



Photo submitted

Pope John mandated during all-school Mass

Seven Pope John XXIII Central Catholic students were mandated as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Thursday morning, September 26th at an all-school 8:15 a.m. Mass. Father John Norman conducted the mandate. He thanked the students for their willingness to serve their school and parishes. Father Norman is shown with mandated students (l-r): Aiden Klein, Reese Stuhr, Jovie Borer, Harlie Tyler, Landyn Veik, Camry Kittelson, and Tessa Barlow.

BCHC celebrates new life with special birth tune

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is excited to announce a heartwarming new tradition. If you hear the gentle tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" during your visit, it means a

baby has just been born at our hospital!

This special melody will play throughout the Health Center to celebrate new life, sparking joy and brightening the spirits of

patients, staff, and visitors alike.

The unique rendition of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" was exclusively composed for BCHC by Elliott Ward-Bowen. The piece, performed digitally

using a glockenspiel and mark tree (chimes), brings a soothing and uplifting presence to the hospital.

Elliott has personal ties to our community—his wife, Kyla, was raised in Albion, and they have family in the area, including the Kaup and Schrad families.

Next time you're at Boone County Health Center and hear this beautiful melody, you'll know the joyous reason behind it—a new life has arrived.

School

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total levy of 0.416622.

Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said there will be a three percent reduction in the tax levy from one year. Generally, when valuations rise

such as the case was this year, tax levies decline. Overall, there is a six percent overall change in the operating budget.

One note, Brockhaus told the board, is that there will be a withdrawal of approximately

\$105,000 when the new school bus comes in. Expectations are the new bus could arrive sometime in November. And, he said the school district won't spend all the money placed in the school nutrition fund.

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That's our experience hosting Elly Oponda from Kisumu, Kenya in our rural Elgin home last September and introducing him to some in our community.

Sure, he's black, coal black. Quickly, this writer, who often

takes lots of photos, learned to avoid dark backgrounds when Elly graced the shot. Soon we laughed heartedly about this realization. Elly would joyfully remind me to check the background before getting behind the lens.

Sure, his accent while talking

English was a little tricky to understand at first, especially some of his sayings. For example, when we would debrief after each day's activities, he would say 'tick' while making a checkmark motion in the air.

Even though he was using the word correctly by showing approval that his expectations for the day had been met, I explained that tick was a blood-sucking insect, one of my least favorite creatures on this earth. He respectfully changed tick to check, often followed by contagious laughter by us both.

Sure, he lives in an African country more than 8,000 miles away from us where giraffes can be seen walking along the roadside, poverty is prevalent, some live in diverse tribal villages with long histories, and roadside stands are stacked with maize and melons. Yet, after making acquaintance upon arrival at our Elgin farmhouse, it took about 32 seconds for us to become fast friends.

On the inside, Elly is just like

us.

We want to make a difference for our families and communities. Elly was here studying how he might grow food to feed more than 250 children on weekdays who otherwise would go hungry. Sincerest thanks to Elgin community members who shared tips on gardening and raising chickens, goats, hogs, sheep, and cattle.

We want our children to get a good education which can make all the difference in becoming contributing members of society as adults. Seeing the need, Elly

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Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

October 1, 1964

A porcupine was captured Friday afternoon at the Lambert Schindler farm by Larry and Fred Schindler who used a hog catcher. He was put in a barrel and transferred from there to a chicken cage and brought to town for the school children to see.

The Gala Auto Show was put on last Friday and Saturday at the Elgin show room of Contois Motor Co. to display the 1965 Ford cars. Wives of company employees served free coffee and donuts.

Airman Larry L. Esau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Esau of Petersburg, has completed the first phase of his Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Low lying fields in this area suffered their first frost of the season Saturday night and Sunday morning, Sept. 26-27. The frost varied with some areas in the north part of the county recording around 28 degrees while the low for the night here, according to our thermometer was 36.

Dick Wirges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wirges, Sr. left Sunday for Omaha where he has enrolled in the National Barber School, Inc. He commenced his nine month course Tuesday.

Fifty Years Ago

October 3, 1974

Miss Korene Ann Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallmont J. Erickson of Elgin, has been chosen to serve as a Countess to the Court of the 1974 Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation and Ball. The annual festive pageant, this year celebrating Ak-Sar-Ben's 80th year, will be held in the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at St. Boniface Church for Mrs. Elizabeth Selting, who passed away on Thursday, September 26, 1974, in Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh after being in failing health for several months. Rev. Dennis Hanneman officiated at the funeral rites and Mass.

Sandra Pelster, a senior at Pope John XXIII High School, has been named a Merit Program Commended student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Fr. Donald Kros noted that Sandra, daughter of Mrs. Alfreda Pelster of Bartlett, is among the 38,000 Commended students named on the basis of their high performance on the 1973 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Firemen were called at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday to the Rodney Garwood home 1-1/2 miles south of Elgin. Rod, principal at the Elgin Public Schools, noticed his garage was on fire about the time he was ready to retire for the night. The entire structure was consumed by the fire as were two bicycles, etc.

