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In Brief

Elgin City Council February meeting to be Monday

Will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Elgin City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, February 2. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

‘Salute to Veterans’ to be Thursday night

Free admission for all veterans.

A ‘Salute to Veterans’ will take place Thursday night at the Wolf-pack-Humphrey/Lindsay basketball games. To be played at Elgin High School, there will be free admission for all veterans. For more information, see the advertisement on Page Two.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:
Notice of Organization — Pebble Creek Grain LLC
Notice of Organization — Pebble Creek Cattle LLC
Notice of Liquor License Hearings (3) — City of Elgin
Notice of Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Notice of Meeting — The Antelope County Board of Equalization
Proceedings — The Bartlett Village Board
Notice of Organization — Kerkman Land & Cattle LLC
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Weather

The high temperature last week was 40 degrees recorded on Wednesday, January 21.
The low temperature during the same period was -10 degrees recorded on Thursday, January 22.
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 18	36	-2	.00
Jan 19	19	0	.00
Jan 20	35	11	.00
Jan 21	40	10	.00
Jan 22	26	-10	.00
Jan 23	7	-9	.00
Jan 24	13	-6	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for January			0.04
Total precipitation 2026			0.04

Young, Heithoff file for election to #18 school board

Two non-incumbents have filed for seats on the District #18 Board of Education. Kimberly Young and Kyle Heithoff filed last week. That brings the number to three for the school board as incumbent Lisa Welding had previously filed for re-election. The only other new filing was by Kenny Reinke for the Neligh-Oakdale

Board of Education; and incumbent Robert Moore for Sheriff. Other candidates who have filed so far (* denotes incumbent). They include:
* Deb Branstiter - County Treasurer
* Kelly Mueller-Oltjenbruns - County Assessor
* Angela Mortensen - Clerk of the District Court

* Brian Whitesel - Airport Authority
* Lisa Welding - District 18 Board of Education
* Robert Lewis - Weed Authority
* Rachel Shrader - Weed Authority
Deadline for incumbents to file for re-election is February 17. The deadline for non-incumbents to file is March 2.



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Motivational speaker/former Husker and current CEO of TeamMates DeMoine Adams spoke to students at Pope John during two sessions Tuesday. Here, at the conclusion of his presentation to elementary students, he gave a ‘fist bump’ to each one as they headed back to class. His appearance at Pope John was part of Catholic Schools Week activities.

EWF kicks off Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week kicked off Sunday night with the annual Evening With Friends gala at the Elgin KC Hall. Close to 200 persons attended the event which serves as a major fundraiser for Pope John XXIII Central Catholic Schools. Both silent and live auctions were held during the event which lasted more than three hours. Unofficial

estimates show the school raised close to \$80,000. Other activities during the week included a presentation by DeMoine Adams to both elementary and junior-senior high students. Wednesday activities include students donating an item for the Veterans Home. On Thursday, students will make appreciation cards for priests and deacons. “Sweets for Seminarians”

- Gonzaga House hosts the bake sale in the library at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go towards the Archdiocese Seminarian Fund. The week will wrap up Friday with Parents Day. Parents will be visiting classrooms and enjoy pastries/coffee in the front hall of the school. At 11:30 a.m., a Living Rosary will be held in the gym, led by the National Honor Society. School will dismiss at noon.

Orchard woman receives second chance to pay court fine

Orchard woman receives second chance to pay court fine Hope M. Petite, 32, of Orchard, will receive another opportunity to explain why fines have not been paid in an Antelope County Court case in which Petite pleaded guilty to one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor. Petite was expected to appear Jan. 21, before the Honorable Donna Taylor, for a show cause hearing; however, the defendant did not show up, prompting Taylor to issue a warrant for non-payment. The next day, Petite contacted the county court office, the arrest warrant was retracted, and a hearing scheduled on Feb. 4.

An agreement was not reached in a case filed against Ray Connot, 60, of Neligh. The defendant faces one count of assault-threaten/menacing manner, a Class I misdemeanor. Council for Connot requested a jury trial. Taylor ordered Connot to appear March 27 for a jury trial. ***** Bond for a 18-year-old Omaha man will be applied to fines and costs, per Taylor. Attorney Martin Klein represented Alan L. Rodriguez and listened to the court’s reasoning for the decision. After fines and costs of \$300 are paid from the bond, probation enrollment fees, testing, and programming fees, totaling \$60, will be deducted. The remainder will be refunded to Rodriguez. Klein agreed with the court’s decision. Rodriguez was sentenced to an amended charge of posses-

sion of marijuana over 1 ounce to 1 pound, a Class II misdemeanor, on Jan. 7. Bond was originally set at \$20,000-10%. *****

Jace A. Rocha, 19, of Neligh, appeared for hearing on one count of operating a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-mi, a Class I misdemeanor.

Rocha accepted a plea agreement. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith outlined the parameters, including he would recommend probation, concurrent with a case Rocha is serving in Madison County, in exchange for a guilty plea.

The probation officer will provide an update to the court while the defendant is on probation and any recommendations will be noted at least seven days before the next hearing date.

Rocha pleaded guilty, and The Honorable Donna Taylor adjudged him as guilty. Rocha will appear Feb. 4 for sentencing. *****

Sean R. Tyler, 37, of Norfolk, will appear Feb. 4 for sentencing. He failed to appear Jan. 21, and Taylor did not issue a bench warrant at the time, but reported she will if Tyler does not appear for the upcoming sentencing hearing.

During a Dec. 17 session of Antelope County Court, Tyler requested additional time to obtain his driver’s license. At that time, he entered guilty pleas to one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor, and one count of speeding 11-15 MPH county/state, an infraction. *****

County Court held last week

Several individuals appeared before The Honorable Donna Taylor, Jan. 21, in Antelope County Court. Lynn Wagner, of Norfolk, appeared on a public nuisance charge on property in the Village of Oakdale. According to Wagner, he still pays taxes on the property, which remains in his name. He also told Taylor the property has sold. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith asked for a continuance. Taylor ordered Wagner to appear March 12 for a pretrial hearing. *****

Shane L. Zierke, 48, of Royal, appeared for a plea entry hearing on one amended count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor. Zierke accepted a plea agreement, outlining that if an amended complaint would be filed, Zierke will plead guilty to the new charge, and the State will recommend a minimum jail sentence as part of the agreement if he is not given probation. Zierke pleaded guilty to the amended count. Taylor found him guilty and sentenced Zierke to pay a \$500 fine, ordered a 60-day license revocation and a six-month probation term, and required an ignition interlock permit be installed. Zierke was ordered to pay court and lab costs, in addition to probation and drug testing fees. *****

Jesse J. Borer, 48, of Neligh, will appear Feb. 4 for sentencing after accepting a plea agreement. On Jan. 21, Borer agreed to plead guilty to one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor. A second count, willful reckless driving - 1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor - was dismissed with prejudice. Taylor held an enhancement hearing and found Borer has one prior conviction for DUI-alcohol within the last 15 years. During that time, he was either represented by an attorney at all stages of proceedings or voluntarily waived rights to an attorney, making the prior conviction suitable for enhancement. *****

Gage T. Schultz, 27, of Tilden, will receive new representation in a case where he faces one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony. Defense attorney Martin Klein asked to withdraw as Schultz’s attorney due to a conflict. Taylor granted the request and appointed Brad Montag. Schultz will appear Feb. 4 for a preliminary hearing. *****

Darren V. Stewart, 26, of Tilden, appeared for sentencing on one count of disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor. Taylor sentenced Stewart to pay a \$500 fine and ordered him to one day in jail, with credit for one day served. Additionally, Stewart will be required to pay court costs and sheriff fees. Stewart agreed to have his bond exonerated and applied to fines and costs. The balance is due by Feb. 4, or Taylor ordered him to appear in court on that date for a show cause hearing. *****

A 20-year-old Elgin man will pay fines on two charges after he pleaded guilty during a Jan. 21 session of Antelope County Court. Shane L. Hammock accepted a plea agreement, in which he agreed to enter guilty pleas to two counts, and a third charge would be dismissed. Hammock pleaded guilty to one count of minor in possession - ages 19/20, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 36+ MPH county/state, an infraction. One count of careless driving, an infraction, was dismissed, with prejudice. The Honorable Donna Taylor sentenced Hammock to pay a \$300 fine for each count, plus \$50 court costs.

