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In Brief

Residents asked to participate in housing survey

Deadline for surveys is March 25.

The City of Elgin is beginning a community-wide housing survey, asking all residents to participate.

The purpose of the survey is to gather accurate, up-to-date information about local housing needs. The survey will help identify the types of housing needed, attainable price ranges, challenges residents face, and opportunities for improvement or development. It serves as a planning tool to help community leaders:

- Identify priorities
- Strengthen future grant applications
- Provide evidence when pursuing funding
- Make informed decisions about development

When paired with insights from last year's LB840 community survey, this information will help align housing priorities with Elgin's broader economic development goals.

The survey is now available online, and paper copies may be picked up at the City Hall. The deadline to complete the survey is March 25, 2026.

Armor-coating of streets to be done this summer

Meeting last week, the Elgin City Council took steps to improve the city's infrastructure.

At a meeting which lasted barely over one hour, the council approved the following:

- The purchase of 7,000 gallons of armor coat oil at a cost of \$4.19 per gallon which happened to be the low bid. The oil will be purchased from Sta-Bilt Construction Company out of Harlan, Iowa.
- Accepted an estimate of \$20,400 from WW Concrete LLC to tear out and replace concrete on Cedar Street. The work will be done later this year.

Later in the meeting, the council chose use just over \$16,000 in fire/rescue sales tax funds to purchase stall lockers to be installed at the fire hall. It's hard to think about Christmas when its nine months away. But, for a short period of time, the Elgin City Council did just that.

Due to the deteriorating condition of Christmas decorations which have adorned street lights, the council decided it was time to find some replacements. Following a brief presentation by City Clerk Kristin Childers, the council made the decision to purchase new decorations. Approved was the purchase of 20 fancy forked snowflake design pole decorations from Display Sales at a cost of just over \$7,600. To cover the cost of the new decorations, they council approved the use of sales tax funds.

In other action:
Office help — Hired as a summer of office assistant was Baylee Busteded. She served in that capacity last year.
Pool help — Hired as lifeguards for the Elgin Swimming Pool for the pool season were Kaitey Schumacher, Sydney Niewohner and Kenzie Wies.
Sheriff's report — Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore stopped at the meeting just before they adjourned and presented City Clerk Kristin Childers with the sheriff's report for January. During the month, the department provided 63 hours and one minute of patrol in Elgin and responded to nine '911' calls.

Closed — City hall will be closed on March 18-20.

Next meeting — The next regular council meeting will be held Monday

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Wolfpack to fight for state title

Having taken down the nets after winning the district title, Jarek Erickson (above) and his teammates hope to do it again Saturday morning at the Class D2 State Tournament. Three games in four days will decide who will receive the championship trophy and become hometown legends. Elgin Public-Pope John will open tournament play Wednesday (this morning) against Pleasanton at Pinnacle Bank Arena (PBA). The winner will advance to the semifinal round Friday at 9 a.m. at Devaney where they will face the winner of Deshler/GACC. In the other half of the bracket are Falls City Sacred Heart, Archangels Catholic, O'Neill St. Mary's and Wynot. The championship game will be played Saturday morning, at 9 a.m., at PBA. The consolation game will be played Saturday morning, also at 9 a.m., at Lincoln Northeast High School. Good luck Wolfpack!

NEFA Board adds \$175 million to budget deficit

On Friday, February 27, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met and revised its October revenue projections, adding another \$175 million to the deficit. This board has nine members that are tasked with developing a consensus projection of economic activity in Nebraska. They provide an advisory forecast of the state's General Fund revenue receipts. The consensus General Fund revenue forecast is used to set the operating budget for the State of Nebraska. Senators entered this legislative session aiming to fix a \$471 million budget deficit, based on October projections from the Board. With the Board's latest determination, however, the state's deficit without adjustments from the Legislature stands at a total of \$646 million for the upcoming 2026-2027 fiscal year.



State Senator Barry DeKay

It is important to understand that the Legislature creates a two-year, biennial budget in the odd-numbered years, and that budget must be balanced. The spending approved must not exceed the amount of revenue projected to be available by the Board in their most recent meeting prior to the end of the session. This frequently results in a mid-biennium budget adjustment in the even-numbered years, like what the Unicameral is working on this year.

The Appropriations Committee did advance the two budget bills, LB1071 and LB1072, to the floor, and they will be presented to the Legislature on March 9th. Even if the Committee's adjustments to the budget are approved, there will still be a projected deficit of \$125 million, which will still need to be addressed on the floor. LB1071 and LB1072 were designated as Speaker Major Proposals so that the Speaker can control amendments and allow time for debate on substantive changes. There will be tough debates on what programs should or should not receive funding. Debates may include whether there should be targeted cuts to specific programs or across-the-board cuts for several programs. The two budget bills must pass by March 25th.

In floor debate, the Legislature gave first round approval to several bills. Two notable bills include LB1235 and LB985. LB1235 would address operational issues with the Nebraska Cannabis Commission by allowing the Commission to collect licensing fees of up to \$50,000, creating a cash account to administer the medical cannabis program, and authorizing the fingerprinting of applicants for licenses. This bill is intended to help the Commission facilitate the implementation of medical cannabis in the state. LB985 would limit private guardians or conservators to serving no more than 20 individuals, the same cap that applies to those employed by the state. The legislation comes after a Nebraska woman serving as the court-appointed guardian for more than 30 people from across 16 Nebraska counties was arrested and charged last year with multiple felonies for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars from a vulnerable adult in her care.

Finally, I was pleased to learn that my bill LB795 was signed by the Governor. LB795, as introduced, proposed to designate Bromazolam as a controlled substance. During debate on Select File, Senator Storer amended her provisions of LB817 into the bill to

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Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Proceedings — The Elgin City Council
- Proceedings — Liquor license hearing, Elgin City Council
- Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice of Annual Meeting — Park Cemetery Board
- Notice of Organization — Hammock Repair, L.L.C.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 58 degrees recorded on Wednesday, March 4.

The low temperature during the same period was 16 degrees recorded on Sunday, March 1.

Altogether, 0.29 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
March 1	35	16	.00
March 2	43	30	.00
March 3	44	30	.00
March 4	58	31	.00
March 5	54	33	.29
March 6	55	26	.00
March 7	55	26	.00
Total for last week			0.29
Total for March			0.29
Total precipitation 2026			0.68



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Elgin Bargain Box beneficiary of change war

The Pre-K thru 6th Grade Student Council at Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools held a week-long change war recently. Proceeds from the war were voted on to be donated to Elgin Bargain Box. Last Wednesday, a delegation of students from the school came to Elgin to make the presentation to Bargain Box staff. Altogether, \$913.75 was raised.

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with. Give this recipe a try. I just bet that your family will ask you to make this again!
Yummy!
JoAnn

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

2 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp salt
3/4 tsp onion powder
3/4 tsp garlic powder
3/4 tsp chili powder
3/4 tsp black pepper

1 large egg beaten
3/4 cup buttermilk
4 beef cubed steaks
Oil for frying

Mix the flour, spices, and the baking powder.
Dip the steaks in egg and milk mixture then the flour mixture.
Let them rest for 5 minutes.
Then fry in oil for 5-7 minutes on medium heat.
Yummy!

DeKay

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align the weight-based penalties for fentanyl distribution and trafficking with those currently in state statute for other exceptionally hazardous drugs including, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.

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Nebraska's top agricultural exports continue to be beef, soybeans and soybean products, corn and ethanol plus food and "kindred" products, over 8 Billion dollars in 2024.

According to recent economic data, Nebraska's agricultural sector supports more than 244,000 jobs statewide and contributes \$97.4 billion in sales output. The industry also generates over \$6 billion in tax revenue. Agriculture is responsible for more than 40% of jobs in 54 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

Nebraska had 44,300 farms and ranches during 2024; the average operation consisted of 993 acres. One in four jobs in Nebraska is closely related to agriculture.

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Celebrating the big milestones

It's normal for us to celebrate the big milestones that we and our loved ones hit during our lives. When our kids are little, some of those milestones are things like first food, first steps, first time sleeping through the night, and so on. As they get older, the milestones get fewer

and farther between. This year, our family has a lot to celebrate, and it has really struck me how fast the time has gone by. Tomorrow, my oldest son will turn 16. It's hard to believe it's happening when I can remember every single part of the day he was born. It seems like just

yesterday I was holding that little bundle of joy and now he will be old enough to drive...without me in the car. He could get a job, and we really only have two more years left before he'll be leaving the house.

I think what's interesting about milestones is the anticipation and build-up, when in reality, nothing really changes from one day to the next. He isn't getting his license tomorrow. He won't be getting a job until the summer. He will still be the same kid with the same circumstances although if he miraculously woke up tomorrow with a better attitude, I would be eternally grateful. Wishful thinking, I suppose.

My husband will also hit a milestone this summer by turning 40. He's already complaining about "everything going downhill". Although I think he may be exaggerating a bit, as someone who is already in her 40s, I can say that changes definitely do occur. Nothing exciting happens at 40, though. You can already drive, you can vote, you can buy alcohol. Now you're just at risk of throwing your back out simply by walking through the kitchen. That is a true story.

My father will be turning 80 this summer, and that one has really thrown me for a loop. Watching your parents age is such a gradual thing that you don't really notice it's happening. Then one day you look up and realize just how fast it's all gone by.

