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In Brief

Assistance offered for seniors with Medicare plans

Comparing prescription plans.

The Homestead Service Coordinator's office is again offering free assistance to area seniors comparing Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

Assistance is available thanks the Elgin Bargain Box and other individual donations.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to compare their current coverage with available options. Even though a plan met their needs in 2024, it may not be the best choice for them in 2025. Plans may change premiums, deductibles, the list of medications they cover and their co-pays, and costs may vary significantly.

Assistance is also offered for seniors having difficulty affording their medications. The Medicare Low Income Subsidy or pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistance Programs may be available.

Free, unbiased, confidential information to aid beneficiaries in choosing the best plan for their circumstances is offered. Appointments may be made by calling Connie Dvorak, a certified SHIIP counselor, at 843-8769.

The 2025 open enrollment period begins October 15 and continues through December 7.

Bloodmobile coming to Elgin on October 16

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is again coming to Elgin!

The bloodmobile will be in Elgin on Wednesday, October 16 at the Elgin KC Hall.

Hours for the bloodmobile will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The visit is being hosted by Pope John XXIII Central Catholic Schools. To make an appointment, contact Kyle Jensen at (402) 910-0681 or contact PJCC (402) 843-5325.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:
Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice — Estate of Betty Lou Moser
Notice of Organization — RED TRACTOR FARM, L.L.C.

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 88 degrees recorded on September 29.

The low temperature during the same period was 37 degrees recorded on September 30. No precipitation was recorded last week. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orłowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Sept. 29	88	48	.00
Sept. 30	79	37	.00
Oct. 1	68	45	.00
Oct. 2	85	48	.00
Oct. 3	74	39	.00
Oct. 4	80	54	.00
Oct. 5	79	44	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for September			0.09
Total precipitation 2024			18.65



E-R photo/DMorgan

EPPJ's present and future stars come together

Tomorrow's Wolfpack stars gave the varsity a tunnel walk to remember Friday night prior to the start of the football game against O'Neill St. Mary's. One by one, Wolfpack seniors were introduced in this, their last regular season home game. Here, Austin Hinkle runs his way through the tunnel towards midfield where he was greeted by his teammates.

Kenyan inspires local philanthropy during visit to Elgin

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

Editor's Note: This continues a series of monthly articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents and organizations.

Not everyone has the desire to travel to Kisumu, Kenya, 8,316 miles across the Atlantic Ocean, to another continent, and another hemisphere. Though what if a Kenyan comes here, right here to Elgin, and stays for a week?

That happened in September when Elly Opondo came to Elgin to learn about agricultural practices. He expected to go home with knowledge, maybe some ways to adapt small herd, flock, gardening, and educational practices in order to help the charity he directs called St. Jerome Emiliano Ramula Integrated Child and Family Support Centre.

What he got was so much more -- enough to bring tears to his eyes, a sincere thank you on behalf of "my kids" at the St. Jerome school, and a repeated "I am humbled. I am humbled."

A couple weeks ago, thirteen boxes of books and diapers crafted from cast-away tee-shirts were shipped to Kenya. Christina Getzfred, Elgin Postmaster, was thrilled to help with the shipping. Having worked at the Norfolk Post Office, she said, "I'm used to helping Mexican families ship boxes back home." The customs form can seem complicated though not to her.

In one of the boxes was diapers, 179 of them, made by Lutheran churches (see October 2, 2024 Elgin Review for more information). In the other 12 boxes were children's books, more than 160 of them to be exact. Elly wants to start a library in the elementary school at St. Jerome's. A quick connect with the Elgin Public Library and Dianne Gunderson, librarian, zipped over to the library on her off hours and loaded up the books.

Gunderson explained that books not checked out for a while need to be culled out to make room for new ones. She was happy to free up storeroom space and even more thrilled to find a good home for them. "It makes us feel good to give books to someone or somewhere that can use them," she said. "This is a good cause."

