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In Brief

March 'tis the season' for a fish fry

Fish fry season begins March 7.

March in Nebraska means, among many things, a local fish fry.

That will again be the case in and around Elgin.

The Elgin Knights of Columbus will hold their first fish fry of the season on Friday, March 7, at the KC Hall. Fish and all the fixins will be served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take out meals are available.

At Petersburg Friday night fish fries will be held til Good Friday at the Petersburg Legion Hall.

Also, there will be a fish fry at Oakdale on Friday, March 7. Serving time will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department, proceeds from the event will go to the fire department. Take out meals are available.

And, later in March, the St. John's Church Rural Clearwater will hold their annual fish fry on Friday, March 21. Called by many "the best fish fry in the country" serving will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

St. Boniface Spring Auction date announced

At the Elgin KC Hall.

Just a few weeks down the road, the annual St. Boniface Spring Auction will be held Saturday, March 15.

The first bid starts at 5:30 p.m. This year, silent auction items will close at 7:30 p.m.

Consignments are now being accepted, see the ad in this week's paper.

EPS 2025/26 school calendar approved

First day of classes to be August 14

Parents who like to plan ahead received a big boost from the District #18 Board of Education last week.

Meeting Wednesday evening, February 12, the board approved the school calendar for the 2025/26 school year.

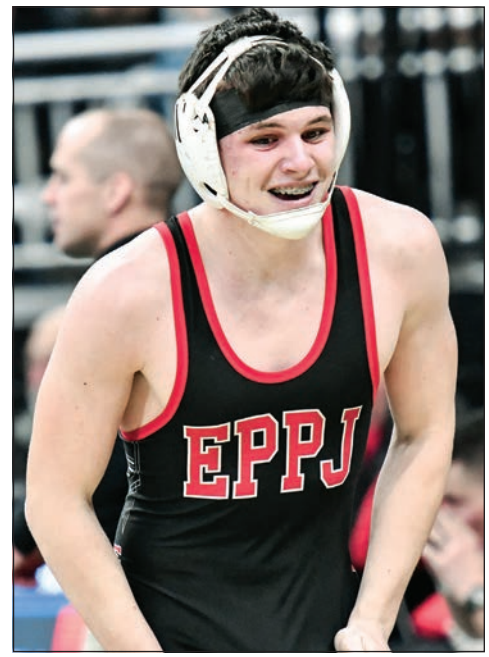
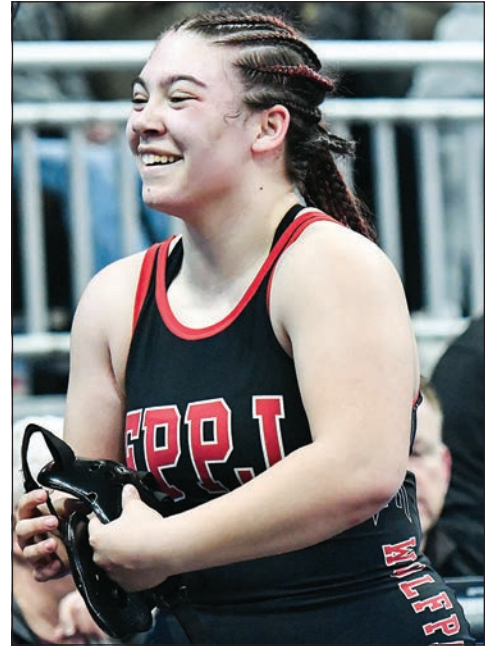
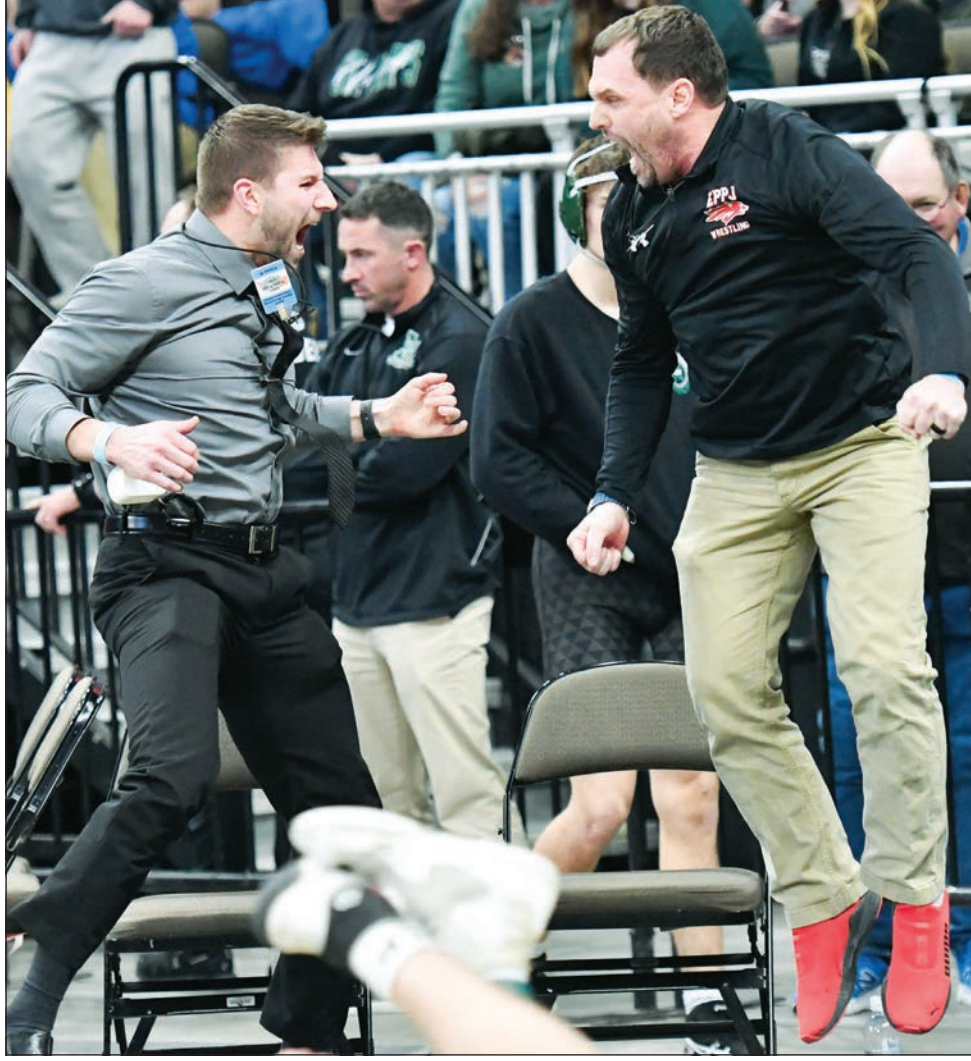
The calendar is made up of 173 elementary student days; 178 student days for high school students. That number goes up to 185 for teacher days.

Among the notable dates on the calendar are:

- August 14 - First day of school with a 1 p.m. dismissal
- September 1 - No school (Labor Day)
- October 24 - No school (State Cross Country)
- November 7 - No school (State Volleyball)
- November 26-28 - No school (Thanksgiving)
- December 19 thru January 5 - Christmas break
- January 6 - School resumes
- January 19 - No school (teacher in-service)
- February 20 - State Wrestling
- March 6 - No school (State Girls Basketball)
- March 13 - No school (State Boys Basketball)
- April 3 & 6 - No school (Easter)
- May 6 - Seniors last day
- May 9 - Graduation @ 4 p.m.
- May 21 - Last day of school (11 a.m. dismissal)

EPPJ had plenty to celebrate in Omaha

Wolfpack wrestlers and coaches had plenty to celebrate last week as the girls and boys state wrestling tournaments were held in Omaha. (Right) Sophomore Libby Evans was all smiles after one of her four victories. (Lower right) Junior Landyn Veik had plenty to celebrate after winning in overtime to secure a state medal. (Below) Wolfpack coaches Shane Beckman (l) and Adam Veik (r) couldn't contain themselves, celebrating Veik's overtime victory.



State FFA degree recipients

FFA Week is being observed this week by the Elgin Chapter. Members having earned State FFA Degrees are (front row, l-r): Taylor Beckman, Kellan Hoefer and Jaidyn Schrad. Middle row: Sara Bode, Natalie Burhenheide, Chloe Henn and Callie Heithoff. Back row: Dylan Kolm, Samantha Durre, Landon Kallhoff and Austin Hinkle. Not pictured: Kate Furstenaus. The degrees will be awarded at the annual Nebraska FFA Convention to be held later this year.

E-R photo/LMorgan



DeKay fighting to keep \$\$ for state park marinas

This week, I would like to discuss two bills I presented at public hearings. In the Natural Resources Committee, I brought forward LB480, a bill which would provide the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission the authority to carry out other projects at Niobrara State Park and Lake McConaughy other than the ones studied by the STAR WARS Special Committee and authorized by the Legislature in 2022. The current law only allows money in the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund to be spent on marina construction projects at Lewis and Clark Lake and Lake McConaughy as well as spent on a lodge at Niobrara State Park. However, rising construction costs and questions regarding feasibility have stalled progress so far.

The Governor's budget proposes to transfer \$65 million out of \$85 million from the Water Recreational Enhancement Fund to the General Fund. The Weigand Marina project at Lewis and Clark Lake would cost \$55 million as currently proposed, meaning this project would not be constructed if the Governor's recommendation is adopted by the Legislature. I and other members of the STAR WARS Committee are engaged in negotiations with the Appropriations Committee and the Governor's office to ensure there is enough



State Senator Barry DeKay

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New museum curator loves Antelope County history

The Antelope County Museum's new curator, Christina (Teena) Allemang, has spent her life focused on raising her four daughters, farming and teaching.

Allemang began her new job Feb. 7. She succeeds DonnaMae Allen Hanson, who resigned in December to spend more time on her other many pursuits on the farm she and her husband operate near Oakdale.

Allemang was born in Tilden and moved with her family when she was 1 year old to a farm northwest of Neligh. She went to Rural School District 38 from kindergarten to eighth grade. When she started at the school it was a one-room school with one teacher who wore may hats.

"She was the teacher, superintendent and principal," Allemang said, recalling her teacher fondly. "For recess, we were pretty much unsupervised. We had a big stove in the middle of the room, and for lunch our teacher was the cook who warmed up sandwiches, chicken pot pies, potatoes and anything else the students brought that needed to be heated."

The school was located 6 miles north and 3 miles

west of Neligh. When Allemang was in second grade, a second room was added on and a second teacher was hired. The school building was eventually purchased by a family that today uses it for gatherings.

Allemang recalled the solid foundation the school gave to the students as far as learning to work together and take responsibility for themselves.

"I don't remember kids giving her trouble. Back in those days you did not want the teacher to contact your parents," she said.

Allemang went to Neligh for high school when she was a freshman and graduated in 1977. She spent her years after graduation focusing on farming and raising her four daughters. She also worked part-time outside of the home as a waitress and bartender.

In 1990, Allemang graduated from Wayne State College with a degree in education. She attained her endorsement for special education in 2015 from the University of Colorado Denver.

She taught in rural schools until moving to Haigler, NE, which is near the borders of Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. While living there, she taught

special education in Wray, CO.

