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# In Brief

#### **Annual 'Evening** With Friends' gala set for Sunday

#### Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets still remain for the annual Evening With Friends gala event to be held this Sunday evening, January 26. The event will once again be held at

the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:15 p.m. The evening will feature both live and silent auctions as well as games. Proceeds from the event go to support Pope John XXIII Central Catholic school.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by contacting Pope John school (402-843-5325) or from any committee member.

#### **EPS** TeamMates mentors, mentees to be recognized

After the end of the girls varsity game.

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 West Holt this Friday night, January 24 (see the ad in this issue).

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.

# Public Notices //

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Meeting - Antelope County Historical Society

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Shown (I-r) are FFA members Libby Evans, Sydney Niewohner, Kayton Zwingman and Gentry Zwingman.



Makenna Mortiboy

# FFA speakers qualify for State!

Elgin FFA members turned in outstanding efforts last week at the District LDE competition at West Holt High School. According to FFA Julia Schwartz, members have been practicing for months for a one-time shot at qualifying for the State FFA Contest. Three qualifed for state in what Schwartz considers the hardest FFA district in the state. They were: Kayton Zwingman, Cooperative Speaking; Sydney Niewohner, Discovery Speaking; and Makenna Mortiboy, FFA Creed Speaking. Alternates for state are Gentry Zwingman and Libby Evans. "All the kids did well!" Schwartz said.

# '95 Eagle state championship team to be honored Friday night

Nearly 30 years, the Elgin High School Eagles won the Class D2 State magical March weekend in Lincoln. the memories have not. At halftime of Friday night's boys Wolfpack game against West Holt at EHS, the 94/95 champion team will be recognized. The 1994-1995 Elgin Eagle boys basketball team finished the season with a record of 23-2. In the first round of the state tournament the Eagles defeated Arcadia 53-43. In the semifinals they came out with a win against Chester-Hubbell-Byron with a score of 60-49. In the championship game, the Eagles defeated Table Rock-Steinauer 51-39 to be crowned champions. Members of the team were Jason Vaisvilas, Brandon Miller, B.J. Schmitt, Bruce Clark, Dave Ochsner, Chris Sullivan, Aaron Andrews, John Avidano, Robbie Evans, Bryan Hestekind, Aaron Thorberg, Jarid Jochum, Sam Vanourney, Nathan Dickerson, Jeff Henn and Aaron Hoefer. Head coach was Phil Kluthe, assisted by Kip Stephens. And, serving as student managers were Anthony Jensen, Cody Bode, Mike Schmitt and Brock Thorberg.

# **Heithoff to take early** retirement at EPS

Elgin Public Schools will be searching for a new math teacher for the 2025/26 school year.

Meeting Wednesday evening, January 15, the board accepted the early retirement application submitted by Dorothy Heithoff. She was the only District #18 teacher to submit an application. Heithoff has been a member of the teaching staff going back to the 2016/2017 when she was hired

The vote was 4-1-1 to accept her application. Voting 'no' was Eric Beckman while Todd Heithoff 'abstained.'

The only other 'action' item the board considered resulted in no action being taken. They discussed, at length, the replacement of windows in the fourth and fifth grade classrooms. The board, according to Superintendent Mike Brockhaus, received four bids. Three were for Anderson windows while the other was a Simonsen brand.

While no bid amounts were discussed, one bid submitted was for tinted windows. So to get a 'apples to apples' comparison, the board tabled the matter so the superintendent could get the bidder to submit a bid for windows without tint.

Earlier in the meeting, art instructor Briley Eischeid gave a brief presentation to the board on what students are doing in the classroom regarding Artsonia, a website where families can interact with students' art projects.

'The kids really enjoy it," she said. Other area schools who utilize the program are O'Neill St. Mary's and Norfolk Middle Schools among others. In other action:

 ${\it School \ calendar - The \ board}$ reviewed with Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff a proposed school calendar for 2025/26. The calendar is expected to be on the agenda for board approval next month. The meeting will be held February 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Annual retreat — The school board's annual retreat will be held June 11, immediately after the regular board meeting which is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Second reading — On second read-

ing, the board approved updated Policy 717.00 Disposal of Property Under Federal Grants. Final approval will likely take place at the February meeting.

Finances — Prior to the start of the meeting, the school board finance committee met with Brockhaus. The super-intendent said, "We're in a very good financial situation." Next month, the board will be presented information to discuss about transferring funds into interest-bearing accounts.

"We're in a good situation moving forward," he added.

## Lisa Welding re-elected as District #18 president

There will be no change to the structure of the District #18 Board of Education following the reorganization meeting Wednesday night.

Taking place at the start of last week's meeting, board members on 5-0-1 votes (each officer 'abstaining' from voting for themselves), the board re-elected the following:

- President Lisa Welding
  Vice President Todd Heithoff
- Secretary Ron Bode
- Treasurer Luke Hinkle That was just part of the reorga-
- nization meeting. Other designa-
- tions were made. They were:
- Depositories Bank of Elgin and Great Plains State Bank
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- Non-Discrimination Offier Superintendent Mike Brockhaus
- Title 9 Coordinator Principal Greg Wemhoff • Recorder — Jessica Niewohner
- Law Firm KSB School Law

Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings - District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings - Village of Bartlett Proceedings - Antelope County Board

of Equalization

Notice of Organization - Fangman Inspections, LLC

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# Weather

The high temperature last week was 51 degrees recorded on January 16.

The low temperature during the same period was minus five degrees recorded on January 18.

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. 12	21	3	.00
Jan. 13	33	-1	.00
Jan. 14	18	-1	.00
Jan. 15	43	17	.00
Jan. 16	51	30	.00
Jan. 17	42	10	.00
Jan. 18	16	-5	.00
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While years have passed since that





#### Second championship in three years Eagles depend on 'D' to bring home state title



E-R photo/LMorgan

Elgin High School's boys basketball team were front page news nearly 30 years ago when they won the state tournament. Team members will be recognized during special ceremonies Friday night.

### Commissioners approve county officers for 2025

Meeting Tuesday morning, the Antelope County Board of Commissioners took care of a number of necessary items associated with the start of a new calendar year.

A number of officials were appointed at the meeting as well. They were:

 Veterans Service Officer — Tom Nelson

• Bryan Cornett — Weed Superinten-

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Photo submitted

# 'For The Girls' supports AMH

In December, Antelope Memorial Hospital was selected as one of the recipients of a grant from the "For The Girls" organization in Norfolk. Pictured: Kristen Kester, AMH Radiology Director (front - left), and Diane Brugger, AMH CEO (front - right), accepted the grant, totaling \$30,000, from members of the For The Girls Board of Directors. The grant will be used toward the purchase of a new 3D mammography machine that will be installed at Antelope Memorial Hospital later this spring.





# 79th annual Boone Central Choral Clinic held last week

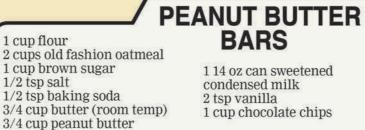
EPS Choir members participated in the 79th annual Boone Central Choral Clinic on Monday, January 13 in Albion. The group performed four songs and was directed by Mrs. Ellie Johnson

# From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen Peanut **Butter Bars**



serve it to the guys at the sale barn. They say they love it. Hope Super easy! you all are staying warm and healthy! Seems like the holiday went by re-

ally fast. I have a quick and easy dessert or snack you can make anytime. I make it up and



Preheat oven to 350° and prepare a 9x13 pan.

- In a bowl mix all the dry ingredients. Cut the butter into the dry ingredients with a pastry cutter until crumbly.

Set aside 1-1/2 cups of the oatmeal mixture. Press the remaining oatmeal mixture into the prepared pan

- In a bowl stir together the peanut butter, condensed milk, vanilla. Pour over the oatmeal layer.
- Sprinkle on the chocolate chips and the remaining oatmeal mixture you set aside.

Bake until edges are brown about 30 minutes. Enjoy.

# Two inducted into National Honor Society

Give this idea a try

JoAnn

Delicious.



Samantha Stuhr and Brooke Kinney were inducted into the National Honor Society at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School on Thursday, January 16 at the all-school mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Pictured are the members of the National Honor Society. They are (back row, I-r): Aiden Klein, Kaitey Schumacher, Natalie Burenheide, Reese Stuhr, Camry Kittelson and Olivia Klein. Front row: Samantha Stuhr (I) and Brooke Kinney (r). Not pictured: Anne Van Winkle, NHS Advisor.

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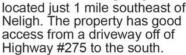
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# **IT'S NO SURPRISE...** input costs for your 2025 farming

# **Pillen announces priorities for '25**

LINCOLN - In its second week of the 2025 session, the 109th Nebraska Legislature hosted Gov. Jim Pillen for the State of the State address where he outlined his priorities for the upcoming 90 days, alongside a week's worth of bill introductions.

Pillen addressed the Legislature Jan. 15, outlining his main priorities for the upcoming session, adopting a winnertake-all system for the Nebraska Electoral College, minimizing government expenditures and reevaluating public school funding.

In his speech, Pillen announced his priority to back LB3, which proposes changing Nebraska from a split-vote system to one where all five electoral votes go to the state's winner. Since 1991, Nebraska has been one of two states to split their votes for the electoral college, where each congressional district casts one vote for their winner, with two votes going to the overall winner of the state.

With no presidential election right around the corner, there is no better time to dispassionately deliver on the will of a majority of the people of this state, honor our constitutional founding and unify our voice in our most important exercise of national democra-

cy," Pillen said. Pillen previously attempted to pass the measure in September, prior to the 2024 presidential election, but could not get support from the required 33 state senators necessary for the legislation, opting not to call a special session.

He additionally backed proposals intended to lower government spending, including one to combine Nebraska's Department of Environment and Energy and Department of Natural Resources into a new organization called the Department of Water, Energy and Environment. Pillen said this move would save costs, eliminate duplicative overhead and streamline the protection of natural resources.

"We needlessly divide our focus on water quality and quantity," Pillen said of the DEE and DNR. "Given the interrelatedness of these two things, this makes no sense.'

In the first hearing of the legislative session, the Rules Committee heard testimony Jan. 16 pertaining to 22 proposed rules changes.

Sen. Kathleen Kauth of Omaha proposed a change that would change the requirements necessary for the Senate to invoke closure or end debate on a measure. Currently, a closure motion needs 33 votes,

or a two-thirds majority of the Legislature, to pass. Kauth's recommendation would shift the two-thirds requirements to apply only to the number of senators who were present and voted.

Sen. Loren Lippincott of Central City proposed changing the process of electing chairpersons for the legislative committees from a secret ballot to a public roll-call vote.

Senators proposed other rule changes, including ones that would remove party affiliation stipulations to join the legislative redistricting committee, remove the current 20 bill maximum for individual bill introduction each session and eliminate the ability to reconsider a failed motion if at least 40 senators voted against the motion.

The committee took no action on any proposed rule changes, and debate on these changes are expected to begin on the floor Jan. 22, according to the Unicameral Update. Read the full list of the 22 proposed rule changes here.

From Jan. 13 to 18, state senators introduced 383 new measures. The last of the 10 days for senators to introduce bills for the session will be Jan. 22, and public hearings for bills will

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# What to leave behind in 2024

This is the typical time of year where people resolve to do things differently in a new year. People make resolutions to eat better, exercise more, drink

less, or whatever they believe will help them as they welcome in the new year. I've always loved the concept of a fresh, new start. The possibilities seem

### Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, January 27: Ham & noodle casserole, peas, peaches, bread/butter, milk.

Tuesday, January 28: Stuffed green pepper soup, cottage cheese, pineapple, carrots/ celery, cheese/crackers, bread/ butter, milk.

Wednesday, January 29: Boneless pork chop, augratin potatoes, brussel sprouts, pears, bread/butter, milk. Thursday, January 30: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans,

applesauce, bread/butter, milk. Friday, February 1: NA. (All meals served with bread & butter.

