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In Brief Community center initiates \$16,500 fund drive

Second handicapped entry needed. A fund drive has begun for necessary repairs/improvements at the Elgin Community Center. According to center manager Jana Schrunk, the building is in need of a second handicap-accessible entry door for its south entrance door at the ramp. "Pretty much everybody comes in through the south door," she said. "Everyone now parks on the south side (of the center) because of the highway traffic." Additionally, a new opening mechanism is needed for the main front entrance door plus repair work needs to be done to the south exterior of the brick building. Then on Monday, a new item was added. "We're including a mini-split (heating/air conditioning unit) for the food storage area," said Schrunk. The current dollar need is approximately \$16,500. Also, the center is making Wednesday meal deliveries to our neighbors in Petersburg. Until the end of February, the center is delivering hot, delicious meals to the Petersburg fire hall on Wednesdays where those who have called in for a meal can pick them up. If enough interest is indicated (minimum of 10 meals), the center would be able to continue the Petersburg deliveries - and would work on adding more days of the week. For more information on meals from the center (or to reserve your meal - before 9:30 a.m. of the day you wish to eat), call the center at 402-843-5757.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include: Proceedings — Village Board of Bartlett Proceedings — The Elgin City Council Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Equalization Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners Notice of Delinquent Taxes — Antelope County Treasurer Notice of Liquor License Hearing — City Limits

Weather

The high temperature last week was 72 degrees recorded on Monday, February 9. The low temperature during the same period was 19 degrees recorded on Tuesday, February 10. Altogether, no precipitation was recorded last week. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Feb 8	65	30	.00
Feb 9	72	31	.00
Feb 10	45	19	.00
Feb 11	50	28	.00
Feb 12	65	26	.00
Feb 13	67	37	.00
Feb 14	67	24	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for February			0.00
Total precipitation 2026			0.14

Wemhoff awarded new two-year contract

Meeting last week, the District #18 Board of Education handled several big dollar items during a meeting which lasted just over one hour. The school board voted to approve a new two-year contract for K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff. First hired when Dan Polk was superintendent, Wemhoff has one of the longest tenures among school administration personnel across the Niobrara Valley Conference.

The board voted 5-0 (board member Luke Hinkle was absent) to approve a new two-year contract beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. The first year of the contract will pay Wemhoff just over \$109,200. The salary will rise to just under \$112,000 for the 2027/2028 school year. The other big dollar item didn't involve school personnel, but rather school funds. The board approved a transfer of \$350,000 from the general

fund to an interest-bearing account at Great Plains State Bank in Petersburg. The vote was 4-0 with board member Todd Heithoff abstaining. The other item of note from the meeting was the school calendar. The board approved the school calendar for the 2026/2027 school year. Important dates to know are: • The first day of school will be Aug. 13.

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Drueke, Veik headed to state wrestling meet

ELGIN — Two Wolfpack boys wrestlers will get their chance to compete amongst the best this week at the NSAA Class D State Wrestling Tournament. Scheduled to begin Thursday in Omaha, Wolfpack seniors Landyn Veik and Grady Drueke will seek to etch their names among the best in Wolfpack history. To do so won't be easy nor would they have it any other way. Veik, the district champion at 165 pounds, will open his medal quest against Stratton Sellin of Winside. Veik will take a 30-7 record into the match. Sellin, a junior, qualified for state with a 34-15 record. The winner will advance to the quarterfinals where he will face the winner of Heath Henson (SEM)/Brecklyn Collins (NPSP). Drueke will take a 27-16 record into his first round match. Having finished third at the D3 district tournament, he will face Pleasanton junior Sawyer Gillingm. Having finished second in the D1 district tournament Saturday, Gillingm will bring a 32-16 record into the match. The winner will advance later in the day to take on the winner of the Jarrett Wells (Anselmo-Merna)/Micah Gerlach (Cambridge) in the quarterfinals. Based on their efforts at Shelby this past weekend, both Veik and Drueke have an excellent opportunity to both bring home medals as coaches Mike Zegers, Adam Veik, Shane Beckman and Cole Haddix will be sure to have them ready to compete



E-R photo/DMorgan

Landyn Veik defeated William Pokorny to win the district title at 165 pounds. Pokorny came in to the match with a record of 40-0 and a #1 ranking in Class D.

Eisenhauer chosen to coach at NCA All-Star game

Wolfpack girls basketball coach Randy Eisenhauer has once again gotten his team poised to make a postseason run towards Lincoln. The team begins play at the subdistrict at Bloomfield. They take on Plainview Tuesday night (too late for press time). When the Wolfpack's season winds down, Coach Eisenhauer won't yet be done with basketball. His basketball season won't come to an end til July 22, 2026 as it was announced last week that he has been chosen to serve as an assistant coach for the Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) Girls All-Star game. The selection process is one whereby coaches are nominated by their peers. Then the NCA Sports Advisory Committee reviews the nominations and makes their selections. Among the criteria the committee considers are coaching records, career statistics and longevity. Eisenhauer said when he received notification that he would be on the bench for the all-star game, "I was on cloud nine. "It's an honor and something that I'm really proud of, but I don't get there without all the teams that I've had which had a lot of talent." The Wolfpack basketball program has stood out as one of the best in northeast Nebraska for close to two decades. "We've got a pretty good program going here." Since 2009, he said the Wolfpack have had only one losing record. Also, there's only been one season, he said, that the team hasn't won more than 13 games. "I've been fortunate in my career," he said. After coaching in the July game, it will be seven years before he can be considered again for the all-star game which brings together the best players from Class A down to Class D2.



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Chosen by his peers in the coaching profession, EPPJ Girls Basketball Coach Randy Eisenhauer will be an assistant coach at the Nebraska Coaches Association Girls All-Star Basketball game in July.

DeKay breaks down bills to reduce property taxes

This week, I would like to highlight a number of the proposals that have been introduced this session that have the intent of reducing property taxes. Both the Education Committee and the Revenue Committee have begun to hold public hearings on these measures now that there has been some time for agencies and groups to analyze many of the different measures. LB1182 and LB1183 represent the two components of the so-called Apple Tax Plan that is sponsored by the group known as Advocates for All Nebraskans. LB1182 would establish a statewide minimum base salary of \$50,000 for all full-time certificated teachers, regardless of experience or educational attainment, beginning in the 2027-28 school year. This new funding system is intended to ensure that a majority of school funding is directly tied to teacher salaries and student needs, thereby reducing reliance on local property taxes for operational expenses. LB1183 would reduce the taxable valuation for all property types to 50 percent of their market value. Specifically, residential and commercial property would be taxed at 50 percent of market value (down from 100 percent) while agricultural and horticultural properties would be taxed at 37.5 percent of market value (down from 75 percent).



State Senator Barry DeKay

LR292CA would change how property taxes are calculated. The measure would establish two separate values for property: a "fair market value" set by county assessors, and a "taxable market value" based on the purchase price of the property. Under the proposal, the taxable value of the property would only increase by the rate of inflation until the property is sold. LR317CA and LB1219 would both limit the total amount of annual property taxes that may be levied by any political subdivision to 2 percent plus real growth. LB1244 and LB1257 would eliminate sales tax exemptions on a wide range of goods and services with the intention that any such revenue be directed towards property tax relief. A similar bill LB1109 would repeal or otherwise eliminate various tax credits and tax exemptions with the same intention to bring in additional revenue for property tax relief. LB990 would specify that the \$750 million in property tax credits provided for under the provisions of the School District Property Tax Relief Act be distributed to only the real property owned by Nebraska resident individuals as defined in state law. Currently, property tax credits provided under the School District Property Tax Relief Act are distributed to property owners regardless if such individuals live and reside in Nebraska. LB1038 seeks to drive down

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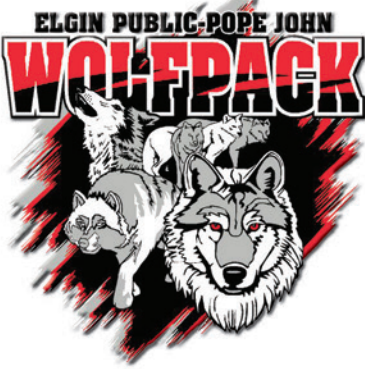


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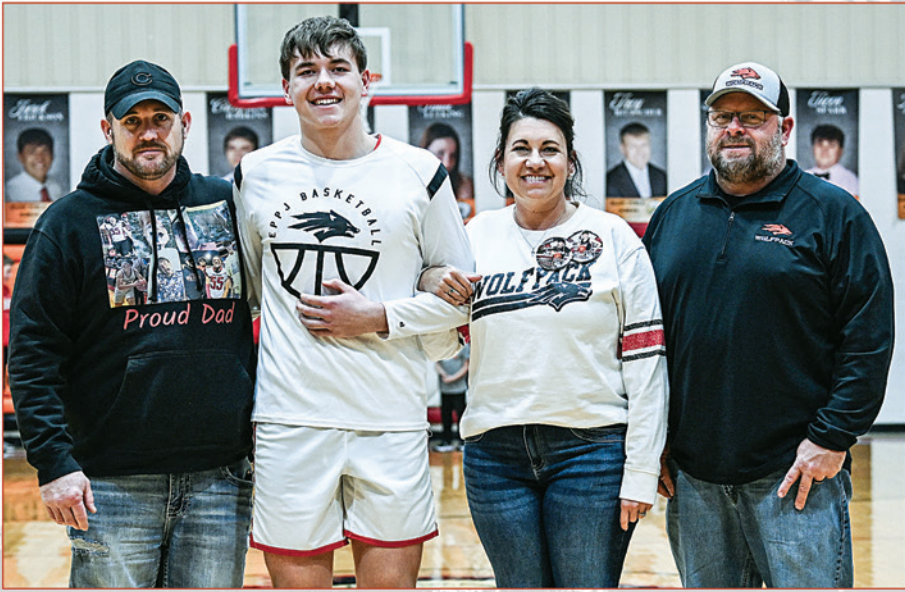


Tom and Ticen Sparr and Liz Kemling-Sparr

Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack
PARENTS NIGHT
Boys and Girls Basketball and Dance



Players and their parents were honored at Thursday night's ball games against Randolph. Seniors and their parents came out onto the court for special recognition. Honored were Kayton Zwingman, girls basketball and dance team; Karson Kallhoff, boys basketball; Ticen Sparr, boys basketball and Jarek Erickson, boys basketball. E-R photos/LMorgan



JR and Jarek Erickson, Angie and Aaron Anderson

School

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- Christmas break will run from Dec. 22 through Jan. 4.
 - Graduation day for the class of 2027 will be Saturday, May 8.
- In other action:
New helmets — The Wolfpack

varsity football team will be donning new football helmets when they take the field for the 2026 season. The board approved the purchase of 40 new helmets, splitting costs with Pope John.

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Finding fulfillment outside of work

Many of us must work simply to make ends meet. Some lucky individuals have found something they truly love to do, and they get immense joy and find fulfillment in their professions. Some of us, however, must find

fulfillment outside of the workplace.

Don't get me wrong, I do enjoy my job (at least parts of it). However, it doesn't "fill my cup", if you will. It's not often I leave completely content and satisfied. I enjoy the days I get to help customers, solve a unique problem, or do something fun with my teammates. I enjoy using my brain and feeling valued for my contributions. There are times, however, that I don't have enough to keep me busy or I'm working on something mundane, so I need other things to fill me up.

When not at work, I find joy in giving piano lessons, work-

ing part-time at our church, and writing this column (obviously). Both playing piano and writing are creative outlets for me. It's soothing and a way to use a

different skillset and part of my brain. It gives me immense joy to not only play, but to teach others. And writing gives me joy because I'm sharing my thoughts and ideas with others.

Working at the church is also fulfilling because I know I'm doing something to help further God's kingdom. I enjoy being involved, singing with the praise team, praying with others, and working as the Stewardship Director. That role helps me to discipline believers in the joys of giving back to God with our time, money, and talents.

I've taken back up reading this past year as well and it's so nice when I get to delve into a good book and lose all sense of time. Fantasy fiction novels have become my favorite, where I'm immersed in another world with characters that aren't like me or my life. Sometimes they have cool powers or magic, other times they ride dragons (life goals), or there are these epic battles. There are times when I have to make myself stop reading because I know I need to go to sleep.

