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In Brief

Assistance offered for Medicare drug plan enrollment

Enrollment begins October 15

The Homestead Service Coordinator's office will again be offering Medicare Prescription Drug Plan counseling and enrollment. Assistance is available thanks to funding from the Elgin Bargain Box and individual donations. Patrons are asked to donate to the program if they are financially able.

Open Enrollment runs from October 15th through December 7, and seniors are strongly encouraged to check their drug plans during this time. The plans premiums, deductibles and copays can change each year, and cost differences may be significant.

Seniors should have recently received their Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) from their drug plans, and it is very important that they read and understand the changes being made to their plans. The notice contains the 2023 premium, deductible and copays for the plan they are currently in.

The Homestead Service Coordinator receives training from the Nebraska Department of Insurance and Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP), and counseling is free, confidential and unbiased. Appointments can be made by calling Connie Dvorak at (402)843-8769.

The wait is over - 'Donuts for Dads' at EPS is Friday

Event gets underway at 7:30 a.m.

Fathers of elementary students at Elgin Public School looking for a free breakfast may want to consider spending some time at the school gymnasium later this week.

The annual 'Donuts for Dads' will be held in the school gymnasium, beginning at 7:30 a.m. this Friday, October 4.

Donuts will be the featured entree that morning. After going through the line, 'dads' will have the opportunity to enjoy free donuts and take time to read to their child until school starts.

For students whose father cannot attend, they are welcome to bring another person to participate in the event which is well-attended every year.

For more information about 'donuts' day, contact the school at (402) 843-2455

Weather

The high temperature last week was 89 degrees recorded on Saturday, September 30 and again on Sunday, October 1.

The low during the same period was 46 degrees on September 26.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Sept. 25	72	50	.00
Sept. 26	71	46	.00
Sept. 27	75	52	.00
Sept. 28	87	60	.00
Sept. 29	88	59	.00
Sept. 30	89	68	.00
October 1	89	64	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for September			1.71
Total precipitation 2023			23.56

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL MET MONDAY NIGHT

Sidewalks: If they're not broken, leave them be

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

The status of sidewalks in Elgin has been the subject of discussion in recent months. On Monday night, the Elgin City Council again looked at the issue, this time with data from citizens who responded to a postcard survey recently.

City Clerk Kristin Childers said 82 property owners responded to the survey regarding what to do with sidewalks in Elgin. While there was discussion about maintaining sidewalks in the business district

and along Highway 14 and to the schools, areas in town where sidewalks are in disrepair the property owner can remove them. "We're not forcing anyone to put in a sidewalk," Mayor Mike Schmitt said.

Yet, where sidewalks are sticking up because of tree roots or have been broken up, property owners are responsible for fixing the problem.

Property owner Janet Koinzan suggested the City look at creating a walking path around Elgin City Park, making the park more accessible to people of all ages. "It's a beautiful park, it's just hard for older people to get around," she said.

Childers said there is a grant program available

for walking path should the council want to consider that option.

At the end of the discussion, with no clear consensus on how to proceed, Schmitt said the city will "leave things as they are."

On another matter affecting all residents and businesses, the council reviewed water and sewer revenue. While the sewer program has done okay, Childers said the water fund has lost money (in excess of \$36,000) over the last two years. The council decided to ask the Nebraska Rural Water Commission to do a study of water rates to be reviewed in the coming months.



Nelson, Busteed chosen as EPS Homecoming King, Queen

Homecoming King and Queen were crowned Wednesday night at Elgin Public School as part of a week-long celebration. Shown above are (front row, l-r): crownbearers Mason Vanis and Vanessa Buschow. Middle row: Samuel Hemenway, King Steven Nelson, Queen Baylee Busteed, Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen and Abriel VonBonn. Back row: Blake Henn, Dylan Lueking, Brian Heithoff, Nick Anderson, Dylan Parks, Myles Kittelson and Gage Thiessen. (Right) Last year's queen Maddie Kolm crowns this year's queen Baylee Busteed. E-R photo/D&LMorgan.



Schrunk taken to UNMC after being mauled by cow

By Lynell Morgan

co-publisher



Steven Schrunk

Last Wednesday, Steven Schrunk of rural Elgin, was attacked by a cow and suffered a number of injuries. He was transported from Boone County Health Center in Albion via helicopter to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) that same day. His wife Janna listed

his known injuries: "The doctors have said he has fractured both his right (later updated to shattered) and left jaw (since repaired with plates and screws and his jaw is wired shut for 4 to 6 weeks), fractured his sinus maxillary (sinus cavity), broke his left scapula and is going in for removal of the hematoma as of now (on Wednesday). His c3, c6 and c7 of cervical spine is fractured. His t6-t11 spinous process is fractured and (he has) a few fractured ribs.....Please continue to pray for healing and recovery." As of Tuesday

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Plea deals resolve felony cases against two women

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

Two Antelope County women saw their felony district court cases resolved Sept. 27 by plea agreements when they faced the Honorable James Kube in the Antelope County district courtroom in Neligh.

Kaitlyn C. Dozler, 23, of Norfolk faced Kube for pretrial hearing on a Class 2A felony count, fourth-offense driving under the influence of alcohol, .15 grams or more.

Dozler changed her plea to guilty and Antelope County Attorney Joe

Smith agreed to file no additional charges in the case. An enhancement hearing was held, with Kube finding Dozler's previous DUI convictions were suitable for enhancement and found her guilty of fourth-offense DUI. He ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing Nov. 29. Bond is continued at \$50,000, 10%.

Dozler is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney.

Morgan K. Anson, 25, of Orchard, accompanied by Carney, appeared for pretrial hearing on five counts, Count

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Elgin FFA competes well at State Range Judging



Baylee Busteed (foreground) is shown in the field judging at the state competition held near Beatrice. Photo submitted

The Nebraska State Range Judging competition was held Wednesday, September 27 near Beatrice. FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz said 187 juniors and seniors (senior division), along with 216 sophomores and freshmen (junior division) from across the state competed in the competition. Elgin's top score came from Isaac Hemenway. As a sophomore in the junior division, he placed 8th overall and he and his teammates; Kayton Zwingman, Haley Parks, and Grady Drueke placed 8th overall as a team among nearly 50 other teams! In the senior di-

vision, Samuel Hemenway was the high scorer. He placed in the top 25% with a 27th-place finish. His teammates; Baylee Busteed, Callie Heithoff, and Taylor Beckman were the 11th-place team out of 39. Great job to all the FFA kids on a great range judging season!



Sam Hemenway (above) finished 27th in the senior division. Photo submitted



Competing at the State Range Judging competition in Beatrice were Elgin FFA members (front row, l-r): Haley Parks, Baylee Busteed, Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman. Back row: Taylor Beckman, Grady Drueke, Nick Anderson, Isaac Hemenway, Samuel Hemenway and Karson Kallhoff. Photo submitted

New Arrivals

Jake and Briley Eischeid of Elgin, NE are the parents of a son, Paul Joseph Eischeid born September 8, 2023, at Boone County Health Center in Albion.



He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and measured 19 3/4 inches long. Paul was welcomed home by two sisters, Jamie (4) and Rya (2). Grandparents are John and Rose Wiese of Lindsay and Karen Eischeid and the late Paul Eischeid of Elgin. Great Grandparents are Gilbert and Sylvia Preister of Humphrey and Laura Mae Spieker of Neligh.

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Even a blind squirrel can find a nut!

How does that squirrel hold two black walnuts, shell and all, in its cheek pockets? Don't know, though it sure is a hoot to watch all the gleaning activity out our front porch windows.

Say What?



Elgin Columnist
Jane Schuchardt

Busy. Busy. Busy. Scamper here and there. Dig a shallow hole, drop the nut (or nuts if a double carrier), pull dirt over the prized possession, tamp it down to hide the precious winter treat, and off for another round. Over. And over. And over again.

Researchers (seriously, this has been studied at the University of Richmond) claim squirrels fail to recover up to three-fourths of the nuts they bury. That explains why we have black walnut trees rising up from the soil all over the farmyard. And, yes, squirrels' favorite nuts are black walnuts along with hickory nuts, pecans, and acorns. Thank you, frisky ones, for your contribution to reforestation.

Aside from the edible kind, nuts often are associated with enthusiasts about one thing or another. For example, maybe you could call me nutty about Husker volleyball, or licorice, or reading, or writing, or even living in the quiet of this rural place.

Then there's the less appealing use of the word when associated with what some might consider an odd person. You've heard the comments.

He's a nut case. She's a nut-job. Worse yet, they both belong in the nuthouse.

Sometimes one's head is called a noggin or nut. The baseball came whirring into the stands and, whack, hit an unsuspecting fan right on the noggin/nut. Ouch!

Ever hear the phrase 'even a blind squirrel can find a nut'? Literally, not sure if that's true. As an idiom, the phrase means that with a whole lot of determination, and a little luck mixed in, one can reach that wildest dream.

Hubby Rick is an example. When I met him as an ag major at age 18 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he wanted to buy his own tractor and farm. Couldn't afford it. Many, many years later (he's 71), after 35 years dedicating long hours and travel time to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, he made this dream a

reality.

More on Rick, a nut doesn't fall far from the tree. Agriculture, especially organic farming, was planted in his heart and soul as a teenager growing up on the farm we work now.

