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In Brief

Elgin City Council to meet Monday night

To begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Elgin City Council will meet in regular session next week. The monthly meeting will be held at City Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Tabled from last month's meeting, the council is expected to resume discussion on creating a water fund reserve for loan compliance.

FFA 'Feed the Farmer' to be held this Thursday

Serving to begin at 11 a.m.

Reaching out to the community, the Elgin FFA Chapter will be seeking to give back to farmers now in the fields for the annual harvest. This Thursday, October 2, FFA members, assisted by FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz, will again sponsor "Feed The Farmer." The event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Central Valley Ag scale in Elgin. Burgers and more will be served to farmers weighing in at the scales. For those farmers who can't make it in to town that day, FFA members will be delivering surprise meals to field workers.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:
Notice of Meeting — Antelope County Board of Equalization
Notice of October Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Notice of Change to 2025/2026 Budget — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 86 degrees recorded on Tuesday, September 23.
The low temperature during the same period was 52 degrees recorded on Friday, September 26.
Altogether, 0.25 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.
Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Sept 21	74	55	.00
Sept 22	82	61	.00
Sept 23	86	61	.25
Sept 24	73	54	.00
Sept 25	77	53	.00
Sept 26	82	52	.00
Sept 27	84	54	.00
Total for last week			0.25
Total for September			1.98
Total precipitation 2025			25.06



Courtesy photos

New 'Welcome to Elgin' signs will be installed along highways 70 and 14 in the coming weeks. (Above) The design was created by Anna Meis of rural Elgin. Attached below the new welcome sign will be a separate sign naming churches in and around Elgin.

New Elgin 'welcome' signs now ready to install

A project which began back in August of 2022 is finally nearing completion. Last week, the panels for the new 'Welcome to Elgin' highway signs arrived in Elgin. The project, spearheaded by the Elgin Chamber of Commerce/Community Club, began after a wind storm went through the area in the summer of 2022 and caused one of the large signs to come down. After further inspection, all three signs (two along Highway 14, one on the north edge of town and one to the south in the highway curve plus the one sign on the west edge of town along Highway 70)

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Attached below the new welcome signs will be separate signs naming churches in and around Elgin.
had experienced severe corrosion and damage to the posts plus wear-and-tear on the signs themselves.
That August, the club put out a notice to the public requesting new potential slogans along with a new sign

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Soybean harvest heats up last week

With moisture levels coming down fast, the soybean harvest is in full swing all around Elgin. On Friday morning, soybeans were being harvested north of Elgin on land belonging to Meis Farms.

Elgin FFA takes third place at State Range Judging Contest

A team from Elgin FFA placed third recently at the State Range Judging Contest. The Nebraska Section, Society for Range Management, hosts State and Area Range Judging contests every fall. The state contest moves around the state each year. This year, the contest was held near Springview in Keya Paha County. There were 125 senior division individuals and 54 total teams. In the top 10, Isaac Hemenway placed fifth overall, Haley Parks took ninth. Kyndal took 20th and Kylee finished 43rd. Kayton Zwingman also earned a top 25 percent placing in the senior division.

FFA team members (l-r) Haley Parks, Kylee Lichtenberg, Isaac Hemenway and Kyndal Busteed placed third at the 2025 State Range Judging Contest held near Springview.

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They and their tiebreaker guess were Gale Mahnke 639, Fr. Ross Burkhalter 750, Tim Rossow 709 and Kurt Blair 577. The correct answer was 700 total yards between Oregon and Penn State. Mahnke was the closest without going over and will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. Blair will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

Results of the games were: Notre Dame over Arkansas Indiana over Iowa Utah over West Virginia EPPJ over Creighton Kansas State over UCF Louisville over Pitt Houston over Oregon State Ohio State over Washington Ole Miss over LSU Navy over Rice Tennessee over Mississippi State Iowa State over Arizona Arizona State over TCU Cincinnati over Kansas Texas A&M over Auburn Oregon over Penn State Illinois over USC BYU over Colorado Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry with a smart phone and sending it to elginreview@yahoo.com. Good luck!

Community Calendar

Thursday, October 2
Elgin FFA 'Feed the Farmer' from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. • County Government Day @ Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh.

Monday, October 6
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.

Tuesday, October 7
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners in Neligh • Antelope County 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Plan, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.*

Friday, October 10
EPS Teammates Tailgate to be held at Elgin Field* • Elgin FFA Chapter Labor Auction*.

Tuesday, October 14
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.

Wednesday, October 15
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education at 7 p.m. in the board meeting room at EPS.

Events listing courtesy of
ELGIN VETERANS' MEDICAL CLINIC
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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Cucumber Dill & Hot Crab Dips



Good day, Happy Fall! Well....almost fall!

This is my favorite time of the year! It's football and volleyball season. Wahoo!

We always enjoy getting together and watching the games. This week, I have a couple of ideas for some dips you can make and share.

Maybe you have some cucumbers left in your garden. This is a real favorite, I bet it will be one of your's after you make it and eat it.

This crab dip is amazing. Make sure you keep it warm, that's when it's the best! Go Huskers!

Enjoy, JoAnn

CUCUMBER DILL DIP

1 8 oz pkg cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
2 medium cucumbers-peeled, seeded, and chopped
2-3 Tbls sliced green onion
1 Tbls lemon juice

2 tsp fresh dill or ½ tsp dried dill weed
½ tsp hot pepper sauce

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and chill, serve with crackers or vegetables.

HOT CRAB DIP

1 8 oz pkg cream cheese
½ cup mayonnaise
1 can crab meat, drained

¼ cup minced onion
1 Tbls lemon juice
3 drops Tabasco sauce

Soften cream cheese, beat until smooth. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Keep warm in a small crock pot. Serve with crackers or chips.

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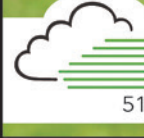
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'Home' is more like a feeling

Homecoming. Here in Elgin, it was mid-September. The football game. The dance. The dates. The coronation of kings and queens at our two schools. At my favorite alma mater, UNL, it's October 4th this year.

At my high school, there's been no homecoming for years. The school building was long disbanded in Douglas, NE. Our graduating class of seven, yes, seven, never really stayed connected after that glorious day of graduation in 1974. In high schools, why exactly is it called homecoming when

all the current students are already home with mom and dad? High school alums tend to gather in summer. It's different on college campuses, where tailgates and school spirit abounds. After all, that's what homecoming fosters – school spirit – along with strengthening community and giving students a sense of belonging that hopefully will last a lifetime. Traditions are celebrated. A school's culture is honored.

While many stories exist about the origin of homecoming, the University of Missouri's athletic director in 1911, Chester Brewer, gets most of the credit. His goal was to energize the student body and draw alumni back home for a gridiron clash against their archrival, the University of Kansas. With homecoming in the books most places, now it's all about being back home for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. As family members move many miles away from each other, have children of their own, and make plans different from their youth, too often the big house, called home, stays idle with only dreams of yesteryear filling its spaces.

The dictionary describes home as simply the place where one lives. My dad always said that a house wasn't necessarily a home and that home was where they let you in at night. During a recent outing to Green Gables near Royal with Elgin's Young-N-Lively women's club members, one of the wall hangings said simply, "Life takes us down unexpected paths. Love brings us home." Maybe home is where you hang your hat, though if you're like me, the place where I grew up is long ago bulldozed into a hole in the ground. Home is more like a feeling, the memories that come from the far reaches of your mind when you stand in the space. No home fires are burning to welcome me.

There are no homegrown green beans cooking. No home-spun embroidered tea towel, a special pastime of my mother's, hangs from the hook in the kitchen. Not even a homebrew down in the root cellar. The grounds are nothing to write home about. Without question, nobody's home.

Now, for me the last 50-plus years, home is a new space with hubby Rick. It's been in Lincoln; Oklahoma City; Ames, Iowa; northern Virginia, and now on a farm northeast of Elgin (which I hope is my final home on earth). While living in the east, attending funerals of African American colleagues happened. They were called home-going celebrations, a Christian funeral that views death as a joyful return to God and eternal glory. Finally, home free; home at last. Dare-devils, walking on tightropes across deep ravines, often give the warning, "Do not try this at home."

Say What?



Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Sometimes company that stays beyond their welcome can eat you out of house and home. Way back when, the man would bring home the bacon and the woman's place was in the home. No longer.

According to recent Bureau of Labor Statistics data, about half of married couples have spouses employed. Stay-at-home jobs, or teleworking, became more prominent during the Covid epidemic. Stay-at-home dads are more common now, too.

Once while traveling in Mexico, "Yankee go home" was the message scrawled in black spray paint along the wall of the Oaxaca airport. That was the early 2000s and no strife between that country and ours comes to mind. A more common greeting amongst friends is "come on in and make yourself at home".

Traveling gives you many homes away from home though "home sweet home" is always the best.

As this column comes to the home stretch, remember chickens come home to roost, meaning ill-will will catch up to you sooner or later.

On the other hand, well wishes during this glorious season of autumn are remembered until the cows come home. Here's hoping this read was a home run for you.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Nancy Hecht, 90

June 16, 1935 - September 24, 2025

An Iowa native, she was a kind soul and made lifelong friends through her volunteer work. An avid reader, she is believed to have read over 5,000 books.



Funeral services for Eleanor Nancy Hecht, age 90, of Tilden, Nebraska were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Tilden. Reverend John Norman was the celebrant, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Tilden.

Visitation was Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Brockhaus-Harlan Funeral Home in Tilden and continue at the church with a 7:00 p.m. Wake Service. Nancy died Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek, Nebraska.

Eleanor Nancy Hecht was born June 16, 1935, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Clarence John and Anne Hudson (Merrifield) Forge. She was the fourth of seven children.

The siblings were very close after experiencing the tragic loss of their mother to cancer when Nancy was ten, and shortly after the loss of their older sister Marian to cancer. The family lived in Des Moines, Iowa, and Nancy attended St. John's Catholic School through junior high.

The family moved to Omaha in 1950, and Nancy graduated from Omaha North High School in 1953. While her father wanted her to start working, her stepmother intervened, stating, "If the boys can go to college, then Nancy will go to college." Because her younger sister had just joined the convent in Kentucky, it was decided that Nancy would attend Ursuline College in Louisville, Kentucky, to be close to her sister, Louise. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and came to Tilden High School in the fall of 1957 to teach math and science. There she lived with fellow teacher, Patty Anderson Van Ert, and the two became lifelong friends. They even became linked through family when Patty married Jim Van Ert and Nancy married Frank Hecht, who were cousins.

In 1959, Nancy moved to Kansas City to work for AT&T as an engineer's assistant. Frank proposed shortly thereafter, and on June 25, 1960, she married

Frank J. Hecht of Tilden at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Omaha. To this union, eight children were born: Lisa, Mark, Paul, Anne, Emily, John, Sarah, and Kathleen. The couple resided southwest of Tilden on the family farm, and Nancy devoted her time as a farmwife and mother. She was involved in Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, serving on the Parish Council, Altar Society, and teaching CCD.

She was a kind soul and made lifelong friends through her volunteer work. Nancy was always a champion for the underdog, a great listener, and held a wealth of solid advice. She also taught at Elkhorn Valley Schools in the late 1960s, Orchard Schools in the mid-1960s, and was an aide at District 14, south of Tilden, in the 1990s.

The couple divorced in 1992 but remained friendly. In 1994, Nancy moved to Prescott, Arizona, to live with her sister, Carol.

She returned to Norfolk in 1995 to enjoy retirement.

Nancy was an avid reader throughout her entire life; her family estimates that she has read over 5,000 books in her lifetime. In later years, she enjoyed bingo and cards. In February 2014, she entered Prairie View Assisted Living in Tilden.

In 2017, she relocated to the Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek, where she resided until her death. There, the family, including grandkids, would hold epic Texas Hold'em tournaments until well past her bedtime. Family gathering was a great joy in her life.

She is survived by her children, Lisa (Paul) Mettler of Chicago, Mark (Mary) Hecht of Tilden, Anne (Jim) Meis of Elgin, Emily (Merle) Borer of Elgin, John (Stacy) Hecht of Roca, and Kathleen (Scott) Margheim of Columbus; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one on the way; one sister-in-law, Delores Forge of Denver; and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother, Elizabeth Nitz Forge; her son, Paul in 2024; her daughter, Sarah in infancy; the father of her children, Frank J. Hecht; brothers, David and Clarence John Jr. "Jack"; sisters, Marian, Marge, Carol, and Louise; in-laws, Dick and Marian (Hecht) Wisch and Marvin and Agnes (Hecht) Renner; and many other relatives and friends.

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Patsy Ann (Olson) Uttecht

March 7, 1951 - September 27, 2025



Moving to Elgin during the early 1980s, she worked for 25 years at the Neligh Nursing Center, later as administrator.

Patsy Ann (Olson) Uttecht was born on March 7,

1951, in Osmond, Nebraska, to Frank A. "Bud" and Ellen E. (Person) Olson.

Pat grew up on a farm south of Wausa, Nebraska, alongside her brother, Lee Olson. She graduated from Osmond High School in 1969 and went on to attend Bryan College of Nursing in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she earned her degree as a Registered Nurse.

On October 14, 1972, Pat was united in marriage to Dwaine Uttecht. The couple first made their home in Lincoln before moving to Neligh, Nebraska, where they welcomed their son, Christopher Lee Uttecht. During their time in Neligh, Pat began her 25-year career at the Neligh Nursing Center, serving first as Director of Nursing and later as Administrator.

In 1983, Pat, Dwaine, and Chris moved to Elgin, where she lived for the next 25 years. Pat retired from the Neligh Nursing Center in May 2008 and joined Dwaine in Ravenna, Nebraska.

In 2015, Pat and Dwaine made their retirement home in Fremont, Nebraska.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Ellen Olson; brothers-in-law, Ray Fle-

sner and Larry Noelle; sister-in-law, Leila Uttecht; nephew, Jeff Olson; and niece, Carmen Halsey.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dwaine of Fremont; her son, Christopher (Stacy) Uttecht of Hartington, NE; and her grandchildren: Jordan Kerkman of Vermillion, SD, and daughter Rory; Justin (Ashley) Kerkman of Hartington, NE, and children Cohen, Oliver, and Noa; Cassandra (Steven) Petersen of Norfolk, NE, and children Cambree, Kyson, and Beckham; and Cadyn Uttecht (Cal Janke) of Wayne, NE.

She is also survived by her brother, Lee (Colleen) Olson of Fremont, NE; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Flesner of Pierce, NE, and Carolyn Noelle of Norfolk, NE; brothers-in-law, Merle (Shanda) Uttecht of Keizer, OR, LeRoy Uttecht of Norfolk, NE, and Lowell (Kathy) Uttecht of Bennington, NE; along with extended family and many friends.

A memorial service will be 10:30 A.M., Friday, October 3, 2025 at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont. Memorial visitation will be Thursday from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at Moser's in Fremont.

Private interment will take place at the Omaha National Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

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Next steps to close the digital divide in rural Nebraska

My husband Bruce and I raised our family on a cattle ranch near Valentine, Nebraska – a rural community that understands how spotty Wi-Fi makes it difficult to connect with family and friends. In today’s day and age, reliable internet access is no longer optional. But for too many Nebraskans living in rural communities, it’s still out of reach.

That reality has shaped my work in the U.S. Senate, where I chair the Telecommunications and Media Subcommittee on the Commerce Committee. Time and again, I’ve heard from families, small businesses, and schools across Nebraska who face the same barriers mine does: patchy service, slow speeds, and the feeling of being left behind in a digital economy.

That’s why I introduced the Modernization, Accountability, and Planning (MAP) for Broadband Funding Act this past summer. At its core, this bill is about accountability. We already know billions of federal dollars are being spent on broadband expansion. The real question is: are those dollars making a difference for the families who need them most?

The MAP for Broadband Funding Act strengthens oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)’s Broadband Funding Map – the tool meant to show where the federal government spends money on expanding broadband service.

My bill directs the FCC to review how usable and accurate that map really is for the public and providers, and it tasks the Government Accountability Office with ensuring federal agencies are reporting information correctly. If the map is flawed, then the billions of dollars tied to it risk missing the mark.

