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In Brief

Pairings set for Madison Holiday Tournament

Tournament play begins Friday.

MADISON — Pairings have been announced for Wolfpack basketball teams competing in this weekend's 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.

Girls
The Wolfpack girls will square off in the first round against Lyons-Decatur Northeast at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 27.

They enter tournament play with a 6-1 record, having defeated the Boyd County Lady Spartans 61 to 20 on Saturday afternoon.

In the other half of the bracket, the Madison girls will face Riverside at (approximately) 2 p.m.

The consolation finals of the girls tournament will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 28. The championship game is slated to begin at approximately 2 p.m. the same day.

Boys
First round boys tournament games will be played on Friday, December 27. The Wolfpack 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 around 3:30 p.m.

The Wolfpack will begin tournament play with a 4-3 record, dropping their last game to the Boyd County Spartans.

The consolation finals will be played Saturday at approximately 12:30 p.m. pitting the losers of the two opening round games.

The boys championship game will be played Saturday afternoon at approximately 3:45 p.m. It's possible EPPJ could again face Riverside in a rematch from last year's championship game.



Saxophones, flutes and so much more at PJCC Christmas program

Pope John elementary and high school students performed their annual Christmas concert on Wednesday night, December 18. The concert was directed by Pope John music teacher Faith Orcutt. The theme for this year's concert was "peace." A few of the high school band member performing during the evening were (l-r): Joseph McNally, Christian Preister and Elizabeth Moser. The band performed the songs "African Noel" and "Go In Peace."

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DeKay outlines 2025 legislative priorities

By Barry DeKay

District #41 State Senator

Editor's note: The article contains opinions of the author.

I first want to start this week's update by expressing my gratitude to our state's congressional delegation with regards to the recent passage of Senate Bill 1478 in Congress. This bill would designate U.S. Hwy 20 in the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway." While then-Governor Ricketts approved the renaming of U.S. Hwy 20 in Nebraska as the "Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway" in 2020, his action did not have the backing of federal legislation. Last year, I joined State Senators Joni Albrecht, Tom Brewer, Bruce Bostelman, Loren Lippincott, and Rick Holdcroft in petitioning our state's congressional delegation to codify the change made in Nebraska at the federal level. As of this writing, S. 1478 awaits the President's signature but is expected to be signed into law.

I also wanted to outline some of my own possible legislative priorities for next year. Chief among them includes maintaining the strength of the laws passed last regular session relating to foreign adversaries. There will likely be technical updates coming forward on LB1301 dealing with foreign ownership of agricultural land as well as LB1370 addressing foreign electronic equipment placed near sensitive military installations.

Additionally, my office is currently looking into regulations relating to the sale of nitrous oxide (i.e., laughing gas commonly found in a dentist's office). In the past two years, there has been a growing national trend of companies selling food flavored nitrous oxide gas cartridges. While nitrous oxide has become popular among some adults for recreational purposes, the recent adoption of bright packaging by some vendors, combined with the novelty of flavored gas, means nitrous oxide use and abuse is beginning to reach younger groups of people including minors. Nebraska currently has an outdated law from the 1970s pertaining to inhalants such as nitrous oxide, and I am increasingly of the belief the Legislature may need to consider updating the statutes to cover recent trends with inhalant substances.

Furthermore, I am currently examining the possible adoption of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. This proposal, introduced last year as LB824, advanced from the Health and Human Services Committee but failed to receive a floor vote for lack of time due to the filibuster. As of 2019, 43 of Nebraska's 93 counties and portions of nine additional counties were state-designated shortage areas for general dentistry as determined by the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission and the Nebraska Office of Rural Health. The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact would help ease licensure hurdles for licensed dentists and dental hygienists moving to Nebraska so they can practice and enter the workforce in a shorter period of time since background and license information would be more readily shared among Compact member states for background checks.

Finally, as a candidate for chair of the Agriculture Committee, I may be working with committee members next year to decide on actions to bills relating to the sale and labeling of lab-grown meat, plant-based meat, and egg alternatives. Earlier this month, Governor Pillen outlined his priorities for the upcoming session to include banning the sale of



State Senator Barry DeKay

Year in Review: January-June 2024

Here's a look back at the happenings which shaped and defined the first six months of 2024 in and around Elgin.

January

New water meters are ready to be installed here in Elgin. City Clerk Kristin Childers said city residents will be contacted by Sue Vanis to schedule a time for employees of Rutjens Construction to come and install a new meter in your house.

On Thursday, January 11, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic held their National Honor Society Induction mass. Five new members were inducted by sponsor, Amy Klein and principal, Lisa Schumacher. New members are Jovie Borer, Camry Kittelson, Natalie Burenheide, Aiden Klein and Reese Stuhr.

Elgin EMTs were proud to recognize one of the largest donations so far for the Elgin Rescue Service fundraising campaign for a new ambulance and equipment. The Richard Kalvelage Gift Trust recently donated \$5,000 to the campaign.

Many enjoyed the Evening With Friends' "Blue Tie Affair" which was held at the Elgin KC Hall.

February

Wayne State College included 1,312 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the Fall 2023 semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. Some of these students included Jamie Dozler, Paiton Hoefler, Jackson Wemhoff, Sharon Bartak, Emily Mlnarik, Conor Ramold, and Cale Kinney.

The Wolfpack girls basketball team placed second at the Niobrara Valley Conference Girls Basketball Tournament.

Junior High band members from both Elgin Public and Pope John performed on the Stanton JH Honor Band on Saturday, February 3. The band played five songs, and was directed by Jessica Steckley of Ponca.

Retired Elgin Fire Chief Jim Kittelson was presented a canvas print commemorating his years of service to the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. Making the presentation to Kittelson was Fire Chief Greg Henn.

For the past three seasons, Greg Wemhoff has directed the Wolfpack football program. Three times leading the team to the state playoffs. Wemhoff has announced last week that he has decided to step down from the position. Taking over the reins of the program will be Matt Euse and Nick Heithoff as co-coaches.

Eleven members of the Elgin FFA Chapter have earned State FFA Degrees. They were recognized Monday morning, the first day of FFA Week across the country. Earning degrees were Brenna Martinsen, Baylee Busted and Keyera Eisenhauer, Nick Anderson,

Dylon Parks, Sam Hemenway, Gage Thiessen, Blake Henn, Myles Kittelson, Steven Nelson and Dylon Lueking.

Sam Hemenway earned a fourth place medal at the State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha.

EPPJ earned a spot in the 2024 Girls State Basketball Tournament after beating Maywood-Hayes Center 51 to 44.

March

An anonymous donor contributed \$2,000 to the Elgin Ambulance fund drive in honor of Terry Henn's many years of service. Accepting the donation were rescue unit members Vicki Miller and Dean Henn.

The Nebraska School Activities Association on Friday night formally recognized recipients for the first-ever Champions for Coaches award. Wolfpack volleyball coach Jordynn Luettel received 14 nominations for this award, many coming from team members during the 2023 volleyball season.

The St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction was well attended Saturday night. Numerous items were auctioned off.

Members of the Elgin High School speech team presented their pieces to the public last Monday evening at their Speech Night.

The Pope John Crusaders speech team brought home a medal from

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A 2015 PJCC graduate, Father Zach Eischeid received his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood in Omaha last June.



At EVFD's annual banquet, retired Elgin Fire Chief Jim Kittelson (r) was presented a canvas print commemorating his years of service. Making the presentation to Kittelson was Fire Chief Greg Henn.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of January Meetings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Notice of Organization — Borer Grain & Livestock LLC

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 51 degrees recorded on December 19.

The low temperature during the same period was five degrees recorded on December 19.

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

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Dec. 15	37	27	.00
Dec. 16	48	21	.00
Dec. 17	33	15	.00
Dec. 18	40	15	.00
Dec. 19	51	05	.00
Dec. 20	22	16	.00
Dec. 21	39	13	.00
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the Class D2 State Speech Competition held Friday at Kearney High School. Jack Barlow, a senior, placed first in Humorous Prose.

Members of the EPS Speech Team were rewarded Friday for all of the hard work they've put in over the last few months. The OID of Baylee Busteded, Brenna Martinsen, Chloe Henn, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman earned third place medals in their event. The Duet of Busteded and Henn also continued to do well, as they brought home the sixth place medals.

The Elgin Community Club/ Chamber of Commerce held its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday. Due to inclement weather, the event was moved from Elgin City Park to the Knights of Columbus Hall which was packed for the event.

The 38th Annual Pope John Development Dinner was held Sunday evening, March 24 at Werner Hall in Petersburg. Approximately 150 tickets were sold for the event. Dave Beckman served as Master of Ceremonies.

