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In Brief

Benefit account established for Kaitlyn Dozler

At the Bank of Elgin.

A benefit account has been set up at the Bank of Elgin for Kaitlyn Dozler of Neligh following an accident Saturday which claimed the life of her husband, Travis Dozler.

Dozler died from injuries sustained in a Semi-truck related accident near Mound City, Mo., on Saturday, January 4 (see adjacent story).

He leaves behind a wife and four children with a fifth on the way due in May.

Tickets now on sale for 'Evening With Friends' gala

To be held on Sunday, January 26.

"A Night to Sparkle" is the theme for the 2025 Evening With Friends gala.

Once again the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall will host the event. This year marks the 25th year for the event. It will be held on Sunday evening, January 26.

Social hour and auction viewing will begin at 5 p.m. that night with dinner to follow at 6:15 p.m. There will be both a silent and live auction. Tickets are now on sale. Cost of the tickets are \$100 per person (need not be present to win) and can be purchased by contacting Pope John School at (402) 843-5325.

District #18 School Board to meet next week

To begin at 6:30 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will meet in regular session on Wednesday evening, January 15. The meeting, to be held in the board meeting room at the high school, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:
Notice to Bidders — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 52 degrees recorded on December 29.

The low temperature during the same period was six degrees recorded on January 4.

Altogether, 0.58 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Dec. 29	52	29	.00
Dec. 30	40	25	.50
Dec. 31	28	16	.00
Jan. 1	35	17	.04
Jan. 2	26	16	.00
Jan. 3	18	10	.00
Jan. 4	11	6	.04
Total for last week			0.58
Total for December			0.50
Total precipitation 2024			21.44

City to consider removal of fluoride from drinking water

Following a presentation Monday night by Mark Tharnish, the Elgin City Council will consider removing fluoride from the city's water supply.

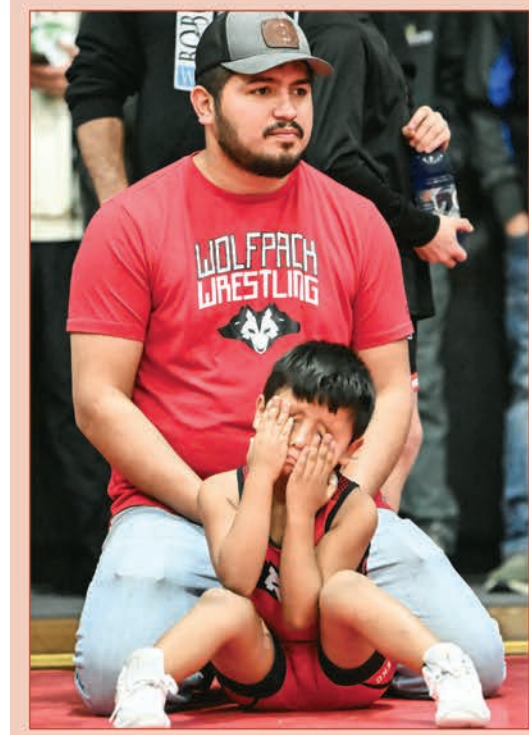
During a brief presentation, Tharnish said it was once considered a good idea to add fluoride to the

water supply as a means to prevent tooth decay. Now, many tooth pastes include fluoride for healthy teeth. Citing studies (18), Tharnish said fluoride is believed to be an unreasonable risk for brain development in children. The bottom line, he said, does the benefit

outweigh the risk?

He said homeowners can buy filter kits which remove fluoride.

Mayor Mike Schmitt and the council will look into the matter and revisit the topic in February.



Little Kids Wrestling - learning the ropes!

The St. Boniface Auditorium was filled to the brim on Saturday as approximately 285 little kids from all over the area displayed their wrestling skills on the mats. Pictured: Left - Mateo Osuna may have been a little anxious about competing but dad David was there for support. Center - Connor Beckman manhandled his opponent in this match. Right - Sutton Childers is consoled by her dad Andrew following a loss. More photos can be found on page 10.



Hunwardsen finds success With Western T Brand business

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, businesses, and organizations.

Ashley Hunwardsen's business, Western T Brand, is proof positive that high speed internet, along with hard work and a saleable idea, can lead to

success.

She has an Elgin storefront at 110 N 2nd Street, right on main street. The door only gets unlocked to welcome customers for local pick-ups AFTER they've ordered online through the website at www.westerntbrand.com. The rented space is her headquarters -- storeroom, work center, and business office.

After petting her 'shop dog' Nika, a Border-Aussie who's been by her side

since starting her business in 2020, she shared the back story. Following high school at Correctionville, IA (near Sioux City), she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 2019 from Northwest Missouri state in Marysville, MO.

Being a fourth-grade teacher, which she loved, was her calling. However, during her first year of teaching, the Covid pandemic hit and she found herself moving to an online classroom and dreaming of, and creating, Western T Brand. She kept teaching until her business took precedent.

"I taught two more years while running the business late nights and weekends. It's all a blur now," she lamented. "I knew I had to give something up."

Rattling off stats from mid-November to mid-December with obvious pride, she sold 2,540 items in 999 orders. Most were shipped through UPS and USPS and the rest, 75 to be exact, were local pick-ups. She promises a two-day turn-around from the time the order is received until its shipped.

She has part-time help to unpack and fold inventory; the rest is up to her. This is significant since every garment, which she orders "blank", gets imprinted with the Western T Brand, a design she created where the word Western has the T as an enlarged Texas longhorn head.

She's created more than 300 other designs, such as "Farmers Make Better Lovers", that get stamped as requested on sweatshirts, t-shirts, and other items she carries in inventory.

Aside from the stress of putting in back-to-back 12-hour days, especially during the Christmas holiday season, Hundwardsen said getting a United States Registered Trademark was challenging, calling it a long and expensive process. The trademark on her 'Western' design, became official November 21, 2023, and she proudly displays the certificate in her office to prove it.

Except for her cowboy boots, which she doesn't wear while stamping shirts, filling orders, maintaining business records, and updating the business website, Hundwardsen presented with that distinctive western look -- skintight blue jeans, straight long dark hair, fingernails flaunting a southwestern design, Native American inspired jewelry loaded with turquoise, slender, attractive.

"Western attire is a hot thing right now," she said. "I offer stylish, com-

Accident claims life of Travis Dozler, 33

A Neligh man with ties to the Elgin community died in a one-vehicle accident over the weekend in Missouri.

Travis Dozler, 33, a 2010 graduate of Elgin High School, died after being struck by a 1999 Peterbilt tractor trailer he was operating, according to information from the Missouri State Patrol (MSP).

MSP Officer T.L. Shupe, investigator at the scene determined that the truck was parked on the east shoulder of northbound Interstate 29 near Mound City when he exited the vehicle at approximately 12:30 p.m. The report said the vehicle became a downhill runaway and struck Dozler before running off the east side of the roadway.

County Coroner Gene Bradley pronounced Dozler dead at the scene.

Dozler leaves behind a wife, Kaitlyn, four children and a fifth on the way.

See the death notice for funeral service times on Page Five.

Nine high school students earn NSAA Academic All-State honors

Excellence in the classroom and in extracurricular activities is the goal of every high school student.

Students from Elgin Public and Pope John Central Catholic high schools were recognized for just that with the announcement of the Fall 2024 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards earlier this week.

