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In Brief

District #18 School Board to meet October 15

To begin at 7 p.m.

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

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15 beginning at 7 p.m. Open to the public, the meeting will be held in the board room at Elgin High School.

Elgin TeamMates Tailgate event is this Friday

Serving to begin at 5 p.m.

There's no need to fix a meal on Friday evening, let the Elgin TeamMates organization do that for you.

As part of the buildup for the Wolfpack versus Neligh/Oakdale football game, Elgin TeamMate board members and mentors will be serving burgers and chips beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing throughout the evening until food runs out.

Attendees are asked to make a free will offering for the meal.

Elgin FFA Labor Auction after football game

This Friday night.

The Elgin FFA Labor Auction will be held Friday night at the conclusion of the Wolfpack/Neligh-Oakdale football game. See the ad on Page 3.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 88 degrees recorded on Friday and Saturday, October 3-4.

The low temperature during the same period was 57 degrees recorded on Sunday, September 28.

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
Sept 28	83	57	.00
Sept 29	86	62	.00
Sept 30	76	60	.00
Oct 1	80	59	.00
Oct 2	87	59	.00
Oct 3	88	63	.00
Oct 4	88	59	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for September			1.98
Total precipitation 2025			25.06

Park campers to be allowed to use fire rings

Elgin City Park is fairly lit up at night for all to see.

There may, one day, be more light emanating from the park via fire pits.

Meeting Monday night, the council approved campground rules and procedures for persons using the camper

facilities.

The main change was approval to allow contained fire rings in the RV area. Last month, the council approved park permits for a two-week period only with the caveat that campers may apply for an extension.

In other action:

Sheriff's report — During the month of August, the Antelope County Sheriff's Department conducted nearly 85 hours of patrol in Elgin and responded to six 911 calls. In September, hours were just over 79 with seven 911 calls.

County Government Day held Thursday

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

About 80 area high school juniors and seniors traveled to the Neligh Veterans Club, and to the Antelope County government building, also in Neligh, last Thursday to participate in a half day immersion on the role of county government in making this a better place to live.

Elgin's Legion Post 229 Commander Gary Hoefer facilitated the session organized by Tom Nelson, the county's Veteran Services Officer, who could not be present. "Government involvement starts at home," Hoefer said during an interview prior to the event.

At each school, students chose an office to visit. In the case where more than one student 'applied' for the same office, an election was held. As the day launched, all took a mock oath of office and then transitioned to the government building for a tour of the building and an explanation of the responsibilities of their selected office.

Gemma Miller and Libby Evans, both Elgin Public students in Brandon Callahan's 15-member, junior-level American government class agreed the event was well worth the effort attending. Both got to 'run' for an office back at school. Miller chose the county commissioners and said, "This really expanded my knowledge. The commissioners manage budgets, mostly for road maintenance, and have short-term (one year) and long-term (six years) goals."

Due to her involvement with 4-H, Evans was especially interested in the Extension Office. These are not elected positions and staff are identified through a partnership of the Antelope County Fair Board and Nebraska Extension headquartered at UNL. In addition to 4-H, a nationwide youth-serving



E-R photos/LMorgan

Gemma Miller stood up and explained what her group learned about being a county commissioner. Looking up at her is Tessa Barlow.

program, she was especially impressed to know the Extension Office extends community learning for both adults and youth via classes on such topics as food safety, crop and livestock production, and a new one, Tai Chi.

Aiden Klein, a senior Pope John Catholic School, attended the learning session about the County Attorney's office. He said he increased his understanding of jurisdiction, namely that the county attorney couldn't try a case outside of Antelope County. He was especially interested in a case in Tilden where one assailant was in Madison County and the other in Antelope

County. "What is the jurisdiction?" he asked fellow students in a wrap-up presentation to the whole group. Tilden is split by location in both counties.

In addition to the two Elgin schools, students were bussed in from Summerland Public Schools, Elkhorn Valley High School and also from Neligh-Oakdale High School. County officials who participated in the planning and/or delivery of the event were from the following offices – assessor, attorney, clerk, commissioners, clerk of the district court, magistrate, judge, sheriff,

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High school juniors from across Antelope County participated in County Government Day. They were assigned different county offices to study during the day.

Commissioners give road safety 'high priority'

By Greg Tharnish

Special to The Elgin Review

With the previous two month's meetings aimed mainly at the budget, the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) met yesterday, with all commissioners present, to address several pressing issues, beginning with road maintenance.

The one-and-six year road maintenance plan, required by the state and requested by the ACC, was presented by consultant Brian McDonald.

A short discussion followed and the ACC stated that road safety for the public will be given "high priority" for all road projects. Those road projects deemed "low priority" will remain just that: low

priority.

Weed Superintendent Bryan Cornette gave a report on last month's activities which included:

- 85 miles of roads sprayed
- 19 landowners notified of "noxious weed issues"

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E-R photo/DMorgan

Hungry farmers go away happy at FFA's 'Feed The Farmer'

FFA senior Jayda Chessmore was busy at lunch time Thursday. She and other members of the Elgin FFA Chapter held a 'Feed The Farmer' event. They served sack lunches and drinks to farmers for close to three hours. Shown receiving a beef burger, chips and drink around noon was Larry Borer. Altogether, approximately 125 meals were served, according to FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz.

Ostransky benefit to be Saturday October 25

A benefit for the Trent Ostransky family will be held later this month at the Elgin KC Hall.

Scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 25, it will begin at 5 p.m. and run til 8 p.m.

A burger meal for a free will donation will be held. Also there will be silent auction items, raffle prizes and a 'split the pot.'

An account has also been set up at the Bank of Elgin.

Trent and Baylee Ostransky reside in Elgin with their two young children, Calvin 2 years old, and Livy, 3 months. Livy was born with a congenital heart defect and malformation of the bowel. These conditions both will require corrective surgeries this fall. She also has had an extended stay at Children's Hospital this fall following a viral infection.

They are both educators in the community and have dedicated many hours of their time to coaching youth athletics. They will have many more trips to Omaha for future appointments and procedures and organizers are hoping to ease their financial expenditures through this benefit.

If you are interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Todd Heithoff (402-843-6491), Randy Eisenhauer (402-843-0434), Matt Euse (402 270-1789) and Mitch Cockerill (308 750-3385).

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you ready?
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weeks, I will
share some
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you can use to feed the harvest
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remaining ingredients. Mix well. Spoon into a 2 quart
sprayed baking dish.
Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until heated through.
Makes 6 servings. Yummy!

It's not easy to come up with
something different everyday.
This week's recipe is super
easy and I think everyone will
enjoy it.

Sweet balance: Raising awareness about diabetes

By Jaimie Beister
RN & BCHC Diabetes Educator
Diabetes Awareness Month
is right around the corner, a
time to highlight the impact
this condition has on individu-
als, families, and communities.
According to the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention



Jaimie
Beister, RN

There are three main types:
• Type 1 diabetes – An
autoimmune condition where
the body produces little or no
insulin.

• Type 2 diabetes – The most
common type, where the body
doesn't use insulin properly
(insulin resistance).
• Gestational diabetes – De-
velops during pregnancy and
usually resolves after birth,
though it increases the risk of
type 2 later in life.

Managing diabetes goes
beyond checking blood sug-
ars. It involves healthy eating,
regular exercise, medication if
needed, and lifestyle changes
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At Boone County Health Center,
our diabetes education program
helps patients gain confidence
in meal planning, carb count-
ing, medication use, and other
practical skills.

As a Diabetes Educator my
role is to help you understand
your diagnosis, learn practical
management strategies, and
build confidence in making

healthy choices. Diabetes edu-
cation sessions are available to
provide guidance on meal plan-
ning, carb counting, medication
use, and lifestyle changes that
support long-term health.

To support our community
during Diabetes Awareness
Month, Boone County Health
Center invites you to Sweet
Balance: A Diabetes Preven-
tion and Management Event on
Wednesday, November 6, from
4–6 p.m. at the Cardinal Inn.
The event includes presenta-
tions, resources, local vendors
such as gluten-free baked goods,
Dexcom, and Libre, plus com-
plimentary appetizers and wine
tasting. This is an Open House
style event so guests can come
and go as they wish.

If you have questions about
diabetes, or if you would like to
learn more about our diabetes
self-management education
sessions, please call me at 402-
395-3156.

I am here to help you in any
way I can and look forward to
seeing you at the event!

Day

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treasurer, extension, public
defender, veterans services,
weed control and zoning. Lunch
was served by the Brunswick
Auxiliary with assistance from
other nearby auxiliaries.

Historically, County Gov-
ernment Day was offered in all
of Nebraska's counties as an
opportunity for more students
to learn about governance than
could be included in Boys and
Girls State summer opportu-
nities. Fewer counties step up
to organize the day now which
is sponsored by the American
Legion (and its auxiliary), the
largest patriotic, non-political,
non-sectarian organization in
Nebraska.

As shown by the unwavering
attentiveness of all students,
a highlight of the day was a
presentation by Nebraska State
Trooper J. Brown, a part of the
Service Dog Unit. He detailed
his patrol career, now together
with Gable, a six and one-half
year old Belgian Malinois. "He's
not a pet," said Trooper Brown,
who headquarters out of Oma-
ha. "He's a working dog" with
special skills in drug identifica-
tion and biting. The biting was



State Trooper J. Brown, out of Nebraska City, did a demonstration with
service unit dog 'Gable'.

evident as he grabbed furiously
at a thick pillow described as
the dog's favorite toy. The pil-
low, with holding straps for the
handler on three sides, is used
as a reward upon successful
completion of a task.

Teachers from both Elgin
schools who identified students
for the event lauded county em-
ployees for putting aside daily
duties to provide what Callahan
called "a powerful experience
for students." Pope John faculty
member Chris Grundmayer,
who brought her 10-person
senior-level American gov-

ernment class, said she hoped
students would gain a better
understanding of the various
functions/services of county
government. "Maybe some will
run for office or step up when
it's their time to serve," she
said. "Our youth of today will
be the ones to fill those posi-
tions tomorrow."