April
The skies were cold and damp and the ground was wet, perfect conditions Saturday morning for Elgin firefighters and EMTs to conduct a training exercise south of town. Beginning at 8 a.m., the house was fully ablaze by 10 a.m.

Boone County Health Center announced Monday the

appointment of Anne Parks to its Foundation Board. With a rich background in banking and a deep commitment to community service, Parks brings a wealth of experience and dedication to her new role.

First-place winners of the AMH Move it 2 Lose It Challenge were: Women's Division - anonymous and Team Division - Christie Counts, Heather Dawson, Amy Wright and Diann Arehart. A total of 53 individuals participated in the contest, collectively losing 504 lbs.

The Elgin FFA members were among over 7,700 who attended the Nebraska State FFA Convention.

A former graduate of Elgin High School is now serving here as postmaster. Christi Getzfred assumed the duties of postmaster at the Elgin Post Office on April 6, filling the vacancy created when Carrie Meyers accepted the role of postmaster at O'Neill.

Two juniors from Elgin Public School will be attending Cornhusker Boys' State this summer in Lincoln. Legion Commander Gary Hoefler announced last week that Austin Hinkle and Taylor Beckman have been selected to attend the annual event.

Juniors, seniors and their dates danced the night away at the EPS/PJCC Prom at the KC Hall in Elgin. The theme of the prom was "Enchanted Forest."

May
EPS math instructor Becky Lindgren along with four

other teachers from across the state were recognized as recipients of the Touchdowns For Teachers Award.

Pope John students took to the stage over the weekend to perform "The Wizard of Oz." Lead characters were Gavin Kallhoff as the Cowardly Lion, Aiden Klein as the Tin Man, Jack Barlow played the role of the Scarecrow and Tessa Barlow was Dorothy.

Members of the Young N Lively Club invited kindergartners from Elgin Public and St. Boniface elementary schools to join them at the park last Thursday. The occasion was the annual observance of Arbor Day and the club's planting of a tree, usually in the Elgin City Park.

The 57th annual Elgin FFA Banquet was held Monday night. New officers for the 2024/25 school year were announced. They are Kylee Lichtenberg, Taylor Beckman, Kyndal Busteded, Sara Bode, Callie Heithoff, Isaac Hemenway, Natalie Burenheide and Gemma Miller.

Antelope County Healthcare Foundation donated \$7,500 to the Elgin Rescue Service for the purchase of a new ambulance. Funds came from the annual golf tournament that the Foundation holds every July to support the healthcare needs of all of Antelope County.

On a day set aside to honor mothers, Pope John awarded diplomas to the 'Class of 2024.' Speaking on behalf of the class

was Jack Barlow.

Thirteen seniors were awarded diplomas during commencement ceremonies Saturday at Elgin Public Schools. In a ceremony which lasted close to an hour there was applause and tears as seniors, parents, family and friends celebrated this long-awaited day.

Boone County Health Centers (BCHC) announced last week Courtney Schindler, RT, as the esteemed recipient of the Caring Kind award presented by the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA). This prestigious accolade underscores Schindler's exceptional commitment to patient care, and her outstanding contributions as a respiratory therapist.

A large gathering of veterans, their family members and others turned out Monday morning for the Memorial Day program. Joe Seier and other veterans honored the dead with a 21-gun salute.

More than 150 alumni and guests attended Saturday night's Elgin High School Banquet. The occasion was special in that it was the 150th year of School District #18 and the high school building is 100 years old this year.

June
An Elgin native and a 2015 graduate of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Fr. Zachary Eischeid received his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood this Saturday in Omaha.

Lordemann Insurance has been sold to Megan Beckman. It's new name is 118 Insurance.

Friday was Flag Day and a ceremony was held at the Elgin Public Library. Legion Commander Gary Hoefler and others spoke at the event.

There was a farewell potluck dinner held at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall for Fr. Joseph Sund.

Father Frank Baumert has been assigned as senior associate pastor at our churches.



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1 cup butter

1-1/2 tsp vanilla
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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Makenna Mortiboy

Makenna Mortiboy is the FFA member of the month.

Makenna is the daughter of Rhoda Mortiboy of Elgin, NE and is a freshman at Elgin Public Schools.

Makenna joined the Elgin FFA Chapter during her 8th-grade year. She has competed in the Jr. High FFA quiz bowl, agriscience fair, range judging, and livestock judging. She is always positive and is willing to try new competitions. She completely embraces the FFA motto where it says "Doing to Learn".

Most recently, Makenna has worked hard to learn and properly present the FFA Creed. She will compete in the District FFA Leadership Development Events on January 15th in Atkinson for an opportunity to qualify for state!

Good luck Makenna and thanks for being a wonderful FFA member!



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Christmas traditions: both old and new

Traditions are one of those things that can be very sacred to people. The routine brings comfort and usually invokes nostalgia of some sort. I remember traditions we had as a kid and those are some of my fondest

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

memories. Now, I have my own family, and we are making our own traditions. Because my husband is borderline anti-tradition, I've also realized it's ok if those traditions change over time.

Since I've had children, we always wait until Black Friday to decorate for Christmas. We

drink eggnog, play Christmas music, take down the harvest décor, and put up all the Christmas things. I look forward to it every year, even though it's a lot of work. This year I toyed with the idea of doing it early since Thanksgiving was so late, but I couldn't bring myself to break the tradition. Then, I ended up getting sick and couldn't decorate until Sunday. It really didn't change anything, and we still enjoyed the process.

I'm big on traditions. I love them, but my husband doesn't care about them. He loves doing new things and changing it up. There's nothing wrong with that, it's just different. If I'm being honest, my husband's lack of tradition annoys me because nothing is sacred. However, since we've been married, it has been nice to let go of things that no one cared about (other than me) and create new traditions.

One of those new ones was opening stockings on Christmas Eve. We never did that growing

up or when the kids were little. However, my in-laws are a little over the top at Christmas, and our stockings would get overshadowed on Christmas morning. We decided one year to let them do the stockings the night before and watch Christmas movies together. Now, I'm not sure if they remember a time when we didn't do that. It's a new tradition that we all look forward to.

Some years we drive around and look at lights, other times we don't. Some years we get matching pajamas, some years we use old ones or just don't match. I've made the big, fancy Christmas dinner and had family over, and we've also had a quiet Christmas and ordered in.

Some things are special to us, like going to church on Christmas Eve and making sure the

kids know why we celebrate Christmas in our home. Other things are nice but it's ok if they ebb and flow. It's hard for some of us to relinquish control and let go of our favorite traditions. But it's also really freeing to not feel obligated to do certain things just out of habit.

I don't want to add extra stress to a season that's already stressful. The whole point of these traditions is to make lasting memories with the kids so they can look back and remember these times together with joy. I don't want them to feel as though they must keep some sacred tradition for the rest of time. I want them to feel free to make their own traditions and change them to fit their own families. So, cheers to another year of memories, another year of doing some of the same things, and another year of trying new things. Who knows what next year will bring.

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

December 24, 1964

Ray Sullivan was elected president of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce Monday night at a meeting of the group's board of directors. Others officers elected were Dean Henn, vice president; and George Voorhies, secretary-treasurer.

Pre-Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Joe Dirkschneider were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Schrage, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scjhrage and family and Mr. and Mrs. Albnert Fritz.

Lisa Meis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meis was one of nearly 80 youngsters who visited Santa Claus Saturday afternoon at the American Legion Hall while older children were attending a free movie at the Avon Theatre. These activities were all sponsored by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce.

Temperatures and precipitation this past week have been normal for Nebraska with the mercury dropping to 17 below Thursday morning. Two inches of snow fell here Saturday morning followed by some drifting.

Fifty Years Ago

December 26, 1974

John Draper of Elgin received a bachelor of science degree Sunday at winter commencement exercises held at Wayne State College.

Light snow started falling here a little before 7 a.m. Saturday and before it abated that night there was a good 4-5 inches of snow covering the ground with a layer of ice on streets and highways.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Bode of Raeville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlene, to David Camp, son of Mrs. Jerome Camp and the late Jerome Camp.

Y3 Tom Eischeid arrived home early Sunday morning from Lincoln following his arrival there by plane from San Diego. He is home on a 15-day leave and will then return to San Diego for reassignment after the first of the year.

Navy Machinist Mate Third Class Gary D. Clark of rural Elgin recently visited Hong Kong as a crew member of the nuclear-powered attach aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Among the Antelope County delegation attending the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation 56th annual convention in Lincoln was George Busted of Elgin.

Thirty Years Ago

December 28, 1994

A total of \$21,351 had been donated to the annual Pope John Fund Drive as of Tuesday, December 20. The drive recently received just over \$3,600 from the pizza sales drive conducted by the Pope John student body. Paul Burbach recently presented the check to CCPJ Treasurer Kathy Sausser.