This is not my first step in closing the digital divide. Back in 2021, I worked with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) to push for the creation of this very map the FCC now maintains through an amendment to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Its launch in 2023 was progress, but progress without oversight can quickly stall.

That’s why I introduced this bill and am pushing for its advancement through committee and onto the Senate floor.

Another cornerstone of my work to close the digital divide – and keep it closed – relates to the Universal Service Fund (USF). For decades, the USF has helped extend and support communications access to rural America. Today, the fund is poised for updates, nearly 30 years after Congress created the universal service mission to connect all Americans through voice and

broadband, no matter where they live. The USF must be predictable, sustainable, and modernized to reflect how people actually communicate in 2025.

That’s why I am proud to co-lead a bipartisan, bicameral congressional working group charged with reshaping

the USF. Our goal is straightforward: make sure this unique mechanism supports universal service long into the future, in a manner that targets resources and eliminates waste. It’s not enough to talk about closing the digital divide — we must prove that

we’re truly closing it.

For me, this isn’t just policy. It’s personal. I know what it means to live in a community where reliable internet is a luxury, not a given.

Too often, D.C. bureaucrats decide that rural America is too expensive

and too hard to connect with broadband infrastructure that meets the needs of today – and of tomorrow. And I know the opportunities Nebraskans are missing as a result, from education and telehealth to entrepreneurship and precision agriculture.

Free speech is a precious right

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

“You should be allowed to say outrageous things.”

“There’s ugly speech. There’s gross speech. There’s evil speech. And all of it is protected by the First Amendment.”

Both of the above quotes are attributable to Charlie Kirk, a political activist, media personality and evangelical Christian who was recently murdered, allegedly by a young man angered by Kirk’s views on homosexuality and gender transitions.

It was a sickening crime, witnessed by hundreds of students attending a Kirk event at a Utah college.

Such violence is abhorrent, and has no place in American political discourse. (On the same day there was more political violence: a 16-year-old boy opened fire inside a Colorado school – a boy who purportedly espoused neo-Nazi, white supremacist views.)

I’ll admit, I wasn’t familiar with Kirk’s political views, or his substantial following among young people.

I had forgotten that in April of 2024, Kirk had held a political rally in Omaha to put pressure on Nebraska lawmakers to end the state’s unique system of awarding presidential electoral college votes, and adopt a winner-take-all system, like most states. (The call came too late in the legislative session that year to do anything about it, and since there, there’s been a lack of votes needed to make that change.)

What’s even more sad about the murder of Kirk is that it took someone who advocated for free speech, and who regularly, and admirably, debated those who had differing opinions.

I’m a huge believer in free speech, as a journalist and as an American. Our guarantee of free speech rights puts us apart from many other countries, where dissent is squelched, media outlets shut down and, as in Russia, opposition leaders are jailed and end up dead.

Freedom of speech, as well as freedom of the press, keeps our gov-



ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

ernment officials accountable and, in many cases, brings out the truth.

America’s founders, in 1791, felt so strongly about ensuring the freedom to express opinions – even those that disparaged or opposed the current government – that they amended the Constitution, adding the Bill of Rights. Those rights include the freedom to worship as we chose – not how the government dictates.

“God hath created the mind free, and manifested his supreme will that free it shall remain by making it altogether insusceptible of restraint,” wrote Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson, then, and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas now, warned us against allowing the government to decide what is “free speech” and what isn’t, because it could come back to bite us. Right now, President Trump can de-

monize liberals and threaten reprisals, but as soon as a liberal or moderate gains the White House, the tables will turn, and conservatives might lose jobs or be the targets of threats.

Right now, the government is trying to punish people for what they say.

Talk show host Jimmy Kimmel makes a joke – which is what comedians do – and suddenly the head of a government agency, the Federal Communications Commission (which licenses broadcasters) is calling for his firing. Kimmel eventually got his job back, but the message was clear – if you say something we don’t like, look out.

Across the country, people were losing their jobs or being forced to resign over their comments – however appropriate or inappropriate – over the killing of Charlie Kirk.

We saw that even in Nebraska. A school board member in Kimball stepped down for posting on social media that he didn’t think American flags should be lowered to half staff after the murder of Kirk. (Gotta say, I’ve heard several similar gripes in the past, from the left and right, about why the flag was lowered for certain reasons.)

And then there’s the lawsuits the president has filed against nearly every news network and major newspaper in the country over stories, or editing decisions, he didn’t like. Again, better watch what you write or say, regardless of the Bill of Rights.

The bottom line here is that freedom of speech is a precious right in our country.

To let it erode is a tragedy. That’s something even Charlie Kirk would likely agree with.

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Activity at the capitol beginning to pick up in anticipation of new session

This past week marked the transition from summer to fall, and as such, harvest season is almost here. Please be careful on the roads since more tractors, combines and semi-trucks will be on the roads in the coming weeks.

The Agriculture Committee, of which I am the chairman, will be holding two interim public hearings this year. The first hearing will be on Tuesday, October 7 in Kearney to examine the Livestock Brand

Act and the role and mission of the Nebraska Brand Committee. The second hearing will be on Friday, October 31 to examine a variety of topics relating to livestock electronic identification devices, threats to Nebraska agriculture, noxious weeds, and youth agriculture programs. You can find a full schedule at nebraskalegislature.gov.

The past several months have been busy with traveling for me.

In July, I attended the first of two meetings for the Legis-

lative Energy Horizon Institute (LEHI), a policy program designed in partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures to educate American and Canadian legislators and policymakers about the North American energy infrastructure and delivery system.

In September, I joined 32 other legislators from Nebraska and Iowa in Washington, D.C. for an afternoon of listening and giving feedback to various federal cabinet secretaries and their staff.

With the need for electricity only expected to grow in this state and country over the next 20 years, our electrical power grid needs a form of electricity that can provide reliable generation around-the-clock with few intermittent stoppages.

A quick list of some of the other events and activities I have participated in include (1) meeting with other state senators regarding property taxes, (2) receiving input from the Public Service Commission regarding recent bills, (3) working with various state agencies to resolve constituent issues while in Lincoln, (4) holding constituent meetings in Chambers and Hartington, (5) attending

the Fort Benning name dedication ceremony in Neligh, (6) participating in the bill signing ceremony for my bill LB246 in O'Neill alongside Governor Pillen and other state senators, (7) visiting with constituents in Ponca and Wakefield, (9) joining the Cedar County and Holt County Farm Bureau annual meetings, (10) attending the Governor's Growing Nebraska Summit, (11) taking zoom calls with individuals and constituents, (12) stopping by the Missouri River Outdoor Expo at Ponca State Park, and (13), most recently, visiting with USDA Under Secretary Luke Lindberg and Congressman Adrian Smith in York, NE.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

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Signs

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design.

Approximately six entries were received and over the course of several meetings, the design and slogan submitted by Elgin's Anna Meis was selected.

From there, the project stalled for periods of time. In late 2023/early 2024, bids on the project were acquired from Love Signs in Norfolk. After the club selected their desired sign materials and added a lower panel for the Elgin church listings, the question of how to pay for the project brought the process to a crawl again. These signs would not have happened without grants and donations from organizations like ERPPD and the City of Elgin earmarking funds from the city sales tax fund. The final step will be the installation of the signs, hopefully in the near future.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

September 30, 1965

Elgin and northeast Nebraska experienced its first hard freeze of the season Friday morning, September 24. The mercury dropped to 30 degrees here. Some reports of lows in the upper 20s were heard but in either case the freeze killed nearly all, if not all, of the uncovered flowers, garden plants and stopped growth of farm grain crops.

Four Elgin High School cheerleaders accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heckert attended a cheerleading clinic at Vermillion, S.D. Attending were Anna Huffman, Vickie Taylor, Terry Verplank and Nancy Heckert.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dinslage are proud parents of an eight pound, 13 ounce daughter, Christine Marie born September 26, 1965 at Antelope Memorial Hospital.

The 1966 line of Ford automobiles will be on display at Contois Motor Co. on Friday, October 1. The company will also hold a drawing for prizes and have free coffee and donuts.

The average fellow is not looking for a man he can trust but a man who will trust him. Lots of people laugh one way and vote another.