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

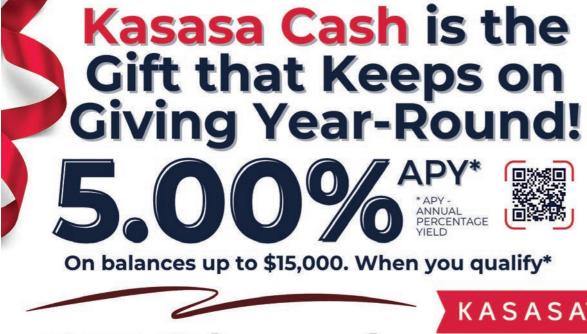
Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

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.

endless as we embark upon the next 365 days. However, instead of making a resolution for 2025, I'm trying to focus on what I'm going to leave in 2024.

There are things I need to let go of and not bring with me into the new year. For example, unforgiveness. It's been a little over a year since I lost my job and I've still been harboring a lot of unforgiveness and resentment. None of the people I worked for have probably given me a second thought. Yet, I'm allowing this to fester inside me and create bitterness that doesn't do any good. I'm happy where I am now and it's time to let that go.

I'm also going to leave behind regret. This is a big one and there's a long list of regrets I've



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Some regrets I've been carrying for years or decades. Living in the past doesn't do

anyone any good. I've asked for forgiveness

and there's literally nothing more I can do at this point. I can learn from previous mistakes and move forward, but I'm not bringing those regrets with me anymore.

Lastly, I want to leave behind some bad habits I have picked up this past year. I don't think of myself as a lazy person, per se. I go to the gym around five times a week. However, when it comes to things around the house, I feel like I haven't had the usual motivation to get things done lately. I feel "lazy' and I am procrastinating, especially if it involves cleaning the showers or running errands.

I want to be more purposeful with my time and not doomscroll on social media or play games endlessly on my phone. I need to be reading the Bible daily, making time for my family, and staying on top of my to-do list.

It can be easy to put things off but then I get overwhelmed because there's too much to do. Once I get so overwhelmed, I want to just shut down and do nothing.

Essentially, my goal to leave things in 2024 is still a resolution. However, it's the way I'm approaching it that I think gives me a better chance of success. I'm not good at keeping resolutions. However, reminding myself that there are things I want to leave behind and not carry with me allows me to re-frame my thinking and set me up for success.

I challenge everyone to think about not only what they want to do in 2025 but what they want to leave behind. Let's start fresh and not carry with us things that won't benefit us or our families. Let's clear out the clutter in our minds that has taken up space and resolve to



#### **Tales of a Tired** Sixty Years Ago

January 21, 1965

Adolph Schumacher observed his 80th birthday anniversary, Sunday. A Mass of Thanksgiving was said in St. Bonaventure Church in Raeville, followed by dinner served by the Ollendick cafe for the immediate family and special guests.

Vandals Sunday evening stole over \$400.00 in hose, couplings and other merchandise from two of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange Grade "B" milk trucks. The trucks were parked south of the Farmers store with the theft believed to have occurred before dark.

Ten American Legion Post 229 Auxiliary members Monday afternoon were tearing and sewing carpet rags for the Soldiers' and Sailors" Home at Grand Island. The group hoped to finish their task Tuesday.

Mrs. Rose Philomine Werning was born Dec. 23, 1878 at Mr. Carmel, Ia., a daughter of Meinolph Meis and Mary Goadde Meis. She passed away on Jan. 18, 1965 at the rest home at Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dinslage, Jr. are the parents of a 7 lb. son born Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1965 in the Antelope Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Dinslage is the former Barbara Schindler.

#### Fifty Years Ago

**Thirty Years Ago** 

#### January 16, 1975

Elgin was on the western edge of a winter blizzard which struck the eastern part of the state Friday leaving around an inch of snow here but dumping up to 19 inches in the Omaha area.

Margaret Weber has received a bachelor of science in pharmacy degree from Creighton University, Omaha. Miss Weber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber.

Fire, believed to have been started by a short in the wiring, destroyed the truck cab, engine and front of the train box at the Elgin Mills Saturday afternoon. Firemen were called at 1:20 p.m. Firemen extinguished the blaze and then pulled the truck from the elevator.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hansen of Elgin Jan. 7, 1975, a daughter, weighing 8 pounds 11/2 ounces, at the Tilden Community Hospital.

The Pope John High School athletic department is sponsoring several boxing matches to be held Thursday, Jan. 23 starting at 8 p.m. in the St. Boniface gym. Fighters will be coming from Lincoln, Norfolk, Petersburg, Omaha, Pierce and Sioux City and other communities.

January 18, 1995

Members of the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department and the Elgin Rescue Unit were honored for their years of service during an awards banquet last Saturday night, Jan. 14, at the Veteran's Club. Eight firemen and three EMT members received plaques. About 64 people attended the banquet.

Jerry and Jan Heithoff were parents of the New Year's Baby for 1995 at Antelope Memorial Hospital. Their daughter, Justine Ann Heithoff, was born at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1995, at AMH. She weighed eight pounds, 3 1/2 ounces. She joins two sister, Jacque and Jenna, and a brother, Jason, at home.

Donna Payne, who retired after choosing not to seek re-election as Antelope County Treasurer, will be honored at an open house on Saturday, Jan. 28. The public is invited to the reception from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Neligh American Legion Club. A short program will be held at 6 p.m., and lunch will be served.

Mary Ann Funk, daughter of Joseph and Rosa Kracher Weibel, was born at Ewing, NE, Dec. 18, 1911, and died at the St. Joseph Nursing Home, Norfolk, NE, Jan. 10, 1995, at the age of 83 years and

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Elgin Columnist **Katherine Cobb** 





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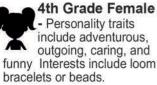
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# Is your "MATCH" here?

These Elgin mentees need to be matched...

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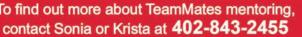
To find out more about TeamMates mentoring,

**5th Grade Male** Personality traits include competitive, energetic, and funny. Interests include sports.

6th Grade Male Personality traits include compassionate, energetic, and discoverer. Interests include outdoor activities, food, and sports and fitness

7th Grade Male Personality traits include shy, energetic, and achiever. Interests include animals, outdoors, music, and food.

7th Grade Male Personality traits include curious, adventurous, and energetic. Interests include animals, being creative, and sports & fitness



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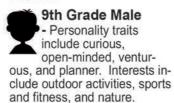
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#### Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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

Edward R. Murrow

#### Laken Riley Act, Sarah's Law is in response to illegal immigration

Laken Riley. Rachel Morin. Jocelyn Nungaray. Sarah Root.

These young women never set out to become household names. They each lived their lives, studied and worked hard, and loved their families.

But each of those lives were ripped away from them unjustly and prematurely

In President Trump's words, they were sacrificed on the "altar of open borders

The Senate is working this week to prevent tragedies like this from happening in the future.

Laken Riley's case captured our national consciousness. Riley was a young 22-year-old nursing student in Georgia who went on a jog around her college campus in February 2024. Tragically, she was found dead later that day.

Riley was viciously murdered by a Venezuelan national, Jose Ibarra, who got into our country illegally.

But Riley's death was entirely preventable. As Ibarra was arrested and tried for Riley's murder, more details emerged about his background.

Ibarra was stopped by Customs and Border Protection after illegally entering the United States September 2022. Instead of returning to Mexico like he would've under President Trump's policies, Ibarra was released into our country with no vetting or accountability.

Not only was he let off without consequences—Ibarra went to "sanctuary city" New York, where he was put up in a hotel at taxpayer expense.

Once in America, Ibarra was arrested by police in New York and Atlanta, once for child endangerment and

#### WASHINGTON REPORT



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Ibarra went free,

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The story of Riley's death is

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Riley.

LINCOLN — Be wary of unintended consequences.

That's good advice for any endeavor, and appears to be the problem facing proposed retail/sports/entertainment developments called "Good Life Districts.

The recent effort to create such districts was well intended. The idea was to lure out-of-state shoppers, visitors and youth sports teams to spend millions in Nebraska, rather than Kansas City, Des Moines or Minneapolis.

Envisioned at Gretna's Nebraska Crossing mall were stores like Nordstroms, IKEA and Crate & Barrel (high-end retailers that have bypassed Nebraska) along with youth sports

complexes to lure **ALL THINGS** regional tour-NEBRASKA

and restaurants would cater to visitors, creating a "transformational" attraction rivaling The Legends development in Kansas Citv.

devote half of its sales tax of 5.5% to help finance such mega developments

that must cost more than \$500 million and would lure

The developer of Nebraska Crossing told state lawmakers that he could attract everything from a pro hockey franchise to an Olympic training center for USA Volleyball to the Omaha suburb, along with indoor surfing and

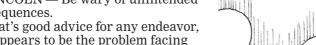
But somewhere along the line, the

Six communities have offered to host year.

The Good Life District idea was novel. It departed from past state tax policy, which had not granted tax breaks for retail development. That's because a new shopping center typically just steals shoppers from old shopping centers — shifting rather than growing the economy — and retail jobs typically don't pay wages that will support a family.

So, the state wisely has focused its tax incentives on manufacturers and big corporations that pay good salaries and are more likely to be around in 30 years or so.

# 'Good Life District' idea a 'mess' of unintended consequences



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> But you gotta wonder how many shoppers will venture to Nebraska to shop at a mega shopping mall and play in a regional sports tournament, when plenty of those places and events already exist in other cities.

It reminds me of the pitch promoters of the Kearney Archway Memorial made years ago — "if we build it and plop it over Interstate 80, travelers will pull over in droves." They will pay to see it, they said, providing plenty of revenue to finance the multi-million dollar, fort-like arch.

That projection was not even close. The Good Life idea was described as "a mess" recently by former State Sen. Lou Ann Linehan, who sponsored the Good Life bills, according to the Nebraska Examiner.

A clean-up bill, passed hurriedly in

The fiasco is part of a trend. Too many legislative proposals - including major changes — are introduced with the idea that any glitches can be hashed out later, as the bill works through three rounds of debate before the full Legislature.

But that often doesn't allow enough time for lawmakers, as well as lobbyists and those representing competing interests, to digest what exactly is being amended, and then amended again. The clean-up bill was passed in the waning hours of a session, when attention was focused on a lot of other matters

The result is unintended consequences.

Right now, the status of the Gretna/ Nebraska Crossing project — which had grown to an anticipated 4,500 acre

but it's one that apparently won't include the main advocate, Nebraska Crossing developer Rod Yates.

Yates recently sought to drop out of the partnership with Gretna, and is calling for a new law to allow him to work with the state on his plans, and not the city.

Kind of makes your head spin, sort of like state lawmakers trying to sort out last-minute deals in the Legislature and foresee any unintended consequences. \*\*\*\*\*

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

# I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE ... THIS IS MY CORNER ..! · COMING SOON · ANOTHER GOOD LIFE DISTRICT FRES SEN LINEHAN 22

more than 600,000 visitors a year.

rock climbing outlets.

Good Life District idea got off track.

Good Life Districts, and the generous state tax break it provides, making you wonder if every one will be "transformational" and lure 600,000 visitors a

State Correspondent Paul Hammel

U.S. Senator **Deb Fischer** 

in Riley's honor, protecting Ameri-

cans from criminal illegal immigrants like Ibarra.

This week, the Senate is voting on the Laken Riley Act, led by U.S. Senator Katie Britt (R-Ala.). The bill, which I cosponsored, will require Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to arrest illegal immigrants who have been charged with or convicted of theft, burglary, larceny, or shoplifting.

It will also give states standing to bring civil actions against federal officials who refuse to enforce immigration law.

This bill will deliver commonsense justice for Americans, and I'm pleased that several of my Democrat colleagues saw reason and voted to advance to consideration of this legislation last week. But there's more that must be done.

As we consider the Laken Riley Act in the Senate, my colleagues and I have reintroduced Sarah's Law, named in honor of Bellevue University alumna Sarah Root. We are pushing for its passage as well.

Many of us in Nebraska know Root's story. In January 2016, Root was driving home after celebrating her recent graduation from Bellevue.

A smart young woman and successful student, she had her whole life ahead of her. But that life was ended suddenly when an illegal immigrant who was driving and drag racing drunk slammed his truck into her

the waning hours of the 2024 session, failed to solve the problems with the initial Good Life bill, passed in 2023.

— is uncertain.