The Elgin Police Department is investigating a break-in early Sunday morning at Outta-Bounds Lounge in Elgin. Total value of stolen property is more than \$500, according to Elgin Police Chief Bob Moore.

Planning is underway for a dinner theatre production next summer by the Elgin Community Playhouse. Director will be Terry Sweem while Donna Mackel will be the producer with assistance from Julie Jochum, Don Mackel and Irene Lamer.

Great Plains Communications, Inc., has reached an agreement to purchase the Petersburg Telephone Co. of Petersburg.

Additional display area is being added to The Station convenience store in Elgin. The store is being expanded into the former bay area and will more than double its square footage.

Twenty Years Ago

December 22, 2004

A group of investors has purchased the former GCS, Inc. Pronto Travel Plaza in Elgin and they plan to reopen the business in January. The business will be known as Elgin One Stop, and will be an independent fuel dealer. Jan (Mrs. Terry) Henn of Elgin has been hired as manager. Pronto Travel Plaza has been closed since April of 2003 following the death of former owner Norman Grothe.

A new accounting business, Elgin Accounting Service, opened in Elgin on Monday, December 20. The business is operated by Carol Poppert and is located in the Insurance Mart building, 502 South Second Street.

A new electronic announcement sign was installed earlier this week on the Elgin Public School gymnasium building facing west toward Pine Street. The sign will be in operation by early January, according to EHS Principal Corey Fisher.

After nearly four years as director of the Boone County Health Center Foundation, Anne Parks of Elgin offered her resignation during the board's December meeting. "I've met the goals I set going into this job, and I'm leaving the foundation on solid footing," Parks said.

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Speaker of Legislature offers plan to maintain valuable access for inspector generals

A wise, old soul once told me that "the story of government isn't that what is said isn't so, it's that what is so isn't said."

State agencies and constitutional officers have a bevy of public information officers whose job is to promote what that agency or office does, and overall, make that agency look good.

All too often, when you peel away the layers of the bureaucratic onion, you find out that what's being said isn't completely the case.

Which brings us to the "inspector generals" offices created by the State Legislature to bird dog the functions of the child welfare system and state prisons.

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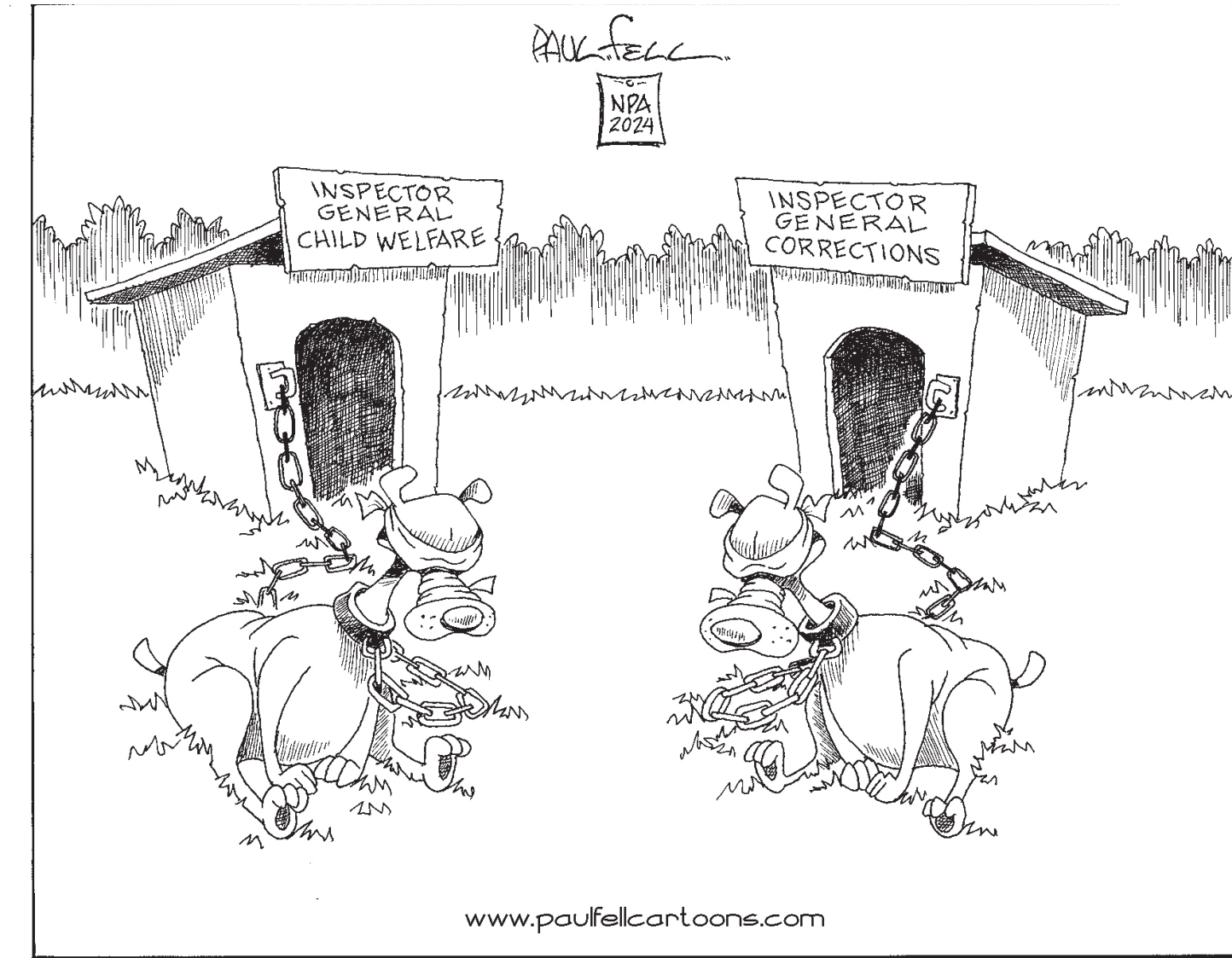
State Correspondent Paul Hammel

Twelve years ago, the Office of Inspector General for Child Welfare was created because too many kids were being abused or were dying under state care, and questions were being raised about an experiment to privatize child welfare services - handing the work of overseeing kids in foster care and institutions to a profit-driven company instead of public employees.

The goal of the inspector general's office was to provide an independent look at operations and incidents within that system and juvenile detention facilities, and offer recommendations.

Later, in 2015, the Legislature created the Inspector General for Corrections position to probe functions and malfunctions within the state prison system. It came after the prison system wrongly released several inmates via miscalculation of their sentences, and let go a mentally ill inmate, Nikko Jenkins, without sufficient rehabilitation work.

The two OIGs provided valuable insight to state lawmakers via annual reports about agency operations and via occasional special reports on incidents of death and serious injury. Those reports went well beyond the often rosy assessments from the agencies.



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Let's just say that the inspectors general often provide "the rest of the story." While the reports weren't designed to embarrass or condemn the agencies, they sometimes laid bare malfunctions and negligence.

Fast forward to last year when Attorney General Mike Hilgers' lawyers issued an advisory opinion that, in their view, the OIG offices violated the constitutional "separation of powers" between the legislative branch and the executive and judicial branches.

Immediately, the departments of Corrections and Health and Human Services cut off access to their facilities and their records even though the AG's opinion didn't have the force of law.

So if someone died in prison or a foster home, we were going to have to trust agency officials to explain what happened - a real "fox guarding the hen house" situation. In February, however, state lawmakers and the governor's office struck a deal to restore some valuable access for the OIGs.

One sticking point might be that the OIGs would no longer have automatic access to agency computer records. Under Arch's plan, the OIGs would have to negotiate release of such records with the agency. They would have to provide such data "in an efficient and timely way" while preserving confidentiality and without being overly burdensome to the agency.

Reportedly, state agencies have been mostly cooperative with the two inspectors general in recent months, allowing them to continue their valuable work.

Let's hope that continues, because another old saying about government is that the best way to prevent mismanagement or injustice is to "shine a light" on it, which is what the OIGs have done.

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Nebraska Christmas traditions

As the year ends, families and friends will reunite across our state to celebrate the holiday season.

One of my favorite things about Christmas is that each person, family, and community has its own special traditions.

No matter where you find yourself in Nebraska this season, I encourage you to share in one of our many unique celebrations.

Under the bright stars over North Platte rests a grand white house, trimmed in green and dressed in shining Christmas lights. While carolers sing, guests are free to tour the grounds in horse-drawn wagons.