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JoAnn

DILLY BREAD

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1 egg

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1 tbs butter
1/4 tsp baking soda
1-1/2 cups flour

Dissolve the yeass in the warm water. Combine yeast mixture and all the other ingredients. Stir in the flour last. Mix well.

Cover and let rise in a warm place until it doubles in size. Punch down and shape it into 2 laves. Let it rise again. Bake at 350° for 30 min until golden brown.



Receiving the donation were Trent and Baylee Ostransky, shown with FFA Chapter officers Braelyn Martinsen, Kylee Lichtenberg, Isaac Hemenway and Kyndal Busteed.

FFA Penny War Raises Funds for Ostransky's

For the past several years, the Elgin FFA Chapter has always done some sort of service project in the month of December. Past projects include collecting blankets or hygiene kits for the Orphan Grain Train, food drives, or raising funds for St. Jude's. This year, it was an easy decision to raise funds for the Ostransky's. The FFA chapter organized a school-wide "Penny War" for this particular project. Just over \$500.00 was raised and presented to Trent and Baylee Ostransky. Winning the "war" was the 4th-grade class, who were paired up with the sophomore class. The classes won a pizza party.



Photos courtesy of Elgin FFA

Accepting the donation were Trent and Baylee Ostransky and FFA Chapter officers Braelyn Martinsen, Kylee Lichtenberg, Isaac Hemenway and Kyndal Busteed are shown with EPS fourth graders.

VETERANS AND THE PUBLICPLAN TO ATTEND!



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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Garrett Busteed

Garrett Busteed is the Elgin FFA member of the month. Garrett, an 8th grader, is the son of Steve and Casey Busteed of rural Elgin.

We are excited to give this recognition to this young man, being a new member, and he has already qualified for the state convention later this spring.

Garrett competed in the district LDE competitions early this month and qualified in Discovery Speaking, an event where junior high members present a 2-4 minute speech on an agricultural topic.

Moreover, during this competition, Garrett was on a Junior High FFA quiz bowl team that advanced quite far despite his team only being in an agricultural class since this semester started!

Garrett will also be competing on that quiz bowl team at State FFA.

Congratulations, Garrett, and we can't wait to see all that you do in FFA over the next four years!



Garrett Busteed

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My own journey into the Desert with Jesus

Lent won't start for another few weeks, but it's already on my mind and heart.

Since the start of the year I've felt called to begin my own version of a journey into the Desert with Jesus.

It all started at Christmas, when my husband and I received a book that contained sayings from the Desert Fathers, bits of wisdom from those early Christian hermits.

When a son suggested adopting a saint for the new year – someone to pray with and learn from – my heart was drawn to the most famous of the Desert

Fathers, St. Anthony the Great, also known as St. Anthony of Egypt, who lived from 251 to 356.

At age 20, St. Anthony heard the Gospel message "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor." He gave away a large inheritance and went into the desert to live a life of solitude, prayer, asceticism and mortification.

To be honest, none of that sounds like me. Perhaps that's why God is calling me into the Desert – at least my own spiritual version of the Desert, to learn to be more prayerful,

more self-sacrificing and more detached from the trappings of this world.

Like St. Anthony and the other Desert Fathers, I'm feeling a pull toward poverty, at least spiritual poverty.

Several years ago, a holy lady prayed with me. Our assignment from a priest had been to ask God what gift He would like to give us. She asked God on my behalf, and I asked God for her sake.

After some quiet prayer, she told me that God would like to give me spiritual poverty. Inwardly at least, I recoiled at the

thought, thinking of physical poverty – and suffering.

It didn't help that the very next day, there were layoffs at work. In my small department, three of five employees lost their jobs.

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Most of all, I look to Jesus, the One calling me into the Desert and Who awaits me there. In the Desert,

He will teach me how to pray, how to become detached from the world and my own desires, how to resist temptations, how to be humble and grateful – basically how to love and how to better follow Him.

Perhaps God is calling you into the Desert, too.

Think about it this Lent.



Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago February 3, 1966

The mercury hit a low here Saturday morning of 28 degrees below zero with some residents reporting as low as 34 below for the same morning. Thermometers and temperatures may have varied but there was no disagreement that the weather was "dad burned" cold outside.

Elgin High dropped a 59-44 encounter to Bartlett Thursday night in the semi-finals of the Sandhills Gateway Basketball Tournament at Orchard, but came back to gain third place laurels Friday with a 63-57 win over Chambers.

Robert G. Meyer, 28, began work with the Nebraska Safety Patrol October 1, 1964, receiving Columbus as his first present station. Trooper Meyer is a native of Campbell Nebraska, and graduated from Campbell High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and worked as a bevy equipment operator before joining the Patrol.

Coach Gary Schmidt's Knights overcame Lindsay's Bulldogs in a 71-41 victory there Friday night. The Knights were in the lead at the end of all periods and steadily increased their margin as the game progressed as is shown by the quarter scores of 20-7, 41-16, and 52-29.

The milk truck owned by Farmers Cooperative Exchange and driven by Gail Krause, was badly wrecked Sunday around 11:30 when it rolled over on a country road west of town. The 1,800 gallon tank contained 7,500 pounds of Grade "B" milk. When the mishap happened, around 318 pounds was all that was lost in the accident. Gail was not injured.

Fifty Years Ago January 28, 1976

Elgin High School's wrestling team walked away with the team title in the second annual Elgin Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The Eagles had seven wrestlers in the finals and three in the consolation finals. Runner-up Osmond had four wrestlers in both finals and consolation finals.

Mary K. Beckman, daughter of Henry and Anna Foecke Starman, was born Aug. 10, 1898 at Roselle, IA., and departed this life Jan. 20, 1976 at St. Joseph's Home in Norfolk at the age of 77 years, five months, and ten days. She grew to womanhood in Iowa and moved here in 1919.

Pope John's Homecoming will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, at the St. Boniface gym. The Homecoming dance will follow the Leigh basketball game.

Clarence Johns, official weather observer for the area, recorded a total of 27.53 inches of moisture during 1975. Precipitation for 1976 up to Monday, Jan. 26 was recorded at .47 of an inch.

Jack Stoltz received fifth in the crossbred steer lightweight division, 1,277-1, 311 pounds.

Thirty Years Ago January 31, 1996

An accident last Wednesday, Jan. 24, caused extensive damage to two pickup trucks in Elgin. The Sheriff's office said a southbound 1974 Ford pickup, driven by John Greitens of Petersburg, was making a left turn into the driveway, and turned into the path of a northbound 1980 GMC pickup driven by Victor Kathol of Elgin.

