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In Brief

Housing survey needs to be completed soon

Survey deadline is March 25.

The City of Elgin continues to collect community-wide housing surveys, 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. 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.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Proceedings — The Bartlett Village Board
- Proceedings — The District #18 Board of Education
- Proceedings — The Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Notice of Annual Meeting — Park Cemetery Board
- Notice of Organization — Hammock Repair, L.L.C.

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 74 degrees recorded on Sunday and Monday, March 8-9.

The low temperature during the same period was 19 degrees recorded on Saturday, March 14.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
March 8	74	40	.00
March 9	74	28	.00
March 10	52	24	.00
March 11	44	24	.00
March 12	71	31	.00
March 13	43	26	.00
March 14	58	19	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for March			0.29
Total precipitation 2026			0.68



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EPPJ brings home state runner-up trophy

A season like no other in the history of Wolfpack basketball culminated with an appearance Saturday in the Class D2 State Championship game at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln. The top-seeded Wolfpack fought hard throughout the game but couldn't stop Archangels Catholic as the Defenders won 50 to 30. Moments after the game concluded, the team hoisted the runner-up trophy as fans celebrated the moment.

District #18 approves technology purchases, sidewalk repairs

Resignation of teacher Brian McGill accepted 'with regret'

With the Wolfpack boys basketball team playing their first round of the state tournament on Wednesday, March 11, the District #18 Board of Education held their meeting one day earlier.

Four members of the board (Steve Busted and Todd Heithoff were absent) conducted the school's monthly business. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was over shortly before 7:30 p.m.

The board acted, with regret, accepting the resignation of Brian McGill as math instructor. McGill was hired one year ago to fill the opening which was created with the retirement of Dorothy Heithoff.

A search is now underway to fill the

opening.

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved a bid from WW Concrete LLC for \$4,812. That the amount to cover sidewalk repairs around campus. The repairs will be completed before the start of the 2026/'2027 school year.

Also, the board approved technology purchases for the coming school year in the amount of \$29,436.55. Approving the expenditure were board members Lisa Welding, Ron Bode, Eric Beckman and Luke Hinkle.

In other action:

Update — Board members heard an update from Superintendent Mike Brockhaus regarding the NDE nutrition review which was completed in

February. Also, he provided the board with legislative updates.

Tabled — The board tabled approval of a bus purchase. The item will be addressed during the April meeting which will be held on April 15 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the high school.

Numbers — With winter sports season over, attention now turns to spring sports. According to Athletic Director Trent Ostransky, 16 athletes will compete on the Wolfpack track team to be coached by Tiffany Moser and Sandi Henn.

The Wolfpack golf team will have 13 athletes competing, among them six seniors. Coaches for the team are Ostransky and Andrew Childers.

New transmission line the focus of NPPD public hearings March 24

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) will host an open house on March 24 in Clearwater to gather public input for a new transmission project in the area.

NPPD plans to build an approximately 27-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the existing NPPD substation in southeast Holt County, to the existing substation northeast of Neligh in Antelope County.

The new line will increase the system's transmission capacity to meet increasing demand and further enhance reliability and resiliency in the north central Nebraska area.

At the open house, NPPD will collect property information from landowners in the study area.

Input from landowners and interested stakeholders will help NPPD evaluate potential routes for the 345kV transmission line.

The open house session is informal and provides the opportunity to review project information and visit with project team members.

The in-person meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24 at the American Legion hall in Clearwater from 3 to 7 p.m.

For those unable to attend in person, a self-paced virtual open house will be available on nppd.com/HoltCounty-Antelope with the same project information and an opportunity to submit feedback.

The virtual open house will be available from Tuesday, March 24, through Friday, April 10, 2026.

The upcoming open house is the first of three rounds of public informational meetings NPPD plans to host for the project.

This includes the first round of open houses to gather information on the study area, a second set of open houses to highlight potential routes and gain additional feedback, and a set of public hearings to announce a proposed route.

For more information and to stay involved with the project, visit nppd.com/HoltCounty-Antelope.

Four appear for arraignment on March 12

Several individuals appeared before The Honorable Kale Burdick for arraignment in Antelope County Court, March 12.

Michael S. Boughton, 35, of Krum, Texas, requested a continuance in a case where he faces one count of operate a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fly, a Class IV felony, committed Aug. 9. He is scheduled to appear April 9.

Boughton was arrested Aug. 9 by Antelope County Deputy James Collins, who observed the defendant speeding on Highway 275 near Oakdale. Once the deputy deployed emergency lights for a traffic stop, Boughton allegedly quickly turned onto a county road, causing the vehicle to be airborne, damaging a barbed wire fence and crushing a telephone connection box. The vehicle continued across a field, headed toward the Elkhorn River and came to rest "with the front of the pickup off the embankment of the river bank."

Collins maintained visual contact with the driver moving through trees and vegetation along the bank, and requested assistance. Collins yelled at the driver to stop fleeing and return to

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It's one of those recipes where you can kind of do your own thing with it. Maybe you can let the kids help you make it.

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JoAnn



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- Italian seasoning

- Diced onion
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- Green pepper, mushrooms, pepperoni, and cheese

In a 9x13 pan, cut the biscuits into bite size pieces, melt 1/2 cup butter and pour over the biscuits and stir. Pour one of the 14 oz jars of pizza sauce over the biscuits and mix. Sprinkle 1-1/2 cups pizza cheese over this and mix again. Sprinkle some Italian seasoning on top. Layer the browned hamburger that was cooked with the onion and garlic. On top of that, add green peppers, mushrooms, pepperoni, and more sauce. Cover with 2 cups cheese. Bake in 375° for 25-30 minutes. Yummy!

Court

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the scene, which he did.

A continuance was granted for Gail Allen, 49, of Neligh. She was scheduled to appear before Burdick for arraignment on two counts of issuing a no-account check, less than \$500, both Class II misdemeanors.

Allen is alleged to have written two checks to Thriftway Market - one for \$35.23 and one totaling \$106.40 - in January.

Per Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith, Allen requested a continuance.

She will appear March 26 if restitution and court costs, totaling 210.63, have not been paid.

Luis A. Gomez Hernandez,

28, of Wahpeton, North Dakota, appeared for arraignment on one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor and one count of speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

Via an interpreter, Burdick explained possible pleas and was advised of possible consequences of conviction if he is not a United States citizen.

The defendant pleaded guilty to both counts.

On count one, Burdick sentenced him to a \$200 fine. Gomez Hernandez will pay a \$125 fine on count two. Court costs of \$50 are also due.

Hugo A. Velasquez Canon, 29, of Clearwater, pleaded guilty to one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class

III misdemeanor. Prior to sentencing, Burdick advised the defendant to possible pleas and advised of possible consequences of conviction if he is not a United States citizen.

Burdick sentenced him to pay a \$200 fine, plus \$50 in court costs, due immediately.

A public defender was appointed in a case involving Donnelle J. Weed, 39, of Oakdale, who faces one count of abandonment/cruelly neglect an animal, a Class I misdemeanor.

Burdick ordered Weed to appear March 26 for an entry of plea hearing.

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I don't wanna fade away

Bruce Springsteen's "Fade Away" is basically an existential crisis of not wanting to become irrelevant. I think we can

all relate to this in some way. Nobody wants to be forgotten. I think we all want to make our mark on this world, or at

the very least, be thought of often and fondly by our loved ones once we're gone. But as we start our families, I think a lot of us don't want to fade away as individuals. We don't want to lose ourselves once we become parents.

When we are young and free (two things that are a distant memory), it's all about us. Many of us in our twenties are figuring "who we are".

We experiment with the clothes that we wear, the music we listen to, learning new talents or hobbies, and figuring out what we want to be when we grow up. I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up, but I digress.

For better or worse, those early years are all about us. We don't usually have a lot of responsibilities aside from work and we spend our time as we please. And then, we become parents and our whole world is flipped upside down. Suddenly, it's no longer just about us.

At first, our days are filled with diaper changes, naps, feeding, burping, and basically keeping our small human alive. As they grow, it's all about play dates, potty training, and learning. Then sports and extracurricular activities enter the picture.

We become glorified Uber drivers as we schlep kids back and forth to school, gymnastics, soccer practice, cello lessons or whatever else fills the time.

My days now basically consist of work, making dinner, cleaning up from dinner, tidying the house, and attending whatever practice or event is in the evenings. It's not often I have time to myself and when I do, I am so exhausted that I tend to read and go to bed early.

I was recently asked what my hobbies were and I realized I really didn't have any. I used to describe myself as a runner, but those days are gone due to my bad knees (can you say geriatric??). I rarely play the piano for myself now that I'm teaching lessons, and I no longer dream of being on the big screen as an actress.

My husband has his own hobbies such as video games, strategic board games and playing disc golf. When he has time to himself, he always finds ways to fill it and has no problem engaging in one of his passions. I, on the other hand, feel passionless lately. I have become so consumed with being a mom and doing things for the kids that I feel like I have lost a little of myself.

I don't think this is too uncommon. I remember in high school the moms that came to every game, every speech tournament, and basically their kids' interests became their interests. But what happens when the kids change their mind or move out of the house? What happens then? I can promise you that I don't plan on attending random soccer tournaments or high school basketball games once my kids are out of the house. In this phase of life when so much of our time is spent focused on others, it's important to still find joy and passion in things outside of being a parent.

One day, these kids will move out, and I don't want to be a shell of the person I used to be. Yes, I will be different because becoming a mother changes you. However, I'm still me. So in the words of Mr. Springsteen, "What can I do, what can I say, I don't wanna fade away."

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

March 24, 1966

Connie Wildman, Danny Pelster, and Steven Schrunck are at home with mumps.

This area had its second big blizzard in less than three weeks, interspersed with spring-like weather. This storm differed from that of the first week this month in that this time we had plenty of snow which blocked roads and caused power failures. It is possible we had ten inches of snow in this storm and backed by 35-70 miles per hour gusts of wind. Schools here apparently did not close until around 3 p.m. Tuesday and both announced Wednesday morning there would not be any school that day. This was identical with nearly all schools in northeast Nebraska. Power in Elgin was only off around three quarters of an hour during the night. Electricity went off at 2:15 Tuesday afternoon in the rural areas and had not been repaired by around 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. Many did not realize the intensity of the storm until they ventured outside or attempted to travel some distance. Parents who endeavored to pick up their children at rural schools have many interesting and harrowing experiences to relate.