Gretna voters appear to have narrowly approved a Good Life District,

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

# Closing the book on President Biden's record of failures

This week, America is closing the book on President Biden's record of failures. His policies gave our country high prices and over-regulation. The American dream became less attainable for hardworking families. Biden's overspending, bureaucratic overreach, and anti-energy policies caused this. I'm working with President Trump to

WASHINGTON cut the red tape and provide relief. REPORT The Biden

administration's reckless, partisan spending sent inflation through the roof. Consumer prices have increased more than

20%. Families are now paying over \$13,000 per year for the same quality of life they had when

he took office. Pete Ricketts Wages haven't kept

U.S. Senator

up. Put simply, this means Nebraskans are worse off economically than they were four years ago.

The Biden Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) attacked American energy production in favor of Green New Deal policies. EPA Bureaucrats disregarded Nebraska biofuels in favor of delusional EV mandates. They

pushed regulations like the "Clean Power Plan," which would lead to the closure of power plants across the country. They pushed a new "Waters of the United States" rule which tried to claim farm ponds and drainage ditches were "navigable waters.

Biden canceled oil and gas lease sales, preventing American companies from utilizing our natural resources. And in the closing weeks of his failed administration, he banned new oil and gas drilling in U.S. coastal waters. This anti-energy record meant higher energy prices for hardworking Americans.

Over-regulation also raised prices for families and job-creators. In just four years, the Biden administration finalized over 5,000 new regulations. This year alone, over 100,000 pages of new rules were finalized. That's the most pages of new rules in our nation's history. Stacked on top of one another, they would be 33 feet tall. That's as tall as a three-story building.

This flood of federal regulations cost families and slowed economic growth. One estimate found that families would pay an extra \$3,300 per year for as long as Biden's regulations continued to exist. Another study estimated they would impose \$1.7 trillion in cumulative costs on our economy This includes adding over 300 million

man-hours of new compliance costs for businesses and consumers. That's a crazy amount of new paperwork. Small businesses and American families paid the price.

Over-regulation accounts for nearly 25% of the cost of a single-family home. For a typical apartment development, it's even worse. Regulations account for 40% of the cost. These unnecessary rules make it harder and more expensive to build homes. That means fewer families can achieve the American dream. Nebraskans understand the importance of hard work. We understand the importance of living within our means. We decide priorities to

balance our pocketbooks. Nebraska families deserve better than to be buried in higher costs and red tape.

Relief is coming. Under President Trump and Republican leadership, America will get back to innovating instead of regulating. We will support markets instead of mandates. We will cut taxes, unleash American energy, and cut the red tape. We will support job-creators. And we will make the American dream more attainable for hardworking families. The days of high prices and over-regulation are ending. The revival of American prosperity is about to begin. Let's get to work.

# Teeing up winning policy

Recent discussions I have had with President Trump and my congressional colleagues highlight both the significant challenges and the opportunity we will soon have to get our country back on the right track. After four years of inflationary spending under the Biden-Harris administration, voters have demanded a change in leadership and policy. The tragic consequences of open border policies have grown more severe during the last four years, and anti-growth Biden-Harris policies have squelched American energy production.

These policy failures demand decisive action, and I am ready and eager to work with the Trump administration to get to work to deliver the winning agenda Americans have chosen in the ballot box. There is no time to waste to implement better policy which will unleash American prosperity while bringing fiscal responsibility. Moving legislative solutions across the finish line will require use

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# Fischer

Policy

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SUV. Instead of detaining the killer and taking him into custody, ICE lost track of him. He disappeared, and he still runs free.

My colleagues and I first introduced Sarah's Law in 2016 to honor Root, and we've reintroduced it every Congress since. Sarah's Law will require the

detention of any illegal immigrant who is charged with a crime resulting in the death or serious bodily injury of another person

In the Senate, we are working to ensure that these important provisions from Sarah's Law will be added to the Laken Riley Act before final passage. Together, the Laken Riley Act

and Sarah's Law will close dangerous loopholes, protecting Americans from tragedies like the deaths of Riley and Root.

The catastrophic border policy of the Biden administration has real, grave consequences for our country.

In the Senate, it's our job to respond by saying "enough" to this chaos.

#### Janice M. Hart, 83

October 12, 1941 - January 20, 2025

will join me.

A 1960 graduate of St. Boniface High School, she loved attending her granddaughters' activities.

> jobs during her life. She was a CNA and housekeeper in nursing homes and was a grocery checker at Jack and Jill in Neligh.

Neither Riley nor Root, nor

But I am determined to honor

any other victim of criminal

illegal immigrants, set out to

become a household name.

their memories by passing

legislation that will prevent

these crimes from occurring in

the future. I hope my colleagues

Janice was a lifelong devoted Catholic. She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Neligh for much of her adult life and was a member of the Christian Mothers.

She enjoyed watching her soap operas and her favorite show "Golden Girls." She loved being outdoors tending to her yard and enjoying the fresh air.

Her favorite color was blue. Visiting her mom and aunt to do their hair and eat popcorn with them, was a routine event.

Most of all, she loved attending her granddaughters' activities.

Janice is survived by her husband: Rolland Hart of Neligh; son: Scott (Christa) Hart of Madison; two granddaughters: Moriah Hart and Haley (Fiancé Mark Steiner) Hart both of Lincoln, NE; three brothers: Jim (Ruth) Hausmann of Kearney, NE; Mike (Judy) Hausmann of Papillion, NE; Don Hausmann of Evergreen, CO; two sisters: Jeri Ainsworth of Columbus, NE; Dianne (Donn) Olson of Columbus, NE; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents: Mike and Mary Penne; and Charles Hausmann.

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### Leora P. Sullivan, 91

Leora P.

Sullivan, 91

NE, died

Thursday, January 16, 2025, at

her daughter's home in Peters-

A Mass of Christian Buri-

al will be 10:30 a.m., Friday,

Frank Baumert officiating.

p.m. Thursday, January 23,

p.m. wake service.

2025 at the church, with a 7:00

Elgin, NE is in charge of the

arrangements. Condolences

may be sent to the family

at www.levanderfuneral-

Levander Funeral Home of

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Leo Leora Pauline Sullivan,

daughter of Fred A. and Bertha

(Schumacher) Meyer was born

NE. Leora attended Holy Trin-

tington, NE before graduating

from Hartington High School.

Following graduation, Leora

moved to Omaha and worked

was united in marriage to

Raymond P. Sullivan at Holy

Trinity Catholic Church in

Hartington, NE. From this

and Norfolk, NE before set-

tling down in Elgin, NE in 1962. She owned and operated

union, Leora was blessed with

The couple lived in Wayne

On October 24, 1953, Leora

for Ray's uncle.

five children.

Back

July 18, 1933, in Hartington,

ity Catholic School in Har-

January 24, 2025, at St. Boni-

face Church in Elgin with Rev.

Burial will follow in the parish

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00

burg, NE.

cemetery.

home.com.

of Petersburg,

July 18, 1933 - January 16, 2025

A longtime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

> Ray's Superette alongside her husband as well as doing all the bookkeeping.

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Leora was a longtime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. She was a part of St. Boniface Christian Mothers, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Music Ministry.

She enjoyed playing cards, grabbing coffee with friends, reading, going to the movies, and spending time with her family.

Leora is survived by her five children: Tim (Charlotte) Sullivan of Harlan, IA; Beth (Pete) Wahlers of Denver, CO; Mary Ives of Denver, CO; Teresa (Bob) Heying of Petersburg, NE; Doug (Nancy) Sullivan of Billings, MT; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Katie (Earl) Gilsdorf of Bellevue, NE; Joyce Kollars of Lincoln, NE; Renae (Ed) Pieters of New Town Square, PA; four brothers: Vernon Meyer of Omaha, NE; Dennis (Charlene) Meyer of Olathe, KS; Dean (Karen) Meyer of Norfolk, NE; Delwin (Lee) Meyer of Fremont, NE; brother-in-law: Gene (Hilda) Sullivan of Sioux Falls, SD; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Raymond in 2005; parents-inlaw: Pat and Anna Sullivan; brother-in-law: Orville Kollars; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bill and Peggy Jansen; John and Nan McGill; and nephew: Michael Gilsdorf.

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22 days. She grew up on her parents' farm in the St. John's community south of Ewing, attended the rural schools, and graduated from the Ewing High School in 1929.



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of the reconciliation process, and I look forward to working hard with my colleagues and the new administration to accomplish this.

This week, in our first hearing of the 119th Congress, the Ways and Means Committee looked at the work we have been doing to prepare to address expiring tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) which spurred so much wage growth and economic benefit. Following TCJA's enactment, wages for millions of American workers went up, domestic investment by impacted companies increased by 20 percent, American corporations stopped moving their headquarters overseas, and federal revenue outpaced projections for growth.

In the years leading up to TCJA's landmark passage, the Wavs and Means Committee diligently laid the groundwork by soliciting feedback from Americans, sharing ideas, and working together to construct sound legislation. Without this we would never have been able to produce such a successful legislative product in 2017.

the same thing.



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Congressman **Adrian Smith**  As we work to apply the feedback we've re-ceived, I am committed to providing farmers, manufacturers, and other rural businesses with the certainty, permanence, and simplicity in the tax code they need to plan for the future

In recent months, we have worked hard to do

and succeed financially. The American people have also clearly called upon the federal government to restore the rule of law to the southern border and end the outgoing administration's war on affordable energy. While President Biden promptly reversed successful Trump-era policies such as Remain in Mexico and restricted federal oil and gas leases, House Republicans advanced legislation to unleash energy production and close the border by passing H.R. 1, the Low-

er Energy Costs Act and H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. H.R. 1 would have cut red tape across all energy industries to boost domestic production and exports and expressed disapproval for President Biden's cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline. H.R. 2 would have reinstated Remain in Mexico and mandated completion of the border wall.

Unfortunately, both bills were ignored by Senate Democrats and President Biden.

While coming together to implement these policies in an expeditious, effective manner will be a challenge, it's important to remember the mandate the American people have set. As we work to bring the best ideas forward, we must not let differences of opinion get in the way of accomplishing what we can for the American people.

President Trump's return to the presidency is a historic achievement. As we prepare to work together, I am committed to setting up the best ideas for success. We can and we will encourage economic growth, protect Americans by securing our border, promote energy abundance, and restore fiscal sanity to Washington.



died Monday, January 20, 2025, at Arbor Care Centers - Countryside, in

Janice M.

Madison, NE. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2025 at St. Boniface Church in Elgin, with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements.

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

Janice Marie Hart, daughter of Leo J. and Ione M. (Penne) Hausmann, was born in O'Neill, NE on October 12, 1941. She was confirmed into the Catholic

faith at St. Boniface Church in Elgin. She attended St. Boniface schools from grade school until

she graduated in 1960. On July 29, 1961, Janice was united in marriage to Rolland R. Hart at St. Boniface Church in Elgin.

From this union Janice was blessed with one son. They made their home on a farm between Elgin and Neligh, NE. Janice worked a few different

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Elgin, NE

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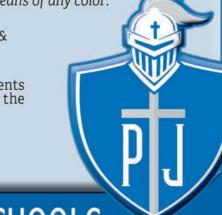
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#### **HIGH HONORS:**

Seniors: Natalie Burenheide, Olivia Klein and Kaitey Schumacher. Juniors: Tessa Barlow and Camry Kittelson. Sophomores: Brooke Kinney. 8th Grade: Lillian Moser. 7th Grade: Chloe Kielty.

#### HONOR ROLL

(3.0 - All grades 78 or above) Cael Bottorf, Brayden Clark, Dominic Durre, Anna Dworak, Jayvin Erickson, Jael Lammers, John Zwingman, Max Henn, Evin Pelster, Riker Suhr, Justice Blecher, Ruby Durre, Madelyn Kurpgeweit, Braelyn Martinsen, Wyatt Paul, Sadie Thiessen, Megan Wright, Kaiden



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#### **HONOR ROLL:**

Juniors: Jovie Borer, Grady Drueke, Quinn Hoefer, Karson Kallhoff, Aiden Klein and Reese Stuhr. Sophomores: Samantha Stuhr. Freshmen: Matthew Kerkman. 8th Grade: Raaf Klein. 7th Grade: Carter Selting and Anna Stuhr.