Four Elgin High School students have been chosen recently for honor bands and courses. On Monday, Jan. 22, Carissa Uhrenholdt, Sara Ochsner and Heath Uhrenholdt participated in the Honor Band and Coir at the University of Kearney.

Temperatures remained very cold for most of the last week, and dipped below zero on three of the past seven days. Elgin received a trace of snow on Jan. 26, and about two inches of snow overnight on Jan. 29-20. The high was 37, and the low was -11.

Laurence and Mary Ketteler of Petersburg will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, open from 2 to 4 p.m. at Werner Hall in Petersburg. The Kettelers were married Feb. 5, 1946, at St. John the Baptist Church in Petersburg.

Twenty Years Ago February 1, 2006

Total Image Salon and Spa opened in its new location, 103 South Second Street, last Tuesday, Jan. 24. Stylists that are working in the salon are Margo Ketteler, Katrina Kallhoff, Karen Koinzan, and Hannah Ketteler.

Progress continues on the scale model of St. Boniface Church being constructed by Bill Parks of Petersburg. Bill started on the model Sept. 16, 2004, and now estimates that the building is 25 percent finished.

With a 51-41 win over Ewing Monday night, the Pope John girls basketball team earned a trip to the NVC East Division Tournament championship game this Thursday, Feb. 2, at Wheeler Central High School, Bartlett.

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No-bid contract sought by Governor Pillen for an acquaintance draws ire of State Auditor

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ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

It’s one thing to try and cut out shenanigans in state government and another if you’re part of it. Gov. Jim Pillen’s recent “State of the State” address laid out plenty of goals to cut out funny business in state government, from ending frivolous lawsuits to reversing tax breaks for special interests.

But not mentioned was a sizable, no-bid contract the governor approved in 2024 for a lobbyist he was well acquainted with, via overseas trade missions and events in Nebraska. State Auditor Mike Foley – who seemingly isn’t afraid to call out anyone or anything – rapped Pillen for seeking an emergency, no-bid contract of \$2.5 million for the lobbyist via her firm, Global Sustainability Developers, “a company handpicked rather than selected through a ‘time-honored’ and legally required open, competitive process.” Issuing state contracts via competitive bids is a “bedrock, foundational tenet of government operation,” the auditor said. “When you sidestep a foundational tenet, it’s just waving a red flag for any public auditor,” Foley told the

Nebraska Examiner. “It just smacks of favoritism.” (My guess is that Foley isn’t going to be invited to any governor steak fry any time soon.) When issuing an “emergency” contract without seeking competitive bids, a state agency, or in this case, the governor’s office, has to justify what emergency necessitates contracting for services without seeking bids – something that didn’t happen in this case. Pillen has denied that there was any favoritism shown in the \$2.5 million contract issued in May 2024 with the company, owned by lobbyist Julie Bushell, the firm’s lone employee. The contract called on Bushell to seek out more federal funds to help develop the bioeconomy in Nebraska, and to get more businesses in that arena to open in the state. The administration says that the justification portion of the emergency contract was left blank by mistake. It now says that going through the normal process of seeking bids would have taken too long, and would have meant that the state lost out on some federal dollars during the last few months of the Biden Administration.

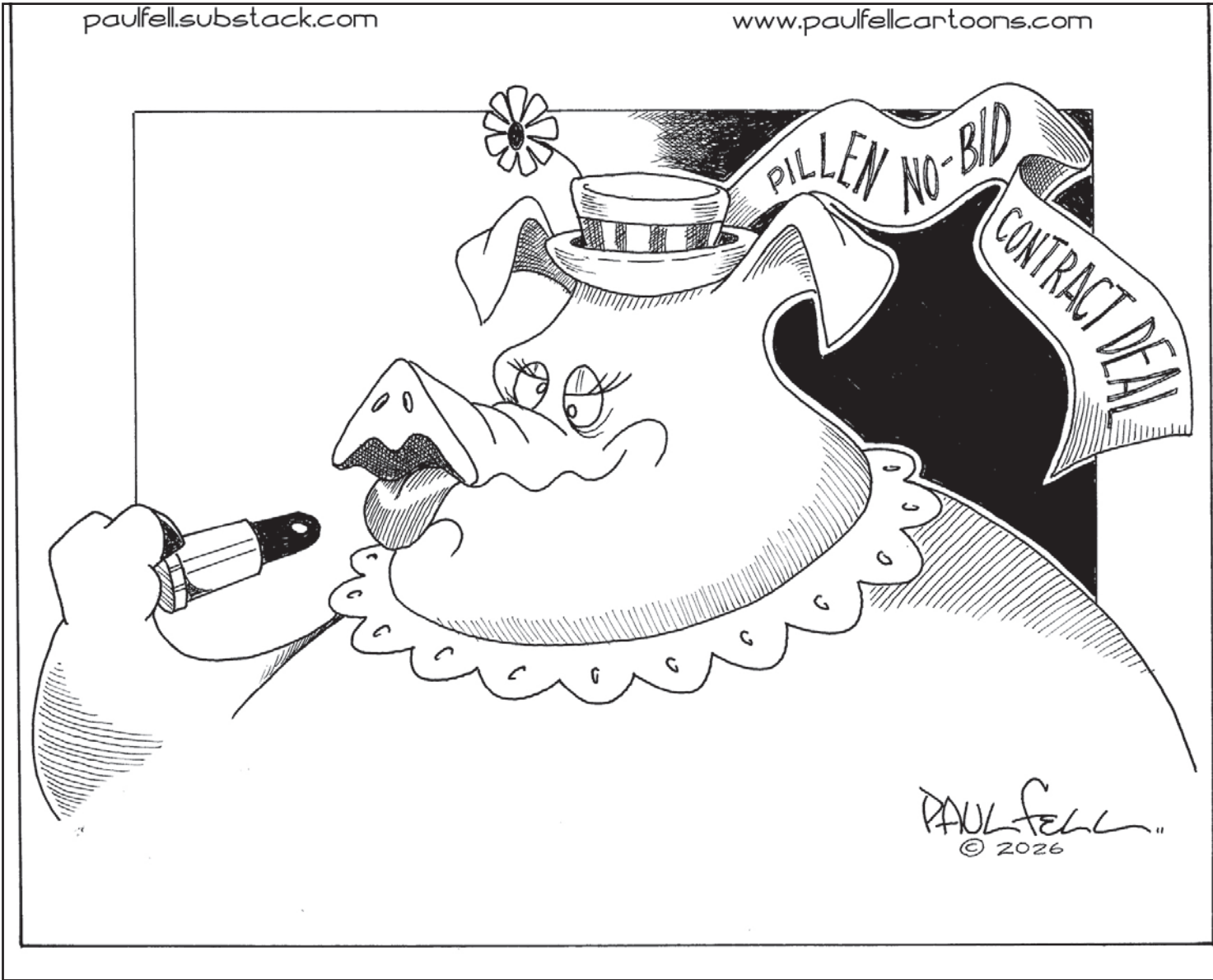
A spokeswoman for Pillen said that Bushell’s efforts helped Nebraska obtain \$550 million in federal grant pledges (of which \$200 million, the Examiner reported, has not yet arrived). A Phelps County official also said that her help was vital in obtaining a pledge to build a \$5.5 billion facility there to convert cornstalks into biofuel. Foley questioned whether the Phelps County project will ever happen, given the track record of the company involved, and stated that other states obtained similar amounts of federal funds as Nebraska did, without paying a consultant. The Examiner reported that the \$2.5 million deal was the largest no-bid contract by far issued through the State Department of Economic Development in recent years. The auditor said there appeared to be plenty of time to award such a contract, rather than proceed as a no-bid, emergency affair. But Pillen officials disputed that, saying it would have delayed the work by more than three months past the May 2024 award to Bushell. Now, there are emergencies and

there are “emergencies.” The COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, was a real emergency, and it prompted then Gov. Ricketts to give a \$27-million, no-bid contract to a Utah firm to quickly set up testing stations for the virus. The contract drew criticism, but the contractor, Nomi Health, mostly delivered on what was promised in what was a hectic time in state history. Also, in government there are laws, there are rules and there are appearances. Foley says Pillen and his people violated the law, by not justifying the “emergency.” One thing’s for sure, the appearance was not good. ***** *Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.*