Overall, these students now
know who to call to inquire
about zoning, taxes, drivers
licenses, passports, 4-H, and
more. The rest of us can go to
[https://antelopecounty.nebras-
ka.gov](https://antelopecounty.nebraska.gov) or call 402-887-4410.

Orchard man to be sentenced

A 67-year-old Orchard man
will be sentenced Oct. 22 for
a case that started its way
through the court system in
2021. Antelope County Judge
Donna Taylor set the sentencing
date during an Oct. 1 session of
Antelope County Court.

Russell L. Meyer faces one
count of criminal trespass-2nd
degree, a Class III misdemea-
nor; and one count of disturbing
the peace, a Class III misde-
meanor.

Meyer requested to remove
the public defender as counsel
and told Taylor he planned to
represent himself.

Antelope County Attorney
Joe Smith asked Taylor to
appoint the public defender as
standby counsel. Taylor granted
Smith's request.

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Community Calendar

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

Friday, October 10
EPS Teammates Tailgate to be held at
Elgin Field* • Elgin FFA Chapter Labor
Auction*.

Tuesday, October 14
Regular meeting of the Antelope
County Board of Commissioners.

Wednesday, October 15
Regular meeting of the District #18
Board of Education at 7 p.m. in the
board meeting room at EPS • Red
Cross Bloodmobile at Knights of Co-
lumbus Hall.

Friday, October 17
EPS No School for Pre-K thru Sixth
grade • Wolfpack Football/Cross Coun-
try Senior Night.

Friday, October 24
No School for all Elgin schools.

Wednesday-Friday,
October 29-31
National FFA Convention.

Friday, October 31
Elgin High Community Club Trunk or
Treat.



Events listing courtesy of
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Erickson, Jayda Chessmore, Kayton
Zwingman, Kaiden Bode, Isaac Hemenway,
Haley Parks and Trey Rittscher.

JUNIORS

Justice Blecher, Kyla Donaldson,
Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Libby Evans, Kylee
Lichtenberg, Braelyn Martinsen, Gemma
Miller, Rylen Schwarting, Dannyka Smidt,
Zoey Buechter, Megan Wright, Sadie
Thiessen, Brayden Burenheide, Gavin
Kallhoff, Brooke Kinney, Elizabeth Moser,
Michael Selting and Aubrie Parks.

SOPHOMORES

Brystol Buschow, Max Henn, Evin Pelster,
Kaidynce Schrad, Molly Thiessen, Joseph
McNally and Christian Preister.

FRESHMEN

Kynlee Tillis, Sophia Burke, Anna Dworak,
Jael Lammers, Sydney Niewohner, Gentry
Zwingman, John Zwingman, Jayvin
Erickson, Kinley Miller, Macy Rokahr,
Ethan Hansen, Braedon Hinkle, Raaf Klein,
Cielo Kuhlman and Lillian Moser.

EIGHTH GRADERS

Cael Bortoff, Levi Scheer, Braxtyn
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Ostransky Family Benefit

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Raffle Prizes

Split The Pot

An account has also been set up at the Bank of Elgin.

Free Will Donation

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PRIZES

for First & Second
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• 10 & UNDER

• 11 TO 18 YR OLDS

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Carved or Painted/Decorated
Any theme - scary, funny, elegant, etc.

Submit a good quality photo of your finished
pumpkin to elginreview@yahoo.com
or via facebook at The Elgin Review
by **October 26th.**

Orchard

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In a second case, Meyer will be sentenced Oct. 22 for a 2022 case where he pleaded guilty to failure to appear when on bail-misdemeanor, a Class II misdemeanor.

Meyer also faces 2nd degree trespassing charges in the 2021 case. He withdrew his not guilty plea, but was unsure how to proceed.

Taylor continued the case until Oct. 22, when Meyer will attend an entry of plea hearing.

Meyer was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

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TEAMMATES MENTORING of Elgin

TAILGATE COOKOUT

THIS FRIDAY, October 10
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Burgers, Chips, Drink
with a tasty selection of toppings

FREE WILL DONATION

PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE ELGIN CHAPTER'S TEAMMATES SCHOLARSHIPS

Adding to the family

Oh, the joys of parenthood. Sleepless nights, potty training, and always putting things in their mouths. Sound familiar? Many of us have been through this phase before. However, this time I'm not talking about a new baby, I'm actually talking about a puppy.

Our life is often chaotic with the kids and all their activities. Even so, my husband and I truly believed that our Miniature Australian Shepherd needed a playmate. She loves other dogs, and we thought getting her a sister, a lifelong friend, was the best idea ever. Jury is still out on whether we made the right decision.

Just like having children, it's easy to romanticize the puppy stage and forget about the sleepless nights, all the biting, and the work that comes with having a puppy. We really focused on how happy they would be together, all the playtime they would get, and how they might entertain each other instead of needing our constant attention. While that is still the goal, we may have skipped over the whole puppy phase in our minds.

Parenting doesn't just extend to children. It got me thinking how much a puppy is like having a baby or a toddler in the house again. Right now, I'm waking up every two to three hours to let her go outside. I am walking around like a zombie at work and drinking more than my fair share of caffeine just to make it through the day.

Also, I haven't cleaned up this much pee and poop in quite some time. Thankfully, none of my children require my help in the bathroom anymore. I do remember cleaning up a lot of messes with our other Aussie, but I forgot how much work it is. It takes a while for them to truly correlate outside=good, inside=bad. Meanwhile, I just leave the mop in the kitchen because there is no point in putting it away.

Then there's the discipline. Obviously, I still must discipline my children, but now that they are older, it's not as frequent and looks very different. This is taking me back to the toddler years when you use a lot of redirections. For example, it may be cute when she's biting your toes or chasing your feet around the house. However, it's important to teach her that it's not acceptable behavior and give her an appropriate chew toy so she learns what is and what is not allowed. It will not be as cute if she's biting people when she weighs 20 pounds.

There's also constant supervision. I remember leaving my daughter alone for only a few minutes when she was little and coming back to find a beautiful mural on the wall of the game room. This puppy is no different. Every time I turn around, she has found something else to get into or explore. She puts everything in her mouth, can't be outside near the pool alone, and is extremely stealthy when sneaking off. She's like a tiny ninja.

Although I am unbelievably tired and contemplating my life choices, I know this little new addition will be worth it. Neither pets nor kids come with instruction manuals (unfortunately). It's about developing relationships when it's all said and done. These hard times may be reminiscent of having small children again, but this is only for a season. I'm going to enjoy this stage as much as possible, while also looking forward to better sleep and less messes in the house.

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

Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb



Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago October 7, 1965

The heaviest amount of precipitation so-far this year fell in September with a total of 8.85 inches having been recorded at the Bank of Elgin. A total of 1.40 inches was received here Wednesday, Sept. 29, the last moisture fell that month. Norfolk reported eight days during September in which no precipitation was received.

First reports from check-station operators, according to Game Commission reports, show 69 bowmen bagging deer with the first ten days of the 96-day season. Local area bowmen killed these deer: whitetails - Richard Cornett, Neligh; Marvin J. Zabka, Petersburg; and Larry F. Starman.

Harold W. Nielsen, 22, is one of the newest members of the Nebraska Safety Patrol, having joined the service February 15, 1965. He is a native of Elgin, graduated from Neligh High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. He is presently stationed in Norfolk. His wife's name is Lorena and they have two children, Connie, 3 and Kellie 2.

Elgin high dropped a hard fought 12-6 Sandhills-Gateway game here to Clearwater Friday night. The score was tied at halftime and in the third period Dean Wilkinson broke loose on a 20-yard sprint for the deciding margin. Byron Becklun had added Elgin's earlier points. Other statistics for Elgin were Larry Anderson and Duane Bauer at the ends, Vance Wilkinson and Duane Miller at center and Ed Johnson did the quarterbacking.

Elenora Roseth Schlecht daughter of Andrew J. and Teckla Anderson Johnson, was born in Holt County, Nebraska, March 2, 1887, and departed this life at Maywood, Calif., Oct. 2, 1965, at the age of 78 years, and seven months. Death came as a result of complications of pneumonia.

Fifty Years Ago October 2, 1975

Four Elgin teenagers were treated for slight bruises and abrasions and released from the Antelope Memorial Hospital at Neligh following a one-car accident eight miles northwest of Neligh about 4:15 p.m. Sunday on the Royal road. The car was driven by Beverly Hoefer, and the passengers were Sheila Iburg, Shirley McLain and Susie Richart.

Humphrey St. Francis evened its record at 2-2 following an 18-0 shutout of Elgin Pope John High School there Friday. Alvin Zach tallied on 14-yard run and Pat Preister scored on a 1-yard run. Defensively Randy Heesacker dashed 35 yards on an interception for St. Francis.

The Oakdale Firemen were called to the Merv Murray home Monday evening where two hay stacks were on fire. The Murray's do not know for sure how the fire was started.

Elis Francis Hawks, son of Phillip and Bertha Ward Hawks, was born July 4, 1910 at Neligh and departed this life Sept. 29, 1975 at Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh, at the age of 65 years, two months and 25 days.

On Oct. 1 Nebraska soybean farmers will begin checking off a half-cent per bushel when they sell their soybeans at local elevators. The starting date for checkoff collections was revealed Wednesday, Sept. 19, at a meeting of the Nebraska Soybean Development Utilization and Marketing Committee (SDUMC). The SDUMC is responsible for allocating funds collected under the checkoff program, which was approved by the legislature in June.