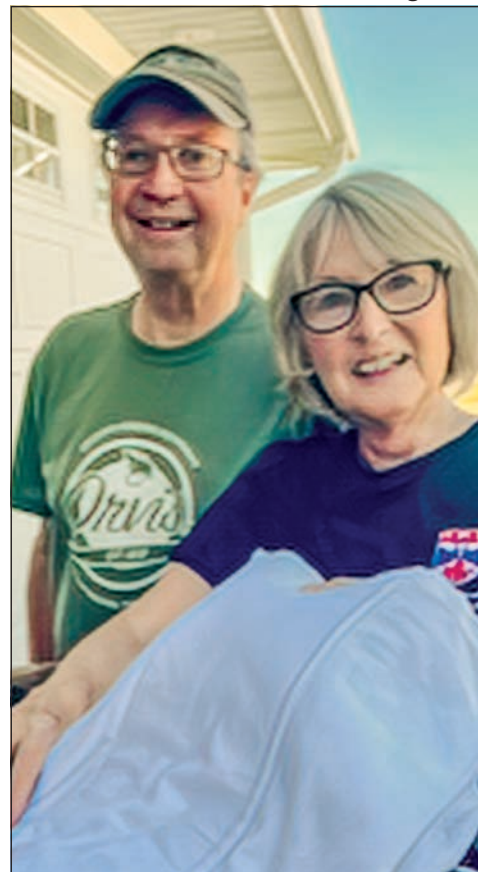
Shipping internationally takes some greenbacks. The Elgin Bargain Box stepped up with a grant, plus Jens and

Eileen Simonsen, Oakdale, and Rick and Jane Schuchardt, Elgin, pitched in. Those four also packed and taped the boxes and with Getzfred's help, filled out the customs forms required for shipping.

When Opondo stopped by the Elgin Bargain Box to express thanks the afternoon before he left, volunteers there, Tammy Starman, Oakdale, and Linda Kerkman, Elgin, stuffed a large suitcase available at The Box with school packs and supplies, shirts, and shoes. How much? "Our gift," said Kerkman enthusiastically as she stuffed two more shirts around the edges of the suitcase readying it for plane travel to Kenya. Opondo also walked out with a slightly used pair of shoes for himself.

When Elly was headed to Lincoln, then Omaha, for a few more days of experiences, neighbors gathered in the Schuchardt barn the night before to show him a Nebraska-style potluck and farewell. It was a festive evening where

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Jens and Eileen Simonsen, Oakdale, get ready to seal up the box of 179 diapers.



Photos by Jane Schuchardt

Librarian Dianne Gunderson rolls out boxes and boxes of children's books from the Elgin Public Library



Elgin Postmaster Christina Getzfred assures accuracy for shipping 13 boxes to Kenya.

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Next Weekend: Wild Robot

Kids have tougher competition at school

When I was in high school and looking ahead to college, I knew the competition would be tough. It was important to be involved in extracurricular activities, show leadership and involvement, and have good grades. Although those are all still important, it feels like kids today have a much heavier load to carry.

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. Although I was at the top of my class, I think the size of the school helped to make it easier for me to do all the things I wanted to. I was able to work, be in band and choir, and perform in most of the plays

and musicals. Being the "best" only meant having to beat out 70 other classmates or so.

My daughter is only in third grade, yet they have voting for student council! These kids aren't even ten yet, and they have a council? And anyone running is supposed to give a speech? Seems a little excessive for third graders.

My oldest son just started high school. His graduating class will likely have nearly 1,000 kids. Just trying to make the soccer team has been stressful and he's worked hard to try and improve.

But soccer is just one place where he's competing. He's competing for the best grades, for the best orchestra (yes, there are multiple orchestras depending on ability), and eventually for a job.

As a freshman, he's already feeling the pressure to plan out his next four years and know exactly what he wants to do in life. I'm 40 and I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up! He wants to take a lot of advanced courses. Although I'm proud of him, I worry about the workload.

I attended a meeting this weekend about these classes, and I was stressed out as the parent! They want me to emphasize the importance of joining clubs, being in a leadership role within organizations, and volunteering time. That's on top of a very rigorous workload.