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor’s note: This week marks the second installment of a new series tied to our nation’s 250th birthday in July 2026. As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country’s history. It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

Caesar Rodney (1728-1784) was born on his father’s farm in Delaware. He received no formal education except what was taught by his parents. At age 17, his father passed away. Caesar was placed in the care of Nicholas Ridgely, clerk of the peace in Kent County, Delaware. From there on, Mr. Rodney was found to be very active in civic offices. In 1755 at the young age of 27 he was commissioned as High Sheriff of Kent County by the royal government. His solid character led him to further duties such as registrar of wills, recorder of deeds, clerk of the orphan’s court and justice of the peace. At age 30, Caesar Rodney was elected to the colonial legislature in New Castle. He was re-elected each year except 1771 and then again until 1776 when it was dissolved, becoming the Upper House of the State of Delaware to which he was elected as a representative until 1784. Mr. Rodney was a leading patriot in his colony. He was elected each year to the Continental Congress from its start in 1774 until 1777. During that era, he served in the Delaware legislature as their Speaker and as Brigadier General of Delaware Militia. The year after stepping down from the Continental Congress, he was elected President of Delaware for 3 years. With all his duties, he could not be everywhere at once and was not in attendance at the Continental Congress when the vote came for the Declaration of Independence. Two other representatives were present from Delaware but one was wavering on his support for the Declaration. Word was sent to Caesar Rodney to get there ASAP! They needed his vote. He had to ride 80 miles by horse in sweltering heat involving a thunderstorm and nighttime with muddy roads. He made it on time July 2 to vote in the affirmative of a resolution for independence! Later, he affixed his name on the official Declaration of Independence August 2, 1776. During all of Caesar’s activity fighting for the freedom of our country, he suffered from a cancerous sore on his face. He was plagued with it for years. Asthma also seemed to be a constant companion. These eventually led to his early passing shortly after freedom was won through the Revolutionary War. Mr. Rodney had never married. Two items of interest in recent times are the featuring of Caesar Rodney riding his horse on the Delaware quarter minted in 1999 and the disappearance of a statue with Caesar on his horse previously located at Rodney Square in Wilmington, DE. It was taken down June 12, 2020, during the time when many statues were abused. This, purposely done for safe keeping with location unknown to this day. Plans are being made to bring the statue back for the 250-year celebration.



A results-driven path forward for year-round E15

Nebraska’s farmers have been clear from the very beginning: they need reliable markets to sell their products. Every day, agricultural producers face countless factors outside of their control, whether that be commodity prices, input costs, or weather. Policymakers have a responsibility to deliver as much certainty, opportunity, and market development as we can provide. These aren’t abstract concepts, but the foundation of a strong rural economy and a resilient agri-



Congressman
Adrian Smith

cultural sector. That is why I will not rest until nationwide, year-round E15 becomes a reality. Recently, we hit a frustrating roadblock. Despite months of hard work and bipartisan engagement, year-round E15 was not included in the final government funding package for Fiscal Year 2026. I understand the frustration many farmers are feeling right now, and I share it. I am incredibly disappointed that we were not able to get this across the finish line at this moment. However, this setback is far from the end of the fight. For a long time, I have been leading the charge to bring agricultural producers, biofuel leaders, and petroleum stakeholders to the table. These conversations have not always been easy, but they have been necessary. The goal has been simple: deliver regulatory relief and long-term certainty while

strengthening every link in our domestic energy supply chain. Because, when farmers win, consumers save, and when our domestic energy supply is stronger, the entire country benefits. As a result of these efforts, we remain closer than ever to passing year-round E15. While we have not yet crossed the finish line, I am encouraged by the creation of the E15 Rural Domestic Energy Council. Let me be clear about what this council is and what it is not. It is not a substitute for action, and I refuse to allow it to become a delaying tactic. This council represents a results-driven commitment from House leadership to finally delivering a durable, nationwide solution. The Council will build upon the conversations and negotiations I have been leading with stakeholders throughout the supply chain.

I look forward to working alongside my colleagues on the council to produce a viable path forward by February 25th. House Republican Leadership has made clear their commitment to

securing that path, and I trust my colleagues are equally focused on solutions. Together, we must work in good faith to develop a proposal which works for all sides.

Protecting your privacy

Technology is changing fast, especially with the rise of artificial intelligence, and much of that change is driven by personal data. Every time you go online, you leave behind a trail of information. This can include what you buy, what you search for, where you go, and even health-related data, such as the number of steps your phone tracks in a day. This information is collected by apps, websites, and companies worldwide. While this data can be useful, it shouldn’t come at the cost of your privacy. Most of us see this every day. You search for something online, and suddenly ads for it start appearing on social media and in your search engine. Your inbox fills with spam emails and text messages. I hear from Nebraskans all the time who are worried about how their personal information is being collected and used. Those concerns are understandable, and frankly, they’re shared by many

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While we may not be able to control everything, there are steps we can take to limit how much of our information can be found publicly.

There is also more that the

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U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

government can do to make sure Nebraskans and Americans aren't taken advantage of. For years, Congress has been working to pass a comprehensive federal data privacy law that will establish

guardrails to ensure all organizations and companies protect personal information online. As a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee, I am optimistic that we can make progress toward this goal in 2026.

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nies delete data they've already collected, and control who can see your posts and personal information. Small changes like these can go a long way in keeping your information out of the wrong hands.

By U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

OBITUARIES

Vince E. Kallhoff, 84

December 9, 1941 - January 20, 2026

A U.S. Army veteran, he operated Vince Kallhoff Trucking from 1982 to 2021. He enjoyed farming and trucking all his life.



Vince E. Kallhoff, 84, of Elgin, NE passed away Tuesday, Jan-

uary 20, 2026, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin with Rev. John Norman officiating. Interment followed at the parish cemetery with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #229 and VFW Post #5816, Army Funeral Honor Guard and American Legion Riders.

Visitation was held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Monday at the church with a 7:00 p.m. wake service. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements.

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Vincent Eugene Kallhoff was born December 9, 1941, in Elgin, NE, to Theodor and Theresa (Reuss) Kallhoff. He grew up in the Elgin area and attended St. Boniface Catholic School in Elgin. He served in the Army from February 1962 to January 1965.