Tales of a Tired Momma



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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

February 24, 1966

Clearwater edged Elgin high in the final minutes of the Dist. 10 Class D semi-finals here Tuesday night and St. Boniface won easily over Petersburg St. John. Finals will be held here Thursday night at 8 p.m. with St. Boniface meeting Clearwater for the title.

Miss Ruth Cleary of Elgin became the bride of James L. Hausmann Saturday, Feb. 19, 1966. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cleary of Atkinson, formerly of Elgin and the bridegroom is son of Mrs. Leo Hausmann of Elgin.

Mrs. Bertha C. Mignery, 86, of Elgin passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1966 in the Tilden Community Hospital, where she had been hospitalized for 16 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore (Dick) Hoefer who were married 65 years on Feb. 18, 1966 were honored on Sunday, Feb. 20 in the K.C. Hall. There were 150 guests who called during the afternoon. Mrs. Herman Starman was in charge of the gift table.

Trooper Roy W. Van Winkle, 30, of the Nebraska Safety Patrol is a native of Ord. He graduated from Ord High School and worked as a truck driver before joining the Patrol August 1, 1964. He was assigned to Plainview where he and his wife Patricia reside.

Fifty Years Ago

February 18, 1976

Pope John High School's Homecoming King and Queen for 1976 were crowned Sunday night during festivities held in the St. Boniface Gym. Receiving this distinct honor was the couple of Jay Pelster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelster, and Pam Dinslage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dinslage.

Michael Seier of Neligh suffered cuts and bruises and is presently hospitalized at Neligh following a one-vehicle accident 2 1/2 miles north of here around 9:30 Sunday night. The 1975 Ford pickup driven by Michael Seier is reported to have been traveling north when he lost control. The pickup was reported by the Antelope County Sheriff's office to have been a total loss.

On February 13 and 14 the Crusaders competed in the District Tournament in Pender. Out of five wrestlers that made it to the semi-finals, Dale Schindler (138) finished third and Steve Beckman (112) finished fourth. They will represent the Crusaders at the state meet on February 19, 20 and 21 in Lincoln.

Kenneth Bergstrom, who has served as chairman of the Elgin Village Board of Trustees for many years, has filed for re-election to the board. His term expires this year.

Roy Edward Bailey, son of William Gurley and Sarah Leap Bailey, was born June 17, 1888, at Armstong, IA., and departed this life Feb. 10, 1976 at his farm home near here, at the age of 87 years, seven months, and 23 days.

Thirty Years Ago

February 21, 1996

Elgin received only a trace of precipitation during the week of Feb. 13-19, and temperatures remained mild through most of the week. The high for the week was 67 degrees and the low for the week was six degrees.

Shari Childers of Elgin was elected president of District 2, Nebraska Junior American Legion Auxiliary on Sunday, Feb. 18, at the convention held at the Chambers American Legion. Shari is the daughter of Neil and Doris Childers, and is a seventh grader at Elgin Public Schools.

Pat Stuhr of Petersburg is currently serving as a Wayne State College tour guide. Stuhr is the son of Ken and Joan Stuhr of Petersburg. He is a sophomore majoring in physical education with a minor in athletic training and coaching.

Due to a recent resignation, there is an opening for one member on the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. Anyone interested in applying for the position is invited to pick up an application form at Elgin City Hall.

Twenty Years Ago

February 22, 2006

Inducted into the Pope John Chapter of National Honor Society Tuesday morning were Danielle Kuhlman, Paige Dinslage, Mikayla Brune, Christine Seier, Kayleigh Brungardt, Juliann Starman and Jessica Bartak.

Ben Beckman, a junior at Elgin High School, has earned a second place award in the High School Youth Forum conducted by the North American Society for Range Management.

For the first time in several years, Pope John Central Catholic wrestlers returned from the Class D State Tournament without a medal. It was a very tough state meet for Pope John juniors Luke Beckman (112) and Andrew Childers (119) who came out of the District Tournament with first and second place medals.

By Reese Stuhr

Taxes

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property taxes in higher levy school districts by increasing state funding of those schools. This would be done by changing several mechanisms of TEEOSA, including dropping the maximum levy rate from \$1.05 to \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable valuation, instituting a \$0.30 base levy adjustment, repurposing the property tax credits authorized under the Property Tax Credit Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Act, and maintaining school district general fund levy rates within a \$0.20 range by using existing state resources.

The Legislature is now approaching the half-way mark of this current 60-day legislative session. As public hearings begin to wrap up, the introducing senators will work with the legislative committees on amendments to try and address any identified issues brought up by testifiers. Next week is the deadline for senators and committees to designate their priority bills for the session. Once all of those designations have been set, it will become clearer which property tax proposals and other pieces of legislation will likely be advanced to the floor and debated later in this session.

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In a rush to deport more immigrants, there have been deadly consequences

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

Can we all agree on one thing? Seeing Americans shot and killed on American streets by fellow Americans is not at all good.

I've purposely waited to write about the killing of two people on the streets of Minneapolis by agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Border Patrol to allow more information to come out.

There was quite a rush to judgment in both cases. Renee Good, who was shot and killed a month ago, was immediately labeled a "domestic terrorist" who "ran over" a federal agent.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel

Just after Alex Pretti was gunned down on Jan. 24, federal leaders said that he had approached Border Patrol agents with a 9mm semi-automatic handgun and had "violently resisted" when agents sought to disarm him.

Video of both incidents tended to dispel those accounts. (There was also video of a previous incident in which Pretti had kicked out a taillight of a federal vehicle and spit at officers. Why wasn't he arrested then?)

Were both shootings justified? Did officers act in self defense?

Guidelines for the Department of Homeland Security state that lethal force should be used only if there is a "reasonable belief" of an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers.

Those guidelines also say an officer should not shoot into a moving vehicle (probably better to get a license plate number and track that person down later) and that standing in front of a vehicle is a bad idea.

We all have our opinions (and this column isn't going to change any). But these are questions best decided by a jury.

Sadly, federal officers are protected against lawsuits in most instances and these questions likely won't get to court.

A buddy, who was equally horrified by the killings, said that Good would likely still be alive if she had gotten out of her car.

Pretti, he speculated, had not been slain if he hadn't intervened when an agent pushed a fellow anti-ICE protester to the ground.

Ok, sure. But does blocking a street with your car, or trying to help up a woman from a snowy sidewalk justify

the death penalty? Let's hope not.

We've heard now that ICE will withdraw most of its forces in Minneapolis, and will take a less aggressive and less confrontational approach in the future, sending out pairs of officers to apprehend specifically identified targets.

If true, that's a much better approach than swarming dozens of agents down public streets – not the best way to promote peace and safety in neighborhoods.

I've covered law enforcement agencies over the years, and the officers and troopers I knew were professionals who wanted things done right, and were in the profession for the right reasons.

They were also trained to avoid using deadly force, and deploy de-escalation techniques first.

When there was a fatal shooting by an officer, an outside agency, with a perception of independence, would review the incident and issue a report.

Any legitimate agency that had two officer-involved fatal shootings in the



the death penalty?

space of a few days as in Minneapolis, would take a pause, review its procedures and ask "can't we do our job without killing people?"

Federal immigration officials eventually did that, but it took way too long for common sense to prevail.

Now there's calls for ICE agents to stop wearing bandanas over their faces (like some terrorist group), to wear body cameras, and clearly identify themselves with a name tag. All good ideas in a country where there are constitutional rights against unreasonable search and seizure.

When the Minneapolis occurred, I wondered "are agents properly trained in crowd control?" How about de-escalation?

Right now, ICE is rushing to hire 10,000 new agents, doubling its ranks --

a rush that has led to lowering fitness, education and age requirements, and cutting training time in half. Not wise.

Like a lot of people, I'm OK with deporting the "worst of the worst" – serious criminals.

But what federal authorities have been doing, in too many instances, has gone way beyond that. And the consequences have been deadly.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner.

He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Have an opinion? Express it in a 'Letter to the Editor'

Creating opportunities for Nebraska's next generation

For many Nebraskans, parenthood brings both immense joy and real challenges every day. As a father of two, I can say without hesitation that there is no greater calling in life than being a parent. While fatherhood has been one of the greatest blessings in my life, it is unrealistic to say it is not challenging.

Perhaps no one understands this reality better than new parents. Between sleepless nights, frequent doctor visits, and the endless list of baby supplies, families are also forced to think ahead. In turn, tough questions quickly arise: How will they pay for childcare? What is their plan for college? Can they prepare for the future while managing today's expenses?

Republicans passed the Working Families Tax Cuts to help address those challenges and give families new tools to turn their concerns into opportunity. For new parents, a real game-changer is the Trump Investment Account. Now every newborn American has the opportunity to receive a \$1,000 federal contribution in a tax-advantaged account created in their name, with parents serving as custodians until age 18. Families also have the ability to contribute up to \$5,000 each year, creating a savings foundation with decades to grow.

Even without additional contributions, the administration projects that a \$1,000 investment will grow significantly over time, reaching approximately \$6,000 by age 18, \$15,000 by age 27, and more than \$240,000 by age 55. That early start can make a meaningful difference when it comes to college, homeownership, or retirement.

But the benefits of the Working Families Tax Cuts do not stop there. This tax season, nearly \$100 billion in additional tax refunds are projected, with the average family of four receiving about \$4,000, almost \$1,000 more compared to last year.

By permanently doubling the standard deduction—the filing method used by 90 percent of taxpayers—we not only simplified tax filing, but we ensured that more money stays where it belongs: in family budgets. We also permanently expanded the child tax credit to \$2,200 per child, indexed to inflation, to make parenting more affordable.

Together, these changes prevented a

FROM THE HILL



Congressman

Adrian Smith

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Pro-business approach is powering Nebraska's economy

Bloat and waste have no place in your family's budget, and they shouldn't find a place in the state's budget either. Nebraskans believe in a government that lives within its means – efficiently and effectively serving its people.

With an overall \$22+ billion budget, across 79 state agencies, over 510 separate budget programs, and 900 cash funds – not to mention industry jargon about Forecasting Board predictions, bienniums, earmarks, and reserves – there's a lot going on. I wanted to write today to help share some truth about the state's financial position.

Simply, Nebraska's fiscal health is beyond question.

While a few loud Debbie Downers breathlessly traffic doomsday narratives, today, the State of Nebraska has over \$1.4 billion in the bank and the highest credit rating

in our history.

We're stable, growing, and our economy is competing on a national scale. Recently released data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that Nebraska posted some of the strongest Q3 economic numbers in the country. We beat the national average and earned a spot in the top quarter of states for GDP increases – and we came in at #2 nationally for personal income growth.

Yet more national data shows that we've successfully stemmed the tide of out-migration, posting the lowest number of people leaving the state since 2010.

These successes don't happen overnight and speak to the common-sense, living-within-your-means approach to business and government Nebraskans believe in.

Since last summer, I've spent countless hours with my Cabinet leaders taking a business-minded approach to reviewing the State's budget – line by line – to find inefficiencies and waste.

Philosophically, I believe smaller government better serves Nebraskans. Practically, that means the State of Nebraska needs to balance

its books. This legislative session, we're going to fill the Forecasting Board's projected budget shortfall by creating a leaner, more efficient government while still delivering the high-quality services Nebraskans depend on.

In this Administration, we're running government like a business – building a pro-enterprise climate, with a whole lot less regulatory red tape and a culture of fiscal conservatism that believes in decreasing spend and increasing accountability.

We already have major advantages for anybody considering doing business here:

Abundant, cheap, and reliable power – through public power, Nebraskans save \$1.25 billion Ranked #1 for best infrastructure – and a national transportation hub connected by road and rail

America's hardest-working workforce An ongoing commitment to reducing the tax burden

High quality of life and low cost of living A pro-business regulatory environment Nebraska's right on track. That doesn't mean anyone is satisfied. We have to keep pushing

forward, as we work to improve the lives of our neighbors, both rural and urban. Better affordability and increased opportunity help every Nebraska family get ahead and own their own home.

Recently, joined by a bipartisan group of business and community leaders, we announced the Grow the Good Life incentive, a robust plan to bring more families and high-paying careers to turbocharge our already strong economy.

This groundbreaking effort will be second to none, giving businesses of all sizes a significant tax credit – 10% for a full decade – when they grow their business by bringing NEW, high-paying careers and people to our state.