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#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY 13 MEETING**

VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

#### VILLAGE OF BARTLETT **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING** 13 JANUARY 2025

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on January 13, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr, Nichols and Nordhues. Also present: Sherry Tetschner, Rick Custard, Heidi and Martin Wid and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to approve the December 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nordhues, Einspahr, Nichols and Williamson. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: The clerk administered the oath of office to Sherry Tetschner, and she signed it. Letti Nichols stepped down and was presented with a retirement gift and card. The meeting was closed and reopened with the new board member at 7:04 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Einspahr, Tetschner and Nordhues. Also present: Rick Custard, Heidi and Martin Wid and Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

STREETS: The board discussed the issues still happening with the stop signs and lights at the school crosswalk. They are working with the contractor and engineer to come to a resolution. They also discussed having the curbs fixed by Lovitt's house.

WATER: The Wids discussed with the board how their pipes had lots of air in them after the water was turned off. Wiese will be coming to look into that.

The board also discussed how one copper and lead test was missed, so signs will be hung up around town. There has never been any problem with the lead and copper levels in Bartlett's water.

SEWER: The tree piles by the

Plugge, seconded by Einspahr to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Williamson, Tetschner and Einspahr. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion carried. **EXPENDITURES** 

**GENERAL:** Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$94.34; Elgin Review, Newspaper Publication, \$56.30; Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Telephone & Internet, \$131.14; Spalding Farm & Home, Supplies, \$60.37; Wheeler Central Schools, Tobacco license fee, \$20.00; NE Department of Labor, unemployment tax, \$5.51; Lammers, Abel & Kaps, Audit Waiver forms, \$725.00; Rick Custard, Potholes, \$90.00; Dan Williamson, yearly wage for management, \$398.76; L&L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; One Call Concepts, Call before you dig, \$3.16; Riley Williamson, Burn tree piles, \$75.00; Emma Smith, Retirement flowers reimbursement, \$53.50; The Windmill, Gift certificates for Christmas decorations, \$100.00; Ne Department of Revenue, Local Use and Sales Tax, \$481.81; WeMart, Fuel, \$154.19; Kayton International, Completed payment, \$2.84; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50; Mark NOrdhues, Board Member Expense, \$50; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Plugge's Rod Shop, Headlight, air brake chamber, oil, \$192.55; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Thank you cards, \$10.59, Norton security reimbursement, \$63.29, Salary, \$569.50

**TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:** \$5,279.85

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$115.53; Jerry Koinzan, Removed trees around lagoon, \$550.00.

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$665.53

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$2,099.30; Miller & Associates, Management of construction, \$3,642.00; A Plus Contracting, Street project application 3, \$51,580.20.

#### TOTAL STREET EXPENSES: \$57,321.50

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$1,051.66; Wiese Waterworks, Leak fix, installed valves, replaced curb stop bos, \$11,417.50; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$12,769,16 **GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDI-**

TURES: \$76,036.04 **OTHER BUSINESS:** The board

discussed the open position to the Region 26 Board. A sign in book will be put in the skid steer to keep track of hours for billing. When using the skid steer, please sign in with name, date and hours. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY 15, 2025 MEETING**

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### **ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room**

January 15, 2025 6:31 PM Supt. Mike Brockhaus called the

regular January meeting to order at 6:31 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; Ron Bode seconded. Vote 5-0, Lisa abstained, motion carried.

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

Heithoff nominated Ron Bode for Secretary. Motion by Heithoff seconded by Luke Hinkle. Beckman motioned for nominations ceased, Busteed seconded. Vote 5-0, Bode abstained. motion carried.

Beckman then nominated Luke Hinkle as Treasurer. Motion by Beckman seconded by Busteed. Bode motioned to cease Nominations, Heithoff seconded. Vote 5-0, Hinkle abstained, motion carried.

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

Hinkle motioned and Beckman seconded to designate the Official Depository of Funds as the Bank of Elgin and/or Great Plains Bank of Petersburg, the Legal 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, Heithoff, and Welding. Vote against 0. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Busteed motioned and Heithoff 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.

AKRS, Maintenance, \$213.14; Antelope County Clerk, board Expense, \$302.06; Appeara, Maintenance, \$594.72; Applied Connective Technologies, Business Expense, \$156.00; Bishop Business, business Expense, \$191.42; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$3,940.33; Boone Co. Health Center, Transportation, \$110.00; City of Elgin, Maintenance, \$3,574.55; COR Therapeutic, Title IV Expense, \$2,150.00; Corner Service & Tire, Transportation, \$747.10; D&L Towing, Transportation, \$810.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$22.41, Instru Expense, \$183.80, Instru Expense, \$24.67; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,108.84; ESU #8,

SpEd Expense, \$54,220.60; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$261.81; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,281.70; Elgin Pharmacy, Maintenance, \$6.97; Elgin Review, board Expense, \$49.42; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$2,512.76; Esau, Duane, Transportation, \$31.00; Great America Financial Svcs, business Expense, \$351.17; GO Physical Therapy, SpEd Expense, \$3,804.21; Great Plains Communication, business Expense, \$287.10; Hometown Station, Transportation, \$637.63; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$109.12; Jaymar Business Forms, business Expense, \$88.30; JW Pepper, Instru Expense, \$27.00; KSB School Law, board Expense, \$525.00; Lumos Learning, Instru Expense, \$2,217.65; MidAmerican Research Co., maintenance, \$1,776.92; NCSA, Admin Expense, \$120.00; NRCSA, Admin Expense, \$220.00; Northeast Regional Programs, spEd Expense, \$46.50; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$105.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$934.21; Precision Repair, Transportation, \$1,583.68; TMS, Business Expense, \$69.00; US Bank, \$784.04; Veik, Meghan, SpEd Expense, \$28.14; Verizon Business, Business Expense, \$199.54; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$157.26; Wage-Works, Instru Expense, \$139.25; Waste Connections, Business Expense, \$19.78; Wells Fargo, \$390.77

Total Board Bills: \$87,114.57 President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

Mr. Brockhaus reported that the finance committee met before the meeting and gave an update that they look to be sitting well financially.

Principal Wemhoff welcomed Mrs. Briley Eischeid to the meeting and she presented on Artsonia, a

website where families can interact with students' art projects. Mr. Wemhoff then presented his report on school activities over the last month and upcoming the rest of this month.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on teacher contracts and an update on researching a new reading program. The K-6 grade teachers will be going to other schools to see what they are using.

In action items, Heithoff motioned to approve the second reading of updated Policy 717.00 Disposal of Property Under Federal Grants. Bode seconded. Vote 6-0, motioned carried.

Bode motioned Busteed seconded to approve the early retirement application from Dorothy Heithoff. Vote 4-1, Beckman voted no. Heithoff abstained. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the bid to replace the fourth and fifth grade classroom windows was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Discussion was also held on setting the board retreat. The date was set for June 11th, 2025, following the monthly board meeting at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Beckman, second by Hinkle to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the EPS Board Room. Respectfully submitted,

Ron Bode, Secretary

Jessica Niewohner, Recorder -This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting. PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

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sewer lagoon were burned. The board discussed putting the treatments in the sewer lift station. Once again, they also discussed having someone come out to grind the roots in the sewer system by Smith's house.

KENO: Was discussed. **USER FEES:** Were discussed.

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

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, January 22 Prevention Solutions at EPS.

Friday, January 24 Referee's Land sale to be held @ 10 a.m. at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh.\* 
EHS TeamMates recognition @ EPS following EPPJ v. West Holt girls basketball game\* 
Recognition of 1995 EHS State Champion Basketball game @ EHS gymnasium (halftime of boys varsity game)\*.

Sunday, January 26 25th Annual "Evening With Friends"\*. gala at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall\* - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest @ St. Boniface Auditorium\*.

Monday thru Friday, January 27-31

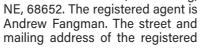
Catholic Schools Week, Artist in Residence program at Pope John XXIII Central School. 'Sharing Show' to be Friday, the 31st, from 11:20 to 11:50 a.m. at St. Boniface Auditorium.

Friday, January 31 PJCC 'Pastries With Parents'



Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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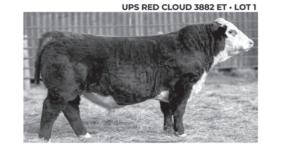


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# Looming crackdown: Nebraska schools, churches, immigrant groups bracing for Trump-promised historic deportation

By Natalia Alamdari *Flatwater Free Press* Five hundred teachers, principals and superintendents across the state logged onto a

Zoom call last week wondering: What do we do if immigration raids affect our school? Among the concerns raised

and detailed during the twohour call: What do we do if Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers enter our school's front door?

What should our students know about their rights? How should parents prepare?

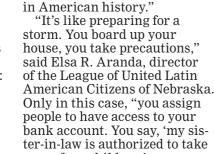
And what if there's a workplace raid, and our students are left alone because their parents have been detained?

"Your obligation is to your students' rights," ACLU Nebraska attorney Dylan Severino said on the call. "It's not to ICE."

Advocates, lawyers, local leaders and Nebraska immigrants have spent the months since Election Day preparing for scenarios like workplace raids, separated families, ICE presence at courthouses and more.

They are leading "know your rights" info sessions in Lexington and passing out planning pamphlets in Grand Island. Immigration attorneys are fielding calls from churches in Lincoln and schools in Schuyler asking whether their buildings are safe. Grassroots groups are meeting on Zoom to create contingency plans should Nebraska see workplace raids.

All are bracing for President Donald Trump's promise of the "largest deportation operation



care of my children.' "We don't want to incite fear. But we also cannot run and hide."

Deportation on the scale that Trump and his allies have described could impact the more than 150,000 foreign-born immigrants living in Nebraska, say immigration attorneys - the undocumented workers in fields and factories; the teens waiting for hearings in their asylum cases; community members who have lived here legally for decades on temporary protected status; mixed-status families made up of children born in the U.S. with undocumented parents.

"It's not just documented vs. undocumented," said Kevin Ruser, who runs the Nebraska College of Law's Immigration Clinic. "You've got shades of gray in here ... it's way, way more complicated than that."

Once a month, about 700 families line up on Saturday morning for food bank distributions in the parking lot of First-Plymouth Congregational Church.

The church sits in Lincoln's Near South neighborhood, where a quarter of residents speak English as their second





#### **Duties:**

 Ability to work with, direct, coordinate, and monitor the work of the utility crew language. The church houses a bilingual early childhood center, said Juan Carlos Huertas, a First-Plymouth minister.

"Those families are coming into our building every day," Huertas said. "We want to make sure it remains a safe space."

Huertas and church leaders are talking to immigration attorneys to answer the question: What happens if ICE tries to come into church?

ICE has long avoided sensitive spaces like churches, hospitals and schools. But the Trump administration is considering reversing that policy.

"We're just watching what happens, and making sure that we're just responding to actual facts on the ground," Huertas said. "That's all we can do."

Trump, inaugurated Monday, has repeatedly said that deportations will ramp up on Day 1 of his presidency. What that will look like remains murky.

"He's said a whole lot," the ACLU's Severino said in an interview. "So we've got a lot to prepare for."

Trump has said main deportation targets include migrants with criminal records, and those with outstanding removal orders – meaning the courts have ordered them to leave, but they're still in the country.

There are an estimated 40,000 undocumented immigrants in Nebraska – likely an undercount, since it's a population that censuses and surveys often miss, says a 2024 Pew Research Center report.

Trump has vowed to deport those undocumented immigrants.

But there are other subgroups of documented immigrants he's said he'd try to deport as well. Last year, he said he'd end temporary protected status, a program that since 1990 has allowed people to remain in the United States if natural disasters or armed conflict keep them from safely returning home. Immigrants with this status have no path to citizenship, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security decides whether to extend their status.

In Nebraska, there were an estimated 1,700 people on temporary protected status in 2018, according to the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-based immigrant advocacy group. Some have lived in the state for decades.