Allemang said one of her top goals as a special education teacher was to help her students learn how to advocate and stand up for themselves.

In 1990, she and Steve Allemang were married. She moved back to Neligh in the summer of 2024 to help her family with farming and to be closer to her four daughters and seven grandchildren. Her favorite hobbies are fishing, gardening and farming.

Allemang said she is very glad to be back in Neligh, but she noted that much has changed in the

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EVFD answers mutual aid call

Elgin firefighters were called out Monday afternoon to help put out a corn field fire.

A controlled burn got out of control just east of Neligh mid-afternoon. The Neligh Volunteer Fire Department called area fire departments, including Elgin and Oakdale, to assist with getting the blaze under control.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Hearing — School District #18 Americanism Committee

Notice to Bidders — Antelope County (Culverts)

Notice to Bidders — City of Elgin

Notice of Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice of Organization — KLK Real Estate L.L.C.

Notice of Dissolution — GEF Partnership, L.L.C.

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 44 degrees recorded on February 22.

The low temperature during the same period was -21 degrees recorded on February 19.

Altogether, .03 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Feb. 16	09	-4	.03
Feb. 17	09	-18	.00
Feb. 18	-3	-16	.00
Feb. 19	-2	-21	.00
Feb. 20	07	-18	.00
Feb. 21	23	00	.00
Feb. 22	44	18	.00
Total for last week			0.03
Total for February			0.30
Total precipitation 2025			0.40

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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Bar-B-Que Green Beans

Good day,
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I found this recipe and decided to give it a try for my Christmas dinner.
My family loved it! We did have some leftovers and they were even more tasty left over.
The only thing I did

different was I used my home canned green beans and I didn't add the cayenne pepper.
It didn't seem like it took the full 3 hours. So be your own best judge of when they're done.
You have to try this one!
Delicious.

JoAnn

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- 12 strips of bacon
- 1/2 medium onion diced
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup Sweet Baby Rays® B-B-Q sauce
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbls worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional)
- 4-15 oz cans cut green beans (drained)

Cook the bacon, leave 2 Tbls bacon grease in the pan, cook the diced onion for 2-3 minutes.
Mix all the ingredients (except beans) until it is all combined.
Spray the crock pot with cooking spray. I used a liner when I made them.
Add the beans and sauce, mix all together (don't over stir). Cover with the chopped up bacon, cook on low for 3 hours. So yummy!

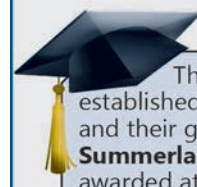
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*One scholarship will be granted to a 2025 graduating senior and the second will be given to a graduate who is in his/her second or subsequent year of post-secondary education. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000; preference will be given to students pursuing studies in agriculture or related fields.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 1ST.

For more information or an application, please contact your local school's guidance counselor.



Wolfpack dance team competes at State!

Elgin Public-Pope John's dance team competed Friday at the state championship competition held in Grand Island. Attending were (l-r): Sponsor Julie Thiessen, Braelyn Martinsen, Kayton Zwingman, Sadie Thiessen, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Kaitey Schumacher, Ruby Durre and sponsor Casondra Anderson. The team received an 'Excellence in Academics' award.

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- Orthopedics...Dr. Rickert/Sean Craig Mar. 13th
- Otolaryngology...Dr. Jazwick/Amber Citta Mar. 21st
- Otolaryngology...Dr. Bliss Mar. 26th
- Podiatry...Dr. Borer Mar. 5th & 25th
- Pulmonology...Dr. Stritt Mar. 19th
- Urology...Dr. Hill/Stegman Mar. 6th & 20th
- Wound...Dr. Kohl/Candice Schnoor Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th



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DeKay

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funding in the Water Recreational Enhancement Fund to complete the Weigand Marina project.

However, the proposed Weigand Marina would not be affected if both (1) LB480 passes and (2) the Governor's budget recommendation is not adopted since that project is nearing the completion of design and could be bid out for construction later this year. LB480 would ensure that any excess funds not used by the marina project would be used by the Game and Parks Commission to complete other smaller projects that still align with the intent of the STAR WARS legislation given current time and fiscal constraints. Projects that could be authorized by LB480 include a new visitor center at Niobrara State Park and road improvements at Lake McConaughy.

Meanwhile, I presented LB246 before the Agriculture Committee. LB246 would ban

the manufacture, sale and distribution of cultured protein products in Nebraska. LB246 would not impact plant-based protein alternative products.

I introduced LB246 out of concern for both public safety and Nebraska's cultural identity. In terms of public safety, synthetic meat is a novel product. Throughout the manufacturing process, there are many different ways lab-grown meat could be contaminated, whether it be from bacteria or the many different chemicals used in the bioreactor. New products need time to be studied to better understand what impacts they have. By banning these synthetic-meats now, we will allow for the much-needed time to verify safety for the consumer. While two lab-grown meat poultry products were approved by USDA and FDA under the Biden Administration in 2023, these products may soon enter the wider consumer market, yet they have unknown and uncertain long-term health impacts.

LB246 would also help to preserve Nebraska's cultural identity as "The Beef State." Nebraska is a top exporter of beef, and many Nebraskans take pride in the quality of the state's agricultural products, such as corn-fed steaks. Protecting an aspect of a state's cultural identity is not unprecedented. For example, almost all states have banned the sale or processing of horse meat. The question is not the safety of horse meat or that there are segments of the population who consume horse meat. Instead, states enacted such bans because the sale or processing of horse meat did not align with the state's cultural values. Just as many states have banned horse meat to preserve their cultural identity, Nebraska should ban synthetic meat to align with its identity as "The Beef State."

As bills are heard and debated, I would appreciate your input. Call my Capitol office telephone number at (402) 471-2801 or send email to bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

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As the Elgin FFA Chapter celebrates **NATIONAL FFA WEEK**

Pushing them outside their comfort zone

Somehow, over the course of time, children and young adults have lost the art of communication. They live in a world of social media and text messages and have failed to develop certain life skills that some of us take for granted. For those of us raising kids, I think it's essential before they leave our homes that we help them to learn what some of their peers have not. How to talk to adults.

I get it. Adults can be intimidating and even I don't always want to send an email or make a phone call. I totally understand why my children don't want to do it either. However, if I always do it for them, then they are never going to learn and then I'm sending them out into the world ill-prepared.

My daughter is extremely shy around adults. I don't mind because I don't want her to be comfortable talking to strangers. However, if it's someone she knows well, she needs to be able to talk to them or ask them for something even if I'm not around. Case in point, she left one of her dolls at a friend's house. I drove her over but, on the way, needed to stop at another neighbor's house to drop off something they left behind.

I told my daughter to please take it up to the front door, ring the doorbell, and tell them that her mom was returning the item. She looked at me like I had grown horns and begged me to come with her. Mind you, she knows these people well. She has played at their house, we see them literally every week,

and we have even vacationed with them as a family. I stood my ground. I told her if she wanted me to take her to get the doll, then she needed to do it. She breathed a heavy sigh and reluctantly did it. When she returned to the car, I asked if it was really that bad and she admitted it was not. Such a simple act but I think pushing them a little outside their comfort zone can be a good thing.

Yesterday, my son came home from school, and I reminded him that he was supposed to stay for orchestra practice. He immediately started freaking out and asked me to email his teacher. I have come to his aid many times in the past but this time I refused. He was the one that forgot, he needed to email the teacher. He started listing excuses, like he didn't know how or what to say. I simply told him that I would show him how to do it and I would even suggest some wording, but that I would not email him.

He finally gave in and sent an email. However, I later read the email and was horrified at the run-on sentence and lack of

proper grammar. Obviously, I still have work to do there. My kids aren't allowed to have social media.

Nonetheless, through text messaging and the way they communicate with peers, they don't value proper grammar. He clearly didn't know how to construct an email properly and I am very curious how his teacher will respond.

Yes, I still have a way to go. But taking the first step to push them is a start. We can't expect our children to just know how to communicate, especially when their peers are just as inept.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

February 25, 1965

Kathy Robertson and Kenneth Vanourney were winners of the American Legion oratorical contest held in the Elgin High and St. Boniface High Schools, respectively. Competition was held Wednesday of last week with four juniors from each school viewing for first place in separate events.

Mr. Maude Beeson of this neighborhood and Emory Denney of Neligh were married on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in Norfolk by the Rev. Guy B. Dunning. They plan to make their home on the Beeson farm.

Donald F. Scholl, son of Mrs. Leona Scholl, has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force at Hahn AB Germany. The sergeant is a former student at Elgin Public School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kallhoff are the parents of a 7 lb. 8 oz. daughter, Rhonda Marie born Friday, Feb. 19, 1965 in the Tilden Community hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blunt of 203 Blaine St., Norfolk, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 21st at the Methodist church in Elgin. A dinner at noon was served to 22 relatives in the Party Room of the 2x4 Cafe.

Fifty Years Ago

February 20, 1975

Frank J. Stehly, D.D.S., received the outstanding citizen award from Elgin Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Mundorf. Dr. Stehly has been a dentist in this community for 50 years and received the award at the conclusion of the annual winter C-C Ladies' Night dinner in the American Legion Hall Monday night.

Five EHS wrestlers will go to the state tournament this weekend as a result of their accomplishments in the district tournament. They are Brad Norton, Marty Legate, Clyde Meis, Carey Sutton and Craig Meis.

Mrs. Louise Hoefler observed her 93rd birthday anniversary Sunday afternoon at Keahaven Rest Home where she has made her home for several years. Her daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Meyers of Council Bluffs, Ia., Mrs. Bob Obradovich of Omaha, Mrs. Pauline Starman and Mrs. John Mackel were the hostesses.

Pope John High School wrestlers will go to state competition this weekend in Class C. Going to state will be Mark Schrage, Floyd Knust, and Tony Reicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Foss of Petersburg announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Beverly, to Mark Seier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Seier of Loretto. A May 17th wedding is being planned.

Thirty Years Ago

February 22, 1995

Elgin Volunteer Fire Department was called at 1:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, to a grass fire on land owned by Wagonhammer Ranches in Wheeler County, 15 miles west and 1 1/2 miles south of Elgin. The fire burned only a small portion of the pasture.

Three Pope John Central Catholic wrestlers brought home medals from last weekend's tough Class D State Tournament in Lincoln. PJ state medalists were juniors James Thiele at 112 pounds and Heath Petsche at 172, both placing fourth, and senior Bryan Stuhr, sixth at 185 pounds.

Brock Henn of Elgin-Petersburg earned a fourth place medal at 142 pounds in last weekend's Nebraska State High School Wrestling Tournament. Henn in a four-time state qualifier.

National Honor Society Induction ceremonies were held at Pope John Central Catholic High School in Elgin on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Membership was conferred on seven students. Senior inductees were Teresa Dinslage and Wendy Luettel. Junior inductees were Krista Bauer, Tim Klein, and John McNally. Inducted from the sophomore class were Jennifer Dwyer and Jeff Moser.

St. John's Catholic School in Petersburg has been moved into the new Parish Center there. Classes began last Thursday, Feb. 16, in the new 15,000-square-foot St. John's Parish Center, which contains the school, a large auditorium called Werner Hall, and space for the Petersburg Senior Citizens Center.