This will be one of the most significant people and business recruitment tools in state history – and will give a boost to all Nebraska businesses by bringing new families who will invest in our communities, buy more groceries, and support local commerce.

Now's the time to capitalize on Nebraska's success. Our people – the best part of our great state – deserve a framework that sets us up to compete nationally, beat the market, and keep growing the Good Life.

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NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

KNBB ENTERPRISE LLC dba CITY LIMITS

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

In accordance with State Statutes, Section 53-134, notice is hereby given that an application for a Class C Liquor License has been filed by:

KNBB Enterprise LLC, dba City Limits
210 N 2nd Street,
Elgin, Antelope County, Nebraska, 68636
with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

A hearing has been set for March 2, 2026, at 7:20 p.m., at the Elgin City Hall, at which time all persons desiring to give evidence before the Elgin City Council in support of or protest against the issuance of the license, may do so at the time of the hearing.

Kristin L. Childers
City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEB. 10, 2026 MEETING

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
February 10th, 2026

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the February 3rd, 2026 Meeting. Janitorial report. Public comments.

Discussion and update on the Public Defender Contract – no action.

Approved payroll.
Approved vendor claims.

General: AMERITAS ins 22,408.57; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 89.00; APPEARA ex 80.50; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 5,939.90; FIRSTNET ut 637.60; BEAR GRAPHICS ex 586.30; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,978.25; BCBS ins 77,672.33; BOMGAARS ex 74.97; STEVEN BRIGHT ex 57.93; BROGAN & STAFFORD ex 527.90; CARNEY LAW ex 7,611.00; CASEYS ex 81.61; CITY OF NELIGH ut 3,405.63; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CITY OF NORFOLK ut 23,815.00; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 36.00; CLERK-DIST COURT ASSN ex 50.00; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40; COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER ex 2,425.80; CUBBYS ex 474.42; DAS STATE ACCT ex 1,214.60; DRIVERS LIC GUIDE ex 33.95; DUSTYS ex 714.03; EAKES OFC SOL ex 709.30; ELGIN REVIEW ex 471.83; ELITE COURT REPORTING SVC ex 16,941.25; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 391.19; KIM ERICKSON ex 1,940.00; FED W/H tax 12,792.48; FIRST CONCORD ins 3,802.63; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 2,611.60; GOV FORMS & SUPPLIES ex 193.95; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 319.53; DARELL HAMILTON ex 11.00; HEARTLAND VET CLINIC ex 185.35; RICK HOFFMAN ex 195.00; JONNY DODGE ex 799.45; KIMBERLY YOUNG ex 50.00; KLEIN LAW ex 14,203.30; BROOKE KUMM ex 24.40; LANCASTER CO SHRF ex 26.92; LIB NATL ins 87.19; LYNN PEAVEY CO ex 121.33; MAD CO SHRF ex 60.50; MAD NATL LIFE ins 133.04; MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS ex 600.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ex 12.00; MIPS ex 2,732.82; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 992.23; NACO ex 90.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR ASSN OF CO CLERK ex 50.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,664.27; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 3.95; VSP- NACO VIS ins 544.57; NCPPD ut 69.62; NE COMM COLLEGE ex 400.00; O'NEILL SHOPPER ex 181.26; LISA PAYNE ex 316.38; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,410.50; PITZER DIGITAL ex 159.94; QUILL CORP ex 25.99; REGION IV ex 2,808.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 300,000.00; SEC NEWMMA ex 100.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 919.20; SOC SEC 29,191.88; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,236.81; SUNFLOWER LAW ex 2,562.50; TRUSTMARK ex 243.67; ULINE SHIPPING ex 802.08; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; VIKING AUTO SPRINKLER ex 1,200.00; WA NATL INS ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 316.05; DESIRAE WIENEKE ex 32.50; PAYROLL 148,132.98;

Road/Bridge: AG & IND EQUIP ex 308.40; AKRS ex 2,295.31; AMERITAS ins 12,590.19; AMH ex 215.00; APPEARA ex 75.90; FIRSTNET ut 142.85; ATCO INTERNATL ex 295.88; B'S ENT ex 13,973.60; BAUER BUILT ex 2,883.08; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,897.47; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER REPAIR ex 14.71; BCBS ins 60,713.79; BOMGAARS ex 3,480.40; CARHART LUMBER ex 18.61; CITY OF ELGIN ut 72.10; CITY OF NELIGH ut 15.00; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.85; COLONIAL LIFE ins 307.96; CONSTELLATION ut 540.93; CORNHUSKER INTERNATL TRUCK ex 615.73; CREDIT MGMT SVCS garn 489.66; CUBBYS ex 554.76; DIXON CONSTRUCTION ex 53,893.36; DUSTYS ex 228.52; EL-

GIN ONE STOP ex 126.14; ERPPD ut 657.27; ESRI ex 205.48; FARMERS PRIDE ex 16,352.83; FED W/H tax 6,537.61; FIRST CONCORD ins 1,566.42; FRONTIER COMM ut 730.39; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 340.99; HUBEL WELDING & IRON ex 1,274.98; COLLECTION SVC CENTER garn 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 228.16; JEO CONSULTING ex 50,181.25; JONNY DODGE ex 962.97; K&S DOOR ex 222.00; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 2,238.55; LAWSON PRODS ex 489.44; LAZY T TIRE ex 428.10; LIB NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 137.49; MAD NATL LIFE ins 64.77; MED ENT ex 36.00; ETHANS REPAIR ex 580.50; MIDWEST SVC & SALES ex 6,860.44; JOSHUA MITCHELL ex 143.12; MR S'S ex 1,213.30; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 1,739.59; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 785.38; N&B GAS ex 1,350.00; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT garn 937.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,108.25; NPPD ut 296.22; NEBR SAFETY CENTER ex 165.00; NELIGH AUTO ex 434.25; NIRMA ex 702.00; VSP-NACO VIS ins 388.28; NMC EXCH ex 1,000.38; NCPPD ut 297.60; NNTC ut 74.92; QUICK SERVE ex 129.90; RAZOR TRACK ex 1,225.00; RDO TRUCK ex 379.79; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 137.28; SAPP BRO PETRO ex 4,175.79; WEX BANK ex 441.65; SOC SEC 17,036.10; SPUD CONSTR ex 10,106.88; STEALTH BROAD ut 95.75; TRUCK CENTER ex 2,178.19; TRUSTMARK ex 340.19; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 1,602.03; VILL-BRUNSWICK ut 59.50; VILL-CLEARWATER ut 73.50; VILL-ORCHARD ut 83.79; WA NATL INS ins 99.60; WESTERN OIL II ex 390.66; 319 GRAPH ex 1,860.00; PAYROLL 85,373.35;

County Visitors Promotion: ORCHARD POWERLIFTING ex 350.00;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 412.08;

Law Enforcement: AED BRANDS ex 654.00; AMH FAM PRAC ex 240.00; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 120.95; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 549.94; CASH-WA DISTR ex 1,478.98; CITY- NELIGH ut 2,760.52; CULLIGAN ex 86.00; APRIL CURTISS ex 45.00; ELGIN APPLIANCE ex 274.95; HILAND DAIRY ex 192.33; HILLTOP COMM PHARMACY ex 75.88; K&S DOOR ex 148.00; MERIT MECH ex 2,712.00; NEBR LAW ENF TRAIN CENT ex 500.00; O'NEILL PEST CONT ex 98.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 162.53; SHAFFER COMMS ex 60,513.96; THRIFTWAY ex 1,445.07; TRANE U S ex 16,157.00;

Commissary: COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 625.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 198.30.

Correspondence and receipts were reviewed. Heard 2025 Extension Report. Heard Weed Department update/report.

Approved four (4) liquor license renewals. Approved one (1) promotional grant and denied two (2) improvement grants.

Heard from Stealth Broadband regarding telephone system. No action on Great Plains Communications.

No action taken on air compressor/air maintenance device.

Zoning Administrators Report. Approved Administrative Plat.

January's Sheriff Fee Report. Treasurer's Fund Balance, Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue, and Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement. Clerk of District Court fee report.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved six (6) oversize permits, and three (3) Temporary Road Use Agreement.

Frontier bill – no action needed. Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

NEIL WILLIBY
Vice-chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2026 MEETING

THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
EPS Distance Learning Room
February 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular February Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Steve Busteded, Todd Heithoff and Lisa Welding. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff. Luke Hinkle was absent.

Todd Heithoff motioned, and Ron Bode seconded to excuse Luke Hinkle from the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

President Welding led the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Welding reminded everyone that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted in the meeting room.

The school board meeting notice complied with the Meeting Notice Policy #204.07. Posting was done on the High School building window and post office bulletin board.

Eric Beckman motioned and Steve Busteded second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #5 - Adopt the Agenda, #6- Financial Report, #7 - Board Bills. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

AED Market, 495.00; APPEARA, 511.39; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,625.50; Bauer Welding and Repair, 75.00; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 148.60; Bishop Business, 446.39; Boys Town Press, 1,113.97; Bud's Sanitary Service, LLC, 100.00; CITY OF ELGIN, 901.60; Coffee House Cafe, 350.81; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 2,475.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 1,308.20; DEAN'S MARKET, 111.07; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 1,816.96; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN BODY & GLASS, 40.00; ELGIN ONE-STOP, 2,045.62; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 380.55; ESU #8, 40,443.05; ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL, 311.61; GO Physical Therapy, 4,060.10; Great America Financial Services, 2,130.23; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 337.41; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 148.80; JAN X, 504.32; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC LLO, 172.00; LINCOLN MARRIOT CORNHUSKER, 129.50; MENARDS, 227.39; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00, ONESOURCE, 29.50; PIZZA RANCH, 286.00; PRECISION REPAIR, LLC, 155.59; RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, 1,139.35; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 5.22; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY, 250.00; VEIK, ADAM, 36.26; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.16; WAGeworks, INC., 144.50

Fund Number, 65,645.15

There were no visitors at the meeting.

In the Committee reports, changes to the committee's assignments were handed out. There were no reports from standing committees.

In the principal's report, Principal Wemhoff reported on previous activities and the upcoming activities.

Correspondence and receipts were reviewed. Heard 2025 Extension Report. Heard Weed Department update/report.

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Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the legislative session as it progresses. Also reported that the Capital Forum will go forward and Mr. Callahan and students will still attend. Also reported on projects around campus that are needing done.

In action items, Todd Heithoff motioned to approve the principal's contract for \$109,210.89 for the 2026-2027 and \$111,941.16 for the 2027-2028 school year. Seconded by Ron Bode. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Steve Busteded motioned, Eric Beckman seconded to approve the transfer of \$350,000 from the general fund to an interest-bearing account at Great Plains State bank. Vote 4-0, Heithoff abstained. Motion carried.

Heithoff motioned, Beckman seconded to approve the offering of teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar was motioned by Ron Bode, seconded by Steve Busteded. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned, Bode seconded to approve the second read-

ing of the NASB recommended policies 718.00 Fiscal Management internal controls and Policy 802.07 School Food Procurement. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Motion to approve sidewalk improvement project was tabled.

Steve Busteded motioned, and Heithoff seconded, accepting the bid from BSN Sports amounting to \$14,408.90 for acquiring 40 new Wolfpack football helmets. The cost is shared equally between Pope John and Elgin Public Schools, with each school contributing \$7,204.45. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned, Heithoff seconded to approve the paper order for \$3,341.16 from ESUCC Annual

Buy. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

In discussion items, the Americanism Hearing will be before the April board meeting.

Motion by Busteded and second by Beckman to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the EPS Board room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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\$1,700 tax increase for the average working family and helped keep nearly \$11,000 a year in take-home pay in their pockets. Those bigger paychecks make a real difference. Families can use those dollars for immediate needs like groceries, childcare, and unexpected expenses, or put them toward their long-term financial goals like paying off debt or starting a college fund.

The Working Families Tax Cuts are about more than a single tax season. Bigger paychecks, larger refunds, and Trump Investment Accounts help Nebraska families plan with confidence—not just for the next year, but for the next generation.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Delicious Beef Tips



Greetings, What's for supper tonight? That's something that we cooks deal with every night! This week, I have a supper idea you can use and it's really easy. I really like making it in my crockpot because I can have it ready while I am gone outside working at the barn. A hot meal after being in the cold is the best. It's a wonderful leftover dish! I like to make some

homemade biscuits to go with it. Please give this one a try! I bet you will make it again.