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church have formed a Young Adult Club with their organizational meeting have been held Sunday, Sept. 29. Prof. Ralph Sachschesky of Orchard was the guest speaker.

Thirty Years Ago

September 28, 1994

Harvest was slowed by rain showers in the Elgin area last Wednesday through Saturday, but activity was picking up again as fields dried out early this week. Soybean harvest is less than half completed, and corn harvest is just beginning.

Kristie Scholl, daughter of Jim and Lynne Scholl of Elgin, has been selected as a recipient of the Great Plains Communications, Inc. Trade and Technical Scholarship. A 1994 graduate of Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Miss Scholl attends Spencer School of Business in Grand Island.

A total of 17 local women attended a free quilt class last Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Elgin Fire Station. The group made 120 miniature sailboat quilt blocks from scrap material under the direction of instructor Freda Bennett.

Two Macintosh LCIII computers and CD-ROM players have been added recently to the math and science room at St. Boniface Elementary School in Elgin. The computers were purchased with funds donated by school supporters.

Homecoming events are underway this week at Elgin Public School, and candidates for Homecoming King and Queen have been announced. Queen candidate is Amy Beckman, Junior attendants are Julie Sullivan, Mandy Ofe and Jennifer Avidano. King candidates are seniors B.J. Schmitt, Mark Dietz, Dave Ochsner and Chris Sullivan.

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

Edward R. Murrow

Nebraska's 'blue dot' captures national headlines

Nebraska doesn't get many national headlines about politics, but a recent, last-minute push by major Republicans to get the state to ditch its unique system of awarding electoral votes for president did just that.

Former President Donald Trump and leading GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham were among those applying the pressure recently to return to a "winner-take-all" system.

Only Nebraska and Maine don't give all of its electoral votes to the statewide winner of the popular vote for president.

Instead, Nebraska's five electoral votes are divided up - two for the overall winner, and one each to the top vote-getter in the state's three congressional districts.

It's been the system since 1992, as the result of a bill sponsored by State Sen. DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln. She reasoned that local voters would have more of a voice in presidential elections if some electoral votes were awarded by congressional district.

Twice since then, the state's electoral votes have been divided - in 2020 President Joe Biden won a single electoral vote in Omaha's 2nd Congressional District, and in 2008 Barack Obama grabbed the blue dot on his way to becoming president.

Then, as now, the unique system brought more national publicity and campaigning to Nebraska, which would be a political fly-over state otherwise.

Heck, last week saw U.S. Rep. Mike Flood interviewed on CNN, and Jane Kleeb, the head of the Nebraska Democrats on MSNBC.

This year, the blue dot could decide what is expected to be a very close election.

Under one scenario, if Vice President Kamala Harris wins the so-called "blue wall" battleground states of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and then Trump wins the four southern battleground states of North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona and Nevada, Harris would have 269 electoral votes and Trump 268. It takes 270 to win, thus the race could come down to the blue dot of Nebraska.

Hundreds of blue dot signs have sprung up in the Omaha area this year, punctuating the area's potential significance.

Of course, Republicans would like to return to a winner-take-all system because Trump - and frankly any Republican - is a sure bet to win in bright-red Nebraska and then get all its electoral votes.

(By the way, if there is a tie in the electoral college votes of 269-269, the choice of president falls to the newly elected members of the House of Representatives, with each state's contingent getting one vote. The U.S. Senate would choose the vice president.)

This spring, despite some personal lobbying by Trump, according to a story in the Nebraska Examiner, the State Legislature didn't take up a bill to scrap the blue dot. There just weren't the 33 votes needed to fend off a filibuster and pass a bill to return to winner take all.

Gov. Jim Pillen recognized that, and declined to call a special session to take up winner-take-all legislation. If you don't have the votes, holding a special session is a waste of time (as we saw, for the most part, with the special session this summer on property taxes).

But Republicans mounted another effort to eliminate the blue dot recently, only about six weeks before the November election.

The state's all-Republican congressional delegation urged state senators to scrap it so that Nebraska could "speak with a united voice in presidential elections."

Graham visited the state and met with Pillen and a group of GOP state senators. And Trump got on the phone to Nebraska once again.



ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

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But after the 11th hour push, Pillen admitted that 33 votes are still lacking. Omaha State Sen. Mike McDonnell, who switched parties earlier this year from Democrat to Republican, was viewed as possibly ready to flip his vote on winner-take-all from "no" to "yes."

But McDonnell, who wants to run for mayor in Omaha, confirmed recently that he remains opposed to switching.

Allowing the blue dot in Omaha, he said, "brings tremendous national at-

ention, is impactful on our local economy and forces Presidential candidates to make their case to all Nebraskans, instead of just flying over and disregarding us."

It's hard to argue with that.

Yes, the blue dot might decide this year's presidential race.

