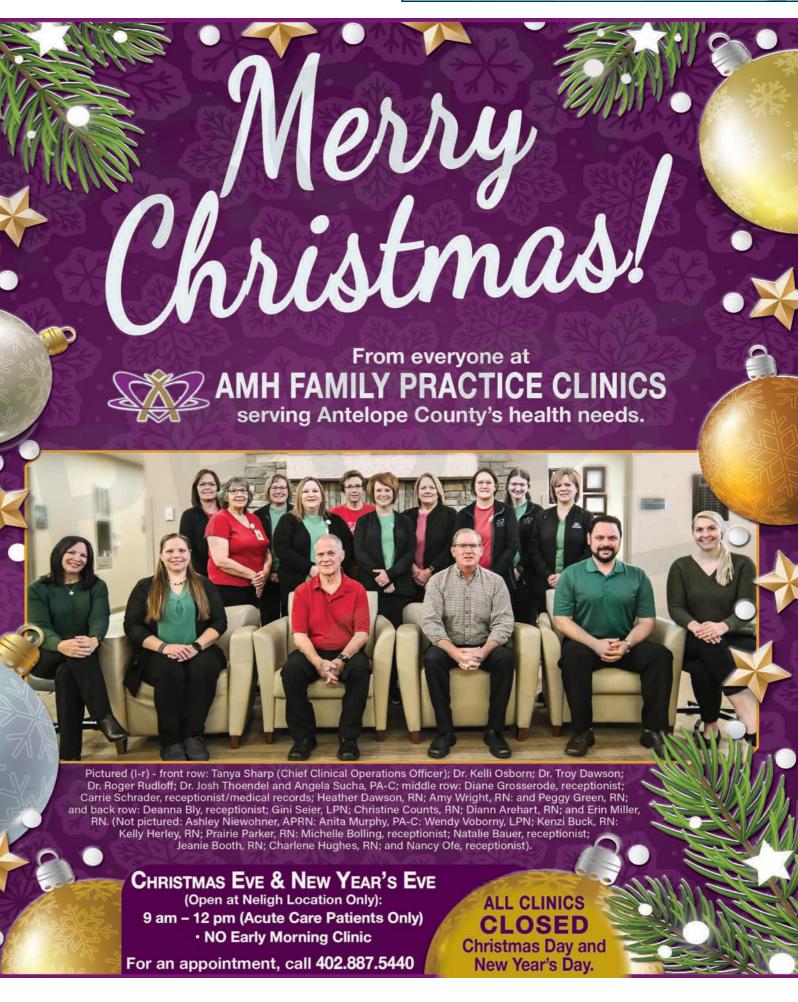












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AMH honors employees for years of service

Employees of Antelope Memorial Hospital were recognized for years of service, Caring Kind and the Nebraska Hospital Association's Trustee of the Year at the AMH Christmas Party held on Friday, December 13 at the American Legion in Neligh. Receiving awards (for number of years honored) were front row (I-r): Diane Brugger (5), Judy Broberg (15), Lauren Kinney (10), Donna Keetle (5), Marsha Schilousky (10) and Merry Sprout (30); back row: John Mlnarik (Trustee of the Year), Samantha Vanis (5), Robin Choate (5), Wendi Reinke (15), Kristen Kester (20), Steven Simonsen (15), Karen Hart (5), Charlene Hughes (Caring Kind) and Amy Wright (35). (Not pictured: Julie Stewart (5), Katelyn Hurlbert (5), Jeffrey Schindler (5), Steven Arehart (5), Michelle Stearns (5), Diann Arehart (5), Jessica Dabalos (10), Jared Jacob (10), Michael Wright (15), Terra Kimes (15), Shantell Boggs (25), Connie Farmer (25), Carolyn Petersen (25), Virginia Seier (30) and Karen Dietz (35).

Jane

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months and some out-of-towner took it down with one shot. How dare they! If you're a cattle farmer/rancher, keep a watchful eye on open season for those heifers. Time to put the prized bulls to work.

Remember when we waited for open season on out-of-thegarden strawberries, or that first mouth-watering tomato? With international marketing, these items are available all year long, though maybe not of the same tasty quality we're used to here.

Back in journalism school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, we learned of the 'silly season' when news days slowed to a crawl and the newspaper editors had to resort to fluff stories to fill space. This was usually considered to be late summer and the down time between Christmas and New Years Day. Seldom see any column stuffing in our *Elgin Review*. Every week there's local news about Elgin generally not accessible any other way.

Ever been told that 'we'll let

you know in good season'? This means being notified when the person making the decision is good and ready. Not fun on the receiving end if you're waiting for a job offer, or a scholarship for college, or an appointment.

All-season coats sometime seem like a good idea until you get frustrated with zipping the extra liner in and out depending on the weather. A singer for all seasons who takes requests is a much better deal. Slip him five bucks and ask for "She Thinks His Tractor's Sexy" by Kenny Chesney. Done. The vocalist is

definitely a performer for all seasons who can play about anything.

Ecclesiastes 3 in the Bible is well known – "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." So now the season is winter with Christmas, and New Year's Eve, and Valentine's Day for us to anticipate, prepare, and enjoy. Season it with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, maybe peppermint.

More importantly, season the coming holiday with joy in knowing the real reason for Christmas. It's been delightful writing for you this year of 2024. Merry Christmas to all!

Comments to jane. schuchardt@gmail.com appreciated.









out for you. I hope you stop by our house. I love when you bring me toys.

Tom Borer

Dear Santa, I want a play fish tank. I also want Barbie Dream House and a Barbie camper. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

Sutton Childers Dear Santa, I love you Santa. I'll leave you milk and cookies. I want a baby axolotl and a Christmas Stocking with a dilophosaurus with Christmas hat

on it. I also want a axolotl stuff animal **Tatum Childers**

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a rainbow lunch box. I want enchanted toys play mirror. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Jamie Eischeid Dear Santa, I will leave you cookies and milk. I would like a basketball. I also would like books Could you bring my brother and sisters some

Gracie Henn Dear Santa, I'm really excited for Christmas. I've been good. How are you? I would like a Batman car with Batman in it and a shooter on the back. I

toys? We've all been good. Have a safe trip.

want a bike without training wheels. Lane Heying

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie Dream house and Barbie dolls that are mermaids. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Blair Hoefer

Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I want some Ugh boots, a Barbie Dream plane playset, and playlet with horses and stables, I also want a Piggy Piggy card game. I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you!

Avery Hoefer

Dear Santa, I want to ride in your sleigh Santa. I want a real live unicorn that can fly and grant me wishes. I want a Pixie lamp and real life fairy book. I'll have cookies for you. Please bring me cookies, too ..

Love, Ren Kinney

Dear Santa, I'm going to leave you yummy cookies and milk. I would like some makeup and the Disney Princess Ready for the Ball playset. I want the Descendant red doll and closet. Last, I want a princess I-pad.

Jasmine Lopez

Dear Santa, I want a tyrannosaurus for Christmas and a robot that makes a lot of trees. I also would like a Santa suit, too. Also, some new shoes and a skateboard.

Tucker Murphy

Dear Santa, I would like games I really want UNO. I'd like some balls to play with too. I have been good.

Greyson Niewohner

Dear Santa, Can I have a unicorn that flies? It has super powers. I will name her Pixie. I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you milk and cookies. I hope your reindeer are feeling OK.

Love, Charlee Parker

Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I want three dinosaurs, ultimate garage Hot Wheels. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Randy Score

Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I've been good this year. I really want Lego Marvel Spider man vs. Sandman that my dad and I can put together. I also want Marvel adventure characters. I will leave you cookies and milk

Love, Thomas Sehi

Dear Santa, I'm writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some makeup and some art supplies to make things. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Effie Mae Shavlik

Letters to Santa continued on Page 9

can give you wishes, anything you want. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I love you, Santa! Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want to have a healthy baby sister. I would like another Baby Alive, a make-up set and a baby school set. I will leave you some milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Love, Tess

Dear Santa,

I would like some football legos and Army legos. I love you!

Love, Bryce

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me presents on Christmas Eve. I want to be your elf someday. Could you bring me a piggy bank and a cozy blankie to snuggle with. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Lucy

Dear Santa,

I like the presents that you give me. I like your elves, especially the ones at my house. My boy and girl elf do naughty things. I would like a tractor and another squish mellow. I would also like a cozy blanket and a dinosaur set. I will leave you some

Love, Britton

I have been a good girl this year. I would like some purple scissors, a Barbie doll with earrings, and play kitchen set.

I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer.

Love, Sawyer

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a Pokeman set and some Power Rangers. I will leave you some

Love, Zekkious

Dear Santa,

I would like a new cozy blankie, a baby doll with toy pacies, and a toy carseat for the baby doll. I would also like a toy bottle for the baby. I want a new fluffy, cozy puppy dog that is a toy one. A new fluffy pillow would be nice as well. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Mylah

Dear Santa.

