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### In Brief //

#### Incumbents begin filing for re-election

Incumbents filing deadline is Feb. 17.

Election year 2026 has begun as there have been a number of filings.

Election Commissioner Lisa Payne submitted a list of individuals who have filed so far (\* denotes incumbent). They include:

\* Deb Branstetter - County Treasurer

\* Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns - County Assessor

\* Angela Mortensen - Clerk of the District Court

\* Brian Whitesel - Airport Authority

\* Lisa Welding - District 18 Board of Education

\* Robert Lewis - Weed Authority

\* Rachel Shrader - Weed Authority

There was just one non-incumbent filing so far. Rick Hoffman has filed for the District 3 Commissioner position.

Deadline for incumbents to file for re-election is February 17. The deadline for non-incumbents to file is March 2.

### Public Notices //

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Liquor License Hearings (4) – Antelope County

Notice – Estate of Stacy Charf

Notice of Organization – NA Family Farms, LLC

Proceedings – The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings – The Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings – The District #18 Board of Education

Semi-Annual Report – Antelope County Treasurer

Notice of Meeting – Antelope County Historical Society

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### Weather //

The high temperature last week was 63 degrees recorded on Monday, January 12.

The low temperature during the same period was -1 degrees recorded on Friday, January 16.

No 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
Jan 11	45	8	.00
Jan 12	63	30	.00
Jan 13	49	24	.00
Jan 14	30	13	.00
Jan 15	51	23	.00
Jan 16	30	-1	.00
Jan 17	29	1	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for January			0.04
Total precipitation 2026			0.04

## School board approves transfer; OT hours to be logged

District #18 Board of Education President Lisa Welding outlined what she expects of board committees in the coming year.

She announced at the January 14 regular board meeting that she planned to announced board members to serve on a wide array of committees. The announcement will be made at the regular board meeting to be held in February.

Welding said she would like each committee to meet at least once during the year, then provide a report to the full board after the meeting.

Among the board committees are facilities, transportation, negotiations, technology & curriculum and the school's lunch program.

Later in the meeting, the board addressed a transfer of funds to the Wolfpack account. The board approved moving \$5,000 to the fund, in part, to help pay for the purchase of a new wrestling mat.

Brockhaus said the Elgin Boosters Club are also making a \$5,000 donation towards the new mat.

During the meeting the board enjoyed on a meat and cheese tray provided by the Elgin Education Association (EAA).

In other action:  
Overtime hours — Brockhaus said, as of January 15, maintenance person-

nel will start logging overtime hours.

First reading — The board voted 6-0 to approve on first reading a number of NASB policies dealing with fiscal management internal controls; and school food procurement. The policies will be voted on again at the February meeting.

Retreat — The date was set for the annual board retreat. It will be held on June 11.

School calendar — Brockhaus shared information gathered so far in setting the school calendar for 2026/27. Tentative plans call for the first day of school for students to be on August 13. Also, graduation day for the Class of 2027 will be on May 8. The proposed last day for students would be May 18, 2027.

Upcoming events — K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff informed the board of upcoming activities. Among the dates of note on the calendar, the EPS speech team will get started on January 28; the NVC boys and girls basketball tournaments will get underway starting on January 31 and it's likely both the Wolfpack teams will play their opening round games in Elgin while the finals will be played at Niobrara; girls wrestling districts will be held in

### Gloria Lordemann, 71, businesswoman and EMT, passes away

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday for longtime Elgin businesswoman Gloria J. Lordemann.

Lordemann, 71, of Petersburg, passed away on Friday, January 16, at Unity Point Health Downtown in Sioux City, IA.

### 26th annual EWF gala to be Sunday

It's almost here.

The 26th annual Evening With Friends gala will be held Sunday night, January 25.

The theme for this year's event is "Grace."

Once again the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall will host the event.

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 held following the dinner.

Tickets remain on sale. Cost of the tickets are \$100 per person (need not be present to win) and can be purchased by contacting any member of the Committee for The Continuation of Pope John.

One-half of each ticket (\$50) is tax deductible.

This event is held annually as part of a fundraiser to support education offered at Pope John Central Catholic school here in Elgin.

### TeamMates mentors, mentees to be recognized

Each year, Elgin Public School takes time out during the month of January to recognize mentors and mentees as part of the TeamMates program.

This year, mentors and mentees will be recognized at the conclusion of the girls game between the Wolfpack and Humphrey-Lindsay on Thursday night, January 29.

As part of the recognition, all mentors attending the game will receive a \$5 certificate to be used at the concession stand. Anyone wishing to learn more about TeamMates should contact the school.



The District #18 Board of Education consists of (front row, l-r): Steve Buseed, Lisa Welding and Eric Beckman. Back row: Todd Heithoff, Luke Hinkle and Ron Bode.

February in Weeping Water.

Fiscal year — Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said, at this point in the fiscal year the school budget is in "a pretty good position."

He told the board he will continue to keep a close eye on the current legislative session and any bills which would have a financial impact on the school district.



Gloria Lordemann

demann homestead north of Raeville. She was a devoted member of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville and was active as a Christian Mother.

For many years she worked alongside Stephen at Lorde-mann Insurance in Elgin, retiring in 2018 due to health reasons. In addition, she served as an EMT with the Elgin Ambulance Service for 20 years, where she also held the role of training officer.

A complete obituary can be found on Page Five.



Photo submitted

### PJCC inducts five students into National Honor Society

At a ceremony held Thursday morning, January 15 at St. Boniface Church, five new members were inducted into the Pope John Chapter of the National Honor Society. New members are Tessa Barlow, Kinley Druke, Matthew Kerkman, Grady Druke and Landy Veik.

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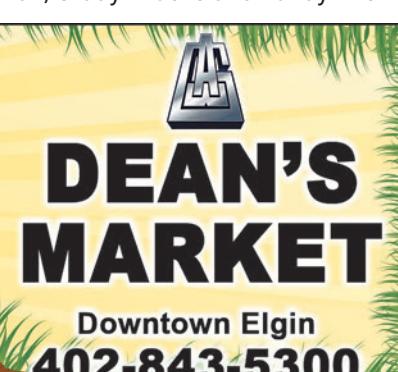
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## Parenting in this day and age

I often hear people say things like, "What's wrong with kids these days?" Or complaints about the current generation.

This may not be as popular, but I find myself asking, "What's wrong with parents these days?"

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It's fascinating to me that people are not correlating parenting with the outcome. The more time I spend with other parents and their children, the more I'm seeing. When did it become the norm for the children to be in charge?

Time and time again I see parents taking a back seat. Instead of discipline, parents are giving in to their kids' every whim and demand. In fact, I've actually heard someone use the expression that their kid demanded something. Wait... what? You mean, they asked for something? Kids are not in a position to make demands.

Perhaps I'm old school in my parenting style, but I believe that parents should be the authority. That means my kids can ask, and I have the option to say "no". It seems that somewhere along the line, parents lately feel that is no longer a valid answer.

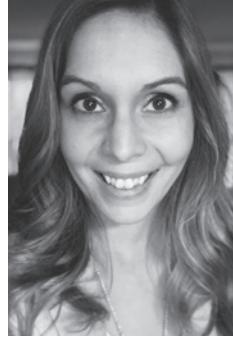
I was very familiar with the word "no", otherwise I would have gotten the cat I asked for about 75 times growing up. My other favorite was when my

mom said "maybe". Which, 99% of the time, really meant "no" but at least I felt like I had a shot and a small sliver of hope.

I tell my kids that when we tell them "no" it's because we feel that

is what is best for them. We aren't trying to be mean; we are truly trying to do the right thing. That may mean limiting sweets or electronic time. Sometimes it's not a good time to do something, or they have too much homework, or it's late on a school night. Sometimes it's because they're asking for something expensive or they

### Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist  
**Katherine Cobb**

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## Looking Back Elgin Review

### Sixty Years Ago

January 27, 1966

The St. Boniface Knights tamed the Bartlett Broncos here Saturday night in the school's auditorium, 80-42. The Knights played one of their best games of the season and Bartlett had a night of frustration.

Elgin High won two basketball games the past week, both on the road. They beat Oakdale 81-39 in a conference game Friday and took a 61-33 win over Meadow Grove Monday night in the opening round of the Sandhills Gateway Tournament at Orchard.

Winter weather has persisted in Nebraska with snow nearly every day the past week and temperatures have hovered around

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## Our Catholic Schools Week Activities:

### Sunday, January 25th: Celebrating Your Parish

Attend Mass at your local Parish  
Evening with Friends at the KC Hall

### Monday, January 26th: Celebrating Community

Prayer Service in the front hall, 8:05 am  
Adoration from 10-11 am, Deacon Starman  
Appreciation Gift Bags delivered to local businesses

### Tuesday, January 27th: Celebrating Students

DeMoine Adams Presentations (10:15 am & 11 am)  
High School Speech Team Presentations, 2 pm

### Wednesday, January 28th: Celebrating the Nation

Students donate an item for the Veterans Home (one item per student). Donation ideas: Coffee, pre-shave/after-shave, scented body spray, body wash, shampoo, tissues in square boxes, snacks, etc.

PK-12 Bingo in Library 2:50 – students play with prayer partners

### Thursday, January 29th: Celebrating Vocations

Students make appreciation cards for priests & deacons  
"Sweets for Seminarians" - Gonzaga House hosts the  
bake sale in the library at 10 am. All proceeds will go to-  
wards the Archdiocese Seminarian Fund

### Friday, January 30th: PARENT'S DAY!

Parents - make plans to join us.

Mass 8:15 am  
Parents visit the classrooms  
Pastries/coffee in the  
front hall  
Living Rosary in gym, 11:30. Led  
by the National Honor Society  
Noon dismissal

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# Opinion

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## Defending America's interests

From its creation by President James Monroe in 1823 until today, the Monroe Doctrine has been a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy.

This policy asserts foreign interference in the Americas will be met with American resolve, shaping generations of diplomatic, military, and security decisions.

From Cold War efforts to halt the expansion of communism to modern questions of sovereignty, the doctrine continues to frame America's interactions with our neighbors, politically, economically, and on practical matters like border security.