Four students from EPS were so honored for their achievement inside and outside the classroom. They were:

- Football — Taylor Beckman and Jarek Erickson
- Volleyball — Sara Bode
- Girls Cross Country — Emma Kinney

Five high school students from Pope John were selected for the prestigious award. They were:

- Volleyball — Kaitey Schumacher
- Play Production — Camry Kitzelton and Olivia Klein
- Girls Cross Country — Jovie Borer
- Boys Cross Country — Matthew Kerkman



E-R photo/JSchuchardt

Sometimes three heat presses can be readied at once to print the Western T Brand on clothing Ashley Hundwardsen sells through her thriving online business.

See WESTERN, Page 3 ▶

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Pancakes, Buttermilk Pancakes



Good morning, I hope you all go through the holidays! How about

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Thought maybe you could use these simple recipes to feed your family before they go off to school and work. The buttermilk recipe makes a big batch. They are

so delicious! Give them a try mom! JoAnn

PANCAKES

- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 2 Tbls sugar
- 3 tsp baking powder

Mix egg, milk, and oil well. Add the remaining dry ingredients. Mix so all is moist. Let set for 5 minutes and then mix well. Cook on a hot griddle or skillet.

- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup flour
- 3 Tbls cooking oil

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbls oil
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder

- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 Tbls sugar

Combine ingredients in the order shown above. Stir just until smooth or almost smooth. Cook on a hot griddle. Makes 8 large pancakes.

BCHC dedicated to creating a safer community: The Green Dot Strategy

A recent Green Dot training in Nebraska brought together 56 participants from various organizations.

Since completing the program, these participants have introduced the Green Dot initiative to hundreds of individuals across the state, significantly expanding its reach and impact.

At Boone County Health Center, we are dedicated to fostering a community where everyone feels safe and valued. One way we achieve this is through the Green Dot strategy, a violence prevention program aimed at reducing power-based personal violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and stalking.

The Green Dot strategy seeks to establish two essential cultural norms: 1) power-based personal violence will not be tolerated, and 2) everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe community. Through awareness, education, and programming, we empower community members to adopt behaviors that challenge violence and promote safety.

Think of red dots as harmful acts—striking someone, neglecting a child, coercing another person, or stalking. These actions create an unsafe environment. Green dots, on the other hand, are actions that counter these harms. By recognizing issues, addressing barriers, intervening, and promoting positive norms, we can shift the balance.

The Green Dot strategy emphasizes the "Three Ds" to take action:

Direct: Intervene directly. Ask someone to stop harmful behavior or check on someone who seems in distress.

Delegate: Seek help from others. Friends, family, authority figures, or professionals can step in when needed.

Distract: Create a diversion to defuse a situation. Spill a drink, start an unrelated conversation, or ask for assistance

in a way that redirects focus.

Our community thrives when green dots outnumber red dots. By working together, we can create a safer and more compassionate environment. If you or someone you know is experiencing harmful acts, please reach out to our social work department for support at 402-395-3109.

By Valorie Slizoski, CSW



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Bartlett News

The Bartlett Lions Club met last month in the old fire hall in Bartlett.

Ten members were present.

Among the items discussed were: the Christmas movie to be held at 2:00 in the new gym in Bartlett.

Hot chocolate and popcorn would be served by the Wheeler Central Booster Club. The Lions Club Christmas party will be held January 12 at 6 p.m. at the old fire hall. David and Delan will prepare the meat. Members are asked to bring desserts and salads to add to the meal. Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange may bring a \$15 dollar gift or white elephant gift.

The Ground Hog supper and raffle were discussed. The supper will be February 2 with a snow date the following evening.

David Collins, Kay Reincke and Bridget Schmidt will take inventory of items in the Lions stand at the Fairgrounds.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the Lions Party, January 12 at 6 p.m.

Ben and I enjoyed seeing the movie 'Wicked' at the movie house in Burwell Saturday evening.

Our Christmas vacation has come to an end with school starting on Monday.

Submitted by Sherry Tetschner

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Social Hour & Auction Viewing begins at 5 PM | Dinner at 6:15 PM

Learning life's lessons the hard way

True wisdom would be to learn from other's mistakes. Often, as parents, we try to impart such wisdom to our children. We tell them, "Learn from our mistakes." However, I know that for me, I rarely took that solid advice. Sometimes I was able to listen to my parents and really heed their advice. Other times, I had to mess up to really learn the lesson. It's hard watching your kids learn lessons the hard way, but sometimes it's what is best for them. This past week my son messed up big time at school. For his sake, I won't go into details. However, I was disappointed when his teacher called me to tell me what happened. He knew better. And with that screw up,

he had some real consequences. He immediately came home and asked if I could reach out to his teacher. As much as I wanted to bail him out, I told him no. I told him he was more than welcome to reach out to her, but that he did the crime and now he needed to do the time.

It was painful to watch him suffer. He was mostly mad at himself for making a bad decision. He was also mad about the consequences. But this was something we had discussed and obviously me just talking about it didn't get the point across.

It took real action before it sank in. He swears he will never make the same mistake again. Our middle son is in Boy Scouts

and the first few campouts my husband would pack for him, or at the very least run down the list. After that, we started making him pack himself. At first, he forgot a lot of things. Having to go through a whole weekend in the woods without any essentials will leave an impression.

Each time, he hasn't forgotten the same thing and has made a better list. If we always do things for him, it doesn't make the same impact, and the lesson isn't always learned.

We want to help our kids. No parent enjoys watching their kids fail and we're so used to doing things for them that we forget to make them do things themselves. Sometimes we help too much, swooping in and rescuing them before they must deal with the outcome. However, that's where those life lessons help teach them. I think it's

better to let them fail now when the stakes are still relatively low. I'd rather that they fall on their face, make bad decisions and learn from them while young and we are still there to help with the aftermath.

Perhaps if they learn enough, by the time they are out of our house they won't have to make some of the same mis-

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

January 7, 1965

At least 12 residents from the area were in Dallas, Texas on New Year's Day to cheer on the Cornhuskers at the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. John Koinzan, Jerry Mundorf, Philip Kluthe, Mildred Iburg, Neal Childers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stehly of Wayne and Rudy and Fred Schindler.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ridder announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda to Ronald Eischeid, son of Mrs. Joe Eischeid and the late Joe Eischeid.

Food savings at the Farmers' Union Co-Operative Store in Elgin are Folgers coffee, \$2.25 for a three lbs. can; a dozen Sunkist navel oranges are just 69 cents.

The Elgin Woman's Club held its first meeting of 1965 in the Home Art Rooms of the Public School with Mrs. L.H. Vanderheiden conducting the meeting.

Fifty Years Ago

January 2, 1975

Richard Uhrenholdt is among 16 UNL students enrolled in Agronomy 402, crop production and soil management, who are spending the interim in Israel with their professor Leon Chesnin and his wife studying the country's agricultural techniques.

Born on Christmas Day at the Tilden Community Hospital, an eight pound, 9 3/4 ounce daughter, Tina Donna, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Mackel.

John Draper has been hired by the Northwestern National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa. He starts work on January 6.

Becky Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reilly, won the giant 6-foot Christmas stocking given away by the Bank of Elgin.

Christmas day and evening guests at the LaVern Hoefler home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoefler and Wendy of Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hoefler of Columbus and Linus Hoefler.

Thirty Years Ago

January 4, 1995

Three new Antelope County officials will take office following a 9 a.m. swearing in ceremony at the courthouse. The newly elected officials are Clerk of the District Court Judy Cole, County Treasurer Donna Payne and County Assessor Bernard Burbach.

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department will honor firemen and EMT members for their years of service at the annual banquet.