I like the toys that you make for us. I would like my own baby monkey, a watch, a purse, a real phone, and a real computer. Some keys and a whistle would be nice also. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, June

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa.

This year I have been nice. I want to say thank you. I have a question for you, how do your reigndeer fly? I am looking forward to Christmas this year because your gifts last year were amazing. This year for Christmas I want a nerf gun. Thank you, Ethan

Dear Santa

This year I have been nice. I want to say thank you. I have a question for you. How do elfs fly? I am looking forward to Christmas this year because you get presents. This year for Christmas I want is a purple camera.

Love, Emersyn

Dear Santa,

This year I have been nice. I want to say I do not wont very much presents for Cristmas. I have a question for you, how do you go down the chimny when the fiyer is brning? I am looking forward to Christmas this year because Jesus is born. This year for Christmas I want a mary costume. Love, Eleanor

Dear Santa,

This year I have been nice I want to say jump rope. I have a question for you. How are toys made? I am looking forward to Christmas this year because it is my baby sisters first Christmas. This year I want a jump rope. thank you.

Love, Quinn

This year I have been naughty. I want to say thank you for the gifts. I have a question for you. How old ar you? I am looking forward to Christmas. This year for Christmas I want a mine craft and stuffie.

Love, Clarence

Dear Santa.

Thank you.

This year I have been nice. I want to say I want presents. I have a question for you how do elves fly. I am looking forward to Christmas this year because I'm ready for Presents. This year for Christmas I want a guinea pig.

Thank you, Parker

Dear Santa,

This year I have been nice. I want to say thank you for the gifts. I have a question for you how do reindeer fly. I am looking forward to Christmas this year because I get to see my family. This year for Christmas I want a elf.

Love, Hadley

Deer Santa,

This year I have been nice. I want to say I like your red hat. I have a question for you. How do your reindeer fly? I am looking forward to Christmas this year because I get to spend time with my family. This year for Christmas I want a fat tire bike.

Thank you, Seth

Dear Santa,

This year I have been nice. I want to say thank you for the magna tile race track. I am Looking forward to Christmas this year because I want to open presents. This year for Christmas I want a surprise. Love, George

Dear Santa,

This year I have been nice. I want to say how do reindeer fly. I have a question for you. I want to spend time with my family. I am looking forward to Christmas this year because I like Santa. This year for Christmas I want a i fone fourteen.

Love, Rhyan

Dear Santa,

This year I hav been nice I want to say thank you for sending my elves. I have a queston for you. Why do you were a red soot. I am looking forward to Christmas this year because I want to spend time with my family. This year for Christmas I want pupy. Thank you.

Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,

this year I have been nice. I want to say I thank you for our gifts last year. I have a question for you how old are you. I am looking forward to Christmas this yaer. I want a Kirby plushy. thaak you Love, Leyton

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a huverbord. And I want a iPad. Christmas is special to me because Jesus was born. I want a bake set.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a phone, peiano, a vending mashien, a dance bar, and more friends. Christmas is special because it was the day Jesus is born. My birthday is in this month. December is my favrit month.

Leighton

Dear Santa,

I have been naughty this year. For Christmas I want my teeth strate. For Christmas I want a peano. For Christmas I want a leago set. For Christmas I want a romot control car. Christmas is special to me because Jesus was born.

Kayson

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a x box. Christmas is special to me because it's Jesuses birthday. I want a dog. I love Christmas.

Henry

Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want fire power, a phone, a phone case, clip on braces. Christmas is special to me because Jesus was born. I went to Santa land I see a elf. I see my fav elf.

Scarlett 🗼

big nerf gun air rifle gun. Christmas is special to me because Jesus was born. Jesus is nice. Todav is

Boyd

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

Christmas.

I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a PS5. Christmas is special to me because Jesus. I will give you carrots. I will give u milk.

I have been nice this year. For Christmis I want a

Jack

pet hamster. I also want Amaricin girl daul. And a volleball. And a havverbord.

Addy THIRD GRADE Dear Santa,

How is Jack Frost doing down at the north pole? My

window is getting cold and icy. Is Jack Frost getting

the work shop windows all cold and icy too?

I have been nice this year. For Christmas I want a

Santa, can you ask the elves to make me a giant bean bag, PS5, and a Denver broncos helmet? Thank you!!!

Love, Jaxon Haddix

Dear Santa, Hi Santa, how are the reindeer? how are the elves? What I want for Christmas is a PS5, 3d printer, a Red Dot scope, big, medium, and small squishmollows,

a soccer ball, hunting camp gear that can keep you

warm, and football gloves that are super colorful. Love, Carson

Dear Santa,

How is it in the North Pole? How are Mrs. Claus' cookies? This Christmas I would like an XBOX with College Football 25. I would also like a Go Cart. The last thing I would like is a Dylan Riola jersey. Thaaks in advance.

Sincerely, Max Borer

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing good at the North Pole. I hope your reindeer are doing good and the elves too. For Christmas I want a mountain bike with big tires. Another gift I want for Christmas is a big Chiefs squish mallow and tickets for the Super Bowl for my family and one freind.

How are you and Mrs. Clause? Can I please have a football squish mallow, a mine craft lego set and a fortnite game card for my nintendo switch. Thank

Love, Briggs Heying

Love, Cole Niewohner

front suspension, 49ers tickets. Thanks for the presents last year.

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? How are Mrs. Claus' cookies? For Christmas this year I would like a Dylan Raiola jersey and football card please. Also for Christmas I would like a Denver Broncos squish mallow. Also for Christmas I would like a Broncos

Dear Santa,

flip racer stunt car.

How are the reindeer? How is mrs. claus? For Christmas I would like a Dylan Raiola jersey and a roping saddle and ropes and button up shirts and a grey cowboy hat.

Love, Ace Pelster

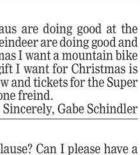
Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a small Christmas tree squish mallow and a Amsean Multicolor hero

Sincerely, Nathan Beckman







I have a question for you, how are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a PS5, 3D printer, freeze for candy, rc plane, dirt bike mountain bike with

Sincerely, Owen Childers

sword costume Accessory.



Elgin Public Elementary





Dear Santa, I want a camera. I want a squishy brontosaurus. It's blue and purple, like all colors. I want a blue scooter too. I have been nice but my brothers not nice.

Dear Santa, I want an RC car that can flip its wheels and when it flips has where it can switch from a motorcycle to a monster truck. It's like a Lego. I want a Transformer that turns into a real one that can step everywhere like a real one.

Bowden

Dear Santa, I want a dancing Santa. I will make cookies with my mom for Santa. I want the elves to make me crayons. I want a balloon. I have been

Davante

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur, a spinosaurus. I want a T-Rex. I've been nice.

Dear Santa, I want a new baby puppy. I want a Minnie Mouse house. I want Harley Quinn shoes and bright hair. I've been nice because I let my brother have the apple juice. If you have any stitch doll houses I want one of those too. I want a camera. I want a stitch purse.

Alyvia

Dear Santa, I want a unicorn. I want a big Barbie house. I want a heart toy. I want a toy panda bear. I have been nice.

Bergan

Dear Santa, I want a train. I love trains. I want a rocket ship. I want a tractor. I have been nice.

Dear Santa, I want babies. I want a puppy. I was nice this year.

Dear Santa, I want a kitty robot. I want a Ninja turtle one. I want a gingerbread. This year I was

Sophia

Dear Santa, I want a kitty that talks and cries and goes to sleep. I love unicorns. I need something for Christmas. I think I'm nice. Sylvia

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard. I want a tractor. I was nice this year.

William

Dear Santa, I want a Gator that I can drive around.

I want books this year. I was nice. Kenzley

Dear Santa, I want Paw Patrol, like a lot of Paw Patrol. I want two little Spiders like on my TV.

want a gingerbread man. This year I was nice. Cohen Dear Santa, I want a Jeep that I can drive. This year

I was nice.

Dear Santa, I want robots. I like robots. I was nice

this year.

Dear Santa, I want a cat robot. It goes, "beep, meow, beep, meow." I want a cat toy. This year I was nice.

Dear Santa, I want a toy. I want Paw Patrol toys. I want candy. I was nice this year.

Dear Santa, I want some makeup. I want some toys, just a lot of toys. This year I was nice. Baelor

Dear Santa, I want a baby and money. I was nice. Penelope

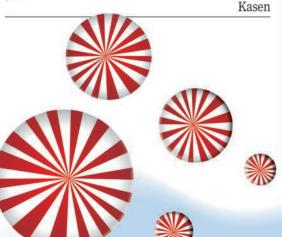
Dear Santa, I want a computer. I was nice this year.

Cooper Dear Santa, I want a chase car and a Blippy car, and

a car that I can drive in. I was nice today. Jack

Dear Santa, I want tractors. I want semi's, a combine, and a grain cart. This year I was nice.