Further, sometimes with organic farming, it takes a sledgehammer to crack a nut, speaking here of the constant fight with weeds. Without the use of pesticides and herbicides, multiple rounds of field harrowing and cultivation is a must. Other new-fangled ways to fight weeds are out there, such as weed burners, robotic weed zappers, and planting the crop through a field of rye, then crimping the rye leaving the corn or soybean plant to burst open toward the life-giving sunshine.

Whenever machinery is involved, there's always the nut, a type of fastener with a threaded hole, that holds the bolt in place. And when guys are involved, there's the chance of getting nutted, an extremely painful experience getting hit in the you-know-what.

Maybe your Christmas decorations, soon to be pulled out

from basements everywhere, include a nutcracker or two. This is a figurine of most any size made to resemble a toy soldier. In German folklore, the nutcracker protects the house. It used to be functional. Now it's mostly decorative.

The Nutcracker is a popular holiday, two-act ballet, where a young girl befriends a nutcracker who comes alive on Christmas Eve and fights off the evil Mouse King. Tchaikovsky wrote this classic in 1892.

Some people are health nuts, exercise nuts, and home canning nuts.

About the latter, squirrels and home canners have one goal in common – squirreling away plenty of food for winter. Canned tomatoes, canned peaches and pears, canned pickles and beets, even canned meat. Oh, so delicious.

Well, that's about it in a nutshell. Until next time, savor the beauty of autumn, including watching an industrious squirrel or two.

Comments welcome at jane.schuchardt@gmail.com.

Bartlett News

By Sherry Tetschner

There are times in life when you think you're getting back on your feet and then something happens that slams you hard.

Last Wednesday, my brother, Steven Schrunk was mauled badly by a mother cow. He was taken by helicopter to the University Medical Center in Omaha where he will be for a time. He is in the hands of great physicians, nurses etc. and has wonderful support of his wife Janna and children Nick and Meghan.

My parents, Ellis and Lois Schrunk, my son Andy and myself visited Steven at the ICU, Saturday afternoon. Up to this point we had only heard reports of his condition from his family. We hadn't yet experienced the reality of his condition and what his family has been through.

It was tough seeing Steven totally dependent on the doctors and nurses. It was an eye opener to the seriousness of the injury. We could also see that his family has remained by his side, day and night, to make him as comfortable as possible.

Prayers for Steven and his family will give them strength and courage to face each day and its challenges as well as its joys. It is times like these that we see God at work.



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T	2:00-5:00	Niewohner
W	9:30-12:30	Dr. Rudloff
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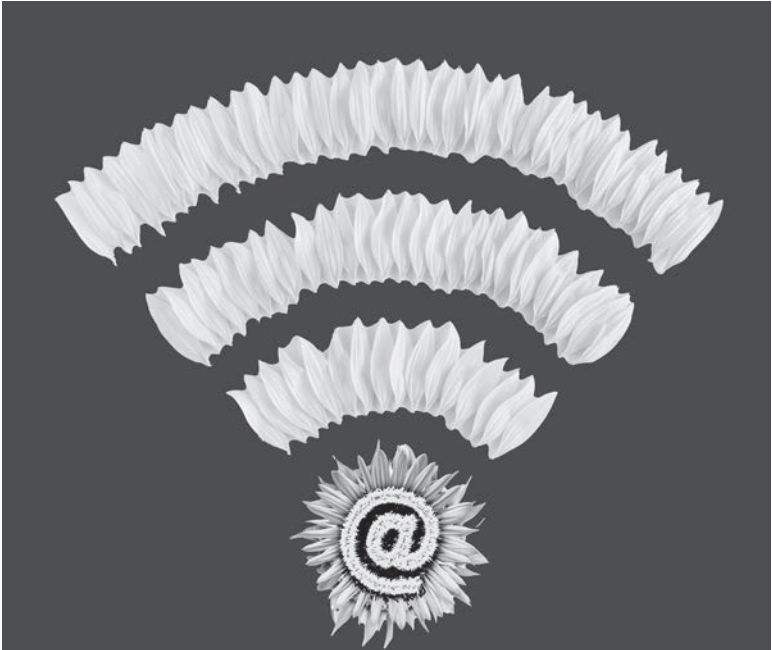
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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

October 3, 1963

The 1964 Fords went on display at Contois Motor Company Friday and Saturday with around 600 people taking longing looks at their new sleek lines. Contois served 600 cups of coffee and 66 dozen donuts besides presenting gifts to ladies and men who came to their showing.

An Inter-Racial, Inter-Faith panel of American women captivated the interest of a hundred adults Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Elgin was the host to the Fall Cruise of the Presbyterian Mariners. A panel of five women from Omaha composed the panel. They represented the Jews, Roman Catholic, Protestants, and Negroes. Each told of their background and life story, of discrimination and prejudice. Then questions were fired from the floor, questions having to do with Negro-White, and Protestant-Catholic tensions and prejudice. After a service, the evening was capped with a ham dinner.

It was announced this week that "Survival Preparedness Classes" will be held for area teachers at Albion High School Oct. 14. Classes will be held to train certified teachers in the elements necessary to survive not only in the "Nuclear Age," but also survival techniques for Natural Disasters as well. These teachers may instruct adult classes in their area. Teachers are encouraged to attend these classes in this very challenging and important program.

Fifty Years Ago

October 4, 1973

The Pope John Crusaders made their first road trip to Humphrey and came home with a disappointing 6-0 loss to St. Francis. The Crusaders completely dominated the game both on offense and defense but were unable to score on a game ending drive and the host Flyers hung on for the victory. The loss dropped the Crusader record to 1-2-1.

Unbeaten Clearwater kept things going nicely with a 32-16 victory over Elgin High here Monday night in a game postponed from last Friday. Rollie Huffman's 75-yard kickoff return and Scott Beckman's 11-yard run were the two Elgin scores. Elgin is now 1-2.

A farm just one mile from the southern Antelope county line this year produced soybeans that beat the one we carried a picture of last week. This plant, raised by Mike Zegers in Boone County, had 87 pods and nearly all contained four beans to the pod. If county newspapers keep batting this story around perhaps Antelope County can come out on top as wished by Antelope County Agent Bob Ehlers who submitted the picture and story last week.

Thirty Years Ago

October 13, 1993

Homecoming Week is underway at Pope John Central Catholic High School and 10 seniors have been nominated as king and queen candidates. Queen candidates are Alyssa Evans, Sara Hoefer, Jaime Petsche, Ranell Spieker, and Amy Thiele. King candidates are Chris Eischeid, Brian Medcalf, Patrick Stuhr, Daniel Seier, and Jeff Thiele. Crown bearers will be Adam Spieker and Kylie Hoefer.

Elgin FHA Chapter will be hosting the District 10 FHA Leadership Conference next Wednesday, Oct. 20. Theme for the conference is "Heal the World." Miss Nebraska, Mary Schnitzler of Battle Creek, will be the keynote speaker.

Pope John High School's varsity volleyball team lost in the semifinals of the Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament last Thursday afternoon, but bounced back to win the tournament's consolation final and won again in a regular season home match last Friday night. The Lady Crusaders have a 7-4 record heading into their Homecoming match this Thursday evening, Oct. 14, against Niobrara.

Elgin Public School fourth grade launched a new project on Oct. 8 called "Travelmates," in which their stuffed dolls and animals will travel around the United States during the next several months. The Travelmates will be passed around from person to person, and each person who carries one will be asked to log their travels in a diary that is included in a backpack on the stuffed toy. The students hope to have their Travelmates returned to them in February.

Twenty Years Ago

October 1, 2003

Sarah Jensen and Jordan Schindler, seniors at Elgin High School, were crowned Homecoming Royalty at the school Tuesday evening, Sept. 30. The royalty will reign over Homecoming Week activities leading up to the volleyball and football games against Chambers this Friday night. Crownbearers for the ceremony were Hannah Kerkman and Brett Kinney. After the coronation Tuesday night, a bonfire and pep rally were held at the football field.

Elgin hosted a visit by judges in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program last Wednesday, Sept. 24. A community meeting with the judges was set up and coordinated by Deb Warren, NCIP chairperson, on Wednesday morning. Elgin Chamber of Commerce President Danelle Charf welcomed the crowd of 50 to 60 people to the meeting with the visiting judges. Presentations on the four nominated projects were then made. Judges and community members participated in a question and answer session to end the meeting. Deb and Kyle Warren then took the judges and their escort on a driving tour of the community. NCIP awards will be presented at a banquet on Friday evening, Nov. 7.

Grilled brats were served to more than 200 people during the open house and customer appreciation day at Ward's Motor Works in Elgin last Saturday. Visitors were able to view the new building, inspect the engines and visit with company representatives throughout the afternoon and evening.

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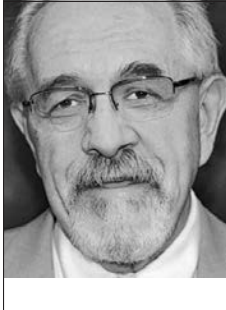
“To be persuasive, we must be believable; to be believable, we must be credible; credible, we must be truthful.”

Edward R. Murrow

Governor hires consultant to save state \$\$

Governor Jim Pillen had an epiphany that paying a consultant \$10 million over the next four years would save the state money. Pillen has signed the \$2.5 million/year contract, renewable three times, with Epiphany Associates of Utah to find ways to save the state money. In the process, he dismantled

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Statehouse Correspondent
J.L. Schmidt

the seven-year-old Center for Operational Excellence, which was doing the same thing. The 26 employees in that little known division of the Department of Administrative Services completed nearly 1,000 process improvement projects and cut costs by more than \$100 million.