Delicious! JoAnn

BEEF TIPS

1 pkg.(2 lbs.) stew meat
1 can cream of mushroom or celery soup
1 pkg. Lipton® onion soup mix
1 pkg. brown gravy

1 can beef broth
1 large onion sliced in chunks
1 8 oz can mushroom (optional)

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Pour into a packing pan. I use a small roasting pan. Cover with foil. Bake at 300° in the oven for 3 hours (No Peeking!) Serve over mashed potatoes Hint: I cook this recipe in my crockpot for 5-6 hours on low. This can be served over mashed potatoes, pasta, or rice! Delicious!

A very wise man, Socrates, once said

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FEBRUARY - is National Heart Month



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Following double bypass surgery in 2025, Elgin's Mike Schmitt proudly pronounces “I can” these days instead of “I can’t”

By Jane Schuchardt
Special to the Elgin Review

Up for re-election again this year as our town's mayor and, on a part-time basis, still actively pursuing his Schmitt Construction business, Mike Schmitt ran his fingers through that thick white beard and laid his heart health journey on the line. Devoted wife, Jan, filled in the details she said Schmitt struggles to remember due to the trauma of it all.

Back in May 2025, Schmitt said he experienced new sensations -- shortness of breath, light headedness when he bent over, and “I just ran out of gas at the end of the day.” Robust frame, generally healthy in these, his later years, Schmitt knew a stop at the Boone County Health Center Elgin office, otherwise known as the Elgin Veterans' Medical Clinic, was in order.

An EKG (electrocardiogram) showed Afib (atrial fibrillation), a serious condition where the heart doesn't beat in rhythm and can race. By May 13, 2025, he was in Lincoln's Bryan East. “They shocked him (to get his heart beating normally again) and nothing happened, and again, and again,” Jan said as she recalled anxious days of tests and more tests, and then five days to drain fluid off her husband's lungs.

Finally, highly invasive surgery -- double bypass. They settled back home in Elgin on May 27.

This is when the ‘I can’t’ really set in, Schmitt said as he recalled “sitting around the house, not being allowed to lift anything more than 10 pounds. They released me to do small things (eventually). I could go to a (construction) job site but had to take my ‘warden’ with me.” Schmitt looked lovingly at Jan as he shared the ‘warden’ description with immense gratitude, obviously flowing from his healthy heart.

Diet was another restriction and one that will remain for his lifetime. “I definitely watch what I eat now and choose smaller portions,” Schmitt said. Jan chimed in, knowing that limited salt intake is a must -- “There are a lot of delicious spices out there.”

He credited the unconditional support of his family and community, including Boone County Health Center in Albion, for his sprightly step and new lease on life. He completed 32 sessions

Elgin's Mike Schmitt, who underwent double bypass surgery last May, hoists a ladder, a common occurrence now at his construction job sites.
E-R photo/RSchuchardt



of cardiac rehab last mid-December.

Angie Swanek, registered nurse and Director of Cardiology Services there, gets her passionate heart racing a bit when she reported: “We want to optimize everyone's life that comes through the door, including prevention strategies, to keep people functioning and moving.”

Swanek is especially proud her unit is certified by the prestigious AACVPR, one of the first programs in Nebraska to gain such recognition. The American Association of Cardio-Vascular-Pulmonary Rehab confers the designation and, according to Swanek, it's a big deal.

She said some 50-75 patients are on the rolls at any one time for 25 different services, including exercising after a rehab program is completed. Faith Regional in Norfolk and Bryan Heart Institute in Lincoln, also send patients her way for outreach clinical services closer to home. She celebrated her “excellent team of nine professionals” including a top-notch administrative assistant, who work tirelessly on heart-healthy strategies with patients.

Swanek said the approach is “whole person” including exercise,

smoking cessation, dietary measures, lifestyle modification (such as blood pressure control), and mental health. Her unit celebrated 45 years of delivering care in June 2025.

Back to Schmitt, who definitely is a “whole person” these days -- lifting construction tools and supplies up to 100 pounds, getting back to being Elgin's mayor with gusto, following through on his assignment from the North Pole (hint, hint) at Christmas, and being there for his family all the time.

“You think seeing a doctor breaks up your day,” Schmitt said with conviction based on experience. “But if you don't get checked out, it might just be the last day you work.”

Tips from heart.org...taking care of yourself once you get home

The first days and weeks after you get out of the hospital following a cardiac event or diagnosis can be a frightening, confusing time. You may be taking new medications and following many new instructions. You may sometimes feel as if your world has changed.

Focusing on three simple tasks can help you manage your condition while you recover and regain your strength:

GOAL 1: KNOW YOUR TREATMENT PLAN

The goal of cardiac rehab is to help you learn to reduce the risk factors -- such as smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, physical inactivity, diabetes and being overweight -- that increase your chances of future health problems.


The American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology have developed national guidelines to help you reduce the risk of future problems. These guidelines can help your health care team develop a treatment plan -- including medications and lifestyle changes such as diet and physical activity -- for all your risk factors. Make sure you know your goal numbers and work with your health care team to achieve them.

SMOKING

Quit for good. Smoking is the leading preventable cause of death and disability in the United States. Cigarette smoking results in a much higher risk of dying of coronary heart disease. Smoking robs the heart of oxygen-rich blood and increases the ef-

fects of other risk factors, including blood pressure, blood chole-

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Joe Kittelson - "get your yearly check-up"

By Jane Schuchardt
Special to the Elgin Review

Get your yearly check-up." That's the advice of Elgin's Joe Kittelson who underwent triple bypass surgery last November.

"I always felt good, never felt the need to go (see a doctor)," said Kittelson with his rough, greasy hands folded atop the table during an interview. Heart disease is in his family -- grandad, dad, and brother all experiencing it with his elders dying in their early 60s. He's 61.

A self-proclaimed hard worker, he graduated Elgin Public in 1983, worked with his dad, Richard G. (Dick) in the family's welding shop

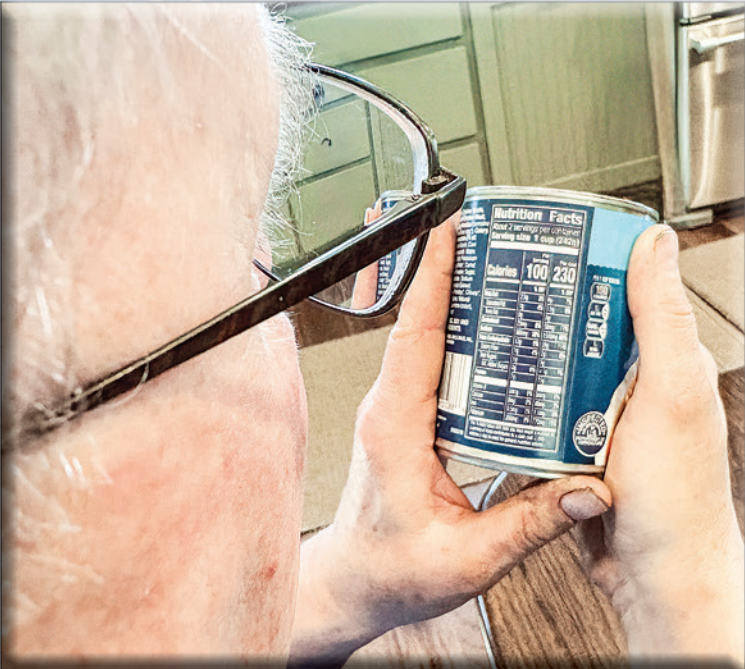
throughout high school, and on the side during his time at Elgin Mills (now Jerry's Feed). Then the U.S. Postal Service called his name for 40 years taking him to Tilden, then to Norfolk processing mail at night, and then as postmaster in Brunswick, Orchard and Norfolk.

Two years ago, he retired from the postal service and took up welding fulltime (well, more than fulltime considering some days might be 12 or more hours long). Kittelson Welding is just north of the Elgin sale barn with the specialty of heavy equipment, trucks, and tractors. He also answers calls for repair jobs on location.

After returning from a trip to the Philippines a while back to see his fiancée' Rose, he had severe chest pains. "Then they were gone, and I never thought any more about it," he said rubbing his balding head. Though he didn't say it, it was obvious hindsight screamed "get a check-up."

Then he was working on his brother Jim's pick-up last November and experienced dizziness. "I just thought it had to do with leaning over the truck," he said, again not saying it though hindsight again begged "get this checked."

"Went to work Monday



Kittelson, who underwent triple bypass surgery last November, checks the labels on chicken soup cans looking for the most heart-friendly choice.



Joe Kittelson is pictured with RN/Director Of Cardiac Rehabilitation Services Shannon Tegler. Tegler and the AMH rehab staff work with Jim so he can regain his stamina and stave off future illnesses. E-R photos/JSchuchardt

Maybe a little too much so, according to his medical team in Omaha. He was scheduled for a holiday trip to the Philippines and two weeks after surgery, he was on an airplane.

"The tickets were nonrefundable," he shared emphatically. "The doctors were not too happy with me though finally gave me the go ahead if I got medical evacuation insurance. The warmth there was the best thing I could have done to get well."

Back home, he's on a three-day-a-week cardiac rehab plan at Antelope Memorial Hospital (AMH). He said each appointment that includes blood testing, heart monitoring, exercise, and more takes about two hours. He monitors his weight and blood pressure every day, checks nutrition labels to keep salt intake reasonable, and tries to improve his eating habits.

Shannon Tegler, registered nurse and Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation Services at AMH, said Kittelson is one of about 30 people accessing services there three days a week. "Our goal is to see patients improve (in) overall health and prevent future illnesses," she said as she named services offered in addition to cardiac rehab -- pulmonary rehab, coumadin clinic, diabetes education, and an emphasis on peripheral arterial disease.

In addition to getting regular check-ups, as Kittelson recommended, Tegler said preventive strategies to stay heart healthy are to "stay active, eat closer to nature, take meds as prescribed, and decrease stress."

Kittelson has reason to change some habits and get as healthy as possible. Rose and he plan to get married as soon as she finishes her master's degree. She's a teacher specializing in computer science and special education.

As we welcome her and her two daughters (time to be determined) to the Elgin community, it's fairly certain she will encourage Kittelson to keep his heart ticking just right.

Antelope Memorial Hospital

WELLNESS CENTER

The AMH Wellness / Physical Therapy Department consists of (l-r) -- front row: Sarah Carlin, PT tech, Bethany Schacht, office manager, and Vanessa Carpenter, wellness coordinator/PT tech; second row: Ryan Gallagher, DPT / ATC, Calli Krebs, DPT, and Angie Belitz, MPT; and back row: Tyson Belitz, DPT and Corrie Reynolds, PTA.

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Future Events and Classes: amhne.org

*This notice is to inform patients of wellness services and location.

Tips from heart.org

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

terol levels and physical inactivity. Thinking about quitting? We can help.

BLOOD PRESSURE
Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80 mm Hg (systolic pressure is less than 120 AND diastolic pressure is less than 80). Elevated is systolic pressure from 120-129 AND diastolic pressure less than 80. High blood pressure is systolic pressure of 130 or higher OR diastolic pressure of 80 or higher.

When blood pressure is higher, your heart has to work harder. Changes in health habits such as losing weight, eating less sodium (salt) and engaging in regular physical activity can help lower blood pressure. If you have high blood pressure, staying on your medications is critical to prevent heart attacks, strokes, kidney disease and heart failure.

Monitor your blood pressure as your health care professional advises. Keep track of your readings with a blood pressure log

BLOOD CHOLESTEROL
Get your cholesterol checked and talk to your health care team about your numbers and how they impact your overall risk.

High blood cholesterol occurs if your body makes too much cholesterol or if you eat foods that have too much saturated fat and trans fat. For people with coronary heart disease who are at high risk, treatment focuses on reducing cholesterol. To lower your cholesterol, you may need to change your eating habits and lose weight. Ask your health care professionals whether you should be taking a cholesterol medication along with making these lifestyle changes.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

At least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity (brisk walking, jogging, cycling, etc.) is recommended per week

Regular physical activity has many benefits, such as helping you quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, sleep better, lower blood pressure and increase HDL cholesterol.