Twenty Years Ago

February 23, 2005

Nate Dierks, son of Chris and Suzanne Dierks, was the top speller in the Antelope County Spelling Contest held Monday, Feb. 21, at the Neligh American Legion Club. He is an eighth grade student at Pope John.

Elgin's annual Dollars for Scholars fund drive topped the \$1,220 mark in its first week and is well on its way to the \$2,000 goal. The fund drive total stood at \$1,220 as of Monday, Feb. 21.

Curator

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county seat over the last 25 years.

Allemand said she has a lot to learn in her new job. One thing she hopes to do is work with young people and get them into the museum. She wants to come up with programs for the youth to get them involved in learning about history in a hands-on manner that encourages them to want to return to the facility.

"The need to have their visit to the museum be memorable," she said, adding "I want them to say: We did this at the museum. We want to go there again." Allemand can be reached at (402) 887-5010.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

February 15-22, 2025

with Elgin celebrating the week of **Febr. 22-March 1**

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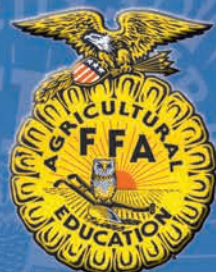


The 2024-25 Elgin FFA Chapter members. Back row, left to right: Makenna Mortiboy, Gemma Miller, Brystol Buschow, Rylen Schwarting, Dannya Smidt, Kyla Donaldson, Zoey Buechter, Austin Hinkle, Gavin Kallhoff, Dylan Kolm, Ticen Sparr, Landon Kallhoff and Trey Rittscher. Fourth row, left to right: Kaidynce Schrad, Evin Pelster, Jarek Erickson, Taylor Beckman, Brayden Burenheide, Elizabeth Moser, Brooke Kinney, Aubrie Parks, Kinley Druke, Michael Selting, Kellan Hoefler and Advisor Julia Schwartz. Third row, left to right: Jaidyn Schrad, Chloe Henn, Justice Blecher, Samantha Durre, Sara Bode, Kyndal Busted, Kayton Zwingman, Callie Heithoff, Natalie Burenheide, Haley Parks and Isaac Hemenway. Second row, left to right: Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen, Gentry Zwingman, Libby Evans, Sadie Thiessen, Molly Thiessen, Anna Dworak, Megan Wright, Sophia Burke, Kynlee Tillis, Madelyn Kurgeweit and Kylee Lichtenberg. Front row, left to right: Wyatt Paul, Joseph McNally, Christian Preister, Jayvin Erickson, Donmetrious Dredge, Max Henn, John Zwingman, Jael Lammers and Sydney Niewohner. Not Pictured: Kaiden Bode, Jaydalyn Chessmore and Macy Rokahr.



Back row: Vice President Callie Heithoff and Secretary Kylee Lichtenberg. Middle row: Reporter Sara Bode, Treasurer Natalie Burenheide and Junior Advisor Gemma Miller. Front row: Sentinel Isaac Hemenway, President Taylor Beckman and Parliamentarian Kyndal Busted. E-R photo/LMorgan

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

Edward R. Murrow

Merging agencies always sound good, give the illusion of progress

As a young reporter, I got the opportunity to cover, and learn a few things, from maybe the greatest state senator ever, Jerome Warner.

He was the kind of state senator who just commanded respect, and unlike some politicians, had a well-formed group of beliefs that guided his decision making.

For instance, one was that user fees should finance certain aspects of government.

For example, roads. The primary users of roads and highways should pay for them,

Warner reasoned. Thus, he believed that gas taxes, paid by users of roads, ought to fund road-building (but that concept was abandoned by legislators a few years back when they designated a portion of the state sales taxes to that endeavor).

He also wasn't a big fan of merging wings of govern-

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



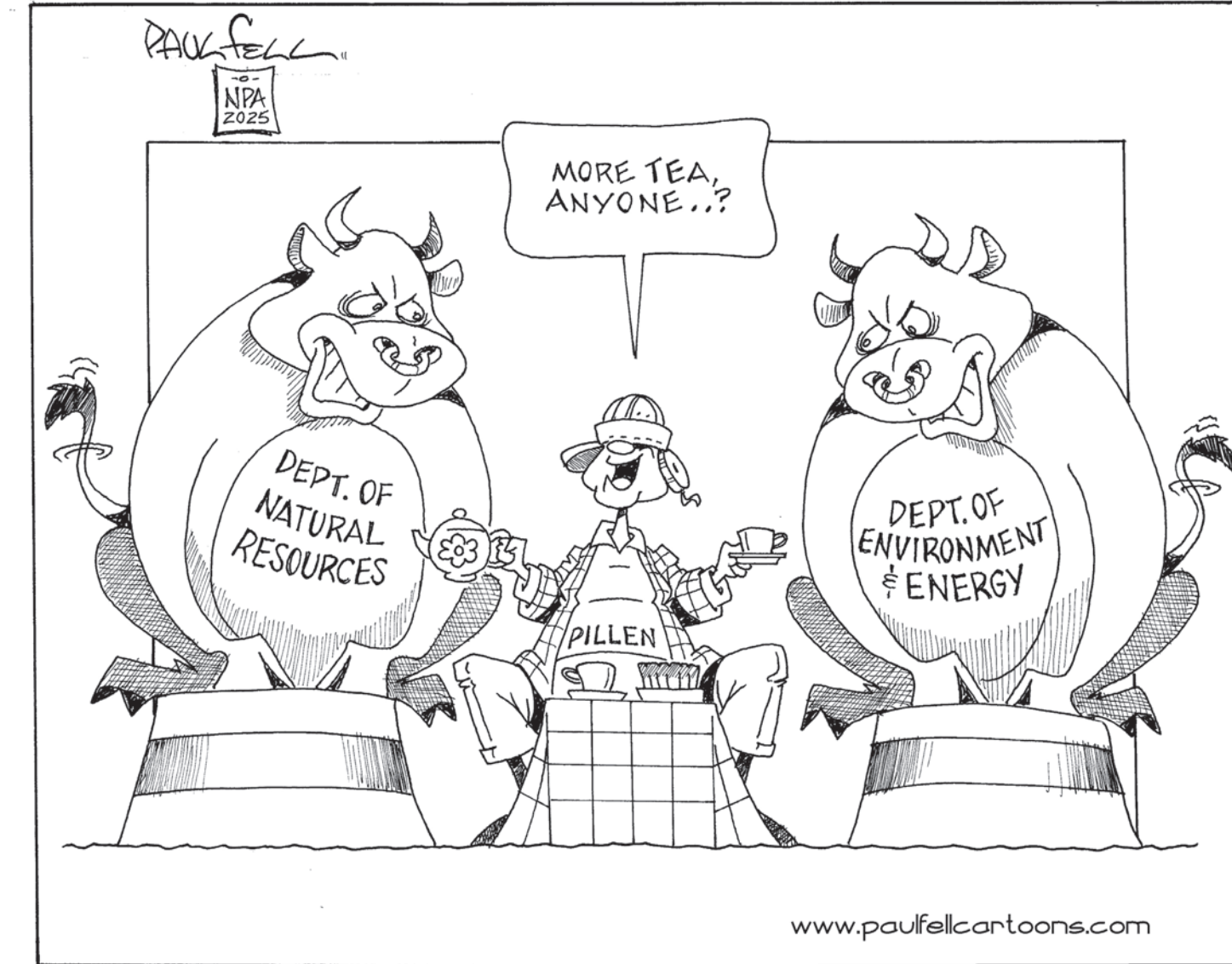
State Correspondent Paul Hammel

I'll never forget a plaque on the wall of Warner's office. It displayed a quote attributed to a Roman philosopher that read: "We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganized."

The punchline that followed was that reorganizing was a wonderful way to present the "illusion of progress" while instead, producing "confusion, inefficiency and demoralization."

Which brings us to Gov. Pillen's most recent proposal - to merge the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE).

Doing this, the governor recently told state legislators, would eliminate



redundant administrative functions, and would - after spending \$100,000 to "rebrand" the new unified agency and print new business cards and stationery - save money and better address nitrate contamination in groundwater. Who isn't for saving a few bucks and protecting our drinking water from nitrate contamination? And, if the old ways of doing things aren't working

anymore, changing things around can make improvements. But the governor and his people, according to press accounts, didn't come armed with a lot of reasons why merging these two government agencies - which spend a combined \$200 million a year - would save money and be more efficient. Management of the state's water resources, which DNR handles, is complicated and often controversial. It requires balancing competing interests who use groundwater for irrigation and manufacturing with those who utilize stream flows for crops and wildlife. That seems like quite a different job than advising companies and feedlot operators how to avoid running afoul of laws protecting our air, land and water.

Similar concerns were raised about joining DNR and NDEE by those interested in building the Perkins County Canal. The long-ago-abandoned canal would, in concept, divert more water from the South Platte River for Nebraska before Denver area suburbs do. A merged agency, they argued, might not be as aggressive in supporting such a multi-million-dollar project.

The merger was not supported by the state's biggest agriculture organization, the Nebraska Farm Bureau, who helped Pillen get elected in 2022. That's always a red flag when they disagree. For Pillen, the roughing up he got at the public hearing over his merger idea couldn't have been as rough as being bucked off a horse, as happened in December. But like that horse, he might want to keep this idea in the barn for a while.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun.

USPS must serve rural Americans

Our nation's founders understood the importance of establishing a universal postal system from the very beginning. In 1775, the Second Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin postmaster general for the American colonies, nearly a full year prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Today the United States Postal Service (USPS) makes up our largest non-military governmental infrastructure, obligated to guarantee service to all 167 million addresses across the country.

The recent announcement of U.S. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's planned resignation has cast a spotlight on historic challenges facing the USPS. As income has failed to cover USPS expenses and debt for more than 15 years, financial troubles and a declining standard of service have long predated DeJoy's tenure. Since 2007, the USPS has reported net losses totaling more than \$100 billion.

The proliferation of online communication in the digital age has disrupted demand, and pension and retiree health benefits, which make up the largest share of unfunded USPS liabilities, have strained solvency. Since 1998, the volume for USPS' most profitable product, First-Class Mail, has declined 80 percent and currently stands at its lowest volume since 1968.

Many Americans have turned to the private sector for the delivery of important parcels and letters. However, private courier services do not have the same legal obligation as USPS to provide universal timely service. Therefore, millions of Americans living in rural communities still rely on the postal service to deliver bills, medication, essential goods, and even as the "last mile" deliverer for other parcel services. I consistently hear from Nebraskans voicing their concerns over late or undelivered mail and packages. Unfortunately, time after time the USPS has chosen to neglect these rural communities through consolidation of facilities which inevitably leads to slower delivery standards and an increase in delays.

Because Congress has a constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the USPS, in February 2024, I sent a letter to Postmaster General DeJoy expressing concern over proposed removal of postal operations from the North Platte Mail Processing

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, March 3: Smothered pork cutlets, scalloped potatoes, peas, peaches, bread/butter, milk.