The mansion, once home to the famed "Buffalo Bill" Cody—renowned for his legendary Wild West shows—and his wife Louisa, has long been the setting for "Christmas at the Cody's." The annual celebration carries on the festivities hosted by the Cody family every Christmas season.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Each year, nonprofits, local businesses, and Nebraska Game and Parks staff decorate the property, drawing families from across the state to enjoy the holidays and reflect on Christmases past.

These festive displays serve as a reminder of what Christmas in Nebraska truly represents—a time for unity among families, friends, and communities.

Further east, in Minden, residents proudly celebrate another local Christmas tradition.

Minden boasts over 12,000 lights, which decorate the courthouse dome and town square. These dazzling displays are visible for miles, giving Minden its well-earned title as Nebraska's Christmas City.

This tradition began in 1915, when City Light Commissioner J.C. Haws strung lights from the railroad depot to the town square.

Although bad weather disrupted his plan, Haws repurposed the lights to adorn the courthouse dome, a tradition that continues today.

But Minden's Christmas charm goes beyond its lights. Each year, the community performs The Light of the World Christmas pageant, a labor of love involving months of preparation.

North of Nebraska's Christmas City sits another classic Christmas destination, the village of Comstock.

While Comstock's population is less than 100 people, they're famous for one of our state's most spectacular Christmas celebrations.

Eight years ago, Henry Nuxoll strung lights on his roof in memory of his twin brother.

Soon after, he began receiving anonymous Christmas decorations in the mail from Nebraskans eager to help.

Over the years, that Christmas spirit spread across the whole town, and today, Comstock is completely transformed every holiday season. It features 20 blocks of displays with over 400 inflatables, including special neighborhoods like Grinchville and Snowman's Land.

Comstock's story reminds us how a single act of love can inspire an entire community.

During this Christmas season, I hope we reflect on how much we have to be grateful for in Nebraska and cherish these very special traditions. And no matter how you celebrate the Christmas season, I hope you spend it surrounded by loved ones.

To all my fellow Nebraskans: Merry Christmas. May this December be joyful and filled with blessings.

Deterrence plays a vital role in maintaining peace around the world

This week, world events have emphasized the importance of American readiness to keep our country safe and stand with our allies across the globe. The fall of Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria is another reminder many regions of the world do not enjoy the freedom and stability we do in the United States.

In East Asia, China has mobilized its naval forces at a level not seen since the mid-1990s. As a result, ensuring the security of Taiwan and other U.S. allies in the Western Pacific region took on renewed urgency. As South Korea faces a political crisis, and North Korean troops fight on the side of Vladimir Putin against Ukraine, the U.S. must continue to demonstrate strength.

While there are signs Hamas' will to fight is waning, maintaining robust support for Israel's efforts in Gaza is necessary for securing the release of the hostages taken by Hamas in their brutal October 7th attack, including U.S. citizens, who have yet to be released.

This week, in a speech decrying Assad's fall in Syria, Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei blamed the U.S. and Israel for the loss of its strategic ally as his audience cheered with chants of "Death to Israel!" and "Death to America!"

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

As Iran's desperation to secure nuclear weapons grows, it is vital the United States demonstrates a steady hand and does not telegraph weakness. Yet, in a move typical of its weak foreign policy, two days after the 2024 election, the Biden-Harris administration permitted the Iranian regime to access \$10 billion through accounts in Iraq and Oman.

Deterrence of terrorism and aggression plays an essential role in promoting stability in the Middle East and around the world. However, deterrence is only effective when our enemies know we are willing to back up what we say with action.

It is no accident the election victory of President Trump has been accompanied by increased cooperation from Egypt in Gaza and substantial progress on the efforts to free the hostages kept by Hamas.

To prioritize the wellbeing of American servicemembers and reinforce American defense efforts, I supported House passage of the National Defense Authorization Act this week. As our military faces historic recruiting challenges, the legislation would enact a 14.5 percent pay raise for junior enlisted servicemembers and a 4.5 percent pay raise for all other servicemembers. It will support National Guard deployment at our southwest border to intercept illegal aliens and drugs. It would also increase funding for efforts to strengthen Taiwan's defense and includes measures to combat Chinese espionage in our military, supply chains, and research institutions, while prohibiting the Department of Defense from funding abortion travel and gender treatment for minors - little-used services which only distract from the agency's vital mission.

Nebraska has long been a standout leader in national security. The Third District was home to many airfields which facilitated training missions for pilots during World War II and today plays an important role in strategic missile defense. I was proud to support the recent activation of the new 95th Wing at Offutt Air Force Base. Modern war technologies make defense readiness and efficient nuclear command and control more critical than ever before, and the 95th Wing will serve to strengthen these capabilities at Offutt. I am grateful for the cooperation of the entire Nebraska delegation in this effort, and I commend the outstanding servicemembers and people of our state for this accomplishment.

Global security challenges have brought strategic readiness to the forefront of American defense policy. Adversity requires we stand up to those who seek to threaten our freedom-loving allies and undermine U.S. interests. I am committed to ensuring our country's military is equipped to do its job and our servicemembers receive the support they deserve.

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It's time to say 'Merry Christmas, Nebraska!'

The Christmas season is one of joy, peace, and reflection. As we gather with family and friends, we celebrate the many blessings in our lives.

For my family, Christmas is about marking the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His humble arrival in a manger brought hope and healing to our broken world.

than to receive," and that true greatness is found in serving others. This should remind us that Christmas is not simply about the gifts we receive, but about the gifts we give through acts of kindness and service.

Nebraskans embody this spirit of service every day. We should be proud that our state ranks 3rd in the nation for formal volunteering. This is no small achievement. It shows that Nebraskans are committed to helping others.

Let's also remember the brave women and men who will spend the holidays away from their families. We owe so much to these first responders, medical professionals, and law enforcement officers.

As we gather around the Christmas tree, let us also remember those who are struggling. Whether it's someone grieving the loss of a loved one or a family facing hardship, Christmas is a time to reach out to those in need.

While we celebrate the joy of the season, we also recognize the challenges many face around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are suffering in conflict zones.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I am inspired by the countless acts of service that take place every day here in Nebraska. These actions remind us that we are never alone.

DeKay

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lab-grown meat. The Governor also directed the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to create regulations requiring any meat-like products made from animal cells (i.e., lab-grown meat), plants, or insects be labeled as imitations and kept apart from regular meat in stores.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everyone has safe travels and has the opportunity to come together around family and enjoy good food!

It is a privilege to serve as your State Senator, and I will continue to give my full effort to make a positive difference for the District and the State. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

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The Pope John XXIII Central Catholic elementary and high school music students presented their 2024 Christmas Concert last week.

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Wheeler Central second through eighth grade class members performed 'What Child is This/Silent Night.'

Photos submitted

Bartlett Bits

The Wheeler Central Christmas Concert, under the direction of Sherry Tetschner, was held Friday night, December 13.

The evening began with 2nd-8th graders singing 'What Child is This' and 'Silent Night.' This was followed by the 1st-6th graders performing the sentimental song 'It's Great to be a Kid at Christmas Time.'

Instrumental presentations followed the chorus. This included Aidan Maddux, trumpet solo; Sleigh Ride, 5th grade band; A Quarter's Worth and Hot Cross Buns, Casey Freouf, clarinet solo; Heaven, 6th grade band; Good King Wenceslas, Jingle Bells and Jolly Old St. Nicholas, and 7th-11th grade band; Mary Did You Know and Last Christmas.

More holiday choral selections were presented during the program. These were Preschool, What's in That Stocking and Santa, Kindergarten; Frosty the Snowman, K-3; Santa Claus is on His Way, 1st grade; Jingle Bells, 2nd grade; We Wish You a Merry Christmas, 3rd grade; I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas, 4th and 5th grade girls; Jingle Bell Rock, 4th and 5th grade boys; Deck the Halls, 4th grade entire class; 12 Days of Christmas, 5th grade; Rocking Around the Christmas Tree, 6th grade; Sing We Now of Christmas and Holly Jolly Christmas and 7th grade; The Little Drummer Boy.

Santa arrived to visit with boys and girls after the program. A cookie and punch reception, hosted by the Wheeler Central Booster Club, was enjoyed by those attending.

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Fifth grade band member Jhett Pudwill on drums.



Fifth graders singing 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.'

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OBITUARIES

Gordon "Feller" Baker, 93



June 19, 1931 - December 16, 2024

Feller was a steward of the land, a farmer and a public servant through and through. Above all, he was a family man.