But wouldn't we Nebraskans feel better if some level-headed Cornhuskers helped decide who sits in the White House rather than sitting on the side-

lines and letting others decide? *****

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Taking steps to combat the Chinese Communist Party

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is the greatest foreign threat facing the United States today. They steal our intellectual property. They pursue economic and trade policies that undermine our economy. They repeatedly violate American sovereignty with spy stations, spy balloons, and other forms of espionage. They fuel theentanyl crisis which continues to kill in Nebraska and across the country.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts

CCP dictator Xi Jinping has said he wants to be the global dominating power by 2049. That means displacing the United States. I'm fighting for an all-of-government approach to make sure that doesn't happen. The Biden-Harris administration must take Xi seriously and act accordingly.

The CCP continues to endanger freedom in America. CCP espionage regularly threatens America's economy and national security. The recent arrest of a former top aide to the Governor of New York made it clear they are actively trying to undermine our government from within. CCP intelligence has relationships with "service centers" located across our country. CCP scientists and researchers have used American taxpayer dollars to fund research strengthening China's military instead of ours. The People's Republic of China is a bad trade partner. They put ethnic minorities like the Uyghurs into forced labor camps. Their government also subsidizes their own industries to make low-cost products that threaten American manufacturers' ability to compete.

Around the world, the PRC continually violates the sovereignty of strategic American allies like the Philippines. They consistently threaten to invade Taiwan, another important U.S. partner. These actions could spark another global war. That would have devastating consequences on the security and prosperity of free countries like ours. It would put U.S. military personnel in harm's way. Global supply chains would be disrupted. Our economy would be impacted. We must prevent that from happening.

Despite all these growing threats, the Biden-Harris administration's appeasement-first mentality has led to weakness

instead of strength. Their EV mandates are increasing our dependence on rare earth elements that overwhelmingly come from China. The administration's attempts to hold the CCP accountable for its role in the production of deadly fentanyl precursors have failed. These drugs kill Americans like Nebraskan mom of two, Taryn lee Griffith. And instead of investing in American defense programs that increase our deterrence, the Biden-Harris administration has prioritized partisan spending bills which increase our debt.

We must do more to fight the CCP's rise head-on. As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I am leading a stronger response to the CCP in the U.S. Senate.

Recently, I introduced a package of five bills to combat the CCP's influence in America. One bill would seek to secure our domestic food and agriculture supply chain and reduce our reliance on adversaries like the CCP. Another would pressure college endowments to stop investing in Chinese stocks. A third would eliminate tax advantages for investments in Chinese companies. Another would ban buying stocks in Chinese companies whose products are already banned here. A fifth bill would prohibit index funds from investing in Chinese companies. Many of these ideas are bipartisan. Preventing American tax dollars from supporting our adversaries is common-sense. I've also co-sponsored legislation to close the loopholes that have allowed China's military to benefit from American taxpayer-funded research.

Combating the CCP at home and abroad is not a new issue for me. When I was Governor, I moved Nebraska's trade office from Shanghai to Germany. When it was clear Confucius Institutes could undermine academic integrity, import censorship, and risk national security, I successfully lobbied to remove it from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I was the first Governor in America to ban TikTok from state government devices. I also called out the CCP's many human rights abuses. We must not be afraid to state the truth: communism is an un-American ideology. Its expansion has had deadly consequences. A CCP-led world would mean coercion instead of choice, tyranny instead of liberty, and dictatorship instead of democracy. Our fundamental freedoms are at stake. America must not allow the CCP to succeed. At every level of government and across our society, we must respond to these threats and lead through strength.

Maintaining excellence at our military academies

The first American naval force was formed during the American Revolution to defend against the world-class British fleet. Despite some early successes, the Continental Navy struggled to compete with the Royal Navy and was demobilized after the war ended. In 1794, to address the threat of piracy of American merchant ships, Congress commissioned new U.S. Navy warships, and a new age of American sea power was born.

In 1825, President John Quincy Adams petitioned Congress to establish a naval academy. He believed that the U.S. needed a school "for the formation of scientific and accomplished officers." He argued that a strong, successful Navy required capable and skillful Sailors trained in a school, similar to how future Army leaders were educated at the U.S. Military Academy, which had been established decades prior. A naval academy would not only educate its students and prepare them for life in a modern U.S. Navy, but it would also inspire camaraderie and community among its officers. Twenty-five years later, a 10-acre plot of land in Annapolis, Maryland became the U.S. Naval Academy.

Since those humble beginnings, the Naval Academy has transformed into one of the best public educations and experiences available to young Americans today. It expanded its curriculum from the basics of "mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French" to the current curriculum with the option of as many as 26 majors and countless electives and research opportunities.

And it wasn't too long ago that US News & World Reports ranked the Naval Academy as the top public school in the country, with one of the top five engineering programs.

The Naval Academy is truly exceptional—and it must be, because America's safety and prosperity depend on its excellence. The men and women who graduate go on to have influential leadership positions, in both military and civilian life. From Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, who led naval forces to victory in the Pacific campaign during WWII, to Astronaut Alan Shepard, the first-ever American to travel to space, to former Senator John McCain, a colleague of mine and an incredible American, the Naval Academy knows how to prepare their students to be the best and most successful versions of themselves.