Dear Santa, I want a toy lizard that has a remote. I want a Lightning with a remote. I was nice this year.



Dear Santa, I want a transporter. It's like a big truck Hot Wheel thing. It's actually so many colors, but not pink. I want so many dinosaurs. I have been nice. I actually want a dinosaur car. I want a megarex that's actually a monster truck. I want a T-Rex that fights and a Spinosaurus.

Ethan

Quynn

Dear Santa, I want Stitch. I want Elsa. I want a train. I've been nice.

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike. I have been nice.

Dear Santa, I want slippers with Elsa and Anna. I want a book with Santa and the Grinch this year. I was nice. Adalie

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. I would like a big tiger shark monster truck. I need new Nike shoes. My brother would like a big TV.

Benson Beckman

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like three monster trucks. I need new school shoes. My Dad would like a new TV to watch football.

Connor Beckman

Dear Santa.

I have been good this year. I would like a toy crane. I need new snowpants. My Mom would like new sun glasses.

Joseph Hemenway

Dear Santa.

I have been good this year. I would like a Nintendo Switch. I need pink gloves. My Mom would like a new pink dress.

Emmy Morrison

Dear Santa.

I have been good this year. I would like a toy truck. I need new snowpants. My Caleb would like new Nike football shoes.

Mateo Osuna

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like a magnet set. I need new books. My Mom would like a new pink dress.

Moises Osuna

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. I would like Pet Shops. I need new green shoes. My Dad would like a farm

Reed Snodgrass

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like Polly Pockets. I need new gray shoes, My Lilly would like a blue dress. Chloe Whitney

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like new hot wheels. I need snowpants. My Grandma would like new tools.

Michael Williams

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like a Hoverboard, a cheerleader costume, and a remote-control robot. My Mom would like a robot vacuum. What can I have for a gel nail set? Love, Robin

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Nerf gun, toy cows for my farm, and a power-wheel. My mom really would like a new TV. How many elves do you have working for you?

Love, Callan

Dear Santa.

For Christmas this year I would like a jeep that I can drive, a cheerleader costume, and a robot that can clean my room. My mom and dad would like a machine that can do everything. If you bring me a nail set, how many sets of nails could I do? Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like to have a phone, a pocketknife, and a laptop. My Dad would also like a new pocketknife for work. Do your reindeer like carrots?

Love, Christopher

Dear Santa.

For Christmas this year I would like two realistic looking Nerf guns, a scope for my Nerf guns, and a terrarium. My Mom really would like an apple watch. What do you love about Christmas?

Love, Deen

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like to get some paintbrushes, crayons, and new Barbies. My Mom would really like some cozy blankets. What is your favorite color?

Love, Marie

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would really like to get a Play Station 5, a Nintendo, and a new chair. Cal Pal would like to get PS 5. How naughty are the elves

Love, Easton

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would really like to get a Barbie Dream Camper, clothes for my dolls, and a queen chair only for me. My sister would like to have an elf this year. Do you really give coal to naughty kids?

Love, Lennon

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like a brother to play with, a PS 6, and a PS 4. My Dad would like to have a good sleep for Christmas. Do you get good sleep at the North Pole?

Love, Oliver

Dear Santa, I want a horse and a sale. Then I want a study note book. Then, I want a school study kite. Then, I want a stuffed animal for my mom. Then I want a new black shirt for my dad. Last, I want a stuff animal for myself.

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa, I would like six squish mellows. I would also like three slimes. For Christmas I would also like four make-it-minis and my own elf on the shelf with a baby on the shelf with it. How many elves do you have at the North Pole? Ainsley Rose Beckman

Dear Santa, I would like to have Hot Wheels, candy canes, bracelet set, a calendar, a flag, Christmas lights. Do you know Rudolph the elf in our class room. How many elves do you have?

Lorenzo Carlos Lopez

Dear Santa, I would like a truck for Christmas. Santa Claus how many presents do you give us? I had lots of presents last year. Brycen Pelster

Dear Santa, I would like a remote control grave

Dear Santa, I would like a generation doll. Do you know my elf Victoria? Do you know Rudolph the elf at our school? I love Christmas. Santa I saw you one Christmas. I'm sorry.

digger monster truck.

Lillian Whitney

Dear Santa, I would like a puppy to be playful with Zoe so she doesn't bark. Zoe is also old so she can't really play. I do have cats but I can't train cats to sit, fetch a Frisbee and roll over.

Love, Ryleigh Makenna Young

THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? How are your elves? Did you like your cookies and milk? Last year I liked the gifts that you gave me. Your elves are nice and can you give me Legos, a PS5 and a bell from your reindeer? Could you bring my friend, Thomas, a PS5 also?

Chase Boschen

Dear Santa. How are you and Rudolph doing? Are you ready for your flight this year? How did you like our chocolate chip cookies and milk? I hope mom lets us put carrots out this year for your reindeer. I would like the Mighty Bowser Lego set please and

a Big Piranha Plant Lego set please.

Santa and Elves, thank you.

Cayson Bottorf

Dear Santa,

How are you, Vixen, and Rudolph? How did you like our cookies last Christmas and reindeer food? Santa, my mom wants a new Stanley and my dad wants a new coffee maker. Cael would like a real bow and arrow. Santa, I would like the Mighty Bowser Lego Set and the Super Mario 3 Mario and Yoshi Lego set.

Taysom Bottorf

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I hope you like my cookies and we will get your reindeer some carrots and candy canes. What do your elves like to eat for a snack? I hope you had a good Christmas. Did my mom actually go to the North Pole when she was little? Do you have any kids at all? If you do, what are their names? Where are my elves? Can you please get me a snow globe, bean bag, a Nebraska basketball, and a basketball

Vanessa Buschow

Dear Santa.

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you liked the cookies and milk we left you last year. I hope your reindeer like their carrots that me and my family left you last year. My elves been good. I hope I get a stitch blanket sand a hover board. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Aubree Ferry

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves? I hope your reindeer are ready for the flight. Can I please get a Nerf gun and ten darts?

John Hemenway

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? May I have a vbuks card please. Can I have some Christmas croc charms please? Can I have some Gucci and a Rolex? I would also like some sour candy please? I would also like some new nikes. I would like a shamus and a tote of legos please? Can I have a owls water bottle and a Nebraska football. I would also like a cinnamon scented candle and some cologne, a nerf gun and a bean bag. How are you doing and your reindeer doing? Could you also get a dog for my mom please?

Eli Jacobs

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? Could I have two cups, a owola, and air up bottle? I'll get nine candy canes. I would also like a spy ninja noise enhancer, ear muffs and 6 clear totes. I would like the Bad Kitty book series, a folder with no pockets and four paper trays like Mrs. Eisehauer's. I also would like a planner for Christmas. Do Holly and Noah have rooms? I also would like socks that have you on them with magnetic arms. If you have any kids what are their names?

Adaleese Kinney

How are you, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the elves doing? Do you like carrots? Are the reindeer ready to fly and deliver presents? Can you please bring me lego sets, an elf blanket and a stuffed animal elf? Aubree Lemke

Dear Santa.

How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? Did you like the cookies we made you last year? We are going to make cookies again this year. We are also going to leave out candy canes for the reindeer. How is Rudolph doing? I would like a squish mellow, squishes, a Stich purse, a Stich plushy, fuzzy socks, slime, and a phone. My mom would like slippers. My dad would like a new tool box please and thank

Selene Lopez

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves? Can you get me ps5? Can you get Mrs. Eisenhauer some cinnamon roll popcorn? Can you get Mason a scooter? Can you get Taysom a Mighty Bowser Lego set? Can you get John a notebook set and 2 nerf guns? Can you get Aubree a soft stitch blankent. Can you get Adaleese a spy ninja noise enhancer?

Thomas Suhr

Dear Santa,

How are you and your wife doing this year? We are gong to leave carrots on the roof for your reindeer and Rudolph too. Could you please bring my dad a little coat for Chewy, my dad's dog? Can I please have a stuffed animal fox?

Ruth Thomas

Dear Santa.

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you like the cookies I give you. Could you please get my dad a pistol and a pack of root beer? Could you please get me a scooter and a book set of Diary of a Wimpy Kid?