Thirty Years Ago October 4, 1995

Casting has been completed for Pope John Central Catholic's annual dinner theater, which will be held Nov. 17, 18 and 19 at the Raeville Parish Hall. The show will feature four one-act plays. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the shows will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Pope John's volleyball team picked up two more wins last week over St. Edward and Verdigre, and had a 5-3 record going into this week's Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament at Niobrara. Serving leaders for the Lady Crusaders were Chantel Stokes, 12 of 14 with two aces and 11 points; Leah Shavlik, seven of nine with five points, and Carissa Moser, four of six with five points.

Elgin FFA Chapter hosted its annual Blue Rock Shoot on Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Antelope County Shooter's Club trap range near Neligh. A total of 30 shooters competed in the youth division, and about 20 competed in the adult division. Winners in the youth division were Brandon Miller of Elgin, first, and Josh Kay of Neligh, second.

Crop producers in the Elgin area and throughout Nebraska face some tough decisions in dealing with the results of an early frost on Sept. 22. Producers statewide will have to wait to accurately assess the damages, but soybeans and milo appeared to be hardest hit by the freeze, according to University of Nebraska specialists.

Two Elgin youths received minor injuries in an accident on the asphalt county road about six miles east of Elgin last Thursday evening, Sept. 28. The driver and the passenger were taken by the Elgin Rescue Unit to Antelope Memorial Hospital, where they were treated for cuts and bruises, and kept overnight for observation.

Twenty Years Ago October 10, 1995

Sergeant Thomas J. Dwyer of rural Bartlett has received the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device for service in Iraq. Sergeant Dwyer is the son of Mark and Julie Dwyer of rural Bartlett. His grandmother is Jackie Dwyer of rural Elgin. He serves with Scout Platoon, First Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He received the medal for his actions as a sniper during events that occurred during June, 2005, in Baghdad.

Three persons were arrested for methamphetamine possession when a search warrant was served at an Oakdale residence last Wednesday evening, Sept. 28. The State Patrol SWAT team entered the residence at about 7 p.m., at which time two male subjects were taken into custody. Officers also seized about one pound of methamphetamine, along with several items used to make the drug.

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Nebraskans focus on resolutions

It is a profound privilege to represent the people of the Third District. I never take for granted the opportunity to take your ideas to Washington and work together to create solutions. It can be easy to merely talk about the many challenges we face, but taking the time to formulate and focus on solutions is what yields results, though it requires more effort.

On Wednesday I was fortunate to host U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Luke Lindberg in Nebraska. Our tour included stops at Preferred Popcorn in Chapman and the Mars Petcare facility in Aurora. Nebraska leads in popcorn production and excels in manufacturing thanks to outstanding businesses like these, maximizing the value of what we grow through value-added services.

Under Secretary Lindberg and I also sat down with agriculture producers and manufacturers to discuss the 2026 Joint Review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). I was pleased Governor Jim Pillen joined us and am grateful to the Nebraska Farm Bureau and Central Valley Ag Cooperative in York which hosted us for the listening session. As Mexico and Canada are Nebraska’s most significant agriculture export markets, USMCA plays a vital role in ensuring our farmers and ranchers have a level playing field.

We discussed the importance of enforcing science-driven, risk-based standards for our agricultural products, providing certainty both for producers and international customers, and limiting government interference in the day-to-day decisions of Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Feedback from our producers is critical to ensuring a successful USMCA review which provides needed updates while maintaining beneficial existing portions of the agreement which are working well for Nebraska producers. I am grateful Under Secretary Lindberg, who has been a fierce advocate for American agriculture both at home and abroad, took the time to hear from Nebraskans.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative is accepting public comments on USMCA through November 3, 2025, and I encourage Nebraskans to share their perspectives on the agreement’s successes and potential improvements. Visit comments.ustr.gov/s to do so.

I strive to be accessible to constituents across all 80 counties in Nebraska’s Third District. In addition to traveling across the district during work periods and meeting with Nebraskans in my Washington and Nebraska offices, technology allows me to speak with large groups of Nebraskans more efficiently than ever.

This week, nearly 2,500 Nebraskans joined me on a telephone town hall to discuss a variety of issues. I appreciate those who took the time to listen and engage on the issues they care about. These calls are a unique opportunity to meet with constituents wherever they are, provide an update on my work, and answer their questions. If you would like to participate in future telephone town halls, contact my office.

Every day, Nebraskans roll up their sleeves and get to work building a stronger future. Whether on a telephone town hall, during my travels around the state, or during your visits to Washington, I appreciate the opportunity to have productive conversations about how commonsense solutions can make life better for hard-working Nebraska families.

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

We live in a world where having adequate high-speed internet service is not just a luxury, but a necessity.

With proper broadband, you can use a computer to run a business, manage a good website, work remotely and operate the new generation of precision agriculture equipment.

But here’s the problem – it’s expensive to hook up every home, farm and ranch to the best service, which is generally agreed to be fiber optic cables.

When it came to electricity, the nation opted for a federal loan program, the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, that financed the stringing of transmission wires to even the most remote areas of the country.

In the case of broadband internet, it’s been more of a shotgun approach. Companies have installed fiber or erected wireless towers in areas with the most population (and most customers) but in more rural areas, service is spotty. So state and federal programs help companies with the additional expense of stringing of fiber and erection of towers.

Still, after millions of state and federal dollars have been spent, there’s still areas of Nebraska that don’t have decent broadband, maybe as many as 30,000 locations.

At our family farm, for instance, you need to install a microwave disk, aim it at a nearby farm on a high hill, and hope the signal from a town 10 miles away can make the trip to that farm, and then to ours.

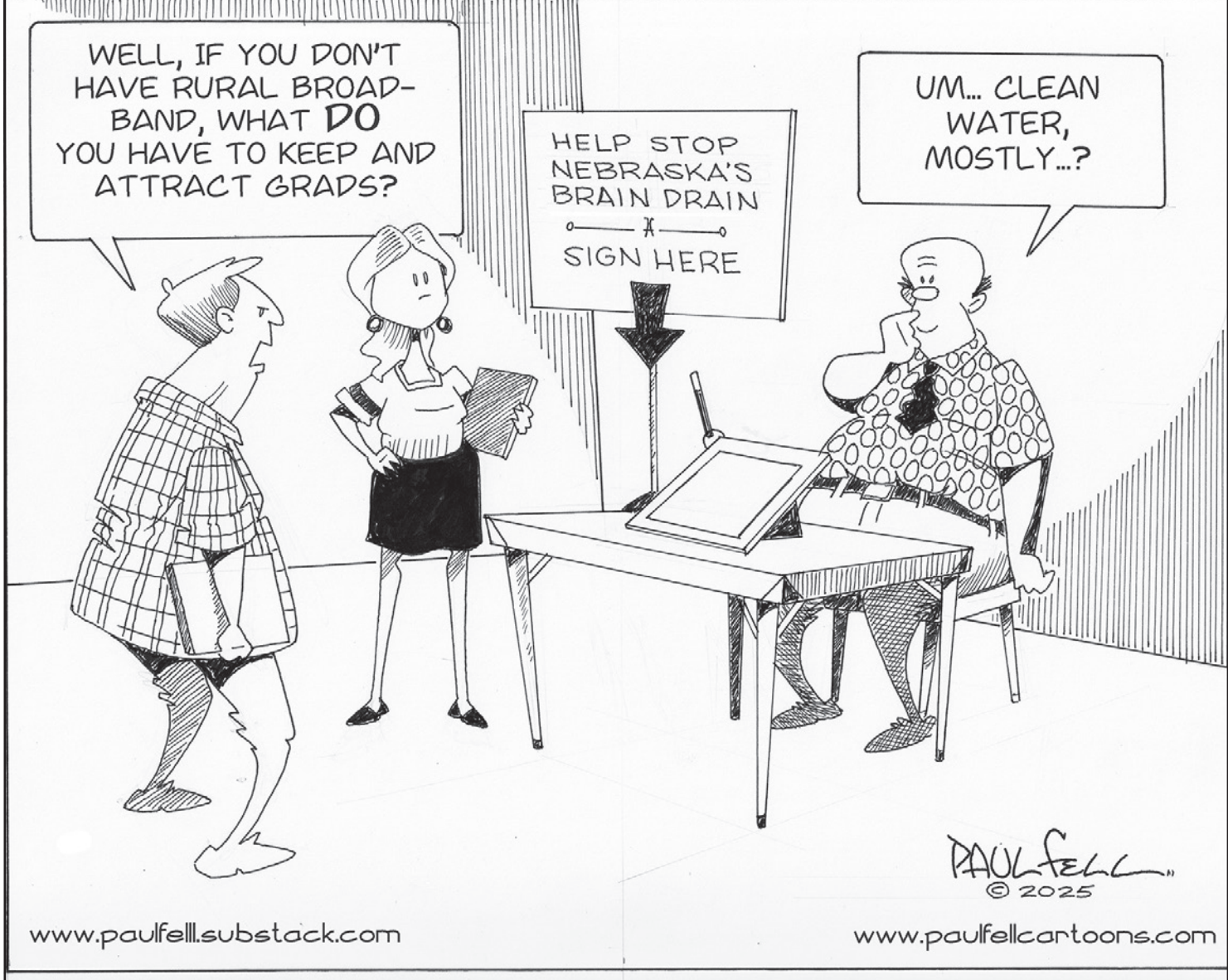
That’s not an ideal situation. But then along came the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Act (BEAD). Passed under the Biden Administration, it earmarked more than \$42 billion dollars in the name of providing good broadband “for all” and ending the “digital divide” between urban and rural areas.

Nebraska was scheduled to get \$405 million for projects across our state, with the program prioritizing the

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel



funds for top-of-the-line fiber optic internet.

But like a lot of federal programs, things changed big time after President Donald Trump took office.

Suddenly, the priority shifted from laying fiber optic lines, which is more expensive, to giving grants to less costly service via satellites and wireless towers. It’s hard not to be cynical about the changes, because two of the biggest satellite internet firms are owned by Trump buddies Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos (and at the time, Bezos’ company hadn’t yet begun providing service).