Fifty Years Ago

March 17, 1976

The 7th and 8th grade students of St. Boniface Middle School held a Science Fair Sunday, March 14 consisting of displays and papers that represented the projects they have been working on

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Community Calendar

- * See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review
- Thursday, March 19**
EPS Speech Night to be held in school lunch room at 6:30 p.m.*
 - Friday, March 20**
Petersburg Fish Fry @ Legion Hall* ■ St. John Catholic Church (rural Clearwater) Annual Fish Fry.
 - Saturday, March 21**
St. Boniface Spring Benefit Auction at Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.*
 - Sunday, March 22**
St. John's Catholic Church (Petersburg) Potato Bake.*
 - Wednesday - Friday, March 25-27**
State Future Farmers of America convention/competition in Lincoln.
 - Friday, March 27**
Petersburg Fish Fry at Legion Hall* ■ Elgin KC Fish Fry.*
 - Saturday, March 28**
Elgin Easter Egg Hunt* ■ State Speech Contest at Kearney.
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Opinion

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Edward R. Murrow

Young Nebraskans discovering their next opportunity

From a young age, I have been fortunate enough to have a community of people who encouraged me to take risks, explore new ideas, and pursue every opportunity available. Their support helped shape my path and opened doors I never could have imagined.

Now, as a member of Congress, I am working to return the favor by creating opportunities for young leaders across our state.

One way I do this is by supporting programs that help students turn their curiosity into action, their ideas into real-world impacts, and their potential into reality.

For students with a creative spark, the 2026 Congressional Art Competition offers a chance to have your work recognized on a national stage. Every year, individuals from across the nation submit artwork that reflects their unique perspective, creativity, and vision.

This competition provides an exciting opportunity for young artists to see their work displayed in our nation's capital and I encourage interested high school students to visit my website to learn how to submit their work before the deadline on Friday, March 27th.

My Youth Advisory Council gives high schoolers across the Third District the chance to share their opinions, thoughts, and concerns with me about local and federal issues throughout the school year.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Days provide guidance on nominations and insight into life at a U.S. service academy. Nebraska has a long tradition of serving our country, and these events give students the information and support they need to take the first steps toward a life of leadership and service.

I encourage all students interested in attending one of my upcoming Military Service Academy Days to reach out to my Grand Island office to learn more.

Finally, if you are interested in government and public service, I encourage you to visit my website to learn more about my internship program. In my Washington, D.C. office, interns assist with legislative research, attend congressional hearings, and help constituents navigate federal programs. In my district offices, interns support outreach, assist with constituent services, and learn how a congressional office operates every day. These internships are a great way to earn college credit and gain real-world experience at the same time.

Nebraska's next generation is brimming with talent, creativity, and a commitment to service. Just as so many challenged me to surpass the status quo, I am committed to empowering our state's future leaders to do the same.

These programs are not just experiences, but stepping-stones aimed at helping young leaders discover their potential, build skills, and make a tangible impact in their own community. If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these programs, please visit my website or contact one of my offices to learn more.

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

Simple ways to close the state budget gap dismissed

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

Way back in the day, when I was in high school, I had a summer job of mopping floors at a local hospital.

Being a janitor was a really satisfying job because when you were done, you could easily see what you had accomplished, unlike a lot of other occupations.

Anyway, one of my compatriots on the broom was a guy named Howard Johnson. Howard was as big as an actual Howard Johnson's and he had an axiom for work: "the simplest way is the best way."

As I recently watched the Nebraska Legislature struggle with closing a multi-million dollar hole in the state budget, I kept thinking of Howard's advice and wondering "why don't they do some simple things" to solve their problem.

Like raising taxes on cigarettes, which would not only encourage more people to quit a bad habit but raise a badly needed \$50 million to close the budget deficit.

Cigarette taxes in Nebraska haven't been raised since 2002 and at 64 cents a pack, our tax ranks as the ninth lowest in the country. But a proposal to raise that tax by \$1 a pack got shot down. We can't raise taxes, it seems, even on cigarettes.

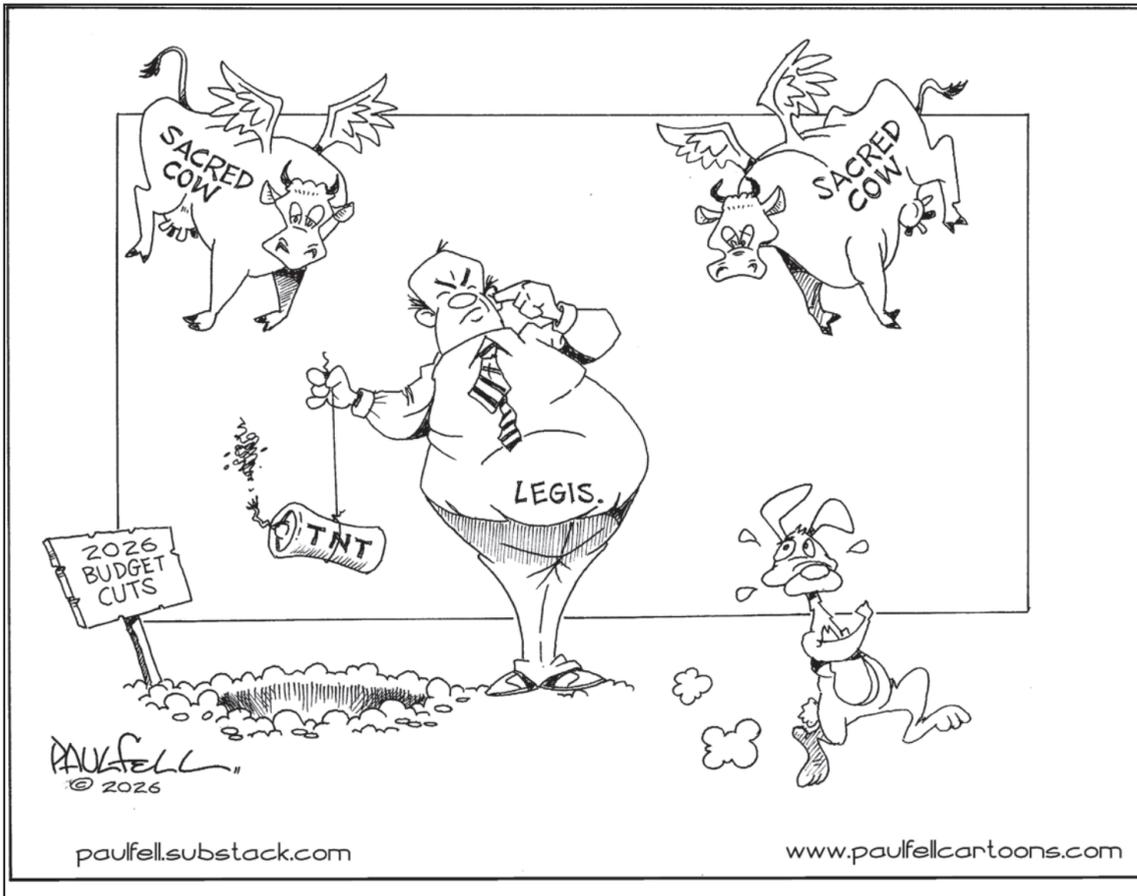
A similarly "simple" way to solve the budget crisis (a deficit which has grown to nearly \$650 million) would be to pause, or at least slow down, the deep state income tax cuts passed in 2023.

Back then, the state was flush with COVID-era funds and legislators figured the state could financially handle, if done incrementally, cutting individual and corporate taxes down to 3.99%. The top rate had been 6.84%, but is scheduled to fall to 4.55% this year and then to 3.99% in 2027.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



Well, now the state is short of money, in large part because cutting taxes means millions of dollars less to provide government services. It doesn't make sense to give away state tax revenue when you don't have the money to give away.

The simple solution would be to stretch out the gradual decrease to 3.99% by a couple of years, hitting that mark in say, 2029 instead of 2027. That would provide millions to close the budget hole.

That would still be a "tax cut," thus allowing senators and the governor facing re-election this year to say that they still delivered a tax reduction,

albeit a smaller one.

Howard, if he was still with us, would, I'm sure, question why we're parking nearly \$79 million in the bank on the long-shot idea of building the Perkins County Canal out on the Colorado border.

The governor has tapped all kinds of idle funds in state agencies to help close the budget gap with the idea that "if they're not using it, we will use it."

But somehow, we can't tap the canal funds, because, it was said, we need to convince Colorado that we're really serious about building an expensive irrigation canal that was ditched (pardon the pun) decades ago.

If the Perkins County Canal is so important, I'm sure we can find the money down the road, hopefully when the state isn't short on cash. But right now, the state budget needs some love. Seems pretty simple to me.

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.

Paying tribute to our fallen soldiers

U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Noah Tietjens of Bellevue, who was killed in Kuwait while supporting Operation Epic Fury, was honored at Dover Air Force Base last weekend. I spoke about him on the Senate floor last week and then stood on the tarmac alongside President Trump and Vice President Vance for the dignified transfer of Sergeant Tietjens' remains upon his final return to the United States.

We also honored the other service members killed in action during this operation: Maj. Jeffrey O'Brien of Indianola, Iowa; Capt. Cody Khork of Winter Haven, Florida; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Marzan of Sacramento, California; Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Amor of White Bear Lake, Minnesota; and Sgt. Declan Coady of West Des Moines, Iowa, posthumously promoted from specialist. Each of them left behind communities, families, and futures cut short in service to our nation. These soldiers answered the most profound call a citizen can receive. Their sacrifice deserves gratitude, remembrance, and reflection.

Witnessing a dignified transfer is an emotional event. When the transfer case, draped in the American flag, is carried from a military aircraft by a team of service members, the silence around it feels different. It is weighted and intentional. The tradition ensures that every service member who dies in service to the United States is returned home with the same honor, regardless of rank or circumstance. A senior officer presides. The carry team moves with precision.

The same principle governs the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which began as the grave of one unidentified service member from World War I and now holds three, has grown into something larger than any individual burial. It has become a promise that no matter how long ago the battle, this country has not forgotten.

To keep the promise, soldiers have stood guard over the Tomb since March 25, 1926. Select soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, which comprise the Tomb Guard, have stood continuous watch every hour of every day since 1948. Those chosen for this post undergo rigorous training and demanding examinations before they are trusted with it. That selectivity reflects how seriously this duty is taken.

The changing of the guard is precise to an impressive degree. The relief commander conducts a white-glove inspection of the rifle. The outgoing sentinel passes orders to the incoming sentinel the same way, in the same place, for decades. The new sentinel then walks exactly 21 steps, pauses two times for exactly 21 seconds each, and repeats — the number 21 a deliberate reference to the 21-gun salute, the highest military honor we can render. The weapon rests on the shoulder closest to the visitors, a posture that signifies: I stand between the fallen and any possible threats.

There is something extraordinary about a country that builds these rituals and then maintains them. I am proud and humbled to be a citizen of a nation that still honors its fallen with this kind of careful, purposeful devotion.