You only get to be a kid for so long. I loved my days in high school and look back on them

fondly. I don't want him so stressed about being the best and being successful that he ends up hating every minute of it. Before you know it, you've graduated college, and you have a full-time job...for the rest of time.

College is getting more and more expensive and obtaining scholarships is harder than ever. Kids feel like they must do everything and work a job just to have their resumes get a second look.

Yes, having an impressive resume will help, along with all the extracurriculars and a job, especially with the expense. But I must ask myself, is it worth it? Right now, I'm going to wait it out and see.

If it starts to become too much, I may have to put my foot down and have him back off the gas pedal a little. I don't want him to burn himself out before college even starts. I want him to be a kid and enjoy these last four years.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

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

Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

October 8, 1964

Henry Wilgocki of Elgin was elected chairman of the Antelope County ASC Committee at the convention of township delegates September 30. Wilgocki served on the County Committee in 1956 and 1957 and has been associated with ASCS work for many years. He is actively engaged in farming northeast of here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tunink were honored at a family dinner and "Open House" on Sunday, Oct. 4th, celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. More than 200 friends and relatives congratulated the honored couple.

Milton and Tom Meis purchased the 60 acres of the Bess W. Trowbridge estate sold at auction Friday for \$192 per acre. The land adjoins the Meis Property.

Howard Detlefsen had part of his left hand taken off just below the wrist Sunday, Sept. 27, while working on a chopper, according to the Laurel Advocate. He was confined in the Sioux City, Ia. Methodist hospital.

Mrs. David Rings, 63, of Clearwater, passed away Saturday in Antelope Memorial hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 6 from the Snider Chapel in Clearwater with burial in Fairview cemetery.

Fifty Years Ago

October 10, 1974

Greg Pape, who was employed at the Elgin sales market for 33 years, has retired. During these many years Greg had missed but nine Mondays of work at the barn, according to one of his employers.

Bruce Anderson, a senior majoring in Ag Honors with special emphasis in agricultural economics and animal science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will receive this fall the 1974-75 Diamond Anniversary Scholarship. The award of \$225 is one of 20 made by the National Alpha Zeta Foundation of America, Inc.

Lynette Clark and Dan Kuester were crowned Thursday night a the football field as Homecoming Queen and King of the Elgin High School. The crowning was followed by a pop rally and huge bonfire which was attended by the Elgin fire department due to hazardous fire conditions.

A Mitchell family reunion was held Sunday in the Mrs. Edna Schwarting home with a family dinner at noon.

Thirty Years Ago

October 5, 1994

Amy Beckman, daughter of Allen and Pat Beckman, and Dave Ochsner, son of Dennis and Carol Ochsner, were crowned as 1994 Homecoming Royalty at Elgin Public School last Thursday night, Sept. 29.

A wide variety of craft items and collectibles were displayed in 64 See BACK, Page 7 ▶

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Early ballot application process now underway General election is November 5

Registered voters can now file for an Early Ballot Application for the November General Election which will be held Tuesday, November 5.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail or FAX is 6 p.m. on Friday, October 25.

The deadline to request a ballot, in person at the courthouse, is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 4.

All early voting ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information, contact Election Commissioner Lisa Payne at the Antelope County Courthouse.

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Love Dad, Mom, George & Tommy

SO. SAMANTHA STUHR
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Opinion

READ, REFLECT, RESPOND.

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

Edward R. Murrow

Osborn gaining traction in long-shot effort to top Fischer

Hard to imagine, but in our deep-red state we now have a competitive race for the U.S. Senate.

It's been a while since a Republican had to break a sweat to get re-elected to the Senate in Nebraska.

Even former governor and U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey – a widely known Democrat nationally – couldn't crack the GOP's grip on the state's two Senate seats.

But here comes a regular guy and nonpartisan from Omaha, Dan Osborn. His long-shot run against two-term incumbent Sen. Deb Fischer has caught

fire, inspiring millions in campaign donations to unseat the Republican incumbent and former state senator.

Osborn's pitch is simple: if you're tired of the way things get done in Washington, where there are more than 20 lobbyists for every senator/representative, vote for me.