"They've built their homes here," said Heidi Oligmueller, a South Sioux City immigration attorney. "Their kids have been raised here." Trump tried to roll back temporary protected status during his last presidency, but was challenged in court. Also murky: The fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. In Nebraska, there are about 2,620 DACA recipients, often called "Dreamers." The confusion is widespread, both urban and rural, said Roxana Cortes-Mills, associated legal director for the Omaha-based Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement. "People who are experiencing this uncertainty are in every pocket...across the state," she said. A new poll of Americans suggests broad agreement on removing immigrants here illegally with criminal records, with some 87% saying they should be deported. A slight majority, 55%, support deporting all immigrants here illegally in the poll by the New York Times and Ipsos. But Americans' support erodes when asked about deporting children or Dreamers. Only 34% support "ending protection from deportation for immigrants who were children when they entered the U.S. illegally." There's also the dangling question of whether the country's immigration system can handle deportations on the scale the newly inaugurated president is proposing. Omaha's immigration court

is so backlogged that people the already wait three to four years for a hearing, said Ruser with the Nebraska College of Law. pho

Dump more cases into that system and "they're going to be setting hearings 10 years out." "It's going to completely overwhelm an already overwhelmed

system," Ruser said. Trump and advisers have suggested using laws like the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 – a

law signed by John Adams allowing the president to detain and deport non-citizens in times of war – to bypass immigration courts. That would likely be challenged in court. Amid the confusion, advocates and attorneys are looking to the past as a blueprint of what to expect.

"Food production plants in the Midwest and Southwest are the most likely targets for workplace enforcement actions," said Anna Deal, legal director with CIRA. "National-level organizers are focusing on those as the most likely location for future raids, because that's where they've been concentrated in



Denis Henn (I) with Fire Chief Greg Henn.

#### the past."

Superintendent Steve Joel's phone started ringing in the pre-dawn hours a few days before Christmas 2006.

ICE officers had just raided Grand Island's meatpacking plant, then owned by Swift & Company. By day's end, they had rounded up 250 suspected undocumented workers.

Joel and the Grand Island Public Schools district he then ran were left with kids who had both parents picked up by ICE. Frightened high schoolers refused to go home. Teenagers were tasked with taking care of their younger siblings. In the weeks following, families were scared to return to school – at one point, Joel sent principals door to door, trying to convince families it was safe to come back to class.

"It tore the guts out of the Grand Island community," Joel said. "We had to create a plan on the fly. The message that I'm trying to present to superintendents and school boards is, you need to stay out of the politics and you need to stay focused on the most important responsibility that you have. And that's the kids." Trump and his advisers have promised to bring back workplace raids, a practice that slowed under the Biden administration.

Gov. Jim Pillen, along with 25 other Republican governors, has pledged to follow the president's lead, whether through state law enforcement or deploying the National Guard.

"We're trying to find out any activity that's taking place so that we can be part of the solution," Pillen said on a radio show in July.

In the past 20 years, Nebraska has seen two large-scale raids: The 2006 Grand Island raid and a 2018 raid in O'Neill, where ICE officers raided a tomato greenhouse and potato processing plant. That raid targeting 17 people for exploiting illegal workers, fraud and money laundering also led to the arrest of 133 people for immigration violations.



Greg Henn (I) and Tyler Childers. Photos submitted

# Elgin Volunteer Fire Department members honored at Awards Night

Annual Awards Night held January 19 at the KC Hall

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) members, along with Elgin EMTs/1st Responders, gathered on Sunday evening to have some food, some fun and recognize members for achievements during the past year.

Awards for the EVFD, provided to the *Elgin Review*, were for Years of Service and Perfect Attendance.

Recognized for years with the department were Denis Henn (25 years) and Justin Henn (25 years).

Those having perfect attendance in the past year



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# **Priorities**

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begin on the same day. LB383, introduced by Sen. Tanya Storer of Whitman at the request of Pillen, would adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act, which would require social media platforms to only allow Nebraskans to create accounts if they can confirm they are over the age of 18. Those under 18 would need parental approval, which would require parents to input their legal identification, along with a signed consent form, which the bill states must be able to be retracted at any time.

LB156, introduced by Sen. Danielle Conrad of Lincoln, would allow families to sue public schools for some cases of sexual assault. The legislation would hold schools liable if an assault occurred on school grounds, in a school vehicle, in a vehicle driven for a school event by an employee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

Conrad proposed this legislation in the 2024 session and successfully gained enough votes for it to pass, but Pillen vetoed it, stating the bill would erode sovereign immunity and was overly broad. By specifying school locations as the only place of assault, Conrad narrowed the current bill.

LB285, introduced by Sen.

Dan Lonowski of Hastings, would prohibit the sale of flavored vape devices in Nebraska. Additionally, LB431, introduced by Lippincott, would reclassify kratom as a controlled substance, therefore prohibiting its sale in Nebraska.

LB151, introduced by Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha, would adopt the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act, which would offer tax incentives to Nebraskans buying a home for the first time.

The bill would allow individuals to offset \$4,000 for married taxpayers in a joint tax return and \$2,000 for others of gross income into a savings account. Account holders could make tax-deductible contributions for up to 10 years.

LB258, introduced by Sen. Jane Raybould of Lincoln, would establish a new youth minimum wage, which would be below the current minimum wage.

Currently, employers must pay employees who are minors the same minimum wage, which currently sits at \$13.50 per hour, but will rise to \$15 on Jan. 1, 2026. Under Raybould's proposal, employers would be able to indefinitely pay employees between ages 14 and 16 \$13.50. Additionally, employers could pay employees between ages 16 and 18 a training wage for up to 180 days, which would be \$13.50 until 2027, where it will change to a rate of 75% of the minimum wage of the time.

LB367, introduced by Sen. Megan Hunt of Omaha, would prohibit medical providers from providing conversion therapy to minors. It would also require that no state funds be expended for such type of treatment.

LB222, introduced by Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha, would narrow reasons law enforcement could pull over a vehicle and require written consent for an officer to conduct a search.

The proposal would prevent officers from stopping vehicles due to non-moving traffic violations or because of equipment failures that are not immediate threats to those in and around the vehicle. It would require officers to digitally log a reason for a stop, immediately inform the driver of the reason for the stop, and prevent the officer from questioning anything other than the specific reason for the stop, unless observing evidence that establishes reasonable suspicion of criminal behavior. Additionally, it would require a member of law enforcement to obtain written consent from a person before searching their vehicle.

By Owen Reimer Nebraska News Service

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#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING**

#### THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **OF COMMISSIONERS** Neligh, Nebraska January 14th, 2025

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the Vice-chairman opened meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the January 7th, 2025 Meeting. Public comments. Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

General: AKRS ex 57.04; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 20,976.66; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 51.00; APPEARA ex 34.22; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 5,302.48; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,555.72; BLACKBURN MFG ex 165.30; BCBS ins 74,728.07; BLUE360 MEDIA ex 198.90; BOB BARKER CO ex 89.98; BOYDS NETWORK SOL ex 140.00; BRO-GAN & GRAY ex 1,620.74; BUTCHS BODY SHOP ex 240.00; CAR-NEY LAW ex 10,043.80; CASEYS ex 80.27; CITY OF NELIGH ut 3,093.01; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CITY OF NORFOLK ex 25,817.00; CLEARFLY COMMS ut 158.90; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 74.00; COLDTYPE PUB ex 188.71; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 100.88; CUBBYS ex 409.88; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; DRIV-ERS LIC GUIDE CO ex 33.95; DUSTYS ex 922.84; EAKES OFC SOL ex 2,218.48; ELECTION SYS-TEMS & SOFTWARE ex 230.00; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 267.94; Elgin Review ex 23.81; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 240.80; EXTRA PACK-AGING ex 644.22; FED W/H tax 12,739.30; FIRST CONCORD BENS

ins 5,376.72; GOV FORMS & SUP-PLIES ex 515.00; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 326.36; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-KEARNEY ex 1,249.50; HOLIDAY INN ex 269.90; IOWA PRISON IND ex 330.66; JONNY DODGE ex 2,864.90; KIESLER PO-LICE SUPPLY ex 640.62; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 24.00; MADISON CO SHRF ex 40.90; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 123.53; DECISION IN-SIGHT INFO GROUP ex 1,086.40; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,336.42; NACO PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC ex 40.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NATL SHRF'S ASSN ex 125.00; NEBR DIST COURT CLERK ASSN ex 50.00; NEBR ASSESSOR ASSN ex 100.00; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR ex 643.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,975.74; NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS ex 90.00; NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN ex 150.00; NELIGH POST-MASTER ex 188.00; THOMAS NELSON ex 44.91; NIELSEN INS ex 40.00; VSP - NACO VISION ins 542.60; NCPPD ut 55.24; PAPER TIGER SHREDDING ex 935.10; LISA PAYNE ex 535.77; PINNACLE BANK ex 349.42; PITZER DIGITAL ex 266.79; PROTEX CENTRAL ex 175.00; REGION IV ex 2,808.00; **REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** SYSTEM ex 6,197.00; JANICE RID-DER ps 10.00; SECRETARY NEW-MA ex 100.00; SEC OF STATE ex 20.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,560.93; SOC SEC 27,732.06; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,136.76; THRIFTWAY MARKET

ex 37.88; UNIV OF NEBR-LIN-COLN ut 45.02; US CELL ut 640.08; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 285.92; LISA WELDING ex 75.00; MEGAN WINGATE ex 200.93; GREG WORTMAN ex 105.30; 319 GRAPHICS ex 122.50; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 100,000.00; PETTY CASH (CO CLERK) ex 10.00; Payroll: 140,420.72

**Road/Bridge:** AKRS ex 2,941.78; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 12,889.02; APPEARA ex 137.44; FIRSTNET ut 140.18; ATCO INTERNATL ex 1,333.75; BARCO ex 812.61; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 309.53; BLACK HILLS ENER-GY ut 1,456.70; BLACKSTRAP ex 621.31; BCBS ins 45,256.52; BOMGAARS ex 3,588.38; GARY BORER ex 1,581.00; CARHART LUMBER ex 131.33; CARQUEST ex 1,627.49; CAT FIN SVCS ex 40,836.22; CINTAS ex 4.98; CITY OF ELGIN ut 192.69; CITY OF NEL-IGH ut 12.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 71.20; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 18.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR ex 863.80; CON-STELLATION ut 121.83; CORNER HARDWARE ex 38.98; CREDIT MNGT SVCS garn 501.72; CUB-BYS ex 585.86; DUSTYS ex 128.68; ELGIN COMMUNITY CNTR ex 312.50; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 72.40; ERPPD ut 628.88; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 13,122.72; FARMERS PRIDE ex 13,820.10; FED W/H tax 8,250.05; FIRST CONCORD BENS ins 2,992.69; FRONTIER COMM ut 477.62; GIS WORKSHOP ex 1,837.50; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 312.85; TIM GRUBB ex 24,795.09; HOLT CO TIRE ex 1,059.60; HUBEL WELDING & IRON ex 1,600.62;

ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 228.16; JEO ex 13,982.50; JONNY DODGE ex 2,922.84; K&S DOOR ex 400.75; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 5,236.00; KELLY SUPPLY ex 495.77; LEIGH KLUTHE ex 39.00; LAZY T ex 753.95; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 799.14; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 55.82; MESCHERS AUTO BODY ex 170.00; MTS TREE SVC ex 250.00; JOSHUA MITCHELL ex 100.00; MR S'S ex 743.44; N&B GAS CO ex 930.31; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,856.90; NEBR DEPT OF REV - FUEL TAX ex 2,450.00; NPPD ut 288.01; NEL-IGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 423.34; VSP - NACO VISION ins 312.07; NMC EXCHANGE ex 37,505.33; NCPPD ut 259.68; ORVALS AUTO SVC ex 16.90; LISA PAYNE ex 62.50; QUALITY IRON & MET-AL ex 147.77; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 5,591.65; RAZOR TRACKING ex 975.00; RDO TRUCK CNTR ex 626.70; ROAD BUILDERS ex 8,320.92; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 906.29; RYAN SCHRUNK ex 4,043.77; SAPP BRO PETRO ex 2,778.18; WEX BANK ex 536.85; SOC SEC 18,165.24; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.56; ULINE ex 694.02; VILLAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 109.00; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 82.03; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 277.90; WESTERN OIL II ex 131.00; 319 GRAPHICS ex 542.00; Payroll: 91,924.33 **County Visitors Promotion:** 

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349.80;

VETS SVC OFC ex 40.00; Inheritance: NMC EXCHANGE ex 398,200.00;

Enforcement: BLACK Law HILLS ENERGY ut 420.67; CASH-WA DISTR ex 1,323.62; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,556.96; STEPHEN CAREY ex 2,700.00; CORNHUSK-ER STATE IND ex 293.00; CUL-LIGAN ex 83.75; APRIL CUR-TISS ex 147.00; DEANS MARKET ex 343.20; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SVCS ex 810.00; HILAND DAIRY ex 637.05; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 107.00: O'NEILL PEST CONTROL ex 95.00; PINNA-CLE BANK ex 117.44; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 159.33;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 304.30; COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 500.00; CUBBYS ex 13.46; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 299.52; POPCORN SALES ex NEBR 99.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 522.16; THRIFTWAY MARKET ex 124.59.