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Friday, March 7: Grilled cheese OR grilled ham & cheese, lettuce salad, macaroni & cheese, carrots/celery, bread/butter, milk.

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Robert L. Medcalf, 79

September 24, 1945 - February 21, 2025

A longtime member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, he was very active on Pope John's School Board.



Robert L. Medcalf, 79 of Norfolk, NE, died Friday, February

21, 2025, at Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing Home, Norfolk, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025 (today), at St. Boniface Church in Elgin with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, at the church, with a 7 p.m. wake service.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Robert LeRoy Medcalf, son of Lyle and Louise (Sargent) Medcalf was born September 24, 1945, at Ewing, NE. He attended high school in Neligh, NE and graduated with the class of 1963.

On June 24, 1967, Bob was united in marriage to Mary Kay Hofer at St. Boniface in Elgin, NE. He was baptized and confirmed into the catholic faith in July of 1969. From this union, Bob was blessed with two children.

The couple made their home

near Clearwater, NE where they lived and raised their children. Bob worked at Blackburn Manufacturing, drove a semi, and raised hogs on their farm.

Bob was long time member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church. He was also very active on Pope John's school board, Pork Producers board, and in the 80's he was on the Antelope County Fair board. He enjoyed square dancing, driving truck, playing cards, and watching professional wrestling.

Bob is survived by his two children: Karen (Loren) Paquette of Elkhorn, NE; Brian (Mandy) Medcalf of Highlands Ranch, CO; long-time companion: Mryna Mosel of Neligh, NE; four grandsons: Tyler (Elizabeth) Hardy of Omaha, NE; Travis (Breanna) Hardy of Omaha, NE; Austin and Alex Medcalf both of Highlands Ranch, CO; two granddaughters: Hayley Hamilton and Josie Medcalf both of Highlands Ranch, CO; two sisters: Louanne (Mike) Higgins of Cabello, NM; and Linda Morrison of Tulsa, OK; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife: Mary Kay Medcalf.

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and Distribution Center as part of the USPS Mail Processing Facility Reviews. This proposal threatened to move mail processing outside of the state, potentially adding days to delivery times and undermining Third District customer satisfaction. I was grateful when, due to overwhelming public backlash, plans for the North Platte facility's closure were postponed.

Earlier this month, I led my Nebraska colleagues in asking President Trump to fill current vacancies on the USPS Board

of Governors with individuals ready to advance solutions. Up against historic budget deficits and market disruption, it is clear innovation is sorely needed to modernize and maintain this institution which has provided a vital service to American citizens throughout our nation's history. For nearly two and a half centuries the postal service has fostered correspondence, commerce, and connection between Americans. Any USPS reform must preserve its fundamental duty to provide reliable mail service to every American household.

OBITUARIES

Laura Mae Spieker, 91

March 14, 1933 - February 20, 2025

A homemaker for most of her life, she was known for her cinnamon rolls and canned dill pickles.



Funeral Service for Laura Mae Spieker age 91 of Neligh,

Nebraska will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Neligh, Nebraska. Burial will be in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery at Elgin, Nebraska.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2025 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with wake service at 7:00 p.m.

Beyer Snider Memorial Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Laura Mae passed away on February 20, 2025 at Antelope Memorial Hospital in Neligh, Nebraska.

Condolences may be directed to the family at www.beyersnidermemorialfh.com

Laura Mae Spieker was born on March 14, 1933 to William and Hilda (Welding) Sehi on the family farm rural Clearwater, Nebraska. She attended country school south of Clearwater.

On September 15, 1953 she was united in marriage to Robert Spieker at St. John's Catholic Church rural Clearwater, Nebraska. To this union, eleven children were born.

When first married, they lived on a farm near Park Center area west of Elgin and they farmed south of Elgin for several years. They moved to

a farm near Brunswick, NE in 1963.

She was a homemaker for most of her life and known for her cinnamon rolls and her canned dill pickles.

She took care of cleaning the parsonage and cooking for the priest at St. Johns.

Laura also worked at Neligh Hospital and Bennett's Turkey Farm.

She loved spending time with her family. She also liked quilting, going to the casino, fishing, camping, and gardening. She was a member of St. Francis Church and was a Christian Mother.

Survived by Carol Anderson of Neligh, NE; Karen Eischeid of Elgin; James (Renee) Spieker of Madison, NE; Janelle Risinger of Spring Valley, OH; Vera (Mark) Sullivan of Columbus, NE; Cary (Kim) Spieker of Norfolk, NE; Lynette (Gary) Faltin of Dodge, NE; Roberta "Bobbi" Kennedy of Elgin; Connie (Brad) Snyder of Holstein, IA; and Terri Spieker of McKinney, TX. 30 grandchildren and 49 great grandchildren. Brother, Dave (Marilyn) Sehi of Clearwater, NE and Sister, Wilma Schaecher of Norfolk, NE and aunt Arlene Welding of Greenfield, WI.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; and infant daughter, Annette. Sister, Shirley Henkenius; son-in-laws, Mark Risinger and Paul Eischeid; grandson Joseph Sullivan and grandson-in-law, Andrew Lingenfelter.

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Bartlett News

Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. The meeting was held at the old firehall with 6 members present. A car show, "Grilling for the Bronzes," tractor pull and craft fair will be held May 31 at Bartlett. This event will be covered by the Bartlett Lions Club Insurance and will list the club as sponsors on

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Boone County Health Center (BCHC) has announced the addition of Melissa Griffin, LIMHP, LADC, to its Behavioral Health team.

A Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, she will be available Monday through Friday to provide vital mental health services to the Albion community and surrounding areas.

Originally from Firth, Nebraska, Melissa now resides

in Fullerton. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Community Counseling from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

With a deep passion for helping people become the best version of themselves, she brings a wealth of experience and dedication to BCHC.

"I'm excited to serve the community and help meet the growing mental health needs of patients," said Melissa. "Boone

County Health Center has a strong reputation for providing compassionate, patient-centered care, and I look forward to being part of this team."

"We are thrilled to add Melissa to our Behavioral Health team," said Kayla Baker, Director of Behavioral Health Services at BCHC. "Mental health care is essential to overall well-being, and her experience and expertise will enhance the services we offer to our patients."

Outside of work, Melissa enjoys reading and attending her

children's activities. She and her husband, Eric, have three children: Tyler (19), Hunter (18), and Kora (9).

For more information or to schedule an appointment, patients can visit with their Primary Care Provider or contact BCHC's Behavioral Health department at 402-395-3247.



Melissa Griffin

BCHC masquerade ball to support surgical care

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) Foundation is excited to announce that ticket sales are now live for its biennial gala, a Masquerade Ball. The event will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Cardinal Inn Event Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a social hour, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

The event will raise funds for the Scope It Out project, which aims to raise \$98,000 overall to purchase new scopes for the Surgery Department at Boone County Health Center. Guests will enjoy fine dining, live entertainment, and thrilling activities, all in support of this vital cause.

The event features Encrypt Escape Rooms from Norfolk, offering tabletop breakout challenges where each table will work as a team to solve puzzles and race against the clock. Live music will be provided by The VIX, a rock and roll band out of Lincoln, featuring Kalen Krohn, musician with local ties.

Leetch now a nurse practitioner

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is pleased to announce that longtime registered nurse Tara Leetch has officially signed on as a Nurse Practitioner and will begin seeing patients in both the Clinic and Emergency Department in late summer.

Tara has dedicated 17 years to BCHC, serving in various roles across the hospital, including the medical-surgical floor, labor and delivery, and emergency department. She has also served as the Infection Preventionist nurse, Emergency Department manager, and trauma coordinator.

Her extensive experience, coupled with her passion for patient care, led her to take the next step in her career and pursue her Nurse Practitioner degree.

"I see myself as a lifelong learner and was ready for the next challenge," said Tara. "I have always loved the acute care setting of the hospital, especially the emergency department, but I'm looking forward to working in primary care and continuing to build relationships with patients and families."

Tara began her nursing journey as a Certified Nursing Assistant at age 16, inspired by her mother's encouragement. She later earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing from Central Community College in 2008, followed by her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2015. She is currently completing her Master's Degree in Nursing through Mount Marty University, with plans to graduate in May 2025.

Throughout her career, Tara has been influenced by many nurses at BCHC, including experienced mentors who guided

her in her early years. "I feel so appreciative of all the love and support from so many people at BCHC who have helped me along the way," she said.

Boone County Health Center CEO Caleb Poore expressed his appreciation for Tara's long-standing commitment to the health center.

"Tara has given so much to BCHC over the years, and we are thrilled to see her take on this new role. Her dedication, experience, and compassion for patients make her an incredible asset to our team, and we are grateful she is continuing her career with us."

Outside of work, Tara enjoys spending time with her family, attending her children's activities, and enjoying the outdoors at their cabin, where they love boating and fishing. She also has a passion for cooking, gardening, and running.

BCHC is excited to welcome Tara into her new role and looks forward to her continued impact in serving the community.

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Spinning Tales

From Tilden to Elgin to Omaha, five days that won't soon be forgotten

ELGIN — Five days that rocked Wolfpack nation. That's how I would describe the events which transpired from Tuesday through Saturday last week.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher Dennis Morgan

There may not have been such a week, at least not in my time as owner of this newspaper, no time when so much happened to shape the fortunes of the Wolfpack sports fan.

If there was a stopwatch ticking in your mind, it would have charted the ups and down of Wolfpack athletes here, near and far from home as we followed in person and/or on live stream.

Here's the journey, minute-by-minute.

Tuesday afternoon — Sophomore Libby Evans, steps on the mat at Omaha to begin her second state wrestling tournament. She wins her first match in typical Evans fashion. Marking the beginning of a fantastic run which ends up in a fourth place medal. She reaches the semi-final round before losing a match, then fights her way back to the consolation finals before dropping her second match and finishing fourth. It's the first time, albeit the girls state tournament is only in its second sanctioned year by the NSAA, a Wolfpack female wrestler has medaled at state.

Evans would later say she hopes her success will inspire other girls to go out for wrestling at EPPJ. "I really hope so, it would be cool to have a larger team."

Wednesday evening — Having only suffered a handful of losses throughout the season, the Wolfpack girls basketball team takes the court at Elkhorn Valley High School to begin play in the subdistrict basketball tournament. Myself, I look

at this game as the prelude to a much bigger game the next night against the undefeated Lady Falcons.

To my shock and surprise, Niobrara-Verdigre has other plans. The Cougars take a 16-point lead in the first half, then hold off a second half charge by EPPJ to end the Wolfpack's season 56 to 44. Throughout the second half I expect the Wolfpack to make a big comeback. Why? The Wolfpack's pressure defense is so good on this night the Cougars struggle to get the ball past half-court before turning it over. EPPJ cuts the lead down to six points and has opportunities, but can't capitalize and so the season ends.

Thursday morning — Landyn Veik, the lone Wolfpack boys wrestler to qualify for state, wins his opening match, then loses his quarterfinal match. Now forced to wrestle in the consolation rounds, the junior remains alive in the tournament, but every match from here on out can be summed up in four words, "win or go home."

Friday afternoon — Veik takes control early and claims a major decision (11 to 0) over Mullen's Cooper Walker. The victory sets the stage for the next round hours later.