And, oh, by the way, Sen. Fischer pledged to serve only two terms in Congress and she's breaking that pledge to run again in 2024.

No one gave Osborn much of a chance back when he first announced months ago. But yard signs are popping up across the state, polls show him getting surprising support, and now ads are flooding the airwaves touting his independence and a willingness to not play partisan games.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent Paul Hammel

That it's gotten the attention of the Fischer campaign and the folks that support her is an understatement.

You can't watch TV in Lincoln and Omaha without getting back-to-back ads that both promote the candidacy of the independent mechanic/Navy veteran, and then slam him as a "Democrat Dan" who hasn't been endorsed by former President Donald Trump.

All told, GOP groups have poured nearly \$700,000 into recent ads slamming Osborn to combat spending by the challenger that had out-paced Fischer's ad buys by about a 3-1 margin, according to an analysis by the Nebraska Examiner.

Fur flew recently when the Osborn campaign accused a pro-Fischer group running attack ads of knowingly making "false and defamatory" statements about him. A "cease and desist" letter was sent, which is the forerunner for a lawsuit.

The Fischer camp responded that the ads were true and that Osborn is trying to change the subject after he, in a phone call with a New York Post reporter, compared Fischer's campaign



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staff to "a bunch of Hitler Youth frat boys." Osborn later apologized for the statement.

Osborn, in his ads, is hammering at Fischer's lack of local town hall meetings with constituents and her broken pledge to seek only two terms.

Fischer has said that she is bypassing her pledge because she's now realized that seniority is so important in Congress.

That a race for U.S. Senate in Nebraska is getting national attention is unusual, as unusual as a competitive race against a Republican incumbent.

You have to go way back to 1942 to

find a time when Nebraska had a U.S. Senator who wasn't a Democrat or Republican (it was George Norris — perhaps Nebraska's greatest politician — who lost that year as an independent after leaving the GOP four years earlier).

And it's been 11 years since a Democrat held one of the state's seats in the Senate (that was Ben Nelson, who opted against a re-election bid after serving 12 years).

This state isn't known for political upsets, and Osborn is still viewed as a distinct underdog.

But if Osborn can tap into the wide-

spread grumbling about gridlock in Washington, D.C., and enough people think it's time for a change – and think he has a chance to win – it could happen.

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

A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

Refusing to negotiate frustrates good-faith legislating

Prior to the September 30 deadline to authorize funding for federal government operations for the next fiscal year, Congress passed legislation to temporarily extend current federal funding to December 20, 2024. While measures in the bill to address the effectiveness of the Secret Service were clearly needed, this result was far from ideal.

Earlier this month, I voted in favor of Speaker Johnson's plan to fund the government into March while strengthening election integrity by enhancing protections against illegal immigrants voting in the upcoming election. However, the Democrat-controlled Senate,

which has made virtually no effort to pass its own appropriations bills all year, refused. When the one side of a disagreement won't talk to the other, it frustrates good-faith legislative work.

Restoring fiscal responsibility to Washington is important. Political realities did not permit House Republicans to dictate the way forward on our preferred terms. Shutting down the government in a time of economic instability less than 40 days prior to elections unwisely cedes leverage to the Biden-Harris administration. The 2013 federal government shutdown showed

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

Letters Liberty or Tyranny: it's our choice

Dear Editor,

As I look back on the last four years I have to ask myself why? To see the whole picture you have to go back to the election of 2008. Why would a free people vote for an Islamic Marxist Communist to be our Commander in Chief? It's been that way since, with the exception of Donald Trump. Our freedoms come from God and the wisdom of our Founding Fathers who drafted a constitution and a Bill of Rights unlike any other. These rights are ensured by our Veterans, it is certainly a gift!

The strongest arguments I heard for not voting for Trump in the 2020 election were "He has mean tweets" or "I just don't like his mannerisms" or "I'm not a Trump supporter." Now contrast those reasons with what has actually happened in this country. Our country is unrecognizable today and it will get much worse. Look at the catastrophic failures of the Biden Administration, the most recent being FEMA'S response to the flood victims of hurricane Helene. FEMA is out of money! That money is supposed to go to the people of our country in times of emergency, not to illegal aliens that have no business here. Elon Musk said "Unless Trump is elected American will fall to tyranny. Trump must win."