The most important mission of the Naval Academy is to train our future leaders of Sailors and Marines to protect the United States, deter our adversaries, and defeat our enemies. And so, unlike other students at most colleges, our midshipmen receive not only a rigorous academic education, but are taught to develop strength of character, power of will, and an ironclad sense of right and wrong.

For that reason, all prospective applicants to the Naval Academy must receive a nomination from an official source, usually through their Representative or Senator. This is a highly selective process—any given Member of Congress may only have five constituents attending the Naval Academy at any given time.

In addition to my role as a nominator, earlier this year, I was appointed and took the oath to serve as one of the U.S. Senators on the U.S. Naval Academy's Board of Visitors.

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WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

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Good morning,
"Time to make up some
Menus"



This week I am sharing a couple of casseroles you may use for the meal planning during harvest season.

This "Kielbasa Pasta" is one I have made with a ring of sausage from St. Bon's

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Kielbasa & Pasta and Tater Tot Casserole

church bazaar. Ted really liked the flavor it gave it. Truthfully I am making this for my supper tonight. Maybe you will too! I do know that "Tater Tot" casserole has been around for

a very long time. I just figured I'd add it to the menu ideas as a quick and easy meal. Maybe you could use this idea! Hope this gives you some ideas. Enjoy!

JoAnn

TATER TOT CASSEROLE

- 1-1/2 lbs hamburger
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup

- 8 slices Velveeta® cheese
- 1 pkg frozen tater tots
- 1 can green beans

Brown hamburger and onion (drain well). Mix the hamburger and onion with the soups and green beans.

Spread it evenly in a greased 9x13 dish. Top with the cheese. Cover it with the tater tots.

Bake 350° for 30-40 minutes (Serves 6).

KIELBASA & PASTA

- 1 16 oz kielbasa ring
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 box bow tie or Penne Pasta
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup cream
- 3 cup chicken broth

- 2 cups Colby Jack Cheese
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- Black pepper

Cut the kielbasa in small chunks

In a 4 quart pan put a little olive oil and add the kielbasa, onion, garlic and cook for a few minutes. Add uncooked pasta, tomatoes, cream, broth and seasonings. Stir it all together. Let it simmer until it thickens and the pasta is done - about 25 minutes.

Right before serving, stir in the cheese. Delicious!



Photos submitted

Royalty and attendants were (l-r) Justin Guggenmos, Breyden Renner, Jayden Abbott, Zach Miner, Elijah Heinz, Clancey Seamann, Cooper Pokorny, Jayna Guggenmos, Makayla McCain, Lara Welter, Jailynn Harrison and Haley Pokorny. Crown Bearers were Kase Wagner and Maren Wright.

Bartlett Bits

Wheeler Central students of all ages celebrated 'Homecoming Week,' with much enthusiasm.

Monday was 'Pajama Day,' and/or 'Anything but a Backpack Day.' Some items brought instead of a backpack included clothes baskets, wheel barrows, cat carriers, suitcases, coolers and much more. Tuesday was 'Rhyme Without Reason.' An example would be 'Weight Lift vs. Taylor Swift.' Wednesday was Hawaiian Day, Thursday 'Country vs Country Club' and Friday 'School Spirit Day.'

Winners of the Jr. High and High School Spirit Week dress-up were 'Pajama Day and Anything But a Back Pack' Jackson Wright. 'Rhyme Without Reason' team winners were Anslee Wright and Corbin Kasselder; Lexi Plugge and Zane Potter; and Casey Freouf and Paige Schlenger. 'Hawaiian,' Lara Welter and Haley Pokorny; 'Country versus Country Club' were Jayna Guggenmos and Parker Freouf; 'School Spirit Day' Ben Wilson and Jayna Guggenmos.

Elementary student dress up winners were: Preschool, Lola Nordhues and Lex Olson; Kindergarten, Kolt Nelson and Savannah Brown; 1st grade, Cassidy Armknecht; 2nd grade, Cohen Wright; 3rd grade, Logan Landgren; 4th grade, Huxley Kleeb; 5th grade, Adynn Smith; and 6th grade, Macy Reich.

Elementary students and teachers decorated their doors. Each high school class decorated a portion of the high school hallways.

Classes winning the 'Spirit Stick,' this year were WC Preschool and the Freshman Class.

Friday, Homecoming Day, was the annual Dodge Ball competition for all grades Kindergarten through Seniors.

Excitement and fun filled the new gym. One of the highlights was 'teachers vs. students.' Quite a number of brave teachers participated.

Cornerstone Bank provided a free lunch for the entire school and community members to celebrate Homecoming. The meal consisted of hot dogs, a number of salads, tea, water and lemonade.