Elgin High School's boys basketball team brought home the first place trophy from the Humphrey St Francis Holiday Tournament last week. Team members are Jeff Henn, Jarid Jochum, Sam Vanourney, Nathan Dickerson, Aaron Hoefler, Brandon Miller, Jason Vaisvilas, Bruce Clark, Dave Ochsner, Chris Sullivan, Aaron Andrews and B.J. Schmitt. Head Coach is Phil Kluthe, assisted by Kip Stephens.

Western

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fortable, high-quality, one-of-a-kind choices for the whole family, including children and babies."

New merchandise launches online weekly. About her business, she said that "Western T Brand is 95 percent of her life right now. You get what you put into it."

Moving to the area last June to be closer to boyfriend Seth Schumacher, who farms near Petersburg, Hundwardsen, 27,

said she lived on the edge of an Iowa farming town of 900, though never on a farm. She met Schumacher in Kansas City when they were at separate bachelor and bachelorette parties.

She finds Elgin to be welcoming and plans to settle down here as they are now engaged. Thanks, Ashley, for choosing Elgin to set up the headquarters for your business. Making this town your town would be welcomed.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, January 13: Tator tot casserole, tossed salad, pears, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, January 14: Tomato soup, grilled ham & cheese, cottage cheese, pineapple, carrot/celery, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, January 15: BBQ meatballs, baked potato, peas/carrots, strawberry/peaches mix, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, January 16: Liver & onions OR ham, scalloped potatoes, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, bread/butter, milk.

Friday, January 17: Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, potato wedges, coleslaw, carrots, 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.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal. for that day.

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Community Calendar

* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review

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

Friday and Saturday, January 4-5
AC Shooters Club Gun Show*.

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).

Sunday, January 26
25th Annual "Evening With Friends".

Events listing courtesy of **ELGIN VETERANS' MEDICAL CLINIC**
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BCHC named as a 'top recommended hospital'

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has been named one of Nebraska's top hospitals for patient recommendations, receiving a five-star rating based on the latest Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This prestigious recog-

nition underscores the Center's commitment to exceptional patient care and community trust.

The five-star rating is determined by patients' responses to the question, "Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?" BCHC's inclusion in this elite

See BCHC, Page 7 ▶

OBITUARIES

Thomas M. Schindler, 81

September 15, 1943 - January 2, 2025

While in the U.S. Army, he was selected to be on the honor guard when President Kennedy visited Berlin in 1963.



Thomas M. Schindler, 81, of Elgin, passed away Thursday,

January 2, 2025, at the Boone County Health Center, Albion, NE.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2024 (today), at Levander Funeral Home in Elgin.

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

Thomas Mathew Schindler, son of Otto and Velda (Dwyer) Schindler, was born on September 15, 1943, at Chadron, NE. For his last year of high school he attended Elgin Public.

Tom entered the Army on January 8, 1963, and served until his honorable discharge on December 26, 1964. He was stationed in Berlin, Germany,

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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Honored to serve Nebraskans

I'm humbled and honored to have the opportunity to continue serving Nebraskans in the U.S. Senate. President Trump's re-election, along with Republican majorities in Congress, provides a great opportunity to get our country back on track. We must deliver results for Nebraskans. This Congress, I'll continue to fight to make government work better. I will also work to keep Americans safe and support Nebraska agriculture.

I'm looking forward to working with President-elect Trump to make government work better. That means fixing the broken appropriations process and getting our spending under control. Families across the country must tighten their financial belts when times get tough. By contrast, D.C.'s bloated bureaucracy just uses taxpayer dollars to buy a bigger belt. It can't continue.

When I was Governor, we ran government more like a business. We improved services and reduced costs. I'm using that experience as a founding member of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Caucus. Working with Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), Elon Musk, and Vivek Ramaswamy, we will provide proven solutions to streamline government.

On the Environment and Public Works Committee I'll fight to end the overregulation that has driven up costs for families and businesses. The Biden-Harris administration finalized more than 5,000 new federal rules in four years. This includes their delusional EV mandate. I'll work with President Trump to repeal it.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

This year alone about 100,000 pages of new federal rules were finalized. That's the most new pages of rules in our country's history. Stacked on top of each other, they would be 33 feet tall. This is as tall as a three-story building. Those rules are estimated to cost an extra \$3,300 per household each year for as long as they're on the books. American families and job-creators deserve relief, not regulation.

President Trump campaigned on securing the border. I intend to help him get it done. Last year, I unveiled a comprehensive package of border solutions. I will fight to finish the border wall. I'll push for more resources to allow Border Patrol officers to do their jobs more effectively.

I'll go after the drug cartels that push deadly drugs that continue to kill Nebraskans like Taryn Lee Griffith.

As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee I'll support President Trump as he restores American strength.

Only through strength can we deter our adversaries and prevent future conflicts. The days of Biden's appeasement-first policy are coming to an end very soon.

I'll also continue supporting Nebraska agriculture. The outlook for a comprehensive five-year Farm Bill has increased with Republican leadership in the House and Senate. That's good for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. Passing a Farm Bill is the best way to ensure they have the tools they need to navigate current and future challenges. I'm working to include my bills to improve flood protection and improve infrastructure resiliency. My priorities also include aid for rural micro-entrepreneurs and giving a next step to workers on food stamps. It's essential we pass a good Farm Bill so producers

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Governor calls for 'pedal to the metal' in seeking more federal funds

Years ago, I had the pleasure of covering the dedication of a new, \$17-million bridge spanning the Missouri River east of Niobrara.

The bridge was named after Chief Standing Bear, whose people, the Poncas, once ruled over that area of northeast Nebraska. Standing Bear, known for winning a federal judge's declaration that Native Americans were "persons" under the law, is buried nearby.

But the structure, and another bridge built farther east across the Missouri, were dubbed the "Bridges to Nowhere" by none other than TV news anchorman Tom Brokaw, who grew up along the river in Yankton.

It was a waste of money, Brokaw declared, in his program, "The Fleecing of America."

The featured speaker at the 1998 dedication of the Standing Bear Bridge -- held atop a high bluff with an amazing view of the river valley -- was then South Dakota Gov. Bill "Wild Bill" Janklow, a political legend who spoke his mind (as opposed to a lot of today's politicians whose comments are tightly scripted and designed to avoid saying anything that might remotely be discerned as controversial).

Anyway, Janklow spoke his mind that day, saying aptly that while the bridge might represent "political pork barrel, it's our pork barrel."

South Dakotans and Nebraskans just across the river from the bridge had all paid their taxes to Washington, D.C., and it was nice to see some of those hard-earned tax payments coming back home for a bridge long sought by the two states, Janklow said.

Which brings us to Gov. Jim Pillen, who wants state agencies to put the "pedal to the metal," according to the Nebraska Examiner, in seeking more federal funds for programs in Nebraska.

That seems like quite an about face by state officials, who, in the past, have rejected federal money to expand Medicaid and to provide rental assistance to folks impacted by the pandemic. Lately, our elected officials have spent more time criticizing what's happening in Washington, and filing lawsuits to pre-

vent federal programs and initiatives. But Pillen is right when he says that Nebraskans deserve to get all of the federal funding that's due them -- funding that could help balance the state budget or help reduce property taxes.

Nebraska traditionally has ranked among the lowest states in its take from the federal treasury.

A 2021 analysis by website, USA Facts, said that the Cornhusker State received \$3,463 per person that year from Washington.

That was almost half as much as residents neighboring Wyoming received per capita, which was \$6,718. Two years ago, Pillen said he was "appalled" to learn that, at that time, Nebraska was next to last in its per-capita federal allowance.

That news came from a crafty gov-

ernor in Oklahoma, who had hired a lobbyist in D.C. to boost federal funding for the Sooner State.