Friday evening — The Wolfpack boys basketball team takes the floor to play O'Neill

St. Mary's. Our players have the 'eye of the tiger' look in their eyes. At the other end of the court, the Cardinals seem overconfident, not much energy other than rattling the rim with dunks in warmups. The game begins with EPPJ scorching the nets with 22 first quarter points to lead by 12. I expect Jarek Erickson to get his points, Dylan Kolm comes out of nowhere with 10 first quarter points en route to a 23-point effort.

In the second half, St. Mary's makes it respectable but never gets close enough to have a chance to win the game. EPPJ wins by four points, thanks to two meaningless treys by the Cardinals in the final seconds. The outcome is big for the Wolfpack's postseason chances of playing in a district final whether or not they win subdistricts this week.

Friday night — Rushing home from the game, less than an hour after EPPJ won on the basketball court, back in Omaha Landyn Veik in consolation round #3 against Francis Pieper from North Platte St. Pat's. Again, it's win or go home time. Veik falls behind early, then comes back to force overtime by outscoring his opponent five to two over the final two periods.

Then, in overtime, Veik gets Pieper in a hold which leads to a pin. Coaches Adam Veik (his father) and Shane Beckman celebrate the moment in grand

fashion, jumping into the air and embracing. But the biggest embrace is between the wrestler and his father.

It's the biggest victory in Landyn's career in the most pressure-filled match of his life. It means he will medal in this, his first trip to state.

Saturday morning — Veik wrestles two more times. In the consolation semi-final round, he is overwhelmed 17 to one by Josh Mace from Archbishop Bergan.

Then, in the fifth place match, the last one he will wrestle this year in Omaha, Wisner-Pilger's Keegan Poppe gets a major decision victory over the Wolfpack wrestler.

Saturday afternoon — Having wrestled six times in three days, winning four of those matches, Veik steps on the medal stand and receives his sixth place medal, capping a season where he won 30 matches and losing only 13. He's wrestled the best wrestlers in the state and held his own.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity," he said about getting to compete against the best wrestlers at state.

The promise of a super senior season is in front of him.

There you have it, five days that rocked the Wolfpack world. Highs and lows and so much more.

Such is the way in Wolfpack Nation!

Pride of the PACK

DYLAN KOLM
BOYS BASKETBALL

MADEYN KURPGEWEIT
GIRLS BASKETBALL

LIBBY EVANS
WRESTLING

A senior, Dylan had a fantastic game against St. Mary's. He had a career-high 23 points in the game, helping the Wolfpack win 69-65.

The Wolfpack ended their season last week. A sophomore, Mady led the team in points (10, rebounds (11) & had 6 blocks.

A sophomore, Libby not only made it to state again this year but she earned an impressive 4th place medal in Class B - 190#

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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Brayden Burenheide

Brayden Burenheide is this month's member of the month! Brayden, a FFA member at Pope John High School, is the son of Julie Schiltmeyer and Lee Burenheide of Clarkson.



Brayden Burenheide

welding competition. Currently, only into one semester of SMAW welding, Brayden took on the task of learning how to TIG weld! He has gone above and beyond to become a great TIG welder and is hopeful for a great outcome from his district contest.

Congratulations Brayden and we look forward to all your FFA accomplishments in the future.

Brayden has been an FFA member for two years and has shown a lot of passion and enthusiasm for his Agriculture classes and FFA. Brayden is not afraid to try new events and he puts a lot of effort and work into preparing for his events. For the past few months, he has been working very hard to prepare for the District FFA

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Courthouse News

Antelope County Judge Donna Taylor presided over a variety of cases during a Feb. 19 court session at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh.

A plea deal was reached in a case involving a 53-year-old Albion man charged with one felony count of issuing a bad check.

Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith told the court the defendant agreed to plead guilty to an amended complaint and pay restitution immediately.

Dennis Leitschuck entered a guilty plea to one count of issuing a bad check - \$0 to \$500, a Class II misdemeanor.

Taylor sentenced Leitschuck to pay a \$250 fine, which is suspended until March 19. Leitschuck paid \$57.59 restitution to Elgin One Stop and court costs of \$49.

A show cause hearing is set for March 19, if payment is not received.

Xavier W. Hobbs, 22, of Ewing, failed to appear for a show cause hearing regarding a 2024 case where Hobbs was convicted and sentenced on one count of possession of marijuana one ounce or less - 1st offense, an infraction and speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

In an earlier court appearance, Hobbs requested to pay the court costs totaling \$424 over a period of time. At the time, Taylor ordered payment due in full by Feb. 19 or the defendant was to appear to determine if he should be given additional time to pay, community service or held in contempt.

Taylor issued a time pay warrant which, upon service, would force Hobbs to select a payment method, including full payment of the judgment and costs, serve jail time at \$150 per day, appear in court at the next available date. Bond, in the amount of \$1,500 - 10%, with the defendant set to appear on Wednesday following arrest, unless judgment is paid by days held, prior to the hearing.

Michelle R. Zelms, 37, of Norfolk, appeared for arraignment on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor, related to a Feb. 14 incident which occurred at rural Ewing in Antelope County.

Zelms requested a public defender. Taylor adjudged her indigent and appointed Antelope County Attorney Patrick Carney.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Zelms and a 33-year-old man were drinking alcohol at his rural Ewing residence and argued about a pack of cigarettes. Zelms yelled at the man, sprayed pepper spray, punched him and, at one point, pinned him on the ground and began stabbing him on the shoulder and back with her pocketknife.

Zelms allegedly bit the man on his cheek and an unknown object entered the man's right eye.

While trying to get away from the woman, she allegedly bit his finger.

Both individuals were transported to Antelope Memorial Hospital and the man was transferred to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Zelms was transported to the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center, where she was arrested.

Taylor set bond at \$25,000-10%, with the conditions that Zelms not consume alcohol, not possess or consume any controlled substance, submit to search of person, vehicle, premises or chemical test as requested by law enforcement and have no contact with the 33-year-old man.

Zelms will appear March 5 for further arraignment.

Tyler R. Bellar, 21, of Elgin, appeared for further arraignment on one count of domestic violence assault-3rd/threat/bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

Bellar's counsel, Antelope County Public Defender Patrick Carney, requested a continuance, which was granted.

Taylor ordered the county attorney and county defender to file witness and exhibit lists before the next hearing date.

Bellar will appear March 5 for a pretrial hearing.

Thomas A. Warnke, 21, of Beatrice, appeared for a preliminary hearing on one count of sexual assault - 1st degree, a Class II felony; one count of attempt of a Class II felony, a Class IIA felony.

Warnke signed a waiver of appearance and waiver of preliminary hearing. Taylor accepted the waiver.

Warnke will be bound over to Antelope County District Court. He will appear March 26 for arraignment.

Dallus L. Christiansen, 27, of Neligh, appeared for a hearing on one count of driving under the influence-.15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

Christiansen told the court he had completed an alcohol/drug evaluation but a copy was not given to the court.

Taylor continued the case for sentencing on March 5. Bond, in the amount of \$5,000-10% is continued.

On Nov. 13, Christiansen was traveling on Highway 275, when he was pulled over for allegedly driving 80 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone. During a traffic stop, conducted by an on-duty Nebraska State Patrol officer, the trooper conducted field sobriety tests, which showed Christiansen testing at .191 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

He consented to be tested again at the Antelope County Jail, which showed .195 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. Christiansen was taken into custody at the time.

Timothy C. Braun, 43, of Creighton, appeared for a pretrial hearing on one count of false reporting - misdemeanor, a Class I misdemeanor.

Smith informed the court a plea agreement had been reached. Braun pleaded no contest to the charge and Taylor found him guilty.

Per the plea agreement, Smith recommended Braun receive a fine at sentencing. Taylor ordered the defendant to pay a \$500 fine and court costs of \$50.

Aaron B. Smith, 40, of Orchard, appeared for further arraignment on one count of obstruct government operations, a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of disturbing the peace, a Class III misdemeanor.

The county attorney told Taylor a plea deal had been reached, with the following conditions: If the defendant pleads guilty/no contest to count two, the first count will be dismissed, and the state will recommend a fine at sentencing.

Smith pleaded no contest to the second count and Taylor found him guilty. The first charge was dismissed with prejudice. Taylor ordered Smith to pay a \$250 fine and court costs totaling \$50.

James A. Brady, 70, of Norfolk, appeared for a hearing to consider early release.

Since the court had not received an update from the supervising probation officer, Taylor continued the hearing to March 5.

Brady was sentenced in May 2024 after pleading no contest to one count of assault - third degree, a Class I misdemeanor, which stemmed from a 2023 assault which occurred in Neligh.

Melanie J. Bradshaw, 43, of Page, appeared for a motion to suppress on one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor.

Bradshaw originally entered a not guilty plea during a Dec. 4 arraignment and requested a jury trial.

During the Feb. 19 hearing, Taylor overruled the motion and set a pretrial hearing for March 19.

Joanne D. Schottler, 61, of Bloomfield, appeared for sentencing on an amended charge of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor.

Taylor sentenced Schottler to pay a \$500 fine in addition to court costs of \$50 and \$100 in lab costs, and ordered her not to drive.

Her driver's license was revoked for 60 days and Taylor ordered an ignition interlock permit be ordered. Schottler will also serve a probation term of eight months.

Sentencing in a case involving Daniel R. Veik, 41, of Elgin, will be continued to March 5.

Veik's attorney, Martin Klein, requested the continuance. Smith did not object.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS – CULVERTS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE FOR BIDS
Culverts
The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:15 AM on March 11th, 2025, for Culverts. Bids may be brought in or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026. Specifications are available at the Clerk's Office. Bids made on items not listed on the specifications or bids not consistent with the specifications will not be accepted. All bids must be plainly marked "Culvert Bid" on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Successful bidder will supply the specified product. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the March 11th, 2025, board meeting at 9:15 AM in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Antelope County Courthouse Annex. The Antelope County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025
Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:
March 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM
March 11, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.
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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday thru Friday, February 26-28
National FFA Week observed by Elgin FFA Chapter.
Thursday, February 27
Application deadline for CNA course at Boone Central Health Center ■ Boys Subdistrict championship game @ O'Neill St. Mary's.
Monday, March 3
NVC Speech meet at Wheeler Central High School ■ City Council meeting.

Tuesday, March 4
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners in Neligh.

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

Friday, March 7
Elgin Knights of Columbus Fish Fry @ KC Hall*.

Wednesday, March 12
Regular meeting of the District #18

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DISTRICT #18 AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMERICANISM COMMITTEE HEARING
The Elgin Public School Americanism Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday March 12, 2025. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the High School at 7:00 p.m. The agenda of the meeting will be for the purpose of the Americanism Committee Hearing.
Agenda Items
• Previous Meetings Minutes
• Policy Review
• Mr. Ostransky and Mr. Callahan Presentations
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Bartlett

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their fliers.
Kay Reineke will be attending the Lions Conference in Ogallala on March 14-15.
Family Literacy Night will be held at Wheeler Central the evening of March 17. The Bartlett Lions Club will provide some type of Bingo game that evening for the students attending. Kimmie Reed and her mom Patty Collins will be in charge of providing the candy for that event.
The Easter Egg Hunt in Bartlett, sponsored by the Bartlett Lions Club, will be held April 19. Patty Collins is in charge of purchasing the candy for the hunt and David Collins is in charge of purchasing the 'Gold Dollar,' coins from the Cornerstone Bank. A coin is given to each child who attends.
The next meeting will be held March 13 at 7 p.m.
We are thankful that the extremely cold weather is over, at least for now, and for snow that provided us some moisture. February 22 was President Washington's birthday. When I was a student at District 4, a country school in Wheeler County, we cut out silhouettes of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's faces each February to decorate the long west windows of the school in honor of their February birthdays.