The changes also disqualified about half of the 30,000 locations once identified as “unserved or underserved.” So a whole bunch of areas could no longer

qualify for BEAD funds.

When the State Broadband Office, created by Gov. Jim Pillen, recently came out with its recommendation on how to spend the state’s \$405 million, very little of it was devoted to fiber, and a whole bunch of it was devoted to other technologies. Only 9% of the eligible locations in Nebraska were recommended for fiber – the lowest percentage among 39 states and much less than neighboring Iowa (50%) and Kansas (46%).

And only \$43.8 million of the \$405 million was recommended to be spent, spurring speculation that the goal was to send dollars back to Washington to help finance the tax cuts in the Big, Beautiful Bill.

The reaction from advocates for rural areas, and adequate broadband, were pretty harsh.

“If there was a trophy for squandering opportunity, Nebraska would already have it on the shelf,” said Emily Haxby, a Gage County Board member who spent her own free time to make more locations in Nebraska eligible for BEAD funds.

To be fair, it’s much cheaper to send internet signals via satellites and wireless towers than by stringing fiber optic lines (an average of \$1,000 to \$2,200 for satellite and wireless per location versus up to \$14,600 for fiber).

But this was about economic oppor-

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Governor’s challenge: Phones down, speeds down to save lives

Distracted driving and speeding are endangering and killing Nebraskans. So, here’s a challenge to everyone who gets behind the wheel: Let’s make our roads the safest in America.

I’m issuing this challenge because of the troubling trends in traffic safety. In June, over a two-week span, three Nebraska State Patrol cruisers were hit while parked on I-80.

In late July, a Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) worker was injured while assisting at the scene of a crash on the interstate. This marked the fourth critical or fatal injury to an NDOT public servant in the last two and a half years.

By putting down the “dumb phones” and reducing speeds, we can save lives – and set positive examples for our kids. It’s the type of common courtesy and personal responsibility that make Nebraska the Good Life.

When we repealed the motorcycle helmet law in Nebraska, we did it because if you choose not to wear a helmet, you’re risking only your own life. But if you drive distracted – whether in a car, pickup, or semi – you put every single person and family you pass on the road in danger.

Drivers who use their phones behind the wheel are 240% more likely to crash, according to a new report by the Governors Highway Safety Associa-

tion. The stakes are high. We have to put the phones down.

Slow Down! In 2024, NDOT’s Highway Safety Office (HSO) reported 252 fatalities on Nebraska roadways – an 11% increase from the previous year and the largest jump in nearly 20 years. Speed, tragically, was a leading factor.

During the second half of July, the Nebraska State Patrol conducted a highway safety campaign. Here are the results:

- More than 1,800 drivers were pulled over for speeding;
- Sixty-two drivers were clocked driving more than 100 mph; and
- Sixty-five people were arrested for driving impaired. (Impaired driving still accounts for nearly one-third of fatal U.S. traffic crashes, according to federal statistics.)

Since Memorial Day 2025, nearly 250 drivers in Nebraska have been ticketed for driving more than 100 mph. Frankly, for your family and mine, it’s time we take action.

Stronger Safety Rules The Nebraska Legislature passed, and I signed, LB 530 earlier this year. This legislation made the following changes:

- Increases fines for speeding for the first time since 1996.

- Requires drivers to move over or slow down for all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users on the side of the highway. (Before LB 530, this applied only to emergency vehicles and roadside workers.)

- Expands the definition of reckless driving for speeding over twice the posted limit.

- Allows NDOT to temporarily lower speed limits during winter weather and other conditions that limit traction and visibility.

I’ve asked NDOT Director Vicki Kramer to continue to look for additional common-sense steps to make Nebraska roadways safer.

This includes working with the Legislature’s Transportation and Telecommunications Committee to find reasonable steps to bolster traffic safety laws.

For example, research shows the use of speed cameras can reduce injuries and fatalities in work zones by more than 40%.

Legislation (LB 600) has been introduced — with the support of my administration — to authorize the use of this technology in Nebraska’s highway work zones, which are experiencing an average of six fatal crashes annually along with hundreds more that cause injuries.

This bill should be passed. **Buckle Up, Phone Down**

Meanwhile, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that distracted driving continues to be the fastest-growing cause of auto crashes nationwide, playing a role in roughly one-third of them. In 2023 alone, 3,275 lives were lost to distracted driving.

State legislation (LB 594) has been introduced by Senator Jason Prokop to make it illegal to use a handheld wireless communication device while driving. I am calling on lawmakers to pass this bill. This isn’t about “infringing on personal rights” – it’s about saving the lives of innocent drivers and passengers on Nebraska roadways.

I encourage every Nebraskan to use their seat belt, drive the speed limit, and focus on the road ahead.

While elected officials can approve new rules and legislation, highway safety ultimately comes down to each of us doing the right thing every time we drive.

FROM THE DESK OF...



Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen

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Funeral services for Rev. Wilfrid Tunink, O.S.B., 85, will be held at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin. Rev. Tunink died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Santa Fe, NM. He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 19, 1945.

Fall harvest has been in full swing since last week in the Elgin area, and the crop has been drying down quickly. Most farmers were harvesting soybeans late last week and through the weekend. Both yields and quality of the soybean crop have been very good.

Cody Mork, sophomore at Elgin Public School, was notified that his photograph, “Alone,” is a finalist for a \$10,000 national award. Cody completed the photography in art class last semester. The work was then submitted to the photography contest. The photograph will be published in a book which will be available in November.

By Reese Stuhr

OBITUARIES

Russ A. Stokes, 65

June 17, 1960 - October 2, 2025

An alumni of Pope John school, he and his wife Ev made their home in the Petersburg area where they raised their family.



Russ A. Stokes, 65, of Petersburg, NE passed

away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Boone County Health Center in Albion, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 9, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Petersburg, NE with Rev. John Norman officiating.

Private family inurnment will be at a later date in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

Levander Funeral Home of Albion is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Russell “Russ” Alan Stokes, son of Walter and Deanna (Henn) Stokes, was born on June 17, 1960, in Albion, Nebraska.

He received the sacrament of baptism at St. John’s in Petersburg and was later confirmed in the Catholic faith at the same church.

Russ attended elementary and junior high school at St. John’s in Petersburg and completed his high school education at Pope John in Elgin, Nebraska.

After graduation, he attended Hastings Tech, where he earned his degree in diesel technology.

On April 12, 1980, Russ was united in marriage to Ev Seier at St. John’s Catholic Church in Petersburg.

From this union, they were blessed with three children.

The couple made their home in the Petersburg area, where they raised their family.

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2 Timothy 2:8-15
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Luke 17:11-19 Psalm 66:1-12
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Bartlett, NE
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Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

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Worship Service: 10:45 am.

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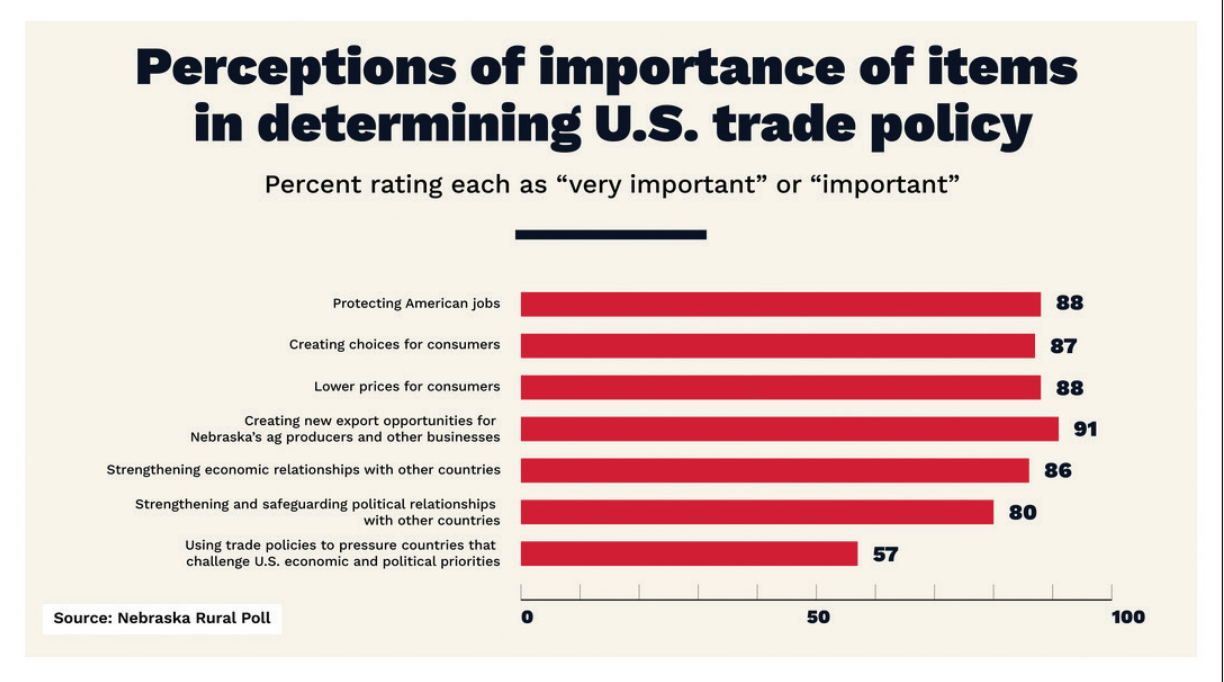
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Rural Nebraskans have different priorities regarding trade policy

Rural Nebraskans continue to value protecting American jobs, creating choices for consumers and fostering political relationships with other countries as important components of U.S. trade policy, according to the 2025 Nebraska Rural Poll. Amid ongoing trade issues, those findings are similar to last year's; however, there are differences in other areas.