Ok, ok, so Pillen was the governor who said he didn't believe in "welfare" a few months back. (I'm sure he was referring to the traditional forms of government assistance, such as food stamps and Aid to Dependent Children, rather than things like the \$25-million federal grant he and some fellow hog farmers received to add a second shift at their pork-processing plant in Fremont.)

But the governor has evolved his thinking about taking federal money. In February, he changed his mind about rejecting millions in federal funds for a program that provided an additional \$40 a month to low-income families to purchase groceries. The state health department said that

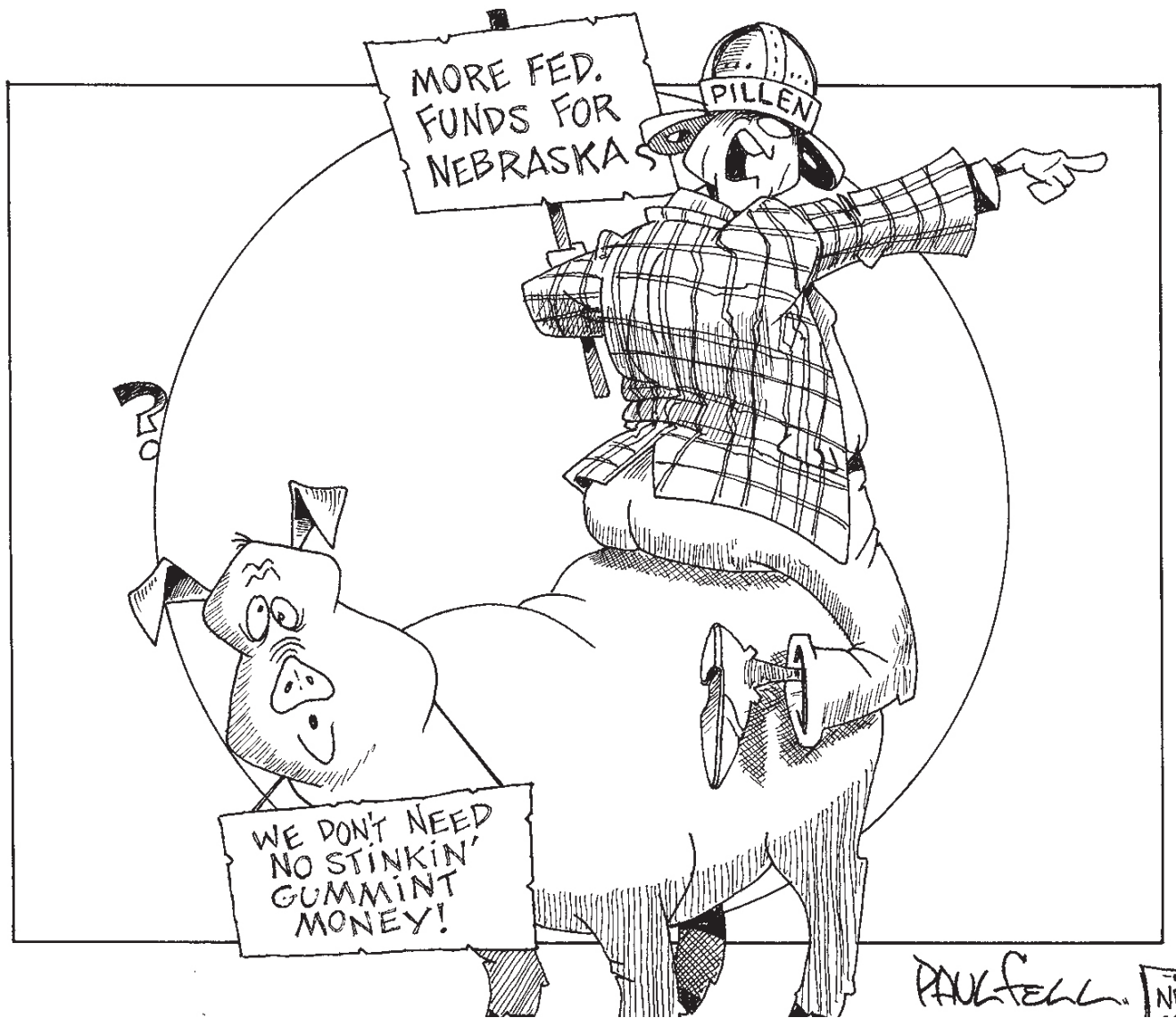
move resulted in getting additional food to nearly 200,000 students across the state, from nearly 122,000 families.

That seems like the kind of "win-win" politicians talk about all the time. More food, paid by federal dollars. Here's hoping that more win-wins will result from seeking out, and taking, more federal funding.

After all, it's our pork barrel.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.



PAUL FELL NPA

Recommitting to conservative priorities in a new Congress

A new year brings a valuable chance to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous year and prepare for the opportunities ahead in the next. This week, it was especially meaningful to have my two young children with me as I was sworn in to serve Nebraska's Third District as a member of the

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

In January 2023, to begin the 118th Congress, the first bill passed by the House was my legislation to defund the Democrats' attempt to supersize the IRS by pouring \$80 billion into the agency and hiring 87,000 new IRS enforcement agents. Since then, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration has reported the IRS has struggled to find new hires, targeted mid-

dle-class families with the majority of new audits, and neglected to update its own antiquated technology. While the Senate and the Biden-Harris administration failed to take up my bill after it was passed by the House, I have fought hard to successfully reclaim much of these taxpayer funds as part of several funding bills, and the first bill I introduced this week in the new 119th Congress is a bill to finish the job.

Looking back on last year, legislation I introduced in the previous Congress to safeguard American agriculture passed both houses of Congress and was recently signed into law by the president.

The Beagle Brigade Act permanently authorizes the program which trains detector dogs to sniff out prohibited agricultural items which could carry foreign plant or animal pests and diseases into our country. Our farmers and ranchers tirelessly safeguard their stock from contaminants, and this new law augments Customs and Border Patrol efforts to identify and stop foreign pests and diseases from entering our food supply chain.

Another bipartisan bill of mine to streamline how employers report their employees' health insurance coverage for tax purposes became law after President Biden signed it on December 23, 2024. In a rapidly changing

economy, employers need certainty to navigate the evolving needs of the workforce, and thanks to this bill, employers will now be able to electronically file certain documents related to employees' health coverage if employees agree to allow it.

I am also proud to say my bill with Senator Fischer to transfer reservoir land in Hitchcock and Frontier Counties to local control was enacted on the same day.

I also worked with Sen. Ricketts and the entire Nebraska congressional delegation to memorialize the public service and contributions of Third District Nebraskans through legislation to rename the post office in Lexington after former Representative Bill Barrett and his wife Elsie, and the federal building in North Platte after former Representative Virginia Smith. Although President Biden has not yet signed these bills, I am hopeful that he will sign them in the near future.

At the start of a new year and a new Congress, we have the chance to deliver the commonsense policies needed to

get our country back on track. Small businesses and families are hurting. American producers are falling behind in the global marketplace.

We face severe challenges, and we need a leader who can find a way to move forward.

We must unite and capitalize on this historic momentum to secure our borders, ensure the safety of the American people, strengthen families, and kick-start economic growth. We must make permanent the 2017 tax cuts for families and small businesses, level the playing field in trade for American producers and consumers, and rein-in overspending and overregulation.

Speaker Mike Johnson has worked tirelessly to unite the Republican Conference and ensure we hit the ground running in 2025. His conservative principles and determination have rightfully earned the confidence and support of a majority of my House colleagues, and I am ready to get to work alongside him to advance the priorities of President Trump on behalf of the American people.