Guest column

Farm, food and National Security Act passed out of ag committee

By Kalee Olson

Senior policy manager, Center for Rural Affairs

On March 5, the House Committee on Agriculture passed the Farm, Food, and National Security Act, taking the first step in yet another attempt to pass new farm bill legislation.

The bill was approved on a vote of 34-17, with all Republican members joined by seven Democrats to pass the bill.

The vote followed a two-day mark-up, in which committee members were allowed to present amendments and voice their support or opposition prior to the final vote.

While a significant first step, the fate of a new farm bill remains uncertain. While the House committee has taken action, the Senate Committee on Agriculture has yet to release and pass its own version of the bill.

Even if these bills survive their respective full floor votes, the two versions must be conferenced and approved yet again by the full House and Senate before proceeding to the president's desk.

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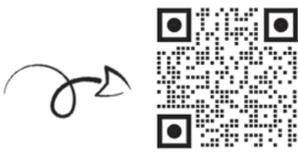
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The men who signed the Declaration of Independence

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.

George Taylor (1716-1781), born in Ireland, his father, a clergyman, saw to it that George was well educated as a youth in hopes he would pursue a medical career. George had other ideas! At age 20, while enroute to America, he indentured himself to Samuel Savage Jr., an ironmaster near Philadelphia, paying his way to America. After shoveling coal for a time, it was discovered George had an education and was placed in the company clerk's position. Mr. Savage died in 1741 and a year later, George Taylor married his widow, Ann, placing him in control of Warwick Furnace. It flourished over the next few years.

Taylor's first known public involvement happened in 1747 when appointed captain of a militia group formed by Benjamin Franklin to protect against frontier violence. In 1757-1763 Taylor was Justice of Peace for Bucks County. Due to business success, being a well-educated man finding favor in his community, he was elected to the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly in 1764-1769. At the same time, he was Justice of Peace in Northampton County until 1772.

For business endeavors, George was involved with several different iron works. At the very beginning he started at Coventry Forge but soon transferred to Warwick Furnace from 1739-1752. When Samuel Savage III, his wife's son, came of age, by will, he took possession of Warwick Furnace. George Taylor and a partner then leased the Durham Iron Works for 10 years. The next 10 years, Taylor was heavily involved in political activity. In 1774, he returned to Durham and in 1775 signed a contract to supply ammunition to the Continental Army. From this he never financially recovered. It was a sacrifice to supply the army as needed.

In 1776, Mr. Taylor, elected July 20 to the Continental Congress along with 4 others in Pennsylvania to replace strong royalists, though he himself, still hoped for agreement with Britain, became a staunch supporter of the Declaration of Independence, signing August 2, 1776. The year before, he had been commissioned Colonel of the 3rd battalion of militia following the Battle of Bunker Hill. Counties were beginning to arm themselves against England. During the war Mr. Taylor was selected to arrange and preside over an Indian Treaty Conference held at Easton, PA. In March of 1777, he was elected to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. He did not hold that office long due to failing health which ended his public involvement.

His times of hardship included losing a baby girl early in marriage. In 1768, after he had built a beautiful home overlooking Lehigh River, his wife, Ann, passed that same year. During 1775, he lost his son, James, who had married, become a lawyer, and had five children.

It was said that George fathered five children with his housekeeper when a widower and owned two slaves. This does not hold to Biblical standards which guided most of his life. It is something I did not want to report. May we learn from this and investigate our own hearts to see if we truly please and honor the Lord with our thoughts, actions or the need thereof. Our Founders held to such a sense of duty hardly seen today. They gave up the comforts of their homes and families. They gave up their wealth.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann (Seier) Borer, 90

April 8, 1935 — March 12, 2026

Raised on a farm near Petersburg, Mary Ann's greatest passion was her family. She was a devoted mother.



Mary Ann (Seier) Borer, age 90, of Albion passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 12, 2026, with family by her side at Good Samaritan Society in Albion.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, March 16, 2026, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Albion with Rev. Stan Schmit officiating. Immediately following the service, a luncheon was held, after which the procession went to St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Petersburg where interment took place. Visitation was Sunday at the church with a 4 p.m. wake service.

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

Mary Ann was born on April 8, 1935, to Anton and Rose (Mescher) Seier. She grew up on a farm outside of Petersburg and attended St. John's School in Petersburg through the eighth grade. On May 12, 1953, she married the love of her life, Ervin Borer. From this union, they were blessed with ten children. Together they built a life on the farm, centered on family, faith, and hard work.

Mary Ann devoted many years of service to Environmental Health at Boone County Hospital in Albion. Known for her reliability and strong work ethic, she worked there from 1990 until her retirement in 2007.

Family was always Mary Ann's greatest passion. She was a devoted mother and cherished time spent with her husband, children, grandchildren, and friends.

A talented quilter, she also enjoyed gardening, sewing, baking, and canning vegetables from her garden, as well as

playing a good game of cards. She had a love for cats and took great pride in caring for her home and family. Mary Ann was known as a wonderful organizer who managed her household with care, efficiency, and great love.

Ervin and Mary Ann were members of St. John's Church in Petersburg. They later lived in Lindsay, Nebraska, for nine years, where they were members of Holy Family Parish. In the spring of 2002, Ervin and Mary Ann moved to Albion where they joined St. Michael's Catholic Church, where they continued to enjoy being close to family and community. Mary Ann was a member of the Christian Mother's Altar Societies at all parishes.

Mary Ann is survived by her children: Tom (Diana) Borer of Clearwater, NE; Gail (Kathryn) Borer of Albion; Nancy (Kenny) Parks of Neligh, NE; Ann (Floyd) Knust of Springfield, IL; Alice (Jim) Mescher of Albion; Shirley (Jerry) Chromosta of Kearney, NE; and Keith (Nora) Borer of Kearney, NE; daughter-in-law: Jean Borer of Norfolk, NE; 29 grandchildren; 83 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sister: Rosie Pelster of Petersburg; brother: Joe (Connie) Seier of Petersburg; sister-in-law: Lorraine Seier of Petersburg along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will cherish her memory.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ervin Borer; daughter: Elaine; sons: Floyd and Dean; granddaughter Jennifer Henry; great-grandson Clayton Parks; sister: Viney (Albert) Schmitz; brothers: Max Seier; Tony (Margaret) Seier; Delmer and Delbert Seier; and two infant siblings; and brother-in-law Don Pelster.

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Romans 8:6-11
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Hebrews 11:1

Deficit still needs to be addressed

This past week, the Legislature gave first-round approval to the two budget bills which propose adjustments to the biennial budget that was passed last year. As I mentioned last week, the Legislature creates a two-year, biennial budget in odd-numbered years, and that budget must be balanced. The spending approved must not exceed the amount of revenue projected by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board in their most recent meeting prior to the end of the session. This frequently results in a mid-biennium budget adjustment in even-numbered years, like what the Unicameral is working on this year. This year, senators are tasked with filling a \$646 million projected deficit by March 25th of this year.

During first-round debate, senators proposed a number of amendments to the budget bills. Notably, one amendment was filed by Senator Brandt to remove a one-year \$3.65 million appropriation for K-12 private school education scholarships. Following a drawn-out debate, this amendment was rejected by a 23 to 17 vote. Senator Brandt has filed another amendment in hopes of trying to again remove this appropriation from the budget during debate on Select File.

Another amendment filed, by Senator Storer, was approved which would reinstate \$34,000 in funding to the Niobrara Council for its operations and to defend its conservation easements. The Niobrara Council was formed in 1997 to assist the National Park Service in managing and protecting the Niobrara National Scenic River resources in Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties.

At the end of first-round budget debate, the projected deficit remained at approximately \$125 million. This deficit will still need to be addressed. Multiple ideas have been floated to fill this remaining gap, but it is still unclear if any proposal has the votes

to be adopted. For example, Senator Juarez has proposed passing her bill LB330 to increase the sales tax on alcohol from 5.5 percent to 15.5 percent. Other senators remain adamant that across-the-board cuts across most state agencies should be the path forward. The Appropriations Committee has continued meeting to find other possible reductions to the state's budget and will present a list of additional proposed cuts to the floor when the budget bills return for debate on Select File.

Finally, the Legislature moved a number of bills to Final Reading and the Governor's desk. One of my bills, LB828, received final approval. LB828, as amended into LB1001, would eliminate a long-standing prohibition in Nebraska law which makes it illegal for non-profit organizations to conduct a sweepstake. Additional bills that advanced to the next stage of debate include LB1155 by Senator Dorn which updates provisions of law relating to legislative oversight of the state's child welfare and correctional systems and LB1101 by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee which reduces the state contribution to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges based on the recommendation of an actuarial study carried out by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems.

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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

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this year. All the projects were ideas developed and worked on independently by the students with directions from their science teacher, Mary Knievel. There were 29 projects in all. Twelve of these were in the area of Life Science and 17 were in the area of Physical Science.

Elgin's volunteer fire department was called into service at 12:18 p.m. Friday to extinguish a blaze at the Cyril Kerkman farm northeast of town. Lumber from an old barn had caught fire. Strong winds during the day caused concern that the fire might spread. Firemen kept the blaze under control.

Thirty Years Ago

March 20, 1996

Beckman Lumber, Inc. of Elgin will host an open house to celebrate its fifth anniversary in business next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 28, 29 and 30.

Students from 10 area schools gathered for the annual Elementary Music Festival at Elgin Public School last Saturday, March 16. Fifth through eighth grade students performed instrumental solos and received ratings from the judges.

Country Spinners Square Dance Club held a dance on March 12 at the Oakdale Community Center with Dean Dederman as caller. Guests from several area clubs participated. Harold's Squares and Harmony Squares took their banners back, and the 49ers stole the Country Spinners' banner. The club's next dance will be an Easter Hat Dance on March 26 with Mary Canner Paul calling.

Assisting with the grand opening at Sunset Lanes last Sunday afternoon, March 17 were Donna Mackel, Peggy Hanlin, Diane Ray, Sarah Schultz, Julie Henn, co-owner Mary McGee, and Wayne and Rudina Lautenschlager. The McGees purchased the business in December, 1995, and re-opened it on Feb. 26, 1996 after extensive renovation work.

Twenty Years Ago

March 15, 2006

Winners were announced Monday, March 13, in the St. Boniface School Modern Woodmen of American public speaking contest. Finals of the speech contest were held Monday at St. Boniface Gym, and students shared their presentations on this year's topic, "My State." Winners were Jenny Beckman, first place, Grant Beckman, second place, and Ross Schindler, third place. They each received a trophy and a gold award pin, and their names will be engraved on the school's speech contest plaque. Gold award pins were also given to the next three ranking finalists, Evan Parks, Justine Meis and Marin Heithoff.