Doing aerobic exercise -- using large muscles of the legs and arms -- helps your heart work more efficiently. Physical activities to improve your strength, flexibility and balance help you stay agile as you age and reduce your risk of falls.

WEIGHT
Ideal body mass index (BMI) is 18.5-24.9 kg/m2.

Your waist circumference also helps determine whether you need to lose weight -- all you need is an ordinary measuring tape. Ideal waist circumference is not more than 40 inches for men and not more than 35 inches for women. (Recommendations are lower for people of Asian descent: 37-39 inches for men and 31-35 inches for women.)

Weight loss may help lower your blood pressure and improve both cholesterol and blood sugar.

BLOOD SUGAR (GLUCOSE)
Normal fasting blood glucose is less than 100 mg/dL.

DIABETES
If you are diabetic, an HbA1c (glycosylated hemoglobin) level below 7% is recommended, but your safe range may be lower or higher.

Managing diabetes is important to your long-term health, especially if you have heart disease. Diabetes is best controlled by diet, weight loss, physical activity, medications and regular monitoring of your blood sugar. Many studies have shown that medications such as statins, aspirin, ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, which lower the risk of future heart problems, have even greater benefit in people with diabetes. That's why it's important for you to start and continue taking these medications. They can help to lower your cholesterol and blood pressure, which will decrease your risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease.

SOURCE: <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/cardiac-rehab/taking-care-of-yourself>

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Primary Care Cardiac Services (to lower risk of heart disease):

- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Echocardiogram (Echo)
- Blood Test (Lipid profile/Glucose)
- Stress Tests
- Carotid Ultrasound/Duplex
- Medication management
- Holter Monitor

*This notice is to inform patients of primary care cardiac services and location.

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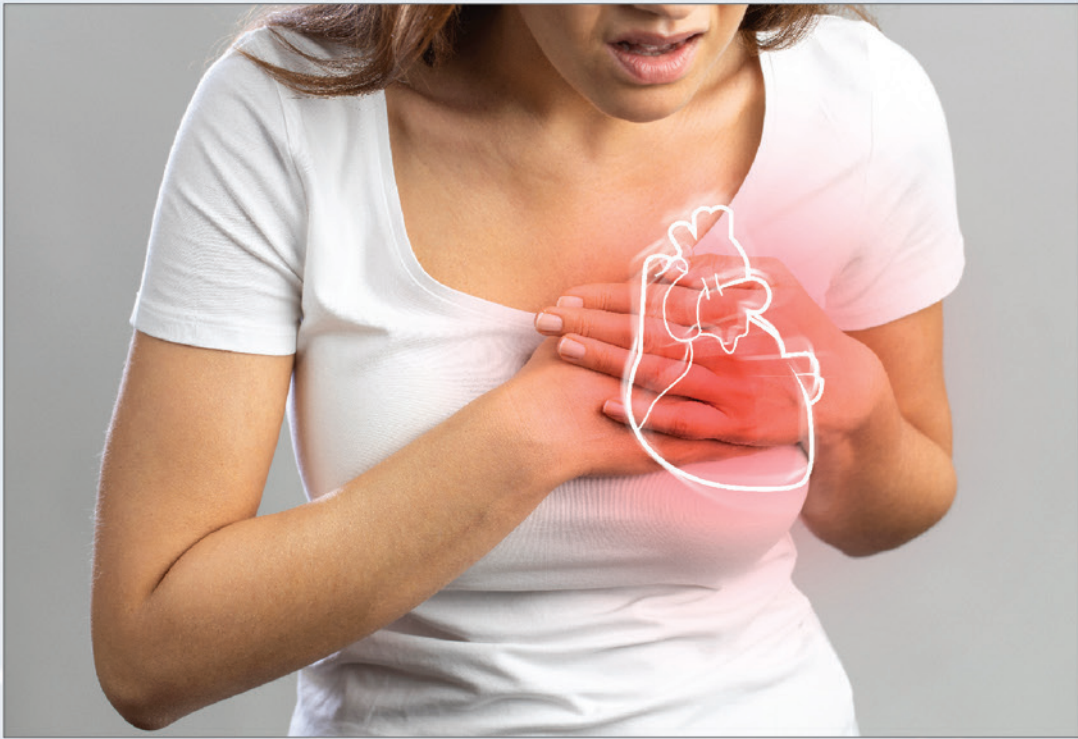
Recognize the warning signs of heart attack

Coronary heart disease, which includes heart attack, is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. But many of those deaths can be prevented.

About every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. will have a heart attack. Minutes matter. It's important to learn the warning signs of a heart attack so you can act fast to save a life – maybe your own.

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense but may start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Some signs of a heart attack include:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath. This may occur with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs: These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.



As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women may experience other symptoms that are typically less associated with heart attack, such as shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

Want the taste of fried chicken without the extra saturated fat and calories? Try our super-easy, super-scrumptious unfried version — tender and juicy on the inside and crispy on the outside. It's a classic American favorite from the South.

Air Fryer Crispy (Un) Fried Chicken

Recipe from the American Heart Association
<https://recipes.heart.org/en/recipes/air-fryer-crispy-unfried-chicken>

- Ingredients**
(Serves 4 Serving Size 3 ounces chicken)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
 - OR
 - 2 teaspoons dried parsley, crumbled
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne (optional)
 - OR
 - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
 - 1/2 to 1 cup low-fat buttermilk
 - 1/2 tablespoon red hot-pepper sauce, or to taste (optional)
 - 1/3 cup finely crushed whole-grain crispbread or whole-grain crackers (lowest sodium available) or whole-wheat panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs)
 - 1/3 cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
 - 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded, flattened to 1/4-inch thickness, patted dry with paper towels
 - Cooking spray

- Directions**
- Preheat the air fryer to 390°F.
 - In a shallow dish or pie pan, whisk together the flour, parsley, oregano, pepper and cayenne.
 - In a separate shallow dish or pie pan, whisk together the buttermilk and hot sauce. In a third shallow dish or pie pan, stir together the crispbread crumbs and Parmesan. Set the

Nutrition Facts
Calories: 219 Per Serving
Protein: 29g Per Serving
Fiber: 2g Per Serving

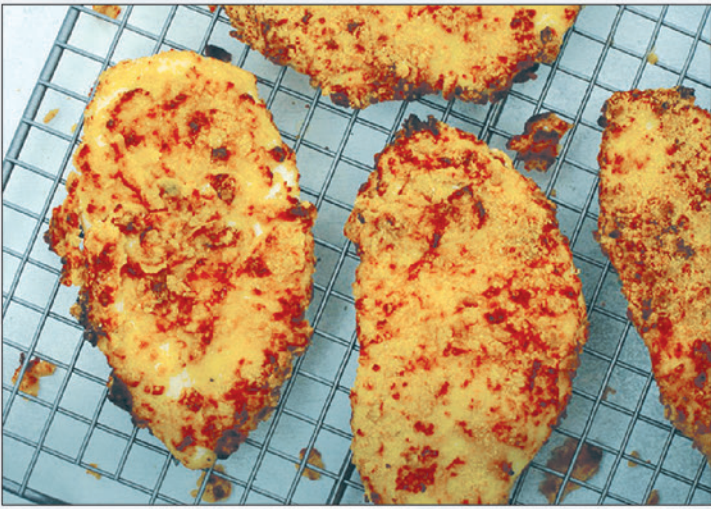


Photo courtesy of the American Heart Association

- dishes and a large plate in a row, assembly-line fashion. Dip the chicken in the flour mixture, then in the buttermilk mixture and finally in the crumb mixture, turning to coat at each step and gently shaking off any excess. Using your fingertips gently press the crumb mixture so it adheres to the chicken. Place the chicken on the plate. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 4 hours.
- Lightly spray the chicken with cooking spray. Arrange the chicken in a single layer in the air fryer basket. (Don't overcrowd; work in batches as needed.) Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center and the top coating is golden brown, turning once halfway through and lightly spraying with the cooking spray.
- Tip: No buttermilk on hand? No worries. Whisk together 1 cup fat-free or low-fat milk with 1 tablespoon lemon juice or white vinegar. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Additional heart "tips" courtesy of

American Heart Association.

What should I do if I suspect a heart attack?

Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, immediately call 911 or your local emergency medical services (EMS), such as the fire department or ambulance. EMS staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. People with chest pain who arrive at the hospital by ambulance also usually receive faster treatment.

What else can I do?

Before there's an emergency, find out which hospitals in your area have 24-hour emergency cardiac care. Also, keep a list of emergency phone numbers next to your phone and with you at all times. Take these steps now.

Why don't people act fast

Many people having a heart attack wait more than three hours before seeking help. Some people feel it would be embarrassing to have a "false alarm." Others are so afraid of having a heart attack that they tell themselves they aren't having one. These feelings are easy to understand, but they're also very dangerous.

If you think you may be having a heart attack, don't hesitate. **Call 911** or your emergency response number right away. Making the call could save your life.



Jazz up plain nuts with this sweet and spicy mixture for a warm coating of baked-on goodness.

Sweet and Fiery Roasted Nuts

Recipe from the American Heart Association
<https://recipes.heart.org/en/recipes/sweet-and-fiery-roasted-nuts>
Calories: 208 Per Serving
Protein: 5g Per Serving
Fiber: 3g Per Serving

- Ingredients**
(Serves 4 Serving Size 1/4 cup)
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon stevia sweetener
 - OR
 - 1 stevia sweetener packet
 - 10 drops cinnamon-flavored liquid stevia sweetener
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne
 - 1/3 cup walnut halves
 - 1/3 cup pecan halves
 - 1/3 cup almonds

- Directions**
- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
 - In a small bowl, stir together the oil, stevia sweetener, liquid stevia sweetener, cumin, and cayenne. Add the walnuts, pecans, and almonds, stirring to coat.
 - Pour the nut mixture into an 8-inch square baking pan (no cooking spraying needed). Bake for 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven. Stir the nut mixture. Bake for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the nuts are golden brown. Transfer to a bowl. Let cool for 5 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Tip: To dry-roast the nut mixture on the stovetop, cook the nuts in a non-stick skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 5 to 7 minutes, or until golden brown.

Tip: Store the nuts in a covered container for up to 2 weeks.

Tip: If you like spicier foods, increase the cayenne to your taste preference.



Photo courtesy of the American Heart Association

Want to learn more about your heart's health? The top three heart health resources in the United States include:

- American Heart Association (AHA) for guidelines (Life's Essential 8)
- CDC for prevention data
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) for research-based, in-depth education.



These organizations provide toolkits, blood pressure management, healthy recipes, and support groups for cardiovascular health. Check them out today!

Do you have questions for the doctor or nurse?

Take a few minutes to write down questions for the next time you see your health care professional.

For example:

How can I tell heart attack from angina?

How is a heart attack different from cardiac arrest?

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Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the revenue laws of the State of Nebraska, all land and town lots in the County of Antelope, State of Nebraska, on which taxes remain unpaid, a list of which is hereto annexed, will be offered for sale at public auction at the County Treasurer’s office in Neligh, Nebraska, on the first Monday in March 2026, starting at 9 a.m. of said day, for payment of taxes, interest and costs thereon. Taxes are delinquent for the year of 2024 and prior years. Purchasers must notify property owners by personal service and will collect an administrative fee of \$150 from the property owner for the cost of service upon redemption.