Gordon "Feller" Baker, 93 of Neligh, NE died Monday,

December 16, 2024 at Arbor Care Center in Neligh, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2024 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Neligh, NE with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating, followed by interment in the parish cemetery. Visitation was 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

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

Feller was born on June 19, 1931, in rural Chambers to A Gordon and Gesine Katherine (Freese) Baker, the middle of five children. Before starting school, the Baker family moved to rural Neligh where Feller would attend all twelve years at Neligh Public Schools graduating in 1948 at the ripe of age of 16! He started farming with his father on the family farm east of Neligh. In February 1951, he met the love of his life, Darlene (Dolly) Leifeld outside a dance in Petersburg, NE. In July of that year Feller would be diagnosed with polio and spent time at Douglas County Hospital fighting for his life. Though polio would delay their marriage, they were finally married February 18, 1952 at St. John's rectory in Petersburg, NE. to this union six children were born: Elizabeth, Katherine, Jane, Jennifer, Mathew, and Angela.

Feller was a steward of the land, a farmer, and a public servant, through and through. He was devoted to his wife, his family, his church, his community, and the family farm. In November of 1970 they moved to the Baker Family Farmstead where he lived till earlier this year.

As a child Feller worked with his father and brothers on the family farm. As he grew to adulthood his path led him to continue working alongside his father continuing the family legacy. Feller and his bride lived on a few farms in the Neligh area, growing their herds along the way, before settling on a farm adjacent to the Baker Family Farmstead in 1958. By this time the couple had welcomed three daughters and the family would continue to grow. As a farmer and livestock producer Feller became especially prolific for his pork production including being featured in a Purina feed advertisement for purchasing a train car of Pig Startena feed in 1962 and being part owner of Rice Feed & Grain. He would spend a couple of years in the early 1970's as the largest independent pork producer in the state. By the 1970's the family had grown to five daughters and his son. He was no longer milking any cattle but instead focusing on pork production, a smaller cattle herd, and crops to include alfalfa, corn, beans, sorghum. For many years Feller donated the pigs used in the pig scramble at the Antelope County Fair. Many a young child walked away with a Baker piglet as their prize! Feller would enjoy his work on the farm working well into his 70's. In 2018, Feller and Dolly would be awarded the Pioneer Farm Award for long and meritorious service to agriculture for 100 years of farm ownership.

Feller had always had a keen interest in politics and joined

the Neligh-Oakdale School Board from 1976-1980. While on the school board more than one student was appreciative of his advocacy. After the school board, Feller began serving as an Antelope County Supervisor beginning in 1980. Shortly into his tenure he would be voted Chairman of the Board. He served as an Antelope County Supervisor, more often than not being voted Chairman also, from 1980-2000. As a board representative he served on the Boards of Directors for Goldenrod Hills Community Action Council, Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, NIRMA, NACO, League of Human Dignity, and Liberty Center. Also during this time Baker was instrumental in many things that would benefit Antelope County residents. He was operative in visiting congressional leadership in Washington D.C. which would lead to the growth of the commodities offerings through Goldenrod Hills. Additionally, he was effective in supporting efforts to repair the Singing Bridge outside Clearwater and the Old Mill Bridge, and construction of the Standing Bear Bridge on Hwy 14.

He was especially passionate about Standing Bear Bridge being built for the indigenous population that he felt had been left largely ignored.

Although Feller was not raised Catholic, he would convert and be baptized with his son in 1965. He was a very devout Catholic serving as an usher, on the St. Francis Parish Board, and the Tintern Monastery Board. He was proud to work closely with Fr. Stevens for fundraising and construction of the monastery. Feller and Dolly were long term volunteers at the nursing home assisting the priest with Mass and visiting with residents, lifting spirits with conversations and caring. They did this volunteer work well into their 80's.

Above all though, Feller was a family man. He cherished his wife and was devoted to his family. As a son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather he shared his wit, intellect, opinions, and faith with all. He is known for his unconditional love and acceptance. Feller and Dolly were known to open their home and their hearts to many. The farm would become a second home to many nieces and nephews, the grandchildren, and dozens of friends of these children and grandchildren. Feller loved taking his grandkids up to the pasture for impromptu weenie roasts often including their friends. He will most be missed by these loved ones.

Feller is preceded in death by his parents, siblings and their spouses: Chesley (Della) Baker, Irma Jean (Walter) Lentz; brother, Robert Baker; and brother-in-law, Warren Holm. Also preceding him in death were his mother and father-in-law, William and Julia Leifeld.

Feller is survived by his children and spouses: Liz and Greg Luce, Cheyenne, WY; Kate Kypuros and partner, Michael Montilla, Camano Island, WA; Jane and Gary Clark, Amherst, NE; Jennifer and Mark Ervin, Neligh, NE; Mathew and Rebecca Baker, Neligh, NE; and Angela Baker and partner, Birol Isbilibir, Omaha, NE; sister, Nancy Holm & sister-in-law, Judy Baker, both of Bellevue. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and his 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter. Their legacy will live on for generations.

cauliflower mix, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk. (All meals served with bread & butter.

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

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

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Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, December 30: Goulash, cauliflower, lettuce salad, pears, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, December 31: Pizza soup, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, peaches, carrots/celery, bread stick, milk.

Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day closed.

Thursday, January 2: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, bread/butter, milk.

Friday, January 3: Chicken strips, tator tots, broccoli/

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NOTICE OF JANUARY MEETINGS ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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COUNTY BOARD OF
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COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY,
2025**

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

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Neligh WIC, immunization clinic to be January 2

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership will hold the Neligh WIC and Immunization clinic on Thursday January 2nd, 2025, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the American Legion-115 W. 3rd Street Neligh, NE 68756. For an appointment or for more information regarding the WIC or Immunization Programs please call (402) 385-6300.

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Community Calendar

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

January

Wednesday, January 1
Happy New Year's Day • Elgin Community/Senior Center closed.

Monday, January 6
Elgin City Council regular meeting.

Tuesday, January 7
Elgin schools resume classes • Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting • Wolfpack Volleyball Awards @ EPS Gym.

Tuesday, January 14
Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

Wednesday, January 15
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting.

Monday, January 20
No School at Elgin Schools (teacher in-service).

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Bryan Heart Institute	Dr. Tessorf/Dr. Pacini	Jan. 13 th , 20 th & 27 th
Endocrinology	Dr. Brau/Dr. Al Zagal	Jan. 14 th & 28 th
General Surgery	Dr. Schneider/Dr. Luebbe	Jan. 6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th
Heartland Radiology		Jan. 3 rd , 6 th , 10 th , 13 th , 17 th , 20 th , 24 th , 27 th & 31 st
Neurosurgery	Dr. Bixenmann	Jan. 9 th
Norfolk Cardiology	Dr. Hartzell/Dr. Rome	Jan. 7 th & 21 st
OB-GYN	Dr. Albin	No clinic
Orthopedics	Dr. Rickert/Dr. Ochs	Jan. 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 14 th , 15 th , 21 st , 22 nd , 28 th & 29 th
Otolaryngology	Dr. Jazwick/Amber Citta	Jan. 3 rd & 17 th
Otolaryngology	Dr. Bliss	Jan. 22 nd
Physical Medicine & Rehab	Dr. Kaner	Jan. 15 th
Podiatry	Dr. Borer	Jan. 10 th & 22 nd
Pulmonology	Dr. Stritt	Jan. 15 th
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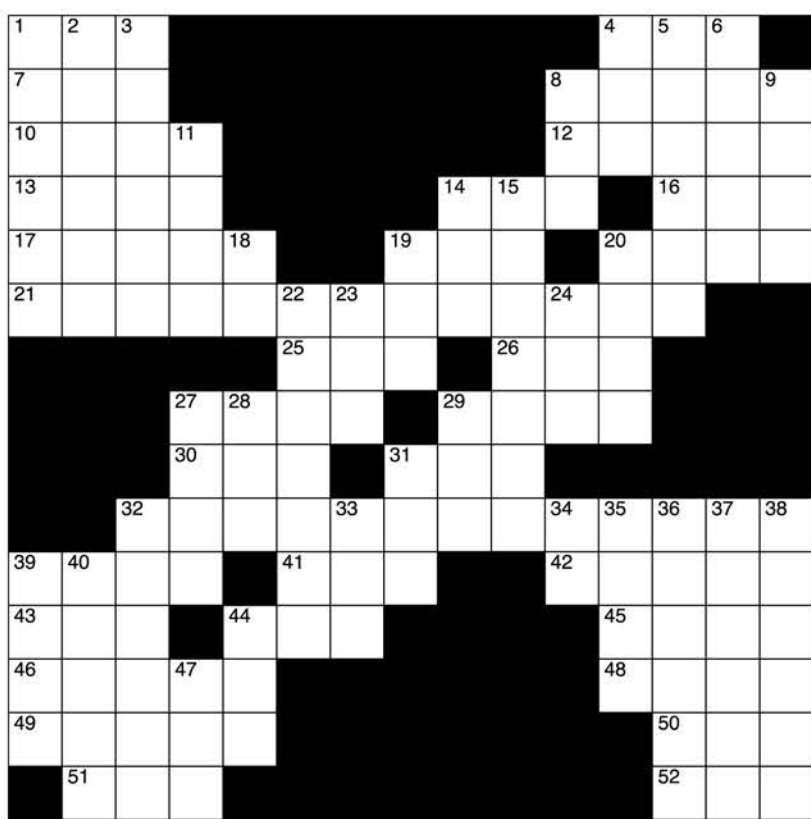
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Tiny dancers with big spirit