You start to also realize that every moment with our loved ones is precious and that we don't have unlimited time to

spend with them. I have been making more of a concerted effort to visit my parents in the past few years, just because you never know.

I'm not trying to be pessimistic or dark. I don't want anything to happen and I'm praying I still have many more years, but you just never know. I've lost people close to me at a much younger age. I'd rather not have any regrets and make this time count. But again, nothing is going to change the day of his birthday. He'll still be a grumpy old man (love you, Dad), and he will still have the same routine.

It's fun to celebrate these milestones with our loved ones but it's important to remember that each passing year should just be a reminder of how blessed we are to still have them in our lives. No matter the age they are turning, it's a celebration that we still have this time with them. Although tomorrow I plan to get my son coffee and his dad is taking him to dinner, I don't want tomorrow to be the only time we celebrate. I want him, my husband, and my father to know just how much I love them each and every day, regardless of the milestone.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

March 17, 1966

Elgin Feeders Supply this week started construction of a new steel building south of their present office. Storage facilities used previously were removed Monday to make room for the new 25'x22' structure. The building will have a cement floor and a 16' conveyor for loading and unloading purposes.

Trooper C. L. Zurcher, 30, of the Nebraska Safety Patrol, is a former Norfolk city policeman and has been with the Patrol since October 1, 1963. He is a native of Tilden and graduated from Tilden High. Trooper Zurcher and his wife, Marlene live in Ainsworth with their children.

The Oakdale Chapter of the Nebraska Old Time Fiddlers Association met Sunday, March 13 at O'Neill in the K.C. Hall. There were 18 fiddlers and eight seconds who played to a crowd of approximately 175 visitors.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hauser of Neligh will honor their parents on their 60th wedding anniversary by holding an "Open House", on Sunday, March 20. This event will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church basement in Neligh from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mescher are the parents of a daughter, Connie Sue, born Saturday, March 12, 1966, at Antelope Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. Mescher is the former Carol Schindler.

Fifty Years Ago

March 10, 1976

Pamela Johnson of Plainview, who teaches in the Elgin Public School System, and Jennis Birt of Elwood were involved in a near head-on collision Thursday morning near Neligh during a swirling snowstorm. Both vehicles stopped in the ditch on each side of the highway.

The Elgin FFA Chapter went to Battle Creek Saturday, March 6 to participate in the District 4 FFA Contests. The junior parliamentary team placed first. Team members were Terry Heithoff, Tim Sehi, Terry Dozler, Betty Johnson, Mark Moser, Jane Whitner and Bob Bauer. Taking first in senior parliamentary procedure were Bill Mickelson, Jerome Thunker, Dwayne Hutchinson, Tom Kinney, Willard Aughe, Tom Bauer and Lloyd Meis.

Martin Legate, 17, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's delayed enlistment program. A senior at Elgin High School, Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Legate.

Seven inches of snow fell in this area in an all-day Thursday storm last week.

At the Jack & Jill Food Center this week, USDA Choice Beef T-bone steaks are \$1.69 per pound, extra lean ground beef is \$1.09 per pound. Check out the savings!

Thirty Years Ago

March 13, 1996

Pope John Central Catholic High School inducted five new members into the National Honor Society during a ceremony held at St. Boniface Church last week. Inducted were Scott Eisenmann, Leah Shavlik, Keith Beckman, Amy Dinslage and Kevin Thiele.

Elgin Public Schools District #18 Board of Education approved a motion at last week's meeting to offer teacher contracts for the upcoming school year. Contracts to 21 teachers was approved after a 50-minute closed session to discuss the contracts and negotiations between the board and the Elgin Education Association. The board also accepted letters of resignation from teachers' Kevin Brooks and Leona Klopper. Also during the meeting the board accepted the signed contract of Mark Adler to served as principal and athletic director.

The Antelope County Sheriff's office received two reports of thefts from the southern part of the county during the past week. Jerry Heithoff reported a breaking and entering and burglary that

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PJCC speech team at Primetime Invite

A handful of Pope John Crusaders made the trek to Creighton Saturday for the Primetime Invite.

Placing in the next-in finals were: Aiden Klein placed 5th in entertainment; Lillian Moser placed 5th in poetry; Kinley Druieke placed 4th in

humorous prose; Receiving superior ratings were: Reese Stuhr in serious prose; Raaf Klein in serious prose; Harlie Tyler in poetry and informative; Lillian Moser in informative; Jovie Borer in POI and persuasive

Elgin Community Center menus

Monday, March 16: Chicken parmesan over noodles, lettuce salad w/tomatoes, peas, plums, garlic stick, milk.

Tuesday, March 17: Corned beef & cabbage with potatoes/carrots, pistachio fluff, soda bread, milk.

Wednesday, March 18: Baked potato bar with all the trimmings, apricots, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, March 19: Liver & onions or ham, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, March 20: Cheesy bean burritos with topping, Spanish rice, pineapple, milk. All meals served with bread

& butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change.

Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.

Under 60 is \$10. Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

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Edward R. Murrow

Moving in the right direction

On any given evening, if you flip on the national news, you'd think the country is unraveling at the seams. Headlines scream crisis, chaos, and collapse, as if America is teetering on the brink.

Not long ago, those headlines would have rung true. Out-of-control federal spending fueled inflation, open-border policies strained communities, and working families felt squeezed from every direction. Higher grocery bills, rising energy costs, and uncertainty about the future left many Nebraskans wondering whether Washington was even listening.

But today, those headlines no longer reflect reality, a sentiment President Trump made clear during his State of the Union address.

During the Democratic response, Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger asked Americans three questions: Is the president making life more affordable? Is he keeping Americans safe? Is he working for you?

Rhetorical as they were, for families across Nebraska—from Falls City to Scottsbluff and Valentine to Superior—the answers are increasingly clear: yes, yes, and yes.

It starts with affordability. Republican policies are delivering meaningful relief for working families. Measures like the Working Families Tax Cuts are helping Nebraskans keep more of their hard-earned paychecks. This tax season, Americans will see an average refund of nearly \$4,000 and avoid a projected \$1,700 tax hike, while a family of four will see nearly \$11,000 added to its annual take-home pay. That is real, tangible relief at a time when every dollar counts.

And the progress does not stop there. Inflation has fallen to 2.4 percent, gas prices are under \$3, and mortgage rates have reached a three-year low. In January alone, 172,000 new private-sector jobs were created nationwide, bringing unemployment down to 4.3 percent. Unlike the previous administration, job growth under President Trump has occurred entirely in the private sector, strengthening the industries that power Nebraska's economy, from agriculture and manufacturing to transportation and small business.

Economic security, however, is only part of the equation. Nebraskans also expect safe communities and secure borders. Under President Biden, millions crossed the southern border illegally, straining law enforcement resources nationwide. That approach is producing different results today. For nine consecutive months, no migrants have been released at the border. Federal authorities are coordinating with state and local law enforcement to remove dangerous criminals from our streets, including a violent MS-13 gang member arrested in Grand Island.

President Trump is also focused on restoring American strength abroad. Ensuring that peace through strength is not just a slogan, but a strategy that deters adversaries and protects American interests. Taken together, the results are tangible: more take-home pay, lower costs, safer communities, and renewed economic strength.

Still, there is more work to be done, especially when it comes to supporting agriculture, Nebraska's number one industry. In Congress, I will keep working to deliver certainty in trade policy, lower input costs, and strengthen markets so our agricultural producers can continue to feed and fuel the world.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance policies in Washington that make a positive difference around kitchen tables and on Main Streets across our state.

'Save America Act' is a solution in search of a problem

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One of my favorite political slogans of all time is "a solution in search of a problem."

It's used frequently in debates at the Nebraska Legislature to describe a proposal or idea that imposes new rules and restrictions to address a problem that doesn't exist.

You might call it "government over-reach," too.

Anyway, the "solution in search of a problem" line is being used often today to describe President Trump's efforts to change election laws via the dramatically labeled "SAVE America Act."

Such an inflammatory name suggests that the country is in crisis, and in need of "saving," thus justifying an extensive overhaul of election law.

Well, that's a load of that stuff they scrape from the floors of feed-lots.

Election fraud is not a problem, and is very, very, (one more time) very rare.

First off, the power to govern elections is granted to the states in the U.S. Constitution, not with the president or the U.S. Congress.

(Of course, constitutionality has never been a big deal for our current president. For instance, lots of legal experts warned that a president cannot impose tariffs, but Trump forged forward anyway, only to have them struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.)

Now, there's a messy task ahead to refund billions in tariffs that were mistakenly collected.)

As originally written, the SAVE American Act would have required people to present a document, such as a birth certificate or passport, every time they voted.

I don't know about you, but I have no idea where my birth certificate is, and I'm pretty sure the passport I got years ago is expired.