The afternoon consisted of a carnival put on by junior high/



Wheeler Central Homecoming was held Friday, September 27. Senior Royalty were (l-r) Prince Clancey Seamann, King Cooper Pokorny, Queen Jayna Guggenmos and Princess Makayla McCain.

high school students for the elementary students. The fun included an obstacle course, face painting sponsored by 'Teammates,' tug of war, rope the steer, etc.

The homecoming crowning was held after the game against Anselmo-Merna (A-M) which the Renegades lost 50 to 14.

Freshman attendants were Justin Guggenmos and Haley

Pokorny. Sophomore attendants were Breyden Renner and Jailynn Harrison. Junior attendants were Jayden Abbott and Lara Welter. Candidates for royalty were Jayna Guggenmos, Elijah Heinz, Makayla McCain, Zach Miner, Cooper Pokorny and Clancey Seamann. Prince and Princess were: Clancey Seamann and Makayla McCain. King and Queen were Cooper

Pokorny and Jayna Guggenmos. Crown bearers were Kase Wagner and Maren Wright.

Breyden Renner sang the 'National Anthem,' before the game began.

A bonfire was to be held after the game with a 'Homecoming Dance,' to be held next Saturday, October 5th.

By Sherry Tetschner

NRD

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There will be up to 150 new groundwater irrigated acres allotted for the purpose of increasing irrigation efficiency. The focus of the 2024 sign up will be the same as last year, to finish off pivots with 15 acres or less that have to reverse due to an obstruction not allowing the pivot to complete the circle. 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 now through October 31, 2024 by appointment. The Upper Elkhorn NRD reserves the right to deny any expansion if it might be in conflict with the UENRD Groundwater Management Plan.



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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, October 7: Cream chicken over biscuits, peas & broccoli, lettuce salad, apricots, bread, butter, milk.
Tuesday, October 8: Chili, carrots/celery, cheese sandwich, cottage cheese, pineapple, bread, butter, milk.
Wednesday, October 9: Hamburger bake, corn, scalloped potatoes, tropical fruit, bread, butter, milk.
Thursday, October 10: Hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, butter, milk.

Friday, October 11: Chilighetti, broccoli, fruit cocktail, corn-bread, butter, milk.
 (All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).
Suggested price is \$6 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.
Under 60 is \$9.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.
 Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal for that day.

Community Calendar

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

Friday, October 4
Donuts With Dads at EPS* ■ Elgin TeamMates Tailgate @ Elgin Field beginning at approximately 6 p.m.*
Saturday, October 5
EPS Band at Wayne State Band Day.
Monday, October 7
Monthly meeting of the Elgin City Council @ City Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners @ the Antelope County Courthouse. ■ Miles of Smiles.
Wednesday, October 9
Monthly meeting of the District #18 Board of Education @ at EPS beginning at 7:30 p.m. ■ Boone County Health Center Behavioral Health Department Open House*.
Wednesday, October 16
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Sehi takes top spot in FB contest

Judson Sehi bested the field to claim this week's top prize in the Elgin Review Football Contest.
 He missed just two games and will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. There was a tie for second place as Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Kurt Blair and Jack Stoltz each missed three games. In the tiebreaker, Burkhalter, Blair and Stoltz's guesses were over the actual mark of 631 total yards between Nebraska and Purdue. Blair's guess of 633 was closest to the actual figure of 631 and he will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks. Stoltz guessed 699 and Fr. Ross 700. Game results were:
 Iowa State over Houston
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Spinning Tales

In praise of big hitters who deliver in crunch time

ELGIN — All glory and honor be to those who deliver in crunch time.
 That's what I would say if I stood behind the pulpit of high school volleyball as we head into October. The Wolfpack are on a run right now which, barring injury, I think leads to Lincoln in a couple of weeks.

I know the fans in the stands who follow the team from match to match see what I'm referring to. Those fans who sit at home and watch the matches on Hudl or YouTube, maybe not so much. This team is evolving into a juggernaut and, if the season plays out like I think it will, it could be the best Wolfpack team EVER!

The front row kinda reminds me of one of those U.S. battleships sailing in the ocean. If you watch the History Channel, documentaries pop up every now and then about the great ships that fight in combat. There's always footage of the big guns being fired. Powerful

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blasts that propel projectiles miles towards their target.
 When I watch seniors Chloe Henn and Sara Bode swinging at the net, it's like those big guns. When Henn connects, the ball is going down and the opposing team's back row surely has fear in their hearts. The ball is on them so fast that if you're not in perfect position, you have no chance to return the ball. As fans, we've been treated to some awesome matches where the opposing team could do nothing to stop her.

Some have tried a triple block in an attempt to stop her. It's worked some times, most times it hasn't.
 Bode compliments Henn from the left side. She was clutch in Thursday night's win over Nebraska Christian, a team who has been a thorn in the Wolfpack's side for as long as I can remember.

Against the Eagles, she was in the 'zone' at crunch time. Whether it was Camry Kittelson or Elizabeth Moser setting the ball, it didn't matter. Bode 'brought it' and the Eagles had no answer.