This year, more rural Nebraskans surveyed rate lower prices for consumers as very important (from 51% last year to 56% this year). Similarly, more respondents rate strengthening economic relationships with other countries as very important (from 41% last year to 47% this year).

“Even with the implementation and threat of new tariffs since we conducted our 2024 survey, we didn't see big changes in how rural Nebraskans view trade policy,” said Becky Vogt, survey manager for the Rural Poll. “The items that did see increased importance, though, suggest they are paying more attention to economic concerns — where we get our goods and how much we're paying for them.”

Overall, most respondents think protecting American jobs, lowering prices for consumers and creating new export opportunities for Nebraska's agricultural producers and other businesses are very important considerations in determining trade policy.

Almost six in 10 rural Nebraskans surveyed think protecting American jobs (57%) and lowering prices for consumers (56%) should be very important in determining trade policy. Just more than half think creating new export opportunities for the state's agricultural producers and other businesses (54%) should be a very important consideration. Many rural Nebraskans rate strengthening economic relationships with other countries (47%), strengthening and safeguarding political relationships with other countries (42%), and creating choices for consumers (42%) as very important considerations. However, only 28% rate using trade policies to pressure countries that challenge U.S. economic and political priorities as very important.

“These responses show that rural Nebraskans view trade policy through the lens of their

household budgets and local economies,” said Brad Lubben, associate professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. “Protecting jobs, keeping prices manageable and supporting agricultural exports rise to the top because they directly affect rural livelihoods. The data remind us that trade decisions made in Washington have very real consequences for families, businesses and communities across rural Nebraska.”

Not all poll respondents rate these items the same. Those working in construction, installation or maintenance (80%) are more likely than those in management, professional or education occupations (42%) to say protecting American jobs should be a very important consideration in determining national trade policy.

Lower prices for consumers is more important to younger people, according to the poll. Seventy-seven percent of respondents 19 to 29 think lower prices should be a very important consideration, compared to 49% of those 65 and older. And, even though using trade policies to pressure countries that challenge national economic and political priorities was not seen as a high priority for most rural Nebraskans, many persons working in agriculture (43%) say it should be a very important determinant.

“Trade policy doesn't impact

everyone the same way,” Lubben said.

“Younger Nebraskans are focused on costs of living, workers want to protect their jobs, and those in agriculture are thinking about how trade policy affects global competition and export opportunities. Together, the data highlight the diverse priorities within rural communities and the need for trade policy that balances those perspectives.”

The “Trade Policy” report and its implications for rural Nebraska will be highlighted during a Rural Poll webinar at noon Oct. 9.

Lubben will lead the discussion with special guest Jill O'Donnell, director of the university's Clayton Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance.

The 2025 Nebraska Rural Poll marks the 30th year of tracking rural Nebraskans' perceptions about policy and quality of life, making it the largest and longest-running poll of its kind. This summer, questionnaires were mailed to more than 6,700 Nebraska households, with 943 households from 86 of the state's 93 counties responding.

The poll carries a margin of error of plus-or-minus 3%. Conducted by Rural Prosperity Nebraska with funding from Nebraska Extension, the Rural Poll provides three decades of data on the voices of rural Nebraskans.

Martensen, Greene awarded UNL Schuchardt scholarships

University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) students Carleigh Greene, Tilden, a 2022 high school graduate of Elkhorn Valley Schools, and Riley Martensen, a 2022 graduate of Neligh–Oakdale Public Schools, have been named winners of the Schuchardt Family Scholarship for the 2025-26 academic year.

Both also received the scholarship last year.

Greene, the daughter of Randy Greene of Tilden and Bobbi Jenkins of Oakdale, is a senior majoring in community health and wellness in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS). Martensen, the daughter of Jeremy and Staci Martensen of Neligh is a senior majoring in fisheries and wildlife management in the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR).

The scholarship is funded through the University of Nebraska Foundation by Rick and Jane Schuchardt of rural Elgin, both UNL first-generation graduates. The scholarships are awarded annually to Antelope County students with preference given to those attending Elgin schools.

Given to incoming or current undergraduate students majoring in courses of study offered by CEHS and CASNR, candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and preferably demonstrate financial need.

To apply for 2026-27 academic year funding, contact the Dean's office of the respective colleges.

Fire Prevention Week: Protect your family by practicing fire escape plan, testing smoke alarms

During Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11), the American Red Cross of Nebraska reminds everyone of the dangers of home fires, which claim seven lives every day in the U.S. To help protect your household, test your smoke alarms each month and practice your escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes.

“Home fires can occur any time, any place,” said Josh Murray, Regional Communications Director, Nebraska-Iowa Red Cross. “The sooner an alarm alerts you to a fire, the sooner you can get out. This is critical because fire experts say you may have less than two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late.”

Tips for creating your home fire escape plan and practicing your 2-minute drill:

- Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in your home.
- Smoke is dangerous. Get low and go!
- Decide where to meet once you get outside. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as a neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet.
- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.

- If a fire starts, you may have less than two minutes to get to safety. Time your fire drill and find out: what's your escape time?
- While practicing your escape plan, teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like. Talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

Smoke alarm safety:

- Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- In addition to testing your alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.
- Also check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time.

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JH netters split Santee matches

Wolfpack junior high volleyball teams split a pair of matches on Monday night, Sept. 29. The EPPJ 'A' team defeated Santee 25-17 and 25-13. Wolfpack hitters had 6 kills in the match, led by Cara Romej and Harper Evans with 2 apiece, Melissa Stuhr and Aurora Burke each had 1. Shania Buschow had 2 set assists. Tenley Schindler had 7 ace serves, Buschow 5 and Evans 1. Schindler also led the team in digs with 5. Santee defeated the Wolfpack 'B' team 25-22 and 25-15. EPPJ had 2 kills in the match, 1 each from Ava Dworak and McKenna Sausser. Harper Childers and Kate Barlow each had 1 set assist. Childers led the team with 5 ace serves, Barlow had 4, Dworak 2 and Rylee Rokahr 1. Dworak led the team in digs with 4.

The ACC thanked Cornette for his work and reporting. Application for payment by Asphalt Surfacing Company for 2025 micro-surfacing was approved unanimously in the amount of \$121,951. Platte Valley Communications presented the ACC with a "coverage map" for proposed repeater installation for improved communication between volunteer fire departments in the county. The ACC continues to move this project forward with more details to come involving cost and maintenance issues. Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe presented the ACC with 16 oversize permit requests for tower maintenance on wind farms and three underground permits from individual parties. All permits were approved with no information available as yet concerning any future wind farms in the area. In another matter, law enforcement agreements with the Antelope County Sheriff's Department were signed by the towns of Elgin, Clearwater, Orchard and Oakdale. Finally, the ACC went into executive session on a personnel matter with no details at this time.



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'Pro Life' Sunday observed along Highway 14

October 5, 'Pro Life Sunday' was observed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin as well as other churches across the country. Parishioners joined students from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic school after Mass proclaiming their support.

Antelope County Court was in session October 1

Jesse J. Borer, 48, of Neligh, appeared in Antelope County Court, Oct. 1. He faces one count of DUI-.15+ OR refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of willful reckless driving-1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith advised Judge Donna Taylor that Borer tested positive for THC. Defense attorney Brad Montag said Borer legally purchased a gummy from a vape shop.

Taylor ordered Borer not to possess or use any illegal substances or anything from a vape shop and continued the hearing to Oct. 22. Borer was arrested Aug. 29 and bond was set at \$3,000-10%.

Micah J. Chvatal, 32, of Wahoo, appeared for arraignment on a count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor, and entered a not guilty plea. Defense counsel Michael Sholes motioned for discovery and Smith gave him his file. Smith said he will share additional police reports when he receives them. Taylor set a pretrial hearing for Oct. 22. A \$1,500-10% personal recognizance bond remains in effect. Chvatal was arrested Aug. 29, after Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker observed a vehicle driven by the defendant was observed crossing the centerline.

An Eden Prairie, Minnesota woman failed to report to court for arraignment on multiple cases. Lailana D. Robinson, 47, faces one count of nonresident violate 30-day immunity, a Class III misdemeanor; one count of possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, an infraction; one count of possess or use drug paraphernalia, an infraction, and one count of speeding, 6-10 mph municipal, an infraction. Taylor continued the case to Nov. 19, since the citation listed the court appearance as Nov. 5.

Jordan A. Merchant, 32, of Norfolk, appeared for a hearing on one count of DUI-.15+, a Class W misdemeanor, and one count of speeding 11-15mph/county/state, an infraction. Merchant's attorney, Preston Koehler, motioned for a continuance since an officer involved in the case was unavailable. Merchant will appear Nov. 19 for a hearing.

Alan L. Rodriguez, 18, of Omaha, appeared for a preliminary hearing on one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV felony; and one count of possession of marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound, a Class III misdemeanor. An amended complaint was filed. The second count was dropped, and count one was amended to attempt of a Class IV felony, a Class I misdemeanor. Smith requested a continuance, without objection from defense counsel. Taylor granted the motion. Rodriguez will appear Oct. 22 for a status hearing.

A 44-year-old Boelus man will pay \$100 in fines after being sentenced for driving under suspension/before reinstated-st, a Class III misdemeanor. Sam L. Fackler appeared in Antelope County Court, Oct. 1, and appeared before Judge Donna Taylor. She ordered the fine, along with court costs, to be paid in full that day.