Fifty Years Ago

September 25, 1975

Elgin High School proved quite deserving of their second place state ranking by smashing Wheeler Central 56 to 14. Kent Beckman rushed the ball 26 times for 213 yards and scored four touchdowns to lead the Eagles. Bill Mickelson led the team with 16 tackles.

Greg Schindler of Ewing is one of 15 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who has qualified to teach vocational agriculture as part of a new program. He will be teaching here under the supervision of instructor Larry Shavlik.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lawson will honor their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary.

At Ray's Superette this week, ground beef is 79 cents per pound, Windsor sliced vacuum pack bacon is \$1.29 per pound while a large loaf of country corn bread is just 49 cents while supplies last.

At the Elgin Village Board meeting, Ray Gregor representing Gregors Garage offering a 1975 Plymouth police car. The board voted to purchase the vehicle at a price of \$4,482.

Thirty Years Ago

September 27, 1995

A total of 64 booths, many featuring craft items will be on display in St. Boniface Gym as part of the 16th annual Fall Festival Craft and Hobby Fair. The two-day event is one of the largest and best attended shows of its kind in this part of the state. Attendance in recent years has been estimated at 1,000 to 1,500 persons.

Crowned Homecoming King and Queen at Pope John last week were Chantel Stokes and Heath Petsche. They are both members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Petersburg.

Upper Elkhorn NRD announced the resignation of Merrand Clark of Elgin, director from sub-district 7. Merland has been a member of the board of directors since the NRDs were established in 1972.

The Bank of Elgin will be observing its 60th anniversary with a free bratwurst sausage cook-out in the bank drive-up area. The bank was opened on August 1, 1935, with J.J. Delay as president.

John Stuhr had 18 tackles and one fumble recovery to help lead Pope John to a 51 to 13 victory Friday night over Wheeler Central. Heath Petsche led the Crusaders with 156 yards rushing.

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2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lamentations 1:1-6 Luke 17:5-10 Psalm 137

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Sunday, October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Congregational

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Sunday School: 10:15 am.

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Bartlett, NE

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Sunday Worship Service: 9 am.

Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

Calvary Bible Church

Neligh, NE

Pastor Peter Sample

Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Worship Service: 10:45 am.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Elgin, NE

Pastor Norlyn Bartens

Sunday Worship Service: 8 am.

Sunday school follows service.

Saturday Evening Service: 6 pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

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Church Council: 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

NOTICE OF MEETING
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Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold a County Board of Equalization meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on October 14th, 2025, at 9:30 AM, for the purpose of setting Antelope County levies; approving

tax roll corrections, motor vehicle exemptions and various other items which may become necessary to act upon. The meeting will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's Office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. PUBLISH: October 1, 2025 ZNEZ

PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY CHANGE

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Antelope County Budget
Notice of Summary Changes

Notice is hereby given that the unused property tax request authority that was published changed prior to adoption of the budget. The changes are as follows:

Budget Item Changed	As Published	As Adopted
Unused Property Tax Request Authority	\$1,433,940.72	\$231,651.47
This change did not affect the tax asking or levy. Questions may be directed to Antelope County Clerk, 402.887.4410.		
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Understanding rotator cuff tears

By Dr. Jared Rickert
Orthopedic Surgeon

Since 2019, I've specialized in helping patients with shoulder, hip, and knee problems regain their mobility and improve their quality of life. One of the most common shoulder issues I see is a rotator cuff tear. These tears can happen gradually from wear and tear or suddenly after an injury, and they can make everyday tasks—like



Dr. Jared Rickert

addresses the torn rotator cuff but also helps when arthritis is present, offering lasting pain relief and improved shoulder function. Whatever the approach, the goal is the same: to relieve pain, restore movement, and help patients get back to the activities they enjoy.

In addition to treating shoulder conditions, I also perform knee and hip replacements for patients struggling with arthritis and joint pain. If pain is keeping you from living life to the fullest, I'd be glad to meet with you at Boone County Health Center to discuss your options and find the right plan for you.

reaching overhead, lifting groceries, or even sleeping comfortably—difficult. The good news is that not every rotator cuff tear requires surgery.

Smaller, partial tears often respond very well to conservative treatment, which may include physical therapy, anti-inflammatory medications, or cortisone injections. These options can reduce pain and restore function without the need for an operation.

When the tear is larger or complete, surgery may be the best choice. In many cases, the tendon can be repaired, and sometimes this repair is supported with a biologic implant to improve healing. However, if a rotator cuff tear goes too long without treatment, it may progress to the point where the tendon is no longer repairable. In those cases, younger patients may be candidates for an interposition graft, while older patients often benefit most from a reverse total shoulder replacement.

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BCHC Foundation to host tailgate on October 17

The Boone County Health Center Foundation invites the community to a fun-filled BYOB Tailgate Party on Friday, October 17, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Albion. Doors open at 6:30 PM and game starts at 7 PM.

Guests can enjoy watching the Huskers take on Minnesota while sharing the evening with friends.

Water will be available, and those attending are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages. Snacks will also be served.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$160 to reserve a table of eight.

Participants must be 21 or older to attend. At halftime, the fun continues with trivia games where participants can win prizes, and your entry fee includes a chance to win a TV in the raffle.

To reserve your spot, visit Boone County Health Center's events calendar or call Sarah Grape at 402-741-0599.

All proceeds from the tailgate party will go toward this year's Big Gift Project, making it a chance to have fun while supporting a great cause.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING

DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lisa Welding called the special meeting to order for the purpose of Adoption of the Budget and Tax Request on September 22, 2025 to order at 7:13 a.m.

Board members present were Luke Hinkle, Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteed, Todd Heithoff, and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

President Welding led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Welding 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. Posting was done on the High School building window, post office bulletin board and The Elgin Review.

Eric Beckman motioned, Steve Busteed second to approve the consent agenda--#1- Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, #2- Adopt the Agenda. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

President Welding recognized visitors, questions were taken and answered.

Todd Heithoff motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented, including tax asking of \$3,830,082.00 (General Fund \$3,628,062.00 and Special Building Fund \$202,020.00). Luke Hinkle seconded it. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Luke Hinkle motioned and Steve Busteed second to approve the 2025-2026 district property tax levy request at 0.355912 (General Fund 0.337139 and Building Fund 0.018773) as presented. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Todd Heithoff second. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
2025-2026 Budget, Tax Request Hearing & Special Board Meeting
EPS Board Room
September 22, 2025, 7:00 AM

President Lisa Welding called the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing to order at 7:01 a.m. Board Members present were Luke Hinkle, Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteed, Todd Heithoff, and Lisa Welding. Also present was Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

Welding 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. Posting was done on the High School building window, post office bulletin board and The Elgin Review.

Welding went over Policy #204.03 Public Hearing Comments.

Supt. Brockhaus presented the Board with the 2025-2026 Budget. The general Fund Request is \$3,628,062.00 with a levy of 0.337139 and the Special Building Fund Request is \$202,020.00 with a levy of 0.018773 which is a total tax asking of \$3,830,082.00 with a total levy of 0.355912. President Welding encouraged questions or comments from the board members. Welding closed the hearing at 7:05 a.m.

President Welding opened the 2025-2026 Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request at 7:05 a.m. The General Fund Levy Request is 0.337139 and the Special Building Request is 0.018773 for a total Levy Request of 0.355912. Welding encouraged comments and questions from board members. The hearing closed at 7:13 a.m.

NOTICE OF OCTOBER MEETINGS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Com-

missioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

October 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM
October 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public

inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. PUBLISH: October 1, 2025 ZNEZ

District court held last week

Several defendants who appeared in Antelope County District Court on Sept. 24 received continuances.

Hunter E. Ashburn Taylor of Tilden received a continuance in a case where he faces one count of use of firearm to commit a felony, a Class I felony; and one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony.

Represented by defense counsel Nathan Stratton, Ashburn Taylor made the request to the Honorable James G. Kube. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object to the motion.

Kube set a pretrial conference for Oct. 29 and continued a jury trial to Dec. 9. Bond, set at \$50,000-10%, with conditions previously ordered, remains in effect.

Antwan J. Deleon, of Neligh, will appear again for a pretrial conference on Oct. 29. His attorney, Nate Stratton, made the request to Kube, who advised Deleon of his right to a speedy trial. Deleon waived that right.