It was one of those rare matches where she had more kills than Henn.
 Teams go to state, not individuals. I know that, you do too! Right now we have a good mix of experience and youth that seem to be clicking. We've have a libero (Kate Furstenau) who plays the position at this level as good as anyone. Her anticipation always seems to have her in the right place. Equally impressive is the all-around play of Braelyn Martensen who's strong in both front and back row. As long as we're mentioning players, no one on the team is more enthusiastic about a solo block than Kayton Zwingman, Mady Kurpgeweit is a close second.
 Serving and blocking, digging and passing, it's all there. These skills don't just happen, it's repetition, it's practice. I always say a team that does the

fundamentals well will be in every match.
 We're putting it all together. Power and finesse. It's a lethal combination and it keeps getting better.
 Let's enjoy this season, because it's oh so hard to catch lightning in a bottle.

I mentioned earlier about the power Henn has with her kills. It begs the question, who's hit the ball the hardest for the Wolfpack over the years? This is just my observation, you have a right to agree or disagree. I'm going to put Henn at the top of the list. The sound and how the opposing team reacts to the ball tips the scale in her favor. She may hold the record (if one has ever been kept) of the number of times a kill has smacked an opposing player in the face.

There's a tie for second-place between teammates Liz Selting and Grace Henn who, years ago, led EPPJ to a third place trophy at state. Rounding out the top five are Ashlynn Charf and Paige Meis. When she was on, Ashlynn was a force to contend with. So, too was Paige, whose vertical leap made her a dangerous hitter.

During the time of Henn, Selting and Meis, I tried to get a radar gun to try and measure just how hard they hit the ball. If I remember right, I contacted the Nebraska State Patrol to see if they would help me out with a feature story. It never happened, but if anyone has a spare radar gun, I think it would be worth doing. You know where to find me.

There was only one 'downer' to the weekend. Junior setter/hitter Camry Kittelson went down with an apparent ankle injury during EPPJ's victory over West Holt. She plays all six positions on the court very well. Hopefully she will heal fast. The Wolfpack are a much better team with her on the court than on the sidelines.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers: 1. Missing tomato on sign. 2. Extra lemon on water jug. 3. Cups are taller. 4. Extra row of mirrors in background.

Time to think about Fall pasture care

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

While the first frost of the year isn't here yet, how we manage pastures in the fall can impact plant health through the winter and ultimately production next spring. Are you giving your pastures proper care this fall?
As temperatures cool, plants that overwinter are working on building up reserves before they become dormant. Cool season species like brome, wheatgrass, bluegrass and fescue will often produce a flush of fall growth if moisture is available. Since this flush stays in a vegetative state, quality can be high.
For plants that have been stressed by high temperatures and drought this summer, grazing now can actually deplete energy reserves going into the winter. This may result in decreased productivity and increased weed pressure next spring. Stockpiling this growth for use after the plant is dormant this winter may be a better option. This maximizes productivity this fall while still maintaining forage quality, albeit a bit lower than if grazed

fresh. For many of our native warm season species, their annual growth is wrapping up. While grazing these plants now won't have as big of impact as actively growing cool season species, they too can be stressed by overgrazing in the fall. Pastures that are grazed in the fall this year should be given a break next year during critical growing periods in early summer if possible to rejuvenate plant vigor.
In mixed pasture where cool season species are invasive, there may be opportunity to control or reduce these species with grazing. Animals grazing these pastures will graze the new growth harder, with limited utilization of more mature warm season species. Keep a close eye on grazing progress and pull animals once the cool season species have been used and they begin selecting warm season grasses. Follow this with more targeted cool season grazing next spring to weaken the

unwanted plants and open the door for warm season grasses to fill in.
And speaking of unwanted plants, fall is an ideal time to control perennial and winter annual or biennial species in pastures. Biennial thistles like musk, plumless, scotch, and bull growing now are new plants that started from seed this year, forming a new rosette. When trying to control biennial thistles, spraying the new growth of the rosette means better control than after plants have bolted next spring. This is true for all winter annual species like downy brome, pennycress, mustard, marehail, sheperdspurse, and prickly lettuce.
Perennial weeds can be better controlled by fall applications too. While spring applications are our best option for control, fall spraying can deplete energy reserves and stress the plant as we head into winter. This weakening when maintained for several years, paired with spring control to prevent seed production can slowly shrink even hard to control weed patches over time. The best candidates are perennials that have new growth which can better absorb chemical, like leafy spurge and

Canada thistle. Be sure to spray before leaves change to fall colors, as the amount of herbicide that will be translocated to the roots will be lessened after this occurs.
Fall usually is focused on harvest and it may be easy to push pasture considerations to the side, but a little effort now could mean a big impact on pasture productivity next spring. Manage late season grazing to give pastures time to recover before dormancy, or use selective grazing to knock back invasive cool season species. Right now is also time to plan for control of troublesome perennial and biennial weeds like our invasive thistles. Actual spraying should wait till closer to a killing frost. Control measures this fall can make a big impact on numbers next spring.
- 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