Deb Branstitser
Antelope County Treasurer

SEQ #	DISTRICT	PARCEL	MULTIYEAR	NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	LEGAL	TOTAL DUE
1	1	0000004600		LEGATE, BRIAN K & TERESA A	405 M ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOT 15 EX S 1.1' OF W 72' BLK 4 NELIGH CITY	379.80
2	1	0000005200		LEGATE, BRIAN K & TERESA A	417 M ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOT 20 BLK 4 NELIGH CITY	327.74
3	1	0000011600		HOEFER, ROBERT P	506 M ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOTS 7-8 & E2 VAC ALLEY BLK 18 NELIGH CITY	342.04
4	1	0000019600		LEGATE, BRIAN K & TERESA A	609 O ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOT 10 BLK 28 NELIGH CITY	84.86
5	1	0000019700		LEGATE, BRIAN K & TERESA A	611 O ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOTS 11-12 BLK 28 NELIGH CITY	798.34
6	1	0000025600		PARRA, JENNIE	307 W 8TH ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOTS 7-8 BLK 38 NELIGH CITY	1,068.78
7	1	0000030100	***	WOODARD, SARAH	606 P ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOT 4 N2 LOT 5 BLK 50 NELIGH CITY	834.40
8	1	0000032200		WERNER, BILLIE ETAL	908 P ST NELIGH NE 68756	LOTS 2-3 BLK 53 NELIGH CITY	219.90
9	1	0000034901	***	LIERMAN, DARRYL & JULIE		S 10' LOT 9 & S 10' OF W2 ADJ VAC ALLEY NELIGH CITY	47.74
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12	1	0000046400		GRIM, CARLEY TAINIEL		LOT 6 BLK 120 NELIGH CITY	72.38
13	1	0000047900		CAROTHERS, THOMAS B	202 E 6TH ST NELIGH NE 68756	W 72' LOTS 7-10; S 6' OF W 72' LOT 11 BLK 127 NELIGH CITY	394.68
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26	3	0000131800		HINES, ELIZABETH	704 6TH ST OAKDALE NE 68761	LOTS 7-8 BLK 37 OAKDALE VILLAGE	50.50
27	3	0000132600		DEWEY, MICHAEL & REBECCA ETAL	00000 WILSON ST OAKDALE NE 68761	LOTS 1-4 BLK 42 OAKDALE VILLAGE	49.66
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29	3	0000134000		PACK, MATHEW G	605 WALTHER ST OAKDALE NE 68761	W 90' LOTS 7-10 BLK 44 OAKDALE VILLAGE	104.92
30	3	0000134500	***	SCHULTZ, JANE M ETAL	605 HOHMAN ST OAKDALE NE 68761	LOTS 15-17 BLK 45 OAKDALE VILLAGE	987.90
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32	3	0000135800		SLEISTER, SHANE	606 RATH ST OAKDALE NE 68761	LOT 2 BLK 48 OAKDALE VILLAGE	233.27
33	3	0000135900	***	SPANGLER, SEAN M	600 RATH ST OAKDALE NE 68761	LOTS 3-4 BLK 48 OAKDALE VILLAGE	670.78
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42	3	0000142600		WILKINSON, MATTHEW	00000 HWY 275 OAKDALE NE 68761	IR TR E2 & 1/2 VAC ST ADJ EX HWY BLK VIII OAKDALE VILLAGE	113.62
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44	3	0000145001		NOVOTNY, ASHLEY A	501 LAWTON AVE OAKDALE NE 68761	TAX LOT 2 EX W 65' & EX E 89.25' OAKDALE VILLAGE	330.32
45	4	0000158700		EVANS, BRIAN M	201 CEDAR ST ELGIN NE 68636	LOT 6 BLK 10 ELGIN CITY	667.04
46	5	0000202600		BARRON, ELIZABETH L	302 W 3RD ST BRUNSWICK NE 68720	E2 LOTS 13-18 BLK 7 BRUNSWICK VILLAGE	963.78
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48	5	0000204200		FORBES, WARREN & JULIE	206 FRANKLIN ST BRUNSWICK NE 68720	LOTS 19-22 BLK 9 BRUNSWICK VILLAGE	82.10
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54	7	0000232200		YOUNG, DWAYNE	320 E 2ND ST ORCHARD NE 68764	LOTS 7-8 BLK 9 ORCHARD VILLAGE	433.94
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEB. 10, 2026 MEETING
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Neligh, Nebraska
February 10th, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.
Approved two (2) tax roll corrections.
Approved two (2) real property exemption application.

Approved one (1) motor vehicle exemptions.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MEETING
THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

**VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
9 FEBRUARY 2026**

The Board Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on February 9th, 2026. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Nordhues, Tetschner, Einspahr and Plugge. Also present: Emma Smith, village clerk and members of the community. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to approve the January 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner, Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: A price check is going to happen on the spray for dust control to put down this spring. There was discussion on how no de-icing treatment is done currently.

rently. A low spot by the Bartlett Church of Faith parking on the west side was discussed. Some gravel may be put down after the situation is looked over. Lastly, the board discussed the coating that was put down on the refinished streets last year.

WATER: Was discussed.

SEWER: Was discussed. Jerry Koinzan shared concerns over the sinkhole on east Main street by the sewer lines. The board is planning to have someone use a camera to see why the sinkhole is occurring.

USER FEES: Were discussed. Some residents were called in regards to overdue utility bills.

FEBRUARY CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$450. Roll call vote: Yes—Plugge, Tetschner, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jerry

Koinzan is going to cut overhanging branches around the town streets. He invited the board members to his 85th birthday! Trustee Einspahr mentioned raising the utility rates another 10% to pay for the increase in the water operator fee and the extra water tests being done. It was tabled until the next meeting.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$64.26; Rick Custard, Potholes, etc., \$45.00; NNTC, Internet, telephone, \$131.94; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$57.17; NE Dept of Revenue, Sales Tax, \$501.91; Cornerstone Bank, Checks for general account, \$239.95; Wheeler Central Schools, Tobacco license proceeds, \$20.00; Sapp Bros, Propane, \$713.18; Postmaster, 2 rolls of stamps, \$156.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00, Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Stamp for bank account deposits, \$19.99, Salary, \$387.87

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$4,329.27

KENO: Cornerstone Bank, Checks for new keno account, \$91.42

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$91.42

SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$64.15

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$64.15

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$1,133.99

TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$1,133.99

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$516.50; NE Public Health Environmental Lab Water tests, \$247.00; WeMart, Gas, \$39.00; Criss Co, Control board on unit heater in well house, \$137.50; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$450.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,390.00

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$7,008.83

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 9th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of February 2026

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Thank You!
The family of Vince Kallhoff would like thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and visits at the time of Vince's passing. We want to specially thank Dr. Dawson, the nurses at Antelope Memorial hospital and the staff at Asera Care Hospice from O'Neill. He received wonderful care.
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When more is better
Matching cow genetics to forage

Over the last 30 years, genetic selection tools have dramatically changed most major beef breeds. With a few exceptions, the trend has been clear — more milk, heavier calves at weaning, and larger mature cows. Expected Progeny Differences, or EPDs, have played a major role in driving that progress.

But it raises an important question for cow-calf producers: while we've clearly achieved "more," have we actually achieved "better"? As the late Colorado State researcher Dr. Bob Taylor used to say, "Profitable cattle are usually productive, but productive cattle are not always profitable."

When we look at commercial cow-calf benchmark data from across the Plains, average weaning weights — and the percentage of calves weaned per cow exposed — have changed very little over the past 15 years. That's surprising, given how much genetic potential has increased. So why hasn't that shown up in the real world?

One explanation is that the genetic potential of today's cattle often exceeds the forage resources available to support them. Frequently, the added cost of maintaining larger, higher-milking cows outweighs the value of the small increases in

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calf weaning weight they produce. In other words, those cows never fully express their genetic potential because forage is the limiting factor.

This idea isn't new. As far back as 1988, geneticist and cattle breeder Dr. Rick Bourdon wrote that genetic selection should aim for an optimum — not a maximum — based on what a given environment can support. When you're selecting for optimum,

success often shows up as stability, not constant increases.

That same "cows for resources" concept shows up clearly in more recent research on forage efficiency. About three-quarters of the feed required to produce a pound of beef comes from forage, yet most feed efficiency data comes from grain-based diets. Research from Oklahoma State University shows there is tremendous variation in how heifers consume and convert forage when fed medium-quality hay — and, importantly, feed efficiency rankings on grain diets do not predict efficiency on forage diets.

Some heifers eat a lot and gain very little. Others eat moderate amounts and gain efficiently. And cattle that look efficient on high-energy diets are not necessarily efficient when forage is the primary feed source.

So what does this mean for cow-calf producers, especially

Licensed mental health professionals expand support for students at ESU 8

School is often associated with reading, writing, and math, but for many students it is also where they learn how to navigate stress, relationships, and personal challenges. At Educational Service Unit 8 (ESU 8), Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHPs) are helping ensure students receive support that goes beyond academics.

ESU 8 introduced Licensed Mental Health Practitioner services in schools during the 2019-2020 school year, beginning with two full-time therapists. Since then, the program has steadily grown in response to student and school needs. This year, ESU 8 supports a team of nine LMHPs, with staffing levels adjusting as demands fluctuate

across participating schools.

The primary role of LMHPs in schools is to provide counseling and therapeutic support to students experiencing emotional, behavioral, or social challenges that may interfere with learning. These professionals work collaboratively with teachers, administrators, and families to develop intervention plans that support both academic progress and positive behavior. LMHPs also assist with crisis response, prevention efforts, and referrals to community mental health resources when additional services are needed.

While the program originally focused on one-to-one counseling, LMHP services have expanded significantly over time. Today, LMHPs facilitate psychoeducational groups for students, provide professional development for school staff, and help lead student support and recognition initiatives. They are also involved in risk and threat assessments and participate in ongoing collaboration through monthly team meetings, as well as weekly consultation and clinical supervision as needed.

Beyond individual services, LMHPs play an important role in teaching life skills that contribute to long-term success. Students learn strategies for managing stress and emotions, resolving conflict, communicating effectively, and building healthy relationships—skills that do not appear on report cards but have a lasting influence on personal growth and well-being.

School leaders consistently report positive outcomes



ESU 8 Licensed Mental Health Practitioners are (front row, from left) Traci Hastings, Jenny Bender-Brummels, Olivia Jordening (back row, from left) Denise Serres, Jillian Barnes, Brittany Waldow, Trudie Van Horn and Shawn Schultz. Photo submitted

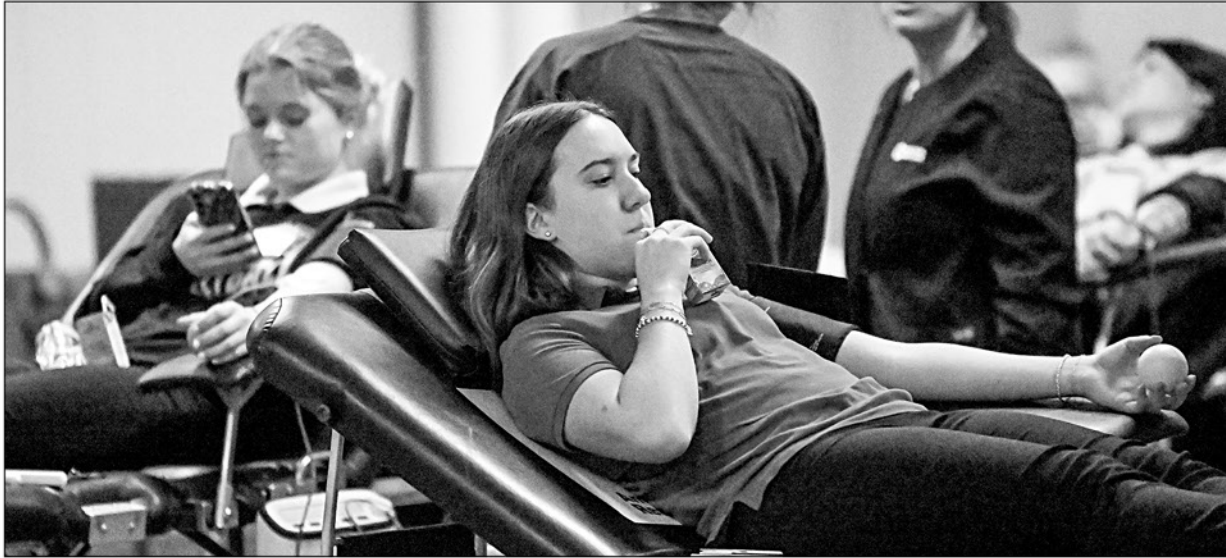
from the presence of LMHPs. Administrators and staff have described the professionals as "great assets to our system" who "do a phenomenal job" and "provide great support." Many schools have expressed strong appreciation for the program, citing its role in strengthening student services and overall school climate.

According to ESU 8 LMHPs, one of the program's greatest accomplishments has been reducing barriers to mental

health services for students. By offering support within the school setting, LMHPs increase access to care, normalize conversations around mental health, and help ensure students receive timely support.

As the program continues to evolve, ESU 8 remains committed to supporting students' academic success and overall well-being—recognizing that education is not only about textbooks, but about preparing students for life.