Bryan A. Mahoney, 59, of Columbus, will appear for further arraignment on Oct. 22. He was originally charged with a single count of operate a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-felony, a Class IV felony. Antelope County Attorney Joseph Smith amended the charge to attempt of a Class IV felony, a Class I misdemeanor, and requested a continuance. Mahoney was arrested Sept. 6 after fleeing a traffic stop in the

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Learning by doing — Nebraska Extension Antelope County 4-H
By Brooke Kumm
Extension Educator
"Learn by doing" those three words define the philosophy of 4-H. We have heard there are different methods of learning: visual, auditory, reading/writing, and kinesthetic - learning through movement, through doing.
We at the Nebraska Extension-Antelope County office strive to provide youth with a tangible learning experience. There are two kinds of learning experiences that happen because of 4-H. The first is through experiences shared in the home. Experiences such as a 4-H woodworking project. This project requires youth to design a plan, do the math, acquire the wood, cut their pieces, and create an item made from wood. But the learning isn't finished there. When the project is presented at the Antelope County fair, the judges provide feedback and a base to build upon to improve their craftsmanship. Part of learning is failure, a place to improve upon mistakes. 4-H inspires youth to involve others—family, friends, and community—as they build and create.
The second learning experience is directly offered through the 4-H assistant here in Antelope. There are programs to educate youth on financial literacy, creating financial responsibility, eventually leading to financial independence. The Agriculture and Food Systems program ignites a spark about the farmland many here build their lives. The Extension office holds workshops open to all youth in a variety of topics such as sewing, horticulture, speech, photography, shooting sports, livestock programs, and more. The goal is to give youth the opportunity to learn by doing with guided instruction.

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Initiative petitions explained

In the past few months, I outlined four initiative petitions that have been filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office and are currently in circulation for the 2026 General Election.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

Since then, two additional initiative petitions have been submitted to the Secretary of State: (1) the Nebraska Cannabis Initiative and (2) the Teacher Base Salary Initiative. Although I provide information about these initiative petitions, this newsletter series is meant to be informative and neither represents an endorsement FOR nor AGAINST any particular measure.

The Nebraska Cannabis Initiative proposes to amend Article I of the Nebraska Constitution to create a new section to bring the state closer to legalizing recreational marijuana. This proposed constitutional amendment is written as follows: "All persons twenty-one years of age or older have the right to use all plants in the genus Cannabis."

This ballot initiative would create a broad right to use the plants in the cannabis genus, which includes hemp or marijuana.

The proposal comes as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission implements medical cannabis initiatives approved by voters in 2024.

The Teacher Base Salary Initiative, brought by a group known as Advocates for All Nebraskans, proposes to create a new law to set a base salary minimum for Nebraska public school teachers.

According to the National Education Association, the average starting salary for a teacher in Nebraska is \$38,811 while the average teacher salary is \$60,239.

The Teacher Base Salary Initiative would set an initial base salary of \$50,000 which would apply to all certificated teachers, regardless of years of experience or educational attainment. The measure would not stop a school district from paying a teacher more than the minimum base salary. The Legislature would also be required to create a public education funding system based on quarterly block grant funding to pay the teachers.

According to the initiative's sponsors, having the state cover the costs of offering all teachers a \$50,000 salary would cost an estimated \$1.2 billion, which is about equal to the total state aid allocated to districts under the state's current school funding formula known as TEEOSA for the 2025-26 school year. The intention of this proposal is to ensure K-12 schools are properly funded while not having a heavy reliance on property taxes.

Under our state's constitution, there are different signature threshold requirements in order to get an initiative measure successfully on the ballot. For the initiative striving to create a teacher base salary, approximately 90,000 signatures will need to be submitted. Meanwhile, the initiative wanting to create broader rights for cannabis use will need around 126,000 signatures because it is a constitutional amendment. In addition to the statewide percentage, all initiative petitions must meet a geographic distribution requirement. The signatures must be collected from at least 5 percent of the registered voters in each of 38 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

People interested in getting more information about both the Nebraska Cannabis Initiative and the Teacher Base Salary Initiative may consider visiting the Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/current-petitions-circulation>.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number

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Burkhalter wins football contest; Stoltz second

Father Ross Burkhalter took the top spot in the Elgin Review Football Contest.

He missed just two games to claim the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks.

Six contestants tied for the runner-up spot. In the tiebreaker, Jack Stoltz was the closest to the actual figure with a guess of 601.

The actual figure was 524 between Nebraska and Michigan State. He will receive \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

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Good luck!

Court

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parking lot of Hiway Mart in Clearwater. Mahoney is alleged to have driven east on Highway 275 and almost collided with several west-bound vehicles. Mahoney eventually pulled to the right shoulder of the road. Two Antelope County deputies approached the vehicle and arrested Mahoney, who was transported to the Antelope County Jail.

Bond was set at \$20,000-10%.

A Mora, Minnesota man appeared for sentencing on a count of attempt of a Class IV felony, a misdemeanor.

Benjamin D. Steeves, 36, was sentenced to a \$1,000 fine, plus court costs. He agreed to his bond exonerated and applied to payment.

Connor W. Soles, 19, of Springfield, failed to appear for arraignment on one count of criminal mischief - \$0-500, a Class III misdemeanor. Taylor noted that Smith may file a motion and order for an arrest in the case. Arraignment is scheduled for Oct. 22.

A Lincoln man will appear Nov. 19 for a pretrial hearing, per Taylor. Dillan Knapp, 23, is charged with one count of

assault-cause bodily injury, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Knapp's attorney, Patrick Carney, requested the continuance after telling Taylor he has not received video evidence from the county attorney.

Smith did not object to the continuance. A \$4,000-10% bond will remain in effect.

Tyler O. Wood, 52, of Plainview, appeared for further arraignment on a count of theft by unlawful taking \$501 to 1,499, a Class I misdemeanor.

Carney requested a continuance, which was granted. He will appear Oct. 22 for further arraignment.

Jacob R. McKirdy, 26, of Oakdale, appeared for hearings in two cases. McKirdy entered not guilty pleas to one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; and one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor. He requested a jury trial.

McKirdy will appear Oct. 22 for a pretrial hearing.

Jordan D. Melhado, 20, of Wayne, appeared for arraignment on a single count of driving under suspension/before reinstated-state, a Class III misdemeanor.

Melhado asked Taylor for more time to get his license, and the judge granted Melhado's request.

He will appear for further arraignment on Nov. 19.

Raymond F. Poli, 48, of Neligh, requested a continuance in a case where he is charged with one count of no operator's license/non-waiverable, a Class III misdemeanor.

A continuance was granted to Oct. 22 for a 26-year-old Tilden man charged with one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony.

Gage T. Schultz is alleged to have been in a verbal altercation with Hannah McDonald, on July 9, on a rural road north of Tilden.

According to the probable cause affidavit, a witness told Antelope County Deputy Keegan Barker the defendant said "he was going to shoot her and that he was going to stab her."

Schultz was arrested and bond was set at \$10,000-10%.

Criminal trespass-2nd degree charges against Denis Kerkman, 92, of Tilden, were dismissed.

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By Paul Hammel
Nebraska Examiner

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Nebraskaland Magazine staff will judge the contest. The winning photos will be published in the January/February 2026 issue. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in all categories, and a Best in Show prize also will be selected.

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Case IH combine series is announced as the 2025 ‘Coolest Thing Made in Nebraska’

By Cindy Gonzalez
Nebraska Examiner

OMAHA — Grand Island produced the coolest thing made in Nebraska this year, so says the fourth annual manufacturing contest organized by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

More than 40,000 votes were cast across multiple rounds that led to Monday's reveal of the 2025 winner of the “Coolest Thing Made in Nebraska” competition: the AF Series Combines, produced in the Case IH plant in Grand Island.

Case IH representatives called the AF series their company's most powerful machines, able to cover more acres in less time with the power and efficiency to handle any crop conditions. Designed, engineered and built by farmers, the combines were said to be packed with the latest in automation and harvesting technology.

Left to right, Michael Schaefer, Daniel Meyer, Mark Johnson, Kevin Cooley, Andrew Dozler, Jake Merrill and Dustin Alexander, all of the Case IH plant in Grand Island, and Chris Conrad of Pinnacle Bank. (Courtesy of Sam Rice)

The champion was announced during the Chamber's Manufacturing Summit in La Vista. Pinnacle Bank market president Chris Conrad made the presentation, culminating a months long, bracket-style contest that has become an increasingly popular part of a month aimed at recognizing the state's manufacturing industry.

Grand Island joined cities of Lincoln, Columbus and Valley as host cities of Coolest Thing winners.

“Manufacturing isn't just about making things — it's about driving innovation, supporting growth and employing over 100,000 Nebraskans who do the work every day,” Conrad said of the award.

Dustin Alexander of Case IH said the recognition highlights his team's innovation and hard work. He called the AF Series a cutting-edge lineup of harvesting machines engineered for global performance.

“These combines can handle more than 180 crop types, making them a trusted solution for farmers in diverse agricultural landscapes around the world,” he said.

The contest kicked off in July.



A combine series made at the Grand Island-based CNH Industrial plant, of parent company Case IH, emerged Monday as the 2025 winner of the “Coolest Thing Made in Nebraska” contest. (Courtesy of Case IH)

A statewide panel of business and nonprofit leaders picked 16 products from among a larger pool of nomination entries, and then public voting began in August to narrow the field to a final winner.

All 16 products were invited to showcase their wares at the summit, which coincided with National Manufacturing Month in October.

Last year, the Coolest Thing top honor went to Valley Irrigation's center pivot irrigation machine. The year before that, the winner was Rocket Mobility's all-terrain tracked wheel-chair made in Columbus.

In 2022, the inaugural winner was Kawasaki's subway car built in Lincoln to run on the rail tracks of New York City.

Also Monday, Lindsay Corp. was named Nebraska “Manufacturer of the Year” by the Chamber.

Road Zipper by Lindsay Corp. of Omaha is a way to lift barriers that can more easily reconfigure travel lanes. The zipper was a contestant in the 2022 Coolest Thing contest. (Courtesy of Nebraska Chamber and Nebraska Manufacturing Alliance)

The award recognizes a company in the state that “pushes boundaries in manufactur-



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ing and enhances Nebraska's competitiveness,” said Todd Bingham, chamber president and CEO.