Mason Vanis



























PROCEEDINGS OF Tuesday, DECEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska December 10th, 2024

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the November 12th, 2024, BOC meeting. Public com-

Approved payroll claims. Approved vendor claims. General: MELVIN AHLERS ps 24.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS (EXT) ex 176.42; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 20,337.96; AN-TELOPE CO COURT ex 186.00; ANTELOPE CO SHRF ex 65.52; APPEARA ex 34.22; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 4,947.10; GOR-DON BAKER ps 72.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 382.05; BCBS ins 74,728.07; BOMGAARS ex 191.83; ARDITH CARR ex 108.00; CASEYS ex 79.97; CITY OF NEL-IGH ut 2,078.13; CITY OF NEL-IGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLEAR-FLY ut 156.22; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 72.00; COLD-TYPE PUBLISHING ex 657.92; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLO-NIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 100.88; THE CORNHUSKER HOTEL ex 199.00; THE COUNCIL HOLDING CO (TCHCE) ex 200.00; CUBBYS ex 374.55; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; EAKES OFFICE SOL ex 38.49; EGLEY, FULLNER, MON-TAG, MORLAND & E ex 569.32; ELECTION GN 2024 ex 12,038.19; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT-WARE ex 5,679.98; ELGIN RE-VIEW ex 457.51; ELITE OFFICE PRODS ex 147.80; FED W/H tax 12,434.29; FIRST CONCORD BEN ins 874.98; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 333.42; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; MAX HI-ETER ps 36.00; HILLTOP AUTO SALES ex 235.00; INTL ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS ex 240.00; IOWA PRISON IND ex 8.40; JACKS UNIFORMS/EQUIP ex 1,930.78; JONNY DODGE ex 113.34; KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY ex 688.89; KIMBERLY YOUNG ex 112.56; KOINZAN ENTERPRISES ex 150.00; BEVERLY KRUTZ ex 253.26; ROSEMARY LEGATE ex 23.45; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 123.53; MARLIN MATSON ex 48.00; DE-MANDA MCGOWEN ex 23.45; MICROFILM IMAGING SYS-TEMS ex 198.00; DUANE MILL-ER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,117.82; NACO ex 2,669.70; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR STATE MARSHALL ELEVATOR ex 120.00; NEBR CHILD SUP-PORT PMT CENTER ex 643.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,114.06; NEBR HEALTH/HUMAN SVCS ex 93.00; NIELSEN INS ex 75.00; VSP-NACO VISION ex 542.60; **EISENMANN** 1,082.51; BRUCE OFE ps 108.00; CONNIE OFE ps 84.00; PAMELA SLAYMAKER ex 60.13; SHEILA PARKS ex 20.10; LISA PAYNE ex 254.61; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 18.85; PHYSICIANS LAB ex 30.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 287.48; PITNEY BOWES LEASE ex 864.18; PITZER DIGITAL ex 456.91; PLATTE VALLEY COM-MS ex 390.00; JANICE RIDDER ex 10.00; JERALD SCHWAGER ps 36.00; MONTE SHABRAM ps 36.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,125.90; SOC SEC 26,952,72; STEALTH

BROADBAND ut 1,136.76; STRAT-TON DELAY DOELE CARLSON

& BUET ex 1,912.00; THRIFT-

WAY MARKET ex 8.64; THE TIL-

DEN CITIZEN ex 880.00; UNIV

US CELL ut 640.08; WASHING-TON NATL INS CO ins 285.92; JAMES WILCOX ps 72.00; 319 GRAPHICS ex 122.50; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-KEARNEY ex 269.90; ANTELOPE CO TREAS

ex 300,000.00; Payroll: 135,218.71 Road/Bridge: AKRS 2,695.70; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 12,395.32; AMH ex 114.00; APPEARA ex 136.00; FIRSTNET ut 140.18; B'S EN-TERPRISES ex 10,267.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 398.61; BLACKSTRAP ex 1,384.50; BCBS ins 44,036.76; BOMGAARS ex 1,184.45; CARQUEST ex 638.80; CITY OF NELIGH ut 24.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 71.02; COLONIAL LIFE/ACC INS ins 18.00; CON-STELLATION ut 1.82; CORNER SVC ex 3,925.55; CREDIT MNG-MT SVCS garn 501.12; CUBBYS ex 802.70; DUSTYS ex 143.44; EL-GIN ONE STOP ex 53.00; EMME SAND/GRAVEL ex 22,403.67; FARMERS PRIDE ex 24,179.75; FED W/H tax 7,839,65; FIRST CONCORD BEN ins 266.66; FRONTIER COMM ut 477.62; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 312.63; ISLAND SUPPLY WELD-ING ex 220.80; JOEL SINCLAIR ex 6,002.59; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 11,847.50; JONNY DODGE ex 3,994.96; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 2,109.24; KIM-BALL-MIDWEST ex 289.59; LAZY TTIRE ex 1,316.76; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 4,975.27; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 55.82; MATTEO SAND/ GRAVEL ex 10,367.20; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 24,834.20; NACO ex 160.00; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,799.13; NPPD ut 229.18; NEL-IGH AUTO/MACHINE ex 495.77; VSP-NACO VISION ins 312.07; NMC EXCHANGE ex 3,655.29; NCPPD ut 191.22; NNTC ut 255.24; ORCHARD LUMBER ex 26.72; POLLOCK REDI MIX ex 1,148.09; QUALITY IRON/MET-AL ex 121.95; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 1,051.76; RAZOR TRACKING ex 975.00; RDO TRUCK CEN-TER ex 1,796.86; ROAD BUILD-ERS ex 1,250.96; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 900.02; SANNE SVC ex 300.00; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 4,151.14; SCHLECHT TRUCK-ING ex 4,665.36; WEX BANK ex 825.90; SOC SEC 17,378.26; **SPENCER QUARRIES** 3,362.21; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 112,650.89; STEALTH BROAD-BAND ut 95.56; STRAIGHT-LINE

7.99; ERPPD ut 533.58; SWITZER WELDING-BRIAN ex 616.50; Payroll: 87,661.24 Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 349.80;

STRIPING ex 1,395.35; TRUCK

CENTER ex 631.98; ULINE SHIP-

PING ex 353.48; VILLAGE OF

BRUNSWICK ut 54.50; VILLAGE

WASHINGTON NATL INS CO

ins 277.90; WESTERN OIL II ex

403.56; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD

ut 82.03; CARHART LUMBER ex

CLEARWATER ut 73.50;

Veterans Aid: ANTELOPE CO VETS SVC OFFICE ex 2,000.00; THOMAS NELSON ex 945.00;

Law Enforcement: AMER-ICAN SCREENING ex 255.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 285.61; BOMGAARS ex 47.11; CASH-WA DISTR ex 2,193.00; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,359.98; CULLIGAN ex 66.25; APRIL CURTISS ex 90.00; HILAND DAIRY ex 434.72; M&O DOOR PRODS ex 410.00; MENARDS ex 218.12; MIDWEST RESTAURANT SUPPLY ex 188.51; NCPPD ut 51.03; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 28.55; PINNACLE BANK ex 197.32; PLATTE VALLEY

COMMS ex 416.85; REASSUR-ANCE SOLUTIONS ex 7,400.00; SPEED SVCS ex 225.00;

Commissary: KEEFE SUPPLY CO ex 594.24; PINNACLE BANK ex 409.68; WALKENHORSTS ex 61.25.

Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement, Clerk of the District Court Report, and Sheriff Fee Report for November.

Zoning Administrator: shared Zoning Permit Report, approved two (2) administrative plats.

Approved a promotional grant request.

Approved two (2) Memorandum of Understandings regarding juvenile justice cooperation with Madison County.

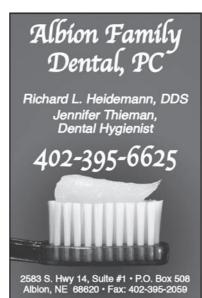
Road Superintendent Report: one (1) access permit was approved, five (5) oversize permits. Open sealed bid and sold 1991

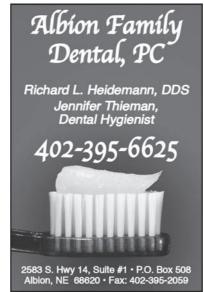
International. Purchased motor grader from

John Deere with trade-in of paving machine - \$3,100.00 credit. Purchased motor grader from

Authorized advertising for reroofing Antelope County Muse-

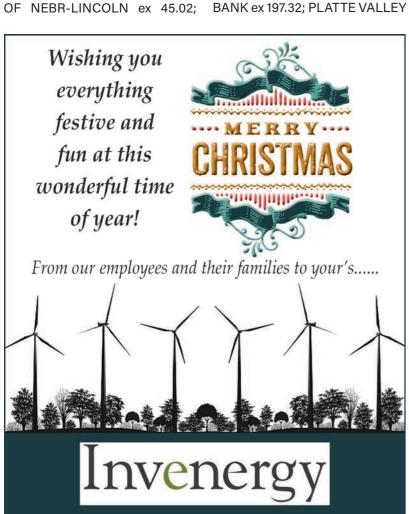
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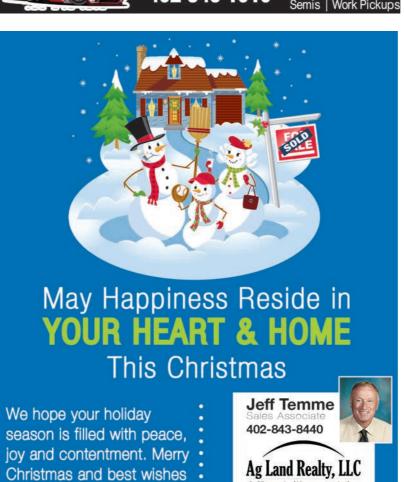












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Commissioners

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Board of Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: December 18, 2024 CHARLIE HENERY Chairman of County Board ZNEZ





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Merry Christmas from our entire staff.