Re-organization and appointment of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

Correspondence was reviewed. Set 2025 holidays and commit-

#### tee appointments.

2025 Appointments of Veterans Service Officer, Weed Superintendent, Zoning Administrator, County Surveyor and Highway Superintendent.

Decembers Sheriff Fee Report. Zoning Permit Report yearly permit report.

Zoning Administrators Report. Yearly permit report.

Approved update to right of way structure placement permits and resolution.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved oversize permit.

Approved 2025 Depositories. Appointed legal newspapers.

Opened bids for Museum Roof and tabled for review.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY Chairman of County Board Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY 14 MEETING**

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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

#### ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Neligh, Nebraska

January 14th, 2025 Vice-chairman opened

meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute. Approved three (3) tax roll cor-

rections.

Approved five (5) motor vehicle ZNEZ

exemptions. Meeting Adjourned. Antelope County Board of Commissioners **CHARLIE HENERY** 

Vice-Chairman of County Board Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025

#### **NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE PERMITS**

ANTELOPE COUNTY CLERK LISA PAYNE

#### 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, 2025, 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 10th, 2025, 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.

#### 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, 2025 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 10th, 2025 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.

On Wednesday, January 15, Governor Jim Pillen presented his State of the State Address before the members of the Legislature. In his address, he noted that Nebraska remains on a strong footing since the state's unemployment rate remains low and the population is growing surpassing two million residents. As such, much of his address was focused on presenting his legislative priorities for the year. Bills being brought at the request of the Governor this vear include:

 LB3 by Senator Lippincott to return Nebraska to being a winner-take-all system when it comes to allocating the state's electoral college votes for President and Vice-President;

• LB89 by Senator Kauth which would adopt the Stand with Women Act to restrict biological boys from sharing bathrooms locker rooms and

Governor's bills brought to the legislature playing sports with biological girls; • LB246, my bill, which would

ban the sale of lab-grown meat in Nebraska; and LB303 by Senator Hughes to increase per student foundation aid to schools and create a commission to examine finance.

Governor Pillen also presented the Legislature with his budget proposal for the next two fiscal years between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027. Late last year, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board projected that the state would have a \$432 million budget shortfall due to drawdown of the federal pandemic funds and lower than expected tax collections resulting from tax cuts passed in prior legislative sessions. The Governor's proposed budget therefore calls for cuts to multiple state agencies, programs, and projects, repealing recently passed state laws that included new spending or cost the state significant revenue, and leveraging more federal dollars as mandated Medicaid and health costs rise. The Governor's proposed budget also recommends halting funding allocated to several tax exemptions currently in statute. In terms of impact relevant to Northeast Nebraska and District 40, the Governor's proposed budget includes the following: • Cutting \$65 million from the projects proposed at Lewis and Clark Lake and Niobrara State Park in Knox County (and Lake McConaughy in Keith County) as part of the Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) initiative;

 Striking a previously allocated appropriation to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska to help construct a Standing Bear Museum and Visitor Center near Niobrara;

• Increasing state public education funding by \$67.6 million to ensure the state can continue to reimburse local school districts for 80% of special education costs; and

• Allocating \$5.5 million to the Nebraska Corn Board for local, regional and international marketing.

I generally agree with the Governor that the Legislature must have the courage to say no and to focus on wants over needs. This is a good time for the Legislature to consider pausing, reevaluating, or reconsidering various projects and programs, such as a tax incentive program for sports complexes in Lincoln and Omaha. Although the state has a budget shortfall, I do think the Legislature can work with the Governor to ensure the state's needs are met and that we can continue progress toward more property tax relief via more fully funding public education. That being said, I am a bit disappointed with the cuts to STAR WARS in Knox & Keith Counties. The projects involved represent significant rural economic development that would be vital to helping to retain and attract people and dollars to our areas of state. Tourism is a major industry for Nebraska and our two largest lakes draw a lot of people who spend money and invest here. I know that there is already investment happening

by the private sector in the area of Lewis and Clark Lake, with many businesses counting on these projects moving forward. I will be working closely with my colleagues to try to ensure the promises made to Northeast Nebraska and Western Nebraska prior to my time in the Leg-

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District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

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ATER ex 350.00;

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th day of January 2025.

Lisa Payne /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

#### 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, 2025, 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 10th, 2025, 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 2025.

Lisa Payne /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

Dated at Neligh, Nebraska this 20th, day of January 2025.

Lisa Payne /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF **CLASS I ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SALE (OUTSIDE CORPO-**RATE 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, 2025, 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 10th 2025, 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 2025.

Lisa Payne /s/ Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: January 22, 2025 ZNEZ

# **Bartlett Bits**

CWC Varsity boys and girls basketball teams played games against Boyd County teams at Boyd County Friday evening, January 17. Final scores for the boy's teams were: CWC 43- Boyd County 41. Final scores for the girl's teams were: CWC-53- Boyd County 26. On Saturday, January 18 CWC girls boys played against St Mary's in O'Neill. The final scores for the boys teams were St. Marys 66-CWC 39. The final score for the girl's games were: St. Mary's 45- CWC 30.

On Tuesday, January 14, CWC boys and girls basketball teams played against Stuart at Stuart. The final scores for the boy's teams were Stuart 63-CWC 32. The final scores for the girl's teams were Stuart 47-CWC 42.

Lois Schrunk and Sherry Tetschner attended a surprise 80th party for Laura (Schrunk) Ratliff at the Legion Post in Atkinson Saturday, January 18. Laura was teary eyed when she stepped into the building and was greeted with happy birthday wishes by a large group of friends and family. She was indeed surprised. Her family had prepared a delicious noon meal for the even which included fried chicken, a large variety of salads, mashed potatoes and gravy, chocolate and white decorated cakes, plus cake pops and cheesecake. All Laura's favorites of course. Laura is a sister to the late Ellis Schrunk.

Mick Scarlett, a long time resident of Bartlett, recently moved with his wife Cathy to the nursing home in Burwell. Because of health issues he is now at the Life Care Center of Elkhorn. The address is 20275 Hopper Street, Room 117, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022. He will be there awhile and would love to receive cards or letters and hear about what's been going on in Bartlett, Ericson or Burwell. Submitted by Sherry Tetschner

leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.



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#### The family of Phyllis Kinney would like to express our deep-

est gratitude to the community for the many outpourings of love and support shown during our recent loss. Your kind words, condolences and thoughtful gestures have brought us great comfort during this difficult time. We would also like to thank the Willows Assisted Living for over 6yrs. of wonderful care and friendship and Aseracare Hospice for their wonderful medical and personal care.

A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Delores Ruzicka and **Reverend Mary Avidano Hubert** for a beautiful service and pianist Joanne Anderson and soloist Pastor Peter Sample for the beautiful music.

Thank you to Levander Funeral Home for handling the arrangements.

Lastly we would like to thank Julie, Pam, and Joanne in the preparation and serving of the meal after the visitation and Jodine's Catering for the meal served after the service.

Lana (Dick) Bennett and families Rich (Gwen) Kinney Tom (Connie) Kinney and families Karin Kinney and families

#### **Distracted driving** can be dangerous

Distracted driving is a major threat on the roadways. Anything that takes drivers' attention away from the road can be considered a distraction, and that includes phones, food, passengers, and even vehicle features like a GPS system. However, distracted driving is preventable. The Centers for **Disease Control and Prevention** says nine people in the United States are killed every day in crashes that involve a distracted driver. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving claimed the lives of 3,308 people in 2022. In addition, data from Transport Canada's National **Collision Database indicates** distracted driving contributed to an estimated 22.5 percent of fatal collisions and 25.5 percent

### **First Semester Honor Rolls for students** at PJCC recently announced

Pope John XXIII Central Catholic has released the Second Quarter (see ad on page 7) and First Semester honor rolls. Criteria for the honor rolls

are, High Honors: All A's and Honor Roll: An average of at least 92.5%. 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. **High Honors:** 

Seniors: Natalie Burenheide, Olivia Klein and Kaitey Schumacher. Juniors: Jovie Borer and Camry Kittelson. Sophomores: Brooke Kinney. 8th Grade: Lillian Moser. 7th Grade: Chloe

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**Honor Roll** 

Juniors: Tessa Barlow, Grady Drueke, Quinn Hoefer, Karson Kallhoff, Aiden Klein and Reese Stuhr. Sophomores: Elizabeth Moser and Samantha Stuhr. Freshmen: Matthew Kerkman. 8th Grade: Raaf Klein. 7th Grade: Carter Selting and Anna Stuhr.

Hinkle, Kellan Hoefer, Landon

Kallhoff, Emma Kinney, Dylan

Kaeden Schwarting and Lauren

(GPA 3.0; all grades 78 or above)

Cael Bottorf, Brayden Clark,

Dominic Durre, Victoria Evans,

John Zwingman, Donmetrious

Suhr, Justice Blecher, Braelyn

Martinsen, Wyatt Paul, Sadie Thiessen, Kaiden Bode, Andrea

Cara Romej, Jael Lammers,

Dredge, Evin Pelster, Riker

Hansen, Halle Lueking and

Kolm, IJM, Trissa Russell,

### **EHS announces their First Semester Honor Rolls**

ley Schindler, Sophia Burke,

Ann Dworak, Jayvin Erickson,

Macy Rokahr, Brystol Buschow,

Max Henn, Mckenna Mortiboy,

Kaidynce Schrad, Molly Thies-

sen, Zevon Buechter, Kyla Don-

Eisenhauer, Libby Evans, Gavin

Harkins, Madelyn Kurpgeweit,

Dannyka Smidt, Megan Wright,

Jaydalynn Chessmore, Creigh-

ton Harkins, Isaac Hemenway,

Kayton Zwingman, Samantha

Haley Parks, Trey Rittscher,

Kylee Lichtenberg, Gemma

Miller, Rylen Schwarting,

aldson, Ruby Durre, Kierstyn

Elgin Public Schools recently released their First Semester and 2nd Quarter (see ad on page 7) honor rolls. All A Honor Roll

(All grades 94 or Above) Garrett Busteed, Braedon Hinkle, Sydney Niewohner, Kynlee Tillis, Gentry Zwingman, Kyndal Busteed, Jarek Erickson, Taylor Beckman, Sara Bode, Kate Furstenau, Callie Heithoff and Jaidyn Schrad. Superior Honor Roll (GPA 3.5-3.99; all grades 86 or

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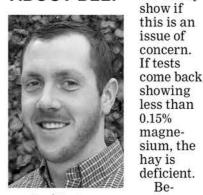
Grass tetany is an issue that we typically associate with spring. It occurs when animals are first turned out to pasture and have lush, new growth to eat. While quality, new grass growth doesn't have enough magnesium to meet nutritional needs. This is even worse for lactating animals as milk production raises this demand even more. The resulting magnesium deficiency results in tetany.

Tetany can exhibit itself as animals that are easily excited, have reduced feed intake, and exhibit muscle twitching, especially around the face and ears. Animals can also appear uncoordinated and walk with a stiff gait.

While not something we typically look for when temperatures drop, winter tetany is something we need to keep an eye on just as closely as we do grass tetany in the spring, especially for fall calving cows. During the winter months, a low magnesium diet can be just as big of an issue as in the spring.