Last week, U.S. law enforcement, supported by the U.S. military, arrested Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro to face federal criminal charges. Maduro, along with his wife and others from his government, was first indicted in 2020 on U.S. narcotics charges, with President Biden increasing the reward for Maduro's arrest in January 2025.

I am pleased Maduro was arrested without loss of American lives or extended military engagement.

Until Saturday, Maduro had served as leader of Venezuela despite broad international consensus his government stole the most recent election, preventing pro-democracy opposition from taking power.

Russia, Communist China, Iran, and other rogue states were key supporters of Maduro's regime. While

Venezuela's future must lie in the hands of its people, celebrations across the Venezuelan diaspora provided a strong reminder of their outcry for democracy, and it remains in the best interest of both Americans and Venezuelans for the future Venezuela to be free, prosperous, and independent.

Beyond slowing the flow of illicit drugs at their source, we have also enhanced our hemispheric interests through improved border security over the past year.

From 2021 through 2024, at least 385 individuals on terrorism watch lists were apprehended at our southern border, while in fiscal year 2024 alone more than 9,000 pounds of fentanyl were seized between ports of entry according to Customs and Border Patrol.

After years of a porous southern border and catch-and-release policies under the Biden administration, month-by-month encounters of illegal immigrants have decreased by nearly 90% and catch-and-release has ended under President Trump.

While the Trump administration directives have driven the decrease in illegal crossings, Congress has supplemented this effort by ensuring federal agencies have the necessary resources they need.

In July, I supported the enactment of \$165 billion for border security, enforcement, and detention, including completion of the southern border wall, and the Department of Justice funding bill I supported this week ensures funding for detention facilities through the remainder of this fiscal year.

Together, these issues reflect a consistent principle rooted in the Monroe Doctrine: America must defend its sovereignty, uphold the rule of law, and resist malign influence in our hemisphere.

Strength at the border, accountability abroad, and fair trade at home remain essential to protecting U.S. security and prosperity in the years ahead, and I look forward to continuing my work on these issues.

## Fraudsters out there, seeking to steal our money

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

As a reporter, you cover all kinds of stories.

Stories about natural disasters, murders, grandmas who collect cookie jars and good samaritans.

But it's the stories about fraud that make you scratch your head the most.

What drives people, usually already

prosperous people, to steal from their local sports club, collections for a sick person, or the town treasury?

And, of course, there's all those scams on the internet.

Often, the stealing is done by someone who appeared trustworthy and honest. But in the end, we conclude, "boy were we fooled"

and wonder how it could happen. That, I gotta think, is what a lot of people concluded about a now-dead Lincoln businessman and his financial advisor.

Aaron Marshbanks came off as a credible businessman, a supporter of charitable causes, and a devout Christian. Jesse Hill, his financial advisor, came off as a successful investment manager and leader in his church, who'd made friends good money and lived at a forested acreage worth more than \$1 million.

But over the past three years, we've learned that the pair were on a spree – to cover some horrible investment losses – to defraud a couple dozen banks around Nebraska and Iowa out of more than \$40 million in loans.

Some of the banks were so taken by the fast-talking pair that they provided loans of \$2 million, more or less, without collateral. Others relied on financial statements provided by Hill that were later deemed to be fake.

Others, though, did require collateral. But some sent them packing, declining loans for them.

The pair roamed the area, asking banks and savings and loans – from Curtis to Wayne, Lincoln and Omaha, and North Platte to Council Bluffs, Iowa – to loan them money. Just recently, we learned that the financial institutions ended up losing more than \$37 million due to the duo's deception.

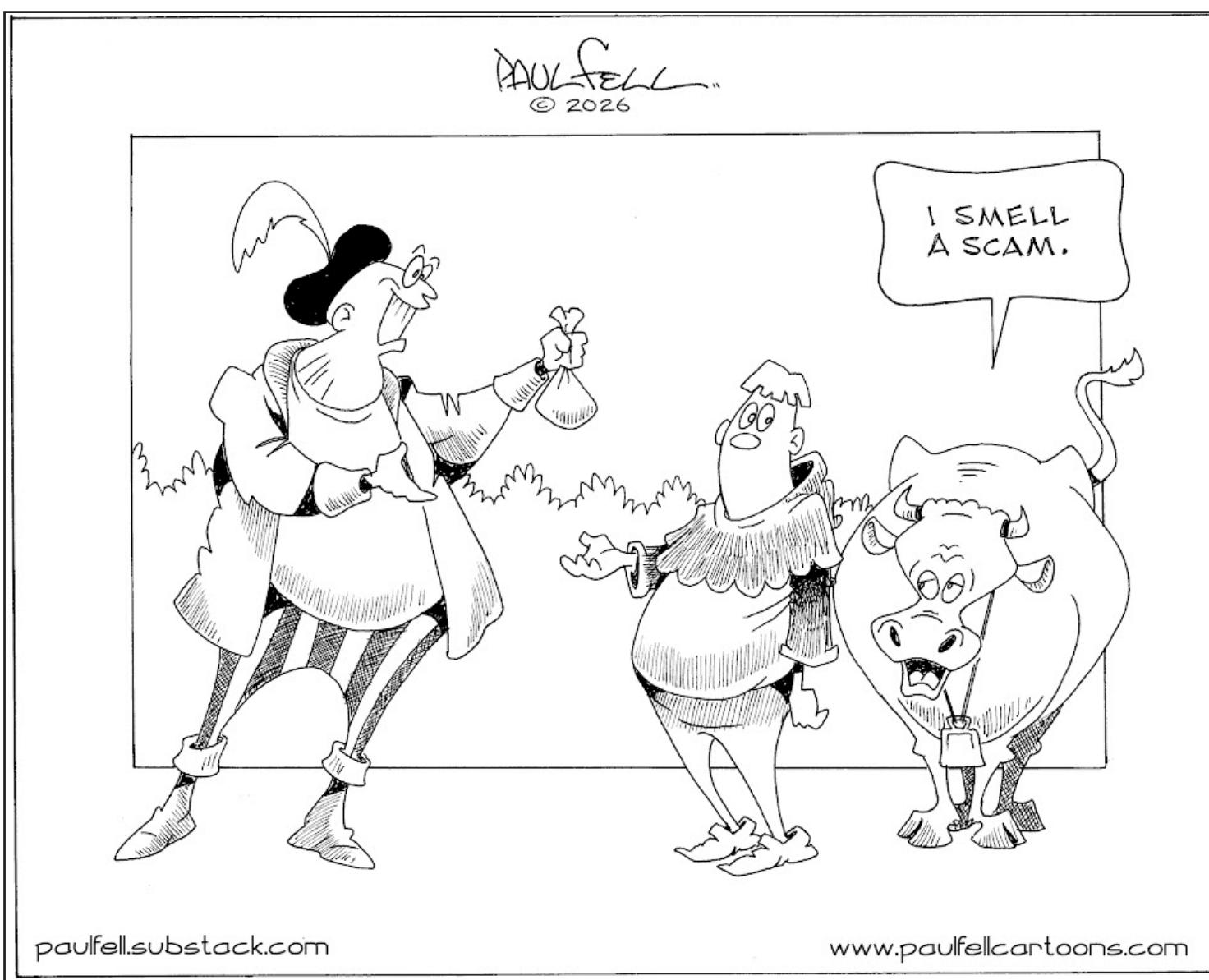
I've seen this show before. David Hunter was a supposedly prosperous owner of a Lincoln title company who was a friend of governors and mayors. That is, until he shot himself as a multi-million check kiting scheme was becoming known.

Ray Perry was a flamboyant and quick-witted Southerner who ran a

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low-level radioactive waste compact based in Lincoln. Then, it was discovered that he was skimming funds to buy a fleet of luxury cars.

The common thread was that these were all people who seemed totally legitimate and worthy of trust. And, it was assumed, there was plenty of oversight and due diligence to detect any fraud. Until there wasn't.

From the beginning of time, there's been people whose business was to fool us out of our well-earned money.

Most recently, we've read about fraudulent child-care payments made in Minnesota. So far, more than \$250 million in fraudulent payments have been found, with more than 90 people charged (the \$9 billion estimate being tossed around hasn't been verified yet, and some officials dispute it).

During the pandemic, checks were flying out of the Small Business Administration to keep small businesses running and employees paid. One estimate is that more than \$200 billion in aid was distributed to fraudulent actors, those who fabricated businesses or the numbers of employees they allegedly had.

I've heard every excuse as to why people steal from their local PTA, a

Boy Scout troop, or the local bank or village – "I was underpaid, I deserve it ... I was just borrowing and intended to pay it back ... I was desperate and had nowhere else to turn ..."

Most often, you hear that a fraudster believed that no one would find out. Until someone did.

I'm not sure how to end this column, or if fraud and cheating will ever end. Human nature has its pimples. Temptation is out there.

But I know this, when people commit fraud, they end up ruining their families, hurting their neighbors, and

harming the companies, banks and organizations that they stole from. We gotta be careful.

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*He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.*

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

## The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

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

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

*It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.*

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Richard Henry Lee (1732-1794) was born into a family of great influence. Richard went to study in England at an early age.

While there he became fascinated with Ancient History where republicanism had been demonstrated, falling in love with the ideas of civil liberties. At age 19 he returned to the colonies zealously contending for freedom from Great Britain.

At age 20, he formed a local military Corp of which he was the leader. He offered their services to Braddock from England in 1755 to fight against the French and Indians in Ohio but was haughtily turned down. It didn't fare well for Braddock who died in battle.

In 1757, Lee was appointed Justice of the Peace for his county by the royal governor.

About the same time, he was elected to the House of Burgesses of Virginia at age of 25.

It was said Mr. Lee did not get involved with debate at his young age until a bill came forth to "lay so heavy a duty on the importation of slaves, as effectively to stop that disgraceful traffic."

He passionately spoke in favor of this measure, hoping it would deter the abhorred slave trade. Lee also was the first man in Virginia, 1766, to publicly stand against the "Stamp Act" being joined with Patrick Henry, another powerful voice.

In 1768, Mr. Lee wrote a letter to John Dickenson suggesting a system of correspondence between colonies ought to be in place. Eventually the Committee of Correspondence had its start in March 1773 with both Virginia and Massachusetts; the other colonies following suit to co-ordinate efforts for independence.