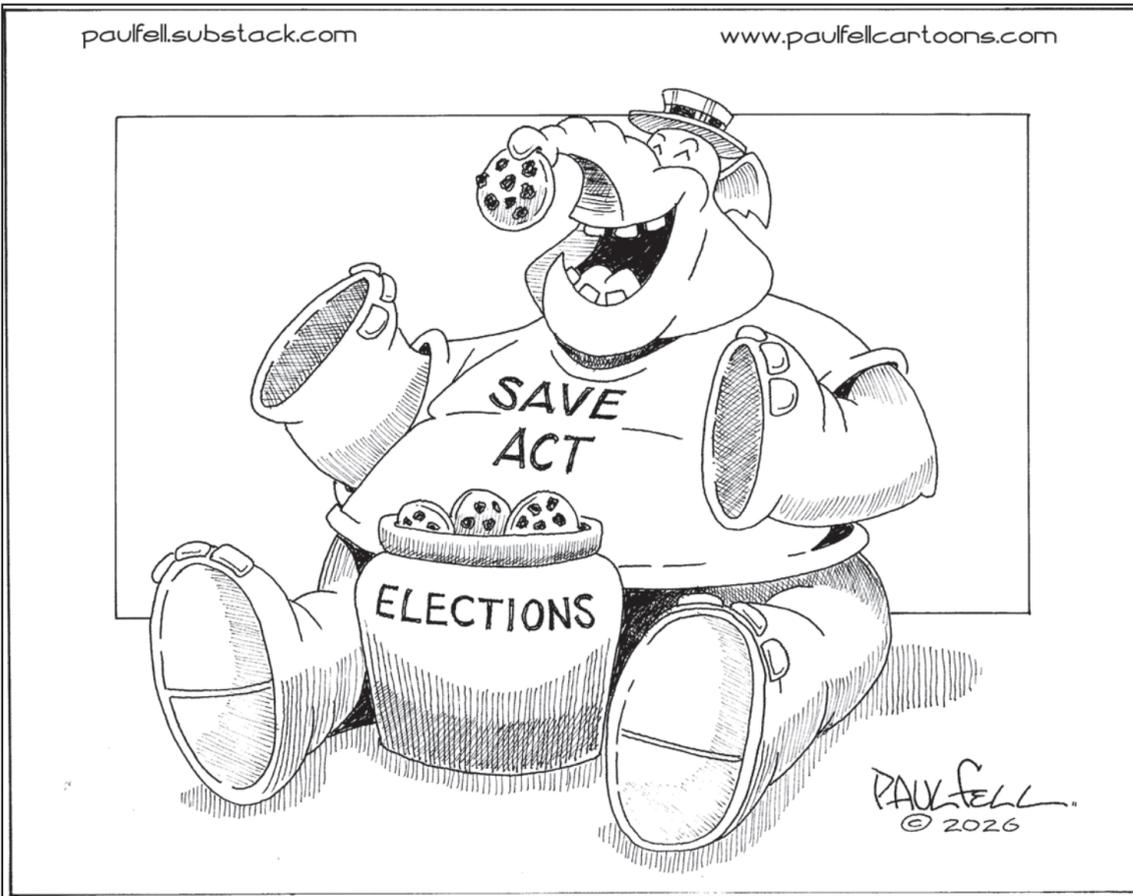
But the SAVE Act was amended by the U.S. House, likely because the I.D. requirements went way too far, and the act lacked the votes to pass.

The amended act, now before the U.S. Senate, is still onerous. It would

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



require voters to present a photo I.D. to vote and would require states to send voter rolls to federal authorities for a scan – said to be flawed – to search for non-citizens who are voting.

Here's the catch – almost no non-citizens are voting. According to research by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's law school, the incidence of voter fraud is between 0.003% and 0.0025%. That's a probability of 1 in 40,000 voters to 1 in 333,333 voters.

States that have combed through their voter rolls, at great expense, have found little if any evidence that non-citizens are voting.

Despite all that, President Trump continues to complain that he didn't lose the 2020 election, and that it was "rigged" against him. Meanwhile, dozens of lawsuits alleging election fraud failed due to lack of evidence, and countless recounts confirmed that he lost, fair and square.

In short, election fraud is "fake news." (There's another old political phrase that comes to mind: "Get over it.")

Yet, Trump and his allies continue to push major changes in voting requirements. And if Congress fails to save us by passing the SAVE American Act (now known as the "Make Elections Great Again Act"), there's reports he will sign some executive orders to do it anyway. That would be a federal takeover of what is a state responsibility.

Such new ID requirements, adopted so close to the November elections, would likely confuse voters and election officials, and eliminate some folks from voting because they didn't have the proper photo ID.

Trump makes no bones about it, his stated goal is to guarantee the election of Republicans, who are predicted to lose seats in Congress because President Trump's popularity ratings have

sunk to historic lows. We live in a crazy world today, when a politician can say he's against more wars and then start them, and when a politician can claim, over and over, that an election was rigged and then endeavor to rig one himself.

Last time I checked, voting was still a constitutional right and a process governed by the states, not the feds.

Yes, IDs should be checked, and we should ensure that only citizens are voting. But that's happening already. No need to save us.

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.

A seat at the table delivers results for Nebraskans

Getting to be your Governor has led to a lot of goosebump moments and last week had a few as Suzanne and I traveled to the annual Governor meetings in our nation's capital.

I'm a farmer – the first Governor of Nebraska from agriculture in over 100 years – and a kid who grew up on a dirt lot in Platte County. Each day that I get to carry out this calling is an honor, and I wanted to share some recent highlights with you:

The White House - President Trump invited governors to attend multiple events at the White House. What an incredible honor and great opportunity to brag about Nebraska! I made sure the President and his team knew how appreciative we are of their work to secure the

border, invest in rural America, grow the economy, and build a partnership that is good for Nebraskans.

Council of Governors - This is a bipartisan group of governors who advise the federal government on how to improve and maximize our state-federal partnerships, especially as it pertains to the National Guard and disaster response.

President Trump appointed me to the Council for a two-year term, which is quite a privilege.

Rural Revival Governor's Task Force - Hosted by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, I joined other conservative governors for a roundtable discussion with Secretary of Health & Human Services Bobby Kennedy, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration Kelly Loeffler, and Secretary of Labor Lori Chavez-DeRemer as we established a task force to create real, lasting opportunities in rural areas by focusing on broadband, water, energy, jobs, cutting taxes, rural health, and investing in small businesses. I look forward to continuing this work.

Opportunity Zones - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Scott Turner hosted a governor's roundtable at the White House. A former college and NFL football player, Sec. Turner has dedicated the remainder of his career to public service. In his current role, he is the Trump Administration's champion for Opportunity Zones, an economic development tool that helps get capital invested in families and communities that need it. Nebraska – both rural and urban – will benefit from the implementation of this initiative.

Cutting Red Tape with USDOT - For decades, bureaucrats have delayed or blocked critical infrastructure projects citing over-the-top environmental concerns.

In coordination with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, we announced an agreement with the federal government that will allow decisions to be made at the local level – streamlining government, accelerating timelines, and increasing affordability as we continue to build our state's future.

Telling Nebraska's Story - I was also able to tell Nebraska's story to national media outlets while in D.C. During an in-studio visit to Catholic TV network EWTN, I shared the importance of my faith in my calling to public service and on NewsNation, I highlighted the work of Nebraska's family farmers and ranchers who are looking for long-term success – for generations to come – as we feed and fuel the world.

Promoting International Trade - Nebraska agriculture benefits from free, fair, and robust trade. My belief is simple: Relationships make a difference. I had the privilege of hosting sit down meetings with leaders from Japan and the United Kingdom to keep selling Nebraska, our innovation, and great products.

All that to say, I believe we need a voice and an advocate in the room who understands who we are and what we're about. One of the most important jobs I have is making sure Nebraska has a seat at the table. Last week was proof that we're having success and will keep delivering results for our state.

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Congressman Adrian Smith

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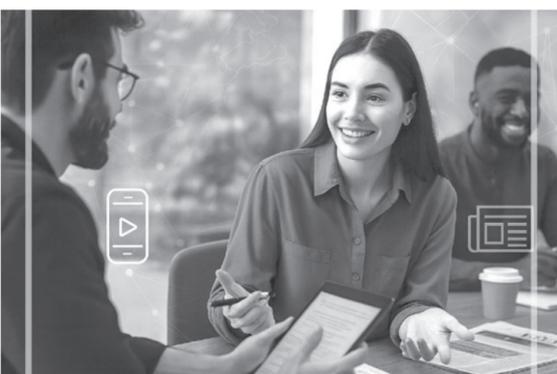
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This week, Nebraska lost one of our own. U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Noah Tietjens of Bellevue was killed in Kuwait while supporting Operation Epic Fury. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in 2006, deployed twice to Kuwait, and spent nearly 20 years serving this country as a soldier and mechanic. He earned over a dozen medals and ribbons — each one a mark of a life given in service to something bigger than himself.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Sergeant Tietjens was not alone. Five other Americans also did not come home. All six gave everything. Bruce and I send our deepest condolences to their families as they navigate this unimaginable grief. Last week, President Trump ordered strikes against Iran, the world's leading sponsor of terrorism. Iran has been responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Americans and posed a real, ongoing threat to our safety. Our troops carried out the mission with skill and courage. Iran's ability to threaten the region has been seriously weakened, and their nuclear program set back.

But the threat isn't over. Iran has terrorist networks oper-

ating right here in our hemisphere. The risk of an attack on American soil is rising. And at this exact moment, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is shut down.

DHS was created after the September 11, 2001, terror attacks to make sure something like that never happens again. It runs airport security. It responds to floods, wildfires, and hurricanes. It protects our power grid, water systems, and banks from attacks by foreign governments. But right now, it's crippled.

At this moment, 61,000 TSA workers are doing their jobs without a paycheck, including 42,000 agents standing at airport checkpoints across the country. They're scanning your bags and checking your ID while wondering how they'll pay their bills. That's not just wrong. It's a disgrace.