Former Governor Pete Ricketts created the center with a mission of simplifying government by making it customer focused. But Pillen said he wanted to go a different direction using a systems approach to reduce costs and improve outcomes and performance.

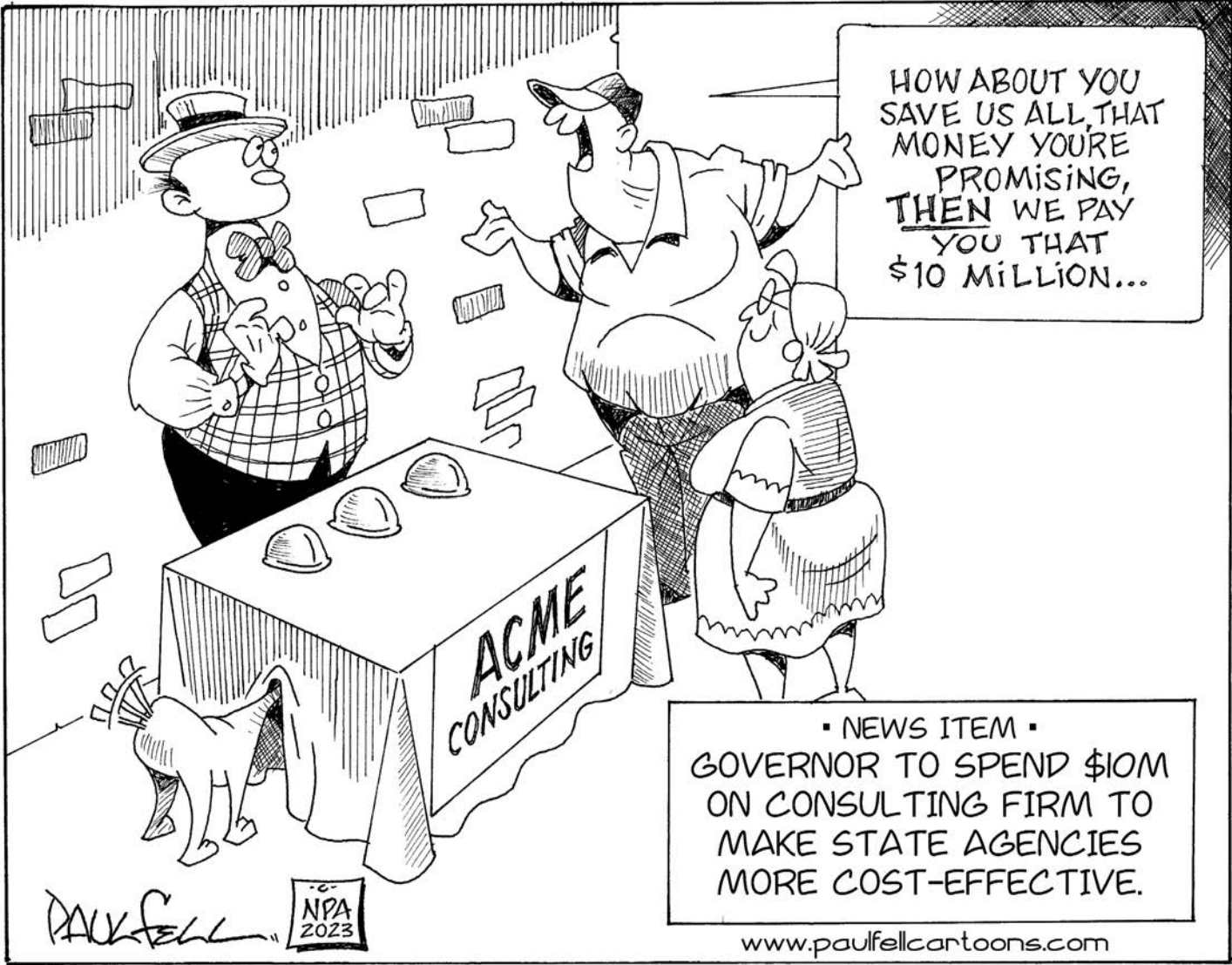
In a news release, Pillen said he has “challenged our entire team to drive breakthrough change.

We are going to accelerate our progress to reduce waste in government, improve services and save taxpayer money.”

I’m going to stop right there lest you all get lost in the obfuscated babble of government speak. It’s starting to sound like a reelection pitch from a politician full of enticing buzzwords: reduce waste, improve service and save taxpayer money. I thought that’s what the Rickett’s favored organization was doing.

But maybe Pillen had an epiphany before he hired Epiphany. Webster says an epiphany is “a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something. An illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure.”

Well, that’s easy. He had a realization that an almost stealth organization created by his predecessor was actually working, with little fanfare, to make government work for the people for a change.



So, as leaders are often wont to do, let’s get rid of something that works and create something new so I can get some credit too.

Rickett’s mission for the center was to “instill a culture of continuous improvement throughout state government.”

I like that. I understand that. But then it all got messy with explanations that they were utilizing Lean Six Sigma methodologies, and some had green belts and others had black belts. With apologies to the handful of you who understand this jargon, I am confused. Is this a diet plan or a martial arts demonstration?

So, let’s hire a consultant at \$2.5 million a year with the promise they can earn \$10 million if they’re good at it. Raise your hand if you think this will all be done in one year and the consultant will say, “we’re good, that’s all we can save, we’re done here.”

Sorry, a contract like that is meant to be milked.

Under the contract, Epiphany is to “recommend and support strategies that reduce costs while improving

quality,” with a target of 25% improvement in agencies identified by the state. Pillen spokeswoman Laura Strimple said the 25% target would be based on a combination of cost savings, quality and output.

The contract specifically requires Epiphany to identify “realistic, feasible, hard cost savings” equal to at least 3% of state general fund appropriations in the fiscal year that began July 1 and at least 6% in the following fiscal year. That works out to be more than \$160 million in the first year and more than \$322 million in the second year.

Call me skeptical, but I’ll believe it when I see it. Remember, this is government we’re talking about here.

I’ll give Ricketts credit for trying to change the culture to be more customer centric. The center had employees embedded in state agencies, so the change was coming from within. An outside consultant is just that, on the outside.

If it works, it’ll take longer.

Strimple contends the new approach will deliver sizable general fund appropriation savings by analyzing high

value projects and contracts to determine value to the Nebraska taxpayer. The freed dollars will allow for future investment in items like tax relief, education and other future priorities identified by the governor and Legislature.

Ricketts noted successes including: cutting on-hold time for people seeking public benefits from an average of 23 minutes down to 5 minutes; streamlining registration and renewals for fleet vehicles; simplifying fire marshal reviews of building construction plans that cut 15 days out of the process; faster processing times for some health care professional licenses and environmental permits; changes in contracting that saved \$10.2 million in the first year and negotiating ways to speed up background checks for relative foster families.

I’m willing to wait-and-see if Pillen’s epiphany will produce results.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

Letter to the editor

Author questions conduct, action of City Council

Dear Editor,
If it is all right with you, I would like to take a quick moment to air a grievance that I have.

As many Elgin residents may have noticed, the trees were cut down along the north side of the camp ground, but do they know who cut them down? It was a tree service out of Plainview.

While I realize there is nothing “wrong” with that, I have my reasons for writing, so hear me out.

Since I moved here, I have been hearing phrases thrown around, such as, “keep the money in the town” and “shop local” so I find it very interesting that my husband was not even approached for a quote for removing those trees.

Brian is the only one in the Elgin area who has a tree removal service (along with the construction business) and he has had that service for about five years now. The members of the council know this, and as a matter of fact, Mike Dvorak had even sold him some equipment pertaining to the tree business.

I can’t help but feel that this is somewhat of an “up yours” from the council to Brian and me simply because they don’t like MY parents.

My mother has gone to many city council meetings, and as a good daughter, I have gone with her to several of them to provide “moral support.”

The most recent meeting we attended; Brian attended as well (because sometimes, even the “moral support” giver needs “moral support”).

He was able to see the matter in which the council conducts their meetings – like a bunch of high school kids at a lunch table.

My mother questions something, or brings something to the council’s attention, and she is met with sarcastic eye rolls, groans, and even nasty comments.

I ask you, is this professional? A big upset came when Mr. Dvorak made some very snide remarks directed at my mother (who has EVERY RIGHT to be at the council meeting... look up the “Open Meetings Act”), and I simply asked him why he acts like that – why he acts in such a completely immature way.

As expected, that question received no answer (until now, perhaps?). I am not – in any way, shape, or form – saying that the City of Elgin “HAD” to hire Brian, but I think the Elgin residents need to know that the “home-grown”, “local”, “home town” business was completely bypassed in this situation, and the job was handed to an out-of-towner.

This begs the question – do they actually go out and get quotes? Do they try to find the best price, or do they just give jobs to their buddies? My other thought is that they let their personal grudges and vendettas get in the way of the business they conduct on YOUR behalf. This is YOUR taxpayer money.

For once, stop caring about who you “miff,” and stand up for yourselves! If you know me, you know that I like to keep to myself, however I will not be tread upon. There are people who may not like my mother, but she speaks her mind, and that is what I absolutely love about her.