Jim Baum

Providing opportunity for our veterans

In October 1988, the Cold War was still simmering. World War II was just a generation ago, fresh in many veterans' minds and in the hearts of families who lost their parents and grandparents in the conflict. More recently, many Americans had fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and many returned home in need of health care and in search of employment.

October 1988 was the month President Ronald Reagan signed the Department of Veterans Affairs Act, which transformed the independent Veterans Administration agency into a Cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs. Congress recognized the government's sacred obligation to care for America's veterans by passing the bill, and President Reagan did the same when he signed it.

"I've said before that America's debt to those who would fight for her defense doesn't end the day the uniform comes off. For the security of our nation, it must not end," President Reagan said before signing the bill.

Thirty-six years later, this truth has not changed. Our debt never ends to those who sacrifice to defend our nation.

Veterans represent almost 10 percent of Nebraska's population. They impact our state through the businesses they

own, the jobs they work, and the hours they volunteer in our communities.

As I travel across the state, I have the privilege of hearing from many of our veterans. Recently, I joined in cutting the ribbon on the new Sarpy County VA clinic. I got to meet several of the veterans who are served at the clinic and who also created beautiful artwork for the hallways and rooms of the new facility.

I consider myself duty-bound to advocate for vets in the Senate and live out President Reagan's ethos of paying the debt we owe them. Last year, I cosponsored the Major Richard Star Act to extend full disability and retirement benefits to combat-injured veterans, even if they served in our military for less than 20 years. Earlier this year, I introduced the Veterans Assistance Helpline Act to maintain a helpline for veterans who need assistance from the VA. And just this month, I introduced legislation to expand the VA's External Provider Scheduling (EPS) Program for scheduling community care appointments.

This week, one of my bills supporting vets passed the House and was sent to the president to be signed into law: the Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act. I introduced this bill last year to expand veterans' training opportunities in the trucking industry—benefiting vets in search of employment, the trucking industry itself, and the economy.

Existing laws prevent new trucking school facilities from accepting GI Bill benefits for two years after opening—including new facilities opened by schools that are already established.

My legislation will allow new facilities to accept GI Bill benefits if they meet certain conditions. Ultimately, it will make it easier for veterans to get their commercial driver's licenses and earn a good living. More accessible career training programs and job opportunities will allow our vets to thrive.

That day in 1988, when he signed the Department of Veterans Affairs Act, President Reagan concluded his speech: "Every time a man or woman enlists in

the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, he or she is ready to lay down his or her life for our nation. We must be ready to show that America appreciates what that means."

I couldn't agree more. The Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act is one example of a solution that grows from our commitment to supporting our veterans. I look forward to offering many more of these solutions in the future.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

DeKay breaks down election issues

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 is Election Day. As the area prepares to head into the final few weeks of election season, I would like to encourage every eligible voter to register to vote.

To vote in Nebraska, you must be a United States citizen; live in the state of Nebraska; be at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day; have not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, your voting rights have been restored; and, have not been officially found to be mentally incompetent. You will also need to present a valid form of ID to comply with the implementation of voter ID requirements enacted last year, such as a driver's license, state ID, veteran's ID, or tribal ID.

The deadline to register is Friday, October 18. You can register online, at the local DMV or local election office. If you are not sure you have registered to vote, go to <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voterview> and enter your information.

Over the next several weeks, I will also be highlighting the ballot initia-

tives and referendums that will be on this year's election ballot. It is good for people to be informed of the different measures that will be present on the ballot. There are currently 6 measures that have been certified by Secretary of State Bob Evnen. This week, I will be discussing Initiative Measure 435 and Initiative Measure 436.