Two-thirds of the agency that guards us from cyber attacks by China, Iran, and Russia has been sent home. FEMA can't respond to disasters the way it should. The Coast Guard isn't funded. The Secret Service is stretched thin. Every day this goes on, the door opens a little wider for something catastrophic to happen here at home.

Republicans have offered a solution. We're ready to fund DHS fully and get every one of those workers back on the job. But Senate Democrats have blocked it. So far, they've chosen political games over the safety of the American people. Senate Republicans won't

sign a deal that handcuffs law enforcement. We won't accept language that blocks immigration enforcement. But we are ready to end this shutdown and fund the people keeping this country safe.

Six Americans just gave their lives for this nation; the least we can do is make sure the agencies protecting us here at home have the people and resources

to do their jobs. I implore my Democratic colleagues to end this shutdown and fund DHS. It is reckless to hold our security hostage.

Please know that I won't stop pushing until every agency responsible for the safety of American citizens is fully funded and fully staffed. That is Congress' most basic duty, and I will fight to uphold it.

Letter to the Editor

Remembering Bob Schmitt

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check for our subscription renewal. We have subscribed to the Elgin Review continuously since about 1965. I have been meaning to send this information and hope that you can publish it in the paper as a letter to the editor or some other fashion.

While I was reading through the paper's "Looking Back" section last summer, the passing of local tradesman Bob Schmitt was noted. Reading of this reminded me of a long ago event involving Bob that may be of interest to some in Elgin.

In 1948 my father, Ben Selting, started the Selting Construction Company in Elgin. His construction company was the general contractor for several building projects in and around Elgin such as the St. Boniface Rectory, the Convent building and several homes in the area and typically employed several full-time tradesmen, one of which was Bob Schmitt. I recall my dad saying Bob "was hired the day after he graduated high school".

After learning the trade Bob would go on to start his own construction company. As I recall, the St. Boniface Convent was built around 1954 or 1955. Selting Construction was the General Contractor and Bob was one of the tradesman crew. I was probably about 15 at that time. From time to time, when we were not on a tractor farming at home, Dad would use my brother Don and I to work with the tradesmen.

When the Convent building outside was nearly complete, the front porch and back porch cement landing/step needed to be framed and poured and Bob, as the "cement guy" at that time, assigned the task. A small cement mixer, powered by a "hit and miss" engine was used to batch mix half a wheelbarrow at a time. Dad had assigned my brother Don to shovel in the correct amount of Portland cement powder. I was assigned to count and put in the mixer the correct number of gravel shovels and Bob would put in the water until he got the mix texture he wanted to pour and trowel and then into a wheelbarrow, wheeled up a plank, dumped then "troweled out".

We thus proceeded with the pouring of the Convent back landing step. Some readers will remember the line of unusual trees just south of the Convent building with large heart shaped leaves and long bean pods. The Nuns at the Convent said they were an African tree called a Catalpa. After Bob had finished the final trowel on the back step/landing on the northeast Convent corner by the door and, our work (was) done, he walked over to a Catalpa tree picked two of the leaves and carefully placed them on the wet cement surface.

Last fall while in Elgin and remembering the article in the Review, I stopped by the Convent building and there on the back cement landing, after 70 years, are the faint outlines of two leaves that Bob the tradesman left to sign his work.

Arlyn Setting Bozeman, Montana

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occurred at his farm shop. A large quantity of tools and equipment were stolen from the shop. Three days later Ron McKeever of Norfolk reported that a generator had been stolen from an irrigation system on land he managed southwest of Neligh.

Arlyn Selting of White Bear Lake, MN, was recently promoted to director of quality at Hoffman Engineering Company. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is the son of Ervilla and the late Ben Selting of Elgin.

Twenty Years Ago

March 8, 2006

A construction bid for the North Street water main project was accepted by the Elgin City Council Monday night. Rutjens Construction of Tilden was the successful bidder. Their bid was \$55,038.64 for installation of 1,264 feet of water main. Also at the meeting, summer staff was hired.

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Let There Be Light. Image of a lit candle. MARGIGNACCO

John's Gospel depicts Jesus as light coming into darkness. Jesus compared His disciples to light on a hill. There is plenty of darkness in today's world. Our world needs us to be light. Don't take it lightly to be in church this week.

Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8-14 1 Samuel 16:1-13 John 9:1-41 Psalm 23 Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts for Sunday, March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Faith is confidence is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Bartlett News

The Wheeler Central Spelling Contest was held February 26-27. The winners of the third and fourth grade written contest, held February 26 were first place Emilia Plugge, daughter of Troy Plugge and Robyn Brown; second place Amelia Sprout, daughter of Travis and Alexis Sprout; and third place Logan Landgren, daughter of Matt and Jenna Landgren.

Winners of the fifth and sixth grade written contest were first place Adynn Smith, daughter of Andrew and Justine Smith; second place Warren Sallach, son of Craig and Chelsea Sallach; and third place Anabel Vanderpool, daughter of Nada Christensen.

Winners of the seventh and eighth grade written contest were first place Owen Sallach, son of Craig and Chelsea Sallach; second place Denna Skorcz, daughter of Adam and Sara Skorcz; and third place Dawson Kluver, son of Daniel and Michelle Kluver.

Winner of the third and fourth grade oral division was Amelia Sprout, daughter of Travis and Alexis Sprout. Amelia spelled the word 'forest,' correctly, then ended with the winning word 'improve.' Second, third and fourth place winners were Ridge Smith, son of Andrew and Justine Smith; Logan Landgren, daughter of Matt and Jenna Landgren; and Quaid Kleeb, son of Will and Shelly Kleeb.

Winners of the oral spelling contest fifth and sixth grade division were first place Warren Sallach, son of Craig and Chelsea Sallach. Warren spelled 'illustrate' correctly and ended with the winning word 'internal.' Second and third place winners were Adynn Smith, daughter of Andrew and Justine Smith; and Jett Palmer, son of Jay and Jaci Palmer.

Owen Sallach, son of Craig and Chelsea Sallach, was the winner of the seventh and eighth grade oral spelling contest. He spelled 'plausible,' correctly and ended by spelling the word 'manipulate' correctly. Second and third place winners were Corbin Kasselder, son of Drew and Melissa Kasselder; and Anslee Wright, daughter of Scott and Jerilee Wright.

I am enjoying our Friday off from school this week. I didn't get much done but it feels good just to relax for a day. Plugge's Rod Shop fixed my car up with a new water pump for my car. Our community is blessed to have them. I know I am very grateful.

By Sherry Tetschner



Fifth and sixth grade oral contest winners were (l-r) first place Warren Sallach; second and third went to Adynn Smith and Jett Palmer.



Third and fourth grade oral spelling winners: (l-r) Amelia Sprout took first. Second and third place went to Ridge Smith and Logan Landgren. Quaid Kleeb (not pictured) finished fourth.

Spinning Tales

A 'top ten' list I feel good about

"When were you the happiest?"

Now that's a tough question to answer, but a good friend posed that to me last week.

It was Thursday night and we had just returned home from Norfolk where we celebrated the birthday of Lynell's mother. Ninety-three years old, she now lives in a nursing home, she's doing well for her age. Since moving there she's eating well again, putting on 18 pounds. She probably added a pound that night, eating a black walnut birthday cake (her favorite) made by Lynell.

With her children, grandchildren and one great grandchild surrounding her, she was genuinely happy (I think the two wine coolers she had helped, too).

My longtime golf partner commented on social media which led to the question about being happy. So, after giving it some thought, I came up with a 'top 10' happiest moments list.

I was surprised at what came to mind, but the moments are real. Here they are, not ranked in any particular order.

1) Skiing in Colorado. When we lived out west we would go skiing a couple of times a year. Whether it be Keystone, Winter Park, Silver Creek, Loveland or Eldora, the snow in mid-March had a good base and spring-like temperatures are ideal for recreational skiers. What put skiing in the top 10 was reach-

ing the top of the mountain and flying down the hill doing my best Franz Klammer impersonation. Cold air brushing my face and the thrill of racing down the mountain.

2) Lake McConaughy. For a number of years we had a trailer on the south side of the lake and, after the Colorado people went home, we would take the boat out to the middle of the lake, shut off the engine and just float. The lake was calm, and a good cigar in hand, soaking up the last of the day's sun rays was peaceful. Those were no stress days.

3) Golf with good friends. Having played most of the good courses in greater Nebraska (or should I say they played me), hitting the little white ball became an obsession as I grew older. Golf is always good, but it's better when your friends join you. Like on the lake, there's no stress on the golf course.

4) Watching Husker football at Memorial Stadium. This joy ride started with Johnny Rodgers in 1972 against Kansas State and continues on. We got season tickets in 1989 and still have them. The people we've met there, some good fans and some bad ones too, made each game a new experience. My favorite team was the 1983 Huskers featuring Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, Ricky Simmons and Turner Gill. Little did I know then that someday Rozier and Simmons (known as Frick



Owen Sallach and Denna Skorcz. Owen placed first in the written 7th and 8th grade division, Denna placed second while Dawson Kluver placed third (not pictured due to illness).



(L-R) Adynn Smith placed first, Warren Sallach took second and Anabel Vanderpool finished third in the 5th and 6th grade written division.



Third and fourth grade written division: First place Emilia Plugge; second and third were Amelia Sprout and Logan Landgren



Seventh and eighth grade oral contest winners: (l-r) First place Owen Sallach; second and third place Corbin Kasselder and Anslee Wright.