I always see those “Pride of Place” articles, and can’t help but wonder how you can really have so much pride for a place where you have to watch your back for speaking the truth; a place where you have to be afraid your business will suffer if you step on the wrong toes.

It might be happening more here than you think.

Is this America’s heartland: God’s country? Or is this the slime of Washington?

I will leave you with this verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

What more could anyone ask for?
Meghan Beckman

Restoring leadership on trade

Many farmers are already busy taking in crops as dry conditions have encouraged an early start to the harvest season. Financially speaking, farming is a high-risk venture. The impact of unpredictable weather patterns underscores the importance of doing everything we can to maximize market access and stability for our agriculture industry. Alongside securing sound crop insurance provisions in ongoing Farm Bill renewal discussions, ensuring

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

American trade policy reflects the best interests of our hard-working producers is critical in our pursuit of economic strength.

In order to prosper, producers must be empowered with opportunities provided through a strong, strategic trade

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Let’s fix our southern border now

Earlier this year, I visited our nation’s southern border. I knew there was a crisis there, but that visit opened my eyes to more instability and hardship than I had previously seen.

Along the border wall at midnight, my colleagues and I spoke with dozens of illegal immigrants who had been detained.

I was heartbroken to meet a little six-month-old baby sitting by the wall with her mother waiting to go to the processing center. I was told this was not an unusual occurrence.

Many of these migrants — regardless of age, ability, or family size — are forced to interact with “coyotes” and cartels on their journeys to the border. Despite immense danger, migrants keep rushing to our southern border. And they do it because they’ve been invited by this administration to take this treacherous trek to enter our country illegally.

President Biden built his administration on promises to make it easier for migrants to get into our country. As a result, our nation has seen a historic spike in illegal immigration.

Since President Biden’s inauguration, over six million migrants have

made it to our southern border. Border Patrol agents have seized over 45,000 pounds of fentanyl — the deadliest drug in our country today.

That’s not to mention the hundreds of known terrorists who have been identified at the border, or the many illegal immigrants who have slipped past our porous border without being counted.

The Biden administration has created a national security and humanitarian crisis at our border.

In the Senate, my colleagues and I are pushing back and working to address this massive problem. I recently introduced the Secure the Border Act with Texas Senator Ted Cruz (R).

This border security package has already passed the House of Representatives as H.R. 2.

The Secure the Border Act includes a collection of critical provisions that would change things at our border. The Biden administration stopped constructing a wall on our southern border, despite the fact that Congress had already provided funds and materials for the wall.

Our legislation would pick up where the Trump administration left off and resume construction on the border

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Smith: Restore leadership on trade

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agenda. According to the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, 81 percent of the 1,850 companies exporting goods from Nebraska in 2020 were small- and medium-sized enterprises. Nebraska exported \$8 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2021, and international trade supports 255,600— or nearly 20 percent — of all jobs in the state. This includes more than just agriculture products.

Not to be overlooked, a large component of Third District output includes manufacturing. For instance, Grand Island's state-of-the-art Case New Holland factory exports approximately 35 percent of its production to 40 countries around the world.

The critical importance of U.S. trade leadership makes inaction by the Biden administration all the more disappointing. The U.S. is in danger of being left behind by our global competitors because the administration is opting for non-binding “frameworks” and “dialogues” over traditional trade agreements.

The Trump-negotiated United States-Mexico-Canada agreement (USMCA) was a huge win for trade and now represents the global gold standard for trade agreements. This is in part because of the enforceability of such agreements — something notably missing from any framework or dialogue. Without these enforcement provisions, we would not be able to combat Mexico's unscientific ban on U.S. grown corn.

As the number one market for both U.S. and Nebraska grown corn, resolving this dispute with Mexico is essential for long-term economic growth of our countries. Yet, despite my calls for his input, the Biden administration has been slow to utilize the dispute resolution mechanism, and the president himself has been silent on the issue.

A simple message saying what the Mexican government is doing is wrong could be sent from a podium anywhere and

would show support for our growers who depend on this market access.

With the administration asleep at the wheel on trade, Congress must step up. Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution designates the “power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises...[and] to regulate commerce with foreign nations” under the purview of the Legislative Branch. There are many opportunities for Congress to reassert this authority over trade matters.

In my role as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee's Subcommittee on Trade, I am committed to doing what is necessary to ensure the United States succeeds and leads in the 21st century.

This week, I led a Trade Subcommittee hearing on the opportunity to reauthorize and modernize the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), a key trade program which benefits all Americans by promoting stability and economic growth in developing countries while providing a tool for the U.S. to level the playing field.

Done strategically, GSP can bring savings amid high inflation to those who need it most through lowered tariffs. This strengthens the U.S. manufacturing industry, and our supply chains in general. GSP alone won't be the answer to all our supply chain challenges, but it certainly can be a helpful tool.

Another key trade preference program in our arsenal that has expired is the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB). MTB is another important tool many job creators and consumers rely on, and I look forward to getting both these programs on a path to swift renewal.

We can come together on a bipartisan basis and break the logjam that has held back GSP and MTB renewal since they expired at the end of 2020. I am confident we can do the hard work necessary to reform and renew these beneficial programs and restore robust U.S. leadership on trade. American producers and small businesses are counting on it.

Northeast Community College's Johnson-Bartee to be honored for original book of poetry

A member of the faculty at Northeast Community College has earned statewide recognition for her writing. English Instructor Bonnie Johnson-Bartee's book, Cord Blood, has been selected to receive Celebrate Nebraska's 2023 Book Award Poetry Honor.

It is one of 14 honors the organization will present to authors of other books during an awards celebration event at the Nebraska Center for the Book's Celebration of Nebraska Books at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus Union on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Winners of the 2023 Nebraska Book Awards will be honored and the celebration will include readings by some of the winning authors, designers and illustrators of books with a Nebraska connection published in 2022.

An overview describes

Cord Blood as Johnson-Bartee casting “a tender yet searing eye upon family histories, dynamics, and the very notion of “women's work,” and each poem in this collection takes the reader on a journey toward recognizing how vulnerable and fallible we all are in our search for a meaningful life.”

Johnson-Bartee coordinates Northeast Community College's Visiting Writer's Series, which brings in authors and poets throughout the academic year to speak in Union 73. The Visiting Writer's Series is open to the public. She also served as co-coordinator of the Nebraska Poetry Festival held last year at Northeast Community College and Wayne State College.

Other categories of winners who will be honored at the Celebrate Nebraska's 2023 Award event in Lincoln are children's design, young adult, design,

illustration, fiction, and several classifications of non-fiction. The Celebration of Nebraska

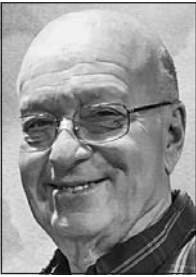
Books will also honor winners of the 2023 Jane Geske and Mildred Bennett awards.

OBITUARIES

John H. Benda, 84

December 18, 1938 - September 21, 2023

Born in Petersburg, he worked the majority of his life as an architectural draftsman.



Benda was born December 18, 1938 in Petersburg, Nebraska

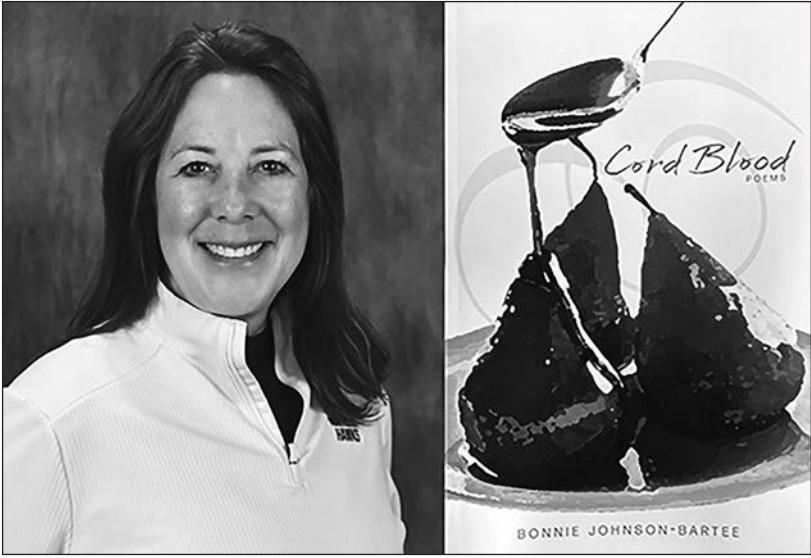
He loved dill pickles & absolutely anything chocolate. He read the newspaper faithfully (every single article) & was always on the lookout for a good coupon. John loved watching his kids/grandkids play sports, especially soccer.

He preferred to listen rather than talk, unless you were ready to say goodbye, with your hand on the doorknob . . . then he always had another story to tell or question to ask.

John is survived by a large, loving family. We will all miss him & his presence on earth deeply.

He is survived by wife Peg Benda; 5 children: Bill Benda (Sabine), Kelley Redding (Terry), Chris Olander (Shelly), Dan Benda (Kourtney), Dave Olander (Angie) and 9 grandchildren. He also leaves behind 9 siblings, Janice Pelster (Ray), Judy Zegers (Gayle), Jerry Benda (Kathy), Joan Johnson (Tom), Julie Thome (Dennie), Jeanine Welniak (Dan), Jolene Foss (Pat), Joyce Holliday (Bob) and Jill Dunning (John).