By Kari Schindler

Probation violation cases heard in Antelope County Court last week

Five individuals appeared in Antelope County Court, March 12, on alcohol- or drug-related charges. The Honorable Kale Burdick presided over the hearings. Dallus L. Christiansen, 28, of Neligh, appeared for a violation of probation hearing after allegedly failing to provide verification of attendance at one Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, as ordered by the court, and arraignment on DUI-2nd, a Class W misdemeanor.

In 2025, Christiansen was originally found guilty of one count of DUI-alcohol-2nd offense, a Class W misdemeanor, and was sentenced to a 10-day jail term, with credit for two days, and one year of probation.

The defendant requested additional time to hire an attorney, and Burdick granted the request. He is scheduled to appear April 9 for an entry of plea hearing. A continuance was granted in a case involving Martin R. Siems, 51, of Clearwater, who is facing a charge of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor. Siems will appear April 9.

Shane L. Krebs, 55, of Clearwater, appeared for arraignment on one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor. One count of refusal to submit to pretest, a Class V misdemeanor, was dismissed. Krebs pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial. He will appear April 9 for a pretrial hearing.

Krebs was arrested Feb. 11 by Antelope County Sheriff's Officer Riley K. Schroeder, after an anonymous call to the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center reported a suspected drunk driver in downtown Neligh.

Shortly after, Schroeder located the vehicle leaving the Casey's parking lot. Schroeder followed the vehicle north on Highway 14, where the vehicle was observed to cross the fog line into the shoulder.

Krebs failed field sobriety tests and, when asked if he would be willing to take a preliminary breath test, refused.

Schroeder arrested Krebs and transported him to the Antelope County Jail.

Bond was set at \$5,000-10%, with conditions that he not possess or consume alcohol or any controlled substance without a prescription and submit to searches and blood, breath or urine testing if requested by law enforcement.

Hannah M. Thomas, 37, of Sioux City, waived arraignment on one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony. Burdick ordered Thomas to appear March 25 in Antelope County District Court.

Thomas was arrested on Dec. 12, after Antelope County law enforcement officials received a report of a reckless driver. Deputy Riley Schroeder was dispatched to Casey's General Store, where he observed a vehicle matching the description. Schroeder spoke with the vehicle's driver, identified as Thomas. The deputy observed two passengers in the vehicle and detected the smell of marijuana. A needle found in the vehicle was tested positive for Fentanyl.

Other items located during a vehicle search included an open bottle of Fireball, an open Four-Loko alcoholic drink a THC/Weed vape, a machete and several multi-tools and pocket knives. Once transported to the Antelope County Jail, an empty needle was found in Thomas's waistband. She denied ownership of the needle found on her person, allegedly then said it belonged to her, and then reportedly said she was hiding it from her daughter. A \$20,000 bond remains in effect.

Dillon W. Eckstein, 29, of requested a continuance in a case where he is charged with one count of DUI-.15+ or refusal (2 prior convictions) a Class IIIA felony; one count of refusal to submit to pretest, a misdemeanor; and one count of possession of marijuana one ounce or less-1st offense, an infraction.

He will appear March 26 for a preliminary hearing.

Austin R. Klabenes, 20, of Neligh, was scheduled to appear for pretrial hearings, March 12. Instead, Klabenes requested continuances in all three cases.

In the first case, Klabenes faces one count of driving during revocation/impound-1st, a Class II misdemeanor, stemming from an Oct. 18 incident.

Klabenes is charged with one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor, in the second case, and in the third, he faces a charge of tobacco/electronic nicotine use - under 21; a Class V misdemeanor.



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Soils & Topography: Class III & IV Nora silt loam, 6 to 17% slopes; Class IV Crofton silt loam, 6 to 17% slopes; Class II Alcester silty clay loam, 2 to 6% slopes.
2025 Real Estate Taxes: \$2,857.34



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Farm

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Agricultural producers and rural communities have been waiting on a new farm bill since the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 first expired on Sept. 30, 2023.

Since then, the 2025 budget reconciliation package (aka the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) has complicated the relationship between lawmakers who traditionally show up to negotiate on the farm bill.

Tensions remain particularly high given OBBBA's investment in crop insurance subsidies over cuts to nutrition programs like SNAP.

The current farm bill extension will expire on Sept. 30. While six months in length, this window will become increasingly slim as members of Congress turn their attention to the November general election and campaigning back home.

As lawmakers weigh their options in the year ahead, it's important they hear from their constituents about issues that affect rural communities. You can find contact information for your members of Congress at congress.gov/members/find-your-member.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JAREK ERICKSON
BOYS BASKETBALL

A senior, Jarek led the Wolfpack boys in scoring against Pleasanton, the opening game. He accounted for 16 points, 12 rebounds and 4 assists in the nail-biting 2 point win.

KARSON KALLHOFF
BOYS BASKETBALL

In game 2 for the 'Pack, Karson, a senior, came on strong in the second half. He made 4 three-pointers to help secure an 11-point win over Guardian Angels CC.

MAX HENN
BOYS BASKETBALL

In the championship game, sophomore Max was leading scoring for the Wolfpack. He had 16 points - 6 from the charity stripe - in the loss to Archangels Catholic.

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NOTICE FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT BIDS
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Hot Mix Asphalt
 The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 14th, 2026, for hot mix asphalt. Price should be per ton and per location. Purchase of hot mix asphalt picked up at location between April 14th, 2026, to December 1, 2026, for all types of hot mix asphalt. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE

68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM on April 14th, 2026, in the Antelope County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelope should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Hot Mix Asphalt Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Photo submitted
The Pope John speech team earned the D2-1 District runner-up plaque Monday. Team members are (front row, l-r): Coach Amy Klein, Aiden Klein, Tessa Barlow, Camry Kittelson, Harlie Tyler, Jovie Borer and Reese Stuhr. Back row: Christian Preister, Matthew Kerkman, Brooke Kinney, Lillian Moser, Raaf Klein, Kinley Druke and Coach Chris Grundmayer.

PJCC takes second at district speech

The Pope John speech team finished second in the team competition Monday at D2-1 District meet at Raymond Central High School.
 In doing so, seven PJCC students qualified for the state speech meet to be held next Saturday, March 28, at the Univer-

sity of Nebraska-Kearney. State qualifiers were:
 • Aiden Klein, first place in Entertainment Speaking
 • Aiden Klein, Brooke Kinney, Camry Kittelson, Matthew Kerkman and Tessa Barlow, second place OID
 • Jovie Borer, second place in

Persuasive
 • Lillian Moser, second place in Poetry
 • Aiden Klein and Brooke Kinney, third place in Duet
 PJCC also had a number of entries earn medals. Reese Stuhr placed fourth in Serious; Christian Preister and Matthew

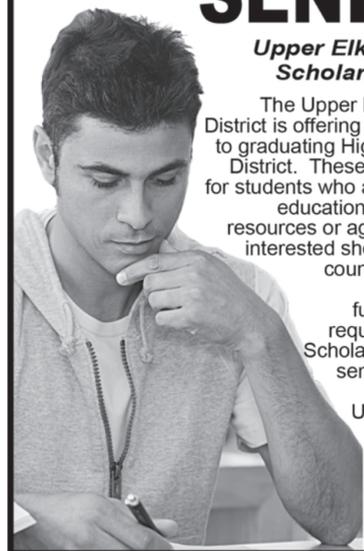
Kerkman placed fifth in Duet; Jovie Borer finished fifth in POI; Raaf Klein placed fifth in Serious; Kinley Druke placed sixth in Humorous; and Tessa Barlow placed sixth in Entertainment.
 Congratulations and good luck at State!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!!

Upper Elkhorn NRD Senior Scholarships Available

The Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District is offering **three \$500** scholarships to graduating High School Seniors from the District. These scholarships are available for students who are planning to further their education in a field related to natural resources or agriculture. Seniors who are interested should contact their guidance counselor or the Upper Elkhorn NRD office in O'Neill for further information, eligibility requirements and applications. Scholarship information has been sent to all District schools and is also available at the Upper Elkhorn NRD website at www.uenrd.org/education.html.

The deadline for all scholarship applications is **April 3, 2026**.



EPS qualifies four for State Speech

The EPS Speech Team started the road to the post-season competing in the D2-2 District Contest held in Wayne on Monday.

The group brought home 16 medals and four events qualified for state.

Representing EPS in Kearney next weekend will be district Serious Prose Champion Zoey Buechter. Joining her will be Kyndal Busted who placed third in Persuasive Speaking. Gemma Miller qualified placing third in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Braedon Hinkle secured his state berth by placing third in Humorous Prose. Missing state qualification by one place was the OID of Hinkle, John Zwingman, Sophia Burke, Kynlee Tillis and Sydney Niewohner. Niewohner also placed fourth in Poetry.

Burke placed fifth in Humorous Prose. Kyla Donaldson and Danny Smidt placed fifth in Duet, and Kierstyn Eisenhauer and Kayton Zwingman earned sixth place in Duet.

Busted also placed sixth in Informative.

The OID of Zwingman,

Eisenhauer, Donaldson, Smidt and Gentry Zwingman earned a Superior Rating.

Co-Coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn had words of praise for their team.

"We have a young team experience wise this year, but many made up for that with their work ethic. We're proud of all of them for their performances, as we saw a lot of

improvement during the season. We're thrilled for the kids we'll be taking to state. We also had some hard working kids who missed qualifying by a place or two, but that is the nature of speech. We're proud of them all and are excited to see our qualifiers continue to represent us in Kearney."

Due to both FFA and State Speech being booked during

the same week, this year's D2 competition will be held Saturday, March 28 at Kearney High School. Good luck!

Local performance

The team will showcase their talents on this Thursday night (March 19) during their annual Speech Night.

It will be held in the EPS lunch room and is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.



Photo submitted
 State qualifiers for EPS are (l-r): Gemma Miller, Zoey Buechter, Braedon Hinkle and Kyndal Busted.

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Tuesday, March 24: Ham & potato soup, cheese sandwich, relish cup, cottage cheese, peaches, milk.

Wednesday, March 25: Roast pork, roasted potato, carrots, cinnamon apple bake, bread/butter, milk.

Thursday, March 26: Cream chicken over biscuits, mixed vegetables, tomatoes/cucumber salad, peaches, milk.

Friday, March 27: Pan-

cakes, scrambled eggs, hash-browns, sausage patties, fruit cup, juice, 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.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starts at 11:30 a.m.

Judge Burdick presides over show cause hearings

Three individuals were in Antelope County Court, Thursday, March 12, to explain why fines and costs have not been paid in their respective cases. The Honorable Kale Burdick presided over the show-cause hearings.