Photo submitted

Showing their medals from competing in OID Monday at Riverside were (l-r): Kyla Donaldson, Kayton Zwingman, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Dannyka Smidt and Gentry Zwingman.

EPS speech team shows skills at Riverside Monday

The EPS Speech Team wrapped up their regular season at the Riverside Speech Meet on Monday.

Hosting some top-notch competition, the seventeen-team meet allowed for one last practice run before districts.

The host school utilized a Finals and Next-in Finals Format, allowing additional performances and more opportunities for competitors to medal.

Kyndal Busted brought home top honors on the day placing 5th in Persuasive Speaking. Zoey Buechter earned the sixth place medal in Serious Prose.

The OID of Kyla Donaldson,

Kayton Zwingman, Danny Smidt, Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Gentry Zwingman placed 10th.

Donaldson and Smidt's Duet placed 11th, and Gemma Miller placed 12th in Extemp.

Earning Superior Ratings on the day were the following:

Busteed-Informative Speaking; Sophia Burke, Sydney Niewohner, Kynlee Tillis, Braedon Hinkle and John Zwingman-OID, Eisenhauer and K. Zwingman-Duet, Hinkle-Humorous; Burke-Humorous.

Sydney Niewohner received and Excellent Rating in Poetry.

The team will next compete in the district tournamen hosted in Wayne.



Photo submitted

The Pope John OID team placed seventh at Riverside Monday. Team members are (l-r): Matthew Kerkman, Camry Kittelson, Brooke Kinney, Tessa Barlow and Aiden Klein.

PJCC speech team wraps up regular season at Riverside

The Riverside tournament is over and the Crusaders came home with some hardware!

Pope John Speech Coach Amy Klein said the OID competing Monday medaled at seventh place. Aiden Klein placed eighth in entertainment, Matthew Kerkman and Christian

Preister placed eighth in duet, and Brooke Kinney and Aiden Klein placed 10th in duet.

All other performers, she said, received superior scores. This coach is very tired, but very excited to see what districts bring.

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Friday, March 13
Petersburg Fish Fry @ Legion Hall* ■ Class D2 Semifinal Round of the NSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln (Devaney).

Saturday, March 14
Class D2 Championship Round of the NSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament in Lincoln (Devaney).

Tuesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day.

Friday, March 20
Petersburg Fish Fry @ Legion Hall* ■ St. John's (Deloit) Fish Fry*.

Friday, March 27
Petersburg Fish Fry @ Legion Hall* ■ Elgin Knights of Columbus Fish Fry*.

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Dennis Morgan

& Frack) would become friends and we would golf together.

5) Good music. My parents, who farmed in northeast Seward County where the fields are flat as pancakes, loved music. They took me to Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Old Opry when I was five years old.

If there was a good concert at the Nebraska State Fair, we were there. Saw Johnny Cash, George Jones and Tammy Wynette.

As I got older I preferred rock n' roll. Beginning in the mid 1970s I went to all the good concerts in Lincoln and Omaha (Tom Petty, The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Pat Benatar, Waylon Jennings and Alice Cooper), saw Eric Clapton in Kansas City, John Mellencamp too. Traveled across the midwest to see the Steve Miller Band (six times) and went to St. Paul, Minn. to see Jeff Lynne and ELO.

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drawback was coming home wearing clothes that had soaked up purple haze.

6) Attending Kearney State College in the late 1970s when my world was young and all things were possible.

7) Working with young journalists to become better writers, putting good words to paper. Teaching them, in their writings, to not talk down to their readers, but have a conversation with them. Telling

people how to think doesn't fly anymore. Not everyone will agree with you, but if you can engage but not turn off readers, you've done your job.

8) Fine food. Anybody can cook, some just cook better than others. The best Chinese restaurant, from Omaha to Denver, is Peking Chinese Restaurant in Ogallala. My mother made the best raspberry pie. Bernice Siems makes the best peach pie, JoAnn Baum makes the best sunflower cookies and Sandi Henn makes the best butterscotch dessert. Dean's Market has the best steak seasoning and the list goes on and on.

9) Having great pets. Many of you here got to know Lucky dog when you came into the office. She was our dog for 15 years. Before her was CB Dog, a German shepherd/Husky mix. He, too, was part of our life for 15 years. We took them everywhere, they even went out on the boat with us. They were family.

10) Spending time with old/new friends, hearing stories which rekindle memories of those no longer with us. People who meet by happenstance and become lifelong friends.

My friend said she has had lots of moments, but couldn't think of one specific time that outranked the others. When she reads this column (I know she will because she reads everything I write) I'm sure she'll come up with her own list.

So, c'mon get happy! No, I never saw The Partidge Family. Some of you might have and, for you, I hope you overcame your feelings for David Cassidy and Danny Bonaduce.

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Commissioners approve upgrade to courthouse phone system

GPC provided best and most affordable option

By Greg Tharnish
Special to The Elgin Review

After well over a decade, the Antelope County Courthouse will be getting a new phone system. Meeting Tuesday (March 10), the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) voted to have Great Plains Communications (GPC) install a new web-based phone system.

The last few months the ACC has heard from and taken bids from Stealth Broadband, Applied Connective and GPC. In the end, with all three company representatives on hand to answer questions, the ACC decided GPC was the best and most affordable option.

GPC will now be providing phone service to the Courthouse, Antelope County Weed Department and the Sheriff's

Office.

Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe reported to the ACC on several items:

- Proposed purchase of two semi-tractors.
- Update on a leased skid loader, with the option to purchase.
- Approval of six oversize permits for wind farm maintenance.

In other road matters, Commissioner Casey Dittrich urged his fellow commissioners to take action on a road issue approximately four and a half miles east of Elgin.

After much discussion, the ACC will have county engineer Brian McDonald look at the issue on 839th road and make a recommendation. Until then, this section of road

will be closely monitored and maintained by the county road department.

Concerning Jim Fehringer's request to slow down water crossing a road and flowing into property he and his wife own, the ACC decided to do the work in the county right-of-way themselves. Fehringer was advised and agreed to this decision in an attempt to stop flooding and erosion issues on their farmland.

Finally, last Friday, the Viking Fire Protection Company out of Omaha, fixed the fire suppression system in the courthouse, which had problems for over a year. The ACC will move forward with hiring Viking to do future maintenance and support for their fire suppression system.

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Members of the PJCC speech team, under the direction of coaches Amy Klein and Chris Grundmayer, presented some of their speech entries to the public on Sunday night.
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Harlie Tyler
Aiden Klein and Brooke Kinney
Matthew Kerkman and Christian Preister
Aiden Klein
Reese Stuhr
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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING MINUTES
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

Liquor License Hearing Minutes

Mayor Schmitt called the liquor license hearing to order at 7:20 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll call: Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

Staff present was Kristin Childers.

There was no public opinion either written or oral.

The council reviewed the liquor license application from KNBB Enterprise LLC, dba City Limits to move locations from 200 S 2nd Street to 210 N 2nd Street.

A motion was made by Niewohner to approve said liquor

license. A second to the motion was made by Kluthe. Roll call vote: Ayes, Young, Kluthe, Dvorak, Niewohner; Nays, none; Absent, none. There being 4 ayes and 0 nays and 0 absent, Mayor Schmitt declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Elgin City Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Dvorak at 7:26 p.m. A second to the motion was made by Niewohner. Roll call vote, all members voting aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Mike Schmitt
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 2, 2026 REGULAR MEETING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
March 2, 2026

The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy Young.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- February regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims
- General Checking:** Black Hills Energy, util, 1,535.33; Complete Pest Elimination, Inc, srv, 3,211.00; Fyr-Tek, srv, 1,500.00; U.S. Post Office, postage, 244.00; Prudential Annuities Service, retirement, 388.73; 118 Insurance LLC, ins, 4,904.00; APPEARA, srv, 126.20; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 382.94; Antelope County Sheriff, srv, 2,850.00; Applied Connective Technologies, srv, 25.00; Beam Insurance Administrators LLC, ins, 349.80; Bud's Sanitary Service LLC, srv, 6,877.25; Central Community College, training, 120.00; DWEE, license, 40.00; Dean's Market, sup, 4.58; Dianne Gunderson, travel, 36.10; Donald E Poulsen, postage, 33.65; Elgin One Stop, fuel & sup, 336.17; Elkhorn Rural Public Power District, util, 3,366.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, srv, 700.00; Great Plains Communications, util, 317.52; Holiday Inn Kearney, travel, 259.90; JP Cooke Company, sup, 105.95; Mid-

west; Laboratories Inc., srv, 219.62; Modern Marketing, sup, 233.19; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 0.82; The Elgin Review, print, 526.59; Verizon Wireless, srv, 125.49; Nebraska Department of Revenue, tax, 487.73; Nebraska Department of Revenue, tax, 589.53; American Funds Service Company, retirement, 502.19; United States Treasury, tax, 3,514.31; Payroll, 12,480.11

Debit Card: U.S. Post Office, postage, 33.25
Rescue Checking: 319 Graphics & T's LLC, srv, 117.00; Amazon Capital Services, sup, 22.68; Bound Tree Medical, LLC, sup, 110.70; Echo Group, Inc., sup, 355.26; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 46.57; Ferno-Washington, Inc., sup, 1,189.60; Savannah Wiseman, srv, 120.00; Truck Center Companies, sup, 3,200.00; ZOLL Medical Corporation, sup, 238.31; One Billing Solutions, srv, 496.59