Have An Opinion? Express It In A 'Letter To The Editor' In Next Week's Elgin Review

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takes. Our job as parents is to put ourselves out of a job. That doesn't just mean teaching them basic life skills, but also letting them mess up and then do better.

We should still try to impart wisdom on them and pray they will listen. When they choose to reject sound advice, these lessons will hopefully set them up for life.

Comments can be sent to talesof-fatredmamma@gmail.com.

Ricketts

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can have the stability they need to make crucial decisions.

Finally, the Senate must exercise its "advise and consent" role and confirm President Trump's nominees.

I'm excited about the change of leadership at many of these agencies.

I'm also excited about the prospect of confirming judges that will defend our Constitution and protect the rule of law.

I'm pleased that the Senate will return to a more normal work schedule. There's no time to waste.

Most Americans work at least five days a week. Under Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD), the Senate will show up to work until the work gets done. That's the way it should be.

We have a lot of work to do. I'm committed to working with my colleagues to deliver meaningful results for Nebraskans. Thank you again for the opportunity to fight for our state.

Death Notice

Services for Travis Dozler, age 33, of Neligh, Nebraska will be held at 11 A.M. on Monday, January 13, 2025 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in O'Neill. There will be a Rosary before Mass at 10:30 A.M.

Burial will follow at St. Theresa's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5-7:30 P.M. on Sunday, January 12, at Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill.

A complete obituary will be in next week's issue of The Elgin Review.



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Bomgaars makes donation to AMH

In November 2024, Bomgaars stores (across the Midwest) held a "Night of Festive Fun & Fall Shopping - just for Ladies". Bomgaars joined with local hospitals to bring awareness of women's health issues and passed along a 20% discount that evening. Last week, Mike Olson, manager of Bomgaars in Neligh (I), presented a check for \$646.32 to Diane Bruggler, AMH CEO (r). The gift is a donation by Bomgaars from a portion of the "Ladies Night's" total sales - pledged back into the community. The funds will go towards the purchase of a new 3D mammography unit at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

Spinning Tales

Choose well my friends, your future depends on it

Wrestling Invite held this past Saturday.

Time flies when you are having fun and when you're not. When we first drove into Elgin on a sheet of ice, I had no idea where this job was going to take us. The finish line couldn't be seen. I can see the finish line now.

On a book shelf at the house there's a small framed picture. It's of Lynell and I, along with another couple, taken the night before I left Auburn to come here. He was an engineer at Cooper Nuclear Station, his wife was a counselor. I look at that photo every time I walk by the book shelf. The four of us are setting on the deck, smiles ear to ear, the table full of goodies.

Today my hair is white, back then it wasn't. I still thought I was bullet proof back then, years later I know I'm not. Back then the Huskers were still going to bowl games. Fast forward to this year, we managed to have a winning season courtesy of a bowl game victory.

I thought I knew more than my boss back then (and I still do), that's when I decided it was time to be my own boss. But, are we ever really our own boss? It's a totally different mindset when you work for someone, collecting a check and having no worries.

It's altogether different when you own your own business and

have others relying on you for a paycheck every two weeks. Bernie was here when I first started and still comes in on Wednesdays. Her helpers, one by one, have died and gone to Heaven.

It's kind of like that with the people I used to call my friends. They, too, thought they were 'bullet proof' but found out with their last dying breath they were not.

Others have come and gone. Some made wise choices, a few didn't choose wisely. I ran into one such person who felt the need to tell me that she made a bad choice to move on. While I would love to bring her back on board because she was a good worker, I can't because the position has evolved and been filled by someone else.

Whether we're talking about you or me, where we are today and where we're headed tomorrow and beyond, it's all about choices.

Whether it be Lynell making the choice to go under the knife and have knee surgery after struggling for years with a bad knee and bone spurs, me choosing to be a journalist here as opposed to somewhere else, or any time when you had to make a choice, it's the decisions we've made which have brought us here and will take us to our final breath.

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Jesus had followed God's plan. God approved.

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Begin with prayer.

Learn more of God's plans this week in church.

Jesus also had been baptized.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Isaiah 3:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Psalm 29

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Baptism of the Lord



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Sunday School: 9:30 am.
Worship Service: 10:45 am.

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Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.
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Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.
Church Council: 2nd Sunday of each month following worship.

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Kellan Hoefer goes up for two of his 24 points Friday night against North Central.

Hoefer, Kallhoff combine for 44 against NC

ELGIN — The backcourt tandem of Kellan Hoefer and Karson Kallhoff combined for 44 points Friday night as the Wolfpack soundly defeated North Central 72 to 49 in boys basketball action.

EPPJ jumped out to a 22 to eight lead after one quarter and never took their 'foot off the accelerator'. Balanced scoring has been a winning formula to get EPPJ off to a good start in recent games. Against the Knights, all five starters scored in the opening quarter, the last two points coming on a outback by Taylor Beckman just as the quarter buzzer sounded.

Head Coach Matt Euse said the Wolfpack's backcourt of Kellan Hoefer and Karson Kallhoff contributed in a big way to the victory over the Knights.

"I guarantee you those guys are pretty tired right now," he said just moments after the final buzzer.

It's a nice problem to have as Euse noted it seems each game someone new steps up to lead the way.

"For a coach, that's about as good as it gets. You can't really ask for anything else."

Over the final three quarters, EPPJ outscored the Knights 50 to 41.

Hoefer had 10 points in the second half and finished with

a game-high 24. He connected on 10 of 14 shots, many of those breakaway layups.

Kallhoff tossed in 20 points, connecting on five treys, including back-to-back gems late in the fourth quarter.

Inside, junior Jarek Erickson

dominated the paint, pulling down 11 rebounds to go along with 14 points.

Euse said North Central had some athletes on their team which gave EPPJ some problems at times. "They're (NC) better than what their record

is. They're well coached, they play hard and we knew it wasn't gonna be easy."

EPPJ 72, North Central 49
Knights.....8 14 11 16 — 49
Wolfpack.....22 21 12 17 — 72

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Kolm's career-high 18 points Propels Wolfpack past Bulldogs

ELGIN — It's rare when the winning team can double the final score on their opponent. But it happened Monday night, Dec. 30, when the EPPJ boys defeated Creighton 56 to 28.



Karson Kallhoff

The Wolfpack had three treys in the first half as EPPJ jumped out to a 25 to 12 lead over Creighton. Junior Jarek Erickson had nine points in the first half, senior Dylan Kolm did him one better, finishing with 10 points in the half.

EPPJ kept up their hot shoot-

ing in the third quarter, outscoring Creighton 20 to 8. After freshman Max Henn had four points to start the quarter, the Wolfpack went outside the arc to find their next nine points as they posted back-to-back-to-back treys. Karson Kallhoff had two and Kolm added one. Kolm drained another trey to start the final quarter. He finished as the game's high scorer with 18.

EPPJ closed out the game with Taylor Beckman scoring twice in the final quarter to finish with four points. Sophomore Michael Selting came off the bench to drain a trey.

EPPJ 56, Creighton 28
Bulldogs.....6 6 8 8 — 28
Wolfpack.....13 12 20 11 — 56
Wolfpack — Ticen Sparr 0-1 0-0

0, Kellan Hoefer 3-9 1-1 8, Michael Selting 1-3 0-0 3, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Evin Pelster 1-2 0-0 2, Karson Kallhoff 3-9 0-0 8, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 2-7 4-4 9, Taylor Beckman 2-5 0-0 4, Max Henn 2-4 1-3 5, Dylan Kolm 5-7 5-6 18, Trey Rittscher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 19-47 11-14 56. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 7-21 (Dylan Kolm 3, Jarek Erickson 1, Karson Kallhoff 2, Michael Selting 1). Creighton team totals: 11-38 5-10 28. Three-point shots — Creighton 1-15.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 25 (Jarek Erickson 6), Creighton 29. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Jarek Erickson 4). Steals — Wolfpack 2 (Karson Kallhoff 2), Creighton 1. Turnovers — Wolfpack 7, Creighton 19.