Payment in full was made by Scarlett A. Pedersen of Omaha. Pedersen, 19, was found guilty in February of one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor and operate or park unregistered vehicle, a Class III misdemeanor. She paid fines totaling \$125.

Hope M. Petite, 32, of Columbus, made payment in full - \$100 - in a case where she was found guilty of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor.

Sean R. Tyler, 37, of Norfolk, paid \$125 in fines resulting from a 2025 case where he pleaded guilty to one count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of speeding 11-15 mph county/state, an infraction.

Bartlett Bits

National 'Read Across America' was celebrated Monday, March 2, 2026.

Wheeler Central celebrated that day with activities in the new gym from 2:50 till 3:20 p.m.

Elementary students were paired up with high school students to read Dr. Seuss Books or do other activities such as puzzles, pictures to color or games associated with Dr. Seuss.

Students also celebrated with a 'Dress up Day' which included a choice of wearing green.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 10, 2026 MTG.

DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
EPS Board Room****March 10, 2026, 6:00 PM**

President Lisa Welding called the regular March Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Luke Hinkle, and Lisa Welding. Also present were Principal Greg Wemhoff and Supt. Mike Brockhaus. Todd Heithoff and Steve Busted were absent.

Eric Beckman motioned to excuse Todd Heithoff and Steve Busted. Luke Hinkle seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

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

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

Eric Beckman motioned, and Luke Hinkle seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting, #5 - Adopt the Agenda, #6 - Financial Report, #7 - Board Bills. Motion carried, vote 6-0.

AMAZON, 1,136.49; AMH FAMILY PRACTICE, 215.00; APPEARA, 621.83; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,470.50; BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 114.80; Bishop Business, 161.59; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 3,429.92; CITY OF ELGIN, 1,995.00; COR Therapeutic Services, LLC, 2,075.00; CORNER SERVICE AND TIRE, 290.00; Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, 555.00; DEAN'S MARKET, 9.87; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 2,289.14; EDpuzzle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN ONE STOP, 121.44; ELGIN REVIEW, THE, 985.06; ELKHORN RURAL POWER DISTRICT, 2,655.33; ESU #8, 40,636.00; Gimkit, Inc., 59.88; GO Physical Therapy, 1,852.62; GRHAM TIRE NORFOLK, 2,355.28; Great America Financial Services, 1,000.85; GREAT PLAINS COMM., INC., 337.41; HP Inc., 148.02; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING, 642.07; JAN X, 316.88; JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, 3,925.71; Matthew Bender & Co., INC, 116.23; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM, 1,928.81; Midwest Electrical Services, 182.00; Nebraska DMV, 90.00; Nebraska State Pa-

rol, 150.00; NETA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, 249.00; OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS, 110.00; ONE-SOURCE, 11.00; OVERLAND REHAB, 1,506.50; PLT4M, 1,700.00; PRECISION REPAIR, LLC, 343.46; RC Pitt Stop, 57.21; Rise Broadband, 19.30; Speed Services, LLC, 581.79; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 73.60; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, 2.17; VERIZON WIRELESS, 65.12; WAGEWORKS, INC., 144.50; Walgreens, 35.98; Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc, 48.00; WorldStrides Educational Travel and Experiences, 45,617.50; Y&Y Lawn Service, 120.00; Fund Number, 123,566.36

President Welding recognized visitors and asked if the patrons had any comments.

In committee reports, technology and curriculum members gave an update.

Principal Wemhoff shared updates on past activities and future scheduled events.

In the Superintendent report, Mr. Brockhaus gave an update on NDE Nutrition Program review that was done in February. Also reported on the legislature updates.

Bode motioned, Beckman seconded to approve the technology purchases for the 2026-2027 school year as presented for approximately \$29,436.55. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned to approve the bid from WW Concrete LLC for \$4,812.00 for sidewalk repairs. Beckman seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Approval of a bus purchase was tabled until next month.

Luke Hinkle motioned to accept Mr. Brian McGill's resignation with regret, Bode seconded. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Motion by Hinkle, second by Beckman to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elgin Public School Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder
-This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.
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The name of the limited liability company: HAMMOCK REPAIR, L.L.C. The address of the designated office is: 704 Bazile Main Street, Creighton, Nebraska 68729. The name and mailing address of the initial agent for service of process of the company is Martin V. Klein, 101 W. 4th Street, P.O. Box 166, Neligh, NE 68756. It is organized to transact any lawful acts concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

This company commenced upon filing the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State on March 2, 2026, and its existence shall be perpetual. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by the members under an operation agreement duly approved by its members.

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NOTICE FOR ASPHALT OIL BIDS

ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Asphalt Oil**

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 14th, 2026 for asphalt oil. Price should be per gallon. Purchase of asphalt oil to be delivered to each county shop from April 1, 2026 to December 1, 2026 for the following types of asphalt: MC-800, RC-250, MC3000, CRS2, and CRS-2P. Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501

M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM on April 14th, 2026 in the Antelope County Commissioners Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelope should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Asphalt Oil Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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NOTICE FOR GRAVEL BIDS

ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE FOR BIDS
Gravel**

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM on April 14th, 2026, for gravel. Bids may be brought in or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026. Successful bidder will supply the specified product from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026. Bids will be opened and publicly read on April 14th, 2026 at 9:45

AM in the County Commissioners room of the Antelope County Courthouse Annex. The Antelope County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. ROAD GRAVEL - Purchase of Road gravel to be bid as follows: Priced per Ton, transported by county, loaded by pit operator. ARMOR COAT GRAVEL - Priced per Ton, transported by county, loaded by pit operator. All bids must be plainly marked "Gravel Bid" on lower left-hand corner of envelope. **Pricing all types of fill and aggregate.**
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

THE BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

USER FEES: Were discussed.

KENO: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Nordhues to approve the lottery license renewal. Roll call vote: Yes—Einspahr, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: Tetschner. Motion Carried.

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

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$64.26; Rick Custard, Potholes, etc., \$150.00; NNTC, Internet, telephone, \$131.74; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$205.02; Barco Municipal Products, Posts for signs, \$194.77; Sapp Bros, Propane, \$447.57; WeMart, Fuel, \$177.31; People's Service, Tire repair, \$25.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Printer ink & yearly remote pc, \$172.96, Salary, \$387.87

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$3,948.50

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: Municipal Chemical Supply, Float Solvent, \$680.00;

Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$64.29
TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$744.29

STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$1,135.68

TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$1,135.68

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$536.51; Bomgaars, Heater for pump house, \$74.89; NE Rural Water Association, Yearly fee, \$200.00; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$450.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,261.40

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$7,089.87

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: Nordhues. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Alexis Sprout requested a special event liquor license for Friday, May 1, 2026, a fundraiser for the Bartlett Splashpad Project. They are having dueling pianos. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to approve a special event liquor license for the dueling piano event on Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Bartlett Fire Hall.

The issue of increasing town rates was discussed. It was moved by Tetschner, seconded by Nordhues to table the discussion of the increasing town utility rates until after January 1, 2027. It will be discussed at the 2027 Bartlett January meeting. Roll call vote: Yes—Tet-

schner, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: Einspahr. Motion Carried.

Corrine Fraide presented her plan to move a 14x32 shed house onto their property. The board would like them to present a detailed plan showing where the windows, doors and rough ins would be located inside the house. They would also like to see a plan with the lot lines showing where the sewer and water lines would be. The board requires the house to be on a foundation, electrician approval, have two doors and egress windows in the bedroom area. The board will get in touch with the contractor to discuss the plans and requirements.

Kurt Einspahr asked approval for the board to have cow pie bingo on the future splashpad location during his Smokin for the Bronze competition on May 30th. It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to approve cow pie bingo on May 30th during the Smokin for the Bronze. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: Einspahr. Motion Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 13th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of March 2026
PUBLISH: March 18, 2026
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH 10, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
March 10th, 2026**

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

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

Approved and directed County Attorney to continue Public Defender Contract with Stratton, DeLay, Carlson.

Approved payroll.
Approved vendor claims.

General: AMAZON ex 145.30; AMERITAS ins 20,827.44; ANT CO ATTRNY ex 230.91; ANT CO CRT ex 102.00; APPEARA ex 80.50; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 5,902.40; FIRSTNET ut 652.42; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 1,854.56; BCBS ins 77,697.93; BOMGAARS ex 4.98; BRITTANY BRABAND ex 120.00; CANDLEWOOD SUITES ex 477.00; CASEYS ex 70.84; CENTEC CAST METAL PRODS ex 1,066.35; CITY OF NELIGH ut 3,247.80; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLERK OF THE DIST CRT ex 75.00; COLDTYPE PUB ex 605.11; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40; COPPLE ROCKEY & MCKEEVER ex 489.70; COR THERAPEUTIC SVCS ex 1,000.00; CUBBYS ex 397.56; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,214.60; DUSTYS ex 299.35; EAKES OFC SOL ex 38.49; EGGLEY, FULLNER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E ex 1,942.90; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 504.00; ELGIN REVIEW ex 384.58; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 662.12;

KIM ERICKSON ex 1,688.00; FED W/H tax 11,705.05; FIRST CONCORD ins 8,069.44; FITZGERALD, VETTER & TEMPLE ex 1,492.50; JAN X EXPERTS ex 628.02; THE GLASS EDGE ex 396.00; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 320.73; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; JACKS UNIFORMS ex 446.83; JONNY DODGE ex 364.90; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 9,710.83; LIBERTY NATL ins 133.22; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 133.04; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 5,561.13; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 992.23; NACEB ex 100.00; NACO ex 30.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 5,138.26; NEBR PLANNING & ZONING ASSN ex 235.00; NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN ex 150.00; THOMAS NELSON ex 160.00; VSP- NACO VISION ins 544.57; NCPPD ut 65.50; NECC ex 1,530.00; NE NEBR RC&D ex 2,000.00; NEN HEATING & AIR ex 230.00; OCONTO CO CLERK OF CRTS ex 28.75; LISA PAYNE ex 1,026.48; PETTY CASH (CO SHRF) ex 6.08; PINNACLE BANK ex 713.93; PITNEY BOWES LEASE ex 1,063.26; PITZER DIGITAL ex 727.50; QUILL CORP ex 32.48; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; SANNE REPAIR ex 508.87; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,040.79; SOC SEC 27,061.16; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,045.31; STRATTON DELAY DOELE CARLSON & BUET ex 13,606.49; SUNFLOWER LAW ex 1,462.50; TRUSTMARK ins 243.67; UNIV OF NEBR-LINC ex 45.02; URBANECS ex 211.00; VIKING AUTO SPRINKLER ex 3,560.00;