Approximately forty young dancers participated in a dance camp in Elgin on Saturday morning. Then, that evening during the boys basketball game halftime, they showed the fans what they learned. The camp was put on by the Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack Dance Team. E-R photo/DMorgan

Crossword Puzzle



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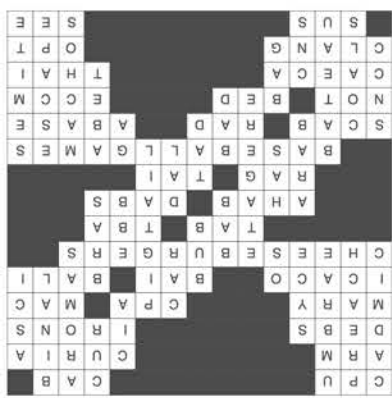
- Central processing unit
- Taxi
- Body part
- Papal court
- Young women making their public debuts
- Metal shackles
- Joseph's wife
- Licensed professional
- Partner to cheese
- Mild fruits
- File format
- Province of Indonesia
- Beloved grilled foods
- Bar bill
- Don't know when yet
- Whale ship captain
- Touches softly
- Mock
- Red-brown Pacific sea bream
- Summer entertainment options
- Protective crust
- Cool!
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Denial
- A place to sleep
- Electronic counter-counter-measures
- Intestinal pouches
- SE Asia family of languages
- Sound
- Select
- Give the impression of dishonesty
- Witness

CLUES DOWN

- Of cadmium
- Deliver a sermon
- Inner regions of a shadow
- Aggressive dog
- Smells
- Twofold

CLUES ACROSS

- Former OSS
- Computer language
- Indian groom
- Automobile
- Hairstyle
- Atomic #76
- Guy (slang)
- Ladies' undergarments
- Furniture with open shelves
- Back-arc basin
- Partner to flow
- A type of horse
- Possesses
- Split pulses
- Small amount
- Flat-bottomed riverboat
- Not good
- Atomic #31
- Assist in committing a crime
- Chauvinists
- Get away
- One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
- Civil rights college organization
- Combustible dark rocks
- Grocery container
- Central nervous system



Supplementing your cattle while on stalks

Corn residue can be a valuable grazing resource for cattle. This year especially with a fairly dry fall and start to winter, stalks have maintained quality and been available for grazing for quite some time. Typically, corn residue can run around 5-6% Crude Protein (CP) and 50-60% total digestible nutrients (TDN) which is a measure of energy. For some classes of livestock this may be enough to get by without supplementation, but for others, some extra feed is required.

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Beef Systems
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When we think of animals out on stalks, we often picture the cow, but weaned calves that need a place to overwinter may be an option to consider. Utilizing stalks as part of a maintenance diet for these animals won't be maximizing gain, but might be a cost effective option under the right circumstances. Even without pushing gains, calves on stalks require supple-

mentation to keep from losing weight. For example a 600 lb. calf that we want to gain 1.5 lb./day needs to consume 9.2 lb. of TDN and 1.5 lb. of CP. On stalks alone, a calf will fall well short of this, only consuming 6.8 lb. of TDN and .6 lb. CP. Both energy and protein will need to be provided. UNL research has shown 4 lb. of dried distillers grains per day provides enough supplemental feed to reach the 1.5 lb. gain we want.

For dry, spring calving cows, the picture is a bit different. A dry cow in the second trimester is at one of the lowest points for nutrient requirements she will have during the year. Up until late gestation, little or no supplement on stalks should be needed with proper stocking. Keep a close eye on the herd to make sure condition doesn't slip as available forage is reduced with grazing and provide a free

choice mineral with phosphorus, copper, zinc, and Vitamin A. While supplement isn't required, this may be an opportunity to put some condition on animals that are a bit on the thin side. A 5 year UNL study found 2.2 lb. of dried distillers grain on a dry matter basis supplemented daily was able to raise body condition scores 0.5 a point with no impact on calf birth weight or subsequent pregnancy rates.

Last, we need to look at summer and fall calving cows that are still lactating at this point and supporting a calf. For these animals, both the quality and amount of feed needed is increased. A 1350 lb. cow will only be able to consume 13-15 lb. TDN and 3-5 lb. CP while grazing stalks. Even with a protein lick tub and animals consuming one lb. daily, the diet energy and protein provided are well below what is required.

For summer calving cows, UNL studies have shown 5.5 lb. dried distillers grains on a dry matter basis fed daily resulted in calf gains of 1.43 lb. per day from December to March. While a similar group in dry

lot gained more, the lower cost of corn residue made the net income for calves on stalks higher. Fall calving cows in peak lactation are at the highest their nutrient requirements will be all year. For these animals, even high quality alfalfa hay won't provide enough energy to meet their demands. While every diet should be adjusted for your animals and conditions, 8 lb. of dried distillers grains per pair on a daily basis should meet the cow's needs and provide a bit of additional supplement for the calf.

Corn residue can be a very cost effective forage resource, but using it correctly and continuing to meet animal needs while grazing is critical to success. Make sure you adjust supplementation to the class of livestock you are grazing and keep an eye on condition to make adjustments as conditions change.

- 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@unl.edu

Central Valley Ag reports strong financial performance, reinvestment at Annual Meeting

(York, NE) – Central Valley Ag (CVA) Cooperative hosted its Annual Meeting at the Holthus Convention Center in York, Neb. CVA achieved \$45.0 million in net savings, including \$27.7 million in local operating savings, from \$1.67 billion in total sales for the 2024 fiscal year, ending on August 31, 2024. The cooperative also returned over \$24.0 million in cash to its members through equity redemptions and patronage dividends.

"I'm proud that CVA contin-

ues to deliver on its promise to our members. We've provided excellent products, services and technology, and CVA's strong performance means another historic return of cash to you through equity redemptions and patronage dividends," said Carl Dickinson, President and CEO of CVA.

In addition to its financial success, CVA continued its focus on enhancing services to its patrons. The cooperative invested

\$92.8 million in capital expenditures during fiscal year 2024, funding significant improvements and expansion projects to better serve member-owners.

"To effectively provide for our member-owners, we need to ensure we have top-tier facilities, equipment, and people. Reinvesting capital is

an important part of running a prosperous business and delivering value to our members," said Dickinson.

As part of the Annual Meeting, CVA announced the results of its Board of Directors election, conducted through a mail-in ballot process. Voting stockholders elected the following producers to serve on the board:

Region 1: Alex Brookhouser (Brunswick, NE) and Ben Meis (Elgin, NE)

Region 2: Duane Schumacher (Bloomfield, NE)

Region 4: Jay Uehling (Oakland, NE)

Region 6: Emily Luebbe (Utica, NE)

Region 7: Michael Welch (Haddam, KS)

Region 8: Derek Appley (Akron, IA)

The Board also elected the following officers:

Chairman: Luke Carlson (York, NE, Region 5)

Vice Chairman: Mark Philips (Akron, IA, Region 8)

Secretary: Jacob Porter (Mankato, KS, Region 9)

"The CVA Board of Directors is made up of local agricultural producers who bring expertise in agriculture, economic development, and community leadership," said Chairman Luke Carlson. "Serving on the board is about representing your neighbors. We make sure their needs are met, and continually work to improve how CVA serves its members."

CVA remains committed to delivering value to its member-owners while reinvesting in assets and initiatives that ensure long-term success. The cooperative's strong financial performance and continued focus on innovation demonstrate the strength of the cooperative model and its ability to support producers in an evolving agricultural landscape.



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Wolfpack late run comes up short versus Spartans



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Jarek Erickson had 10 points and 10 rebounds in Saturday's loss to Boyd County.

ELGIN — The 'Basketball Gods' must be crazy. The Wolfpack second home game in five days, another close game and, this time, the Wolfpack came out on the short end of the scoreboard. So close, but so far away. Boyd County defeated the Wolfpack 46 to 42.

The Spartans took a lead late in the second quarter and never relinquished it the rest of the game, fending off the Wolfpack at every turn.