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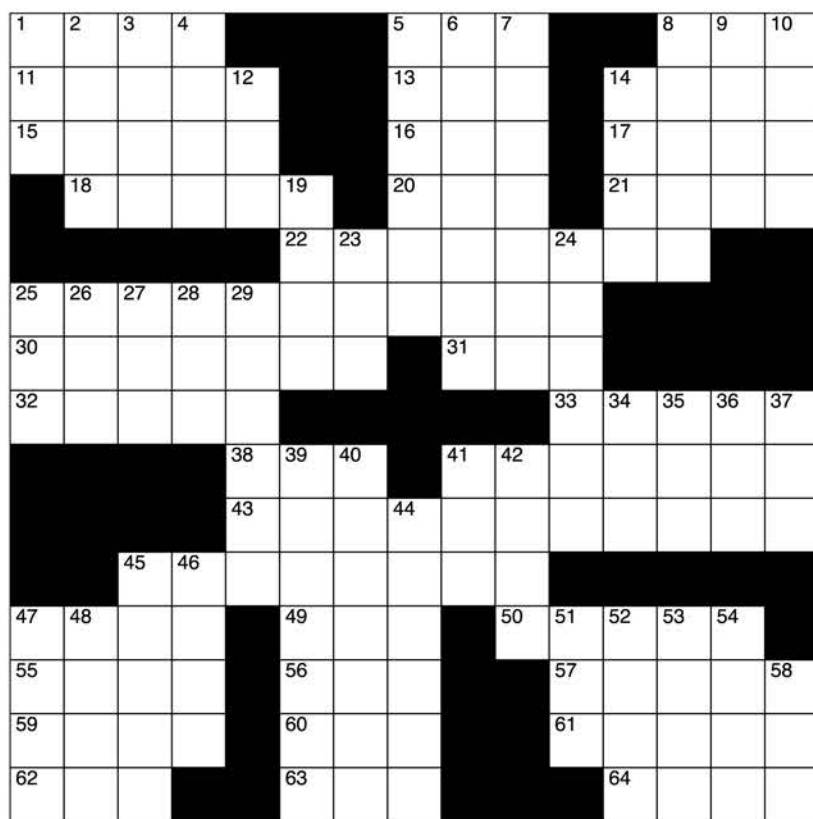
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Crossword Puzzle Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Greek mythological figure
- Small amount
- Play a role
- River in Georgia and Alabama
- Water in the solid state
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Fleece
- Writer/actress Dunham
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Conceits
- Slowed down
- Nourishment
- Midway between east and south-east
- Fights
- Comedienne Tyler
- Standing operating procedure

CLUES DOWN

- S. American plant
- Soul and calypso song
- Fruit of the service tree
- Continent
- Albania's capital
- Poisonous plant
- Argues
- Assists
- Town in Galilee
- Russian leader
- Promotional materials
- Wings
- Not odd
- Expression of creativity
- Conceptualize
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Peyton's little brother
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Difference in potential
- Owner
- I (German)
- Chinese conception of poetry
- The world of the dead
- Sign language
- Coincide
- Religious observance
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Polite interruption sound
- Texas ballplayer
- Type of sword
- Abba ____, Israeli politician
- Basic unit of a chemical element
- Native American people in California
- Swiss river
- Hebrew calendar month
- Easily swindled person
- One point south of southwest
- Small island (British)

Grazing during the winter months and Postpartum/lactation nutrition

Grazing Through the Winter

Having just come off of one of our only substantial snow storms this season, let's take a look today at a few ways winter conditions can impact our herd.

Just how much snow or ice can be a problem for animals grazing is debatable. This back and forth can mostly be attributed to two factors, the forage itself and precipitation we receive. The height and structure of forage is a huge part of availability under snow or ice. A foot of stockpiled grass or a hay swath with lots of air is going to be easier to break into and get meaningful forage from than a shortly grazed pasture or corn residue lying on the ground.

When it comes to precipitation, what we receive can impact availability as well. A heavy, wet snow will be harder to dig through than dry, fluff. Even when dry, large amounts of snow will result in the bottom portion getting compressed and more difficult to dig through. This can also happen as snow is exposed to warm air or sunlight and softens or melts a bit before refreezing at night. Compression and the forming of a crust makes animals trying to dig through for a bite have to work that much harder.

With ice, thickness and length of time it is maintained are the two factors to keep in mind. An inch of ice that melts in a day or two after warm temperatures can have less of an impact and 1/2 inch that sticks around for 3 or 4 days.

So what is the level we need

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to watch for? I like the 6 and 1/4 inch rule. 6 inches of snow or 1/4 inch of ice, and animals are going to work harder to eat. At this point we need to start watching animal condition, and be ready to supplement, especially when temperatures drop. With colder temperatures, animals require more and more energy just to meet basic metabolic needs.

Animals can learn to graze through snow and ice, but their

grazing efficiency is decreased. It's also important to keep in mind that this is a learned behavior, so don't expect animals that have relied up on hay in the past to pick it up overnight. It might be tempting to push animals so they are hungry enough to dig down and find forage. Be careful not to overdo it, especially if you see body condition slipping. A better option may be to help facilitate the learning by scrapping snow away from an area so animals can see for themselves the food below the snow.

One way to be more efficient and limit impact of winter grazing is to strip graze. This keeps animals from packing down snow or trampling feed into the ground by limiting the amount of field they have access too. Additionally, limiting animal's selectivity prevents cherry picking the best stuff first and leaving lower quality forage to the end of the grazing period. While initial grazing may not be as nutrient dense, the overall quality of diet during the entire grazing period will be constantly higher quality.

Knowing how to handle snow and ice is important for a healthy herd come spring. Taller and fluffier forages like stockpiled pasture or windrowed grass are easier for animals to reach under snow and ice. Keep an eye on animals that must dig through more than 6 inches of snow or 1/4 inch of ice, especially when cold temperatures are thrown into the mix.

Postpartum and Lactation Nutrition

Spring calving cows are entering one of the most critical periods of their year from a nutritional standpoint right now. How we handle it can have big implications for breed back and fertility success next year.

Beef cows must recover from the nutrient and physical demands of calving and lactation and will have 80 to 85 days to return to estrus after calving to potentially maintain a yearly calving interval. Failure to successfully manage the postpartum interval (PPI) is one of the major causes of reproductive loss, especially in young cows.

After calving, cows go through postpartum anestrus, a period in which cows do not experience estrous cycles. During this period, the uterus is trying to return to non-pregnant size, shape and position, and repair to support another pregnancy. This process (uterine involution) is completed in approximately 20 to 40 days following calving if no complications arise.

During the first ovulation postpartum, sometimes we see shorter estrous cycles and decreased fertility in those females. Therefore, we need cows to initiate estrous cycles prior to the start of the breeding season to become pregnant. If cows do not exhibit estrous or are still in anestrus, the chance

for those females to cycle or get bred early in the breeding season decreases. So how can we manage cows that calve late or potentially are not cycling early enough postpartum?

Managing nutrient intake and body condition score (BCS) before and after calving contributes to improved reproductive efficiency within a herd. For reproductive success, BCS (on a 9-point scale) should target a 5 to 5.5 for mature females and 5.5 to 6 for first calf heifers by the breeding season.

Ideally, the last trimester is the optimal time to add condition to cows that may be on the thinner side. Studies have also shown that animals that gain a Body Condition Score during the last trimester tend to have shorter postpartum intervals than those that maintain condition. Unfortunately, we sometimes have to play catch up.

Sometimes producers make the mistake of assuming that increasing the protein supplementation previously fed during gestation will meet the needs of the now lactating cow.

If a 1300 pound lactating cow is fed 30 pounds (as is basis) of medium quality hay (52% TDN) and provided a protein lick tub with limited consumption of 1 pound (as is) per day, then this cow will fall short of both protein and energy required for lactation. Feeding 30 pounds (as is basis) of that same hay with 5 pounds (as is) of a 30% protein cube would meet the protein requirement, but fall just short of the energy requirement. This will likely result in some loss of body condition prior to turning out on green grass. For a cow in a body condition score (BCS) 6 (1-9 scale), this will likely not have a major impact on her ability to rebreed within 83 days of calving. It can be detrimental for a cow in a BCS 4.

Producers will want to keep an especially watchful eye on the BCS of first calf heifers as they have a smaller rumen than

a mature cow, and therefore cannot eat as much and likely will need a more nutrient dense diet. Additionally, they have a requirement for growth on top of lactation, which can make rebreeding a challenge. Having heifers in a BCS 6 at calving can help alleviate some of the challenges associated with lactation.

Right now is a good time to assess BCS of the cows in spring calving herds and send feed samples to a commercial laboratory for nutrient analysis. This will help producers be better prepared to feed a diet during calving that will prevent BCS loss in cows that may not have excess BCS to give this year.

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Cod filets:
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1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
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Spicy Oven-Fried Cod Filets
4 servings
Sauce:
2 teaspoons thinly sliced green onion with top
1 small garlic clove, pressed
1/2 cup reduced-fat Thousand Island salad dressing
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
Dash cayenne pepper

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. For sauce, thinly slice green onion. Press garlic. Add onion, salad dressing, chili powder, and cayenne pepper; mix well. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour to allow flavors to blend.

2. For cod filets, lightly beat egg in a small bowl. Combine bread crumbs, chili powder and salt in a shallow dish. Dip filets into egg, then into bread crumb mixture, coating evenly. Arrange filets on a pan; lightly spray with nonstick cooking spray.

3. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until cod flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven; serve cod with sauce.

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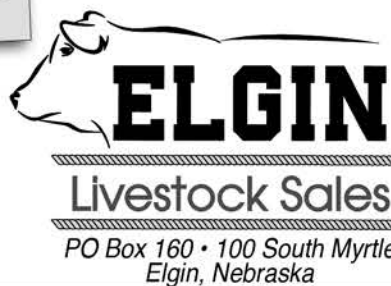
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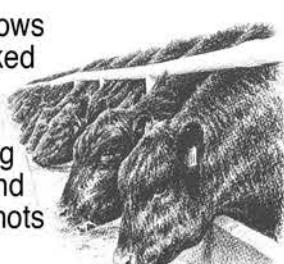
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Wolfpack Sports

EPPJ wins rematch with Cardinals 69 to 65

ELGIN — A quick start and a fast finish propelled Elgin Public-Pope John to a decisive 69 to 65 victory over O’Neill St. Mary’s Friday night.

Playing their last regular season home game, the Wolfpack defeated the top-ranked Cardinals, avenging an overtime loss at the NVC Tournament weeks ago.