Mr. Lee was elected to the Continental Congress in 1774.

Due to this position and his passion for independence, he traveled tirelessly to unite the southern and northern colonies. June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee introduced a bill calling for official independence from Great Britain stating: "...That these united Colonies are, and ought to be, free and independent."

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## Honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King

On Monday, January 19, we paused as a nation to remember and honor the life and legacy of one of America's most consequential civil rights leaders. A Baptist minister, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man of faith who fought for civil rights through nonviolent resistance. He insisted that racial inequality could be confronted not with hatred or violence, but with courage, discipline, and love.

During school, many of us studied his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, but it is well worth revisiting his message each year.

"I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,'" Dr. King proclaimed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

"We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protests to degenerate into physical violence," he reminded an audience of over 250,000 people gathered for the March on Washington in 1963.

Our nation began observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday in 1986 after President Ronald Reagan signed it into law in 1983. This day invites us to reflect on Dr. King's vision of a world where injustice yields to fairness, violence gives way to compassion, and love remains the most

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# OBITUARIES

## Cheryl (Benda) Harms, 77

December 21, 1948 - January 3, 2026

Having taught at Elgin Public School at one time, she devoted her life to family, community and her church.

Cheryl Jane (Benda) Harris was born in Alliance, NE on December 21, 1948. She passed away in Lakeside, CO on January 3, 2026.

Cheryl graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor's in Education degree in 1971.

She taught third grade at Elgin Public during the school

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year 1971-1972.

She married Edwin Harris in May 1972 in Hemingford, NE and they eventually made their home in Bridgeport, NE.

After the birth of their son, Eric, and the arrival of their daughter, Kayla, Cheryl devoted her life fulltime to her family, her community and her church.

Her memory lives on in her husband, her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.



## Betty Thompson, 83

November 7, 1942 - January 13, 2026

She loved spending time with her grandkids and family, her flower gardens, reading and crafts.

ended her nursing career at Doc Hall's office in Elgin.

In 1990, she met the love of her life, Manuel Thompson. They married on December 5, 1992. With that union, kids and grandkids were added to the family.

In 1996, Thompson Trucking was formed. Betty loved going with Manuel on long, over the road trips, just to spend time with him. They ran the company together until 2002.

Betty loved spending time with her grandkids and family, her flower gardens, reading and crafts.

She is loved and cherished by all her family and so many others.

She is survived by her husband Manuel Thompson; three children: Edward (Angie) Madsen; Scott (Lisa) Madsen; Barbara Madsen; three step-children: Mike (Johnnie) Thompson; Veronica Bartak; Tonya Thompson; grandchildren: Justin (Kayla) and Trevor Worster; Jordan (Adriana) and Kayla Madsen; Mary, Robbie and Michael Madsen; great-grandchild Willow Worster; 11 step-grandchildren; many step-great-grandchildren; along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, aunts, and a half-brother David Mack.

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## Gloria J. Lordemann, 71

March 13, 1954 - January 16, 2026

She served as an EMT on the Elgin Ambulance Service for 20 years. Also, she was a dedicated 4-H leader.

in Raeville and was active as a Christian Mother.

Gloria was a stay-at-home mother and also lovingly cared for other children in her home. She later worked alongside Stephen at Lordemann Insurance for many years, retiring in 2018 due to health reasons. In addition, she served as an EMT with the Elgin Ambulance Service for 20 years, where she also held the role of training officer.

Gloria enjoyed reading and was an avid baker. She loved decorating her home for the seasons and holidays and was a talented seamstress who enjoyed sewing clothes and blankets, as well as repairing garments. She volunteered with the Lassie and Lads 4-H Club and was a dedicated 4-H leader. Gloria was an enthusiastic Husker, NASCAR, and Kenny Wallace fan and especially cherished a girls' trips to NASCAR race with her daughters.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Stephen Lordemann of Raeville; her children: Sara (Leon) Koeppel of Sioux City; Craig (Melissa) Lordemann of Hartington; Eric (Jenna) Lordemann of Raeville; and Alicia (Rory) McGinnis of Walthill; and her grandchildren: Ashton (Kailey) Patten, Gabriel Patten, Jarret Lordemann, Landon Ahlman, Emma Lordemann, Riley Lordemann, Aden Ahlman, and Jayden Lordemann. She is also survived by her siblings, Sandra Reiss and Gary (Deb) Reiss, along with nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delmer and Alice Reiss; her parents-in-law, Joseph and Elizabeth Lordemann; and her brother-in-law, Reverend and Colonel Frank Lordemann.

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**...that all of you be in agreement...** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Isaiah 9:1-4

Matthew 4:12-23

Psalm 27:4-9

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Sunday, January 25, 2026

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#### HIGH HONORS:

**Seniors:** Jovie Borer, Karson Kallhoff, Camry Kittelson, Aiden Klein and Reese Stuhr. **Juniors:** Brooke Kinney. **Freshmen:** Raaf Klein. **8th Grade:** Chloe Kiely.



#### HONOR

##### ROLL:

**Seniors:** Tessa Barlow, Grady Druke, Quinn Noefer, Harlie Tyler and Landyn Veik. **Juniors:** Gavin Kallhoff, Elizabeth Moser, Michael Selting and Samantha Stuhr. **Sophomores:** Matthew Kerkman. **Freshmen:** Lillian Moser. **8th Grade:** James Lodge, Carter Selting and Anna Stuhr. **7th Grade:** Jory Druke and Melissa Stuhr.

All courses taken will be used in determining a student's eligibility for one of the above categories. Any student who receives a C or below in any course will not be eligible to be included in either of the above categories.

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**Bartlett Bits****Wheeler Central students celebrate Christmas with holiday concert**

Wheeler Central Presented a Christmas Concert December 12 under the direction of Mrs. Sherry Tetschner.

Selections for the evening included: 6th and 7th grade brass trio; Jolly Old St. Nicholas, 7th grade girls vocal duet; Silent Night, 6-8th grade band; Mary Did You Know and All I Want For Christmas is You.

Vocal selections included: K-8th; It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas and We Three Kings, Preschool; Santa Shark, Decorate the Christmas Tree and Away in the Manger, K-1st grade; That's Not A Puppy and Jingle Bells, 2nd grade; Drummer Boy and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, 3rd grade; Nuttin For Christmas, 4th grade; Run Run Rudolph and Have a Holly Jolly Christmas, 5th grade boys; Rockin Around the Christmas Tree, 5th and 6th grade boys; Deck the Halls, 6th grade class; Twelve Days of Christmas, 5th and 6th grade girls; Let It Snow, Let it Snow and Underneath the Tree.

The grand finale was the sixth and 8th grade classes singing Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer, an adaptation by the band 'Creed,' of the familiar Rudolph Christmas song.

After the program children greeted Santa with their Christmas wish lists. A cookie and punch reception, served by the Wheeler Central Booster Club was enjoyed by all those attending.

A special thanks to the Wheeler Central Booster Club, Mrs. Reiter and T. J. Ellenwood Af for the beautiful decorations for the concert.

Story and photo submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Wheeler Central Band performed for the Wheeler Central Christmas Concert December 12, 2025. K-8 sang *It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas* and *We Three Kings*. Wheeler Central's preschool entertained proud parents and grandparents.

<b>BOYS WRESTLING</b>	
Jan. 24 .. @ Neligh-Oakdale	9:00
Jan. 30 .. @ Central Valley (Greeley)	10:00
Feb. 6 .. @ Southwest (Bartley)	9:30 CT
Feb. 13-14...Districts	TBA

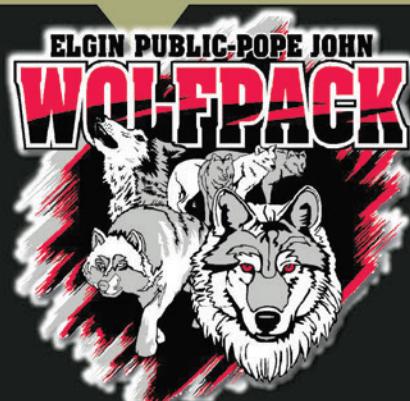
<b>GIRLS WRESTLING</b>	
Jan. 23 .. @ Neligh-Oakdale	3:30
Feb. 6-7 Districts	TBA
Feb. 17-18...State @ Omaha	TBA

<b>GIRLS JH WRESTLING</b>	
Jan. 23 .. @ Summerland	4:00
Feb. 2 .. @ Boone Central	TBA
Feb. 9 .. @ Creighton	TBA

<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b>	
Jan. 27 .. @ Central Valley (Greeley)	4:00
Jan. 29 .. vs Humphrey-Lindsay (EPS)	4:00
Jan. 31 - Feb. 7...NVC Tourney	TBA
Feb. 10 ..vs CWC (EPS)	4:00
Feb. 12 ..vs Randolph (Senior Night, EPS)	4:00

Jan. 29 .. Veterans recognition @ BB game

<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS JH BASKETBALL</b>	
Jan. 22 ..@ Randolph	3:00
Jan. 24 ..@ Bloomfield, Round Robin (B)	
Jan. 26 ..vs Plainview (B, EPS)	4:00



<b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b>	
Jan. 23 ..	EPS-CyberPatriots Semi Finals
Jan. 24 ..	PJCC -- speech meet TBD
Jan. 26 ..	EPS-designated day for Honor Day
Jan. 27 ..	PJCC Speaker DeMoine Adams
Jan. 28 ..	Howells-Dodge Speech Meet • EPS, no school for PreK-6
Jan. 29 ..	Veteran Recognition @ BB game -- donate items for Veterans Home
Jan. 30 ..	PJCC Parents Day w/noon dismissal
Feb. 4 ..	ASVAB for 10th Grade, EPS • FFA District X State FFA Degree Interviews & Proficiency Review @ Stuart
Feb. 7 ..	Speech at West Holt
Feb. 11 ..	Red Cross Blood Mobile

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Pictured are participants in the Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) Nebraska annual meeting Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension, and Education Center near Ithaca, NE.