Wolfpack girls scrap for 49-47 win over Knights

ELGIN — Up by 11 points early in the fourth quarter, the Wolfpack held off a late charge by the Lady Knights to defeat North Central 49 to 47.

The last five-plus minutes of the game saw North Central cut the margin to just two points and they had multiple chances to tie or take the lead in the game's final moments. But, it wasn't meant to be.

"We're lucky," Wolfpack Coach Randy Eisenhauer said the two-point victory. "We kind of got complacent there for a little bit ... I told the girls we still have got to attack, do the things that we normally do."

While the offense may have faltered down the stretch (going scoreless for the last five minutes), the defense played lights out. "We played pretty good defense down the stretch. We had girls on the floor. That's just something with my teams, I always got kids battling ... We had three girls on the floor to finish that game," he said.

North Central's strategy was to try and get the ball inside to Karlene Kepler with less than a minute to play. The first time EPPJ forced a held-ball. The possession arrow went to North Central. With just a handful of seconds left on the clock, again the Knights tried to get the ball inside. What ensued was a scramble for the ball with three Wolfpack players as the buzzer sounded.

Sophomore sensation Mady Kurpgeweit was nearly unstoppable in the game. She has six points in a row as EPPJ jumped out to a 13 to eight lead. It was one of several scoring streaks as she finished the game making nine of 11 field goal attempts for 18 points.

North Central trailed by six to start the second half, then hit some big shots to tie the score at 31-all. Senior Kate Furstenuau then took over with five straight points to boost the lead back to five point.

A three-pointer by Callie Heithoff started a seven-to-two run to close out the quarter.

Kurpgeweit, who led EPPJ with 10 rebounds, had back-to-



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Kate Furstenuau was able to score inside and outside against the Lady Knights, finishing with 11 points.

back-to-back baskets to start the fourth quarter to make the lead 49 to 38 before North Central made a final run.

"Mady gets so many people focused on her. She has kick outs and then that opens up the offense for threes," Eisenhauer said.

Aside from Kurpgeweit, EPPJ got double-digit scoring from Heithoff and Furstenuau each with 11 points.

EPPJ will host O'Neill St. Mary's Thursday night.

EPPJ 49, North Central 47
Knights.....8 14 16 9 — 47
Wolfpack.....13 15 15 6 — 49
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 3-9 0-0 6, Elizabeth Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Trissa Russell 0-2 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinsen 1-8 0-0 3, Callie Heithoff 4-12 1-2 11, Kate Furstenuau 4-15 1-2 11, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 9-11 0-0 18. Team totals: 21-58 2-4 49. Three-point shots — 5-22 (Callie Heithoff 2, Braelyn Martinsen 1, Kate Furstenuau 2). North Central team totals: 17-58 6-9 47. Three-point shots — North Central 7-20. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 35 (Mady Kurpgeweit

10, Callie Heithoff 8), North Central 40. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Kate Furstenuau 3), North Central 10. Steals — Wolfpack 12 (Callie Heithoff 4), North Central 5. Turnovers — Wolfpack 12, North Central 24.

Creighton girls no Match for Wolfpack

ELGIN — The Wolfpack girls team ended 2024 with a double-digit victory over Creighton on Monday night, December 30. Playing at St. Boniface Auditorium, EPPJ scored early and often to build a 31 to 14 lead in the first half.

Up by seven points early in the second quarter, sophomore Braelyn Martinsen got hot. She connected on back-to-back treys then added a two-pointer to give the Wolfpack a 27 to 14 lead. Baskets by Kate Furstenuau and Mady Kurpgeweit closed out the first half to make the score 31 to 14.

The teams traded points for much of the third quarter, the

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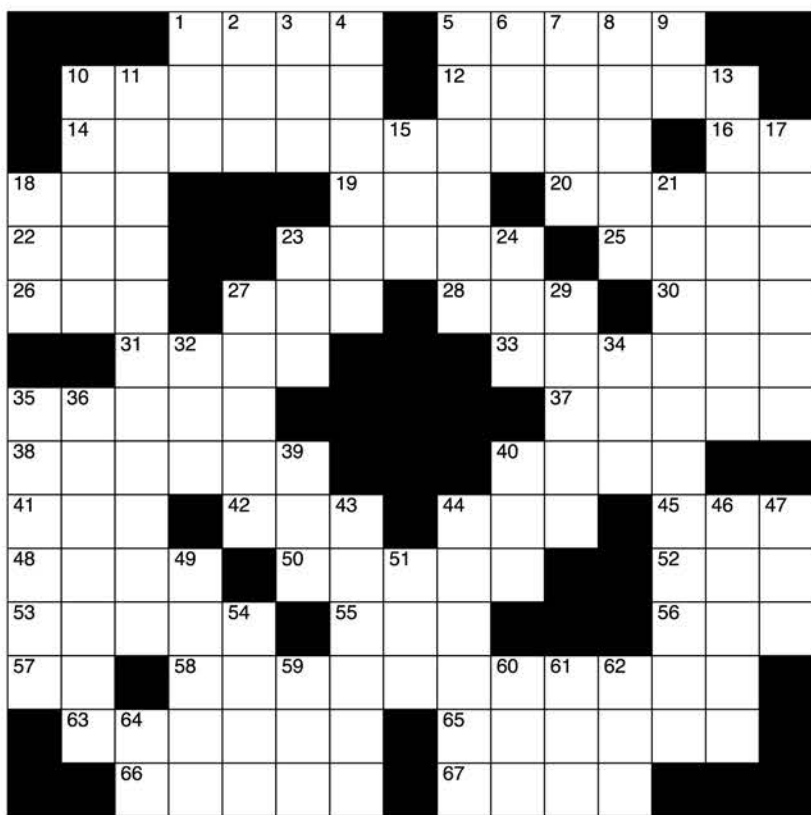
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hand (Spanish)
- 5. Siskel and __, critics
- 10. Seaman
- 12. Chemical weapon
- 14. One who eliminates
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Baseball stat
- 19. Americans' "uncle"
- 20. Cassia tree
- 22. Surround
- 23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
- 25. A sudden very loud sound
- 26. Affirmative
- 27. Disadvantage
- 28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 30. OJ trial judge
- 31. New York art district
- 33. Become more bleak
- 35. Upstate NY city
- 37. Clarified butters
- 38. One who witnesses
- 40. Condemn
- 41. __ juris
- 42. Natural
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Greek war god
- 50. 5 iron
- 52. New Zealand mountain parrot
- 53. Scandinavian surname
- 55. Follows sigma
- 56. Doctor of Education
- 57. Spanish be
- 58. One that feeds on bugs
- 63. Tooth issue
- 65. Get into
- 66. Lumps of clay
- 67. Overly studious student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Variety of Chinese
- 2. Boxing's GOAT
- 3. Japanese classical theater
- 4. Prayer
- 5. Inspire with love
- 6. Ballplayers' accessory
- 7. Retailer payment system
- 8. More raw
- 9. Atomic #81
- 10. Fencing sword
- 11. Hostilities
- 13. Sea dweller
- 15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 17. Businessmen
- 18. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 21. Loud devices
- 23. Make a soft murmuring sound
- 24. One point west of due south
- 27. Trout
- 29. Type of grass
- 32. South American plant
- 34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 35. Not secure
- 36. Traveler
- 39. Sweet potato
- 40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
- 43. Some are choppy
- 44. Asian country
- 46. Genus of mosquitoes
- 47. Cool!
- 49. ShriII, wailing sound
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. Within
- 59. Unhappy
- 60. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 61. Videocassette recorder
- 62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 64. It cools a home

Winterize your cowherd

Cold weather has major implications for our animals, especially through increased energy demands to keep animals warm. Lets take a closer look at this today and how we can help "winterize" our herd.