Smith filed a motion to endorse, and Stratton had no objections.

A jury trial in the case is scheduled for Dec. 9. Bond, set at \$25,000-10%, remains in effect.

Deleon faces on count of unauthorized use of a financial transaction device \$5,000+, a Class IIA felony; and one count of theft by deception \$5,000. Deleon, who worked in the accounting department at Reinke's Farm and City Service, in Neligh, is alleged to have used a company credit card for approximately \$10,000 in non-approved charges and charges not customary to the business, according to the probable cause affidavit.

Deleon also allegedly physically manipulated time cards for his sister, his girlfriend and himself. The alleged manipulation led to approximately \$13,644.90 paid to the employees. Additionally, the business's petty cash fund was short approximately \$58, according to the

probable-cause affidavit.

Thomas A. Warnke, 21, of Beatrice, appeared for a pretrial conference in a case where he faces one charge of sexual assault-1st degree, a Class II felony; and one count of attempt of a Class II felony, a Class IIA felony.

Warnke's attorney, Dustin Garrison, appeared via Zoom, and requested a continuance of the pretrial conference and jury trial. According to Garrison, he and the county attorney will be taking depositions. County Attorney Smith did not object.

Kube advised the defendant of his right to a speedy trial. Warnke waived the right and Kube granted the motion.

A pretrial conference will be held Oct. 29, and a jury trail is on the calendar for Dec. 9. Bond is continued at \$50,000-10%, with conditions previously ordered.

#2 - revocation and cause hearings

An Elgin man who appeared for a probation revocation hearing in Antelope County District court, on Sept. 24, received court-appointed counsel.

The Honorable James G. Kube appointed Marty Klein to represent Rowdy L. Burke, 54. Kube ordered Burke to appear Oct. 29 for a hearing.

A \$10,000, 10% bond was established, and Kube reminded the defendant that all terms and conditions of the probation order must be met.

Burke was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

The case stems from a November 2023 incident to which he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to a two-year probation term, a 15-year license revocation, and a jail term.

Kaitlyn C. Dozler, 35, of Omaha, failed to appear for a show cause hearing. Dozler owes \$6,695 in restitution following conviction of a charge of DUI-.15+ or refusal (3 prior convictions), a Class IIA felony. Kube

informed Smith that he may take whatever action deemed necessary in the case.

Christopher W. Robinett, 22, of Lincoln appeared for a show cause hearing. Robinett told Kube he had fallen on hard times and needed to bring rent payments to current status, and he planned to find a second job to meet the monthly obligation to the court.

Kube ordered Robinett to start making \$50 monthly payments now and, once a second job is secured, to make \$100 monthly payments.

In 2022, Robinett was originally sentenced on two counts of attempt of a Class IIA felony, both Class IIIA felonies. In 2023, the defendant was sentenced on one count of burglary, a Class IIA felony; leaving the scene of an accident - fail to furnish info-1st, a Class II misdemeanor; and DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor.

#3 - Arraignment

A Plainview man facing charges of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person-1st, a Class ID felony, appeared for arraignment, Sept. 24, in Antelope County District Court.

Nicholes T. Stewart, 36, appeared before the Honorable James G. Kube, and pleaded not guilty. Kube ordered Stewart to appear Oct. 29 for a pretrial conference. A jury trial is set for Dec. 9.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Stewart was in possession of a firearm between April 30 and May 30. Stewart's bond, \$20,000-10%, remains in effect. Kube added conditions, including that Stewart may not leave the state without the court's permission, not violate any law, not possess or use controlled substances, submit to chemical testing by any law enforcement office, and submit to reasonable search and seizure and not have firearms or ammunition in his possession. Stewart was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff.

Courtesy of SAM

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

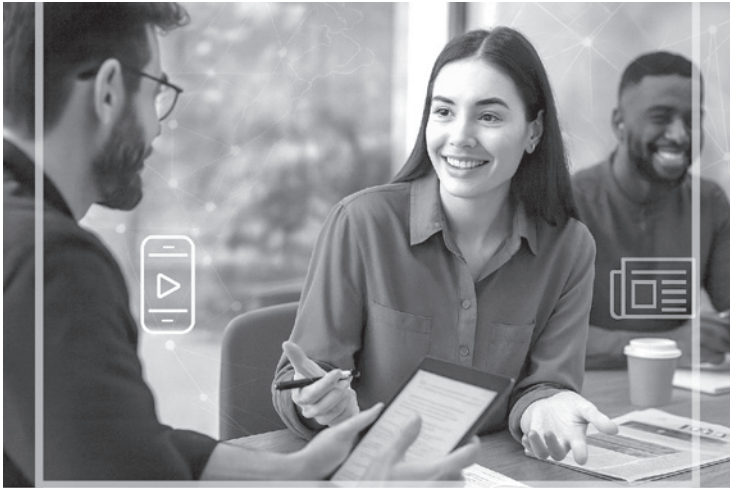
Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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Upper Elkhorn NRD Holding A Modified Groundwater Irrigated Acre Expansion Sign-Up In October



The Upper Elkhorn NRD will be taking applications for the expansion of new groundwater irrigated acres during the month of October for the 2026 growing season. There will be up to 150 new groundwater irrigated acres allotted. The focus of the 2025 sign up will be to complete pivots with 15 acres or less but not excluding other potential forms of expansion using the same criteria as last year. The sign up is not on a first come first served basis; but, based on a ranking criteria sheet that focuses on current water quality and quantity concerns within the district. Applications will be accepted from the landowner or their power of attorney from October 1 through October 31, 2025 by appointment only. The criteria ranking sheet has been updated to further meet the Board's focus for this year's expansion which also affirms that meeting the minimum score does not guarantee that the acres will be approved. Due to drought conditions, water quality issues and water quantity issues the Upper Elkhorn NRD reserves the right to deny any expansion if it might be in conflict with the Upper Elkhorn NRD Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations. Application information will be posted on the NRD website at www.uenrd.org as soon as it is updated.



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Fall Armyworm

This year, fall armyworms are working their way north across Nebraska at higher than usual levels, and that's raising questions about how to manage them.

The fall armyworm doesn't overwinter here — moths migrate up from the south each summer. By late August and September, populations can build quickly. In alfalfa, pasture, and forage systems, the highest risk is in new seedlings or tender regrowth, with infestations often starting along field edges or adjacent crops.

Rapid browning in pastures, alfalfa, small grains, or even lawns that seems to appear almost overnight can be a telltale sign. Larvae feed mostly at night or early morning, then hide at the soil surface during the day. Check the transition zone between green and brown areas, or use a sweep net to confirm presence. When scouting, look for a distinct upside-down "Y" on the head, stripes running the length of the body, and four black spots in a square pattern on the last segment. Adults are gray-brown moths with a wingspan of about an inch and a half, showing lighter and darker streaks across the wings.

Current weather is playing a role in armyworm presence too. Warm days and mild nights are keeping larvae active longer and slowing down their migration south. That means scouting now is especially important, since pressure could linger later into the fall than normal.

Thresholds for treatment vary by crop. In new alfalfa seedlings, as few as one to two larvae per square foot can cause major loss. In established stands, ten to fifteen larvae per square foot can strip a field quickly. In pastures and hayfields, a working threshold of three or more larvae per square foot is a good rule of thumb. Caterpillars less than three-quarters of an inch long

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are the easiest to control. Larger ones are much harder to kill and may already have done most of the damage, so treatment timing is critical.

Control options include several common insecticides, with some products allowing zero-day grazing restrictions. Check the label for your specific circumstance and make sure restrictions match. For organic systems, spinosad or Bt products work best on small larvae.

If you've already lost a stand, scout for regrowth. Healthy crowns may bounce back if larvae are controlled quickly, but reseeding alfalfa this late isn't advised. Waiting until spring is usually the better option. For cover crops lost to feeding, small grains like rye, wheat, or triticale are the only real options for reseeding this late in the year.

For those planning fall small grain or cover crop planting, delaying seeding until early October may help avoid pressure, but if you seed earlier, be prepared to scout and protect young seedlings. Lawns can also be hit hard. Products with Bt or Sevin are options, but remember to water them in so granules reach the soil line. Attacked fescue lawns may need reseeding, while mixed or full bluegrass stands usually fill back in.