On February 19, 1966, he was united in marriage to Sandra Rae Rodgers at St. Francis Catholic Church in Neligh, Nebraska. They lived most of their married life in the Elgin area. They purchased a farm northwest of Elgin where Vincent farmed until 1982. He started Vince Kallhoff Trucking, which he operated until October 2021. He enjoyed farming and trucking all his life, especially hauling cattle out of Montana

in the fall. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Vince was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post #229 of Elgin, and the American Legion Riders.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years: Sandy Kallhoff of Elgin; son: Stan Kallhoff of Elgin; four daughters: Pamela (Jyller) McCullough of Pratt, KS; Cheryl Kallhoff of Elgin; Carol (Mark) Widhalm of Waterloo, NE; Teresa (Chris) Brandl of Conroe, TX; daughter-in-law: Jill Kallhoff of Neligh, NE; son-in-law: Ron Scholl of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers: Norman Kallhoff of O'Neill, NE; Marvin (Kathy) Kallhoff of Gainesville, TX; three sisters: Mildred Fritz of Omaha, NE; Angela Fritz of Tacoma, WA; Marian Shabram of Neligh, NE; five sisters-in-law: Alice Kallhoff of Neligh, NE; Lorraine Kallhoff of Omaha, NE; Wanda Kallhoff of O'Neill, NE; Caroline Kallhoff of Omaha, NE; Sharon Massey of South Sioux City, Nebraska; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers: Delbert (Eva); Dareld; Melvin (Pat); Milton; Raymond (Joan); Dennis; and Teddy; two sisters: Marlene Kallhoff; Deloris (Ken) Welding; three brothers-in-law: Emil Fritz; Bob Fritz; LeRoy Shabram; and great-granddaughter: Jaycee Scholl.

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Hard To Be
Humble



VALERIE SIGAMANI

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Are we perfect in every way?

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When we recognize we are not perfect nor God we see the truth.

Come to church this week to humbly encounter the living God.

...to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Psalm 15
Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts for
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TeamMates mentors, mentees recognized at Wheeler Central

Wheeler Central mentors and mentees were honored at ‘Team-mates Recognition Night,’ held January 9th at 6:30 in the Wheeler Central Gym.
Approximately 50 plus mentees are paired with a mentor.
The teammates recognition was in between games with Anselmo-Merna.
CWC traveled to Bloomfield to play basketball Friday evening

January 23. Girls varsity results were: Bloomfield 59- CWC 9.
The results of the boys varsity game: CWC 59-Bloomfield 41.
Wheeler Central had a 10:00 late start Friday due to the cold temperatures.
Hopefully this coming week will bring a little warmth.
Submitted by Sherry Tetschner



Wheeler Central Teammates mentors and mentees at Teammates Recognition Night in Bartlett.

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Feb. 13-14...Districts TBA
Feb. 19-21...State @ Omaha TBA

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Feb. 6-7 Districts TBA
Feb. 17-18...State @ Omaha TBA

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Feb. 2 ...@ Boone Central TBA
Feb. 9 ...@ Creighton..... TBA

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Jan. 29 ..vs Humphrey-Lindsay (EPS) 4:00
Veterans recognition @ BB game
TeamMates Mentors/Mentees recognition
Jan. 31 - Feb. 7...NVC Tourney..... TBA
Feb. 10 ..vs CWC (EPS) 4:00
Feb. 12 ..vs Randolph (Senior Night, EPS)4:00

BOYS & GIRLS JH BASKETBALL

Feb. 13 ..vs Humph.-Lind. HF (B, EPS) 3:00
Feb. 20 ..@ St. Mary's (B)4:00

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jan. 28..... Howells-Dodge Speech Meet • EPS, no school for Prek-6
Jan. 29..... Veteran Recognition @ BB game -- donate items for Veterans Home
Jan. 30..... PJCC Parents Day w/noon dismissal
Feb. 4 ASVAB for 10th Grade, EPS • FFA District X State FFA Degree Interviews & Proficiency Review @ Stuart
Feb. 7 Speech at West Holt
Feb. 11..... Red Cross Blood Mobile • EPS School Board meeting
Feb., 12 ... Senior Night at the bb game. Drawing for Duck Toss winner
Feb. 14 Stanton JH Honor Band • Speech at Burwell

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Maybe in that moment, everything came full circle

How can the sun shine so bright, but it can be so bitter cold? Winter brings many days like that, it also can bring endless cloudy days when you crave for the sun to shine even if the temperature barely climbs above zero.

For the last two weekends the weather has been cold, bitter cold. January is supposed to be cold. The second week of January is supposed to be the coldest week of the year. It's the type of weather when you wish you didn't have to step out. But farmers do it, ranchers do it too, brave the elements.

It was one of those kinda Saturdays recently where Lynell

and I went different directions for the weekend, she went to Randolph and I headed to Lincoln for a business meeting.

I decided to have brunch at a place called Breakfast Unhinged on Q street. Hadn't been there before, but I was told the food was good and it was close to where I needed to be. I was served some hot tea and an apple pie waffle because they were all out of strawberries. A waffle without strawberries and whipped cream? That's blasphemous!

Next to where I was seated was a table with a man in his 70s, seated alone waiting for someone. I didn't pay much attention at first until this tall woman, half his age sat at his table. She put a smile on his face as did he hers and, for the next hour there was plenty of give and take between the two.

I don't ordinarily listen to other people's conversations, particularly in restaurants, but today was different. The stuff they talked about seemed to be a stroll down a memory lane full of turns and curves.

She was in town from Hous-

ton, I heard her say, headed to see her parents. But she had wanted to see him again. She said it had been over 20 years. She's talked about her kids and her husband she had met at work and how they hoped to one day move away from the big city.

He looked his age while nodding and continuing to listen to her story. From my vantage point, I couldn't see his eyes but I could tell in his voice he was happy to be there at this point in her life. His face was covered with age, the big moments in his life were behind him, well maybe not all of them yet.

And then it became clear, she was there to tell him 'thank you' for lighting a fire in her that still burns today. She thanked him for being a mentor to her back when she had no clear path to follow, she thanked him for helping her to get the financial aid she needed to complete school and helping her get started in a career of her own choosing.

She was sincere, I could tell by the look on her face. He didn't seem to know what to

say, other than acknowledging her words. Teachers help a lot of their students, their actions often go unnoticed by others, but to people like her it meant everything.

He sat back in the wooden chair, it might have been Norwegian wood for all I know, when she spoke about how hard it was to find a church to attend in Houston. Then she told the story about a woman who would become her friend. She told him how parishioners frowned on drinking. Then, she had lunch with the woman and, after she ordered a drink, her friend did the same - kinda like she had been freed from chains. That led to an afternoon of Coronas.

I thought that was funny, considering how many people act one way around people until the barriers come down.

He seemed to be impressed that she had taken her love for playing piano and begun giving lessons to children. One of her students lacks self-confidence, she said, so she has the child emulate Superwoman for a moment before the lesson starts. It works, she said as they both

laughed. She even admitted to striking the pose sometimes before job interviews to give herself confidence.

Not long thereafter, the old man reached across the table and held her hands. They didn't say much after that, other than him noting how 'cold' her hands were. They just sat there for awhile before he let go to wipe a tear away from his eye.

I can only guess what he was thinking. Maybe in that moment everything seemed to have come full circle, maybe he had been where she was once and someone reached out to help him, I don't know. Maybe he was sad knowing moments like this don't happen very often, or just maybe the touching of hands was a tender moment that mentors don't often get, let alone see the outcome of their efforts. I know this, what he did for this woman meant everything to her.