Cold weather places additional energy demands on cattle, especially when wind chill and wet conditions come into play. To manage this effectively, start by evaluating your herd's body condition. Ideally, cows should have a body condition score (BCS) between 5 and 5.5 before temperatures drop significantly. A cow in good condition with a dry winter coat can withstand wind chills as low as 19 degrees Fahrenheit without additional energy needs. This is called a lower critical temperature, the threshold at which point animals need to start using energy to maintain body heat. Things like body condition, moisture, coat condition, and wind chill all impact the lower critical temperature. So, for our BCS 5 cow, the critical temperature rises dramatically to 53 degrees once the coat gets wet.

Thin cows—those with a BCS of 4—are more vulnerable. Looking at lower critical temperatures, remember that our dry BCS 5 cow starts using extra energy at 19 degrees Fahrenheit, but when we drop her to a BCS of 4, she starts needing extra energy at 27 degrees. If you have thinner cows, consider grouping them with first-calf heifers, as both require higher energy intake during winter. Providing windbreaks or shelter can also help reduce cold stress by keeping animals dry and out of wind chill temperatures, dropping energy needs as well.

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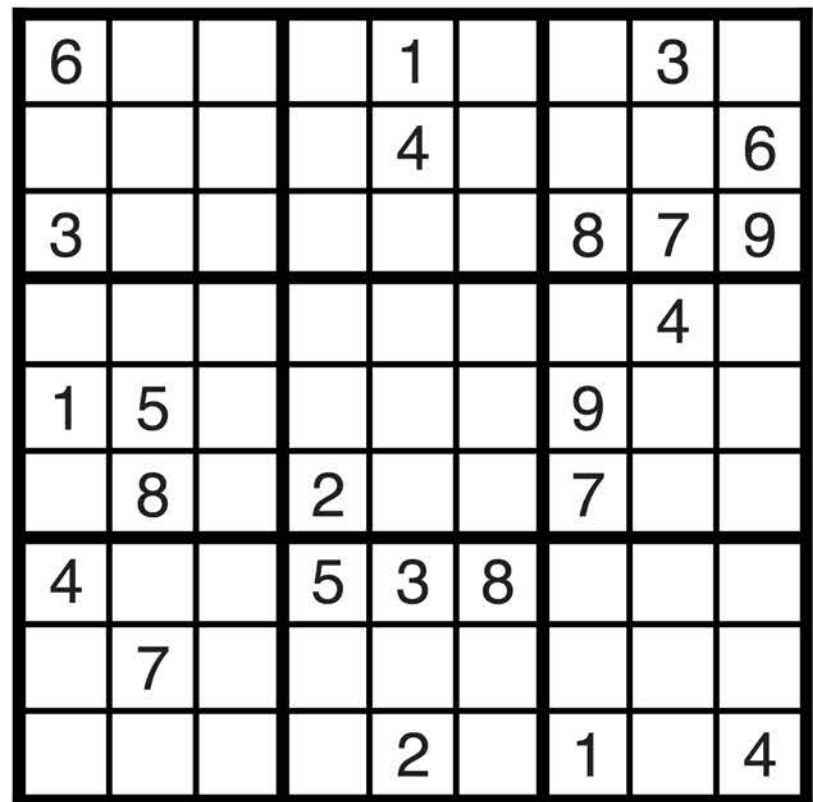
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Now, let's talk feeding. During extended cold spells, increasing your herd's ration or supplement with high-energy feeds is important to maintain animal condition. High quality alfalfa hay usually has a TDN of 58-60% and should meet requirements for dry, good condition animals at windchill temperatures down to -15°F. Beyond that, other high energy supplements paired with free choice hay become a better solution.

Distillers grains are a great option, offering both energy and protein to support forage digestion. Corn can be an option to consider but needs caution; feeding more than two to three pounds per head daily can harm forage digestion. Adjusting rations during extreme cold can mean the difference between maintaining body condition and costly weight loss. For instance, if the wind chill hits 10°F, a cow in good condition may require up to 10% more energy. For a 1,200-pound cow, this translates to an additional 1.2 pounds of total digestible nutrients, or TDN, per day. Planning these adjustments ensures your herd stays resilient through harsh conditions.

Taking steps now to improve body condition and prepare feeding strategies will save you stress—and dollars—when temperatures plummet.

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Make the most of your local library

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- Get or renew your library card. Each member of the family, including children, can get their own card.
- Acquaint yourself with

all the offerings at your local library. Books may be the first thing people think of when pondering local libraries, and modern branches still maintain extensive catalogs of books spanning the genres. Film fans may be surprised to learn libraries typically have extensive catalogs of films that can be borrowed on DVD, and some

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Hagemeister wins final football contest

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Alan Hagemeister missed just five games to win the contest. Taking second was Tim Rossow who missed just six games. Most contestants missed nine or more games this time around. Results of the bowl game contest were:

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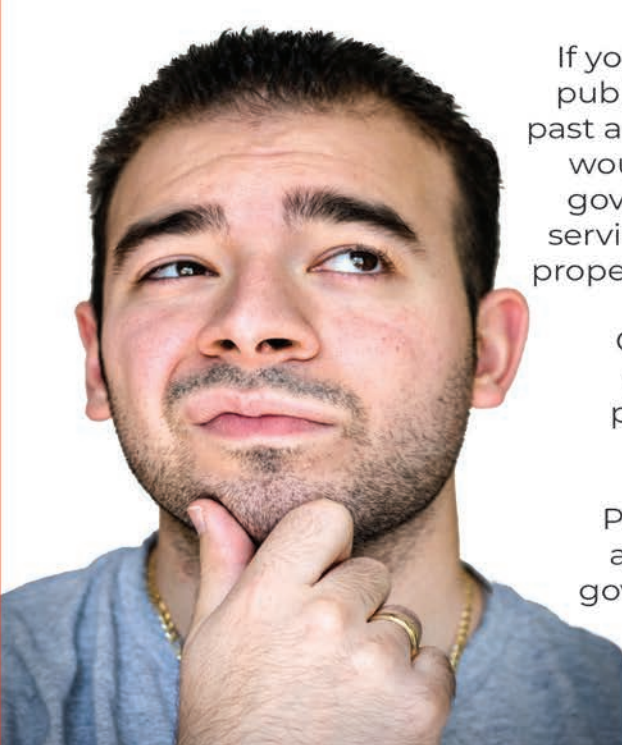
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EPPJ

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 Wolfpack — Ticen Sparr 0-1 0-0 0, Kellan Hoefler 10-14 1-1 24, Michael Setling 0-1 0-0 0, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 7-16 1-1 20, Evin Pelster 0-0 0-0

0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 5-10 3-3 14, Taylor Beckman 1-2 0-0 2, Max Henn 2-4 0-1 4, Dylan Kolm 3-6 0-0 6, Trey Rittscher 1-2 0-0 2. Team totals: 29-55 5-6 72. Three-point shots

— Wolfpack 9-23 (Kellan Hoefler 3, Karson Kallhoff 5, Jarek Erickson 1). North Central team totals: 19-50 7-11 49. Three-point shots — 4-19. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 29 (Jarek Erickson 11),

Knights 21. Assists — Wolfpack 18 (Jarek Erickson 6, Karson Kallhoff 6). Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Jarek Erickson 3), Knights 1. Turnovers — Wolfpack 15, Knights 12.