The takeaway is simple: scouting is critical. Fall armyworm outbreaks can strip a stand within just a few days. Early detection and treatment, timed while larvae are still small, is the best way to protect forage, cover crops, and lawns this fall.

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

Signs of childhood bullying

Bullying is a considerable problem that currently affects many students. The National Center for Education Statistics notes one of every five students reported being bullied in 2022. In a multi-national study across 83 countries, 30.5 percent of adolescents reported being bullied, according to eClinical Medicine.

Bullying always has been troubling, but children now face the threat of cyberbullying as well as in-person bullying. The connectivity offered by the internet and social media enables bullies to be relentless, even reaching children when they are at home and physically distant from their peers. The 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicated that an estimated 16 percent of high school students were electronically bullied in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Parents and caregivers can be diligent in recognizing bullying in an effort to protect children. Here are 10 signs a child may be a victim of bullying.

- Unexplained injuries
- Lost or destroyed personal belongings
- Frequently expressing not feeling well or faking illness
- Changes in eating habits
- Difficulty sleeping and experiencing nightmares
- Decreased self-esteem or feelings of helplessness
- Self-destructive behaviors like harming themselves or talking about suicide
- Fear of going to school
- Changes in school performance, including declining grades
- Asking for money or stealing money

These are some of the indicators that a child is being bullied. Bullying can occur at school or during extracurricular activities. Bullying also can occur online. Kids may hesitate or even refuse to ask for help, which means that adults may need to intervene at the first signs of bullying.



Bartlett News

A 75th birthday celebration in honor of Donna Sears, of Bartlett, was hosted by her family Sunday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 00 p.m. at the Bartlett Church of Faith . Family members hosting the event included; Brian, Delta, Lance, Jestin and Palyn Sears and Kay Einspahr of Arcadia. Many friends and relatives attended the cake and punch reception. Donna's family that attended included: Ken and Myrna Dawe, Steve, Debi and Aubrey Dawe



Mrs. Kelly Henn, new Wheeler Central 'Little Renegades,' Daycare Co-ordinator.

and Doug and Karie Dawe all of Burwell, Randy and Heidi Dawe of Ord, Galen Sears of Wood River, Linda and Melinda Mackrill of O'Neill and Patty Edwards of Ord.

Steven and Janna Schrunck of Elgin are the proud grandparents of Elowen Ann Hester who was born September 12, 2025. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. And was 19 and ½ inches long. Her parents are David and Meghan Hester of Fairmont. She is welcomed by her brother Jamison. Elowen will share her September 12th birthday with her grandfather Steven. Kelly (Zegar) Henn has joined Wheeler Central's staff as the new Coordinator of Wheeler Central 's 'Little Renegades,' Daycare. Kelly graduated from Scotus High School in Columbus. She attended the University of Nebraska graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Kelly Zegar married Danny Henn, September 20, 2025. They reside in Petersburg.

Kelly is excited for a fresh



Pictured are Donna and Delta Sears. Donna's family hosted a 75th birthday celebration for her at the Bartlett Church of Faith Sunday, September 21. Photos submitted

new start and being part of a new community. Welcome Kelly.

Wheeler Central's halls and many doors are decorated with a Disney Theme in anticipation of Homecoming next Friday. 7th-12th worked diligently to finish this project on Friday. Finding Nemo, Cars, Toy Story are a few of the themes.



“Walking With The Lord” presented at ECCC

On Saturday, the Elgin Community Christian Church hosted “The Walk - Walking with the Lord”, a conference highlighting four speakers giving presentations on what it means to be a Christian in

today's world. Pictured above is Peter Sample discussing Romans 6, in particular, that the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Wolfpack sweep O’Neill Eagles

O’NEILL — If the Wolfpack could name a portion of their season, they might call the recent stretch of games “Rolling Thunder.” The power they displayed Tuesday night was amazing.

Having split matches against larger foes Hartington CC and Norfolk Catholic (going 1-1), EPPJ faced Class C1 foe O’Neill.

EPPJ JVs sweep Central Valley

The Wolfpack JV volleyball team claimed a 25-20, 25-14 and 25-12 victory over Central Valley last week. EPPJ had 25 kills in the match, led by Jael Lammers and Aubrie Parks with 6 apiece, Sydney Niewohner had 5, Kinley Druke 3, Sophia Burke and Lillian Moser 2 apiece; and Elizabeth Moser 1.

E. Moser led the team in set assists with 13, Burke had 9.

The Wolfpack had 18 ace serves in the match, led by E. Moser with 6, Lammers 4, Burke and Druke 2 apiece, Niewohner and Parks each had 1. Gentry Zwingman led the team in digs with 13. Lammers, Druke, Burke and E. Moser each had 7. Credited with solo blocks were L. Moser, Niewohner, Lammers and Druke. Zwingman led in serve receive with 10.

Plainview, WH sweep JVs

ELGIN — The Wolfpack JV volleyball team dropped a pair of matches Saturday.

Playing a triangular at the EPS gymnasium, they fell to West Holt by the score of 25-14 and 25-21. EPPJ had six kills in the match, led by Sydney Niewohner with 3, Sadie Thiesen, Libby Evans and Kinley Druke each had 1.

Thiessen had 2 of the team’s 3 set assists. Niewohner had 3 ace serves, Megan Wright had 1.

Evans led the team in digs with 7, Druke and Wright each had 6. Wright also led in serve receive with 6. Niewohner had 1 solo block.

Plainview was the Wolfpack’s other opponent at the triangular. The Pirates defeated EPPJ 25-12 and 25-3. Druke led hitters with 3 kills, Niewohner had 1.

Thiesen posted 4 set assists. Niewohner and Thiessen each had 1 ace serve. Druke, Evans and Niewohner each had 4 digs. Evans had a team-high 11 serve receive.

Wolfpack JH teams split matches

Playing Monday night, September 22, the Wolfpack Junior High ‘A’ volleyball team fell to Central Valley 12-25 and 24-26.

EPPJ managed just four kills in the match, one each from Cara Romej, Tenley Schindler, Shania Buschow and Melissa Stuhr who also had one set assist.

EPPJ had 10 ace serves, led by Aurora Burke and Romej each with 3, Harper Evans and Schindler had 2 apiece.

Schindler and Burke tied for the team-high in digs with 4 apiece.

‘B’ team

Also playing Central Valley was the Wolfpack ‘B’ team. EPPJ defeated CV 25-16 and 25-12.

Ava Dworak had 8 ace serves in the match, Rylee Rokahr had 5 and Harper Childers added 1.

Rokahr, Dworak and Victoria Evans each had 1 kill. Childers had the team’s only set assist. McKenna Sausler led the team in digs with 3, Dworak had 2.

The result? A sweep for the Wolfpack by the scores of 25-23, 25-21 and 25-22.

The Wolfpack were clearly the better team on this night as they built comfortable leads in each set. However, the Eagles kept closing the score only to see EPPJ go ahead again.

The Wolfpack dominated the net, both on offense and de-

fense. They had 39 kills in the match, led by Mady Kurpgeweit (12) and Braelyn Martinsen (11). On defense, the team recorded 13 solo blocks to stymie the Eagles’ attack. Leading the way was Kayton Zwingman with six, Lillian Moser and Martinsen each had three.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

A sophomore, Evin is playing his first year of varsity football-and he is PLAYING HARD! Against Creighton, he had 5 tackles and 3 interceptions including one for a TD run.

A freshman, Gentry plays a strong back-row, along with her teammates. In 5 matches played last week she accounted for 62 digs and 75 serve receives, both team highs.

A junior, Samantha continues to finish with great times in recent XC invites. At the Tom Dickey invite at Albion last Friday, she finished 12th overall and 5th in junior female runners.

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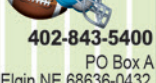
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Dominant second half gives EPPJ 38 to 8 win

CREIGHTON — The Wolfpack capitalized on five Bulldog turnovers Friday night to defeat Creighton 38 to 8.

“Our defense tonight was phenomenal,” Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said immediately after the game. “I couldn’t ask anything more from our defense. Just gave up that one drive.”