It wasn't more than a minute or two when her ride arrived. He paid for their lunch, left a generous tip and walked out the door with her. She gave him one final embrace, then he walked away to a shiny black Chevy Blazer and drove away.

You just never know what you will hear when you pay attention to those around you. I felt a little guilty having indirectly become part of what transpired even though I kept my distance, but didn't let it bother me for too long. Today, I wonder if there will be another chapter to this story, where will she be, where will he be if their paths cross again.

As for me, I believe for some reason I was meant to be there, to witness their moment. We're meant to see what we see, to hear what we hear and to feel what we feel. It makes us who

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NOTICE OF 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

LISA PAYNE, ANTELOPE COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION COMMISSIONER

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE & OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION AND FILING DEADLINES

I, Lisa Payne, Antelope County Clerk/Election Commissioner, hereby give notice of the offices to be filled by election that will appear on the 2026 Primary Election Ballot to be held May 12th, 2026, in Antelope County, Nebraska, as per State Statute 32-601. Notice is also given that the filing deadlines for such offices are 5:00 pm on: February 17, 2026, for incumbents and March 2nd, 2026, for non-incumbents. An incumbent is anyone serving in an elective office, even if they are filing for an office other than the one in which they are presently serving, these individuals are required to file by February 17th, 2026.

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Lisa Payne
Antelope County Clerk/Election Commissioner
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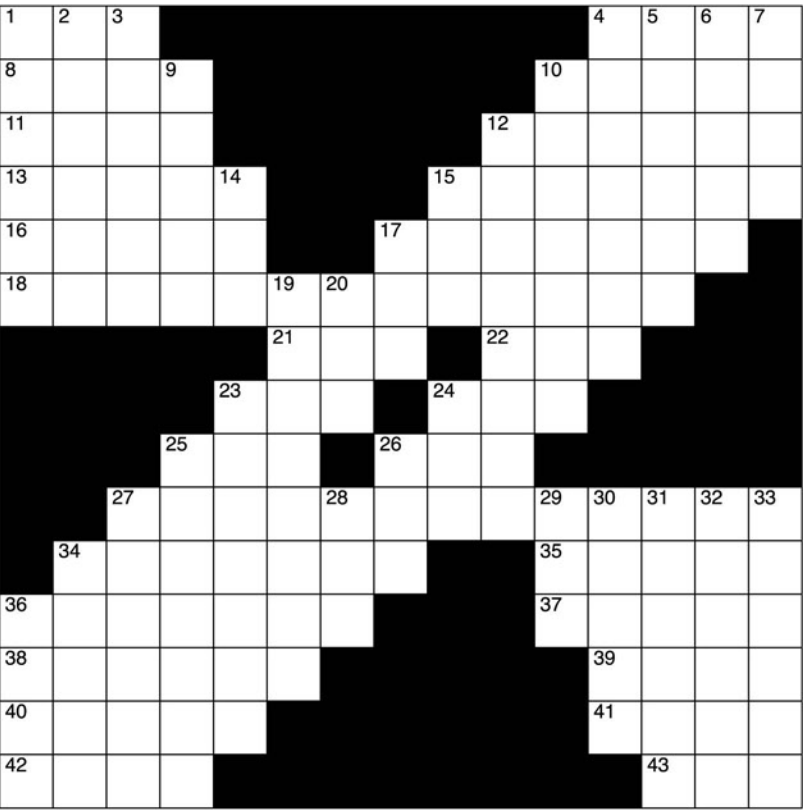
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The family of Joe Knust wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy since his passing. Your support has been a great source of comfort to us!

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Choosing alfalfa seed for disease resistance

Alfalfa is Nebraska's third most valuable crop, and variety selection plays a key role in how well a stand performs over time. As you think about planting alfalfa this year, be sure disease resistance is part of that decision. Two of the most serious alfalfa diseases we deal with in Nebraska are Phytophthora root rot and anthracnose.

Phytophthora root rot is the most common root rot affecting alfalfa and can impact plants at any stage. It is most severe in poorly drained or saturated soils. In new seedings, it can cause damping-off and rapid seedling death under wet conditions, sometimes within just a few days. In established stands, infections damage the taproot, leading to yield losses of up to 50 percent, gradual stand decline, and increased risk of winterkill.

Anthracnose can occur at any time of the year and affects alfalfa of all ages. It attacks stems and crowns, spreads quickly, and can significantly

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reduce production with in one to two growing seasons. Disease stress also weakens plants, reducing their ability to withstand cold temperatures and increasing the risk of winter injury. Anthracnose spores spread easily by wind, rain, and harvesting equipment.

Multiple races of anthracnose cause economic damage in the Midwest, including races 1 and 2, along with the newer and more aggressive race 5. Race 5 has been confirmed in neighboring states and tends to show up earlier in the life of a stand. It is most aggressive during warm, moist conditions in mid-summer and fall.

While race 5 has not yet been lab-verified in Nebraska, its presence in surrounding states raises concern—especially since alfalfa is a long-term perennial crop. Planning ahead by selecting varieties with broad disease resistance can help protect stands over their full lifespan, particularly in fields with a history of anthracnose.

Because symptoms of both Phytophthora root rot and anthracnose are most severe

in susceptible varieties, seed selection is the first line of defense. Select alfalfa varieties rated Resistant or Highly Resistant to both anthracnose and Phytophthora root rot to reduce yield loss and improve stand persistence. Work with your seed representative to understand resistance ratings, especially as new varieties become available this year.

One thing to keep in mind is that disease resistance doesn't mean a variety is immune. Even highly resistant varieties can show some symptoms under heavy disease pressure, but the difference is how well those plants survive and recover. Resistant varieties maintain healthier crowns and root systems, which helps stands persist longer and continue producing.

It's also important to match resistance to field conditions. Fields with heavier soils, poor drainage, or a history of stand loss are at greater risk for Phytophthora root rot. Fields with frequent harvest traffic or a history of stem disease are more



prone to anthracnose. Knowing your field history can help guide better variety decisions.

At the end of the day, seed selection is one of the few disease management decisions you only get to make once. Taking the time now to choose varieties with strong resistance to Phytophthora root rot and anthracnose can help protect yield, stand life, and profitability for years to come. That upfront decision can save a lot of headaches down the road.