## Nebraska Extension hosts organic farm group

Growing nitrogen, peas as a cover crop, weather models, and market prospects were among key topics of the day-long annual meeting of the Nebraska Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) near Ithaca, NE Saturday, January 10, 2026.

The meeting was hosted by Nebraska Extension at the Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension, and Education Center. Katja Koehler-Cole, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Statewide Soil Health Extension Educator, welcomed 35 participants and shared evidence-based recommendations on managing nitrogen with green manures in organic rotations.

Philip Schuchardt, who farms near Elgin, reviewed site-specific, real-time weather models beneficial to production decisions. Nicolas Cafaro La Menza, University of Nebraska-Lincoln assistant professor of agronomy and horticulture, reviewed advantages of spring and winter peas for weed suppression. Representatives from Scoular Grain, Fremont, outlined expectations for 2026 organic livestock and grain sales.

In addition to educational opportunities, the day included the annual business meeting. Amongst other action, Board members reported on the organic farming scholarship fund and involvement with the USDA Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP). Officers for 2026 are Simeon Mosel of Page, president; Rick Schuchardt of Elgin, vice-president.

### PJCC honor rolls announced last week

The First Semester High Honors and Honor Roll students were announced last week at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School.

#### High Honors: All A's

Seniors: Karson Kallhoff, Camry Kittelson and Aiden Klein

Juniors: Brooke Kinney

8th Grade: Chloe Kiely

#### Honor Roll: An average of at least 92.5%

Seniors: Tessa Barlow, Jovie Borer, Grady Druke, Quinn Hoefer, Reese Stuhr and Landyn Veik

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### NECC honor rolls

Northeast Community College in Norfolk has released the President's Honor List and Dean's Honor List for both full and part-time students for the Fall 2025 semester.

Area students recognized were:

#### President's Honor List - Full-Time

Neligh -- Matthew Dilly.

Petersburg -- Kaitey Schumacher.

#### President's Honor List - Part-Time

Elgin -- Jarek Erickson, Quinn Hoefer, Gemma Miller.

Neligh -- Jacob Pierzina, Bobie Shabram.

#### Dean's Honor List - Full-Time

Elgin -- Abby Kerkman, Trisha Russell.

Neligh -- Fritz Cloete, Jazmine McNally.

Petersburg -- Talan Stokes.

#### Dean's Honor List - Part-Time

Elgin -- Sophie Rittscher, Trey Rittscher.

Neligh -- Kyla Donaldson.

Petersburg -- Kaci Wies.

ident; Karen Ostry of Bruno, secretary; and Matt Adams of Seward, treasurer. Board members at-large are Andrew Texley, Albion and Jacob Passyka, Hoskins.

In addition to annual membership dues, the OCIA Nebraska chapter has the following sponsors -- Grain Place Foods, Albert Lea Seed, Scoular Grain, Green Cover Seed, Reinke's Farm & City Service, Inc., and Nature Safe Fertilizers, S&G Commodities, Sunrise Foods In-

ternational, and Central Plains Organic Farms.

OCIA Nebraska is part of the umbrella organization, OCIA International, headquartered in Lincoln.

The international organization is one of the world's oldest, largest, and most trusted leaders in the organic certification industry.

It continues to gain top rankings amongst certifiers in the United States and around the world.

## Independence

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dent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between America and State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved..."

His bill was adopted on July 2, 1776.

Five men concurrently worked on a document called the Declaration of Independence, ratified July 4, 1776, thus the beginning of our nation! Richard Henry Lee was known to say that the Declaration was "copied from Locke's Treatise on Government." Locke drew heavily from the Bible for all his political ideas.

In Locke's first treatise on government, he used or referred to the Bible 1,349 times! (John Locke: Deist or Theologian?, Wallbuilders, 2025) A proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving, written by Richard Henry Lee, was set for December 18, 1777.

A portion stated: "...To inspire our Commanders, both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom and Fortitude which may render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of Almighty GOD, to secure for these United States, the greatest of all human Blessings, INDEPENDENCE and PEACE: That it may please Him, to prosper the Trade and Manufactures of the People, and the Labor of the Husbandman, that our Land may yield its Increase: To take Schools and Seminaries of Education, so necessary for cultivating the Principles of true Liberty, Virtue and Piety, under His nurturing Hand..."

As an original U.S. Senator under the Constitution of the United States in 1789, he helped frame the Bill of Rights. Mr. Lee dedicated his whole life to free this nation which in turn freed humankind as prescribed by the Bible.

No other nation on earth has prospered or led to personal freedom as the United States of America.



Caroline Epp

The Nebraska chapter is a membership organization, now numbering sixty-four organic farmers, focused on environmentally sound stewardship, mentorship, sharing of best practices, and the promotion of certified organic production.

For more information, contact Kim Mosel, OCIA Nebraska Program Administrator, 402-620-2701, [ocianet@yahoo.com](mailto:ocianet@yahoo.com), follow on Facebook, or see [www.nebraskaocia.org](http://www.nebraskaocia.org).

On the web site, see informational videos about organic production practices funded by USDA TOPP.

## Cobb

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want to watch a movie or a television show that I feel isn't age appropriate. Whatever the reason (which I don't have to give any justification), it's because we want to protect them, keep them healthy, etc.

If my kids had it their way, they would be up all night playing video games and eating cake for breakfast. They would have zero chores, unlimited snacks, and probably watch R-rated movies.

Oftentimes, parents want their kids to like them or seem cool. Unfortunately, it has the opposite effect. Kids don't respect parents that give them everything they want. Kids actually crave discipline and the Bible even tells us that it's important for them to be disciplined. It's my personal belief that is why we see a plethora of self-entitled little hellions running around. These kids were never denied their requests and have now assumed they are owed something and are caught off guard when they don't get what they want.

It's time we take back control. It's time that parents go against the new norm of the culture and start parenting again. This may be unpopular and I might sound crazy, but being the "bad guy" is sometimes the role we must assume. We aren't their friends (maybe we can be when they're 30), we're their parents.

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## Community Calendar

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

**Sunday, January 25**

Evening With Friends Gala.

**Thursday, January 29**

Quarterly meeting of the Antelope County Historical Society.\*

**Saturday, January 31**

Start of NVC Basketball Tournaments.

**Monday, February 2**

Regular monthly meeting of the Elgin City Council.

**Tuesday, February 3**

Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

**Tuesday, February 10**

Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

**Wednesday, February 11**

Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education ■ Bloodmobile in Elgin.

**Tuesday, February 17**

Deadline for incumbents to file for re-election.

**Events listing courtesy of  
ELGIN VETERANS'  
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## Elgin Community Center menus

**Monday, January 26:**  
Philly cheese sloppy joes, french fries, corn, baked apples, bread/butter, milk.

**Tuesday, January 27:**  
Chili, cinnamon roll, carrots/celery, peaches/strawberry mix, bread/butter, milk.

**Wednesday, January 28:**  
Lasagna, lettuce salad, green beans, plums, garlic stick/butter, milk.

**Thursday, January 29:**  
French onion noodle casserole, brussel sprouts w/bacon, mandarin oranges, bread/butter, milk.

**Friday, January 30:**  
Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, tator tots, baked beans, 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.**

**Under 60 is \$10.**

Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m.

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Work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM – 4 days a week. Upon employment, benefit package includes full family health care coverage, 401k retirement and paid holidays. CDL is preferred but not required at the time of hire. Drug tests are mandatory.

Apply in person, on Antelope County Road Department's Facebook page @AntelopeCountyRoadDepartment, or mail application to: Antelope County Clerk, 501 M. Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756.

Applications on file at the Clerk's Office 90 days prior to notice will be considered.

Antelope County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This position is subject to a veteran's preference and may remain open until it is filled.

## Back

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the zero mark. Saturday morning, the thermometer registered 17 degrees below zero, with some hitting several degrees colder.

A relative newcomer to the Nebraska Safety Patrol, Trooper Charles D. Hayes, 28, joined the force October 1, 1963 and was immediately assigned to O'Neill which is his present duty station. The Trooper is a native of Maryville MO., and graduated from Hastings, Nebr., High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Menebroyer of Neligh announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirlee Sue, to Robert A. Snodgrass of Norfolk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Snodgrass of Orchard.

### Fifty Years Ago

January 21, 1976

Mary Josephine Sturbaum, daughter of Joseph and Josephine Osterhaus Schrad, was born at Carroll, Iowa, July 30, 1899, and departed from this life at Antelope County Memorial Hospital, Neligh, Nebr., January 17, 1976 at the age of 76 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

Well balanced scoring by Elgin High downed the Orioles of Orchard here Friday night. After playing a close game through the first half, Elgin opened up a 15 point lead and held on until the final bucket. The end score was 54-46.

Pope John High School, traveling to Clarkson Friday night, had a disappointing 49-61 loss. The Crusaders meet Niobrara here Friday night. The JV's start at 6:30 and the Varsity at 8 p.m.

The March of Dimes drive for Elgin will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25. The Elgin Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America will be going door-to-door for donations.

The Elgin Chamber of Commerce, meeting Monday night at Parr's Cafe, voted to increase the size of their board of directors by three.

### Thirty Years Ago

January 24, 1996

Elgin received about four inches of snow from the blizzard on Jan. 17-18, and more snow was falling Tuesday morning, Jan. 23. Temperatures ranged from a high of 42 degrees on Jan. 17 to a low of 15 degrees below zero on Jan. 19.

Bernard and Rose Mary Wirges of Petersburg will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary this Sunday, Jan. 28, with an open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Werner Hall in Petersburg.

Pope John girls basketball lost a close game to Niobrara, 40-39, last Friday night, but bounced back to defeat Ewing, 47-42, on Saturday night. Both were home games at St. Boniface Gym.

Elgin High School girls basketball team collected wins over Lynch and Spalding Academy last week, and held a 4-9 record going into Tuesday night's home game against Cedar Rapids. Elgin defeated Lynch, 52-44 and Spalding Academy, 40-35.

### Twenty Years Ago

January 26, 2006

Two Elgin FFA members, Patrick Moser and Wes Prater of Elgin High School, were recently selected to be members of the Nebraska State FFA Choir, which will perform during the State FFA Convention in April, 2006.