Tied to start the second half, the Wolfpack seized the momentum when sophomore Evin Pelster returned a punt 44 yards to the Bulldogs’ 17-yard line. Three plays later EPPJ took the lead when quarterback Karson Kallhoff found Jarek Erickson for a 17-yard touchdown reception.

Using the pass and the run, the Wolfpack scored on their next possession when Grady Drueke crossed the goal line from one year out. Landyn Veik’s two-point reception made the score 22 to 8 with under five minutes to go in the third quarter.

EPPJ would score one more time in the quarter when K. Kallhoff found Max Henn in the endzone.

Up 30 to eight to start the fourth quarter, Pelster stepped to the forefront one more time to end any hope of a Bulldog comeback.

After Creighton blocked a Wolfpack punt near the goal-line, Pelster made an interception in the endzone, just moments later to deny the Bulldogs a score.

EPPJ failed to get a first down on the ensuing possession and was forced to punt again. On Creighton’s first play, Ethan Kuhl was pressured by Trey Rittscher and Justice Blecher. His wobbly pass was picked off by Pelster who raced 54 yards down the sideline for EPPJ’s final touchdown.

“He (the receiver) went up, caught it, went right through his hands and then landed in



Evin Pelster had a big night returning kicks and making interceptions. He returned his third interception 54 yards for a touchdown.



Jarek Erickson (21) capitalized on a big block from Landyn Veik (24) to break free for a big gain. Erickson rushed for 35 yards and caught four passes for 54 yards in the game.

mine,” Pelster said about his third interception. “I caught it, and looked down and saw the end zone ... I’m putting this thing in the end zone. That’s what I did.”

There were plenty of standout performances by the Wolfpack. But it was the play of the offensive and defensive line which was decisive in the victory.

“We knew we had to be the more aggressive team,” fullback Gavin Kallhoff said. “We just knew we had to go out there and kick some butt.”

For much of the first half, neither team could mount a scoring threat. The teams traded possessions. Then, in the second quarter, Creighton got on the scoreboard first.

After an Ethan Kuhl interception stopped a potential EPPJ touchdown, the Bulldogs marched 71 yards the other way. Kuhl completed passes to three different receivers, then went to the running game to put the ball on the Wolfpack’s one-yard line. On the next play Kuhl found the endzone.

The Wolfpack answered back late in the second quarter with a 64-yard drive which culminated with a one-yard touchdown run by Jarek Erickson. Then, Kallhoff connected with Henn to tie the score as time expired to end the first half.

“That could have been a two score swing right there,” Co-Coach Matt Euse said. “I thought ever since that moment, we had all the momentum. I told the players game-winning plays is what we needed and we got a lot of big plays from more than one person.”

Final statistics show the Wolfpack with 200 yards of total offense, 130 coming through the air as Kallhoff completed eight of 19 passes. Erickson led EPPJ backs 35 yards on 10 carries.

Henn had four catches for 76 yards, Erickson had the other four receptions for 54 yards.

Pelster stood out on defense

with five tackles to go with three interceptions. Rittscher had the other interception. Veik had two pass break ups and led the team with nine tackles. Justice Blecher had the team’s lone quarterback sack.

Next up for the Wolfpack (4-1) will be at O’Neill St. Mary’s Friday at 2:30 p.m.

EPPJ 38, Creighton 8	
Wolfpack.....	0 8 22 8 — 38
Bulldogs.....	0 8 0 0 — 8
CRE — Ethan Kuhl 1 run (Kuhl pass to Ethan Kuhlman)	
EPPJ — Jarek Erickson 1 run (Karson Kallhoff pass to Max Henn)	
EPPJ — Karson Kallhoff 17 pass to Jarek Erickson (PAT failed)	
EPPJ — Drueke 1 run (Kallhoff pass to Landyn Veik)	
EPPJ — Kallhoff 14 pass to Max Henn (Kallhoff pass to Henn)	
EPPJ — Evin Pelster 54 interception return (Erickson run)	
Team Statistics	EPPJ
Passing	8/19/1
Passing Yds	130
Rushing	42/70
Total Offense	200
Fumbles/Lost	1/0
Interceptions by	4
Individual Statistics	
Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 8/19/1 — 130	
Rushing (Carries/Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 10/2, Grady Drueke 21/29, Jarek Erickson 10/35, Gavin Kallhoff 1/4.	
Receiving (#/Yds) — Max Henn 4/76, Jarek Erickson 4/54	
Tackles (Solo/Asst) — Joseph McNally 0/1, Ethan Hansen 1/0, Grady Drueke 1/2, Max Henn 2/2, Jarek Erickson 5/3, Landyn Veik 8/1, Gavin Kallhoff 2/4, Evin Pelster 3/2, Trey Rittscher 1/3, Justice Blecher 1/3.	
Tackles for loss — Max Henn 2, Jarek Erickson 1, Landyn Veik 2, Justice Blecher 2	
Fumble recoveries — Trey Rittscher 1	
Quarterback sacks — Justice Blecher 1	
Interceptions — Evin Pelster 3, Trey Rittscher 1	
Pass deflections — Max Henn 4, Gavin Kallhoff 2	

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Braelyn Martinsen (6) was successful on this attack, going through two Nebraska Christian blockers. She had six kills in the match.

Wolfpack come from behind to defeat Nebraska Christian

CENTRAL CITY — For years, Nebraska Christian has been one of the toughest foes on the Wolfpack’s volleyball schedule.

On Thursday night, EPPJ came from behind to defeat the Eagles 18-25, 25-15 and 25-19.

After dropping the first set, the Wolfpack took control of the match early in the second set. Tied at eight-all, EPPJ wouldn’t trail the rest of the way. It all started with an ace tip by Elizabeth Moser as EPPJ would go on an eight-to-three run capped with a kill by Braelyn Martinsen. They then finished with a nine-to-four spurt as Camry Kittelson and Mady Kurpgeweit took turns with kills at the net. Kittelson then closed out the set with an ace serve.

Set #3 saw the Eagles put up a better fight as they cut EPPJ’s lead to 22 to 18. The Wolfpack then closed out the set with kills from Kurpgeweit and Martinsen.

Kittelson and Kurpgeweit led hitters with eight kills. EPPJ



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Mady Kurpgeweit avoids the block on this play against Nebraska Christian. She finished with eight kills and two blocks in the match.

had six ace serves, led by Martinsen and Gentry Zwingman with two apiece. G. Zwingman also led in serve receive with 26.

In their second match, the Wolfpack were swept by Riverside 25-20 and 25-20.

The match was a game of streaks. In Set #1, Elizabeth Moser sparked a run with four ace serves as the Wolfpack took an 18 to 15 lead. Riverside’s Ella Molt answered back from the service line as the Chargers put together a 10 to 2 run to close out the set.

“I think we had some mental errors at wrong times,” Coach Jordynn Luettel said about the Riverside match. “With that momentum, when it’s on your side, you gotta keep it on your side ... I wish we would have been a little bit more consistent.”

The teams were tied at 14-all when Riverside began to pull away. Autumn Murphy’s ace serve highlighted a five-zero run as the Chargers took a 19 to 14 lead.

The closest the Wolfpack would get the rest of the way was two points, 22 to 20, before the Chargers claimed the final three points and the match.

The Wolfpack had just 12 kills in the match (five by Martinsen). Kayton Zwingman and Lillian Moser each had two solo blocks. They were hurt by 17 dig errors in the match.

“We’re getting better and we’re, we’re still learning each other, and we still have some inexperience on the court,” Luettel said. “We’re growing. We just need to keep that in perspective too. We got to get better every game and keep climbing. The next four matches are four more tough games, so we’ve got to stay up. Trust each other. Do our assignments, and we should take care of business.”