"I didn't feel like we had the energy tonight," Wolfpack Coach Matt Euse said about the loss. "I told my assistant coaches, midway through the fourth quarter, I didn't think we had enough energy to win this game ... We didn't work as hard as they did."

Boyd County was up seven, 25 to 18, when EPPJ put together a string of five points before halftime. Michael Selting drilled a trey and then Taylor Beckman had a putback to trail 26 to 23 at the half.

The Spartans built the lead up to 30 to 25 in the third quarter before the Wolfpack used free throws to cut the margin. Jarek Erickson had one and Dylan Kolm added two to cut the margin to 30 to 28.

Then, early in the fourth quarter, Dylan Kolm connected to pull within two.

That's as close as EPPJ would get til late in the game. Boyd County was up by seven, 44 to 37 with 26 seconds left when freshman Max Henn scored inside. Boyd County then turned the ball over on an in bounds pass. EPPJ capitalized on the turnover when Jarek Erickson drained a trey to make the score 44 to 42 with eight seconds left. Then Spartan Will Nelson drained two free throws with four seconds left for the final margin of victory, 46 to 42. Nelson and Cash Sinclair each had 12 for the Spartans, Hudson Hoffman had 8. They were 16 of 43 from the field and made 9 of 15 free throws.

"Nobody (the Wolfpack) played bad. We just, as a team collectively, didn't play good. We'll go on from here," Euse said.

EPPJ was led in scoring by Kellan Hoefer with 11, Erickson and Kolm with 10. Erickson had a team-high 10 rebounds.

The loss dropped EPPJ's record to 4-3 before the Christmas break. **Boyd County 46, EPPJ 42**

Spartans.....	10	16	9	11	—	46	
Wolfpack.....	9	14	5	14	—	42	
Wolfpack — Kellan Hoefer	4-16	1-2	11,	Michael Selting	1-1	0-0	3,
Karson Kallhoff	1-4	0-0	3,	Jarek Erickson	3-14	3-4	10,
Taylor Beckman	1-4	1-4	3,	Max Henn	1-3	0-0	2,
Dylan Kolm	4-11	2-2	10.	Team totals:	15-53	7-12	42.
Three-point shots —	Wolfpack	5-16	(Kellan Hoefer	2,	Michael Selting	1,	
Jarek Erickson	1,	Karson Kallhoff	1).	Boyd County team totals:	16-45	9-15	46.
Three-point shots —	Spartans	5-22.	Team statistics:	Rebounds —	Wolfpack	34	(Jarek Erickson
10,	Dylan Kolm	9),	Spartans	26.	Assists —	Wolfpack	6
(Karson Kallhoff	3).	Steals —	Wolf-				
pack	2,	Spartans	4.	Turnovers —	Wolfpack	12,	Spartans
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Wolfpack Sports



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Looking to make an escape, Libby Evans went on to pin Summerland's Kyah Bruhn in her opening round match. Evans won all four of her matches, three by pin, to win her weight division.

Evans, Chessmore rack up pins Friday at EPPJ Girls Wrestling Invite

ELGIN — The Wolfpack's 'silent assassin' reigned supreme Friday night at the EPPJ Girls Wrestling Invite.

Sophomore Libby Evans dominated the 190-pound weight class to claim 'gold' at the last wrestling tournament before Christmas break.

After opening with a pin over Summerland's Kyah Bruhn, Evans then pinned her way to the medal stand with three victories.

She recorded a pin over Plainview's Callie Taylor, then defeated by technical fall (16 to 1) Addyson Jacob of Neligh-Oakdale. It marked the first time in her career she achieved a technical fall. In the championship match, she registered her third pin of the day, this time over undefeated Jaelyn Shaver of Summerland.

Teammate Jayda Chessmore, saddled by a leg injury, still managed to register one pin. In her second match of the day, Chessmore registered a pin over Lily Curry of Norfolk Catholic in 1:52.

Complete results, courtesy of TrackWrestling, were:

125 — Quarterfinal - Gracie Wortman (Randolph Girls) 10-3 won by tech fall over Jayda Chessmore (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 5-6 (18-3); Cons. Round 2 - Chessmore won by fall over Lily Curry (Norfolk



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Jayda Chessmore handled Norfolk Catholic's Lily Curry, pinning her in 1:52 Saturday.

Catholic Girls) 0-5 (Fall 1:52); Cons. Round 3 - Serenity Heil-Elis (Wayne Girls) 4-2 won by fall over Chessmore (Fall 1:45)

190 — Round 2 - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 9-1 won by fall over Kyah Bruhn (Summerland Girls) 2-2 (Fall 2:44); Round 3 - Evans won by

fall over Callie Taylor (Plainview Girls, NE) 0-8 (Fall 0:29); Round 4 - Evans won by tech fall over Addyson Jacob (Neligh-Oakdale Girls) 2-9 (16-1); Round 5 - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 9-1 won by fall over Jaelyn Shaver (Summerland Girls) 9-1 (Fall 3:38)

Veik lone medalist at invite Saturday

ELGIN — The Wolfpack boys wrestling team registered one medal Saturday at the highly-competitive EPPJ Wrestling Tournament.

Bleachers on both sides of the mats were full of family and spectators eager to watch the Wolfpack and other teams compete.

Junior Landyn Veik reached the finals in the 157-pound division. There, Veik put up a fight against opponent Central Valley's William Pokorny. Coming into the match with a 12-0 record, Pokorny came away with a hard-earned 9 to 5 victory.

Veik began his march to the medal stand with a pin in the opening round against Nebraska Christian's Caleb Huenefeld in 1:45. In the semi-finals, Veik won a 5 to 0 decision over Joseph Ducker of Arcadia/Loup City.

Sophomore Justice Blecher, competing at 215 pounds, had a great start at the tournament. He pinned his first two opponents, Nebraska Christian's Hunter Hackel and Archbishop Bergan's Ryker Villwok, then lost his next two matches.

Complete results, courtesy of TrackWrestling, were:

144 — Champ. Round 1 - Ky Cargill (Central Valley) 9-7 won by decision over Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/Pope John)

2-6 (Dec 10-6); Cons. Round 1 - Drueke won by fall over Gavin Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 1-4 (Fall 1:27); Cons. Round 2 - Sawyer Pruss (Archbishop Bergan) 5-5 won by tech fall over Drueke (16-0)

144 — Champ. Round 1 - Emmerston Earl (Palmer) 11-6 won by fall over Gavin Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 1-4 (Fall 1:00); Cons. Round 1 -

Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/Pope John) 2-6 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 1:27)

150 — Champ. Round 1 - Gatlin Reimers (Palmer) 12-2 won by fall over Landon Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 0-6 (Fall 0:41); Cons. Round 1 - Kallhoff received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Oliver Daniel (Norfolk Catholic) 5-5 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 1:00)



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Justice Blecher made quick work of Archbishop Bergan's Ryker Villwok, pinning him in 2:43.

157 — Quarterfinal - Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) 7-3 won by fall over Caleb Huenefeld (Nebraska Christian) 3-7 (Fall 1:45); Semifinal - Veik won by decision over Joseph Ducker (Arcadia/Loup City) 10-5 (Dec 5-0); 1st Place Match - William Pokorny (Central Valley) 13-0 won by decision over Veik (Dec 9-5)

215 — Champ. Round 1 - Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) 7-6 won by fall over Hunter Hackel (Nebraska Christian) 2-10 (Fall 1:22); Quarterfinal - Blecher won by fall over Ryker Villwok (Archbishop Bergan) 6-5 (Fall 2:43); Semifinal - Hayven Stewart (Plainview) 8-1 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 0:32); Cons. Semi - Tyson Risinger (Norfolk Catholic) 5-3 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 0:27)

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Wolfpack outlast EV 46 to 44

ELGIN — Elkhorn Valley had height. EPPJ had grit. Final score - EPPJ 46, Falcons 44.

The Wolfpack hit three-point baskets time and time again to hold off the Falcons. EPPJ connected on seven of 18 attempts from behind the arc. In contrast, Elkhorn Valley made just six of 24 three-point shots, the majority of their field goal attempts came from three-point range.

Kellan Hoefler had two treys in the first half and Jarek Erickson had one, his giving the Wolfpack a 22 to 16 lead. Elkhorn Valley then closed the margin to one point on a dunk by 6'4" Logan Black.

In the third quarter the teams traded baskets before a trey by Karson Kallhoff gave EPPJ a 30 to 27 lead. Senior Sam Bogle tied the score at 30-all. Then, EPPJ went on a seven to zero run to close out the quarter and lead 37 to 30.

The lead grew to eight points, 42 to 34, on another trey by Kallhoff.