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Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-43 Psalm 19

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WOLFPACK

Wolfpack Sports



Gang tackling kept the Wolfpack in the game Friday night. Here, Nick Anderson (15) brings down Carter Nelson (22) with some help from Taylor Beckman (44). Trailing the play were Samuel Hemenway (55), Dylon Lueking (33) and Gage Thiessen (3). *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Carter, Bulldogs spoil EPPJ Homecoming 60 to 8

Wolfpack's four turnovers prove costly

ELGIN — Carter Nelson is the real deal. The NU recruit accounted for four touchdowns Friday night as the Bulldogs remained unbeaten with a 60 to 8 victory over the Wolfpack.

EPPJ entered the game with one loss, but managed just one touchdown against Nelson & Co. “Obviously it didn’t go like we were planning. They have a very good football team,” Wolfpack Coach Greg Wemhoff said.

The largest crowd of the season came out on Homecoming Night in anticipation of the Wolfpack handing the Bulldogs their first loss. Gage Thiessen gave fans something to cheer about early in the first quarter when he intercepted a pass intended Nelson for the ball. However, EPPJ couldn’t muster a drive.

Ainsworth managed just one first quarter touchdown, but took control of the game with three scores in the second quarter.

In a game which featured big plays from both teams, the Bulldogs capitalized on good field position early in the second quarter.

Nelson moved to quarterback and, on the first play following EPPJ turning the ball over on downs, connected with Trey Appelt for a 56-yard touchdown.

Then, on their next possession, the Bulldogs ran a ‘hook & ladder’ play where, after catching a pass, Nelson lateraled the ball to Jacob Held who outraced Wolfpack tacklers to the end zone.

Up 24 to 0 after the touchdown, Ainsworth added another touchdown six seconds later when R. Blumenstock picked up a fumbled snap and went 25 yards to the end zone for a 30 to 0 lead.

The Wolfpack, stymied on offense for much of the first half, put together a drive which started on their 19-yard line. Running back Grady Druke carried the ball 10 times in a 15-play drive to move the ball



Blake Henn (13) refuses to go down, as he makes the line of gain on a Wolfpack drive towards the endzone. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

down to the Bulldogs’ 14-yard line. The drive ended just before halftime when Nelson intercepted a pass in the end zone intended for Blake Henn, denying EPPJ a touchdown just before halftime.

Getting the ball to start the second half, EPPJ scored on their first possession. Quarterback Karson Kallhoff connected with Henn for a 44-yard completion down to the Bulldogs’ 11-yard line. On the next play, Gage Thiessen scored on an 11-yard run. Henn’s two-point conversion gave fans hope for a comeback with just two minutes gone in the quarter.

But on this night, the Bulldogs’ offense wouldn’t be denied.

They took the ensuing kickoff and drove 52 yards for another Nelson touchdown run.

With multiple media outlets there to cover the game, Nelson added two more touchdowns.

After the Wolfpack moved the ball inside the Bulldogs’ 10-yard line, they fumbled the ball and Ainsworth recovered on the one-yard line. On the next play, Nelson broke free and outraced tacklers for a 79-yard touchdown run.

Then the Wolfpack got a big reception from Dylon Lueking on the first play of the fourth quarter down to the 30-yard line. Four plays later, Nelson intercepted his second pass of the game at the 5-yard line and returned it 75 yards for his

fourth touchdown of the game.

The Bulldogs added one final touchdown late in the game. “They capitalized on every mistake we made,” Wemhoff said.

Ainsworth capitalized on four Wolfpack turnovers (two fumbles/two interceptions) and limited EPPJ to just 217 yards of total offense.

Druke led EPPJ rushers with 69 yards on 24 carries. Kallhoff completed seven of 13 passes for 109 yards.

On defense, Lueking led tacklers with nine, the trio of Henn, Nick Anderson and Sam Hemenway each had eight.

“We need to get better,” Wemhoff said before leaving the field. “I hope our kids learn from it. We’re going to keep working hard.”

Ainsworth 60, EPPJ 8
Bulldogs.....8 22 14 16 — 60
Wolfpack.....0 0 8 0 — 8
AHS — Carter Nelson 5 run (O. Blumenstock run)
AHS — Nelson 56 pass to Trey Appelt (Nelson run)
AHS — Jacob Held 34 run (Nelson run)
AHS — R. Blumenstock 25 fumble return (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Gage Thiessen 11 run (Blake Henn run)
AHS — Nelson 2 run (Nelson run)
AHS — Nelson 79 run (PAT failed)
AHS — Nelson 75 interception return (Kinney run)
AHS — Kinney 45 pass from Blu-

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Wolfpack fall to BC in 3-set thriller

EPPJ sweeps Boone Central Thursday night

BATTLE CREEK — EPPJ brought their ‘A’ game here Thursday night but, in the end, it wasn’t enough as the Bravettes bested the Wolfpack in three thrilling sets 29-31, 25-18 and 14-25.

Coaching in the gym where she excelled as an athlete years before, Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel’s team came ready to play and could have, with a couple of breaks, swept the Bravettes.

The first set provided all the drama any volleyball fan could want. On numerous occasions, each team had a chance to win the set. EPPJ trailed for much of the set, but by no more than three points. They finally tied the score at 24-all.

On the Bravette’s attempt at set point, they were denied by EPPJ senior Ashlynn Charf at the net. On their second set point, Sara Bode said ‘no way’ with a kill at the net to tie the score at 26-all. After another kill by Bode gave EPPJ a chance to win, Battle Creek’s Tallinn Aidag and, later, Sami Wemhoff came up big to keep their team in the match. With the score tied at 29-all, Battle Creek closed out the set.

The Wolfpack couldn’t have played better than in the second set where they dominated Battle Creek. Ahead 15 to 10, they closed out the set on a 10 to eight run. Chloe Henn had two kills, Charf had one as did Camry Kittelson while Baylee Busted added an ace serve.

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Camry Kittelson (2) and **Chloe Henn** turned in excellent games in the front row as EPPJ split a triangular Thursday night. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Spinning Tales

Insights gained this past week by using your eyes and ears

LINCOLN — Seeing is believing, so too is hearing. I’ve seen and heard a lot in the past few days and I’m here to say not all of it was good or bad. It’s just the way it is.

Where should I start or end? Not even Dr. Phil has the answers for what ails the Huskers right now.

Sitting in the south endzone, halfway up, we soaked up some heat Saturday watching the Huskers take on Michigan.

It didn’t take long to see this was a mismatch, like after the Wolverines first drive when quarterback J.J. McCarthy picked the boys apart. I’m pretty sure J.J. will, when his college days are over, be taking an NFL paycheck for a few years to come.

But it wasn’t just J.J., it seemed like every player Michigan had on the field, on offense and defense, was stronger and faster than anyone wearing red.

NU Coach Matt Ruhle has a challenge ahead of him in rebuilding the team. He’s playing this season with players recruited by Scott Frost. Give Ruhle credit, he didn’t do a Deion and dump everyone off last year’s CU team and bring in a new cast of players. Ruhle honored the commitment the university made to our players, and kept them on scholarships. Sure, some of them chose to transfer, that’s their right. Ruhle’s rebuild is going to be done the old-fashioned way, the Nebraska Way.

Then there’s the stadium renovation announced by AD Trev Alberts. He’s going to modernize the stadium in a

way none of us could ever have imagined. At the same time, 10,000 or more seats are going to be removed. That likely means some fans in the south stands are no longer going to have tickets in 2026 and definitely won’t have any tickets for 2025 when the south stadium is demolished.

I’ve missed entire seasons before (COVID), but I’ve never looked to the future wondering if I will still have season tickets when the south stands are finished.

Walking out of the stadium, I heard one demoralized fan say “At least we have volleyball.” Hearing those words I thought there are now two generations who have never seen a Husker football team win a championship. And I can’t see when the next one will happen.

One thing that my ears have picked up more and more in recent seasons, and this season is the worst yet, is the lack of civil discourse in the stands. When did the f-word become a verb? Some fans can’t put two sentences together without inserting the ‘verb.’ Sad.

As of this writing, the Wolfpack are in the midst of the toughest part of the volleyball schedule. They’ve lost matches to West Holt and Battle Creek recently. Tuesday night (too late for press time) they will face Humphrey St. Francis and unbeaten O’Neill St. Mary’s. This could be the first of three potential matches against St. Mary’s in October. The others could be NVC and sub-districts.

It’s now the time of the

season when the team needs to play their best volleyball. They’re doing that. October should be a great month for Wolfpack volleyball

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

The EPPJ football team got stung Friday night by Ainsworth or, should I say, Carter Nelson.

The future NU football player, Nelson made it look too easy as he accounted for four touchdowns. He made all the plays an eight-man football player can make. Wait, there’s one thing he’s not particularly good at, kickoffs.

The Wolfpack are 4-2 with two games left in the regular season - Friday afternoon at Niobrara-Verdigre and then Oct.12 at O’Neill St. Mary’s.

Optimistic fans like me believe they will win those games and be 6-2 heading into the playoffs where I see them making some noise. Day by day, this team keeps getting better.

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JV netters shine last week

EPPJ defeat Boone Central, fall to Bravettes

BATTLE CREEK — The Wolfpack JV volleyball team split matches Thursday night at a triangular.