Michele Mary Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Becker of Elgin, NE, was named to the dean's list at Pensacola Christian College for academic achievement during the 2005 fall semester.

Pope John wrestlers placed fifth in a field of 11 teams at the annual Neligh-Oakdale Invitational Tournament last Saturday, Jan. 28.

By Reese Stuhr

## Governor's budget retains funding for Weigand marina

### DeKay says Trump creating new opportunities for Nebraska

On Thursday, January 15, Governor Pillen presented his State of the State Address to the Legislature. The Governor emphasized that his administration and the Unicameral should continue to work together to grow Nebraska and keep "The Good Life" open for business. He reported that the current presidential administration in Washington has created countless new opportunities for Nebraska. The Governor also touched on his priorities for this year and endorsed several legislative proposals: reforming tort litigation, creating new economic development incentives, lowering property taxes, ending diversity, equity, and inclusion spending in Nebraska's higher ed system, implementing agriculture data privacy protections, and stopping biological males from intruding into women's bathrooms.

The Governor also submitted his recommended adjustments to the 2025-2027 biennial state budget to the Legislature. His recommendations include \$277.9 million in transfers and adjustments from various cash and trust funds. These cash and trust funds were identified as having excess money. Additionally, the Governor's budget proposal includes a series of cuts to various state agencies and programs. For example, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services would see its 2026-2027 general fund reduced by \$152.4 million. The Governor's proposed budget, if left untouched, would reduce state spending by 1.1 percent and leave the state with a little over \$125 million above the minimum reserve at the end of the two-year budget cycle.

In terms of impact to Northeast Nebraska, I am pleased that the Governor's budget proposal maintains funding for the improvements proposed at the Weigand Marina at Lewis and Clark Lake, which are expected to begin construction later this spring. This project was a recommendation of the Statewide Tourism and Recreation Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) Committee of the Legislature.

I am also pleased to see both additional funds be allocated for property tax relief and the inclusion of appropriations language banning the use of state funds on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in this year's proposed budget.

Additionally, the Legislature started floor debate this week. Several bills introduced last year were debated and advanced to Select File. LB60 would eliminate the restriction on selling a lottery ticket through a vending or dispensing device. LB212 would establish a maximum tax cap of fifty cents per unit on cigars, cheroots, and stogies beginning January 1, 2027.

LB207 would require commercial electric vehicles weighing more than seven thousand five hundred pounds to pay a higher registration fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles since electric vehicles do not pay gas tax. The Legislature will continue to debate bills in the order they were advanced out of committee until senator and committee priority bills begin to reach the floor for debate.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekey@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator  
Barry DeKay



### 'Duck Toss' to help raise funds for Elgin TeamMates program

The season of tossing ducks at the Elgin High School gymnasium has begun. A fundraiser for the local TeamMates program, ducks landing in a pool at midcourt are entered into a drawing for a flat top grill to be held before the end of the season.

E-R photo/DMorgan

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska January 13th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the January 6th, 2026 Meeting. Public comments.

Set Official Wages for 2027-2030.

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

**General:** AMERITAS ins

24,019.79; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex

149.00; ANTELOPE CO SHRF ex

487.19; APPEARA ex 80.50; AP-

PLIED CONN TECH ex 5,939.90;

FIRSTNET ut 652.60; BEAR

GRAPHICS ex 519.90; BLACK

HILLS ENERGY ut 1,601.43; BCBS

ins 77,710.73; BLUE360 MEDIA ex

205.53; BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex

1,704.74; DEB BRANSTITER ex

32.00; BROGAN & STAFFORD ex

1,322.32; BROGAN LAMMLI ex

2,871.95; BUTCHS BODY SHOP ex

198.00; CASEYS ex 129.17; CITY

OF NELIGH ut 2,802.04; CITY OF

NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK

OF THE DIST COURT ex 36.00;

COLDTYPE PUB ex 85.18; JUDITH

COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE

ins 108.40; CORNHUSKER STATE

IND ex 34.00; CUBBYS ex 900.53;

GRANT HITCHCOCK ex 1,275.00;

DAS STATE ACCT ex 1,214.60;

DRIVERS LIC GUIDE ex 33.95;

EAKES OFC SOL ex 973.41; EL-

GIN ONE STOP ex 25.00; ELGIN

REVIEW ex 181.37; ELITE COURT

REPORTING SVC ex 278.95; ELITE

OF C PRODS ex 382.49; FED W/H

tax 14,112.57; FIRST CONCORD

ins 2,492.89; GREAT PLAINS

COMMS ut 325.36; GT DISTR ex

444.00; DARRELL HAMILTON ps

11.00; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

ex 1,874.25; JAMIE MILLER ex

3,747.00; JONNY DODGE ex 70.15;

KLEIN LAW OFC ex 5,469.30; LIB-

ERTY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON

NATL LIFE ins 133.04; DECISION

INSIGHT INFO GROUP ex 1,082.15;

MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS

ex 675.00; MICROFILM IMAGING

SYSTEMS ex 122.00; MID-STATES

ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CTR ex

100.00; DUANE MILLER ps

12.00; MIPS ex 3,244.04; MUTUAL

OF OMAHA ins 992.24; N&B GAS

ex 60.00; NACO ex 410.00; NACO

PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC ex

40.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50;

NATL SHRF'S ASSN ex 125.00;

NEBR ASSESSOR ASSN ex 100.00;

NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,137.55;

NEBR EMERGENCY SER COMM

ASSN ex 15.00; NEBR WEED

CONTROL ASSN ex 150.00; NEBRAS-

KA.GOV ex 1,000.00; NELIGH

POSTMASTER ex 198.00; VSP-NA-

CO VISION ins 544.57; NCPPD ut

66.21; NORTHLAND BUSINESS

SYSTEMS ex 390.00; OLD MILL

SALES & REPAIRS ex 2,122.00;

LISA PAYNE ex 223.07; PITZER

DIGITAL ex 849.87; PROTAX CEN-

TRAL ex 185.00; QUILLY CORP ex

505.88; REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL

HEALTH SYSTEM ex 6,044.00;

JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; CARO-

LINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK

ex 1,042.56; SNIDER MEMORIAL

FUNERAL HOME ex 515.00; SOC

SEC 31,038.48; STEALTH BROAD-

BAND ut 1,141.06; SUNFLOWER

LAW ex 2,006.25; TRUSTMARK

ins 243.67; TYLER TECH ex 1.00;

UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut

45.02; VETS OF FOREIGN WARS

ex 122.00; WASHINGTON NATL

ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex

989.09; ANTELOPE CO TRES ex

300,000.00; ANTELOPE CO SHRF

ex 385.52; PINNACLE BANK ex

118.24; PAYROLL 157,733.61;

**Road/Bridge:** AKRS ex 667.53; AMERITAS ins 13,949.86; BRYCE

ANDERSON ex 430.00; AMH ex

95.00; APPEARA ex 77.03; FIRST-

**NOTICE****ESTATE OF STACY CHARF, DECEASED****NOTICE**Estate of **STACY CHARF**,

Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on December 30th, 2025, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, Case No. PR25-43, Danielle Charf, whose mailing address is 802 E. 3rd Street, Neligh, Nebraska 68756, has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must

file their claims with this Court on or before March 9, 2026 or be forever barred. Creditors shall submit their claims to the Antelope County Court, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, Nebraska 68756.

/s/ Martin V. Klein  
Martin V. Klein, #22220  
Attorney for Applicant

PUBLISH: January 7, 14 &amp; 21, 2026

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION****NA FAMILY FARMS, LLC****NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NA FAMILY FARMS, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The registered agent is Nathan Anderson. The street and mailing address of the registered agent and designated office is 51147 842 Rd. Elgin, NE 68636. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a

limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The limited liability company was filed on December 10, 2025 with an effective date of January 1, 2026, and has perpetual existence. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to the Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

PUBLISH: January 7, 14 & 21, 2026  
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**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL****PLAINVIEW COUNTRY CLUB****NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS I ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SALE (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS) LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2026, for the following:

Class I - Alcoholic Liquor On-Sale (Outside Corporate Limits), to-wit: Plainview Country Club, Address: 53230 865 Road, Plainview, Nebraska, 68769, on the premises described as follows:

A tract more particularly described as the North 50 acres of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, and the East 341 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section

35, in Township 28 North, Range 5, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before February 9th, 2026, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more people, a hearing will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th day of January 2026.  
LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: January 21, 2026  
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**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL****GROVE LAKE BAIT SHOP****NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS B BEER OFF SALE ONLY (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS) LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2026, for the following:

Class B - Beer Off Sale Only (Outside Corporate Limits) Liquor License, to-wit: Randall J. Erb, dba Grove Lake Bait Shop, Address: 86561 519 Avenue, Royal, Nebraska, 68773, on the premises described as follows:

A tract more particularly described as a tract in the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, in Township 28 North,

Range 7, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before February 9th, 2026 in the office of the Antelope County Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more persons, hearings will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th, day of January 2026.  
LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: January 21, 2026  
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**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL****SUMMERLAND GOLF CLUB, INC.****NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL CLASS I ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SALE (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS) LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2026, for the following:

Class I - Alcoholic Liquor on Sale (Outside Corporate Limits) Liquor License, to-wit: Summerland Golf Club, Inc., Address: 51020 857 Road, Box 325, Ewing, Nebraska, 68735, on the premises described as follows:

A tract containing 67.41 acres more or less lying wholly in the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, and the West Half of the

Northeast Quarter of Section 7, in Township 26 North, Range 8, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before February 9th, 2026, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more people, a hearing will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th day of January 2026.  
LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: January 21, 2026  
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**NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL****ART SEHI dba MR. S's****NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF CLASS D BEER, WINE & DISTILLED SPIRITS, OFF SALE ONLY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a Liquor License may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2026, for the following: Class D - Alcoholic Liquor Off Sale (Outside Corporate Limits) Liquor License, to-wit:

Art Sehi dba Mr. S's, 52753 Hwy 275, Oakdale, NE 68761, on the premises described as follows: W1/2NE1/4, lying north of State Highway 275 R-O-W, Section 12, Township 24 North, Range 6, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County,

Nebraska.