WASH NATL ins 285.92; ANT CO TREAS ex 300,000.00; LISA WELDING ex 16.50; RODEWAY INN ex 97.19; HEARTLAND FIRE PRCTN ex 152.25; ELITE COURT RPRTNG ex 275.10; PHYS LAB ex 3,299.00; PAYROLL 137470.11;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 2,489.08; AMERITAS ins 11,296.44; AMH ex 19.00; APPEARA ex 76.47; FIRSTNET ut 141.86; BECKMAN LUMBER ex 3,045.64; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 2,420.52; BLACKSTRAP TRAILER RPR ex 5,551.09; BCBS ins 63,943.67; BOMGAARS ex 1,073.75; BOONE CNTY HEALTH CNTR ex 110.00; CITY OF ELGIN ut 74.24; CITY OF NELIGH ut 15.00; CITY OF TILDEN ex 70.92; COLONIAL LIFE ins 307.96; CONSTELLATION ut 859.63; CORNER HARDWARE ex 49.94; CORNER SVC ins 90.00; CORNHUSKER INTER-NATL TRUCK ex 778.06; CREDIT MNGT SVCS ex 467.42; CUBBYS ex 478.50; DUSTYS ex 142.69; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 387.38; FAIRFIELD INN ex 309.90; FARMERS PRIDE ex 22,928.67; FED W/H tax 5,327.59; FIRST CONCORD ins 9,703.48; FRONTIER COMM ut 820.39; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 340.99; HOLIDAY INN ex 135.00; COLLECTION SVC CNTR garn 611.50; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 206.08; JEO CONSULTING ex 18,592.50; JONNY DODGE ex 2,902.22; KIMBALL-MIDWEST ex 289.44; LEIGH KLUTHE ex 9.99; LAMMERS TRAILER RPR ex 120.91; LAWSON PRODS ex 788.12; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 2,749.73; M&M AUCTIONS ex 750.00; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 80.62; MARX REPAIR ex 13,500.00; MBFS ex 27,938.04; MEDICAL ENT ex 42.25; ETHANS REPAIR ex 1,571.40; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 926.82; NATL INS SVC ins 73.75; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT garn 937.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 2,618.08; NPPD ut 294.79; NEBR TRUCKING ASSOC ex 1,396.00; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 321.89; VSP-NACO VISION ins 439.43; NMC EXCHANGE ex 1,366.63; NCPPD ut 303.92; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 3,420.00; NNTC ut 74.81; NORTHERN MATERIALS ex 50,916.25; PITZER DGTL ex 240.00; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 320.75; QUICK SERVE ex 338.03; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,125.00; RDO TRUCK CNTRS ex 1,830.55; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 353.33; RUTJENS CONSTRUCTION ex 6,965.59; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 2,932.85; WEX BANK ex 400.74; SOC SEC 15,210.90; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.75; SWITZER WELDING ex 2,070.00; TRUSTMARK ex 395.49; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 977.91; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 73.50; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 83.79; WASH NATL ins

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Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 412.08;

Law Enforcement: APPLIED CONN TECH ex 1,546.86; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 481.58; BOMGAARS ex 79.43; CASH-WA DISTR ex 3,100.51; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,793.92; CUBBYS ex 29.14; CULLIGAN ex 76.25; APRIL CURTISS ex 30.00; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SVCS ex 540.00; HILAND DAIRY ex 250.44; KAYTON INTER-NATL ex 450.00; NELIGH FAMILY DENTISTRY ex 541.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 427.97; THRIFTWAY ex 107.09; WILLOUGHBY INDUSTRIES ex 361.56;

Commissionary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 469.41; CHARM-TEX ex 892.30; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 412.80; PINNACLE BANK ex 327.39.

Correspondence was reviewed. January's Sheriff Fee Report, Treasurer's Fund Balance, Treasurer's Miscellaneous Revenue, and Treasurer's Sweep Account Statement, and Clerk of District Court fee report. Heard Weed Department update/report.

Presentations by Stealth Broadband, Great Plains, and Applied Connective Technology regarding telephone systems. Approved three (3) year contract with Great Plains.

Approved SLCGP cyber grant. Appointed spirited citizen to NC-DHD.

Authorized clerk to advertise for bids for gravel, hot mix asphalt, armor coat, and asphalt oil.

Zoning Administrator: February permit report. Approved administrative plat and boundary lot change.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved six (6) oversize permits, Tabled utility permit. Purchased leased skid loader from NMC. Approved rip rap on 841st Road (29-24-8). Approved purchase of two (2) 2011 Freightliners.

Motion by transfer \$100,000.00 from General to Road and Bridge.

Discussion with Veteran Service Officer regarding state "taking" veterans funds. Approved resolution opposing LB1072 regarding same.

Discussion of grant application and state proposed budget actions.

Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

NEIL WILLIBY
Vice-chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
PUBLISH: March 18, 2026
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

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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NOTICE FOR ARMOR COATING BIDS

ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Armor Coating**

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids until 9:45 AM, on April 14th, 2026 for armor coating of oil roads within Antelope County. Said bids are for the application of armor coating using county furnished materials. Successful bidder will supply the specified product from April 1, 2026 to December 1, 2026. Price should be per mile. All work to be done according to county specifications. Contractor must supply traffic control, signing and proof of bonding and insurance.

Bids can be brought or mailed to the Antelope County Clerk's Office, 501 M Street, PO Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756-0026 and will be opened at 9:45 AM, on April 14th, 2026 in the Antelope County Commissioners Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex. Envelopes should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the wording, "Armor Coating Bid." The County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Correction

In the February 25, 2026 issue, an obituary was published with an incorrect first name in the headline. It should have read Marilyn Elizabeth Rotert Koch, not Mary. The newspaper regrets the error.

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Colostrum: setting up calves for success

IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator **Ben Beckman**

Spring is a busy time for producers, balancing fieldwork and calving season. Unfortunately, some tasks may slip through the cracks, including ensuring calves receive adequate colostrum. An estimated 11-31% of calves fail to receive enough colostrum at birth, which can significantly impact calf health, performance, and profitability. Providing colostrum early and in sufficient quantities helps calves thrive, making it a critical part of newborn calf care.

Colostrum plays a vital role in calf immunity, because the cow's placenta prevents the transfer of immunoglobulins, proteins that act as antibodies, from the dam to the fetus. Without these antibodies, calves are highly vulnerable to disease, which can lead to higher mortality rates, lower weaning weights, and slower average daily gains. Colostrum, or the first milk produced by the cow, contains immunoglobulins (primarily IgG), white blood cells, energy, protein, and essential vitamins A and E—all necessary for calf immunity, nutrition, and vigor.

Studies suggest calves need at least 150 g of IgG at birth, with recent research recommending 200-300 g for optimal protection. The quality of colostrum depends on several factors, including the dam's nutrition, body condition score (BCS), and age. Older cows generally produce both higher quality and greater quantities of colostrum

than heifers. Research shows cows with a BCS of 5-6 produce better colostrum, while thinner cows produce less, putting their calves at greater risk.

Timing is critical for colostrum absorption. Calves absorb the highest levels of IgG in the first four hours of life, with absorption decreasing significantly after 12 hours and gut closure occurring by 24 hours. Difficult births can cause metabolic acidosis, further limiting IgG absorption. Assisted births should

prompt producers to milk the cow and offer colostrum to the calf through bottle feeding or tubing—both methods are effective.

The best source of colostrum is the calf's own mother, followed by donor cows from the same herd. Going outside of your own herd for colostrum sources can open the door to disease risk, and as such is discouraged. Colostrum can be stored in quart bags in the freezer for up to one year but should always be thawed in a water bath below 140°F to preserve IgG quality. Avoid microwaving, as it can denature antibodies. If herd colostrum is unavailable, colostrum replacers are an option. Choose products containing at least 150 g of IgG, protein, and fat to meet nutritional needs. Colostrum supplements differ from true replacers and do not provide enough IgG. They should only be used to supplement calves that have already received some colostrum from the dam.

While ensuring proper colostrum intake takes extra time during a busy season, the benefits are well worth the effort. Taking the time to provide adequate colostrum gives calves the best chance at a healthy start, supporting their immunity, growth, and long-term performance.

- Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving north-east Nebraska. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu



Court News

All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

Jace A Rocha, Neligh, NE 11/5/25 Operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest-misd., Sentence includes a State Fine of \$300.00 + Jail Sentence, Term of 007 Days - Miller.

Ray M Connot, Neligh, NE 11/17/25 Parking Violation, Fined \$100.00 - Miller.

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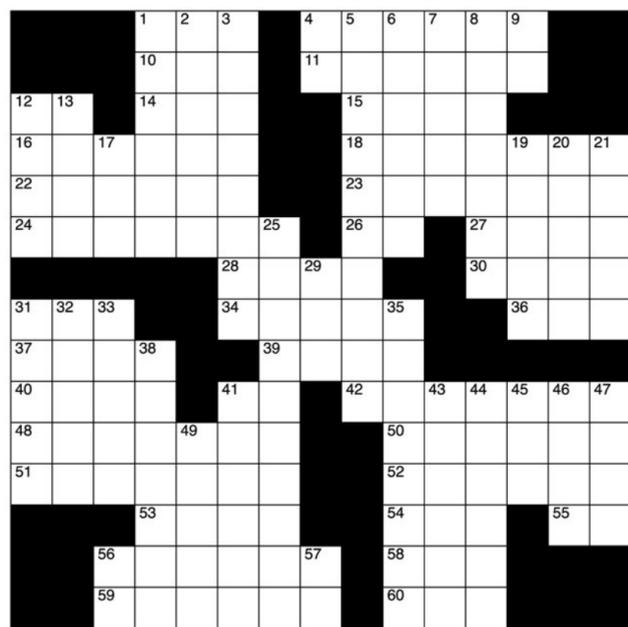
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Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- Inclined to do
- Sketches
- Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- Atomic #58
- Dorm official
- Small Eurasian deer
- Southern constellation
- Workers' groups
- Former
- Excellent
- Romance language related to Spanish
- Reference
- Equally
- Dirty towels
- A cargo (abbr.)
- Ammunition
- You get one in summer
- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Swiss river
- Exchange rate
- British School
- College teacher
- Foreign Service
- Horse gear
- Cost to fly
- A salt or ester of boric acid
- Mocking

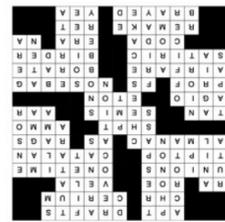


- One who bird-watches
- Concluding passage
- A major division of geological time
- Sodium
- A way to produce
- Soak
- Laughed loudly and harshly
- Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

- Moth species phalonia
- Quantum of energy
- Break the law
- Location of White House
- Official cancellation of a decision
- Where rockers work
- Cut of beef: ___ mignon
- Nocturnal burrowing reptile
- Atomic #62
- Genus of evergreen shrubs
- Flowering plant of the legume family
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Tropical fruit
- Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust

- James ___, painter
- Popular dessert
- Payment (abbr.)
- Cuisine style
- Genus of true flies
- City in western France
- Arrogance
- One holding a position of command
- Weekday
- An evening party
- Print errors
- Not good
- Egyptian Sun god
- East German town
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Wolfpack Sports

Archangels deny EPPJ first state championship

Defenders' 1-3-1 zone defense holds Wolfpack to lowest scoring output during season

LINCOLN — Archangels Catholic used a stifling defense and took advantage of Wolfpack turnovers to claim the Class D2 State Championship trophy Saturday morning.