EPPJ defeated Boone Central 25-20 and 25-17 in their opening round match.

Halle Lueking led the team with 6 kills followed by Natalie Burenheide 5, Reese Stuhr 3, Kaitey Schumacher 2 and Callie Heithoff 1.

Elizabeth Moser led the squad in set assists with 6, Schumacher had 5 and Heithoff added 1. Haley Parks and Tessa Barlow each had 3 ace serves, Heithoff added 2, Lueking had 1.

Schumacher led the team in digs with 9 and serve receive with 6. Lueking and Burenheide each had 1 solo block.

In the nightcap, Battle Creek edged the Wolfpack in a close match. The scores were 25-23, 16-25 and 15-8. Burenheide led hitters with 9 kills, Parks had 7 followed by Stuhr 4, Schumacher and Lueking 3 each, Moser 2 and Heithoff 1. Moser led the team with 11 set assists, Schumacher had 7, Heithoff 4, Stuhr and Lueking 1 apiece. Parks had

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Wolfpack runners compete at BC Invite

BATTLE CREEK — The Wolfpack cross country team competed at Battle Creek Friday.

In the women's 5K race, Lilly Harris of Homer won with a time of 21:58.80.

Freshman Samantha Stuhr led the Wolfpack team. She

finished 26th with a time of 26:42.80. Teammate Emma Kinney placed 34th, crossing the finish line in a time of 28:49.10.

In the boys 5K race, Luke Woodman of Bloomfield placed first with a time of 17:27.17.

Wolfpack sophomore Isaac

Hemenway clocked in at 25:18.53 to place 56th. Next up is the Niobrara Valley Conference meet to be held Oct. 6 at Summerland.

Pride of the WOLFPACK



GRADY DRUEKE
FOOTBALL

A sophomore, Grady led the Wolfpack in rushing, gaining 69 yards on 24 carries. He had 1 solo tackle in the loss to Ainsworth.



SARA BODE
VOLLEYBALL

A junior, Sara had 8 kills against Battle Creek and 5 more against Boone Central at last week's Battle Creek Triangular.



SAMANTHA STUHR
CROSS COUNTRY

A freshman, Samantha finished 26th on a tough course at the Battle Creek Invitational. Her time was 26:42.80.

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Oct. 12 District CC @ Ainsworth B 4:00/G 4:45
Oct. 20 State CC @ Kearney TBA

FOOTBALL VARSITY

Oct. 6 @ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre) 2:30
Oct. 12 @ St. Mary's 7:00
Oct. 19-Nov 10 Playoffs TBA

JUNIOR HIGH/JUNIOR VARSITY

Oct. 9 @ Humphrey St. Francis 4:00/5:30

VOLLEYBALL VARSITY

Oct. 6 @ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre) 8:0
Oct. 10 Tri @ Riverside 5:00
Oct. 16-20 NVC Trny @ TBA TBA
Oct. 23-28 Subs & Districts @ TBA TBA
Nov. 1-4 State @ Lincoln TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Oct. 6 @ Niobrara-Verdigre (Verdigre) 5:30
Oct. 7 Tourney @ Riverside 9:00
Oct. 9 @ Battle Creek (C team only) 5:00
Oct. 9 @ Battle Creek (JV only) 6:00
Oct. 14 Trny @ Neligh (C team only) 9:00

JUNIOR HIGH

Oct. 4 @ Riverside 2:00
Oct. 7 Tourney @ Riverside (location TBA) 9:00
Oct. 7 Tourney @ Riverside (location TBA) 9:00
Oct. 14 Tourney @ Summerland 9:00

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Oct 4 PJCC/SB NO SCHOOL • Financial Aid mtg
Oct 5 County Government Day
Oct 6 EPS Donuts with Dads • ELGIN SCHOOLS early dismissal, 1 pm
Oct 7 WSC Band Day Parade
Oct 10 Spalding Academy JH Scholastic Competition
Oct 11 Miles of Smiles
Oct 13 EPS Suicide Preventions - Youth Risks
Oct 15 St. Boniface Elementary School Cabaret
Oct 16 FFA EDGE Conference @ Norfolk
Oct 17 Fire Prevention Day for elementary students • Sophomore Career Day @ WSC
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Area man goes to jail for latest domestic assault conviction

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

A Randolph man was recently sentenced to serve one year in the Antelope County Jail and fined \$1,000 for his latest conviction of domestic assault

Brennon J. Coleman, 39, previously of Neligh, was given credit for 15 days already served and was taxed \$204.71 costs of prosecution when he faced the Honorable James Kube on Sept. 27.

During the sentencing hearing, Coleman, who had pleaded no contest in July, contended he had not hit the victim. When asked by the judge if he recalled the incident, he answered, “Absolutely.”

And, when asked why, he answered, “I didn’t do it, I didn’t punch her.”

The March charge, that was reduced from a Class 3A felony pursuant to a plea bargain with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith, is the latest in a decade-long history of domestic convictions - all with the same victim - that had previously resulted in two stints in Nebraska Department of Corrections’ facility and previous incarceration in the ACJ.

“(We’re) at the point where, at least for domestic assault, he gets the maximum sentence,” recommended Smith.

Coleman’s court-appointed attorney, Martin Klein, said his client did not want probation, “especially with the drinking problem he has,” and recommended a six-month jail sentence.

“Almost 20 years - obviously it’s just not a good relationship,” Kube told Coleman before passing sentence.

“You indicated (you’re) not getting back together, sounds like that should have happened a long time ago.”

Kailee M. Davis, 37, of Neligh appeared in front of Kube for arraignment on two counts included in an amended complaint filed by Smith on Sept. 25 - Count I, tampering with physical evidence, a Class 4 felony alleged July 17; and Count II, conspiracy to commit theft, a Class 2A felony, alleged between April 1 and July 17.

As part of a plea agreement, Davis pleaded guilty to an amended Count I, attempted tampering with evidence, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Smith dropped Count II.

After a brief conversation with attorneys, Kube recessed the case while he dealt with several civil cases. When he resumed the case, and after another brief consultation with

the attorneys in his chambers, Kube proceeded to pass sentence.

Smith recommended at least a six-month jail sentence.

“Probation won’t work,” he said. “She’s on probation now.”

Antelope County public defender Pat Carney told the judge Davis has pending charges in Yankton County, South Dakota, with a hold placed when she is released from ACJ. She may also face charges in other counties, according to the attorney, although no charges had yet been filed.

“Her hope and prayer are to get into treatment” Carney said.

He requested “something close to 72 days” in jail.

In answer to his questions, Davis told Kube she had started using meth when she was 18, after tearing her shoulder while pitching softball, that she had recently finished federal parole and that her daughter is now residing with her mother.

“I’m not making excuses, I just want a chance,” Davis said.

“You still have a chance to be a good mother,” Kube said before sentencing Davis to 180 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit given for 72 days previously served. She will be allowed to sit out \$137 costs at the statutory rate.

Davis was remanded to the custody of Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore.

Jake Short, 23, of Norfolk was also sentenced to jail, along with a 24-month term of SASS probation.

Starting with Count II, theft by unlawful taking, a Class 1 misdemeanor, Kube ordered Short to serve 270 days in the ACJ, with credit for 143 days previously served; restitution of \$363 to victim, Joseph Israde; and taxed him \$147 costs.

On Count I, attempted possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, Kube ordered a 24-month term of specialized substance abuse supervision, probation that focuses on addiction, including related programming fees of \$25 monthly and chemical testing fees of \$5 per month and 90 days in ACJ commencing June 29, 2025, if not waived.

Kube waived a \$30 enrollment fee and further ordered that no overlapping fees will be charged in relation to an existing probation sentence in Madison County.

Reviewing the pre-sentence investigation report, Kube noted forgery arrests that had been dismissed due to plea bargains.

Carney said the forgeries involved checks Short had taken from his mother and grand-

mother. He indicated the PSI didn’t paint an accurate picture, that Short is on the low IQ/autism spectrum, although he graduated high school with help from special education. The attorney said Short is managing his medications and is pursuing disability and asked the judge to give Short an opportunity at probation.

Since his arrest, Short said he has completed treatment at Sunrise House in Norfolk and has been clean for eight months. He is currently living at Oxford House, where he has employment. “I was tired of being miserable and dependent on substances to make me numb,” he said regarding the reasons for seeking treatment. “I wanted to be part of my family life.”

“If you talk to any addict, they say the same thing,” Kube said. “Why has it finally worked for you?”

Short said he wanted to be there for his nephew, he regretted hurting his close friend because of his need for substances and he wants to get into long-term treatment.

“If I mess up, I lose everything I have worked for,” Short said. “I have cash from my tax refund to pay restitution...I want to make amends.”

“I preside over drug court for our district, I see drug addicts all the time,” Kube said. “Seems to me you have done a good job, I’m proud of you.”

Cases

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I, theft by receiving stolen property valued at more than \$5,000, a Class 2A felony; Count II, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony; Count III, use of motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 4 felony; Count IV, possession of burglar tools, a Class 4 felony; and Count V, obstruction of a police officer, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Smith dismissed counts IV and V and filed an amended three-count information, including Count I, theft by receiving stolen property valued between \$1,500 and \$5,000; Count II, attempted possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and Count III, use of a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, reduced to Class 1 misdemeanor.

Kube re-arraigned Anson on counts II and III and Anson pleaded guilty to all three counts on the amended complaint.