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County of Antelope on or before February 9th, 2026, in the office of the Antelope County Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more people, hearings will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th day of January 2026.  
LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: January 21, 2026  
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**JANUARY 14, 2026 PROCEEDINGS****THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION****ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD****Regular Meeting  
EPS Board Room****January 14, 2026 7:00 PM**

Supt. Mike Brockhaus called the regular January meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Ron Bode, Steve Busteed, Luke Hinkle, Eric Beckman, Todd Heithoff and Lisa Welding. Administrators present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

Supt. Brockhaus led the "Pledge of Allegiance." He also reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

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

Mr. Brockhaus asked for nominations for board reorganization. Ron Bode nominated Lisa Welding for board president, Luke Hinkle seconded. Todd Heithoff voted to cease nominations; Luke Hinkle abstained, motion carried.

Ron Bode nominated Todd Heithoff for the Vice President. Motion by Ron Bode seconded by Steve Busteed. Eric Beckman motioned and Luke Hinkle seconded to cease nominations. Vote 5-0, Heithoff abstained. Motion carried.

Eric Beckman nominated Ron Bode for Secretary. Motion by Eric Beckman seconded by Todd Heithoff. Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busteed seconded to cease nominations. Vote 5-0, Bode abstained. Motion carried.

Steve Busteed then nominated Luke Hinkle as Treasurer. Motion by Steve Busteed seconded by Ron Bode. Todd Heithoff motioned and Eric Beckman seconded cease nominations. Vote 5-0, Hinkle abstained, motion carried.

Board President Lisa Welding reviewed policies 202.01 Board Code of Conduct and 202.02 Conflict of Interest Statement.

Steve Busteed motioned and Eric Beckman seconded to designate the Official Depository of Funds as the Bank of Elgin and/or Great Plains Bank of Petersburg, the District Newspaper as the Elgin Review and/or the Elgin Public School /Website/Facebook, the Bus Inspector as Jonny Dodge and Precision Repair, the Superintendent Mike Brockhaus as the Chief Financial Officer and District's Non-discrimination Compliance Officer, Greg Wemhoff as the Title 9 Coordinator, Jessica Niewohner as the recorder and the law firm of KSB School Law as School Attorney. Vote in favor: Beckman, Bode, Busteed, Hinkle, and Welding. Vote against 0, Heithoff abstained. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned and Beckman second to approve the Consent Agenda: #6- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #7- Adopt the Agenda, #8- Financial Report, #9 - Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 6-0. AMAZON, 2,236.36; APPEARA, 542.82; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,465.50; Avive Solutions, Inc., 46.06; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 589.00; Bishop Business, 131.70; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 4,684.23; BOMGAARS, 35.98; Boys Town Press, 3,162.49; CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 155.98; CITY OF ELGIN, 4,649.53; Computer Hardware, Inc., 1,599.00; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 2,025.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 277.44; DEAN'S MARKET, 261.32; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 345.63; EDPUZZLE, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 2,200.64; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 109.75; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 2,870.75; ESU #8, 93,100.55; GO Physical Therapy, 2,110.40; Great America Financial Services, 1,427.50; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 338.13; HP Inc., 833.84; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 148.80; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc., 102.76; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 1,523.32; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 645.00; MCNALLY, JILL, 77.41; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 2,723.36; Music & Arts, 12.94; NE RURAL COMM SCHL ASSO, 350.00; NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, 3,302.00; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00; ONE SOURCE, 77.50; OVERLAND REHAB, 1,450.65; PITZER DIGITAL, LLC, 45.00; PIZZA RANCH, 158.93; RISE BROADBAND, 19.30; SAMS Club, 70.22; Speed Ser-

vices, LLC, 200.88; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 67.98; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 3.28; UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN, 220.00; VEIK, Meghan, 29.40; VORIZON WIRELESS, 65.16; WAGEWORKS, INC., 144.50; WALMART, 239.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 47.00; WebstaurantStore.com, 629.00; Y&Y Lawn Service, 5,624.00; Fund Number, 144,300.49

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

No committee to be reported. Board President Lisa will present the 2026 Board Committees at the February meeting. Once the committees are finalized, committee members will plan to meet within the next couple of months.

Mr. Wemhoff presented his report on school activities over the last month and upcoming the rest of this month.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the budget. Also discussed sidewalk repairs that are needed around campus.

In action items, Bode motioned to approve the transfer of funds of \$5,000 into the Wolfpack account. Busteed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned to approve the first reading of the recommended NASB Policies 718.00 Fiscal Management Internal Controls; 802.07 School Food Procurement. Seconded by Beckman. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Discussion was also held on setting the board retreat. The date was set for June 11th, 2026, following the monthly board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Beckman, second by Busteed to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held February 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the EPS Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Bode, Secretary  
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING****ANTELOPE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY****NOTICE**

The Antelope County Historical Society will hold their quarterly meeting on January 29, 2026 at 12:00 P.M. at the Antelope County Museum, 410 L Street, Neligh, NE

68756. An agenda is posted at the museum and may be viewed during regular business hours. The meeting is opened to the public. PUBLISH: January 21, 2026  
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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION****PEBBLE CREEK GRAIN, L.L.C.****NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of the limited liability company: Pebble Creek Grain, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 84760 513 Ave, Clearwater, Nebraska 68726. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W.

4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced upon

filings the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on January 5, 2026, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

Pebble Creek Grain, L.L.C.  
Martin V. Klein  
Klein Law Office, P.C.  
P.O. Box 166  
Neligh, NE 68756-0166  
(402)887-4190

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**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION****PEBBLE CREEK CATTLE, L.L.C.**

Klein Law Office, P.C.  
P.O. Box 166  
Neligh, NE 68756-0166  
(402)887-4190

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While traveling is a bit tricky right now, don't let your passport expire. It will cost you more in time and money for your next trip!



A very wise man, Socrates, once said

**"YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW"**

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## CARD OF THANKS

A big thank you to the Elgin Rescue unit. To Mark, Austin, Kim and Jessie for your quick response to our call. We are lucky to have you around. Also to Boone County Health Center's ER. Thank you!

Janice & Dave

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# Court News

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

Jon M Dinslage, Schuyler, NE 11/15/25 Violate deer regulations, Fined \$100.00 - Stahlecker.

Raymond D Miller (Trophy Trucking Services LLC), Mansfield, TX 9/18/25 CMV-Brake general, Fined \$50.00 - Hadaway.

Alexander J Pasdo, Minneapolis, MN 11/30/25 Speeding 75/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Collins.

Donni Nachtman, Bennett, NE 11/30/22 Issue bad check-\$0-500, Sentence includes: State Fine of \$100.00 + Restitution of \$65.00 + Reimburse County of \$17.00.

Callie J Kraft, Oakdale, NE 12/2/25 Drive under susp/ before reinstated-state, Fined \$100.00 - Schroeder & Law-

son.\* Timothy D Anderson, Neligh, NE 7/12/25 DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, Sentence includes: State Fine of \$500.00 + Jail Sentence, Term of 10 Days + Probation, Term of 12 Months, Attend AA meetings + Drug Testing Fee of \$60.00 + Probation Administrative Enrollment Fee of \$30.00 + Probation Fee - Regular of \$300.00 + Balance due is \$300.00 + Revoked License, Term of 18 Months + Interlock Device, Breath Test-Other of \$100.00 - Wostrel

Zachary J Hofer, Dimock, SD 9/28/25 Speeding 72/65 MPH, Fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt. Conner T Luettel, Gresham, NE 12/31/25 Speeding 77-65 MPH, Fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt.

Christopher B Odom, Baytown, TX 12/29/25 Violate stop or yield sign, Fined \$75.00 - Hartley.

While breeding season may be a ways off, making sure our bulls are cared for throughout the winter and ready to go when it is time to turn out is critical. A sound and fertile bull can mean the difference between success or failure of next year's calf crop. While AI is a valuable tool to use in breeding, across the U.S. 87% of operations still utilize bulls in some capacity.

Winter care for bulls can be broken down into two categories, body condition and fertility. Let's look at body condition first. Bull condition going into breeding season is a major factor in the success of a bull's breeding capacity. In general, a 1:20 ratio of bull to cows is a good starting point, but depending on pasture size, number of herds, and other factors, that number can vary significantly. However, even with a 1:20 ratio maintained, bull vigor and dominance will also play a role in breeding success. One study noted animals servicing anywhere from 4 to 80 females during the breeding season.

The energy required to meet the demands of breeding is substantial, and bulls can be expected to lose anywhere from

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Asst. Ext. Educator  
**Ben Beckman**

100 to 400 lbs. during the course of the breeding season. Getting animals back into condition for next year is one of the primary focuses we should have. Typically we want animals back to a body condition score 6 before turn out next year.

To do this, take a body condition score now if you haven't already done so and develop a plan for feeding. Remember that young animals may not yet be fully grown so will need additional energy and protein to continue growth and build condition. For this reason, depending on the number of bulls in a herd, separating mature and younger animals into separate herds can make meeting feed requirements for each group easier.

Meeting mineral requirements is also important. Research has shown that in particular selenium and zinc are key in maintaining fertility health and sperm production. Iodine in mineral can help with hoof issues and ensure sound feet going into the breeding season.



AI generated image

The second factor to consider with bulls during the winter is fertility. Major impacts on fertility in the winter months are cold and frostbite on the scrotum. Even minor injury can have some impact on fertility, but we really want to protect against major damage that will eventually result in blisters and scabbing. At this point, sperm production will be impacted. Spermatogenesis takes up to 61 days, so damage can have long term impact. Keep an eye out for possible damage when checking bulls and evaluate injured bulls after 45-60 days

with a breeding soundness exam. It's better to know early that a bull won't be ready than scrambling for a replacement option last minute.

To keep cold damage to a minimum, do your best to protect animals from the wind and cold. Provide plenty of space for animals to find shelter and windbreaks to cut down on wind-chill impacts. A layer of bedding on the ground helps insulate animals from the cold and protect against freezing.

While bulls may not be our first focus this time of

year, don't forget to give their care some thought. Evaluate animal condition and have a plan to get body condition scores back to 6 before next year's breeding season. Providing shelter from the cold with windbreaks and bedding will help safeguard fertility and prevent any unwanted surprises later on.