The Defenders used a 1-3-1 defense to throttle the Wolfpack and deny EPPJ their first state championship.

Despite the loss, Coach Matt

Euse was proud of the team's accomplishments this season. "Bringing back the first trophy and first banner for EPPJ. That's pretty special," he said.

On a day when the Wolfpack needed to turn in their best effort of the season, Archangels held them to single-digit scoring for close to three quarters, taking a 25-point lead.

EPPJ's only lead in the game came early in the first quarter when senior Jarek Erickson made a trey. No one at Pinnacle Bank Arena would believe at that time in the game Erickson's trey would be the only one the team would make for the entire game. Such was the Archangels defensive pressure that they would hold EPPJ to just one of 14 from behind the three-point arc.

Brenden Johannes, arguably the Defenders' best player, would be a problem for the Wolfpack the entire game. Of his 15 points in the game, eight came in the first five minutes of the game.

Down 12 to five to start the second quarter, the Wolfpack were ready to make a move. But Archangels' defense had other ideas. They limited the Wolfpack to just one point in the quarter, a free throw at the 3:56 mark by Michael Selting.

"We just couldn't get anything going (against their defense)," Euse said.

The Defenders extended their lead in the third quarter, then the Wolfpack found a spark on offense. EPPJ found a way to get the ball inside to Henn and the sophomore delivered. Wolfpack fans rose to their feet when Karson Kallhoff dished the ball off to Henn for a dunk. He added four more points before the end of the quarter as EPPJ trailed by 19, 37 to 18, with one quarter to play.

The fourth quarter was anti-climactic. Forced to scramble



E-R photos/DMorgan

Teammates, coaches and even the referee look on as Wolfpack sophomore Evin Pelster (12) shows tremendous effort saving the ball from going out of bounds.

defensively, EPPJ just couldn't catch up. Of their 12 points in the quarter, eight came on free throws. "I don't think there was anybody outside of our locker room that would have expected us to be playing on Saturday on the big stage," Coach Euse said. "I knew this group was special and things worked out for us, they (the payers) worked extremely hard."

EPPJ was led in scoring by Henn who finished with 16 points on five of 10 shooting and six of nine free throws. He was the only Wolfpack player to score in double figures.

Erickson led the team in rebounds with 11. Kallhoff topped

the Wolfpack in assists (2) and steals (3).

EPPJ ends the season with a 25-4 record.

Archangels 50, EPPJ 30

Defenders.....12 7 18 13 — 50
 Wolfpack.....5 1 12 12 — 30
 Wolfpack — Michael Selting 0-1 1-2 1, Karson Kallhoff 1-9 0-0 2, Evin Pelster 0-0 2-2 2, Jarek Erickson 2-8 4-4 9, Max Henn 5-10 6-9 16, Jayvin Erickson 0-2 0-0 0, Joseph McNally 0-0 0-0 0, Brayden Burenheide 0-0 0-0 0, Braedon Hinkle 0-0 0-0 0, Christian Preister 0-0 0-0 0, Justice Blecher 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 8-30 13-17 30. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 1-14 (Ja. Erickson 1). Defenders — Gavin Geilenkirchen

6-16 0-5 12, Ethan Wieseler 0-6 1-4 1, Brenden Johannes 6-12 1-2 15, Kellan Mundil 3-5 2-2 8, Tucker Czarnick 3-8 3-3 9, Gage Braun 1-2 0-2 2, Tanner Classen 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob Keller 0-0 0-0 0, Tate Wietfeld 0-0 0-0 0, Cade Wietfeld 1-1 0-0 3, Jeff Reichmuth 0-0 0-0 0, Chase Freudenburg 0-0 0-0 0. Team totals: 20-51 7-18 50. Three-point shots — Defenders 3-13 (Johannes 2, C. Wietfeld 1). Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 24 (Ja. Erickson 11), Defenders 37 (Wieseler 13). Assists — Wolfpack 4 (Kallhoff 2), Defenders 6 (Geilenkirchen 3). Steals — Wolfpack 6 (Kallhoff 3), Defenders 18 (Czarnick 8). Turnovers — Wolfpack 23, Defenders 15.



Jarek Erickson (21) and his teammates fought hard in the second half.

Kallhoff's treys propel EPPJ past GACC

LINCOLN — Standing in the way of the Wolfpack reaching the finals of the Class D2 State Tournament was Guardian Angels Central Catholic. Elgin Public-Pope John went around and through the Bluejays for a 44 to 33 victory.

A close game through three quarters, the

Wolfpack took control in the fourth quarter to pick up their 25th victory of the season and a shot at a state championship.

"Physicality wise, this game went exactly the way I expected," Coach Matt Euse said. "They're extremely athletic, extremely physical, but at the end of the day I thought we maybe had a little more basketball skill, not taking anything away from them ... I think we won the rebounding battle, which is extremely important and just had guys make plays when we needed them. Our guys are so mature you never once saw them put their heads down. They stuck together, the entire time. That's the confidence this team has."

Stymied inside for most of the game, EPPJ won the game by drilling four three-point baskets in the fourth quarter.

Up by one point to start the fourth quarter, Michael Selting hit his only trey to give EPPJ a 26 to 22 lead. Then, the next time they had the ball, Karson Kallhoff drilled the second of four consecutive treys for a 29 to 22 lead.

Having trailed 23 to 22 to start the quarter, the Bluejays were suddenly down seven points with little more than 90 seconds off the clock.

"The game just came to me," Kallhoff said about his big fourth quarter. He said

the Wolfpack's offense, in crunch time, worked for him to take the treys and they went in.

After the Bluejays cut the lead to just two points near the midway mark of the final quarter, Kallhoff's third trey of the half bumped the lead to 32 to 27. Then, after Luke Guenther made a trey, Kallhoff answered right back 11 seconds later with a trey.

Then, after a two-pointer by Guenther, freshman Jayvin Erickson came off the bench to drill his second trey of the game to put EPPJ up 38 to 32 with 2:44 left in the game.

Unable to keep pace, GACC had to foul to hope to get back in the game. Up stepped senior Jarek Erickson. Fans should call him 'Ice' because pressure doesn't affect him late in game. He scored the Wolfpack's final six points, all on free throws to close out the game.

"He's a player. To me, he's the best player in Class D2," Euse said. "He's got such a humble confidence. He's the smartest player on our team, including the coaches. He's a coach on the floor," Coach Euse said.

In the pivotal second half, the Wolfpack held the lead for all but 26 seconds.

Earlier in the game, the Bluejays had no answer for Jarek Erickson.

He scored nine of the team's 11 points in the first quarter as the Wolfpack took an 11 to five lead.

Then, the Wolfpack found it hard to score in the second quarter as they managed just six points, yet held onto the lead, 17 to 15 at halftime.

The Wolfpack's points came on treys from Selting and Jayvin Erickson.

For the game, Jarek Erickson led EPPJ with 18 points, Kallhoff had 14.

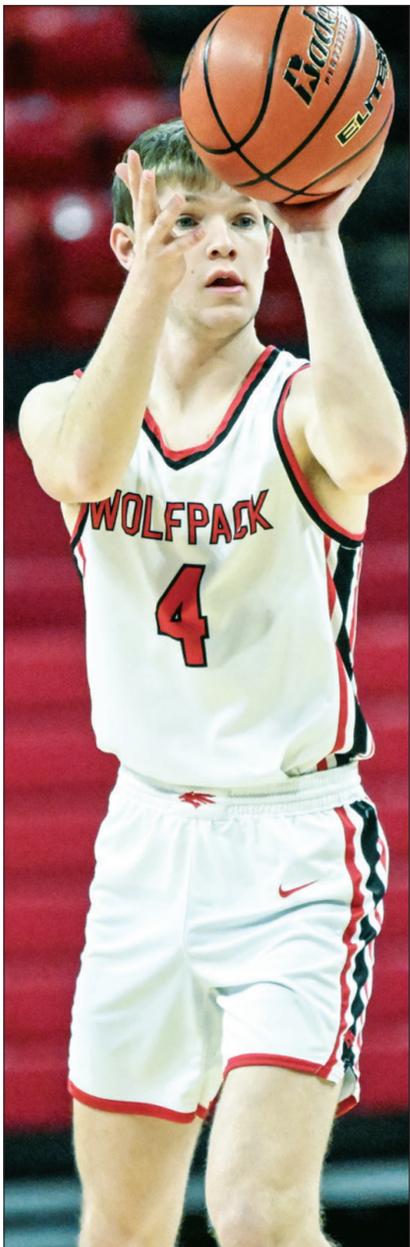
The Bluejays were led by Guenther with 14 points, the only GACC player to score in double figures.

The Bluejays ended the season with a 16-12 record. The win improved EPPJ's mark to 25-3 heading into Saturday's championship game.

GACC, the #5 seed, made their way into the semifinal round by upsetting #4 seed Deshler.

EPPJ 44, GACC 33

Bluejays.....5 10 7 11 — 33
 Wolfpack.....11 6 6 21 — 44
 GACC — Luke Guenther 5-13 1-4 14; Samuel Hass 1-10 2-2 5; Isaac Guenther 2-7 0-0 4; Hudson Bramlet 1-9 1-2 3; Maverik Smith 3-9 0-2 7; Barrett Steffen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 12-49 4-10 33. Three-point shots: Bluejays 5: GACC (Guenther 3, Hass 1, Smith 1)
 Wolfpack — Michael Selting 1-6 0-0 3; Karson Kallhoff 5-7 0-0 14; Evin Pelster 0-1 0-0 0; Jarek Erickson 5-8 7-7 18; Max Henn 2-4 0-0 3; Jayvin Erickson 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 14-33 8-9 44. Three-point shots: Wolfpack 8 (Kallhoff 4, Selting 1, Ja. Erickson 1, Jv. Erickson 2)
 Team statistics: Rebounds — Wolfpack 27 (Henn 11, Ja. Erickson 8), GACC 27. Assists — Wolfpack 12 (Henn 4, Ja. Erickson 4). Steals — Wolfpack 4 (Kallhoff 2). Turnovers — Wolfpack 12, GACC 4.