• Sta-bilt Construction Company to furnish and apply 7,000 gallons of armor coat oil at \$4.19 per gallon

• Estimate from WW Concrete LLC to tear out and replace concrete on Cedar Street for \$20,400.00

• Estimate from WW Concrete LLC to tear out and replace the library parking lot, approach, and section of sidewalk for \$36,784.00

• Use \$16,066.00 of fire and rescue sales tax to purchase stall lockers for the fire hall

• Kaitlyn Dozler to Elgin Rescue Service

• Purchase 20 fancy forked snowflake design pole decorations from Display Sales for \$7,615.00 using sales tax funds

• Appoint the position supervisor, mayor, clerk, and councilmember Kluthe to the HR Committee to conduct interviews for the full-time

maintenance position
• Hire Kenzie Wies, Kaitley Schumacher, and Sydney Niewohner as lifeguards for 2026
• Baylee Busted as summer office assistant
• Regular meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Public comment: none
- Tabled Tanner Dozler to Elgin Volunteer Fire Department
- Tabled summer maintenance applications

• Tabled pay rates for summer employees

• Community clean-up day April 17th or 24th

• Sheriff's report: January-63 hours 1 minute and nine 911 calls

• Clerk report: office closed March 18th-20th

• Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026

Mayor Mike Schmitt
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PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

Annual meeting of Park Cemetery Association will be held March 29 at 7 p.m. at Park Church. Open to all interested parties. Cemetery

clean up day is scheduled for April 18 at 9 a.m. For more information call Chris Redding 402-843-2342.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 3, 2026 MTG.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
March 3rd, 2026

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of February 10, 2026 Board of Commissioner and Board of Equalization. Public comments.

Correspondence was reviewed. Discussed with Applied Connective regarding telephone and internet provider.

Zoning Administrator had no report.

Approved Law Firm for public defender contract. Approved proceeding with Hazard Mitigation update. Weed Department monthly update.

No action on 841st Road concrete placement in ROW.

Approved redecking bridge for Thiesen Construction.

Road Superintendent Report: approved 20 oversized permits, four (4) access permits and three (3) underground permits. Approved a Temporary Road Use Permit. Various department updates and discussions. No further report.

Considered micro-surfacing versus hot mix asphalt. Approved selling surplus equipment.

Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners
CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Editor's note: This week marks the second installment of a new series tied to our nation's 250th birthday in July 2026.

As time draws near to Celebrate 250 years of Independence, it seems appropriate to review the Declaration of Independence and to explore the background of those who created and signed the most important document in our country's history. It is written by Caroline Epp of Giltner, Nebraska.

James Smith (1719-1806) came from Ireland while very young and at an early age showed signs of high intellect. His father arranged for Reverend Francis Allison who was provost of the College of Philadelphia to oversee the early education of his son. The classical route of education, including Latin and Greek were pursued, along with surveying, a much-needed profession, considering the magnitude of unsettled land. He eventually studied law through his brother George Smith and Thomas Cookson, being admitted to the Bar in 1745. His career began in an unsettled place where he applied both surveying and law, later known as Shippensburg. After a short time in the wild, he settled in an established town called York, PA, but still, the only lawyer in town. James was known as one with great wit and humor – a favorite in the social circle. It was there he married Eleanor Amor from Newcastle, Delaware. They had 5 children but only one lived to adulthood.

Early on, Mr. Smith began to see tension between the colonists and Britain. By 1774 he had become vocal about independence, writing an essay encouraging people to stand against the tyranny of the British throne. His essay called for a Continental Congress to be formed. He encouraged a boycott of imported goods to weaken the power of British merchants. James Smith in 1774 formed the first militia group of Pennsylvania in York where he resided. In general, leaders of Pennsylvania were slow to get on board with the other colonies in separating from England until James Smith, George Clymer and Benjamin Rush replaced men at the Continental Congress by request from the growing number of Pennsylvanians wanting separation. He was elected to the Continental Congress in 1776, signing the Declaration of Independence on August 2 and holding that position till 1778. (As a point of interest, most of the men did not sign on July 4th but rather, on August 2, 1776.)

Mr. Smith was elected to the Pennsylvania State Assembly in 1779 for one term during which he was on a committee writing the state constitution. He served a term of judgeship on the High Court of Appeals for Pennsylvania and in 1781 he was appointed Brigadier General of Pennsylvania and on a committee, advising General Washington in the defeat of the British. He had gone back to his private practice but with the first losses against Britain, he returned to active duty.

In the year 1800, at age 81, he finally retired from private practice. He is one who seemed to suffer much less than his counterparts, but shortly before he passed away in 1806 all his writings were destroyed by fire leaving a void in history of all he had contributed in thought for his day.

Last, but not least, are statements taking note of his faith in God:

- He faithfully attended church
- He held a daily commitment to his faith in God
- He did not allow anyone to make light of Christianity
- He recognized human sinfulness and the need for Divine guidance
- He emphasized the importance of obedience, moral accountability; the practice of Christian virtues every day to maintain social and moral order
- Displayed a gratitude toward God
- He believed in seeking God during crisis, believing in God's guidance; His Providence as seen in the formation of this nation

Maybe the beliefs and duty displayed by our Founders should be taken to heart by each of us in our daily lives. Maybe we owe it to our children to know what made our nation so great rather than the three dots in textbooks where truth is left out of statements given by our Founding Fathers.

City

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night, April 6.

Tabled — The council tabled consideration of adding Tanner Dozler to the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department.

The matter is expected to be taken up at the next month's meeting.

Tabled — The council tabled consideration of pay rates for summer employees. It will be taken up again in April when they hope to have more life-guard and pool manager applications to consider.

Cleanup day — Depending on the availability of dumpsters, community cleanup day will be held on a Friday, April 17 or 24.

Liquor license — A six-minute public hearing was held prior to the start of the regular council meeting.

The council held a hearing on a liquor license from KNBB Enterprise L.L.C. doing business as City Limits to move locations from 200 S. Second Street to 210 N. Second Street.

There was no public opinion either written or oral regarding the license application.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the application.

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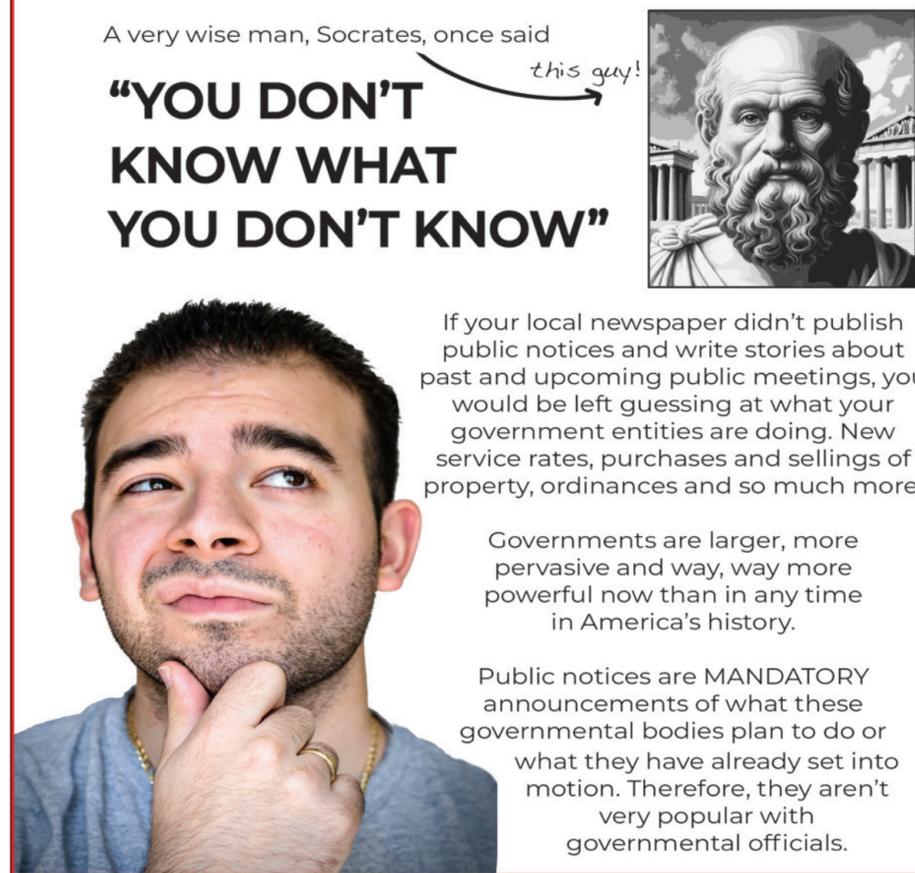
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Impactful events in U.S. history

As the United States celebrates its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, millions of Americans will reflect on the nation's history. American history includes a great many impactful events that changed the country forever. The following are some events of note as the United States of America celebrates 250 years of nationhood.

• The Louisiana Purchase (1803): Soaring prices have been the norm in the real estate market in recent years, but it was once possible to procure 530 million acres of North American territory for \$15 million. That's precisely what happened in 1803 when the U.S. and France completed the Louisiana Purchase. According to the Office of the Historian of the U.S. Department of State, President Thomas Jefferson sent James Monroe to France to work alongside U.S. Minister to France Robert Livingston in an effort to purchase New Orleans and West Florida for \$10 million. But the emissaries were surprised when Napoleon Bonaparte offered the whole territory of Louisiana to the U.S. for \$15 million. Native Americans still inhabited much of the area that was part of the sale, but the transaction included the entirety of what is now Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, as well as portions of present-day Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Minnesota.