The margin narrowed to two points on three occasions. After Kellyn Ollendick made a trey to make the score 42 to 40, Hoefler drilled two free throws with 34 seconds left to make it a two score game.

Twice in the game's final moments, Korbin Werner cut the lead back to two points, the last coming with just 3.2 seconds left on the clock. Elkhorn Valley had one last shot, a desperation shot from behind half court which missed the mark.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak by EPPJ, improving their record to 4-2.

EPPJ was led by Hoefler with 14 points, Kallhoff had 13. Dylan Kolm snared nine rebounds.

The Falcons were led in scoring by Kellyn Ollendick with 17 points, Korbin Werner had 10. The duo each had eight rebounds.

EPPJ 46, Elkhorn Valley 44

Falcons.....9 12 9 14 - 44
Wolfpack.....5 17 15 9 - 46
Wolfpack — Kellan Hoefler 5-10 2-2 14, Michael Selting 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 4-15 2-2 13, Jarek Erickson 3-8 1-3 9, Taylor Beckman 2-3 0-0 4, Max Hynn 0-1 0-1 0, Dylan Kolm 3-9 0-2 6. Team totals:



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Even a hand to the face couldn't deter Taylor Beckman from pulling down a big rebound against the Falcons last week. Beckman had four points to help lead the Wolfpack to a 46 to 44 victory over Elkhorn Valley.

17-46 5-10 46. Three-point shots — 7-18 (Kellan Hoefler 2, Karson Kallhoff 3, Jarek Erickson 2). Elkhorn Valley team totals: 16-43 6-7 44. Three-point shots — Falcons 6-24. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolf-

pack 23 (Dylan Kolm 9, Jarek Erickson 6), Falcons 26. Assists — Wolfpack 7 (Karson Kallhoff 3). Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Jarek Erickson 3), Falcons 1. Turnovers — Wolfpack 6, Falcons 13.

Lady Spartans can't keep up, EPPJ 61, BC 20

ELGIN — Back to full strength, coming off a loss earlier in the week, Elgin Public-Pope John made quick work of the Boyd County girls Saturday afternoon.

Making eight treys in the first half, Elgin went on to defeat the Lady Spartans 61 to 20.

The Wolfpack, having suffered a one-sided loss Tuesday, came back with one of their best efforts so far in December. "I said yesterday (Friday), I wanted a lot

of pressure ... and they responded." Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the victory. "I wanted to see the fire that we had in Wausa."

The Wolfpack's sixth victory of the season featured an offense firing on all cylinders in the first half. In the first five minutes of the game, the Wolfpack connected on five treys, two by Kate Furstenau and one apiece from Callie Heithoff, Trissa Russell and Braelyn Martinsen to lead

21 to six. Hitting from outside opened up the inside for Mady Kurpge-weit. Back-to-back baskets by Kurpgeweit made the score 41 to 10 midway through the second quarter.

Coming off the bench, Elizabeth Moser made a three just before halftime to make the score 48 to 14. A two-point-er by Kayton Zwingman in the third quarter made the score 57 to 17, starting the running clock.

Martinsen and Furstenau each had 11 points to lead the Wolfpack. A trio of players (Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Elizabeth Moser and Kurpge-weit) each had three rebounds for EPPJ.

The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 6-1 heading into the Madison Holiday Tournament on December 27-28.

EPPJ 61, Boyd County 20

Wolfpack.....29 19 9 4 - 61
Spartans.....8 6 4 2 - 20
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 4-5 0-0 8, Kinley Druke 0-4 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 2-4 0-0 4, Trissa Russell 3-4 0-1 8, Braelyn Martinsen 4-7 2-2 11, Callie Heithoff 2-5 0-0 6, Kate Furstenau 4-7 0-0 11, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 2-5 0-0 4, Mady Kurpge-weit 4-7 1-2 9, Dannyka Smidt 0-1 0-0 0. Team totals: 25-49 3-5 61. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 8-18 (Trissa Russell 2, Braelyn Martinsen 1, Callie Heithoff 2, Kate Furstenau 3). Spartans team totals: 7-26 6-14 20. Three-point shots — Spartans 0-6.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 21 (Kierstyn Eisenhauer 3, Elizabeth Moser 3 Mady Kurpge-weit 3), Spartans 23. Assists — Wolfpack 18 (Callie Heithoff 5, Kate Furstenau 5), Spartans 5. Steals — Wolfpack 20 (Braelyn Martinsen 5), Spartans 7. Turnovers — Wolfpack 20, Spartans 39.



Kayton Zwingman

Elkhorn Valley's size, speed top EPPJ



Callie Heithoff had 10 points and eight rebounds.

ELGIN — Some nights you just don't have it. Tuesday night, December 17, Elgin Public-Pope John girls faced off against Elkhorn Valley. Final score - Falcons 70, Wolfpack 36.

It marked one of the few times, in recent memory, where the Wolfpack just couldn't keep pace with, on this night, a talented Elkhorn Valley team.

For the Wolfpack, they entered the game without their tallest player, 5'9" post player Mady Kurpgeleit. Her absence from the court allowed the Falcons to dominate.

Still, through the course of the game, there were plenty of highlights for the Wolfpack to build on for the rest of the season. Among them were:

- Senior Trissa Russell came off the bench to hit back-to-back baskets (including a trey) to only trail 19 to 11 after one quarter, this after the Falcons jumped out to a 7 to 0 lead to start the game.
- Senior Kate Furstenau had five-points during one stretch of the second quarter. Her trey cut the score to 30 to 16 in the final stages before halftime.

In the fourth quarter, a Furstenau two-pointer cut the Falcons' lead to 58 to 28.

• Callie Heithoff had her best game of the season, accounting for 10 points and eight rebounds. Five of those 10 points came in the fourth quarter when she connected on her second trey then added two free throws with just under three minutes left in the game.

Elkhorn Valley was led in scoring by Korlee Broberg with 28 points, J.J. Black had 17. The duo each had eight rebounds, Cameron Rutjens had seven.

The Wolfpack were led in scoring by Furstenau with 12, Heithoff had 10 and a team-high eight rebounds.


Elkhorn Valley 70, EPPJ 36
 Falcons.....19 16 22 13 — 70
 Wolfpack.....11 8 7 10 — 36
 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 0-6 0-0 0, Kinley Druke 0-0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-4 0-0 2, Trissa Russell 3-8 0-0 7, Braelyn Martinsen 2-9 0-0 5, Callie Heithoff 3-7 2-2 10, Kate Furstenau 4-11 2-4 12, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-3 0-0 0, Danyka Smidt 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 13-48 4-6 36. Three-point shots — 6-22

(Callie Heithoff 2, Kate Furstenau 2, Trissa Russell 1, Braelyn Martinsen 1). Falcons team totals: 29-69 6-12 70. Three-point shots — Falcons


6-18. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 34 (Callie Heithoff 8), Falcons 43. Assists — Wolfpack 10 (Kate

Furstenau 5), Falcons 13. Steals — Wolfpack 7 (Callie Heithoff 3), Falcons 13. Turnovers — Wolfpack 27, Falcons 19.


Pride of the WOLFPACK



DYLAN KOLM
BOYS BASKETBALL



CALLIE HEITHOFF
GIRLS BASKETBALL



JUSTICE BLECHER
WRESTLING

A starter this season, Dylan (a senior) kept the 'Pack in the game with 10 pnts vs Boyd Co. Against EV, he had 6 pnts.

A senior, Callie averaged 8 ppg last week. She had 2 3s in each game (EV & Boyd Co). She led the team with 8 rebounds (EV) & 5 steals (BC)

A sophomore, Justice had pins in his 1st 2 matches Saturday at the Elgin Public-Pope John Boys Wrestling tourney.

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 Jan. 10 @ Burwell 11:00
 Jan. 11 @ Summerland 10:00
 Jan. 17 @ Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 12:00

GIRLS VARSITY
 Jan. 9 @ Norm Manstedt Inv. (Columbus) 8:00
 Jan. 13 @ Summerland 2:00
 Jan. 16 @ Ord 1:00

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

VARSITY/JV
 Dec. 27 & 28...Holiday Tourney@Madison 11:00
 Dec. 30 vs. Creighton (PJ) 4:00
 Jan. 3 vs. North Central (EPS) 4:00
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS) 6:15
 Jan. 11 @ Bloomfield 2:15

JUNIOR HIGH
 Jan. 6 @ CWC 3:30
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS) 4:00

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jan. 4 Little Kids Wrestling Tournament @ St. Boniface Auditorium
 Jan. 7 Elgin schools classes resume • Jr High Quiz Bowl @ Stuart
 Jan. 13 Boone Central Choral Clinic Concert
 Jan. 16 PJCC NHS Induction
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