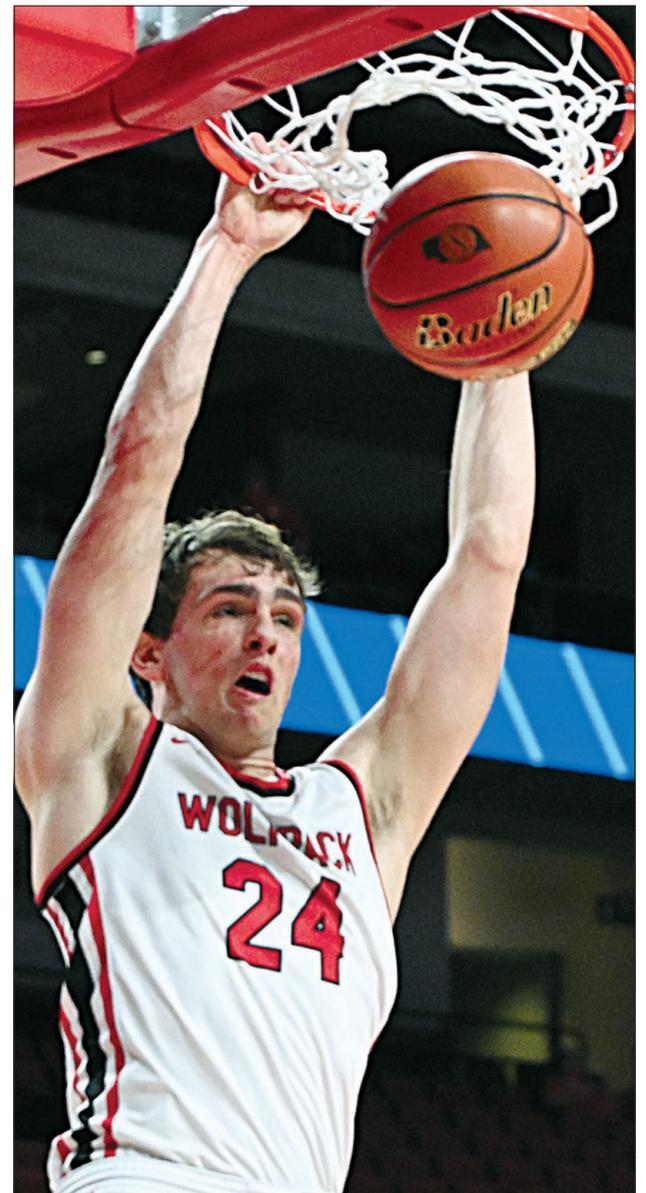


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Karson Kallhoff made all four of his three-point shots in the second half to keep the Bluejays from cutting into EPPJ's lead.



Michael Selting gave the Wolfpack a big boost early in the fourth quarter with a trey against the Bluejays.



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The Wolfpack seized momentum in the first half when Max Henn broke free for a monster dunk against the Bulldogs.

Defense shuts down Pleasanton 46 to 44

LINCOLN — Coming into the D2 State Basketball Tournament with a 13-12 season record, Pleasanton wasn't expected to give top-seeded Elgin Public-Pope John much of a game.

Boy were they wrong. The Bulldogs gave the Wolfpack all they wanted before coming up short 46 to 44.

The game's final outcome wasn't decided until the final buzzer



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Jayvin Erickson led the Wolfpack with three three-point baskets against Pleasanton.

Bulldogs

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as Pleasanton had a chance at victory on their final possession only to be denied.

Ten seconds were left on the game clock when Pleasanton inbounded the ball in the front court. The Wolfpack disrupted Pleasanton's plan and they struggled to get the ball where they wanted to. As the clock was about to expire they put up a shot from the left side of the key which barely touched the basket, allowing the Wolfpack to survive and advance.

"I think it shows how we trust each other on the court. Every single one of us," Jarek Erickson said about the game's final seconds.

The Wolfpack built a six-point lead in the first quarter, but Pleasanton fought back to lead 22 to 19 in the first half. Brennan Lindner was a thorn in the Wolfpack's side as he scored inside and outside. He finished with a game-high 23 points.

The Wolfpack trio of Jarek Erickson, Karson Kallhoff and Max Henn combined for eight points, the last two on a monster dunk by Henn and they went into halftime with a 28 to 25 lead.

The lead grew in the third quarter, despite Lindner seemingly scoring at will. Wolfpack freshman Jayvin Erickson drained a trey with 2:04 left in the quarter to make the score 34 to 31. Pleasanton fought back to take a three-point lead before back-to-back baskets by Henn and Michael Selting gave EPPJ a 38 to 37 lead to start the fourth quarter.

"That's just typical Michael. You forget about him and then all of a sudden, boom, he hits the biggest three of the game. He just waits for his moment. We just know late in the game when we need a bucket and he's got an opportunity he's gonna hit it," Coach Euse said.

Selting and Kallhoff kept the Wolfpack ahead in the fourth quarter. Each drained a trey and Selting also had a two-pointer to set the stage for the game's hectic final moments.

Jarek Erickson led the Wolf-

pack in rebounds (12) and points (16). Jayvin Erickson and Selting each had nine while Kallhoff added eight. Henn rounded out scoring with four points in the game.

EPPJ 46, Pleasanton 44
 Bulldogs.....12 13 12 7 - 44
 Wolfpack.....13 15 10 8 - 46
 Wolfpack — Michael Selting 4-10 0-0 9, Karson Kallhoff 3-5 0-0 8, Evin Pelster 0-0 0-0 0, Jarek Erickson 7-13 2-4 16, Max Henn 2-5 0-0 4, Jayvin Erickson 3-7 0-0 9. Team totals: 19-40 2-4 46. Three-point shots — Wolfpack 6-16 (Selting 1, Kallhoff 2, Jv. Erickson 3).

Bulldogs — Maddox Boyd 0-4 0-0 0, O. Janitscheck 2-4 0-0 6, Haden Smith 3-0 0-0 9, Brennan Lindner 10-15 1-2 23, A. Hollingsworth 0-1 0-0 0, Brady Riley 3-8 0-0 6. Team totals: 18-41 1-2 44. Three-point shots — Bulldogs 7-18 (Janitscheck 2, Smith 3, Lindner 2). Team statistics — Rebounds - Pleasanton 22 (Hollingsworth 10), Wolfpack 25 (Ja. Erickson 12). Assists — Pleasanton 9 (Boyd 5), Wolfpack 9 (Ja. Erickson 4, Selting 3). Steals — Pleasanton 6 (Riley 3), Wolfpack 3. Turnovers — Pleasanton 9, Wolfpack 10

Spinning Tales

A state tournament we won't soon forget

LINCOLN — The Wolfpack's run for a state championship came up short in Saturday's championship game.

Like you and the team too, we were all left wanting one more victory.

Three games in four days left us wanting more. Two wins just wasn't enough for the fans, the players and the coaches.

But, what a run it was. Validation that the Wolfpack were indeed one of the best teams in Class D2. When you reach the state tournament, blowouts are rare. Almost all the games are close, many decided by a late run or by free throws during the final moments.

Pleasanton came into the game as the #8 seed, they had nothing to lose. In the end, they lost because of the Wolfpack's defensive pressure. They had a chance to win in their final possession, but EPPJ made sure they didn't get a good look at the basket.

Friday morning's game with GACC went back in forth into the fourth quarter when the Wolfpack's all-time leader in three-point baskets Karson Kallhoff drained three to build the lead up to six points. Then Jarek Erickson showed why he's Mr. Cool at the free throw line making six of six to seal the victory.

Breakfast at PBA Saturday morning turned out not to be the Pack's favorite meal. Arch-

angels served up a huge dose of defense, limiting EPPJ to just six first half points. Leading by double digits, they never let EPPJ back into the game. I hate to lose, but give Archangels their due, on this day they were the better team.

This season was a great ride, the likes the Wolfpack have never seen on the basketball court. Saturday's loss can't take away a season to remember, cherish and celebrate.

Just a few more observations from the tournament:

Too much time — Who says basketball games have to be long in terms of time. Wednesday morning's opening round game between the Wolfpack and Pleasanton was fast, real fast. The game was just a couple of minutes over one hour, one of the fastest games I can remember. In contrast, Saturday's game against Archangels lasted one hour, 24 minutes? Why? TV timeouts slow down the game. So do free throws.

Games go fast when the referees let them play. With few fouls, the clock seldom stopped for free throw attempts at the line. I don't know if that's good or bad. When the referees let them play there seems to be more screaming from the stands from parents and fans wanting a foul called. But, if the striped shirts blow the whistle every time they exhale, then the games become a free throw shooting contest and players end up watching the end of the game from the bench due to fouling out.

Best fan — No student exerts more energy cheering on the Wolfpack than senior Trey Rittscher. His decision not to play basketball his senior year was a loss of a good player for Coach Euse, but he proved to be a great addition to the student body cheering section. He's lost his voice a time or two, but his exhortations for EPPJ to succeed are priceless.

Keeping his word — Teammates leader DeMoine Adams made a promise to students at Pope John weeks ago - if the Wolfpack made it to Lincoln he would be there to cheer them in. True to his word, he was there Friday and Saturday, sitting in

the student section. On Saturday he even wore a Wolfpack shirt supporting the team.

Gotta love that!

Sitting on the bench — Former basketball coach Mark Schmitt had a court side seat for the Wolfpack's three state tournament games. He's offered the coaches insight during practice throughout the season. It was great to see him on the bench watching the action.

Best theme — The Wolfpack

student body did their part to show school spirit.

Against Pleasanton, it was red, white & blue while Friday was costumes and Saturday was a red-out. My favorite was Friday. Two costumes caught my eye - Lilian Moser's costume of a well-dressed, bald man to me looked like the millionaire from the Monopoly game. Equally stunning was Brooke Kinney who donned a blue costume which I thought looked like a revolutionary war soldier (maybe George Washington). At least that's what they looked like to me.

Come back Max — In Saturday's game, Wolfpack center Max Henn was forced to leave the game in the second half after he caught an elbow near the eye. He sat stunned on the floor before leaving to get checked out, then returning for the game's final minutes. Who says basketball is not a physical sport? Just ask Max.

Morning basketball — I think playing three 9 a.m. games may have taken its toll on EPPJ. The NSAA overall runs a good tournament, but it was better when the tournament was three days instead of four. There are more important things than just helping restaurants and hotels make a little more money at the expense of fans from rural schools. You can do better.

SPINNING TALES



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