Initiative Measure 435, also known as the Support Our Schools Nebraska Initiative, seeks to partially repeal Legislative Bill 1402. LB1402 created a program and funding mechanism that allocates \$10 million per year to help eligible stu-

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

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Numbers to Know

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- U.S. Senate Website: www.senate.gov
- Senator Deb Fischer: 825 B Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C. 20510. Phone: (202) 224-6551. Fax: (202) 228-1325.
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- Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly: Office of the Lt. Gov., P.O. Box 94863, Lincoln, NE 68509-4863. Phone: (402) 471-2256.
- District 40 State Senator Barry DeKay: P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509. Phone: (402) 471-2801. E-mail: bdekay@leg.ne.gov.



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Kenya

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Opondo's explanation of his charity work was well received.

Opondo, on sabbatical from Champions of Peace-Kenya, had airfare paid. Most other travel and lodging expenses were picked up by the Schuchardts and Ed and Suzanne Koucheravy, Fairfax Station, VA, who accompanied him to Nebraska.

Ed Koucheravy said that Opondo's story of giving to his community was so compelling that Suzanne and he felt the need to step up. He learned of Elly through his son who works in Kenya.

"Elgin people are wonderful, generous, friendly, go over and above," Koucheravy said. He also lauded the Nebraska Extension professionals who consulted with Opondo. "They're the middle people between the university (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and local people," he continued.

"They're incredibly professional, know their mission, and execute it at a high level."

That's the unexpected follow-up story for now, and who knows what else will result from Opondo's visit here. Contacts with Nebraska Extension, local farmers and gardeners, Pope John school, and more could open doors. In the meantime, Opondo is back in Kenya and expects to catch rainwater during the rainy season coming up in January to make new garden plots flourish, get some chicken coups ready to welcome layer hens, and continue to ponder all he learned here in the Elgin area.

Pastor Elizabeth Goehring, Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, rural Albion, summed it all up best in the church's October newsletter - "So, what happens when church, community organizations, international visitors and local farmers, and Extension agencies all work together? A lot, all a reflection of God's great abundance."



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Making memories, Wolfpack style!

Lil' Pack football and volleyball players got to spend time with the varsity teams this past week. On Friday evening, the youngsters posed with the varsity members prior to the start of the football game against O'Neill St. Mary's. Then, on Monday evening the Lil' Pack volleyball team did the same with high school team members prior to the start of the varsity match against Niobrara-Verdigre.



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#18 school board meets tonight

The District #18 Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 9 (tonight).

Scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., the school board will hold a public hearing for Internet and Computer Use Policy 606.06 to start the meeting.

Following the hearing there will be reports from board committees as well as Principal Greg Wemhoff and Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

Also, instructor Amy Selting will be giving a report regarding technology.

Action items on the agenda are:

- Approve the closure of the Reimbursement Fund #218031, a component of the General Fund, and transfer of these funds to the General Fund as operating expenses.

- Approve HVAC hardware and software

- Approve the Junior Class Trip

The meeting is open to the public.

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residents are billed quarterly for water, sewer and trash.

After raising the issue of extra expense associated with going to a monthly billing (postage, etc.), the decision was made to leave the billing on a quarterly basis. As one councilman said, "If we're not having trouble, I don't know if it would be worth it at this time."

It was noted that the City sends out an average of seven disconnect notices per quarter.

After the matter was discussed, the council went into closed session to discuss potential litigation regarding an outstanding utility payment.

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booths during the 15th annual Fall Festival Craft and Hobby Fair last Saturday and Sunday. The show was held in the St. Boniface Gym and church basement.

Jan and Bill Leehy are the parents of a daughter, Dana Joan, born Sept. 20.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, October 14: Baked penne pasta bake, bacon wrapped asparagus, brussel sprouts, pears, garlic stick, butter, milk.

Tuesday, October 15: Chicken tortellini soup, autumn salad, tropical fruit, Texas toast/butter, milk.

Wednesday, October 16: Polish dog on sauerkraut, buttered potatoes & carrots, pineapple, bread, butter, milk.

Thursday, October 17: Liver & onions OR ham, baked potato, peas & carrots, stewed tomatoes, peaches/strawberry mix, bread, butter, milk.