Kube ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for Nov. 29. Bond is continued at \$50,000, 10%.

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morning, he is still in ICU at UNMC (room #9878) in Omaha. His nasal breathing tube has been removed and the hematoma appears to be slowly healing and he has sat up in a chair.


A medical fund has been set up for him and his family at the Bank of Elgin to help them with current and future expenses related to the attack.

Anyone interested in keeping up to date with his progress may do so by following him at: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stevenschrunk/journal>

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District #18 School Board to meet next week

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting next week.

The board will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The board will consider second round approval of the following recommended policies from the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) policies. They are:

NASB Policy 505.03 Suspension and Expulsion of Students; Policy 604.15 Information Relating to Dyslexia; Policy 604.16 Use of Artificial Intelligence in the School; Policy 605.02 Alternative Education Program; Policy 607.09 Service Animals and Therapy Dogs; Policy 612.01 Free Appropriate Public Education; Policy 612.02 Full Educational Opportunity Goal; Policy 612.03 Child Find; Policy 612.04 Evaluation Procedures; Policy 612.05 Individualized Education Program and Family Services Plan; Policy 612.06 Transition of Children from Part C to Preschool Programs; Policy 612.07 Participation in State and District Wide Assessments; Policy 612.08 Least Restrictive Environment; Policy 612.09 Children in Nonpublic Schools; Policy 612.10 Procedural Safeguards; Policy 612.11 Transportation; Policy 612.12 Personnel Qualifications; Policy 612.13 Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information; Policy 612.14 Suspension and Expulsion Rates; Policy 612.15 Access to Instructional Materials; Policy 612.16 Over-Identification and Disproportionality; Policy 612.17 Prohibition on Mandatory Medication; Policy 612.18 Appointment of Surrogates; Policy 612.19 Consent for Early Intervention Services; Policy 612.20 Disciplinary Removal of Children with Disabilities.

The meeting is open to the public.

Economic indicators show decline

Nebraska’s leading economic indicator fell in August, according to the most recent report from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. The indicator, designed to predict economic activity six months into the future, declined 0.93%.

“The decrease in the leading indicator suggests economic growth will slow in Nebraska during the first quarter of 2024,” said economist Eric Thompson, director of the Bureau of Business Research, department chair and K.H. Nelson College Professor of Economics.

The six components of Nebraska’s leading economic indicator are business expectations, building permits for single-family homes, airline passenger counts, initial claims for unemployment insurance, the value of the U.S. dollar and manufacturing hours worked. Four of six components worsened in August. “These declines suggest weakening demand for business travel and manufactured goods,” Thompson said.

There also were signs of softening in Nebraska’s labor market as initial claims for unemployment insurance rose in the state. In addition, the value of the U.S. dollar rose in August. A higher value for the U.S. dollar creates challenges for businesses in agriculture and manufacturing, which compete in international markets.

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Additional charge filed in July 4 flight, crash

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter


A man accused of a high-speed flight and crash on a stolen Polaris Razor in downtown Neligh, following the city’s 150th birthday/Old Mill Days celebration, had another felony charged added last week.

Rider C. Short, 23, of Oakdale faced the Honorable James Kube on Sept. 27, for pretrial hearing on Count I, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, a Class 4 felony bound over from county court and Count II that was direct filed in district court last month, theft by unlawful taking, greater than \$5,000, a Class 2A felony; as well as arraignment on Count III, a new direct-filing, criminal mischief, more than \$5,000, also a Class 4 felony which, like Count II, would have had a potential penalty of up to 20 years of incarceration and restitution.

Short requested a preliminary hearing on Count III, which Kube set Oct. 25, and a jury trial is continued to Dec. 12. Bond, in the amount of \$20,000, 10% cash, is continued.

Christopher Robinett, 20, of Neligh appeared, alongside his court-appointed attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh, in front of Kube for arraignment on a four-count information.

Robinett pleaded not guilty to Count I, burglary, a Class 2A felony; Count II, leaving the scene of a property-damage accident, a Class 1 misdemeanor; Count III, driving under the influence of alcohol, a Class W misdemeanor; and Count IV, no proof of financial responsibility, a Class 2 misdemeanor, all related to the alleged theft of a pickup from Carhart Lumber in Neligh on Aug. 6 and a subsequent crash. Pretrial hearing is set Oct. 25 and a jury trial, Dec. 12. Bond is continued at \$25,000, 10% cash. Robinett also appeared for hearing on a motion to revoke probation ordered Nov. 30, 2022. He denied the allegations and an evidentiary hearing is set for Oct. 25. Kube set bond at \$10,000, 10%.



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Upper Elkhorn NRD To Hold 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 2024 growing season. There will be up to 150 new acres allotted to increase irrigation efficiency. The focus of the 2023 sign up will be to finish off pivots with 15 acres or less that

have to reverse due to an obstacle 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 from the landowner or their power of attorney from October 1 through October 31, 2023. The criteria ranking has been updated to 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 and 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.

There will be a \$50 application fee for anyone wishing to sign up to expand new acres; and, if the application is approved there will be an acre fee of \$5 per acre or a minimum of \$125 to proceed with the application. The application and supporting information is available on the UENRD website (www.uenrd.org) for review. Appointments for the Expansion of Groundwater Irrigated Acres are required and you will need a map showing where you would like to expand the acres and how many acres you would like to expand.

For further information or to make an appointment, contact the Upper Elkhorn NRD at 402-336-3867 or visit the Upper Elkhorn NRD website at www.uenrd.org.

JV, ‘C’ team split with O’Neill

Playing O’Neill Monday night, the Wolfpack JV volleyball team claimed a 25-16, 25-16 victory.

The front row had a big night with 29 kills in the match. Braelyn Martinsen led the way with 9 followed by Natalie Burenheide and Halle Lueking 5 apiece, Haley Parks and Kaitey Schumacher each had 4, Elizabeth Moser added 3 and Callie Heithoff had 1. Tops in set assists was Heithoff with 14 followed by Moser 8 and Kaitey Schumacher 7 to go along with the team’s only ace serve. Lueking and Burenheide each had 2 solo blocks, Heithoff, Martinsen, Parks and Schumacher each had 1. Martinsen led the team in digs with 16 while Tessa Barlow led in serve receive (10).

‘C’ team action

O’Neill defeated the Wolfpack ‘C’ team 25-22 and 25-22.

EPPJ managed just six kills in the match. Leading the way was Mady Kurgpewit with 2, Jaydalynn Chessmore, Kylee Lichtenberg, Juliana McNally and Gemma Miller each had 1. Chessmore and Lichtenberg each had 3 set assists.

EPPJ had 15 ace serves as Chessmore had 6, McNally 5, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 3 and Brooke Kinney 1. Kurgpewit had 2 solo blocks. Libby Evans led the team in digs with 5 and McNally was the leader in serve receive with 8.

Community Center Menus

Monday, October 9: Ham & noodle bake, carrots, baked apples, milk.

Tuesday, October 10: Cabbage & sausage soup, carrots/celery, ham sandwich, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, October 11: Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad, peaches/strawberry mix, milk.

Thursday, October 12: Lemon pepper fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, apricots, milk.

Friday, October 13: BBQ meatballs, hash browns, broccoli/

cauliflower mix, pears, milk. (All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center. and are subject to change)

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In observance of Columbus Day, the Elgin post office will be closed next Monday, October 9. Mail service will resume on Tuesday.

The five most popular ethnic foods across the United States

The United States is home to millions of people who trace their ancestry to other nations. Many of those people embrace the cuisines of their ancestors, which is one reason why it's so easy to find such a diverse array of foods throughout the U.S.

Various ethnic dishes are quite popular across North America. When it comes to ethnic cuisine, these reign supreme in the U.S.

According to Google search data compiled by FoodFire-Friends.com, these are the most popular cuisines across the United States and the number of internet searches each cuisine generates per month.

1. Chinese (3.35 million searches)
2. Mexican (1.22 million searches)
3. Thai (823,000 searches)
4. Indian (673,000 searches)
5. Korean (246,000 searches)



Photo by Dennis Morgan

National Life Chain observed in Elgin, throughout all the United States

A number of adults and students gathered last Sunday along Highway 14 to observe National Life Chain. Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully stand for Life. Lining the highway to the west of St. Boniface Catholic Church, they stood in prayerful silence, holding signs, asking for the public to support the right of life.

Fall thistles can be a prickly problem

With everything to get done in the fall, low on the priority list might be planning for pasture improvements next year and weed control. However, some time spent on these topics this fall could pay dividends next year.

First, October and early November is an ideal time to control thistles in pastures. Most of our thistle species in the state fall into two categories, biennales or those that grow over two seasons and perennials, those that come back year after year. Biennial thistles like musk, plumless, scotch, and bull growing now are new plants that grew from seed this year and are forming a flat rosette. When trying to control biennial thistles, destruction of rosettes prior to flowering (bolting) is an effective means of preventing seed formation and subsequent spread.

Another thistle to look out for

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is Canada thistle. Canada thistle is a creeping perennial that can be controlled with fall spraying, in conjunction with other management options in the spring. Fall herbicide applications on perennial species 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 Canada thistle patches over time. Just like their biennial cousins, this time of year, Canada thistles will also be primarily in a low growing vegetative form.