• President James Monroe addresses Congress (December 1823): During his annual message to Congress in late 1823, President James Monroe included a warning to European powers that they should not interfere in affairs in the Americas. According to The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the powers that be in the United States were wary of European intervention in Florida, the Pacific Northwest and Latin America. The result was a statement from President Monroe, later referred to as the Monroe Doctrine, announcing that the western hemisphere

was closed to further colonization by European nations. President Monroe also noted that the U.S. would not interfere in the internal affairs of nations in Europe.

• Sinking of the Lusitania (1915): Though the Lusitania was a British-owned ship, the U.S. Library of Congress notes its passengers included more than 120 Americans on May 7, 1915, the day the luxury ocean liner was torpedoed by a German U-boat. History.com notes the Imperial German Embassy in Washington, D.C., placed ads in American newspapers reminding Americans that Germany and Britain were at war and that ships flying the flag of Great Britain were vulnerable to attack. Despite the warnings, Americans still boarded the Lusitania, and the sinking of the ship strained relations between the neutral United States and Germany. Anti-German sentiments began to rise in the U.S. after the sinking of the ship, and such sentiments remained even as the U.S. maintained its neutral status into 1917. The final straw, and one that called to mind the sinking of the Lusitania nearly two years prior, was the interception of the Zimmerman telegram, which revealed German intentions to return to submarine warfare and target all ships, including those carrying American passengers.

• Wall Street crashes on Black Monday (1929): The stock market crash that began in October 1929 marked an end to the financial boom of the 1920s that the Federal Reserve notes had begun in August 1921 and lasted until September 1929. On what's become known to historians as Black Monday (October 28, 1929), the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined by nearly 13 percent, a fall that preceded an almost 12 percent decline on the following day. By the summer of 1932, the Dow had fallen to its lowest value of the twentieth century and 89 percent below its peak. Black Monday marked the beginning of the Great Depression, and the Federal Reserve notes the Dow did not return to its pre-crash heights until 1954.

Control those winter annuals in alfalfa

Spring green up is right around the corner. For many it can't come soon enough. Producers raising alfalfa may want to pay close attention to their stands this time of year. Before alfalfa plants begin to grow there is a short window of opportunity to control some pesky weeds in our stand, winter annuals.

Plants like henbit, pennycress, shepherd's purse, mustard, annual bluegrass, and cheatgrass seem to magically appear in our stands about this time every year. These winter annuals germinate in the fall, lie dormant during winter, then pick up growth quickly in the spring as warm temperatures return. Greening up before almost any other plants in our fields gives

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

these species a competitive advantage, and they capitalize on it with fast growth and quick maturity, often setting seed before other summer annuals have done much more than starting to grow.

This speedy life cycle means our window for control is limited, especially in alfalfa. Because we don't want to damage our alfalfa plant during the fall as it prepares for winter, or later in the spring as it starts new growth, the best window of opportunity for control is in the spring where winter annuals have started to grow again, but alfalfa is still dormant.

To take advantage we need to act as soon as winter annuals begin to grow. Scout alfalfa fields and determine if weed pressure is enough to warrant

the cost of control. Weeds can reduce overall yield, lower hay quality and palatability, and slow dry-down time for the first cutting. Producers whose goal is dairy quality hay will most likely find the benefit of control worth the expense. If the hay is destined for dry cows in a beef herd, the difference between benefit and cost may need a closer examination.

It is also important to identify what species need to be addressed. Herbicide efficacy varies by species, so picking the product that best controls your problem weed can prevent future applications and save money in the long run. Need for broadleaf or grass weed control is especially important to identify as some broadleaf products have no action at all on grasses.

Producers with Round-Up-Ready alfalfa varieties can apply glyphosate at almost any time without the worry of damaging their crop. However, best control will occur when weeds are small and by treating early,

you can count on a cleaner harvest at first-cutting.

If we miss the window of opportunity when plants are dormant, select an herbicide that allows application after growth has initiated to minimize damage to the crop. Most of these products target alfalfa growth under 2-3 inches and have pre-harvest intervals, so do your research before applying. If you need help selecting the right product for your situation, your local extension office will be happy to connect you with an educator that can provide guidance.

Winter annuals can be a seemingly never ending fight in alfalfa stands, but by being prepared and acting quickly when the time is right, we can take control.

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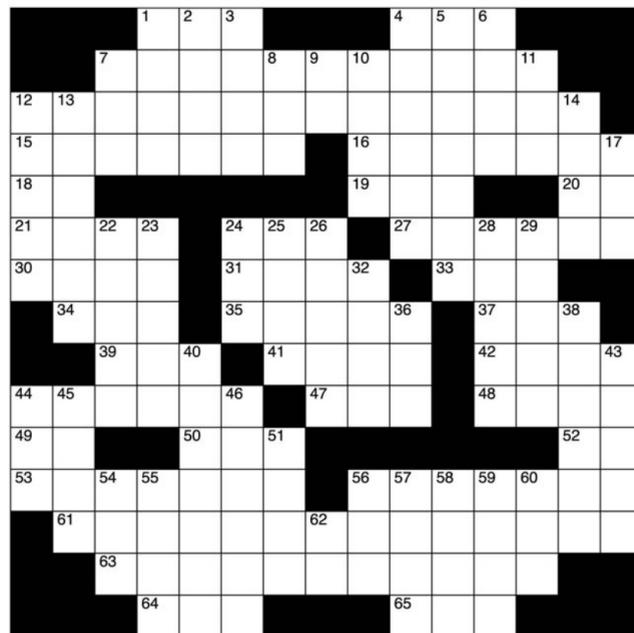
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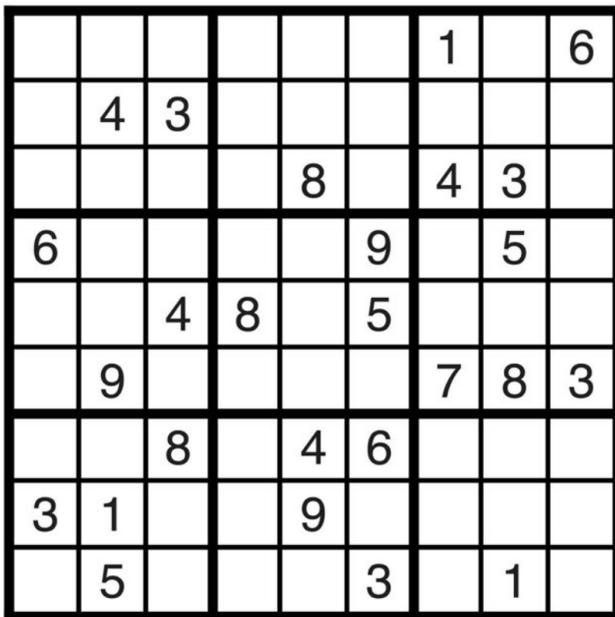
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- Tropical fruits
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- Ancient Scot
- Basics
- Stated propositions
- Scottish island group
- Expression of annoyance
- Large tree
- Engine additive
- Conspiracy
- Drunkard
- Someone who is morally

CLUES DOWN

- Impression in a surface
- Computer language
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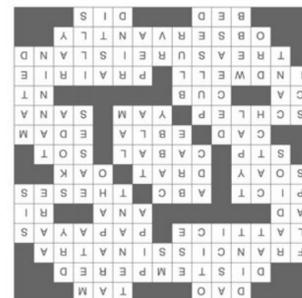
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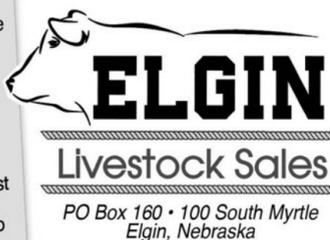
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Research shows risk-averse producers sell earlier in grain marketing year

A new study from University of Nebraska-Lincoln agricultural economists finds that producers with safety-first risk preferences likely make notably different grain-marketing decisions than those without, offering a glimpse into how and why producers market their harvests.

Specifically, according to the economic experiment highlighted in the article published in Agricultural Financial Review, participants with safety-first risk preferences sell about 8.45% more of their harvest in the first month of the marketing year.

And it is likely that many producers have safety-first risk preferences in the real world, as 45% of experiment participants showed safety-first preferences, even in the controlled stylized setup.

Safety first — a behavioral basis for decisions made under risk and uncertainty to minimize the probability of a disastrous outcome and produce a minimal accepted return on investment — has been widely applied to economics literature but has gotten little attention

in the agricultural economics space, especially in the examination of grain marketing decisions.

Previous research into decisions on grain marketing has mostly relied on surveys or workshop questionnaires. The study from Husker ag economists Cory Walters, Simanti Banerjee and Karina Schoengold, and alumna Stamatina Kotsakou, now an assistant professor at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, gamified the grain-selling process for a large group of students with agriculture backgrounds to uncover reasoning and behaviors behind grain selling decisions. By systematically varying the economic incentives faced by the students, the researchers were able to study evolution of decision making in real time.

"This was an innovative way to see how producers made choices across different years of different outcomes which they couldn't see," Walters said. "We want to know what the underlying factors are driving their reality and uncover something

that has never been uncovered (in previous research) where people with these safety-first preferences are just going to sell a certain amount of crop at harvest, regardless of whatever the economics tell them to do. They want to take some price risk off the table."