Grass, alfalfa, and cereal grains harvested for hay can all be low in magnesium. When they make up a majorit or an animals diet and no additional magnesium is supplemented, tetany can be once again a concern. Getting a hay test with

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with the body's ability to absorb magnesium, forages that are high in potassium (greater than 2.5%) are at even higher risk. Another mineral to look at is calcium. Calcium can act as a sort of buffer, limiting the impact of high potassium. Tests showing calcium levels below 0.4% are considered low. In lactating animals, like fall calving cows, this drain on magnesium and calcium from milk production throws these imbalances

an adequate supply of salt is critical to proper magnesium utilization.

Second, test your hay. If it comes back low in magnesium (<0.15%) and calcium (<0.40%)and high in potassium (>2.5%), consider switching over to a high calcium and magnesium mineral. Most options use magnesium oxide, which is bitter tasting and can reduce animal consumption. Consider mixing with a protein or energy supplement or mixing with distillers grain or soybean meal to improve consumption if is not at target levels (for a 10-13% Magnesium mix, this is 4 oz. per head).

Finally, consider limiting feeds that are high in potassium. The high potassium levels aggravate low magnesium, so balancing these minerals in the ration better can help.

Tetany in the winter isn't a problem that jumps right to a producer's mind, but is a risk we need to be aware of. Properly testing hay and adjusting mineral and diets to balance out magnesium, calcium, and potassium can keep this nutritional problem at bay.

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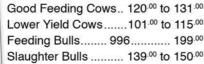
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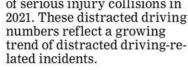


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# Evans wins gold at Battle Creek Invite Boosts record to 21-3

BATTLE CREEK — Wolfpack sophomore Libby Evans just keeps on winning.

Competing Monday afternoon at Battle Creek High School, Evans was the class of the field as she again won the 190-pound weight class. It wasn't the first time she stood atop the medal stand this season and it surely won't be the last.

Evans wrestled three times, recording one pin and one major decision. In the championship match, Evans defeated South Dakota wrestler Hope Kemnitz eight to zero.

Teammate Jayda Chessmore, competing at 120 pounds, continues to gain experience. On this day, she ran into tough competition, dropping both of her matches.

Next up for the girls will be the Neligh-Oakdale Invite Friday afternoon.

Girls wrestling results from Monday were:

Battle Creek Girls Invitational Results for Elgin Public/Pope John Girls

120 - Champ. Round 1 - Jayan Sackville (Pierce Girls) 16-8 won by fall over Jayda Chessmore (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 8-12 (Fall 4:52); Cons. Round 1 - Caydence Liester (Elkhorn Valley Girls) 9-14 won by fall over Chessmore (Fall 0:35)

190 — Quarterfinal - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 21-3 won by decision over Janelly Lucas (Wayne Girls) 11-12 (Dec 5-0; Semifinal - Evans won by fall over Izzy Baldwin (Canton) 16-13 (Fall 1:55); 1st Place Match - Evans won by major decision over Hope Kemnitz (Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon) 15-11 (MD 8-0)

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Jan. 24 vs. West Holt (EPS) ......4:30 Jan. 28 vs. Central Valley (PJ) ......4:00 Jan. 30 @ Humphrey-Lindsay Bulldogs.4:00 Feb. 1-8 NVC Tourney (Sat - EPS) ......TBA

#### JUNIOR HIGH

Jan. 23	vs. Randolph (EPS)	3:0
Jan. 27	@ Plainview (boys only)	4:0
Jan. 31	Tourn.@Elkhorn Valley (B)	4:0
Feb. 10	@ CWC	3:3

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# **Fullerton** holds off late run by Wolfpack

FULLERTON - Victory eluded the Wolfpack last week, falling 54 to 49 to Fullerton in non-conference basketball action.

The Warriors, playing on their home court trailed after one quarter, but held an edge over the final three quarters to claim the victory. Fullerton outscored the Wolfpack seven to two in the final three minutes of the third quarter to take a 38 to 32 lead

Every time the Wolfpack appeared ready to reclaim the lead in the final quarter, the Warriors answered back. With Fullerton up 41 to 34, Kellan Hoefer and Dylan Kolm scored back-to-back baskets. Then, after a Ful-lerton score, EPPJ freshman Max Henn knocked down a trey to cut the lead to two points.

Two more times the Wolfpack would get as close as two points, the last coming when Kolm made two of three free throws to make the score 49 to 47 with 43 seconds left. The Warriors made five of 10 free throws in the game's waning moments to seal the victory.

Karson Kallhoff led EPPJ with 18 points including four treys, Jarek Erickson had 14 points.

Fullerton dominated the boards, grabbing 44 rebounds to 20 for EPPJ.

Fullerton 54, EPPJ 49 Wolfpack ..... 11 10 11 17 - 49 Warriors......8 14 16 16 - 54 Wolfpack - Kellan Hoefer 3-11 0-0 6, Michael Selting 0-1 0-0 0 Ticen Sparr 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 7-17 0-4 18, Evin Pelster 0-0 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 6-12 2-4 14, Taylor Beckman 0-1 0-0 0, Max Henn 1-2 0-0 3, Dylan Kolm 2-7 4-5 8, Trey Rittscher 0-0 0-0 0 Team totals 19 51 6-13 49. Three-point shots - Wolflpack 5-27 (Karson Kall-hoff 4, Max Henn 1). Fullerton team totals: 18-50 13-22 54. Three-point shots - Fullerton 5-25. Team statistics: Rebounds -Wolfpack 20 (Max Henn 6) Fullerton 44. Assists – Wolf-pack 8 (Kellan Hoefer 3, Jarek Erickson 3). Steals - Wolfpack 4 (Jarek Erickson 2). Turnovers - Wolfpack 5, FullerIton 11.



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The Broncos' defense was no match for senior Dylan Kolm as he sliced through the lane towards the basket. He and his teammates' late rally came up short against Stuart by the score of 50 to 47.

## Wolfpack comeback against Stuart comes up short

ELGIN — Down 11 with just under six minutes left to play, Elgin Public-Pope John scrapped their way back to have a chance to force overtime in the game's final seconds. It wasn't meant to be as Stuart held on to defeat the Wolfpack boys 50 to 47.

'We got down, but we came back," Coach Matt Euse said about the loss, the second in three days. "It was an amazing game." Stuart's Drew Schmaderer put together a five-point streak, the

last two coming at the 5:41 mark of the fourth quarter to make the score 43 to 32.

Stuart had held the Wolfpack scoreless to start the fourth quarter, then senior Kellan Hoefer broke the streak with two free throws.

Stuart answered right back, then EPPJ began to fight back. Junior Jarek Erickson got the streak started with a three-point play cutting the lead to eight points. Hoefer and Kayde Hamm traded baskets to make the score 47 to 39 with 3:39 left on the clock.

Wolfpack freshman Max Henn connected on a trey to cut the lead to five points. Then, Stuart saw their lead slip away by making just one of two free throws on three separate trips to the line.

Erickson then scored five points in a row, the last on a fade-away trey from the right corner to pull the Wolfpack to within two

points, 49 to 47.

See EPPJ, Page 14 ►

# Martinsen nets 24 in win over Stuart

ELGIN — It took a while to get revved up, but when it did the Wolfpack scoring machine couldn't be stopped Friday night. Behind 24 points from Braelyn Martinsen and 10 more from Mady Kurpgeweit, Elgin Public-Pope John defeated Stuart 51 to 37.

The 14-point margin of victory made the game look like a one-sided affair and, indeed it was in the second half, but the first half was another story.

Both teams came out cold to start the game and, with 3:32 to go before halftime, the score was tied at 11-all. That's when the game's

momentum switched to the side of the Wolfpack. Great defense turned into instant offense as the Wolfpack closed out the half on a 13-0 run. It began with a steal and layup from Martinsen who would later add two free throws.

Then seniors Callie Heithoff connected from behind the arc followed by a three-point play by Kate Furstenau to make the score 20 to 11. Kayton Zwingman and Furstenau closed out the half with baskets to make the score 24 to 11.

EPPJ (13-2) scored the first six points to start the third quarter. As has been the case in most of the Wolfpack wins this season, they got strong play off the bench. Elizabeth Moser came off the bench to provide a spark on offense as the Wolf-pack finished the third quarter with a 20-point lead, 39 to 19.

The lead grew to 51 to 25 as Kurpgeweit, Heithoff and Martinsen scored.

After Coach Randy Eisenhauer substituted reserves to close out the final minutes of the

game, Stuart scored 12 unanswered points. Kurpgeweit had 11 rebounds.

EPPJ 51, Stuart 37

Lady Broncos......6 5 8 18 - 37 1-2 3, Kinley Drueke 0-0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 1-3 0-0 2, Trissa Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinsen 9-22 4-5 24, Callie Heithoff 2-9 0-0 5, Kate Furstenau 3-13 0-0 7, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-1 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweith 5-8 0-0 10, Dannyka Smidt 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 21-66 6-8 51. Three-point shots -3-18 (Braelyn Martinsen 2, Callie Heithoff 1). Stuart team totals: 12-45 10-19 37. Three-point shots -Stuart 3-21.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 40 (Mady Kurpgeweit 11)

## EPPJ gets 12th win at Fullerton

FULLERTON — Elgin Public-Pope John started fast and didn't let up, defeating the Fullerton Lady Warriors 48 to 31 Tuesday night (Jan. 14).

The Wolfpack's defense limited the Lady Warriors to just 10 points in the first half, six in the first quarter and four in the second. At the other end of the court, the Wolfpack were making big play after big play which added up to points on the scoreboard.

Kate Furstenau and Elizabeth Moser drained treys early on as five players put points on the board. Kayton Zwingman's two-pointer with 10 seconds left in the opening quarter gave EPPJ a 13 to six lead.

The Wolfpack kept the pace in the second quarter. Braelyn Martinsen had four of the team's first six points in the quarter to make the score 19 to 6. Moser and Zwingman then made two pointers before Furstenau drained another trey to boost the lead to 16 points. From there the game was never in doubt.

Furstenau led the Wolfpack with 12 points, Martinsen had 10. EPPJ made 18 of 46 field goal attempts, including seven of 15 from beyond the three-point arc. Fullerton connected on just 13 of 42 field goal attempts.

Mady Kurpgeweit led the team with seven rebounds. Furstenau led the team in assists (7) and tied for the team high in steals with Moser (6 apiece).

#### EPPJ 48, Fullerton 31 Wolfpack......13 14 14 7 - 48 Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 2-8 0-4 4, Kinley Drueke 0-1 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 3-5 1-2 8, Trissa Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinsen 4-9 1-2 10, Callie Heithoff 3-6 0-0 8, Kate Furstenau 4-8 1-2 12, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 0-0 0-0 0, Mady Kurpgeweit 2-8 2-4 6, Dannyka Smidt 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 18-46 5-14 48. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 7-15 (Elizabeth Moser 1, Braelyn Martinsen 1, Callie Heithoff 2, Kate Furstenau 3). Fullerton team totals: 13-42 2-8 31. Three-point shots - Fullerton 3-12



As teammate Mady Kurpgeweit looks on, Kate Furstenau goes inside for two of her seven points against the Lady Broncos.

# **Evans, Chessmore post** multiple wins at Ord Invite

ORD — As the season progresses, the competition gets tougher. Wolfpack girls wrestlers more than held their own Thursday at the Ord Invite. Sophomore Libby Evans claimed the third place medal in the 190-pound division. After winning her quarterfinal match, Evans found her usual run to the finals blocked by Sutherland's Addison Arvdal.

Undefeated coming into the match, Arvdal kept the streak intact as she pinned Evans in 5:54. Evans rebounded with two victories to place third.



Jayda Chessmore (shown in action last week) picked up two victories at Ord Thursday.

Junior Jayda Chessmore found success. She won her opening match in 'sudden victory' over Samantha Roberts of Cozad. Her second victory of the day came in consolation round two when she pinned Levington's Grijalva in 3:47. Chessmore's day came to an end in the next round to finish 2-2 on the day.