KEITH G. HEMMER

104 South 2nd Street Elgin, Nebraska

Thanks **Snow** Much!



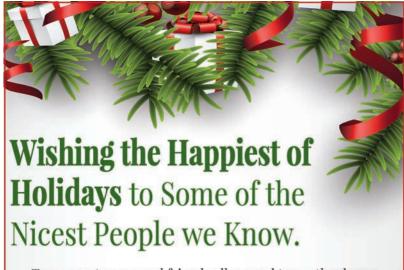
We're grateful for your every visit, phone call, email and smile! Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season.

> From Megan, Marla ෂ Jeslynn at

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To our customers and friends all around town, thank you for making us a part of your year. Your kindness and encouragement remind us how fortunate we are to have our homes and business here. Being a part of this community is something we value beyond measure, and we cherish the memories we have created with all of you.



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HOLIDAY HOURS: Christmas Eve Day

8 am-2 pm Christmas Day CLOSED

New Year's Eve Regular Hours 8 am-9 pm

Dribble, shot club standouts recognized

The second annual Wolfpack Dribble and Shot Club awards were handed out Tuesday night, December 10, during a break in the Wolfpack/Neligh-Oakdale girls basketball game. The goal of the program

is to encourage youth to get outside and be active during the summer while improving basketball and life skills. Students now in Kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the clubs this year. In the Dribble Club, the goal this year was to dribble for 10 minutes, three times per week. Recognized for participating in the Dribble Club were Vanessa Buschow, Callan Schindler, Taryn Schindler, Tenley Schindler, Cayson Bottorf, Taysom Bottorf, Hayley Selting, Carter Selting, Kinley Selting, Chloe Kielty, Reid Kielty, Leo Spieker, Boyd Spieker, Judd Schindler, Mark Schindler and Tess Spieker.

In the Wolfpack Shot Club, students logged how many shots they took during the summer. Recognized for participating were Max Borer; 3,000 Shot Club Vanessa Buschow, Chase Young, Cayson Bottorf, Taysom Bottorf, Cael Bottorf and Harmon Borer; 5,000 Shot Club Kinley Selting, Mark Schindler, Reid Kielty, Tenley Schindler, James Lodge, Braxton Eisenhauer, Leo Spieker and Chloe Kielty; 7500 Shot Club Carter Selting.



Katherine A. Kusek, DDS, PC

05 W. Church St, Albion, NE



Dribble club award recipients.



Shot club award recipients.

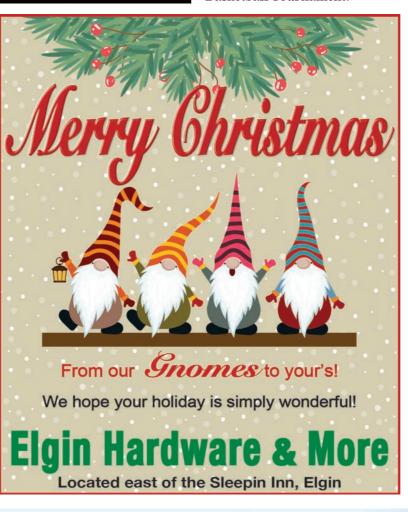
Madison Holiday Basketball Tournament pairings announced

MADISON — Pairings have been announced for Wolfpack basketball teams competing in the upcoming Madison Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Both the boys and girls varsity teams will be competing at the tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, December 27-28 at Madison High School

The Wolfpack girls will square off in the first round against

See MADISON, Page 16 ▶





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15: ROSEMARIE BUHLMANN (16), KARRIE FOGLEMAN, MARY HELLBUSCH, JAIMIE BEISTER, ABBIE NELSON, SHELLY BABB

10: KEVIN LISS, SUSAN WALFORD, JENNIFER CAMERON, ALEXANDRA BOUSKA, AMANDA LIPKER, BETTY BALLENTINE, JAMI AFRANK JEAN BOWMAN, TRACI BECKMAN

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PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 9 MEETING

WATER: The water main was

successfully fixed in town and

a new valve was added so more

USER FEES: Were discussed.

tion Carried. It was moved by Ein-

spahr, seconded by Plugge to pay

Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Williamson,

and Einspahr. No: None. Absent:

Nichols. Abstained: Nordhues.

Service, Payroll Taxes, \$59.16; El-

gin Review, Newspaper Publica-

tion, \$191.19; Northeast Nebraska

Telephone, Telephone & internet,

\$131.63; Spalding Farm & Home,

Supplies, \$181.31; NE Depart-

ment of Labor, Unemployment

tax, \$28.75; Bronco Buzz, Printing

minutes, \$50.00; Rick Custard,

Potholes, \$105.00; L & L Sanita-

tion, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00;

Letti Nichols, Board Member Ex-

pense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues,

Board Member Expense, \$50.00;

Kurt Einspahr, Board Member

Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge,

Board Member Expense, \$50.00;

Dan Williamson, Board Member

Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith,

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD,

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES:

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD,

Utilities, \$922.73; A Plus Con-

tracting, Street project applica-

tion 3, \$51,580.20 TOTAL STEET EXPENSES:

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD,

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES:

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDI-

OTHER BUSINESS: The board

conversed about meeting with

some school board members to

discuss a new community cen-

ter. A Facebook page will also be

started for the town to share no-

There being no other business,

The next regular meeting will

Dated this 9th day of December

roducts

be Monday, January 13th, 2025, at

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the meeting was adjourned at

Utilities, \$601.58; Mark Nordhues,

Professional Fee, \$300.00

TURES: \$56,847.67

Utilities, \$62.03; Ramsey Ranch

Supply, Barbed wire, \$285.00

KENO EXPENSES:

Salary, \$357.09

\$3,096.13

\$347.03

\$52,502.93

tifications.

7:00 p.m.

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TOTAL

GENERAL: Internal Revenue

Motion carried.

MAY CLAIMS: It was moved

SEWER: Was discussed.

KENO: Was discussed.

can be isolated.

BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2024

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on December 9, 2024. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr, and Nordhues. Also present: Jerry Koinzan and Emma Smith, village clerk. 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 Einspahr to approve the November 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: The board discussed the usage of the village skidsteer in 2025. They are planning to put a book in the skidsteer to keep track of its hours. It was moved by Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to appoint Jay Meyer, Class A, License S-1162 as street superintendent during January 1 thru December 31, 2025 for the purpose of the 2025 calendar year. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Nichols. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

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Peters.

Winners were announced in the Elgin Review Christmas Drawings Contest. Winning first prize this year was a rendition of the nativity scene submitted by second grader Derek Scholl. Taking second was Amanda Dinslage while Timmy Starman placed third.

Amber Mundorf, daughter of Jerry and Millie Mundorf of Elgin, passed the State Cosmetology Board examination.

Young N' Lively held their Christmas meeting which featured recipes being distributed from the cookie exchange in November. The new president Janice Esau reminded members of the New Year's Eve party at Jane Niewohner's.

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Community Calendar

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

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

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

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

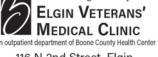
Christmas holiday. Friday and Saturday, December 27-28 Madison Holiday Boys and Girls Bas-

ketball Tournament (Wolfpack). Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year! Saturday, January 4

Little Kids wrestling tourney @ SBA. Tuesday, January 7 Elgin schools resume classes.

Events listing courtesy of



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

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through the end of the semester.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Meeting EPS Distance Learning Room December 11, 2023, 6:30 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular meeting of the Elgin Public School Board to order at 6:32 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

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.

Todd Heithoff motioned and Ron Bode 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.