During the experiment, participants' risk preferences and attitudes were gathered first. Then, using the context-rich

grain marketing experiment created with the MINE Program at UNL, the researchers tracked individuals' decisions on if and when to sell grain in multiple years. Banerjee, who guided the development of the game methodology, said they used real price points from four years to mimic real-life decisions.

"In real life, since producers face prices that are falling,

rising or stable, we wanted to capture that in the experiment with those different price series," Banerjee said. "This would make the experiment a closer representation of reality."

Grain markets are always noisy, and it is difficult for economists to gauge why farmers sell when they do, and it plays a

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Wolfpack Sports



Juniors led EPPJ girls basketball final stats

ELGIN — Final statistics have been released for the Wolfpack girls basketball team.

From their first game against Riverside to their final game against Plainview, the Wolfpack were a team to be reckoned with.

Under the tutelage of Coach Randy Eisenhauer and assistants Trent Ostransky and Keyera Eisenhauer, Elgin Public-Pope John won 18 games and dropped just six for a winning percentage of 75 percent. During the season they put together winning streaks of six,

EPPJ Players Totals

#	Name	Points	Total FG	%	2pt FG	%	3pt FG	%	Free Throws	%	Reb(O-D)	PF(T-F)	T	Ast	Blk	Stl	Def	stom S	Eff	Min
1	Kayton Zwingman	158	61/154	39.6	60/147	40.8	1/7	14.3	35/62	56.5	102 (66-36)	52	50	22	8	40	0	0	160	7:53:2
2	Gentry Zwingman	85	37/114	32.5	32/88	36.4	5/26	19.2	6/13	46.2	52 (30-22)	25	32	14	3	47	0	0	85	5:37:12
3	Elizabeth Moser	137	60/149	40.3	49/111	44.1	11/38	28.9	6/14	42.9	98 (51-47)	43	48	38	2	61	0	0	191	6:51:29
4	Kinley Druke	109	40/138	29	24/61	39.3	16/77	20.8	13/23	56.5	52 (24-28)	39	59	20	3	45	0	0	62	7:2:59
5	Braelyn Martinsen	349	122/322	37.9	87/190	45.8	35/132	26.5	70/131	53.4	170 (45-125)	66	95	68	14	115	0	0	360	7:16:32
10	Lillian Moser	23	10/48	20.8	9/32	28.1	1/16	6.2	2/4	50.0	22 (10-12)	7	16	7	1	15	0	0	12	55:49
11	Kinley Miller	14	7/26	26.9	7/26	26.9	0/0	0	0/11	0	33 (20-13)	19	10	5	3	11	0	0	26	3:13:29
12	Sydney Niewohner	11	5/15	33.3	4/12	33.3	1/3	33.3	0/2	0	5 (0-5)	8	7	5	1	9	0	0	12	34:27
21	Jael Lammers	71	28/66	42.4	28/65	43.1	0/1	0	15/24	62.5	90 (50-40)	14	24	11	7	25	0	0	133	3:50:10
22	Kierstyn Eisenhauer	28	11/34	32.4	10/26	38.5	1/8	12.5	5/12	41.7	30 (11-19)	14	5	6	3	7	0	0	39	1:34:16
23	Madelyn Kurpgewei	344	130/294	44.2	123/262	46.9	7/32	21.9	77/143	53.8	237 (81-156)	54	77	62	50	77	0	0	463	7:13:24
32	Macy Rokahr	4	2/2	100	2/2	100	0/0	0	0/0	0	4 (1-3)	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	11	15:46
55	Gemma Miller	2	1/9	11.1	1/9	11.1	0/0	0	0/2	0	7 (3-4)	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	34:45
Total		1335	514/1372	37.5	436/1032	42.2	78/340	22.9	229/441	51.9	905 (394-511)	346	433	261	97	457	0	0	1552	12:48:00

five and four games.

The highlight of the season may have come on Saturday, February 7, when the team defeated Santee 67 to 43 to claim their first ever Niobrara Valley Conference tournament championship as the Wolfpack.

Their biggest margin of victory was 58 points when, in their final regular season home game they defeated Randolph 80 to 22.

During the season the Wolfpack averaged 56 points per game while opponents averaged just 42 points against EPPJ's pressure defense.

Of their six losses, two came to teams which finished as state runner-ups. They were Bloomfield (D1) and Elkhorn Valley (C2).

Individual statistics

Two juniors, Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgewei led most of the individual statistics.

Martinsen was the team's leading scorer with 349 points, averaging 14.5 points per game. She led the team in three-point baskets, sinking 35 of 132. She also led in assists (68) and steals (115).

Kurpgewei scored 344 points, averaging 14.3 points per game. Kurpgewei led the team in rebounds with 237, averaging

nearly 10 per game. Kurpgewei led the team in blocked shots (50) and was second in steals (77) and assists (62).

The lone senior on the team, Kayton Zwingman was third in scoring with 158 points and she pulled down 102 rebounds.

Junior Elizabeth Moser was third on the team in steals (61) and assists (68).

Her first year as a starter on the team, sophomore Kinley Druke provided an inside/outside scoring option for the team. On defense she tormented opponents with 45 steals.

Jael Lammers and Gentry Zwingman logged the most minutes coming off the bench.

With all but one player coming back next season, the Wolfpack should once again be at the top of the Niobrara Valley Conference.



Mady Kurpgewei (23) and Braelyn Martinsen (5) were the Wolfpack's top rebounders and scorers during a season in which they won 18 games and lost only six.

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School Activities Association made the decision months ago to take schools in Class D and break them into three divisions.

The Wolfpack, compiling a 6-3 record and earning a spot in the Class D2 State Football Playoffs last season, will face a formidable schedule when the season begins.

Here's the 2026 schedule (game times to be announced at a later date):

- Week 1 — @ Boyd County
 - Week 2 — Wynot
 - Week 3 — Guardian Angels Central Catholic
 - Week 4 — @ North Central
 - Week 5 — Chambers/Wheeler Central
 - Week 6 — Central Valley
 - Week 7 — @ Palmer
 - Week 8 — Burwell
 - Week 9 — @ Twin Loup
- The 2027 schedule will be:
- Week 1 — Boyd County
 - Week 2 — @ Wynot
 - Week 3 — @ Guardian Angels Central Catholic
 - Week 4 — North Central
 - Week 5 — @ Chambers/Wheeler Central
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Grain

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role in management of resources.

“As scientists, we want to

find out what is the signal in all of this noise, what’s the underlying characteristic of this market?” Walters said.

The new research opens the door for ag economists to further study how risk preferences are influencing grain marketing decisions with the economic experimental method.

“This is a new theory to attach to grain marketing decisions, and by using this type of experimental design for asking

these questions, we can see outcomes,” Walters said. “This is really the piece to get the conversation started, and we think this deserves more attention in the literature.

“There still is, today, a very large amount of grain sold at harvest, suggesting the safety-first preferences.”

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By Angela Renner, PT

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Incontinence is any involuntary loss of urine. According to the National Association for Incontinence, more than 80 million Americans experience some type of bladder condition. While 75% of women over age 65 deal with some type of incontinence, nearly half of those with bladder issues are under 50. Men are affected too. This is common—but it is treatable.

There are several types of incontinence. Stress incontinence happens with coughing, sneezing, laughing, jumping, or lifting. Urge incontinence (overactive bladder) is a sudden, intense need to urinate that can lead to leakage before reaching the bathroom. Many people experience a combination of both, known as mixed incontinence.

Bladder leakage can have many causes. Weakness in the pelvic floor muscles, pregnancy and childbirth, menopause,

pelvic surgeries such as hysterectomy or prostate surgery, or neurologic conditions like Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or spinal cord injury can all play a role. Everyday habits matter too. Caffeine and alcohol may irritate the bladder. Not drinking enough water can make urine more concentrated and bothersome. Going “just in case” too often can make the bladder more sensitive. Even constipation can contribute.

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- Prime Rib from Albion Lockers, Cargill
- Meat of the Month, Deans Market-Dean & Kim Schrage
- Handle Bend Basket Plus Gift Cards, Insurance Mart/Elgin Hardware & More/ Coffehouse Cafe-Janet Koizan
- Baked Item of the Month, Liturgy Committee-Jodine Meis
- 10 New York Strip Steaks NEVER FROZEN, Pavel Auction
- Cookie Sets, The Cookie Zone-Kristina Sehi
- Sour Dough Bread, Mark & Julie Dwyer
- Prime Rib Dinner, Jodine Meis

- 4 Qty Homemade Hot Dill Pickles, Jerry & Jan Heithoff
- 6 Qty Homemade Strawberry/Rhubarb Jam, Jerry & Jan Heithoff
- 12 Jars Homemade Pepper Jelly, Jayne Arehart
- Lasagna, Dennis & Lynell Morgan
- Homemade Bread, Dennis & Lynell Morgan
- Raisin Cream Pie, Dennis & Lynell Morgan
- Group of Misc. Baked Homemade Goods, JoAnn Baum
- 10lb Prime Rib, Ben & Anna Meis
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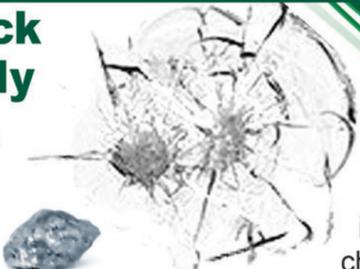
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