Individual results were: 120 pounds — Champ. Round

- Javda Chessmore (Elgin Public/Pope John) 8-10 won in sudden victory - 1 over Saman-tha Roberts (Cozad) 4-10 (SV-1 17-10); Quarterfinal - Jaden Schultz (West Point-Beemer) 19-7 won by fall over Chessmore (Fall 0:59); Cons. Round 2 - Chessmore won by fall over Ashley Grijalva (Lexington) 0-8 (Fall 3:47); Cons. Round 3 - Lorelie Duffy (Crofton-Bloomfield) 9-7 won by fall over Cheshire (Fall 0:32)

190 — Quarterfinal - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John) 18-3 won by fall over Tayten Wyckoff (Bayard) 15-14 (Fall 4:20); Semifinal - Addison Arvdal (Sutherland) 28-0 won by fall over Evans (Fall 5:54); Cons. Semi - Evans won in tie breaker - 1 over Isabel Serrano (Minden) 20-6 (TB-1 2-1); 3rd Place Match - Evans won by medical forfeit over Tayten Wyckoff (Bayard) 15-14 (M. For.)

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Stuart 34. Assists - Wolfpack 12 (Kate Furstenau 3), Stuart 4. Steals Wolfpack 21 (Braelyn Martinsen 7), Stuart 9. Turnovers - Wolfpack 18, Stuart 29.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 28 (Mady Kurpgeweit 7), Fullerton 30. Assists - Wolfpack 14 (Kate Furstenau 7), Fullerton 5. Steals - Wolfpack 23 (Elizabeth Moser 6, Kate Furstenau 6), Fuller-

ton 10. Turnovers - Wolfpack 19, Fullerton 34.

# **Spinning Tales** Are these professional games for real?

ELGIN — The sun is out Sunday afternoon. From inside looking outside, it appears to be a rare Winter day - not a lot of wind and the temperatures couldn't be better.

But, appearances can be deceiving. Yes, there was little wind, but it's only nine degrees outside and the wind chill is a minus five degrees.

Yes, things aren't always what they appear to be. Not that we've established

that fact, let's turn SPINNING our atten-TALES tion to what

one does on a winter weekend stuck inside watch professional sports. And what sports have I been watching?

Of course, Publisher the NFL. Dennis Morgan The football

league famously named "Not For Long" by former Atlanta Coach Jerry Glanville.

The 'Not For Long' moniker can also apply to some who wage bets on the outcome of games, particularly the playoffs which are now underway.

Let me state up front, I'm not opposed to gambling. I believe one has the right to spend his/ her money any way they wish. One wishing to place a wager can do so almost anywhere. Many casinos have sports betting, not just the ones in Atlantic City or Las Vegas.

Gambling was once illegal, now it's legal in more places than its not.

Most fans around Elgin like following the Kansas City Chiefs, a distant second would be the Minnesota Vikings. More often than not it depends on who's winning. Green Bay is a big favorite when they are winning, it started when Brett Favre arrived in town. America's Team (the Dallas Cowboys) got that way in the 1970s when Captain Comeback Roger Staubach was the quarterback. When I was a kid it was the Chicago Bears but that was because of regional TV and the Bears were on every week. I had a friend who was a big Bears fan. He would sit in front of the TV wearing his Chicago Bears helmet. His favorite player was Gale Sayers (from Omaha) and once he got so mad at the way the Bears were playing he lowered his head and ran into the TV.

Not the brightest kid on the bus.

Back to gambling. Some believe professional sports are rigged. I'm beginning to lean that way myself. There may be no better example to back that belief than Saturday's Chiefs' game against the Houston Texans. The betting line for the game was Kansas City by 9.5 points.

The score is 23 to 12 and Houston had just turned over the ball and the Chiefs are running out the clock. The Texans are out of timeouts and the Chiefs have a fourth down and decide to go into punt formation.

The announcers had previously said the great majority of bets were on the Chiefs to cover the spread and with an 11-point lead, bettors are going to win big and 'the house' is going to lose big.

So what happens? The punter runs back into the endzone then out of bounds for a safety. Final score - Chiefs 23, Texans 14. The Chiefs don't cover the point spread, 'the house' wins and bettors lose.

How about the Rams and the Vikings last week? The Commanders and the Lions? Not so obvious here, but a 14-win team has NEVER lost in the divisional round. And this past weekend we had two. And the games weren't even close.

It just seems like there is always a game or two where the outcome appears questionable. It wasn't that many years ago when Seattle played New England in the Super Bowl and the Seahawks are on the one-yard line. Instead of giving the ball to 'The Beast' Marshawn Lynch to score what likely would have been the game winning touchdown, Coach Pete Carroll has quarterback Russell Wilson throw a pass that was intercepted at the goalline. Patriots win and bettors who were ready to cash in suddenly lose.

Professional sports have, through the decades, had questionable games. Some have led to investigations and charges being filed. College sports isn't immune to these types of games either. It just makes me wonder, do you?

Don't get me started here.

# Veik wins 'gold' Saturday at Sandhills Invite

# Kallhoff picks up first victory

DUNNING — Gold medals seem to fit well around Wolfpack wrestler Landyn Veik's neck

Veik again stood atop the medal stand, this time at the Sandhills Invite held Saturday at Dunning.

Veik increased his record to 18-6, winning three matches at the tournament. In the championship match, Veik defeated North Central's Branson Anderson by a score of seven to two.

Grady Drueke claimed his second third place medal of the weekend. Competing at 138 pounds. Wrestling six matches at the tournament, Drueke posted five victories. In the consolation finals, Drueke won a 14 to 9 decision over Twin Loup's Wyatt Fauss.

The tournament provided senior Landon Kallhoff his first victory of the season. Competing against Hemingford's Tanner Tuma in a consolation round match, Kallhoff registered a pin in 1:45. Also competing was

215-pound wrestler Justice Blecher who dropped both of his matches.

Individual results were: 138 pounds — Champ. Round 1 - Grady Drueke (Elgin Pope John) 15-12 won by decision

over Wyatt Fauss (Twin Loup) 18-16 (Dec 10-9); Quarterfinal - Zachary Wiebelhaus (North Central) 18-12 won by fall over Drueke (Fall 0:20): Cons. Round 2 - Drueke won by fall over Damien Hasenhauer-Brown (Hemingford) 4-8 (Fall 0:45); Drueke won by fall over Carter Shoemaker (Cambridge) 10-9 (Fall 2:08); Cons. Semi - Drueke won by tech fall over Parker Lewis (North Central) 16-13 (TF-1.5 3:57 (16-1); 3rd Place Match - Drueke won by decision over Wyatt Fauss (Twin Loup) 18-16 (Dec 14-9)

150 — Champ. Round 1 -Kaden Klumpe (Cambridge) 11-8 won by fall over Landon Kall-



Landon Kallhoff (shown here in action earlier this month) picked up his first victory of the season at the Sandhills

#### hoff (Elgin Pope John) 1-14 (Fall 2:27); Cons. Round 1 - Kallhoff won by fall over Tanner Tuma (Hemingford) 1-5 (Fall 1:45); Cons. Round 2 - Andrew Byrd (Mullen) 9-8 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 4:34) 157 — Quarterfinal - Veik

won by fall over Danny Tay-lor (Hyannis) 12-11 (Fall 5:54); Semifinal - Veik won by decision over Colton Perks (Cambridge) 22-5 (Dec 6-0); 1st Place Match - Veik won by decision over Branson Anderson (North Central) 21-7 (Dec 7-2)

215 — Quarterfinal - Tate Kvanvig (Mullen) 19-4 won by fall over Justice Blecher (Elgin Pope John) 14-13 (Fall 0:50); Cons. Round 2 - Cayden Burns (Central Valley) 14-15 won by fall over Blecher (Fall 2:44)



Landyn Veik (shown here pinning a wrestler last week at Summerland) won the 157-pound division Saturday at the Sandhills Invite held at Dunning.

# Wolfpack wrestlers win three medals at SEM

SUMNER — The Wolfpack 'road warriors' found themselves far from home Friday, competing at the SEM Invitational.

At the end of the tournament, one of the best in central Nebraska, EPPJ had three wrestlers claim medals at the tournament.

Hitting the road this time every year gives the Wolfpack exposure to different wrestlers they might meet again next month in the postseason.

Friday saw 138-pound Wolfpack wrestler Grady Drueke put together his best effort of the season

Stepping onto the mat four times, Drueke won three matches to place third. His first match was against Kearney Gold JV

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Evan Folck AND his last match of the day was also Folck.

The first time, Drueke won with a pin, his last match was a major decision victory over Folck whose record now is 19-12.

At 157 pounds, Landyn Veik raised his record to 15-6. In the consolation finals, Veik pinned Bertrand's Rhett Brown in 3:48.

Sophomore Justice Blcher captured a third place medal.

Competing at 215 pounds, Blecher pinned SEM's Grayden Anderson in 32 seconds. The victory boosted Blecher's record to 14-11.

At 150 pounds, Landon Kallhoff dropped both of his matches

Results for Elgin Public/Pope John were:

138 — Quarterfinal - Grady Drueke (Elgin Public/Pope John) 10-11 won by fall over Evan Folck (Kearney Gold JV) 19-12 (Fall 4:35); Semifinal - Eli Pistulka (Wilcox-Hildreth) 20-9 won by major decision over Drueke (MD 13-1); Cons. Semi - Drueke won by decision over William Welsh (Wilcox-Hildreth) 6-10 (Dec 14-8); 3rd Place Match - Drueke won by major decision over Folck (Kearney Gold JV) (MD 15-6)

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150 — Champ. Round 1 - Cauy Twohig (Wilcox-Hildreth) 22-4 won by fall over Landon Kallhoff (Elgin Public/Pope John) 0-12 (Fall 1:32); Cons. Round 2 - Conner Stiffler (North Platte) 8-7 won by fall over Kallhoff (Fall 1:42)

157 — Quarterfinal - Landyn

Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) 15-6 won by tech fall over Reid Weides (Kearney Gold JV) 16-8 (TF-1.5 4:00 (16-0); Semifinal - Boyd Frazey (Pender) 20-9 won by fall over Veik (Fall 1:27); Cons. Semi - Veik won by decision over Jackson Christen (Anselmo-Merna) 18-11 (Dec 3-0); 3rd Place Match - Veik won by fall over Rhett Brown (Bertrand) 20-12 (Fall 3:48)

215 — Semifinal - Walter Kenney (Loomis) 17-13 won by fall over Justice Blecher (Elgin Public/Pope John) 14-11 (Fall 0:54); Cons. Semi - Blecher won by fall over Carter Fedorchik (Kearney Blue Jv) 3-6 (Fall 0:12); 3rd Place Match - Blecher won by fall over Grayden Anderson (Sumner-Eddyville-Miller) 7-11 (Fall 0:32)

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Stuart then gave EPPJ one last chance to tie the score. Henn's desperate trey missed the mark, giving Stuart the victory and dropping EPPJ's record to 9-5.

There's no such thing as an 11-point basket," Euse said about the team's comeback. "You've got to get stops, you've got to get rebounds and buckets ... We got a few turnovers. We hit some shots and, if we made a couple of more, it's a different game."

Erickson was just one of two Wolfpack players to score in double figures. He finished with a season-high 25 points to go along with 11 rebounds. Hoefer finished with 10 points.

#### Stuart 50, EPPJ 47

Wolfpack - Kellan Hoefer 3-9 2-2 10, Michael Selting 0-1 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 2-11 0-0 4, Jarek Erickson 9-12 4-4 25, Taylor Beckman 1-4 0-0 2, Max Henn 2-4 0-0 6, Dylan Kolm 0-10 0-0 0. Team totals: 17-51 6-6



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47. Three-point shots - Wolfpack 7-26 (Jarek Erickson 3, Max Henn 2, Kellan Hoefer 2). Stuart team totals: 21-44 4-8 50. Three-point shots -Stuart 4-17.

Team statistics: Rebounds - Wolfpack 26 (Jarek Erickson 11), Stuart 27. Assists - Wolfpack 8 (Karson Kallhoff 4). Steals - Wolfpack 4 (Karson Kallhoff 2), Stuart 5. Turnovers - Wolfpack 9, Stuart 5.





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