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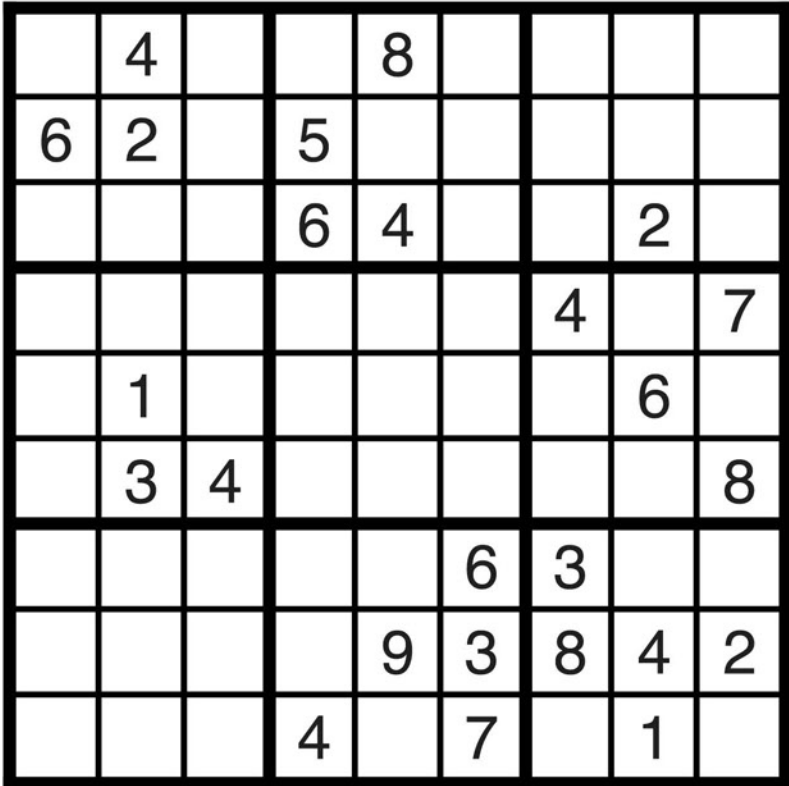
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- Make tea
- City South of Moscow
- Spanish bullfighting term
- Egg-shaped
- Could not remember
- French modernist painter
- Persons
- Painful intestinal obstruction
- Professions
- Is up to the task
- Wood or metal bolt
- Tax collector
- A way to save for the future
- Georgia rockers
- Midway between north and northeast
- High schoolers' test
- Does not accept responsibility
- One who prepares
- Gout-indicative deposits
- Place to play games
- Book of Genesis character
- Cleans oneself
- Unloaded for money
- Genus of flowering plants
- Take a puff
- Congressmen
- God of battle in Scandinavian mythology

CLUES DOWN

- Type of bomb

- South Pacific islands
- Celestial body
- Negotiates
- Consider in a specified way
- Type of group in organic chemistry
- Buddhist monasteries
- Inhabitant of Bering Sea island
- Body part
- Milestone birthday
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- More (Spanish)
- Chicago ballplayer
- Leaves a place
- Cannot be found
- One's internal body parts
- Tell on
- North American peoples of southwest
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Extract used for jams and jellies
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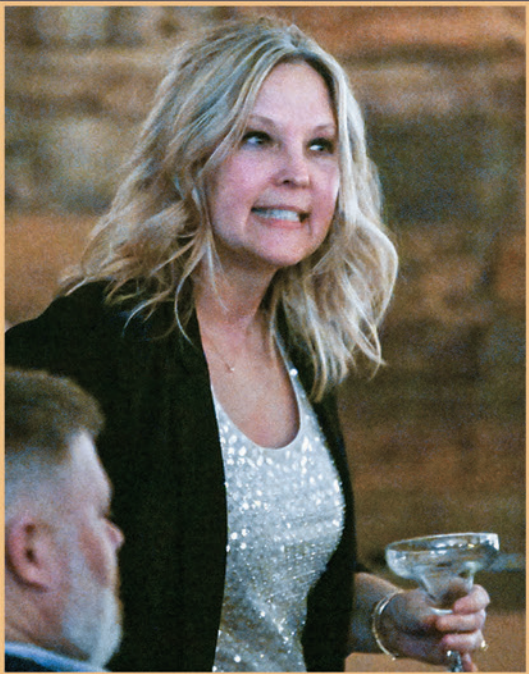
2026 Evening With Friendsan evening of Grace

Sunday featured food, fun and fundraising at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall. At the end of the evening, cash winners were announced with Tyson Dinslage winning \$2,500, Jay Evans \$600, Hailey Meis \$500 (both pictured, upper left) and Todd Heithoff \$400. Truly though, everyone was a winner during this night of “Grace”.


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Wolfpack Sports

O'Neill uses big third quarter to defeat EPPJ

ELGIN — O'Neill came to Elgin with just one loss on the season. Unfortunately for Wolfpack fans, they left town still with just one loss.

A very competitive first half turned into a one-sided affair as the Lady Eagles defeated the Wolfpack 83 to 57.

For the first two quarters the Wolfpack outfought the Lady Eagles for every loose ball and took advantage of nearly every scoring opportunity.

EPPJ built an eight-point lead in the first quarter as Braelyn Martinsen and Kinley Drueke made treys while Mady Kurpgeweit, Jael Lammers and Elizabeth Moser connected inside for a 15 to 7 lead.

O'Neill fought back at the end of the quarter with a trey and

four made free throws to cut the Wolfpack's lead to 15 to 14.

Five straight points by Kurpgeweit early in the second quarter gave EPPJ a three-point lead. Then, over the final 3:50 before halftime, the Lady Eagles outscored EPPJ 11 to eight to lead 35 to 30 at halftime.

"I thought we did some really good things (in the first two quarters)," Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the first half. "If we make our free throws we lead at halftime."

The second half was another story as O'Neill got off to a quick start with an 11 to zero run and never looked back. In a 30-point quarter the Eagles seemingly couldn't miss. And, when they were fouled, they went to the line and made 11 of

12 free throws to lead 65 to 32 with one quarter to play.

The Lady Eagles' play in the third quarter was stunning. Coach Eisenhauer couldn't remember another team, in recent years, that put up that many points in one quarter against the Wolfpack's defense. EPPJ attempted to make a run, cutting O'Neill's lead to 15 points, 66 to 51) when Moser made a trey. O'Neill then closed out the game with a 17 to six run.

"I don't care how good a team is, we can't give up 30 points (in a quarter). They've got good shooters and we knew that ... We've just got to get better at stopping teams and getting stops and then for us getting points."

Kurpgeweit led the Wolfpack with 18 points, Martinsen had 13. They tied for the lead in rebounds with nine.

One key statistic was turnovers as the Wolfpack had 28 compared to 16 for the Lady Eagles. Another was steals as O'Neill had 14 compared to just eight for EPPJ.

O'Neill 83, EPPJ 57
Eagles.....14 21 30 18 — 83
Wolfpack.....15 15 12 15 — 57
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 1-1 0-0 3, Gentry Zwingman 0-1 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 3-6 2-2 9, Kinley Drueke 3-7 2-4 8, Braelyn Martinsen 5-9 2-4 13, Lillian Moser 0-1 0-0 0, Kinley Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Jael Lammers 2-3 0-0 4, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 1-5 0-0 2, Mady Kurpgeweit 8-16 2-6 18. Team totals: 23-50 7-16 57. Three-point shots — 4-14 (E. Moser 1, Drueke 2, Martinsen 1). O'Neill team totals: 26-56 25-29 83. Three-point shots — O'Neill 6-16.
Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 32 (Kurpgeweit 9, Martinsen 9), Eagles 26. Assists — Wolfpack 10 (Kurpgeweit 4), Eagles 14. Steals — Wolfpack 8 (Martinsen 4), Eagles 14. Turnovers — Wolfpack 26, Eagles 16.

Erickson's two free throws in second overtime seal win

ELGIN — On a night when everything seemed to be going against the Wolfpack, they found a way to win. It took two overtimes Tuesday night as senior Jarek Erickson sank two free throws with one second left on the clock to send O'Neill home with a 48 to 46 loss.

"We wanted the basketball in his hands," Wolfpack Coach Matt Euse said about Erickson's late game heroics.

Coming into the game with a losing record, O'Neill seemed ready to escape with an improbable victory over the Wolfpack. That was until Erickson stepped to the forefront at crunch time.

Tied 38-all at the end of regulation, EPPJ quickly fell behind in the first overtime, twice trailing by two points. Down 42 to 40, the Wolfpack had the ball for one last shot and put it in the hands of Erickson. As he drove the lane he was fouled with 04.2 seconds left. He sank both free throws to tie the score, forcing a second overtime.