“Being a global company, Lindsay Corporation still prioritizes its Nebraska roots,” he said of the company that started in 1955 as a farm equipment business in Lindsay, Nebraska.

“Whether it's helping farmers conserve water through smart irrigation or protecting lives on the road with our infrastructure products, Lindsay is proud

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Looking at Fall armyworm damage, recovery

Fall armyworms have been showing up in pastures and alfalfa fields across the region this fall, and producers are asking: what does this feeding really do to our forage, and what kind of recovery can we expect?

When infestations are heavy, armyworms can strip leaves quickly, leaving brown or stubble fields almost overnight. In fact, what often alarms producers most is how sudden the damage looks. A pasture that seemed fine one evening can look scorched by morning. The caterpillars feed mostly at night or early in the morning, then hide at the soil surface during the day.

In grasses, this defoliation reduces fall growth and weakens stands headed into winter. Most

established pastures will regrow if the crown and growing points remain intact, but yield losses are likely. With damage coming so late in the year, recovery can take a while, and productivity often lags next year. Bare or thinned spots can also open the door for weeds next spring.

Alfalfa is another favorite target of armyworms. Established stands can generally recover if they have time and moisture, however new seedlings are at much greater risk. Essentially

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armyworms act like a late cutting, so previous stand stress will impact survival and risk of winterkill. For new stands however, fall armyworm feeding can completely wipe out seedlings, leaving little option but to reseed next year. For producers who invested in new alfalfa this season, careful scouting is critical.

Worms will stick around until we start to get some cold temperatures this year, so active scouting now can catch infestations early and limit potential damage. But what can you do once the caterpillars are gone? First, evaluate the stand. If plants are actively putting out new growth, giving them rest from grazing or harvest can help rebuild root reserves before winter. In pastures, this might mean adjusting rotations to allow a recovery period. In alfalfa, cutting high and removing the stripped stems can stimulate regrowth, but again we have to be careful of timing

at this point in the season.

Second, think about moisture and fertility. Just like after drought stress, plants coming back from defoliation need every advantage. Adequate fall moisture is the biggest factor, but in some cases, a light fertility boost may help speed recovery.

Finally, watch for weeds. Thinned areas left behind after armyworm feeding are prime spots for winter annual weeds to sneak in. Monitoring those areas and addressing weeds early will help prevent long-term stand decline.

The bottom line? Most established pastures and alfalfa will recover, though fall growth and winter readiness may be set back. New seedlings are much more vulnerable and often need to be reseeded. Careful scouting, timely harvest and grazing decisions, and post-infestation management all play a role in protecting forage stands from long-term damage.

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Spinning Tales

The heat, the field & other things

O'NEILL — "It's hot out here."
My friend Ricky Simmons posted a reel a couple of years ago with his 'brother' Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier during a July golf outing. In his New Jersey accent, Rozier spoke those words during a round of golf. The way he said it make a perfect ringtone for when Rozier might ring me up. I haven't

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

heard those words since that day as Rozier hasn't called, but I do hear from Simmons on a regular basis.
Rozier's statement on heat came to mind Friday afternoon when the Wolfpack played O'Neill St. Mary's in one of a continuing list of big games for the Wolfpack.

The sun did no favors for either team Friday as the temperature rose to near 90 degrees.

For those of us who weren't playing the game, there was just enough of a breeze to make the temperatures bearable in the shade. But for the athletes on the field, some sweating profusely, the breeze didn't matter because it WAS hot out there.

Some years, by now, we've already had a hard freeze, it's rare but I've seen snow on the ground in September. Like in the spring, it didn't last long, but it did snow.

The Wolfpack fought valiantly, they gave every ounce of energy on every play, but they were unable to overcome the heat and the Cardinals as they saw their record fall to 4-2 with a 63 to 6 loss.

If you've ever been on a sideline at a high school or college football game, particularly this time of year, there's a certain aroma in the air. Some might think it's the original formula for 'ICYHOT' but it's not. You might notice the smell of soybean or corn dust from the harvest, not this time. None of the afore-mentioned, what you can notice if the air hits you just right, is the smell of per-

spiration on the pads which has been collecting since the start of fall practice. On particularly hot days when the air is only slightly moving, it will almost make your eyes water. We've heard mamas tell horror stories when the boys come home to have their jerseys cleaned after a game.

It's not just an Elgin thing, every football team deals with it to some degree.

Myself, I'd just as soon not deal with it at all. The only good thing? My sinuses stay clear.

Co-Coach Nick Heithoff says the only thing that works on the pads, sometimes, is Lysol. I suspect the players' mamas already know that. Now you do too!

Enough about last week, let's look forward.

This coming weekend promises to give Wolfpack fans a good look at what the end of the month is going to look like.

The football team will have another big game on their hands when they host Neligh-Oakdale Friday night. The Warriors come into game undefeated, posting a 66 to 24 victory over Creighton. Two weeks ago, EPPJ defeated Creighton 38 to 8. If the Warriors win, they will wrap up the season at O'Neill St. Mary's. If EPPJ wins, they

will have an opportunity to finish 6-2 if they defeat Ainsworth at home on October 17.

The Neligh-Oakdale game should draw the biggest crowd to Elgin Field in a long time. With the schools just 11 miles apart, there's no reason not to go to the game.

High school football is always better to watch in person.

The Wolfpack volleyball team, having played a stretch of matches against bigger schools, will take a road trip on Saturday, October 11 when they travel to Hebron.

Having played O'Neill St. Mary's and GACC on October 7, the ladies will be primed to face some new foes who haven't been on the schedule in recent years. Central Valley will be there, an annual foe. Also playing Saturday will be Thayer Central and Milford, two schools new to Wolfpack followers.

I like Coach Jordynn Luettel's effort to schedule new schools for the Wolfpack to play. New schools pose new challenges, new faces across the net is not a bad thing to see.

I'm anxious to see how EPPJ plays against these new foes.

The further we go into October, it's important for Wolfpack teams to be playing their best when it matters most.

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Wolfpack Sports

Bravettes, Cards gel in rare sweep of Wolfpack netters

ALBION — It's rare when the Wolfpack lose both ends of a volleyball triangular.

That's what happened Thursday night when first Battle Creek, then Boone Central swept the Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack in back-to-back matches.

Battle Creek came out ahead in a hard-fought first set, then went on to defeat the Wolfpack 27-25 and 25-21.

EPPJ led for much of the first set against the Bravettes. With EPPJ up 17 to 10, Battle Creek ripped off seven straight points to tie the score.

EPPJ fought back as Kayton Zwingman, Mady Kurpgeweit and Braelyn Martinsen ruled the net to take a 22 to 18 lead.

Battle Creek charged back to take a 23 to 22 lead. The Bravettes needed three set points to close out the set. A kill by Jael Lammers saved one set point, Zwingman saved the second. Then the Wolfpack were victimized by a net serve before the Bravettes closed out the set with an ace serve.

Losing the set seemed to deflate the Wolfpack as they fell behind early in Set #2 by a score of 12 to 4.

The Wolfpack made a 13 to five run to tie the score at 17-all. Much of their success was a result of the team's ability to block. Lillian Moser joined Zwingman, Martinsen and Kurpgeweit with success at the net.

EPPJ and Battle Creek were tied at 19-all before the Bravettes closed out the match with a six-to-two run.

Zwingman led Wolfpack hitters with nine kills and four solo blocks, Martinsen had seven kills.

Camry Kittelson led the team in digs (10), sets (12) and serve receive (14).

Late match
Boone Central upended the Wolfpack in straight sets 25-19 and 25-18.

In Set #1, Boone Central jumped out to an 8 to 1 lead courtesy of back-to-back-to-back-to-back ace serves. After that EPPJ never got any closer than three points the rest of the set.

The Wolfpack put up a much better fight in the second set. Tied at 13-all, the Cardinals slowly began to pull away. A kill by Martinsen cut the Cards' lead to 20 to 18. Boone Central then closed out the match with five straight points.

Kurpgeweit led hitters with 6 kills. EPPJ had just 15 kills in 65 swings in the match.

Martinsen led the team in digs with 10, Kittleson had a team-high 10 set assists.

Brooke Kinney led in serve receive with 14. Zwingman had three of the team's five solo blocks.

With the losses, the Wolfpack's record is now 13-6.

Battle Creek 2, EPPJ 0

Bravettes.....27 25
Wolfpack.....25 21
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 0/16/4, Kayton Zwingman 9/17/0, Braelyn Martinsen 7/21/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 3/14/3, Jael Lammers 3/8/0, Lillian Moser 0/2/0. Team totals: 23/78/11
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/9, Gentry Zwingman 1/14, Brooke Kinney 1/6, Martinsen 0/3, Sophia Burke 0/8, Elizabeth Moser 0/7. Team totals: 2/47



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Elizabeth Moser contributed 11 set assists in two matches played Thursday night.

Blocking (BS/BA — K. Zwingman 4/0, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 1/0. Team totals: 7/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 10/5, G. Zwingman 5/3, Kinney 9/1, Martinsen 10/4, Kurpgeweit 4/2, Lammers 2/0, L. Moser 1/0, Burke 3/1, E. Moser 3/2. Team totals: 47/18
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 12/33/0, Kinney 1/8/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, Burke 0/1/0, E. Moser 8/34/0. Team totals: 21/77/0
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 4/1, Kinney 17/6, Martinsen 14/3, Lammers 2/0. Team totals: 37/10

Boone Central 2, EPPJ 0
Cardinals.....25 25
Wolfpack.....19 18
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 1/6/2, Kayton Zwingman 2/12/2, Braelyn Martinsen 3/17/5, Mady Kurpgeweit 6/17/3, Jael Lammers 2/10/2, Lillian Moser 1/2/0,

Elizabeth Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 15/65/14
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/7, Gentry Zwingman 0/10, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martinsen 1/3, Sophia Burke 1/8, E. Moser 0/3. Team totals: 2/38
Blocking (BS/BA — K. Zwingman 3/0, Martinsen 1/0, Kurpgeweit 1/0. Team totals: 5/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 7/2, G. Zwingman 2/4, Kinney 10/2, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 10/7, Kurpgeweit 1/1, Lammers 2/0, L. Moser 1/0, E. Moser 3/1. Team totals: 36/18
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 10/36/1, Kinney 1/6/0, Lammers 0/1/0, L. Moser 0/1/1, E. Moser 3/20/0. Team totals: 14/64/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 8/1, Kinney 14/5, Martinsen 6/4, Lammers 4/3. Team totals: 32/13



A freshman, Jael Lammers had five kills at the triangular held Thursday night at Albion.