While in the rosette stage, thistles are more effectively controlled using herbicides. It is important to note that fall spraying of thistles is not a silver bullet and effective control often needs repeated applications. It will take several years of timely control before the soil seed bank is reduced to the point that new plants stop sprouting.

When it comes to treatment options, there are many herbicides labeled for thistle control. Take care when selecting a product that grazing or harvest restrictions meet your operational plans and that you are picking the correct product. Some products traditionally recommended for spraying thistles have recently changed product names, so keep an eye

on the active ingredients to make sure a change in name doesn't also mean a change in action.

Some options to consider are GrazonNext® HL, Milestone®, Chaparral®, Grasp® L, Stinger®, Overdrive®, and Tordon 22K® are all products that are labelled for use on biennial thistles as well as Canada thistle. 2,4-D mixed with dicamba is also an effective option but should be sprayed when temperatures are warmer for the highest efficacy. Tordon 22K® or Grasp® L, are both restricted use products containing picloram. Use extreme caution around other vegetation, especially trees, as both products will kill woody plants. Fall is a busy time, and proper pasture management doesn't

help lighten the load. Even so, time spent controlling thistles this fall can reduce work in the future.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. 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

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Blair misses 2 games to win football contest

Kurt Blair bested the field to win the *Elgin Review* Football Contest. Blair missed just two games in the contest to win the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks. Father Ross Burkhalter finished in second place, missing just three games. He will receive the \$10 runner-up prize. Missing out on the prize money were Phil Starman and Dave Shrader who each missed four games. Each week the contest has a tie-breaker question. Nebraska and Michigan combined for 741 total yards. Game results were: BYU over Cincinnati Purdue over Illinois Air Force over San Diego State Ainsworth over EPPJ Tennessee over South Carolina Maryland over Indiana Kentucky over Florida Texas A&M over Arkansas

West Virginia over TCU Rice over Co. Carolina Ole Miss over LSU Baylor over UCF Michigan over Nebraska Louisville over NC State Notre Dame over Duke Texas over Kansas USC over Colorado Oregon State over Utah Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp, take a picture of your entry with a camera phone and send it to elginreview@yahoo.com.

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

Month of October
UENRD Groundwater Irrigated Acre Expansion application period*.

Wednesday, October 4
No School at PJCC/St. Boniface Elementary.

Thursday, October 5
County Government Day @ Antelope County Courthouse.

Friday, October 6
EPS Donuts with Dads ■ Elgin Schools early dismissal (1 p.m.).

Monday, October 9
Red-E-4-Fun/Red Hatters, noon @ ECC, please RSVP ■ EVFD Mtg.

Tuesday, October 10
Antelope County Board of Commissioners Mtg.

Wednesday, October 11
District #18 School board regular Mtg ■ Antelope County Planning Commission hearing ■ Schunk 70th Anniversary

Sunday, October 15
St. Boniface Elementary Cabaret.

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From JoAnn's Kitchen

Garden Stuffed Green Peppers

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Good morning. Sitting in the office with a cup of my favorite flavor of coffee trying to decide what recipe would be simple and easy! This recipe you could make for supper tonight! Did any of you have a bumper

this summer? We did! Ted's mom makes these and puts them in the freezer. Perfect for a single serving. I just bet if you would use any or all the vegetables from the garden in this recipe, the flavor would be amazing. If this is a dish you and your family likes please give it a try! So yummy!

JoAnn

GARDEN STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

- 1 lb hamburger (browned)
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1/2 can spaghetti sauce
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup diced onion

- 1/4 tsp pepper (black)
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 4 green peppers

Brown the hamburger and drain, add cooked rice, cheese, salt and pepper, onion, and tomato. Put 1/2 the can of spaghetti sauce in the bottom of a 9x9 inch packing dish. Remove the tops and seeds from the green peppers. Place the cleaned peppers in the pan with the sauce. Stuff the hamburger mixture in each peppers and spoon remaining spaghetti sauce over the top of the peppers. Bake covered for 45 minutes at 350°. NOTE: these can be frozen! Yummy!

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THE BACK PAGE



ACC golf league champions

It's not often in men's Wednesday night golf league that a foursome repeats as league champions. But that's exactly what happened this season. The foursome of (l-r) Jim Funk, Dave Hoefer, Bob Schiltmeyer and Eric Schiltmeyer repeated as champs at the Antelope Country Club. *Photo submitted*

Bulldogs

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menstock (Mason Painter reception)			
Team Stats	EPPJ	AHS	
Rushing/Yds	45/108	29/142	
Passing	7/13/2	16/23/1	



Libero Kate Furstenau lunges to make a successful dig during action Thursday night at Battle Creek. *E-R photo/DMorgan*

Wolfpack

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In the deciding set, Battle Creek jumped out to a nine to two lead. EPPJ never got closer than six points the remainder of the set.

For the match, EPPJ registered just 41 kills on 108 swings. Henn led the way with 15, Charf had 14 and Bode added eight. Busted had 39 set assists in the match. EPPJ had 61 digs and 53 dig errors in the match.

Earlier match

In their first match, the Wolfpack swept Boone Central 25-18 and 25-23. At one point in the first set, EPPJ won six straight points as Charf and Kittelson worked the front row while Kate Furstenau was serving.

The second set went back and forth. Charf had back-to-back kills to give EPPJ a 23 to 22 advantage. The teams traded points before the Wolfpack closed out the set when Braelyn Martinsen and Kayton Zwingman teamed up for a stuff block.

The Wolfpack had 32 kills in the match as Charf recorded 13 in 27 swings. Busted recorded 29 set assists. Furstenau led the team in digs (13) and serve receive (15).

EPPJ 1, Battle Creek 2			
Bravettes.....	31	18	25
Wolfpack.....	29	25	14
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 2/12/3, Baylee Busted 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 2/6/1, Ashlynn Charf 14/43/6, Sara Bode 8/20/3, Chloe Henn 15/26/6. Team totals: 41/108/19			
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 1/12, Busted 3/16, Braelyn Martinsen 1/7, Charf 1/9, Bode 0/14, Furstenau 0/9. Team totals: 6/67			
Blocks (Solo) — Zwingman 1.			
Digs (D/DE) — Brenna Martinsen 5/6, Kittelson 9/10, Busted 5/16, Zwingman 2/2, Bra. Martinsen 0/4, Charf 16/6, Bode 4/3, Henn 2/1, Furstenau 18/5. Team totals: 61/53			
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Busted 39/102/1, Charf 0/1/0, Furstenau 0/8/0. Team totals: 39/111/1			
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Br. Martinsen 9/2, Kittelson 1/0, Zwingman 0/1, Charf 18/2, Bode 14/3, Furstenau 16/2. Team totals: 58/10			
EPPJ 2, Boone Central 0			
Cardinals.....	18	23	

Passing Yds	109	260
Total Offense	217	402
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	0
Interceptions by	1	2

Individual Stats

Rushing (att/yds) — Gage Thies-

sen 13/42, Blake Henn 2/5, Taylor Beckman 3/6, Dylan Kolm 1/2, Grady Drueke 24/69, Karson Kallhoff 2/18. Team totals: 45/108. Ainsworth — Carter Nelson 16/120

Passing (att/comp/int - yds) — Karson Kallhoff 7/13/2 - 109. Ainsworth — Carter Nelson 11/14/0 - 155

Receiving (#/yds) — Gage Thiesen 1/3, Blake Henn 2/47, Dylon Lueking 2/52, Taylor Beckman 1/4, Dylan Kolm 1/3. Team totals 7/109. Ainsworth — Morgan Kinney 5/100

Tackles (solo/ast) — Gage Thiesen 3/1, Blake Henn 2/6, Nick Anderson 1/7, Dylon Lueking 2/7, Taylor Beckman 1/6, Dylan Kolm 2/4, Grady Drueke 1/0, Kaiden Bode 0/1, Sam Hemenway 2/6. Ainsworth — Jacob Held 3/13

Tackles for loss — Nick Anderson 1. Ainsworth 7

Quarterback sacks — Blake Henn 1, Dylon Lueking 1. Ainsworth 5



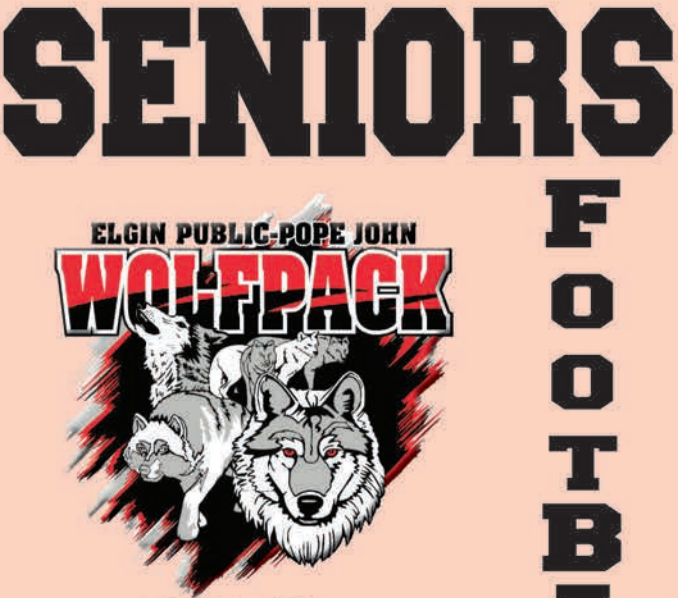
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