Erickson gave EPPJ the lead with a two-pointer, 44 to 42 with 2:38 left. O'Neill tied the score, then saw EPPJ twice make one of two free throw attempts to take a 46 to 44 lead with 1:24 left in the game.

Then, the Eagles tied the score with eight seconds left. That set the stage for Erickson to drive to the basket to take a jump shot when he was fouled with one tick left on the clock.

After the game, Coach Euse made sure the team knew what they had just experienced with the victory. "We've been battle-tested," Euse said. "I didn't think we played great tonight. They (O'Neill) made us uncomfortable. They put a lot of pressure on us and we didn't handle that well right away. But I thought as the game went on, we just got a little more comfortable and then we made some big plays."



Max Henn scored 17 points and pulled down 21 rebounds as EPPJ remained undefeated with a win over O'Neill.

In the first half, EPPJ stayed close to the Eagles, in large part, due to the inside play of Max Henn whom O'Neill had no answer for. Henn scored 12 points in the first half as EPPJ trailed the Eagles 25 to 22 at halftime. Three-point baskets

by Michael Selting, Erickson and Karson Kallhoff helped EPPJ take a 33 to 29 lead late in the third quarter. The Eagles cut the lead to 35 to 32 by the end of the quarter. Henn's

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Drueke, Veik medal at Neligh

NELIGH — One thing is for certain, when you compete at the Neligh-Oakdale Wrestling Invite you will face Northeast Nebraska's best wrestlers.

Such was the case again Saturday for Elgin Public-Pope John.

They took three wrestlers to the meet and two came back through the loser's brackets to earn medals. After losing in Round #2, Landyn Veik came back to finish third. In the consolation finals, Veik pinned Lane Keogh (WH) in 2:08. He finished the day with three pins in four matches.

Wolfpack senior Grady Drueke started the day with a loss, then came back to win two of his next three matches to placed fifth in the 157-pound division. Drueke wrapped up the day with a pin in 1:30 over Derek Georges (CC/O).

Wrestling at 165 pounds,

John Zwingman dropped both of his matches. His best match came against Calob Troy (CC/O). Trailing 4 to 0 entering period #3, Zwingman scored two points with a reversal before time ran out.

Individual results Saturday were:

165 pounds — Landyn Veik (EPPJ) pinned Trace Kaup (NC) in 1:39; Veik lost 4 to 3 to Gavin Ironshell (WiHi); Veik pinned Calob Troy (CC/O) in 4:07; Veik pinned Lane Keogh (WH) in 2:08

165 — John Zwingman (EPPJ) lost 18 to 2 TF to Cooper Walker (MULL); Zwingman lost 4 to 2 to Calob Troy (CC/O)

157 — Grady Drueke (EPPJ) lost 16 to 1 TF to Zachary Wiebelhaus (NC); Drueke won 19 to 4 TF over Brett Woollen (WiHi); Drueke was pinned by Ky Cargill (CEVA) in 3:59; Drueke pinned Derek Georges (CC/O) in 1:30



Landyn Veik started his march to the medal stand with a first period pin over North Central's Trace Kaup.



To be a Wolfpack wrestler requires grit and determination as displayed here by John Zwingman.

Evans, Chessmore come up big Saturday at N-O Wrestling Invite

NELIGH — Two wrestlers competed for the Wolfpack Friday and both came home with medals.

Competing at the Neligh-Oakdale Girls Wrestling

Invitational Libby Evans made quick work of her first two opponents to reach the finals of the 170-weight class. With two pins already in the tournament seemed destined for a

third until she lined up against Elizabeth DeRoos (CRBL). One of the state's best at 170, DeRoos jumped out to a quick lead and eventually claimed a major decision 15 to 3 over Evans.

Evans is a model of consistency this season as she seeks to become a three-time state qualifier next month.

Jayda Chessmore placed fourth, splitting her first two matches to reach the consolation finals where she faced Payton Becker from Boone Central. Becker bested Chessmore on this day, recording a pin in 2:06.

Individual results Friday:

130 — Jayda Chessmore (EPPJ) was pinned by Josslyn Hoefer (N-O) in 1:41; Chessmore pinned Ayva Bendorf (WiHi) in 3:38; Chessmore was pinned by Payton Becker (BCEN) in 2:06

170 — Libby Evans (EPPJ) pinned Aliza Ettison (ANSL) in 30 seconds; Evans pinned Kaylyen Jaid (FRAN) in 1:18; Evans lost 15 to 3 MD to Elizabeth DeRoos (CRBL)



Libby Evans recorded two pins and finished second in the 170-pound weight class Friday at the Neligh-Oakdale Girls Wrestling Invite.

Evans takes second at Battle Creek Invite

BATTLE CREEK —Elgin Public-Pope John brought home one medal from the Battle Creek Invite held Monday, January 19.

Wolfpack junior Libby Evans placed second in the 170 pound division. She won her first three matches, two by pin, before facing Wayne's Alexandria Ziska in the finals. Evans lost the match, getting pinned in 4:54.

Individual results were:

170 pounds — Libby Evans (EPPJ) pinned Brenda Carreno (WPB) in 43 seconds; Evans won 17 to 2 TF over Tenley Ramm (ORD); Evans pinned Shae Jackson (HOLT) in 1:26; Evans was pinned by Alexandria Ziska (WAYN) in 4:54

130 — Jayda Chessmore (EPPJ) was pinned by Dakota Gress (HPC) in 1:25; Chessmore pinned Peyton Thelen (RAND) in 4:50; Chessmore lost 8 to 0 to Lilly Kester (SUMM)

105 — Anna Dworak (EPPJ) was pinned by Aydrin Meyer (THCE) in 3:19; Dworak was pinned by Willa Hughes (WPB) in 3:40

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three-point play at the start of the fourth quarter proved huge as they would add just two more points the rest of the way as the teams headed towards extra periods to determine a winner.

EPPJ 48, O'Neill 46 2 OT

Eagles.....14 11 4 9 4 4 — 46

Wolfpack.....11 11 11 5 4 6 — 48

EPPJ — Michael Seltling 3-14 2-2 9, Karson Kallhoff 1-6 0-0 3, Evin Pelster 2-4 0-0 5, Jarek Erickson 3-6 7-8 14, Max Henn 7-12 2-5 17, Justice Blecher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 16-42 11-15 48. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-22 (Seltling 1, Kallhoff 1, Erickson 1, Henn 1, Pelster 1). O'Neill team totals: 20-54 2-6 46. Three-point shots — O'Neill 4-23.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 33 (Henn 21), Eagles 25. Assists — Wolfpack 11 (Kallhoff 5). Steals — Wolfpack 3 (Erickson 3). Turnovers — Wolfpack 15, Eagles 11.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Our Pride of the Pack

A sophomore, Max and the team dominated C1 foe O'Neill. He led the team in points with 17. He also was a force under the basket as he pulled down 21 rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

MAX HENN

A junior, Mady & teammates battled O'Neill hard but just couldn't close the gap. She led the team with 18 points and had 9 rebounds and 4 assists.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MADY KURPGEWIT

A junior, Libby continues to collect medals. She had two pins and placed 2nd at the Neligh-Oakdale Girls Invite. Earlier in the week, she brought home a 2nd place medal from Battle Creek.

WRESTLING (GIRLS)

LIBBY EVANS

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