Bloodmobile in Elgin last week



54 units of blood were collected last Wednesday as the Red Cross Bloodmobile was at the KC Hall in Elgin. Here, two students multi-tasked while donating.

Jovie Borer (foreground) sips on a drink while Tessa Barlow checks her phone. E-R photo/DMorgan

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Are kids getting their proper vitamins, minerals?

Modern children may not be getting all of the vitamins and minerals they need to be healthy. According to the National Library of Medicine, nutrient deficiencies of iron, vitamin A, folic acid, and zinc are prevalent worldwide, especially in children from low income areas.

Many modern kids do not consume sufficient amounts of nutrients that are vital for growth. For example, CNBC reports that kids are not getting enough fiber and potassium.

But the No. 1 nutrient that kids, particularly those in the United States, aren't getting enough of is vitamin D. Fifty percent of children between the ages of one and five and 70 percent of those ages six to 11 have a vitamin D deficiency. Vitamin D is largely produced through exposure to the sun, and sedentary kids may not be getting enough time outdoors. Kidsville Pediatrics also says modern kids are deficient in vitamins A, C, B12, and E. Parents can talk to their children's pediatricians about how best to address nutrient deficiencies, particularly among children who may be picky eaters.

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Wolfpack Sports

Veik, Drueke headed back to State!

Seniors shine at Shelby, Veik as 165# district champion, Drueke takes third at 150#

SHELBY — The Wolfpack boys wrestling team had work to do at the D3 District Wrestling Tournament. And that’s exactly what they did, wrapping the two-day tournament with two wrestlers qualifying for state. Senior Landyn Veik, having medaled at state last year, will return this time as a district champion. His workload concluded Saturday, taking down Class D’s #1 ranked wrestler William Pokorny of Central Valley.

The Pokorny match was as exciting a match as any which took place at Shelby. Having defeated Veik last month, Pokorny took a six to three lead into the third period. From the neutral position, Veik went on the attack with a takedown and near fall to lead 10 to six. Pokorny scored on an escape, then, just before time expired, Veik was credited with a takedown for a 13 to seven victory. A key to Veik’s victory was endurance, being ready to capitalize in the third period. “This is what I’ve dreamed about since I was a freshman. It’s the most satisfying feeling,” Veik said after the match. “I’ve always looked up to Carter Beckman, when he was a senior I was a freshman.”

‘Heartbreak’ round hero

Drueke, will return to state for the second time. His day Saturday began with a loss in the semifinals to Neligh-Oakdale’s Cooper Arehart in just 42 seconds. Arehart came out fast and the outcome of the match was over in less than a minute with a pin.

The loss was the last time Drueke would walk off the mat without his hand raised.

In a ‘win or stay home’ match, Drueke faced Traven Reznicek of Shelby-Rising City. Fired up by his coaches to be the aggressor, Drueke quickly got on the scoreboard with a takedown, then finished off the match with a pin. Reznicek never had a chance.



Wolfpack senior Landyn Veik, in his semifinal match, watched closely as Stanton’s Alton Wurdinger attempted to keep from being pinned to no avail.

“Coaches said I had to go out there confident and wrestle my match,” Drueke said.

Then, in the medal round, Drueke faced Landon Shoemaker of Central Valley. After two periods where neither wrestler scored a point, Drueke got on the board with a third period escape. Then, as time was about to expire, Drueke was credited with a takedown to win third place.

John Zwingman competed in the 165-pound division and started off strong Friday with a pin over Fullerton’s Myles Smith. He dropped his next two matches Friday afternoon to close out his season.

Individual results were:

150 pounds — Grady Drueke (EPPJ) won 12 to 2 over Tucker Smith (FULL); Drueke was pinned by Cooper Arehart (NEOK) in 42 seconds; Drueke pinned Traven Reznicek (SHRI) in 1:33; Drueke won 4 to 0 over Landon Shoemaker (CEVA)

165 — John Zwingman (EPPJ) pinned Myles Smith (FULL) in 5:10; Zwingman was pinned by Landyn Veik (EPPJ) in 1:39; Zwingman was pinned by Chaz Boeder (NECH) in 2:02

165 — Landyn Veik (EPPJ) pinned Tristin Pagnano (HTRS) in 52 seconds; Veik pinned John Zwingman (EPPJ) in 1:39; Veik pinned Alton Wurdinger (STAN) in 2:56; Veik won 13 to 7 over



In the consolation finals, Drueke controlled the match from the start and defeated Central Valley’s Landon Shoemaker 4 to 0.

Spinning Tales

This, that and the other thing

It’s the moment when an athlete finally realizes his time in the spotlight is winding down. Parents Night turns into Senior Night at high schools everywhere. Your name is announced followed by that of parents. They take a few steps and pose for a photo which will be posted on social media and printed in the home-town paper.

While games remain on the schedule, it’s the last time on their home court to hear the cheers from Wolfpack fans who recognize four years of hard work and success.

There’s little time to ponder the thought on the court as their game will soon begin. But trust me, it will be over way too soon, one chapter closes and a new one is set to begin.

The signs said it all. Early in the first quarter of the Wolfpack’s game last week against St. Mary’s, senior Jarek Erickson wrote his name into the Wolfpack record books. He became the second player in the boys Wolfpack era to surpass 1,000 points in a career. He did it with a free throw.

On a team of players who have become pieces to a puzzle Erickson stands out because he does everything well. He scores from outside the arc, he can go inside, he rebounds, he passes,

he plays defense and, when the game is on the line, he takes over. And, did I say, he’s more about team than individual honors. To watch him play is to watch how basketball should be played.

One more item - Coach Randy Eisenhauer has earned the recognition of his peers and its well-deserved. Coach E has been chosen to serve as an assistant coach for the Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) All-Star Girls Basketball Game to be played this summer in Lincoln. Having eclipsed the 300-win plateau just after Christmas at Madison, he has the Wolfpack in position to make a run at a state tournament berth.

His style of play, attacking the full length of the court on offense AND defense, is tough to play against it.

Opponents know when they step on the court against the Wolfpack, they are in for a fight. Congratulations Coach E!

It’s not every day I recommend a show for people to watch on TV. But Netflix has put together a show which deserves watching. It’s called “Miracle.” It’s all about the greatest moment in U.S. sports history. It tells the story about the U.S. hockey team defeating the Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympics. And, throughout the show, it tells the story of our nation at a time when a malaise seemed to have spread across the land.

The Soviets were considered the greatest hockey team in the world. Having played and defeated the best the National Hockey League had to offer,

they were overwhelming favorites to win gold. The players were members of the Red Army whose only job was to play hockey. Still, since they were in the army, they were considered amateurs.

The U.S. team was composed of college kids who were truly amateurs in every sense of the word.

Netflix tells the story better than I ever could so catch it if you can.

In 1980 I was living with John Arehart and two other guys in a house just a half-block off campus from Kearney State College. We watched the ABC broadcast of the game then went out and did what college kids did then and still do today - we celebrated. The victory was like getting a huge shot of adrenaline. It was one of those few nights when, no matter where you were or what you were doing, national pride poured out of every one of us.

The only thing that compares to the feeling we had that night was the 1994 Orange Bowl when Cory Schlesinger & Co. defeated Miami 24 to 17 to give Coach Osborne his first championship. There was a good number of Nebraska boys on that team, names like Makovicka, Connealy and others with Midwest roots.

Like 1980 in Lake Placid, the night Nebraska beat Miami gave us a feeling of pride and we never wanted the moment to end.

Moments like that, which unite a state or a country, are indeed rare. It’s a feeling you never want to let go of. Thank God for memories like that, for days like that may pass, memories remain as long as you wish them to be.

EPPJ shuts down Cardinals 61 to 39



Against Randolph, Max Henn (24) had one of his best games of the season with 18 points and 10 rebounds as EPPJ won 61 to 39.

ELGIN — Taking the court at EHS for their final regular season home game, Elgin Public-Pope John were determined to give their fans another fast-paced 32 minutes of winning basketball. It didn’t matter on this night who the opponent was, the Wolfpack weren’t going to be denied as they blew out Randolph 61 to 39.

After one quarter, the Wolfpack trailed by one point. Over the next two quarters, EPPJ outscored Randolph 32 to 12.

Karson Kallhoff made four treys in the game and finished with 20 points. On this night he was ‘Mr. Outside.’

Playing the role of ‘Mr. Inside’ was sophomore Max Henn. He turned in one of his best offensive performances of the season, making seven of 11 shots and all four of his free throws.

With those two players ‘in the zone,’ Jarek Erickson did more than just score. Finishing with 10 points, Erickson dished nine assists, many to Henn.

The victory improved EPPJ’s record to 21-1 heading into another game against O’Neill St. Mary’s.

EPPJ 61, Randolph 39

Cardinals.....13 5 7 14 — 39

Wolfpack.....14 17 15 15 — 61

Wolfpack — Michael Selting 1-3 2-2 4, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 6-15 4-4 20, Evlin Pelster 1-2 0-0 2, Brayden Bur-enheide 1-1 1-1 3, Jarek Erickson 3-8 2-4 10, Max Henn 7-11 4-4 18, Braedon Hinkle 0-0 0-0 0, Christian Preister 0-0 0-0 0, Justice Blecher 0-1 0-0 0, Jayvin Erickson 1-4 1-2 4. Team totals: 20-45 14-17 61. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 7-21 (Kallhoff 4, Ja. Erickson 2, Jv. Erickson 1). Randolph team totals: 14-47 8-9 39. Three-point shots — Randolph 3-18.

Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 31 (Henn 10), Cardinals 19. Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Ja. Erickson 9). Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Kallhoff 2, Ja. Erickson 2). Turnovers — Wolfpack 6, Cardinals 8.



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Dennis Morgan

EPPJ girls cap regular season scoring 80 against Randolph

ELGIN — Almost everybody scored!

In their final regular season game, playing in front of family on 'Parent's Night', Elgin Public-Pope John put an exclamation point on their season.

Thirteen players suited up and 12 scored points as the Wolfpack beat Randolph. 80 to 22.

It was a game where, had EPPJ Coach Randy Eisenhauer not substituted players in and out starting in the first quarter, the Wolfpack could have put up 100 points.

The Wolfpack (18-5) dominated the game from the start. Over the first five minutes, EPPJ outscored the Cardinals 18 to 0. Their pressure defense forced Randolph into turnover after turnover which turned into points.

Junior Braelyn Martinsen had six points in the run, Mady Kurpgeweit, Elizabeth Moser, Kinley Druke and Jael Lammers all scored. From that point on, the rout was on.

By halftime the lead had grown to 46 to 11 and the only question that remained was just how big the final margin of victory would be.

The Wolfpack's best quarter may have been the third quarter. In the span of eight minutes, the Wolfpack held Randolph to just two points. At the other end of the floor, the Wolfpack bench

was scoring as many points as the varsity. Kierstyn Eisenhauer had three points, Gentry Zwingman and Lillian Moser each added two.

Playing with a running clock in the fourth quarter, EPPJ saw Sydney Niewohner, Macy Rokahr and Kinley Miller put their names in the scorers' column.

For the game, Martinsen

and Kurpgeweit each scored 12 points and G. Zwingman added 11.

Kurpgeweit led the team in rebounds with six. She and Elizabeth Moser each had four assists.

It was a total team effort, a great way to wrap up the regular season.

EPPJ 80, Randolph 22

Cardinals.....5 6 2 9 — 22

Wolfpack.....26 20 17 17 — 80

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 4-6 1-2 9, Gentry Zwingman 5-5 0-0 11, Elizabeth Moser 3-5 0-0 7, Kinley Druke 2-3 0-0 5, Braelyn Martinsen 5-9 1-1 12, Lillian Moser 2-6 0-0 4, Kinley Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Sydney Niewohner 2-4 0-2 4, Jael Lammers 3-4 1-2 7, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 2-4 1-2 5, Mady Kurpgeweit 4-8 4-5 12, Macy Rokahr 1-1 0-0 2, Gemma Miller 0-2 0-0 0. Team

totals: 34-58 8-14 80. Three-point shots — 4-12 (G. Zwingman 1, E. Moser 1, Druke 1, Martinsen 1). Randolph team totals: 8-30 4-9 22. Three-point shots — Randolph 2-11. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolf-

pack 31 (Kurpgeweit 6, Lammers 5), Randolph 13. Assists — Wolfpack 19 (E. Moser 4, Kurpgeweit 4), Randolph 5. Steals — Wolfpack 24 (E. Moser 4), Randolph 8. Turnovers — Wolfpack 13, Randolph 42.