Riverside 2, EPPJ 0

Chargers	25 25
Wolfpack	20 20

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 3/18/6, Kayton Zwingman

2/8/0, Braelyn Martinsen 5/11/3, Mady Kurpgeweit 2/18/5, Jael Lammers 0/9/1, Lillian Moser 0/2/1, Elizabeth Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 12/67/16

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/3, Kittelson 0/6, Gentry Zwingman 0/7, Brooke Kinney 1/6, Martinsen 0/7, E. Moser 4/12. Team totals: 5/41

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 2/0, L. Moser 2/0. Team totals: 4/0

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 0/2, Kittelson 6/1, G. Zwingman 14/4, Kinney 2/2, K. Zwingman 2/1, Martinsen 7/3, Lammers 1/2, L. Moser 1/1, E. Moser 5/1. Team totals: 38/17

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 6/22/0, Kinney 1/4/0, Martinsen 0/2/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 5/26/1. Team totals: 12/55/1

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/1, G. Zwingman 15/1, Kinney 9/1, K. Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 5/0, Lammers 7/1. Team totals: 39/4.

EPPJ 2, NC 1

Eagles.....	25 15 19
Wolfpack.....	18 25 25

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 8/20/2, Brooke Kinney 1/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 3/12/1, Braelyn Martinsen 6/24/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 8/22/6, Jael Lammers 3/23/5, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0. Team totals: 30/103/18

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/8, Kittelson 1/14, Gentry Zwingman 2/15, Brooke Kinney 0/12, Martinsen 2/11, E. Moser 1/8. Team totals: 6/68

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 3/0, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Lillian Moser 2/0. Team totals: 8/0

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/1, Kittelson 16/3, G. Zwingman 13/5, Kinney 7/1, K. Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 13/2, Kurpgeweit 2/2, Lammers 1/2, L. Moser 2/1, E. Moser 10/3. Team totals: 67/20

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 12/45/1, G. Zwingman 0/3/0, Kinney 0/5/0, Martinsen 2/11/0, E. Moser 13/34/0. Team totals: 27/98/1

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 26/1, Kinney 3/1, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 14/0, Lammers 1/0. Team totals: 45/3

EPPJ netters sweep Plainview, drop match to West Holt

ELGIN — Elgin Public-Pope John hosted their final home triangular of the season Saturday afternoon. In the last match of the day, the Wolfpack swept powerful Plainview 29-27 and 25-15.

In the first set the Wolfpack found a way to win the big points at the end to win the set. Then, in Set #2, the Pirates had no answer for the Wolfpack attack.

EPPJ finished with 28 kills in the match, led by junior Braelyn Martinsen with nine kills to go

along with a team-high 13 digs.

The first match of the day saw the Wolfpack take on West Holt.

The Huskies came ready to play and swept EPPJ 25-19 and 25-22.

Statistical leaders for EPPJ were Camry Kittelson with six kills on 12 swings, Brooke Kinney had two ace serves and led in serve receive with 14, Mady Kurpgeweit and Lillian Moser each had two solo blocks, Elizabeth Moser had 11 set assists.

Next up for the Wolfpack (13-

4) will be a Thursday triangular at Boone Central (10/9) where they will face Battle Creek (12/9) and the Cardinals.

West Holt 2, EPPJ 0

Huskies.....	25 25
Wolfpack.....	19 22

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/12/3, Kayton Zwingman 1/3/1, Braelyn Martinsen 2/16/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 3/15/3, Jael Lammers 5/17/1, Lillian Moser 1/1/0. Team totals: 18/64/12

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/6, Kittelson 0/5, Gentry Zwingman 0/6, Brooke Kinney 2/8, Mar-

tinsen 1/10, Elizabeth Moser 1/7. Team totals: 4/42

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 1/1, Kurpgeweit 2/1, L. Moser 2/0. Team totals: 5/2

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/0, Kittelson 6/1, G. Zwingman 13/3, Kinney 7/4, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 11/2, Kurpgeweit 1/1, Lammers 4/0, E. Moser 3/1. Team totals: 46/13

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 5/27/3, Martinsen 2/4/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 11/32/3. Team totals: 18/64/6

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 8/3, Kinney

14/1, Martinsen 9/1, Lammers 5/0. Team totals: 37/5

EPPJ 2, Plainview 0

Pirates	27 15
Wolfpack.....	29 25

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/11/1, Kayton Zwingman 5/6/0, Braelyn Martinsen 9/16/1, Mady Kurpgeweit 6/14/3, Jael Lammers 3/12/2, Lillian Moser 1/3/1. Team totals: 28/62/8

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 1/6, Kittelson 2/13, Gentry Zwingman 0/13, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martinsen 0/8, Elizabeth Moser 0/7. Team totals: 3/54

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 1/0, Kurpgeweit 1/0. Team totals: 2/0

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 0/1, Kittelson 6/0, G. Zwingman 5/1, Kinney 8/2, K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 13/2, Kurpgeweit 1/1, Lammers 2/1, E. Moser 5/0. Team totals: 41/8

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 10/24/0, G. Zwingman 2/4/0, Kinney 2/11/1, E. Moser 8/26/0. Team totals: 22/65/1

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 3/0, Kinney 16/3, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 4/2. Team totals: 23/6

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Matthew Kerkman finished fifth among all sophomore boys competing Friday at Albion.

Kerkman, Stuhr medal Friday at Dickey Invite

Borer, teammates to compete at NVC meet on October 9

ALBION — Wolfpack sophomore Samantha Stuhr picked up another medal on Friday, competing at the Tom Dickey Invite.

Held at the Albion Country Club, she finished 12th in the 5K

race. She crossed the finish line in a time of 24:37.30.

Winning the girls 5K was Azlynn Johnson of Stanton with a time of 21:11.90.

Wolfpack senior Jovie Borer placed 32nd, posting a time of

29:09.40.

In the boys competition, Archangel Catholic junior Jaiden Anderson finished first with a time of 18:17.50 in the 5K.

EPPJ sophomore Matthew Kerkman turned in a solid per-

formance by finishing 16th with a time of 20:43.30.

Medals were awarded by class. Stuhr placed fifth among junior girls, Kerkman was fifth among sophomore boys.

The Wolfpack will next be in action on Friday afternoon, October 3, competing at the Battle Creek Invite.

The NVC meet will be October 9 at Ainsworth.



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Getting off to a good start is always important. Here, Samantha Stuhr and Jovie Borer stride out at Friday's cross country meet held at the Albion Country Club.

Eagles

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Brooke Kinney and Gentry Zwingman combined for 35 digs in the match.

Camry Kittelson posted 18 set assists, one more than Elizabeth Moser.

Kinney led the team in serve receive with 29.

EPPJ 3, O'Neill 0

Eagles.....23 21 22
Wolfpack.....25 25 25

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 5/21/1, Brooke Kinney 1/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 6/20/0, Braelyn Martinsen 11/39/6, Mady Kurpgewit 12/31/6, Jael Lammers 4/20/4, Lillian Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 39/133/17

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/2, Kittelson 0/10, Gentry Zwing-

man 1/19, Kinney 0/14, Martinsen 0/9, Sophia Burke 2/7, Elizabeth Moser 1/12. Team totals: 4/73

Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 6/0, Martinsen 3/0, Kurpgewit 1/0, L. Moser 3/0. Team totals: 13/0

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 13/4, G. Zwingman 17/6, Kinney 18/4, K. Zwingman 4/0, Martinsen 11/6, Kurpgewit 6/1, Lammers 5/1, L. Moser 1/2, Burke 3/0, E. Moser. 10/2. Team totals: 88/26

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 18/65/0, Kinney 3/15/0, K. Zwingman 0/1/0, Martinsen 0/3/0, Lammers 0/1/0, L. Moser 1.2.0, E. Moser 15/41/1. Team totals: 37/128/1

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 3/0, G. Zwingman 10/0, Kinney 29/6, Martinsen 9/0, Lammers 4/1. Team totals: 55/7

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Oct. 3.....Battle Creek Invite @ Evergreen Hills GC.....9:30
Oct. 9.....NVC CC @ Ainsworth.....4:00
Oct. 16...District CC.....TBA

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VARSITY
Oct. 3.....@ St. Mary's.....2:30
Oct. 10...vs Neligh-Oakdale.....7:00
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Oct. 6.....@ CWC.....5:00
Oct. 13...@ Archangels Catholic.....4:00

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Oct. 2.....Tri @ Boone Central.....6:00/7:00
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Oct. 13...@ Battle Creek (JV only).....6:00
Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.....5:30
Oct. 17...Tourney @ Neligh (C team only).....9:00

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Oct. 6.....@ CWC.....3:30
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Oct. 11...Tourney @ Riverside.....9:00

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