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Jarek Erickson (21) and Karson Kallhoff (4) look on as Gavin Kallhoff (25) goes around left end for positive yardage against the Cardinals.

St. Mary's crush EPPJ 63 to 6

O'NEILL — Too much heat and too much Gage Hedstrom.

Undefeated O'Neill St. Mary's improved their record to 6-0 Friday afternoon, handing EPPJ a 63 to 6 loss.

With temperatures around 90 degrees and Hedstrom accounting for seven touchdowns, the Cardinals handed the Wolfpack their worst loss in some time.

"As a team, they're very, very good," Wolfpack Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said. "These guys (St. Mary's) were my pre-season favorites to win it all and they kind of proved why today. They were a whole different animal than we prepared for."

On defense, they seemed to have an answer for everything the Wolfpack tried to do. They stuffed the running plays, covered receivers like a glove and pressured quarterback Karson Kallhoff constantly for much of the game. Forcing the Wolfpack into a three-and-out on their opening possession, St. Mary's needed only seven plays to score the first of their nine touchdowns in the game. It came on a 14-yard scramble by Hedstrom.

Hedstrom, on the team's next possession, tossed a 24-yard touchdown pass to Logan Brabec

St. Mary's then converted back-to-back interceptions into touchdowns on their next two possessions to lead 36 to 0 early in the second quarter.

The Wolfpack did not gain a first down in the first half as St. Mary's closed out the final minutes with two more scores to lead 49 to 0 at halftime.

After surrendering another touchdown to start the second half, the Wolfpack offense came to life.

After a kickoff return by Evin Pelster gave the team good field position, the Wolfpack went to work on the run.

Eleven consecutive running plays, isolation and pitch plays to Grady Druke and Jarek Erickson got the ball down to the Cards' 11-yard line. After a touchdown was called back due to penalty, Kallhoff connected with sophomore Max Henn for a 20-yard touchdown strike with under a minute to play in the third quarter.

Reserves played much of the fourth quarter for both teams. Quarterback Michael Selt-ing led the last drive. He and Pelster and Braedon Hinkle ground out yards to close out the game. Heithoff said, despite what the scoreboard showed,



Max Henn strides towards the goalline for the Wolfpack's only touchdown Friday afternoon versus St. Mary's.

he thought the Wolfpack played hard. "We still did a whole bunch of good things," he said. "We got good penetration on Hedstrom, kind of flushed him out of the pocket. Our pass coverage was good up until a point where he was able to break away and break down. We made some plays in space."

"We just need to get a little bit better once we get pressure on him, actually getting him down (Hedstrom)," Heithoff said.

St. Mary's outgained the Wolfpack 412 to 132. Kallhoff connected on

four of eight pass attempts for 21 yards. Druke led EPPJ with 52 yards on the ground. On defense, Gavin Kallhoff led tacklers with nine, Landyn Veik had six.

Next up for the Wolfpack will be a home tilt Friday night against Neligh-Oakdale (6-0). Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. at Elgin Field.

St. Mary's 63, EPPJ 6

Wolfpack.....0 0 6 0 — 6
Cardinals.....22 27 6 8 — 63
SMU — Gage Hedstrom 14 run (PAT failed)
SMU — Hedstrom 24 pass to Logan Brabec (Hedstrom run)
SMU — Hedstrom 1 run (PAT failed)
SMU — Hedstrom 8 run (Hedstrom pass to Ben Barlow)
SMU — Keigan Couch 1 run (Hedstrom run)
SMU — Hedstrom 15 pass to Ben

Pongratz (Barlow kick)
SMU — Hedstrom 1 run (PAT failed)
SMU — Hedstrom 33 pass to Dalton Herley (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Karson Kallhoff 20 pass to Max Henn (PAT failed)
SMU — Myles Hamilton 1 run (Couch run)

Team statistics	EPPJ	SMU
Passing	4/8/2	16/23/0
Passing Yds	21	181
Rushing	35/111	38/231
Total Off.	132	412
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	0/0
Interceptions by	0	2

Individual statistics
Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds)— Karson Kallhoff 4/8/2 — 21. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 16/23/0 — 181
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Michael Selt-ing 2/0, Karson Kallhoff 3/-1, Grady Druke 16/52, Braedon Hinkle 1/2, Jarek Erickson 6/28, Gavin Kallhoff 2/11, Evin Pelster 5/19. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 14/102
Receiving (#/Yds) — Max Henn 2/17, Jarek Erickson 1/-1, Landyn Veik 1/5. SMH — Ben Barlow 6/47
Tackles (Solo/Asst) — Michael Selt-ing 2/3, Ethan Hansen 1/1, Grady Druke 2/2, Braedon Hinkle 0/1, Max Henn 1/3, Jarek Erickson 1/4, John Zwingman 1/0, Landyn Veik 4/2, Gavin Kallhoff 7/2, Evin Pelster 1/2, Trey Rittscher 1/4, Christian Preister 0/1, Raaf Klein 1/0, Brayden Burenheide 0/1, Justice Blecher 1/3, Jayvin Erickson 1/0. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 4/6
Tackles for loss — Landyn Veik 1. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 3
Quarterback sacks — EPPJ 0. SMH — Lane Bybee 1
Passes deflected — Trey Rittscher 1. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 1, Ben Barlow 1.
Interceptions — EPPJ 0. SMH — Ben Barlow 2



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EPPJ XC runners battle heat at Battle Creek Invitational

BATTLE CREEK — The Battle Creek Cross Country Invite was held Friday morning. Conditions were warm with a slight breeze for the October

competition held at Evergreen Hill Golf Course. EPPJ was among a large number of schools competing in both the boys and girls divisions.

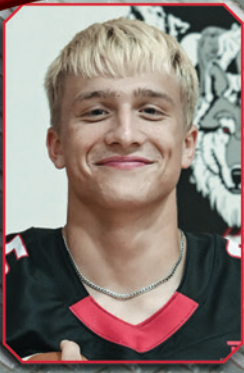
In the girls 5K race, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge senior Kate Tasler crossed the finish line first with a time of 21:31.03,

just ahead of Summerland freshman Isabella Kester who clocked in at 21:58.24. Wolfpack junior Samantha Stuhr finished 18th with a time of 23:55.74. Teammate Jovie Borer placed 38th with a time of

26:07.03. Altogether, 51 runners started the race and 50 finished. Boys division Junior Miles Clausen of Battle Creek finished first in the boys division with a time of 17:16.33. Taking second was

freshman Teddy Haake of Norfolk Catholic at 17:42.84. Wolfpack sophomore Matthew Kerkman finished 30th with a time of 21:14.84. Altogether, 63 runners started the race and 62 finished.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



A junior, Gavin, played a considerable amount of the game hurt last Friday. Despite this, he was the Wolfpack's leading tackler (7) and had several carries.

GAVIN KALLHOFF
FOOTBALL



A junior, Elizabeth, has been a consistent setter for the Wolfpack. At the Boone Central triangular, she had a total of 11 set assists and 6 digs in the two matches played that evening.

ELIZABETH MOSER
VOLLEYBALL



A senior, Jovie (and ALL runners last Friday) had to battle the high heat at the Battle Creek XC Invite which was moved to an earlier time because of temps. Jovie's time - 26:07.03

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CROSS COUNTRY

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Jovie Borer

CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY
Oct. 9...NVC CC @ Ainsworth4:00
Oct. 16...District CCTBA
Oct. 24...State CC @ KearneyTBA

FOOTBALL
VARSITY
Oct. 10...vs Neligh-Oakdale7:00
Oct. 17...vs Ainsworth7:00
Oct. 23...Playoffs--First Round.....TBA

JUNIOR HIGH
Oct. 13...@ Archangels Catholic4:00

VOLLEYBALL
VARSITY
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Thayer Central10:00
Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.....7:30
Oct. 20...NVC Tourney (Top 2 seeds host)....TBA
Oct. 21...NVC Tourney @ TBDTBA
Oct. 24...NVC Tourney Finals @ NiobraraTBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Thayer Central (JV only)....10:00
Oct. 13...@ Battle Creek (C team only)5:00
Oct. 13...@ Battle Creek (JV only)6:00
Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge5:30
Oct. 17...Tourney @ Neligh (C team only)9:00

JUNIOR HIGH
Oct. 8...@ Riverside (Spalding)2:00
Oct. 11...Tourney @ Riverside9:00



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Oct. 10.....TeamMates Tailgate Feed • Elgin FFA Labor Auction
Oct. 14.....Sophomore Career Day, WSC
Oct. 15.....Red Cross Bloodmobile • 1 pm dismissal, all schools • Kearney Career Day • Spalding Academy JH Scholastic Contest • EPS school board meeting
Oct. 17.....EPS NO SCHOOL for Prek-6 • Wolfpack football/Cross Country Senior Night
Dec. 18.....ACT
Oct. 22.....PJCC guest speaker Kevin Lovegreen • FAFSA completion webinar
Oct. 24.....NO SCHOOL - ALL SCHOOLS
Oct. 29-31.....National FFA Convention
Oct. 30.....Elkhorn Valley Jr. High Choral Clinic
Oct. 31.....PJCC NHS Bake Sale • Elgin High Community Club Trunk or Treat

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