Amazon, Instru Expense, \$5,126.77; Antelope County Clerk, board Expense, \$663.50; Appeara, Maintenance, \$560.39; Apple Inc., Perkins grant, \$1,728.00; Beckman Lumber, Instru Expense, \$211.40; Bishop Business, business Expense, \$306.27; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$3,921.79; COR Therapeutic, Title IV Expense, \$1,925.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$20.56, Instru Expense, \$141.37; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,641.96; ESU #8, Instru Expense, \$180.00, Title IIA Expense, \$20.00, SpEd Expense, \$50,902.20, Instru Expense, \$63.50; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$217.83, Instru Expense, \$34.09; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,662.90; Elgin Review, board Expense, \$1,346.30; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,358.31; Embassy Suites, Title IIA Expense, \$447.00; Faith Regional Health Services, Transportatiion, \$100.00; GO Physical Therapy, SpEd Expense, \$4,784.16; HireRight, Perkins grant, \$306.60; Hometown Sta-

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tion, Transportation, \$1,098.49; HP Inc., Perkins grant, \$1,760.48; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$105.60; Jonny Dodge, Transportation, \$1,887.06; MidAmerican Research Co., maintenance, \$231.14; Northeast Regional Programs, spEd Expense, \$93.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$105.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$544.80; Protex, Maintenance, \$404.00; Rasmussen Mechanical. Maintenance. \$33.74; RiseBroadband, business Expense, \$24.30; Slaymaker, Pam, Instru Expense, \$32.53; TMS, Business Expense, \$69.00; US Bank, \$626.24; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$200.13; WageWorks, Instru Expense, \$139.25; Waste Connections, Business Expense, \$42.22; Wells Fargo, \$53.27

Total Board Bills: \$86,120.15 President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

Principal Wemhoff reported on the activities of the past month and the schedule of activities

Supt. Brockhaus reported on the technical issues with the bus-Eric Beckman motioned, Luke Hinkle second to approve the first reading of updated Policy 717.00 Disposal of Property Under Federal Grants. Vote 6-0, motion car-Busteed motioned, Bode seconded to approve one early retirement application. Vote 4-1, Beckman voted no, and Heithoff abstained. Motion carried. Bode motioned to approve the prices for the salad bar. Prices

approved are \$1.25 if stand alone in a small container, \$2.50 if stand alone in a medium sized container. Heithoff seconded the motion. Vote 6-0, motion carried. Heithoff motioned, Beckman seconded the motion to approve

trading in two vans to Woodhouse and purchasing a 2025 Suburban for \$65,345.00 minus the trade amount. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

onded to purchase a 2025 Jeep

Busteed motioned; Hinkle sec-

Wagoneer L 4x4 from Johnny Dodge for \$58,859. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Wolfpack uniform rotation and updating uniforms every five years. Wrestling, junior high girls and boys Basketball and junior high volleyball are uniforms that will be updated in 2025.

The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Board Room.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beckman and seconded by Hinkle. Vote 6-0, motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Bode, Secretary Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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AMH to again offer 'Move It to Lose It' **Contest**

"On January 6, 2025, our next 'Move It to Lose It' Contest begins here at Antelope Memorial Hospital," said Vanessa Carpenter, AMH Wellness Director. "I look forward to offering a fresh start to area residents – in supporting their wellness goals. It's often helps to be more accountable when one teams up with family or friends to initiate healthier habits. This contest is an excellent way to kick off 2025 and reach their goals!"

The contest has three categories for men, women and teams. It runs for 11 weeks from January 6 - March 21. For early registration (by January 3), the cost is \$40 for individuals and \$120 for teams of four. After January 3, the costs are \$45 and \$125, respectively. The entry fee includes a t-shirt, body composition measurements, weekly weigh-ins (Mondays -Thursdays), STAC classes and use of the AMH Wellness Center. Cash prizes will be awarded to the overall first-place winner of each category. Other prizes will be awarded to the second and third-place winners in each category.

Individuals who are not contest participants may become members of the AMH Wellness Room for \$20/month for individuals under age 55 and \$17 for those 55 and older. Regular hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. (Hours may vary.)

For more information or to register (required) for AMH's "Move It to Lose It" Contest or wellness program, please contact Vanessa at 402.887.6204 or wellness@amhne.org. An online registration form for the contest may also be obtained from www.amhne.org (see "Wellness Center" under "Services") and mailed with payment to AMH Wellness, PO Box 229, Neligh, NE 68756.

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On January 6, the next 'Move It to Lose It' Contest begins at Antelope Memorial Hospital for toning and weight loss. (Above) Vanessa Carpenter, AMH Wellness Director, is shown in the AMH Wellness Center where members and contest participants may exercise.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, December 23: Tator tot casserole, pears, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Eve closed. Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day closed. Thursday, December 26: Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, green beans, apricots, bread/ butter, milk. Friday, December 27: BBQ

meatballs, cheesy hashbrowns,

creamed peas, tropical fruit, bread/butter, milk. (All meals served with bread & butter.

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

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

and older. Under 60 is \$10.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends

around 12:15 p.m.



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Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District



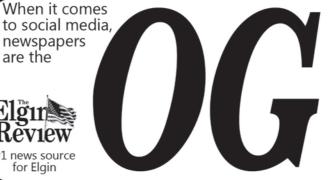
The Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Program is now open and applications are being accepted in the Upper Elkhorn NRD.

The Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District (UENRD) is accepting applications until January 10, 2025 for the state's Nitrogen

Reduction Incentive Program. Producers in qualifying areas have the potential to be paid for reducing their nitrogen application amounts by the lesser of 40lbs or by 15%.

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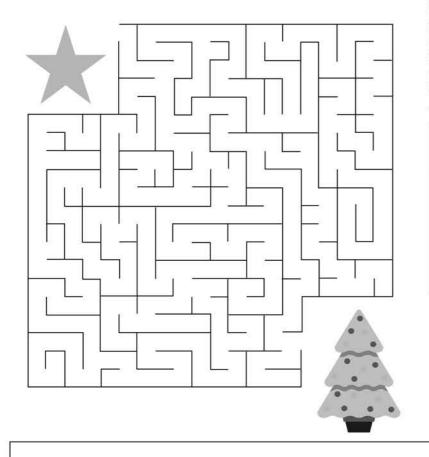
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IT'S ALL **ABOUT BEEF**

ferment and producers may be in the process of feeding off of a pile. Most of us are very aware of the importance of proper management during harvest for a quality feedstuff. However, the situation can be quite different when the silo is open and fed out.

has had time to fully

Once packed and fermentation completed untouched silage can be preserved for a long time. However, that state of longterm preservation

changes as soon as we start feeding. Once the silage is exposed to oxygen, aerobic fermentation starts to take place and the material starts to deteriorate. As I heard it put recently, A" silage pile is like we raked together a big pile of leaves. We use fermentation magic to keep it stable, but when it is exposed to air, we turn our silage pile into a compost pile and it starts

Silage harvested this year

to decompose." For this reason, it is recommended to minimize the silage face's exposure to the air. Easier said than done. As we pull silage



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

tion of time silage is exposed to air and can help limit mold growth and decomposition. A good rule of thumb is to remove 6 to 8 inches daily across the entire face. Minimum removal should be 4

3 inches in the winter. Pile size is critical to managing removal properly. While it's a bit too late to change things this year, next year we can estimate how much we need to feed daily and try to adjust pile

inches daily in the summer and

proportions to better fit daily removal. The University of Wisconsin recommends using a face removal rate of 12 inches per day when planning silage piles with no more than three

days of silage unprotected by

cover at any one time. While specialized silage facing tools are available, spending money on a specialized piece of machinery to maintain a smooth silage face may only make sense for operations regularly feeding large amounts of silage.

In the case where regular farm equipment is used, operator skill when removing feed becomes paramount. For instance, extracting silage from the silo pit, with a payloader results in a vastly different open face when the payloader is used going into the face from the front than when it is operated from side to side of the face "shaving" its surface. Again this is all about oxygen management. A smooth face has less surface area for oxygen to interact with and begin decomposition than a ragged one, especially if removing feed roughly opens up larger cracks

Things to consider as you begin your silage feed-out deeper into the silage pile.

A final and especially important consideration is worker safety when working with the vertical face of a silage pile or pit. While they may seem stable, collapse can happen at any moment and without warning. This is particularly important when working in silo bunkers of large sizes, and heights.

How we feed silage can be just as important in maintain quality as putting it up. In summary, remove the amount of silage that is going to be used, using the technique or gear that leaves the smoothest face and expose the smallest surface possible. Most importantly, be overly cautious when working close to the silo open face.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving 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@

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Guess Who?

not coming home for Christmas one in a holiday boycott. Yet my decision

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Wolfpack Sports

Veik wins 'gold' Friday at Twin Loup Invitational

SARGENT — Wolfpack junior Landyn Veik picked up his first 'gold medal' of the season Friday, competing at the Twin Loup Invite. Competing at 165 pounds, Veik improved his record to 5-2 by winning all three of his contested matches. In the championship round, Veik pinned Cambridge's

Colton Perks (11-2) in 3:10. Other Wolfpack wrestlers had good showings at Sargent.

Gavin Kallhoff, competing in the 144-pound 'B' division, won all three of his matches (two by pin).