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

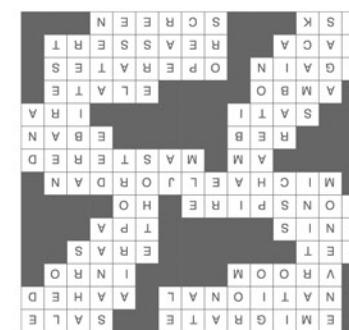
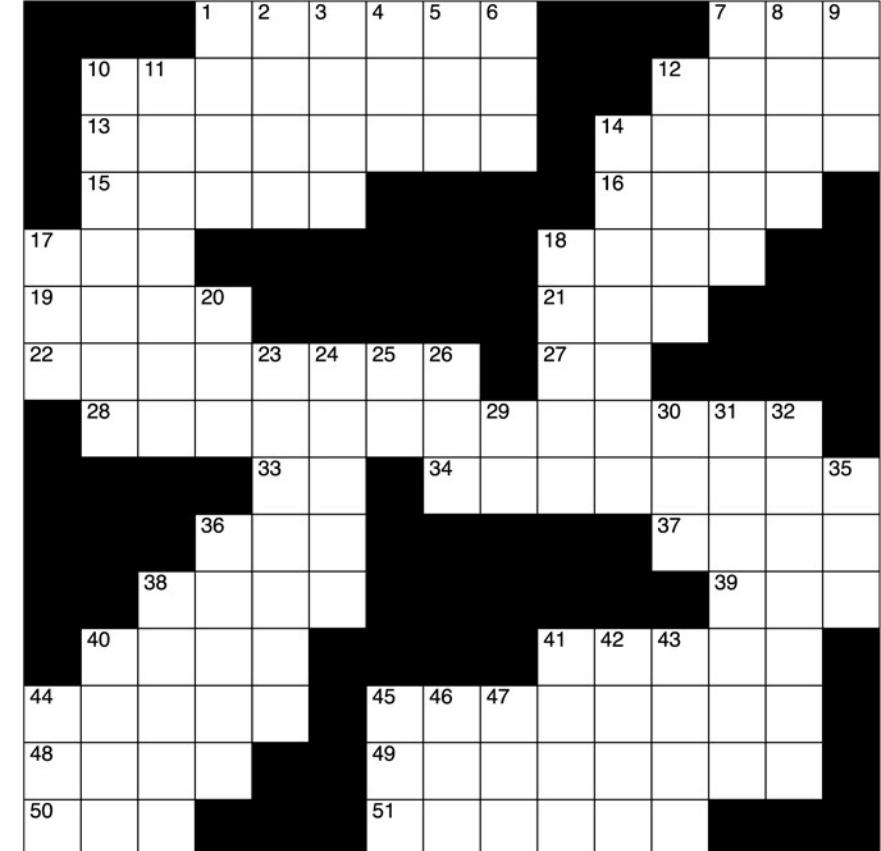
# Crossword Puzzle Clues, Answers

## CLUES ACROSS

- Mechanical lever
- Rocky peak
- Leave a country
- Discount
- D.C. ballplayer
- Partner to "ooed"
- Engine sound
- Japanese ornamental box
- Fido is one
- Amounts of time
- DiFranco and Phylo are two
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Make secret plans
- "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- "His Airness"
- Morning
- Perfected
- Winger guitarist Beach
- Abba \_\_\_ Israeli politician
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- A way to save money
- Pulpit
- Make ecstatically happy
- Once more
- Works on
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# Wolfpack Sports



When you're the fastest player on the court, breakaway baskets are common. Braelyn Martinsen had plenty of those Tuesday night as the Wolfpack defeated Fullerton 61 to 18.

## EPPJ knocks out Warriors 61 to 18

ELGIN — On a night when the Wolfpack could have crushed their opponent, they instead showed compassion.

Wolfpack starters played sparingly after the first quarter as the EPPJ girls defeated Fullerton 61 to 18.

For one quarter, the Wolfpack showed their fans just how dominant they can be when everything is clicking on the court.

EPPJ scored the first 22 points in the game as Braelyn Martinsen & Co. repeatedly found the basket on offense. Martinsen had 12 points in the run. And, perhaps more telling for just how dominant EPPJ was, five field goals came off steals.

Later in the quarter, Jael Lammers had back to back baskets before Gemma Miller

## End-of-season football awards handed out

Sunday night was a night for a brief celebration for the 2025 Wolfpack football team.

End-of-season awards were handed out by Co-Coaches Nick Heithoff, Matt Euse and Ass't. Coach Dennis Murray.

Heithoff said, for the second year in a row, all the players who suited for the Wolfpack during the season were letter winners.

They were Michael Seltz, Joseph McNally, Karson Kallhoff, Ethan Hansen, Grady Druke, Braedon Hinkle, Max



**Award winners** as voted upon by the team and coaches were (l-r): Trey Rittscher (Lineman of the Year), Grady Druke (Offensive MVP), Jarek Erickson (Wolfpack Award), Michael Seltz (Scout Team MVP) and Landyn Veik (Defensive MVP).



**Letter winners** recognized at Sunday night's program were (front row, l-r): Trey Rittscher, Jarek Erickson, Grady Druke, Karson Kallhoff and Landyn Veik. Middle row: Evin Pelster, Brayden Burenheide, Joseph McNally, Michael Seltz, Justice Blecher and Raaf Klein. Back row: Jayvin Erickson, Christian Preister, Gavin Kallhoff, John Zwingman and Braedon Hinkle. Not pictured: Max Henn and Ethan Hansen.



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Michael Seltz (2) found success driving the lane against Fullerton's defense. He finished with six points.

## Fullerton boys can't keep pace with Wolfpack scoring machine

ELGIN — The Fullerton Warriors came into the game with just two losses and a belief they could defeat EPPJ. Two hours after the opening tipoff, the Warriors left the arena with a 53 to 32 loss.

In a game in which they never trailed, the Wolfpack made a statement - they are good at both ends of the court.

Coach Matt Euse said he told the team this was a 'big' game. One year ago, the Warriors had upset the Wolfpack. This year, the Wolfpack were determined that wasn't going to happen.

Fullerton rallied from a deficit in the first quarter, cutting EPPJ's lead to just four points near the end of the quarter. Wolfpack senior Karson Kallhoff then put a charge into Wolfpack fans by making a trey at the buzzer to boost the lead to 16 to 9.

Then, getting the ball to start the second quarter, Michael Seltz hit a two-pointer and the lead was suddenly nine points, a margin they would maintain at halftime when the score was 28 to 19. "Offensively, I thought we moved the ball around pretty well," Euse said.

Henn scored inside early and often in the game, finishing with 12 points on six of eight shooting.

"When they began to make an emphasis on stopping Henn

down low, the beauty of our team is we've got shooters all around, so they (opponents) have got to kind of pick and choose."

EPPJ began the second half strong as senior Jarek Erickson scored inside, then outside the three-point arc to make the score 35 to 21.

The Wolfpack then put the game away with two treys from Kallhoff, one from Erickson to go along with a three-point play which made the score 47 to 26. Max Henn and Justice Blecher closed out the game with baskets for a 21-point margin of victory. Kallhoff was hot from behind the arc, making five of five attempts. Erickson led all scorers with 16 points and pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Henn had nine.

### EPPJ 53, Fullerton 32

Warriors.....9 10 5 8 - 32

Wolfpack.....16 12 10 15 - 53

Wolfpack — Michael Seltz 3-9

0-0 8, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0,

Karson Kallhoff 5-12 0-0 15, Evin

Pelster 0-3 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson

5-14 5-5 16, Max Henn 6-8 0-0 12,

Braedon Hinkle 0-0 0-0 0, Justice

Blecher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals:

20-47 5-6 53. Three-point shots

— Wolfpack 8-24 (Kallhoff 5, Seltz 2, Erickson 1). Fullerton team totals: 13-50 1-2 32. Three-point shots — Fullerton 5-21.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolf-



Max Henn had a big game inside against the Warriors with 12 points and nine rebounds.

pack 29 (Erickson 10, Henn 9), Warriors 24. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Seltz 3, Kallhoff 3, Erickson 3). Steals — Wolfpack 7 (Erickson 4). Turnovers — Wolfpack 9, Warriors 13

## Martinsen, Kurpgewiet post double-doubles at Stuart

STUART — On a Friday night when the wind was howling and the snow was blowing across the road, the inside of Stuart High School's gymnasium was 'hot' for Elgin Public-Pope John.

The Wolfpack girls built a 33 to 16 lead at halftime and cruised to a 59 to 34 victory over the Lady Broncos.

The Wolfpack's two outstanding juniors (Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgewiet) did not disappoint against Stuart. Each recorded a 'double-double' to help lead the Wolfpack to their 12th victory against just two losses.

Martinsen scored 19 points and pull down 11 rebounds. Kurpgewiet led all scorers with a game-high 21 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

The Wolfpack's defensive pressure limited Stuart to single-digit scoring in all four

quarters.

Next up for EPPJ will be a Tuesday night game at home against O'Neill (too late for press time).

### EPPJ 59, Stuart 34

Wolfpack.....12 21 15 11 - 59

Lady Broncos.....9 7 9 9 - 34

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman

1-1 0-0 2, Gentry Zwingman

0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 2-4 0-0

4, Kinley Druke 2-7 0-0 5, Braelyn

Martinsen 8-15 3-3 19, Lillian

Moser 1-4 1-2 4, Kinley Miller 0-5

0-0, Sydney Niewohner 1-2 0-0

2, Jael Lammers 1-5 0-0 2, Kier-

lyn Veik 1-0 0-0 0, Landyn

Veik 1-0 0-0 0, Max Henn 1-0 0-0

0, Justice Blecher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals:

14-51 5-12 34. Three-point shots — Stuart 1-12.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolf-

pack 45 (Martinsen 11, Kurpgewiet 10), Stuart 29. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Seltz 3, Kallhoff 3, Erickson 3). Steals — Wolfpack 7 (Erickson 4). Turnovers — Wolfpack 9, Warriors 13

## Wolfpack girls bring home Ord medals

LIBBY EVANS. Competing at 170 pounds, she recorded two pins in three matches en route to finishing first. In the finals she pinned Elizabeth DeRoos (CRBL) in a match which went

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## Ord

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deep into the third period.