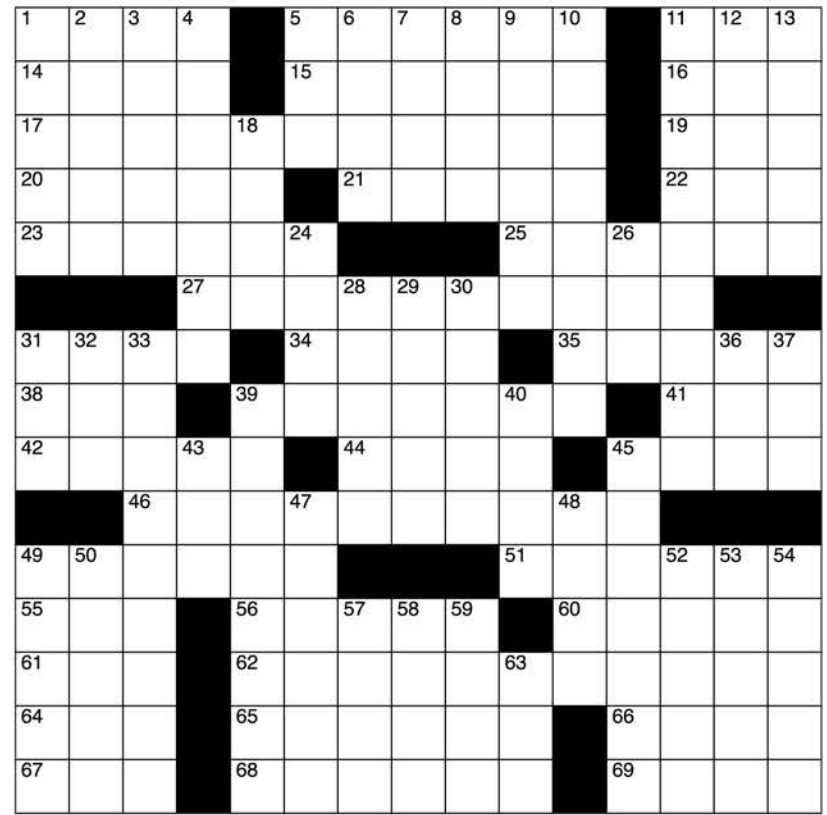
Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Separate with an instrument
- 5. State clearly
- 11. One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- 14. Broad in scope
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Caps
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Checked
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. We all have one
- 35. Lake north of the Kalahari
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. Aging persons
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Mother of Perseus
- 44. Ornamental waist box
- 45. Officials
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Extensive, treeless plains
- 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 56. Consumer advocate Ralph
- 60. Notable Spanish sports club

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed
- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. We all have one
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uncomfortable feelings
- 11. Cross to form an X
- 12. Remove
- 13. Some pages are dog_
- 18. Capital of Ukraine
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
- 30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed
- 36. Irrate



- 37. Travelers need them
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. Form of "to be"
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Think Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The lead dancer: ___ ballerina
- 53. Protein involved in motion
- 54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
- 57. Popular 1920s style art ___
- 58. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest



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EPPJ

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 1/14, Kaitey Schumacher 0/10, Kittelson 0/7, Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 1/11, Bode 1/8, Callie Heithoff 0/2, Elizabeth Moser 3/16. Team totals: 6/69.
 Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 2, Kurpgeweit 3, Henn 2. Team totals: 7.
 Digs (D/DE) — Furstenau 23/2, Kittelson 6/0, Schumacher 6/0, Brooke Kinney 1/1, Zwingman 2/1, Martinsen 16/3, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Bode 10/1, Moser 5/2, Natalie Burenheide 1/0. Team totals: 72/10.
 Set assists (SA/BHA) — Furstenau 1/5, Kittelson 12/26, Schumacher 0/3, Martinsen 0/1, Moser 28/62. Team totals: 41/97.
 Serve receive (R/RE) — Furstenau 18/0, Kinney 3/1, Martinsen 15/0, Bode 12/0. Team totals: 48/1.

EPPJ 2, Plainview 0
 Wolfpack 25 25
 Pirates 22 12
 Attacks (K/Att/E) — Kayton Zwingman 2/7/2, Braelyn Martinsen 2/1, Mady Kurpgeweit 2/3/0, Sara Bode 4/7/0, Chloe Henn 10/13/0. Team totals: 18/32/3.

Serving (A/SA) — Furstenau 2/6, Kaitey Schumacher 1/10, Martinsen 2/18, Bode 0/5, Callie Heithoff 0/4, Moser 0/6. Team totals: 5/49.
 Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 1, Henn 2. Team totals: 3.
 Digs (D/DE) — Furstenau 8/2, Schumacher 1/1, Brooke Kinney 1/3, Zwingman 0/2, Martinsen 9/3, Kurpgeweit 0/1, Bode 3/1, Heithoff 2/0, Moser 0/1. Team totals: 24/14.
 Set assists (SA/BHA) — Moser 17/30.
 Serve receive (R/RE) — Furstenau 17/3, Schumacher 1/0, Kinney 3/2, Martinsen 3/1. Team totals: 24/6.