Competing at 215 pounds, Justice Blecher recorded two

Individual results were (courtesy of TrackWrestling): 144 pounds — Round 1 - Zachary Wiebelhaus (North Central) 7-5 won by tech fall over Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/Pope John) 1-4 (TF-1.5 4:23 (18-0); Cons. Round 1 - Drueke received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Sam Titus (Ainsworth) 10-5 won by fall over Drueke (Fall 3:34)

144B — Round 1 - Gavin Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 4-2 won by fall over Tom Connell (Hyannis) 0-5 (Fall 3:04);

Round 2 - Kallhoff won by decision over Tyce Rathbun (North Platte) 2-1 (Dec 7-5); Round 3 - Kallhoff won by fall over Adrian Nienaber (Ansley-Litchfield) 3-6 (Fall 3:20)

150 — Round 1 - Samual Winter (Brady) 3-4 won by fall over Landon Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 0-4 (Fall 0:39); Cons. Round 1 - Kallhoff received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Jack Kucera (Ravenna) 3-4 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 1:52)

 Round 1 - Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) 5-2 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Veik won by decision over Branson Anderson (North Central) 7-2 (Dec 6-1); Semifinal - Veik won by fall over Jackson Christen (Anselmo-Merna) 2-2 (Fall 3:04); 1st Place Match - Veik won by fall over Colton Perks (Cambridge) 11-2 (Fall 3:10)

215 — Round 1 - Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) 5-4 won by fall over Frank Green (Burwell) 1-4 (Fall 3:45); Quarterfinal - Blecher won by fall over Gage White (Overton) 3-4 (Fall 1:04); Semifinal - Trev Burke (Cambridge) 10-3 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 1:18); Cons. Semi - Kip Leonard (North Central) 7-5 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 2:07)



Landyn Veik won the 165-pound weight class Friday at Sargent, Here, he takes down Anselmo-Merna's Jackson Christen in the semi-final round.

Evans takes first; Chessmore records pins at Wood River

WOOD RIVER — Two wrestling tournaments so far, two trips to the medal stand for EPPJ wrestler Libby Evans.

Having qualified for the state tournament in her freshman season, Evans appears to have picked up where she left off last

On Saturday, competing at the Wood River Invitational, the sophomore claimed a gold medal in the 190-pound division.

Evans 'pinned' her way to a gold medal. In three contested matches on the match, Evans pinned Briana Gutierrez (Grand Island High) and Keori Surrency (Grand Island Central Catholic) to reach the

In the championship match,



Jayda Chessmore

Evans pinned GICC's Leslie Garcia in 2:48. Although not placing in the cournament, Wolfpack Jayda Chessmore picked up another pin on In her third match of the day,

he pinned Bryanna

Ixcot (Schuyler) in Complete results (courtesy of TrackWrestling) from Saturday's

tournament were: 125 pounds — Round 1 -Harmonie Carr (Northwest Girls) 4-1 won by fall over Jayda Chessmore (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 4-4 (Fall 1:07); Cons. Round 1 - Chessmore won by medical forfeit over Julia Saucedo (Grand Island Girls, JV) 0-1 (M. For.); Cons. Round 2 - Chessmore won by fall over Bryanna Ixcot (Schuyler Girls) 5-5 (Fall 4:25); Cons. Round 3 - Jasmin Aguirre (Lexington Girls, JV) 7-2 won by fall over Chessmore (Fall 0:51)

190 — Round 1 - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 5-1 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Evans won by fall over Briana Gutierrez (Grand Island Girls, JV) 0-2 (Fall 1:38); Semifinal -Evans won by fall over Keori Surrency (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 6-5 (Fall 0:58); 1st Place Match - Evans won by fall over Leslie Garcia (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 6-1 (Fall



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Braelyn Martinsen (5) was a scoring machine against the Warriors, making 10 of 17 shots to finish with a game-high 26 points.

Martinsen nets 26 as **EPPJ** tops Warriors 61-46

ELGIN — Playing their first home game at EPS Tuesday night, Elgin Public-Pope John defeated Neligh-

Oakdale 61 to 46. Four Wolfpack players notched their name in the scorer's column in the first quarter as they took an 18 to 12 lead. Braelyn Martinsen notched eight points

in the quarter. The Wolfpack then broke the game open in the second quarter by outscoring the Warriors 19 to nine. EPPJ went on a 15 to 3 run during the quarter. Martinsen again was key with

nine points. Up 16 to start the second half, the lead grew to 25 points midway through the fourth quarter before the Warriors put up 11 points to close out the game.

Martinsen finished with 26 points in the game and a team-high 13 steals. Senior Kate Furstenau had two treys and finished with 14 points.

Sophomore Mady Kurpgeweit had 13 rebounds to go along with eight points. The victory boosted EPPJ's record to

EPPJ 61, Neligh-Oakdale 46

Warriors......12 9 11 14 — 46 Wolfpack......18 19 12 12 — 61 Wolfpack - Kayton Zwingman 2-3 3-4 7, Elizabeth Moser 0-2 1-2 1, Trissa Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Braelyn Martinsen 10-17 5-8 26, Callie Heithoff 1-9 0-0 3, Kate Furstenau 5-11 2-2 14, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 4-13 0-3 8. Team totals: 23-59 11-19 61. Three-point shots — 4-14 (Kate Furstenau 2, Callie Heithoff 1, Braelyn Martinsen 1). Warriors team totals: 18-57 6-8 46. Three-point shots - 4-9.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 38 (Mady Kurpgeweit 13), Warriors 35. Assists Wolfpack 11 (Mady Kurpgeweit 3), Warriors 9. Steals — Wolfpack 30 (Braelyn Martinsen 13), Warriors 21. Turnovers — Wolfpack 33, Warriors 41.

Pirates first half play leads to 10-point win over Wolfpack

PLAINVIEW — In sports, numbers

always tell the story.
Such was the case Friday night as the Wolfpack boys team fell to Plainview by a score of 61 to 51.

Having had success hitting from behind the three-point arc in three wins to start the season, EPPJ made just four of 21 attempts for 12 points. In contrast, the Pirates connected on seven of 21

Rebounds were another key to the Wolfpack's team play. They were outrebounded 29 to 24 in the game.

Those two key statistics impacted the outcome of the game, denying the Wolfpack a 4-0 start of the season.

Plainview outscored the Wolfpack 40 to 29 in the first half to take control of

Over the first $3\,1/2$ minutes of the second half, the Pirates connect on three treys to take a 51 to 37 lead, EPPJ cut the lead to eight points late in the fourth quarter on a basket by freshman

Max Henn. The Pirates then closed out the game making six of eight free throws. EPPJ was led in scoring by junior Jarek Erickson.

He made seven of 10 shots and two of three free throws to finish with 18 points, teammate Kellan Hoefer had 11. Dylan Kolm led the team in rebounds with nine.

The loss dropped EPPJ's season record to 3-1.

Plainview 61, EPPJ 51

Wolfpack...... 5 8 16 22 - 51 Pirates.....11 11 18 21 — 61 Wolfpack - Kellan Hoefer 5-16 1-1 11, Karson Kallhoff 3-18 0-0 7, Jarek Erickson 7-10 2-3 18, Max Henn 2-5 0-2 5, Taylor Beckman 1-5 1-4 3, Dylan Kolm 2-5 3-5 7. Team totals: 20-59 7-15 51. Three-point shots -Wolfpack 4-21 (Karson Kallhoff 1, Jarek Erickson 2, Max Henn 1). Plainview team totals: 21-50 12-19 61. Three-point shots -Pirates 7-21.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 24 (Dylan Kolm 9), Pirates 29. Assists - Wolfpack 6 (Jarek Erickson 2, Kellan Hoefer 2). Steals - Wolfpack 2. Turnovers - Wolfpack 7. Pirates 6.

Wolfpack rout Warriors 58 to 12

ELGIN — The Wolfpack put on a display of stellar defense Tuesday night, defeating Neligh-Oakdale 58 to 12 last week.

Playing their first home game at EPS, the Wolfpack held their foe to singledigit scoring in all four quarters to pick up their third victory of the season.

EPPJ stymied the Warriors' attack on their first possession (a shot clock violation) and continued throughout the game forcing bad shot after bad shot. It seemed as if, after each rebound the Wolfpack pulled down, they were off and running towards the other end of the court.

EPPJ took a 35 to seven lead at halftime, then outscored Neligh-Oakdale 23 to five in the second half.

The lop-sided victory allowed Wolfpack reserves to see plenty of action on the court. Michael Selting had five points in the game and teammate Evin Pelster, came off the bench, to score four points.

For the game, EPPJ was led by

Karson Kallhoff with 12 points, Kellan Hoefer had 10, Taylor Beckman added nine while Dylan Kolm and Jarek Erickson each had eight.

Pelster and Max Henn tied for the team-high in rebounds with five apiece. EPPJ 58, Neligh-Oakdale 12

Wolfpack......20 15 18 5 - 58 Wolfpack - Kellan Hoefer 5-7 0-0 10, Michael Selting 2-3 0-0 5, Joseph McNally 0-3 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 5-8 0-0 12, Evin Pelster 2-6 0-1 4, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 2-4 2-2 8, Taylor Beckman 4-5 1-2 9, Max Henn 1-2 0-0 2, Dylan Kolm 4-6 0-0 8, Trey Rittscher 0-3 0-0 0. Team totals: 25-47 3-5 58. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 5-10 (Michael Selting 1, Karson Kallhoff 2, Jarek Erickson 2). Warriors' team totals: 4-34 4-5 12. Threepoint shots -0-9.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 30 (Evin Pelster 5, Max Henn 5). Assists Wolfpack 11 (Jarek Erickson 5). Steals Wolfpack 8 (Kellan Hoefer 2, Karson

Kallhoff 2). Turnovers — Wolfpack 12.