The Wolfpack jumped out to a quick nine to zero lead before Gage Hedstrom got the Cardinals on the board to start the game. Turning in his best performance of the season, junior Jarek Erickson had seven of EPPJ’s first nine points and

added an assist to Max Henn to account for the other two points. Senior Dylan Kolm who finished with 10 points in the quarter and 23 in the game.

The lead would grow to 17 points before St. Mary’s put together a run. Hedstrom would score the Cardinals last eight points of the half to make the score 37 to 29.

The lead hovered around the 10-point mark in the third quarter.

The teams traded baskets in the fourth quarter before a three-point play by Hedstrom pulled St. Mary’s to within six with 5:42 left in the game. The

lead then shrank to three points on a tray by Logan Brabec.

The play of the game came moments later. With the Wolfpack up 61 to 58 and right after Brabec’s three made free throws, Kolm was in the right place at the right time for a putback which grew the lead to five points with just over a minute to play. Then, having missed a four free throws in a row earlier in the quarter, Kolm stepped up and made three of four in the final minute to give EPPJ an eight-point lead 67 to 50. Erickson added two more free throws right before the end of the game to offset a pair of treys by St.

Mary’s to make the final score 69 to 65.

It was arguably Coach Euse’s greatest victory so far as the Wolfpack coach. “The whole game was intense” Euse said. “Dylan has been kind of inconsistent, but he had a big putback and made some clutch free throws at the end of the game. That’s a senior who stepped up.”

Erickson and Kolm’s 27 accounted for 50 of EPPJ’s 69 points on the board.

Point guard Karson Kallhoff pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

There’s a good chance the Wolfpack may again face the Cardinals. It could happen Thursday night in O’Neill at the subdistrict final. However, to do that, EPPJ will have to get past Stuart. That game will be played Tuesday night (too late for press time).

If they beat Stuart, EPPJ will face the winner of St. Mary’s-Neigh-Oakdale Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the Cardinals’ home gym.

EPPJ 69, St. Mary’s 65
Cardinals.....10 19 12 24 — 65
Wolfpack.....22 15 14 18 — 69
Wolfpack — Kellan Hoefler 3-6 0-0 7, Taylor Beckman 0-0 0-0 0, Karson Kallhoff 1-4 0-0 3, Jarek Erickson 7-11 9-10 27, Max Henn 3-7 3-4 9, Dylan Kolm 8-10 4-6 23. Team totals: 22-38 16-22 69. Three-point



Jarek Erickson goes up hard for two of his 27 points.

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The bench joins Karson Kallhoff celebrating a made three-point basket by the Wolfpack.

shots — Wolfpack 9-16 (Kolm 3, Erickson 4, Hoefler 1, Kallhoff 1). Cardinals team totals: 23-55 6-7 65. Three-point shots — Cardinals 13-35. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 23 (Kallhoff 9), Cardinals 24. Assists — Wolfpack 15 (Erickson 7). Turnovers — Wolfpack 6, Cardinals 5.

WOLFPACK #30

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Brayden and team! We are so proud of you and all of your hard work this season!

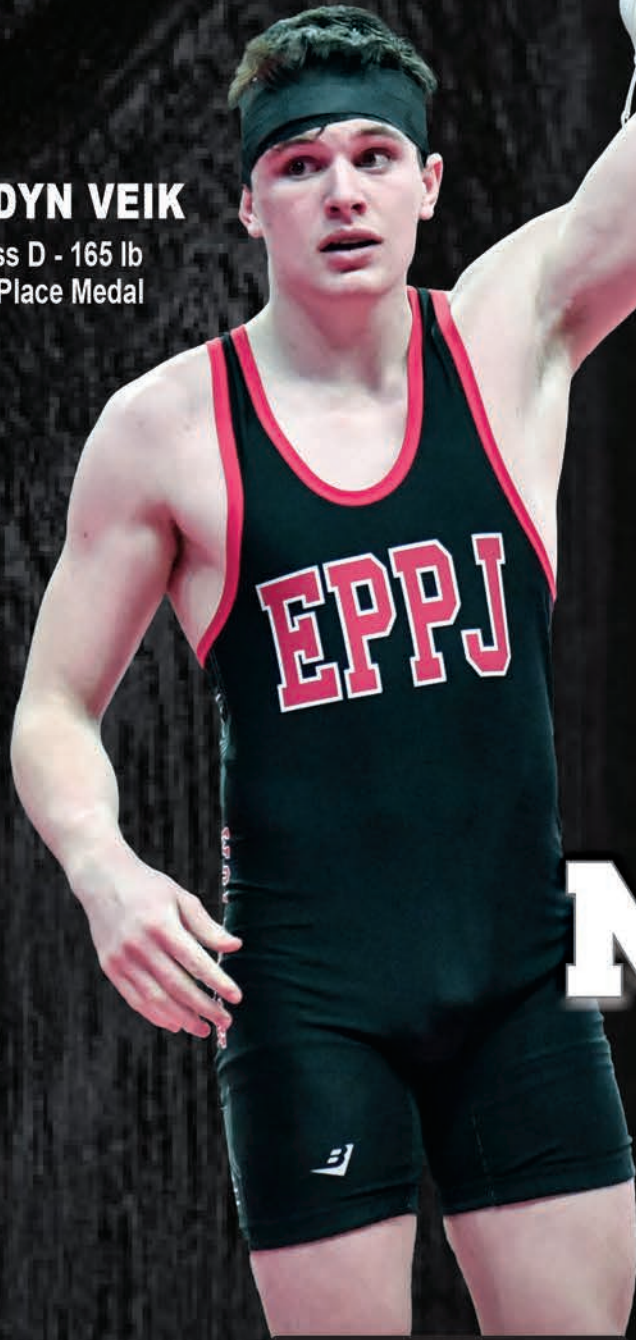
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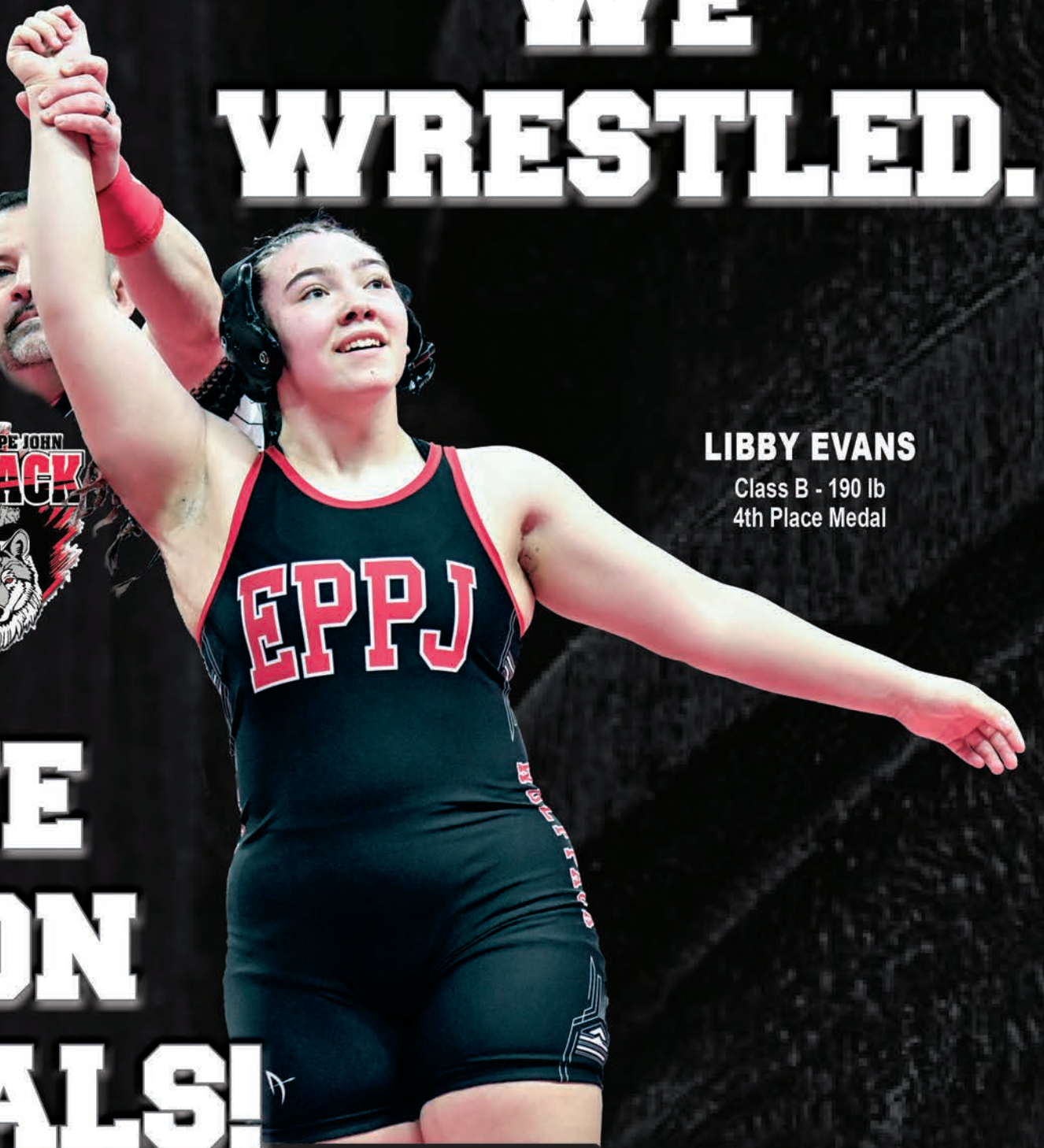
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Evans, Veik come home with state medals

Libby takes fourth; Landyn gets sixth at state wrestling tournaments last week

OMAHA — He's 'one for one' at State. The first time Wolfpack wrestler Landyn Veik makes it to the NSAA State Wrestling Tournament, he comes home with a medal.

Competing in six matches over three days, the junior claimed the sixth place medal in the Class D 165-pound weight class. Having reached the quarterfinal round on Thursday, Veik won twice on Friday, then suffered back-to-back losses on Saturday to end his run in Omaha. Veik's biggest moment came in Consolation Round #3.

Having won earlier in the day, Friday night's match became the round where if Veik wins he will earn a medal; if he loses his season is over.

Across from him is Francis Pieper, a standout sophomore with a 44-5 record from North Platte St. Pat's. Veik has twice as many season losses (29-11) as Pieper coming into the match. What ensues over the next seven minutes of match time, will be one of best matches of the tournament.

Pieper went ahead early with a takedown, then there's a scoreless second period. Veik records a takedown and a reversal, Pieper gets a reversal. With the score tied at 5-all, they head to overtime. Veik said overtime was pressure packed. Only once, in his freshman year, had he been in such a situation. "That's the best I've wrestled," he said about the match. "I needed to do something and I made a move (to set up the pin)."