Bulldogs

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 offense. They gained 140 yards through the air but just 118 on the ground.
 Hoefler completed nine of 18 pass attempts for 140 yards and two touchdowns.
 Druke gained 97 yards on 17 carries.
 Defensively, EPPJ was led by Druke with eight tackles, Dylan Kolm and Taylor Beckman each had seven.
 Junior Jarek Erickson finished with the team's lone quarterback sack.
 The last regular season home game will be Friday night when EPPJ hosts O'Neill St. Mary's.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.
Creighton 68, EPPJ 20
 Bulldogs.....16 30 14 8 — 68
 Wolfpack.....14 0 6 0 — 20
 CRE — Taylor Nilson 13 pass to Jorgan Condon (PAT good)
 EPPJ — Kellan Hoefler 13 pass to Max Henn (PAT failed)
 CRE — Nilson 60 pass to Condon (PAT good)
 EPPJ — Hoefler 17 pass to Landyn Veik (Grady Druke 8 run)
 CRE — Nilson 17 run (PAT failed)
 CRE — Nilson 2 pass to Robinson Ladeaux (PAT good)
 CRE — Nilson fumble return (PAT failed)
 CRE — Nilson 74 run (PAT good)
 EPPJ — Druke 53 run (PAT

failed)
 CRE — Nilson 30 pass to Brandon Eggerling (PAT failed)
 CRE — Nilson 40 pass to Condon (PAT good)
 CRE — Ethan Kuhl 8 run (PAT failed)
Team Stats
 Passing 9/18/0 20/29/0
 Passing Yds 140 301
 Rushing 39/118 25/139
 Total Offense 258 440
 Fumbles/Lost 2/2 0/0
Individual Statistics
 Rushing (Att/Yds) Dylan Kolm 14/25, Gavin Kallhoff 3/9, Grady Druke 17/97, Karson Kallhoff 1/-7, Kellan Hoefler 4/6. CHS — Taylor Nilson 10/93.

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) Kellan Hoefler 9/18/0 - 140. CHS — Taylor Nilson 19/28/0 - 297.
 Receiving (#/Yds) — Dylan Kolm 2/28, Karson Kallhoff 3/69, Landyn Veik 1/17, Max Henn 3/26. CHS — Jorgan Condon 7/143.
 Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Austin Hinkle 0/1, Dylan Kolm 5/2, Gavin Kallhoff 2/0, Grady Druke 6/2, Jarek Erickson 1/1, Kaeden Schwarting 1/0, Karson Kallhoff 2/0, Kellan Hoefler 3/0, Landyn Veik 1/2, Max Henn 1/5, Taylor Beckman 4/3, Trey Rittscher 1/3. CHS — Ethan Kuhlman 5/6.
 Quarterback sacks — Jarek Erickson 1.



Join the **TEAMMATES** Mentoring of Elgin Chapter

TAILGATE

grill out

THIS FRIDAY, Oct. 4

serving from approx. 6:00 p.m. until ??? when the EPPJ Wolfpack host O'Neill St. Mary's.



BURGERS

with a variety of toppings, chips & a drink

~ FREE WILL OFFERING ~

CROSS COUNTRY

VARSITY
 Sept. 27 Boone Central Invite@Albion CC... 4:30
 Oct. 4 Battle Creek Invite@Evergreen Hills GC..... 4:00

FOOTBALL

VARSITY
 Sept. 27 vs. Creighton..... 7:00
 Oct. 4 vs. St. Mary's..... 7:00

JUNIOR HIGH/JUNIOR VARSITY SCRIMMAGES
 Sept. 30 @ Riverside..... 5:00
 Oct. 7 vs. CWC..... 5:00
 Oct. 8 Tri@Archangels Catholic (Lindsay)..... 5:00

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY
 Sept. 26 Tri@Riverside..... 5:00
 Sept. 28 Tri@Plainview..... 3:00
 Oct. 3 Tri@EPPJ (JV-EPS, V-PJ)..... 5:30

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM
 Sept. 28 Tri@Plainview (JV only)..... 3:00
 Sept. 30 vs. O'Neill (PJ)..... 6:00
 Oct. 3 Tri@EPPJ (JV only) (EPS) ... 5:30

JUNIOR HIGH
 Oct. 7 vs. CWC (PJ) 3:00
 Oct. 9 vs. Riverside (EPS) 2:00

ACTIVITIES

Sept. 25 EPS picture retakes
 Sept. 25-26 FFA State Range Judging @ Chase County
 Oct. 1 County Government Day • PJCC One Act practice
 Oct. 2 PJCC NO SCHOOL - PT Conferences • PJCC One Act practice • EPS Senior Parent Financial Aid meeting
 Oct. 4 EPS elementary - Donuts with Dad
 Oct. 5 WSC Band Day (parade)

Body & Soul

....this is how we roll.



WOLFPACK

Elgin Public-Pope John

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