Bulldogs

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Bulldogs actually outscored EPPJ 13 to 12. In the fourth quarter, Trissa Russell and Kierstyn Eisenhauer capped the night with two-pointers. Furstenuau led EPPJ with 20 points, Kurpgeweit added 18 and Martinsen tossed in 10 points. EPPJ out rebounded the Bulldogs 45 to 33, led by Kurpgeweit with 12 and Martinsen with 11.

EPPJ 64, Creighton 38
 Bulldogs.....6 8 13 11 — 38
 Wolfpack.....17 14 12 21 — 64
 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 3-11 0-1 6, Kinley Druke 0-0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-3 0-0 2, Trissa Russell 1-5 0-2 2, Braelyn Martinsen 4-15 0-0 10, Callie Heithoff 2-9 0-0 4, Kate Furstenuau 6-20 7-7 20, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 1-2 0-0 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 7-17 4-4 18, Danyka Smidt 0-1 0-0 0. Team totals: 25-83 11-12 64. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 3-19 (Braelyn Martinsen 2, Kate Furstenuau 1). Creighton team totals: 15-42 8-15 38. Three-point shots — 0-5. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 45 (Mady Kurpgeweit 12, Braelyn Martinsen 11), Creighton 33. Assists — Wolfpack 16 (Callie Heithoff 5, Mady Kurpgeweit 4),

Creighton 7. Steals — Wolfpack 24 (Kayton Zwingman 7), Creighton 6. Turnovers — Wolfpack 13, Creighton 34.

Pride of the PACK



KELLAN HOEFER
BOYS BASKETBALL



KATE FURSTENAU
GIRLS BASKETBALL

A senior, last week Kellan averaged 16 ppg as the Wolfpack "blew out" Creighton and North Central. Against NC, he made 10/14 shots to finish with 24 pts.

A senior, Kate, in games against Creighton and North Central, averaged over 15 ppg. Playing NC, she drilled 2 treys and had a game-high 3 assists.

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 Taylor Beckman (22) and Dylan Kolm (30) had their eyes on a rebound. EPPJ out-rebounded the Knights 29 to 21.



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Giving the Wolfpack a boost, coming off the bench this season, is senior Trissa Russell (4).

WRESTLING

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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
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS) 6:15
 Jan. 11 @ Bloomfield 2:15
 Jan. 14 @ Fullerton 4:30
 Jan. 17 vs. Stuart (PJ) 4:00
 Jan. 24 vs. West Holt (EPS) 4:30

JUNIOR HIGH
 Jan. 9 vs. St. Mary's (G, EPS) 4:00
 Jan. 21 vs. Riverside (PJ) 3:00
 Jan. 23 vs. Randolph (EPS) 3:00

Students - Welcome Back to Classes!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jan. 13 Boone Central Choral Clinic Concert
 Jan. 14 PJCC NHS meeting
 Feb. 15 FFA District LDE @ West Holt • EPS School Board meeting
 Jan. 16 PJCC NHS Induction
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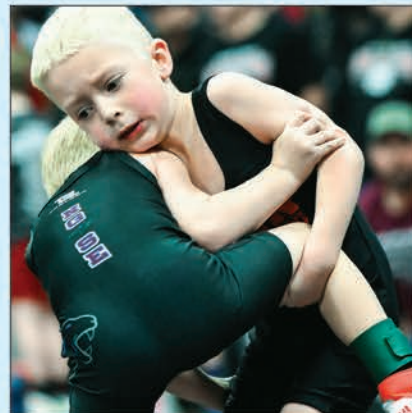


Annual Little Kids Wrestling Tournament

Saturday was a long day for organizers of this year's tournament as approximately 285 little wrestlers took to the mats. Here is a collection of just a few of the Elgin youth participating - along with a few parents. You can view all of the photos from the day by scanning this QR code or go to elginreview.com and click on the View/Purchase Photos tab.



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News from the Antelope County Courthouse

All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

David M Dilks, York, NE 10/13/24 No proof of insurance/Speeding 90/65 mph, fined \$300.00 - Hartley

Travis V Pike, Orchard, NE 9/17/24 Possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st off/Operate or park unregistered vehicle/Speeding 66/55 mph, fined \$400.00 - Hartley

Javier Riosgarcia, Arvin, CA 11/26/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley

Brian L Ferguson, Orchard, NE 8/9/24 Unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, fined \$50.00 - Johnson

Curtis M Romero, Windsor, CO 7/9/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Lingren

Seth F Lampert, Neligh, NE

10/31/24 No proof of insurance/Operate or park unregistered vehicle, fined \$125.00 - Mohr

Ashley M Tyler-Kubo, Elgin, NE 11/6/24 Dog Running at Large/Confinement to owner's premises, fined \$100.00 - Moore

Xander D Albin, Plainview, NE 11/30/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Ternus

Todd Quigley, Bassett, NE 10/15/24 Drive left of center, fined \$25.00 - Barker

Richard V D'Amato, Colorado Springs, CO 11/21/24 Speeding 77/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker

Adam R Fjeldheim, Watertown, SD 11/27/24 Speeding 78/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker

Gonzalez C Joaquin, Huron, SD 10/21/24 Violate stop or yield sign/No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$150.00 - Hartley

Scot W Abels, Papillion, NE 11/27/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley

Ashlee M Masat, Brunswick, NE 12/2/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley

Emerson M Mlnarik, Clearwater, NE 12/6/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Mohr

James R Riedmiller, Albion, NE 12/8/24 Speeding 40/25 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker

Daley J Bearinger, Clearwater, NE 5/12/24 Criminal Trespass-2nd Degree/Device/Defy (Probation of 6 Months/Drug Testing Fee of \$30.00/Probation Administrative Enrollment Fee of \$30.00/Probation Fee of \$150.00/Jail Sentence of 5 Days/Prob Revoked, Start Date 12/04/2024)/Violate provisional operator's permit, fined \$50.00 - Duncan

Wade L Pitzer, Oakdale, NE 11/4/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley

Gregory A Klabenes, Inman, NE 12/10/24 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Hartley

Candy Vazquez Lozano, Colorado Springs, CO 12/22/24 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Hartley

Santos T Mejia Sanchez, Norfolk, NE 11/21/24 Speeding 87/65 mph/No operator's license/waiverable, fined \$275.00 - Grassmyer

Joseph T Weber (Weber Contracting LLC), South Sioux City, NE 12/18/24 Overweight on axle or group of axles, fined \$150.00 - Asche

Vincent R Hart, Norman, OK 12/8/24 Speeding 80/65 mph,

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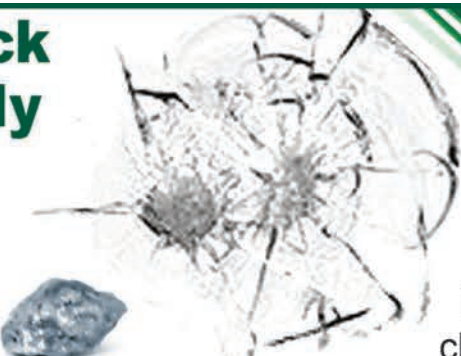
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