Friday, October 18: Tator tot casserole, pears, bread, butter, milk.

(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center and are subject to change).

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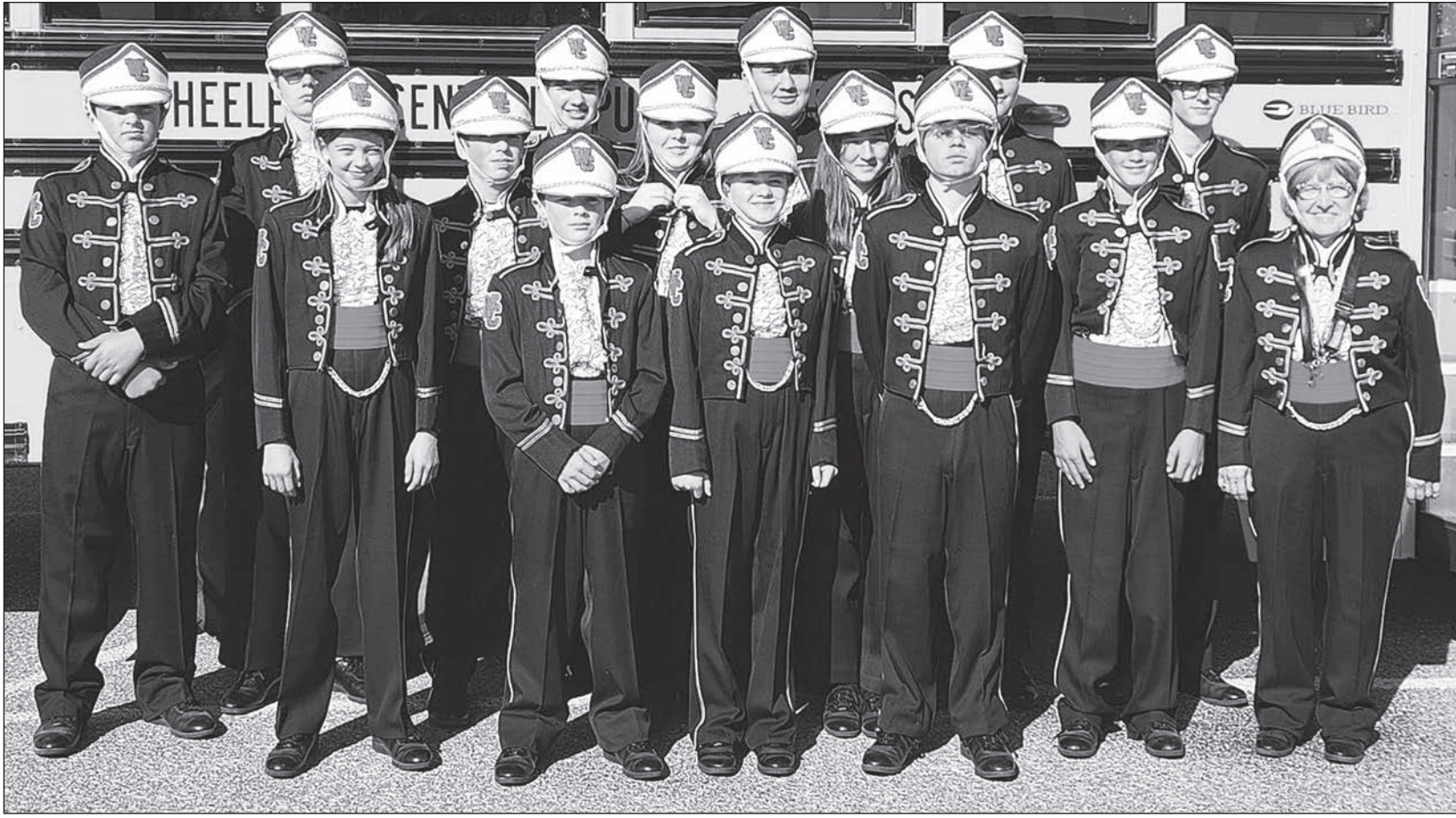


Photo submitted

The Wheeler Central High School Marching Band participated in the annual Harvest of Harmony Parade held Saturday in Grand Island.