Anna Dworak wrestled six times, finishing sixth in the 100-pound class. Of the six matches, she recorded four pins. Teammate Jayda Chessmore went 2-3 in her five matches, to finish sixth. Her best match came against Makenna Koch (AIN) whom she pinned in 2:37. Individual results were:

100 pounds — Anna Dworak (EPPJ) pinned Natalia Rodriguez (GIB) in 57 seconds; Dworak was pinned by Azlynn Johnson (STAN) in 1:40; Dworak pinned Maya Matias (AIN) in 2:33; Dworak pinned Alexis Stutzman (SHVA) in 54 seconds; Dworak was pinned by MJ Vieth in 3:28; Dworak was pinned by McKenna Hernandez (ORD) in 2:24

130 — Jayda Chessmore (EPPJ) won 11 to 7 over Alexis Navarrete (LEX); Chessmore pinned Makenna Koch (AIN) in 2:37; Chessmore was pinned by Grace Druke (ON) in 1:11; Chessmore was pinned by Clysta Brott (A-L) in 2:24; Chessmore was pinned by Brinley Pohl (MIN) in 4:37

170 — Libby Evans (EPPJ) pinned Ana Hurya (RAV) in 1:22; Evans defeated Raynea Pokorny (CEVA) by a score of 3 to 0; Evans pinned Elizabeth DeRoos (CRBL) in 5:00.

## EPPJ

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(Druke 1, Martinsen 2, Niewohner 1, Kurpgewit 1). Fullerton team totals: 7-21 2-9 18. Three-point shots — Fullerton 2-6.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 25 (Kurpgewit 7), Warriors 19. Assists — Wolfpack 18 (Kurpgewit 4, Martinsen 4), Warriors 4. Steals — Wolfpack 28 (Martinsen 7), Warriors 2. Turnovers — Wolfpack 8, Warriors 39.



Anna Dworak eyes the referee as she records a pin during wrestling action Saturday at Plainview.

**EPPJ claims three medals at Plainview**

PLAINVIEW — In one of the biggest meets of the season, EPPJ's girls wrestling team more than held their own Saturday.

Competing at the Plainview Invite, Libby Evans won gold,

Anna Dworak placed fourth and Jayda Chessmore finished sixth in their weight classes.

For Evans, her day was full of pins. She pinned all four of her opponents to claim gold.

Dworak recorded one of the fastest pins of all wrestlers, taking out Jalee Haggerty (StP) in 28 seconds.

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**Pack pulls away in fourth quarter to defeat Stuart 36 to 29**

STUART — Give the Stuart Broncos credit, they don't give up.

For three quarters Friday night they hung tough with the undefeated Wolfpack. They trailed by just two points, 29 to 27, entering the fourth quarter.

Then, thanks to some big plays, some stingy defense and a sudden cold shooting spell, Elgin Public-Pope John pulled

away to win 36 to 29.

Over the final eight minutes, EPPJ outscored the Broncos nine to two to claim the victory.

Senior Karson Kallhoff led the Wolfpack with 14 points, teammate Max Henn added 12.

But the big story may have been rebounds. Senior Jarlek Erickson pulled down 20 rebounds, a season high for the Wolfpack.

Rebounds were key in the game as EPPJ grabbed 29 to just 20 for the Broncos.

EPPJ 38, Stuart 29

Wolfpack.....10 7 12 9 = 36  
Broncos.....2 13 12 2 = 29  
Wolfpack — Michael Selting 2-5  
0-0 5, Karson Kallhoff 5-14 1-2  
14, Evan Pelster 0-0 0-2 0, Jarek Erickson 3-7 0-0 7, Max Henn 6-8  
0-0 12. Team totals: 16-34 1-4 39.  
Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-19  
(Selting 1, Kallhoff 3, Erickson 1).  
Stuart team totals: 12-44 4-2 29.  
Three-point shots — Broncos 1-11.  
Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 29 (Erickson 20), Stuart 20.  
Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Erickson 7). Steals — Wolfpack 3. Turnovers — Wolfpack 15, Broncos 6

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## Spinning Tales

# Whistling, barking, goat boy/fan brings on trauma of a different kind

MADISON — Let's call it intellectual trauma. It's taken days to get over the intellectual trauma I and some other fans endured at the holiday tournament. Monday-Tuesday tournaments are extremely difficult to cover as they interfere with the production of that week's newspaper. This year, to be there for the Wolfpack's championship games, it meant getting everything done except the championship photos before heading to Madison at noon. We get to the gym and the boys consolation game is just starting between Madison and Lyons-Decatur NE. We find seats about five rows up near midcourt and moments later the trauma begins.

One of the fans watching the game is an adult male with a girlfriend and some youngsters

seated around him. First come the whistles. In between words he whistles the whole time.

Then, comes the dog barking. I can't recognize the breed of animal, but I do know the sound. Years ago we lived next to a family who had a dog but paid it little attention. The dog barked all the time. I think the fan uses the dog bark when he gets tired of whistling.

Wolfpack fans seated nearby hear the noise and become annoyed. I'm surprised the referees ignore the fan, they hear it but do nothing as they run up and down the court.

Little did we know there was more in this fan's arsenal. In the second half, Jim Breuer's goat sounds begin to mix in with the barking and whistling.

He did a pretty good version of 'goat boy'. It's laughable at first, but a little goat goes a long ways.

The fan still has one more trick up his sleeve (or below). When the opposing team shoots a free throw, he knocks on the bleacher with a water bottle and stomps with his feet. The knocks are loud! I should have known better when I noticed no other of his team's fans were sitting near him. After the bleacher banging, I wanted to say 'nice knockers' in a way Gene Wilder did in the movie "Young Frankenstein" but it wasn't really nice what was going on.

I love fans who get 'involved' with their son or daughter's ball game. Cheering their successes or supporting them when the shots don't fall, that should be part of the game. But, sometimes one can cross the line.

Years ago when I was attending Seward High School, our arch rival was York. They were the Ducks and we were the River Rats. They didn't like us, we didn't like them and neither side cared. I was a junior that

year and a senior at our school decided to take it to the next level.

The scene was York Auditorium, a grand building constructed during the great depression with bleachers on the floor and a balcony of seats above them.

The senior, we'll call Fred, put a live duck in a box and covered it with pop corn. The person taking tickets let him in, no questions asked. The boys sat in the balcony behind the pep club. We all sat around Fred and, just before the start of the game, the live duck was let out of the box, flew over the pep club and landed on the court where the York players were warming up. Seward high students thought it was funny. The York kids didn't and, after they won the game, they egged the Seward school bus as it left town.

Both sides crossed the line of decorum that night. Some fans found it funny, others didn't, but it didn't interfere with anyone watching the game.

Behavior exhibited by the adult fan at the holiday tournament, shouldn't be exhibited by any parent or adult fan. More to the point, I felt sorry for the children who think this is the way one should act at a public sporting event.

Just because you paid your \$5 for admission, that doesn't give you the God-given right to make fans sitting near you miserable with your antics.

### SPINNING TALES



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Ethan Hansen, shown here in action earlier this month at Summerland, placed second in the 138-pound weight class at Dunning.

## Hansen, teammates shine Saturday at Sandhills Invite

DUNNING — On the second day of their western wrestling trip, EPPJ competed Saturday at the Sandhills Invite.

The Wolfpack competed against many wrestlers they won't see again this year.

Ethan Hansen wrestled twice, winning one match with a pin, to place second at 138 pounds.

Teammate John Zwingman won his first and last match by pin to place fourth at 165

pounds.

Grady Druke dropped his first match, then won the next four to place third at 157

pounds.

Individual results were: 165 pounds — John Zwingman (EPPJ) pinned Ashton Lambert (SAV) in 3:06; Zwingman was pinned by Breckyn Collins (NPSP) in 2:12; Zwingman lost 20 to 3 TF to Cooper Walker (MUL); Zwingman was pinned by Oran Grint (TW) in 1:04; Zwingman pinned Trace

Kaupp (NC) in 2:32

157 — Grady Druke (EPPJ) was pinned by Andrew Karchner (BRA) in 5:20; Druke pinned Jacob King (S-L) in 18 seconds; Druke pinned Tom Connell (HYAN) in 1:37; Druke pinned Tucker Kemp (NPSP) in 2:54; Druke won 16 to 0 TF over Danny Taylor (HYAN)

138 — Ethan Hansen (EPPJ) pinned Jaylon Forseen (MUL) in 1:19; Hansen was pinned by Hudson Deeds (NPSP) in 2:44

### Wolfpack claim two medals at SEM Invite

SUMNER — Senior Grady Druke led the Wolfpack march to the medal stand Friday.

He and teammates Ethan Hansen and John Zwingman represented the Wolfpack at



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Competing at the SEM Invite Friday, John Zwingman recorded one victory in three matches.

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Then, in the next match she pinned her opponent in 30 seconds.

Chessmore recorded one pin in four matches, taking down Maci Schmidt (WINS) in 2:26.

Individual results were:

105 pounds — Anna Dworak pinned Jalee Haggerty (StP) in 28 seconds; Dworak pinned Kennedy Kellogg (BECA) in 30 seconds; Dworak was pinned by Madalyn Anderson (AC) in 1:32;

Dworak won 18 to 3 TF over Andrea Bacio (TCNE); Dworak lost by forfeit to Kennedy

Kellogg (BECA)

130 — Jayda Chessmore was pinned by Makenzie Mosel (PLV) in 2:24; Chessmore pinned Maci Schmidt (WINS) in 2:26; Chessmore was pinned by Delaney Jennings (StP) in 4:50; Chessmore was pinned by Shaylee Sanderson (NEN) in 3:32

170 — Libby Evans (EPPJ) pinned Aolany Acosta (TWLO) in 2:24; Evans pinned Jaden May in 1:25; Evans pinned Nevaeha Sorensen (AC) in 1:01;

Evans pinned Elizabeth DeRoos (C-B) in 1:38

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