Late in the game, Sydney Niewohner (12) drives to the basket against Randolph. Trailing the play were Gemma Miller (55), Macy Rokahr (32) and Lillian Moser (10).

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Wolfpack girls use defense to control Renegades

ELGIN — Scoring early and often, Elgin Public-Pope John derailed the CWC girls 57 to 17 last week.

Continuing her torrid scoring spree in February, Braelyn Martinsen tossed in 19 points to lead the way.

But it was defense that determined the final margin of victory. The Wolfpack held the Lady Renegades to just 17 total points. The most points they allowed in any one quarter was six and that came in the final quarter long after the game had been decided.

Showing the form that has dominated all but a handful of foes this season, the Wolfpack's full court pressure at the start of the game allowed them to jump out to an 18-point lead.

Breaking down the statistics, EPPJ's defense limited CWC to just 25 shots from the field in which they made just three. At the other end of the court, the Wolfpack made 25 of 64.

Two other statistics told the story of the game. EPPJ, led by Martinsen with seven, had 28 steals in the game, CWC had just two. Also, the Wolfpack recorded six turnovers in the game, CWC had over 40.

The victory boosted EPPJ's record to 17-5 while CWC's mark is now 4-16.

0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 25-64 3-4 57. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 4-18 (K. Zwingman 1, Druke 1, Martinsen 1, Eisenhauer 1). CWC team totals: 3-25 9-12 17. Three-point shots — CWC 2-12. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 33 (Kurpgeweit 6, Lammers 6), CWC 25. Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Kurpgeweit 5), CWC 2. Steals — Wolfpack 28 (Martinsen 7), CWC 2. Turnovers — Wolfpack 6, CWC 41.

EPPJ 57, CWC 17

Renegades.....3 5 3 6 — 17

Wolfpack.....22 14 15 6 — 57

Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 2-4 1-2 6, Gentry Zwingman 2-8 0-0 4, Elizabeth Moser 3-6 0-0 6, Kinley Druke 1-2 0-0 3, Braelyn Martinsen 8-11 2-2 19, Lillian Moser 2-11 0-0 4, Kinley Miller 1-2 0-0 2, Sydney Niewohner 0-1 0-0 0, Jael Lammers 1-6 0-0 2, Kierstyn Eisenhauer 1-6 0-0 3, Mady Kurpgeweit 3-7 0-0 6, Macy Rokahr 1-1 0-0 2, Gemma Miller

KINLEY,

we are proud of the wins but even prouder of how you showed up for your team. You grew as a player, teammate and young woman -- and that matters far beyond basketball.

Love - Mom & Dad

KINLEY miller

#11

MADY

Good Luck Lady Wolfpack. Leave it all on the court! So proud of you Mady!

Love - Dad, Mom, Isaci, Amber, Theo, Trinity and Asher

MADELYN kurpgeweit

#23

Jael

Good Luck team and coaches! So proud of you Jael...Love our #21

Love - Dad, Mom and Ryker

Jael lammers

#21

GENTRY

We are so proud of you, Gentry, and your Lady Wolfpack! Wishing you the best in the postseason.

Love - Mom, Dad, Kayton and John

GENTRY zwingman

#2

KIERSTYN

We are proud of you #22 and team! Give it your all and have fun!

GOOD LUCK!

Love - Dad, Mom, Keyera & Braxtyn

KIERSTYN eisenhauer

#22

KINLEY

It's been so much fun watching you this season. Good luck to you and your team! Go Pack!

Love - Dad, Mom, Grady and Jory

KINLEY druke

#4

LILLIAN,

keep working hard and we are proud of you!

Good luck Lillian and Wolfpack team.

Love - Mom, Dad and James

LILLIAN moser

#10

MACY

So proud of your effort this season and being there when called upon.

Love always & Good Luck!

MACY rokahr

#32

SYDNEY

Best of luck Syd & Teammates!

Dad, Mom, Jake & Cole

SYDNEY niewohner

#12

Heithoff, Bode and Dvorak to not seek re-election

Two current members of the District #18 Board of Education have chosen not to seek re-election. According to Antelope Election Commissioner Lisa Payne, incumbents Todd Heithoff and Ron Bode did not file for re-election when the deadline passed Tuesday. Also, incumbent Ward II City Councilman Mike Dvorak chose not to seek re-election. In other election news, all three incumbents whose seats were up for election this year on the Antelope County Commissioners have filed for re-election. They are Casey Dittrich (District #5), Regina Krebs (#3) and Neil Williby (#1). Non-incumbents have til March 2 to file for elective office.

LANDYN VEIK

We are so proud of you!!! These last four years have been amazing, watching you grow and battle. Step out there with confidence, God by your side, and know we could not be more proud of you!! Make these final moments the best yet.

Love - Mom, Dad, Sawyer, Myles, Addy, grandpa & your grandmas

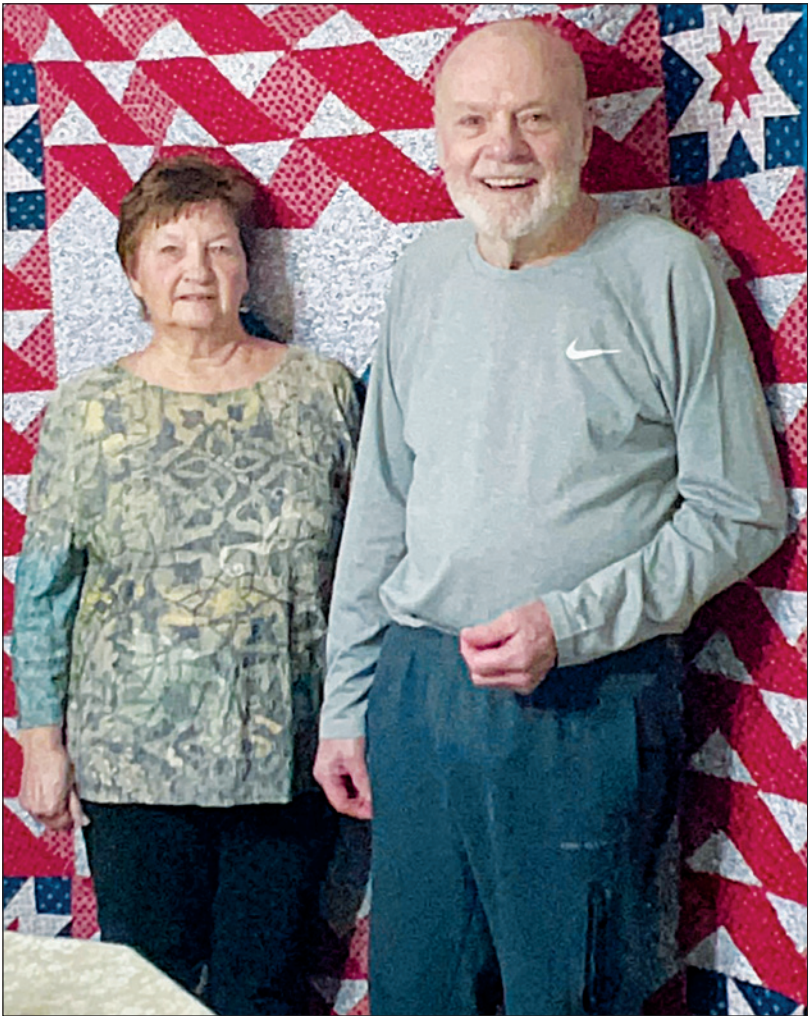


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Jerry Benda was presented a 'Quilt of Valor' recently. It was made by Julie (Benda) Thome.

Benda presented 'Quilt of Valor'

A Quilt of Valor was recently presented to Jerald C. Benda for his service of 28 years in the US Air Force with time stationed in Vietnam. The quilt was made by his sister Julie Thome (Benda) and was quilted by Angie Reed. The Quilt was given to Jerry on January 14, 2026 when siblings and family were gathered for the funeral of Judy

Zegers (Benda). Jerry and his wife Kathy live in Grand Forks North Dakota. A Quilt of Valor Foundation is a national, all volunteer organization, to honor/recognize the service & sacrifice of a service member & veterans touched by war. The Handmade Quilts symbolize comfort, honor and healing.



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Hoefer wins Blackstone grill

Jeremy Hoefer is this year's winner in the Elgin TeamMates' Duck Toss held during home games at the EPS gymnasium. His name was drawn from others who had made duck tosses which stayed in the pool at midcourt. Hoefer is shown with TeamMates coordinators Sonia Rittscher (l) and (C) Krista Eisenhauer.

Stuhr takes second in VFW statewide essay contest

Anna Stuhr, daughter of Brian and Clarissa Stuhr, recently placed second in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen state essay contest. The theme for her essay was "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?" Stuhr is an eighth grade student at Pope John.

Courtesy photo



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Wolfpack crush CWC 47 to 29 in rematch

ELGIN — Five days after defeating Chambers/Wheeler Central by just five points in the NVC Tournament, the two teams matched up again. This time it would be different. The Wolfpack broke open a close game in the second half and defeated the Renegades by 18 points, 47 to 29. What had worked for CWC the first time the two teams

met, didn't work this time as, in the second half, the Renegades scored just 10 points. Leading the way was senior Jarek Erickson who scored inside and outside for 16 points to go along with a team-high six assists. He was complimented by balanced scoring from his teammates as Jayvin Erickson had nine, Max Henn and Michael Selting each had eight.

Henn had a big night on the boards, pulling down 14 rebounds. **EPPJ 47, CWC 29**
Renegades.....4 15 5 5 — 29
Wolfpack.....13 12 11 11 — 47
Wolfpack — Michael Selting 3-7 2-2 8, Joseph McNally 0-1 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 0-3 4-6 4, Evin Pelster 1-4 0-0 2, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 5-10 4-4 16, Max Henn 3-6 2-4 8, Braedon Hinkle 0-0 0-0 0, Christian Pelster

0-0 0-0 0, Justice Blecher 0-0 0-0 0, Jayvin Erickson 3-9 0-0 9. Team totals: 15-40 12-16 47. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-17 (Jv. Erickson 3, Ja. Erickson 2). CWC team totals: 10-49 5-12 29. Three-point shots — CWC 4-22. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 39 (Henn 14), CWC 25. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Ja. Erickson 6), Steals — Wolfpack 3 (Ja. Erickson 2). Turnovers — Wolfpack 13, CWC 7.

Wolfpack cross country awards handed out

Earlier this month, the EPPJ cross country awards banquet was held. Samantha Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Matthew Kerkman all lettered. According to Coach Tiffany Moser, Stuhr now holds the girls 5k record for time with a time of 22:50 which she did at districts. "She's been our closest one to making it to state as well. She had gotten 19th, and they take top 15!" Matthew has the best boys individual placing for a meet record when he earned an 8th place finish, and he took down Corbin Kin-

ney's 5k time with a 19:15. "We started the program in 2022 so Jovie was our first 4 year letter winner for cross country!," Moser said. "Great group of kids on and off the cross country course! Jovie (our senior) will be greatly missed, and we're thankful for her leadership she's given us. We look forward to hearing her continued accomplishments at Mount Marty."



Photo submitted

Wolfpack cross country letter winners this season were Jovie Borer, Samantha Stuhr and Matthew Kerkman.

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MAX HENN BOYS BASKETBALL
A sophomore, Max has stymied teams under the basket. Against CWC, he had 8 pnts & 14 rebounds and against Randolph, he tallied 18 pnts and pulled down 10 rebounds.

KAYTON ZWINGMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL
A senior, Kayton & the Lady Wolfpack are hitting their stride. She had 6 pnts against CWC then added 9 pnts to her resume in the big win against Randolph.

GRADY DRUEKE WRESTLING (BOYS)
A senior, Grady qualified for the second time for the state wrestling meet. He worked his way up through the consolation bracket to finish 3rd in the 150 lb division at districts.

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Feb. 20 ..@ St. Mary's (B)4:00



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Feb. 20NO SCHOOL, all schools • State Dance, Grand Island
Feb. 22KC Free Throw Contest
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