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Senior Kellan Hoefer made five of seven shots to finish with 10 points against Neligh-Oakdale.

Wolfpack hangs 'donut' on Wausa in 57-16 victory

WAUSA — The Wolfpack girls handed Wausa a 'donut' in the first quarter Saturday en route to a 57 to 16 victory. EPPJ held the Vikings scoreless in the

first quarter, a rare feat. Coach Randy Eisenhauer's focus on defensive pressure early in ball games paid off on this night as the Vikings

Quick start downs Plainview Pirates

PLAINVIEW — A quick start by the Wolfpack girls proved too much for Plainview to overcome Friday night. Behind 12 points from sophomore Mady Kurpgeweit, the Wolfpack girls defeated the Pirates 41 to 30.

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never recovered. Trissa Russell and Callie Heithoff each had treys in the opening quarter.

The lead grew to 27 points midway through the second quarter before Wausa got on the scoreboard. After the Vikings got on the scoreboard, Heithoff answered back with a trey before halftime to give EPPJ a 32 to 6 lead

The third quarter was all Wolfpack as EPPJ put up 21 points, capitalizing on nearly every mistake. At the start of the fourth quarter, EPPJ took a 40-point lead. Shortly thereafter, Eisenhauer cleared the bench to close out the game. The Wolfpack's last points on the night came on a two-pointer by sophomore Dannyka Smidt.

EPPJ was led in scoring by Mady Kurpgeweit with 14, Braelyn Martinsen added 13. The victory boosted EPPJ's

record to 4-0. EPPJ 57, Wausa 16

Wolfpack......18 14 21 4 — 57 Wausa...... 0 6 7 3 - 16 Wolfpack - Kayton Zwingman 3-6 0-0 6, Kinley Drueke 0-0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-5 1-2 3, Trissa Russell 1-4 0-0 3, Braelyn Martinsen 5-9 1-1 13, Callie Heithoff 3-8 0-0 9, Kate Furstenau 3-12 1-27, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 7-13 0-0 14, Dannyka Smidt 1-1 0-0 2. Team totals: 24-57 4-6 57. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 5-18 (Callie Heithoff 3, Trissa Russell 1, Braelyn Martinsen 1). Wausa team totals: 6-38 3-8 16. Three-point shots — 1-13. Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 33 (Mady Kurpgeweit 8), Wausa 26. Assists -Wolfpack 14 (Mady Kurpgeweit 6), Wausa 8. Steals — Wolfpack 22 (Mady Kurpgeweit 5), Wausa 5. Turnovers - Wolfpack 13, Wau-

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Wolfpack lose heartbreaker as Wausa capitalizes on late free throw to win 36 to 35

WAUSA — It should have been a happy ending, but it turned out to be a bad weekend.

Elgin Public-Pope John boys suffered their second loss in two days Saturday evening, falling to Wausa 36 to 35.

Having come into the weekend undefeated at 3-0, the Wolfpack were soundly beaten Friday night by Plainview, but appeared



Dylan Kolm

ready to steal a victory from Wausa Saturday Having trailed by seven points

in the third quarter, the Wolfpack rallied to take a threepoint lead early in the fourth quarter, fell behind, came back to tie the score with under 20 seconds to play,

only to lose in Beckman the final second on a free throw.

Wausa capitalized on four

treys (three in a row at one point) to take a 25 to 16 lead at halftime. Keeping EPPJ close was junior Jarek Erickson with 10 first half points.

Things started to turn the Wolfpack's way midway through the third quarter when, down by seven, senior Dylan Kolm twice scored on drives to the basket. Then, senior Kellan Hoefer drilled a trev and suddenly the score was tied 28-all with 3:30 left in the third quarter. EPPJ made three of four free throws to close out the quarter with a 31 to 30 lead.

Hoefer scored again to open

the fourth quarter. Wausa then scored five consecutive points to lead 35 to 33 with under a minute to play. With 24 seconds left in the game, following a shot clock violation by Wausa, Hoefer scored again to tie the score.

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After a foul, Wausa made one of two free throws with 00.7 seconds left on the clock. A Wolfpack desperation pass on an out-of-bounds play was deflected away, giving the Vikings the

The Wolfpack were led in scoring by Erickson with 10 points, Hoefer had nine. Erickson added 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Wausa 36, EPPJ 35

Wolfpack......5 14 12 4 — 35 2-6 2-2 7. Jarek Erickson 3-12 2-4 10, Taylor Beckman 0-3 0-0 0, Max Henn 0-4 3-5 3, Dylan Kolm 3-6 0-2 6. Team totals: 12-45 8-15 35. Three-point shots - 3-17 (Karson Kallhoff 1, Jarek Erickson 2). Wausa team totals: 14-50 3-8 36. Threepoint shots — 5-25.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 26 (Jarek Erickson 10), Wausa 28. Assists - Wolfpack 3. Turnovers - Wolfpack 6, Wausa 5.





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EPPJ jumped out to a 20 to 11 lead after one quarter, then saw it grow to 31 to 17 by halftime as Coach Randy Eisenhauer's team remained undefeated in December. The Pirates had no answer for Kurpgeweit early on as she had nine of the team's 20 points in the first quarter. Nor could they slow down Braelyn Martinsen and Callie Heithoff who each had six points in the first half.

EPPJ 41, Plainview 30 Wolfpack......20 11 7 3 — 41 Pirates......11 6 11 2 — 30 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 2-6 0-0 4, Elizabeth Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Trissa Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinsen 5-12 1-2 11, Callie Heithoff 2-9 0-0 6, Kate Furstenau 1-8 6-8 8, Mady Kurpgeweit 5-13 0-0 12. Team totals: 15-49 7-10 41. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-7 (Callie Heithoff 2, Mady Kurpgeweit

2). Plainview team totals: 13-49 3-14 30. Three-point shots — 1-12. Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 34 (Mady Kurpgeweit 11), Pirates 34. Assists - Wolfpack 8 (Kate Furstenau 5), Pirates 5. Steals Wolfpack 21 (Braelyn Martinsen 6), Pirates 15. Turnovers - Wolfpack 25, Pirates 30

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Lyons-Decatur Northeast at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 27. In the other half of the bracket, the Madison girls will face Riverside. **Boys**

First round will be played on Friday, December 27. EPPJ will face Lyons-Decatur Northeast approximately 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Wolfpack girls game (approximately 12:30 p.m. In the other half of the opening round, Madison will play Riverside. Consolation finals/finals will be Saturday.



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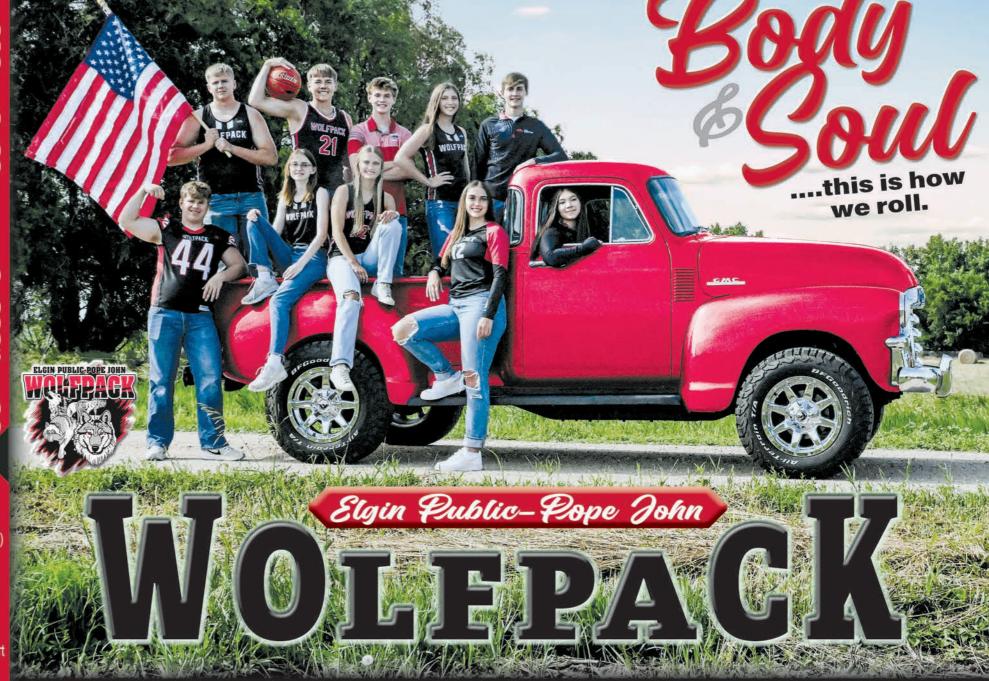
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