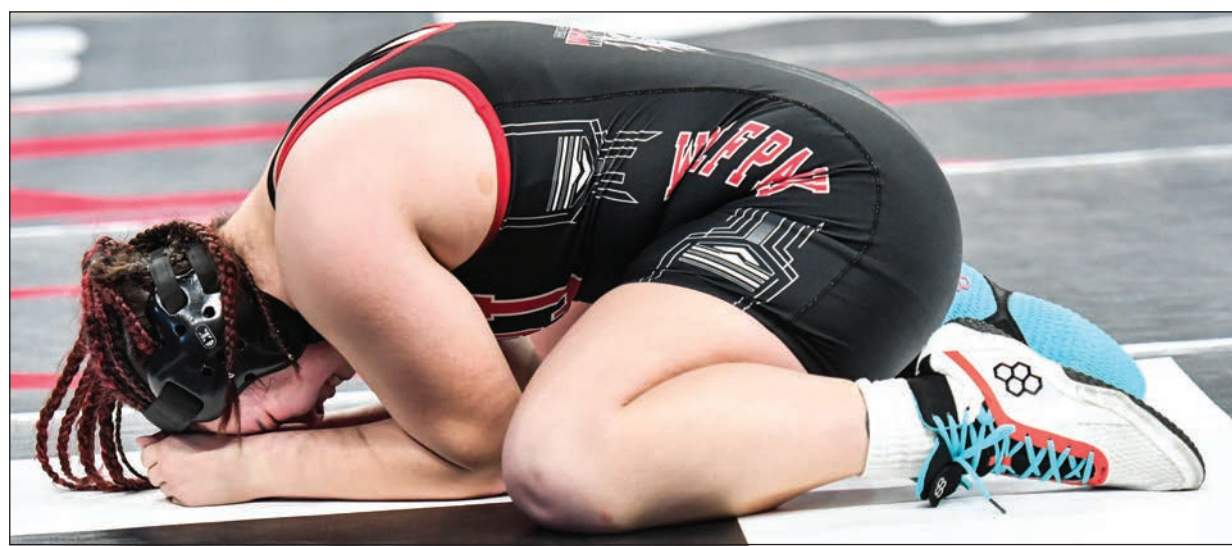
Only seconds remained on the clock when Veik suddenly got Pieper on his back to win the match. Veik got on top and he locked in Pieper's head, arm and leg into a perfect cradle.

According to wrestling fans in the know, it's a really brave, gutsy move because if you don't

lock tight you can get stuck underneath. Veik then gained the necessary leg position to throw Pieper over into a pin. It was a perfect move, executed at just the right time in the match to secure the victory. "There was a lot of emotion," he said about the moments that ensued, jumping into his father's arms.

By virtue of the victory, Veik wrestled twice on Saturday. Veik ended the season with a 30-11 record (3-3 at state) and in proud possession of a sixth place medal. Veik's wins at state were over Gage Jensen (Randolph), Cooper Walker (Mullen) and Pieper. His losses were to Rowan Jarosik (Sandy Creek), Josh Mace (Archbishop Bergan) and Keegan Poppe (Wisner-Pilger).

Results are as follows:
165 — Champ. Round 1 - Landyn Veik (Elgin Public/Pope John) 30-13 won by fall over Gage Jensen (Randolph) 46-8 (Fall 5:08); Quarterfinal - Rowan Jarosik (Sandy Creek) 42-1 won by tech fall over Veik (TF-1.5 2:20 (15-0)); Cons. Round 2 - Veik won by major decision over Cooper Walker (Mullen) 35-17 (MD 11-0); Cons. Round 3 - Veik won by fall over Francis Pieper (North Platte St. Pat's) 44-6 (Fall 6:54); Cons. Semi - Josh Mace (Archbishop Bergan) 46-9 won by tech fall over Veik (TF-1.5 4:26 (17-1)); 5th Place Match - Keegan Poppe (Wisner-Pilger) 44-9 won by major decision over Veik (MD 10-0)



Libby Evans was emotional as she dropped to the mat having realizing her goal of becoming a medalist at the NSAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament had arrived.



The look of a winner - Landyn Veik after pinning St. Pat's Francis Pieper.



Mullen's Cooper Walker had no chance against Landyn Veik as the EPPJ wrestler controlled the match from the start, winning 11 to 0.

OMAHA — Libby Evans capped the greatest season ever for a Wolfpack girls wrestler, finishing fourth in her weight class at the NSAA State Wrestling Championships held last week in Omaha.

"For me, being able to bring home a medal is a huge accomplishment," she told *The Elgin Review*.

She said it was an emotional moment when it became clear Friday that she would medal at the tournament. "It took a long time to realize, to be guaranteed a medal," she said. "I shed a lot of tears with my family and coaches."

She began her run to a state medal Tuesday evening. In round one, she faced off against Centennial's Lainey Abell. After jumping out to a six-to-one lead, Evans pinned Abell in 2:47. Abell finished the tournament with a 26-12 record.

Next up was a quarterfinal matchup against Addison Arvdal of Sutherland. Arvdal was undefeated coming into the match (39-0) and finished unbeaten as she became one of the few wrestlers in the state to pin Evans. The pin came in the first period at the 1:13 mark.

That meant Evans' path to a medal would be through the consolation rounds. In her next match, Evans recorded a takedown in the first period and went on to defeat Bridgeport's Hayden Marks five to two. Marks ended her season 38-9.

Up next was a match against Paxton's Skylar Johnson. She entered the match with 12 losses and Evans made it 13. Evans led five to zero before pinning Johnson in 3:12.

The consolation semi-finals Wednesday afternoon came against GICC's Leslie Garcia. Evans built a four to one lead in the third period before adding four more points with a near fall to win the match eight to one. It was Evans' 31st victory of the season, setting her up for her biggest match of the year.

And who was waiting for her in the consolation finals? A familiar foe - Crofton-Bloomfield's Annabelle Poppe. Twice



In the consolation semi-finals, Libby Evans defeated GICC's Leslie Garcia eight to one.

earlier in the season, at Neligh and again at Pierce, Poppe had bested her.

This time it would be a much more competitive match. The match was tied entering the third period when Poppe (28-5) recorded a takedown and went on to win three to zero. Poppe won the third place medal while Evans accepted the fourth place medal and ends her season with a 31-7 record, giving her incentive to strive for a better showing next year. She has two years of eligibility remaining, plenty of time to become a state champion.

"After first whistle blows, everything melts away," she said about competing, "it's just me, my coaches and the person on the other side of the line."

Evans added, "It's really crazy, down there (on the mat), you don't realize how many people there are supporting you."

What a season for the Wolfpack sensation. Last year, her first in varsity girls wrestling, Evans missed out on a state medal, finishing the tournament with two wins and two

losses. This year, she returned to Omaha as one of the state's best and she showed it on the mats, posting four wins and just two losses. She becomes EPPJ's first two-time girls state qualifier; and the first Wolfpack girls wrestler to earn a state medal.

Wolfpack individual results were:

- 190 — Champ. Round 1 - Libby Evans (Elgin Public/Pope John Girls) 31-7 won by fall over Lainey Abell (Centennial Girls) 26-12 (Fall 2:47); Quarterfinal - Addison Arvdal (Sutherland Girls) 42-0 won by fall over Evans (Fall 1:13); Cons. Round 2 - Evans won by decision over Hayden Marks (Bridgeport Girls) 38-9 (Dec 5-2); Cons. Round 3 - Evans won by fall over Skylar Johnson (Paxton Girls) 34-13 (Fall 3:12); Cons. Semi - Evans won by decision over Leslie Garcia (Grand Island Central Catholic Girls) 16-6 (Dec 8-1); 3rd Place Match - Annabelle Poppe (Crofton/Bloomfield Girls) 28-5 won by fall over Evans (Fall 2:36)

Lady Cougars 'rebound' past Wolfpack

TILDEN — After scoring the game's first basket to take an early lead, Elgin Public-Pope John saw their post-season dreams go up in smoke as Niobrara-Verdigre upset the Wolfpack 56 to 44 in the semi-final round of the C2-5 Sub-District tournament.

Having defeated the Cougars the first weekend of the season, it was a shock to players, coaches and fans to see the Wolfpack's season abruptly end.

Behind the shooting of sophomore Delani Runnels and Evelyn Kucera, the Cougars jumped out to a 17 to 10 lead after one quarter. In the final five minutes of the quarter, EPPJ was outscored 12 to five. Braelyn Martinsen (3) and Callie Heithoff (2) accounted for all of the Wolfpack's points during the run. Wolfpack center Mady Kurpgeweit scored off a steal to cut the lead to five points early in the second quarter. The

Cougars then went on a 12 to 2 run over the next five minutes to lead 29 to 14. The teams then traded baskets for the rest of the half as EPPJ trailed 33 to 19 at intermission.

Coaches say the first three minutes of the second half are crucial to a team's outcome. EPPJ held the Cougars for the first four minutes as Kate Furstenau drilled a trey and Martinsen made a multitude of free throws to cut the margin to 33 to 28.

EPPJ then gave up a trey to Runnels which gave the Cougars a boost as they closed out the quarter with a 40 to 33 lead.

The seven-point margin would be the closest EPPJ would get to the Cougars the rest of the way. EPPJ made one final run as Kurpgeweit got open downlow to cut the lead to 51 to 44 with 1:35 left. Then, the Cougars closed out the game on a five-point run as Kucera hit

three free throws and Taylen Stark added a two-point basket for the final margin of victory.

Kurpgeweit led the team in points (12) and rebounds (11) for a double-double. Also in double figures were Martinsen (11), Furstenau (10) and Heithoff (10).

The Cougars, by virtue of the victory, advanced to the championship game Thursday night which they lost to unbeaten Elkhorn Valley. The Wolfpack end the season with an 18-5 record.

The Cougars outrebounded the Wolfpack 57 to 28.

"We struggled to get things going for most of the night," Coach Randy Eisenhauer said about the loss. "We struggled to shoot the ball and had opportunities in the second half to claw ourself back in the game. Little things were a big factor I told the girls after the game. Giving up 26 offensive rebounds is tough when you want to beat a team but our girls battled."

Playing their final game for the Wolfpack were seniors Trissa Russell, Heithoff and Furstenau.

N-V 56, EPPJ 44
Cougars.....17 16 7 16 — 56
Wolfpack.....10 9 14 11 — 44
Wolfpack — Kayton Zwingman 0-4 1-2 1, Kinley Druke 0-1 0-0 0, Elizabeth Moser 0-0 0-0 0, Trissa Russell 0-2 0-0 0, Braelyn Martinsen 1-12 8-16 11, Callie Heithoff 4-15 0-0 10, Molly Thiessen 0-0 0-0 0, Kate Furstenau 4-13 0-0 10, Mady Kurpgeweit 4-6 4-5 12, Danyka Smidt 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 13-53 13-23 44. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 5-28 (Furstenau 2, Heithoff 2, Martinsen 1). Cougars team totals: 20-58 10-15 55. Three-point shots — Cougars 5-22. Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 28 (Mady Kurpgeweit 11), Cougars 57. Assists — Wolfpack 8 (Furstenau 4, Kurpgeweit 4), Cougars 6. Steals — Wolfpack 22 (Martinsen 7), Cougars 13. Turnovers — Wolfpack 19, Cougars 26.



Pressure like this applied by Callie Heithoff and Kayton Zwingman resulted in 26 turnovers by the Lady Cougars.



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