Bartlett News

Wheeler Central Band students participated in the Harvest of Harmony Parade held Saturday morning, October 5 in Grand Island. Percussion included Ashlee Wright, Lexi Plugge and Jaiyynn Harrison. Brass section included trumpets: Trey Smith, Dawson Kluver, Corbin Kasselder and Aidan Maddux; and baritones: Hunter Renner and Franklin

Schmidt. Woodwinds included Jerrin Kleeb on flute, Casey Freouf and Denna Skorcz playing clarinet and Mrs. Sherry Tetschner on tenor saxophone. Banner carriers were Zane Potter and Tyler Perkins. Jaime Harrison served as a sponsor and Karen Pokorny bus driver. The band performed the selection 'High Hopes' as recorded by

'Panic! At the Disco.' The music was arranged by Doug Adams. Students enjoyed lunch after their performance at Panda Express, Freddie's and Raising Cane's. After lunch it was time to head home for students to get ready for their homecoming dance at Wheeler Central to be held that evening. *****

CWC varsity football played Palmer at Palmer Friday, October 4. The final score was Palmer 36- CWC 28. This coming week's sports events include varsity volleyball at Elgin Public/Pope John. The triangular meet begins at 5 p.m. Teams are EPPJ, CWC and Wausa. Varsity football will be at Burwell Friday night, October 11. By Sherry Tetschner

Spinning Tales

Miller recognized for 50 years working the 'sticks'

ELGIN — It's not every day you reach a milestone. For a professional football running back, it is 2,000 yards in a season; an NBA player it is most points in a career as everyone is now chasing LeBron James' mark and a baseball player it's now the 50/50 (home runs/stolen bases) club formed this year by Shohei Ohtani.

Coaches chase championships, business owners want a bigger share of the market and politicians want one thing - power. On Friday night, Elgin's own Duane Miller achieve a milestone in terms of longevity. At halftime of Friday night's Wolfpack-O'Neill St. Mary's football game, EPS Athletic Director Trent Ostransky walked across the field to escort Miller to an area near midfield on the east side of Elgin Field. It's a place where Miller has seldom stood. Then, PA announcer Brent Kallhoff read a brief statement, recognizing Miller for working

50 years as a member of the 'sticks' crew. You see, you can't play a real football game without a sticks crew. As he has many times through the years, Miller has his own stick, constantly marking the line of scrimmage and down. He's had plenty of first downs, second downs, third downs and fourth downs. He told The Elgin Review he still remembers the first game he worked the sideline. Still sharp as a tack, Miller quickly said it was a playoff

game at the end of the 1974 season. Ad he's been there ever since. For the wins, the losses, the blowouts and the shutouts. Congratulations Duane! ***** I think she was joking, but I'm not sure. I ran across a Wolfpack volleyball fan coming out of the post office last week. A friend of mine, she said she wasn't happy with what I wrote in last week's paper. This was just hours after the Wolfpack split a triangular,

beating Boone Central and losing to Battle Creek. Words do have the power to shape opinions, but I don't know if they can have that big an effect one day after being printed. Go Pack!



Publisher Dennis Morgan



Duane Miller (l) was presented a certificate from EPS Athletic Director Trent Ostransky (r) in recognition of 50 years of service to the Elgin Eagles/EPPJ Wolfpack football programs.



E-R photos/DMorgan Duane Miller shown holding the down market at Friday night's game against St. Mary's.

Greene, Martensen awarded UNL Schuchardt Scholarship

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 2024-25 academic year. Greene, the daughter of Randy Greene of Tilden and Bobbi Jenkins of Oakdale, is a junior majoring in community health and wellness in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS). She is a member of the CEHS Student Advisory Board and works parttime as a dietary aide at Emerald Nursing and Rehab Lancaster in Lincoln. In high school, she participated in basketball, volleyball, speech, one-act, and student council, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Speaking from her Lincoln apartment surrounded by plants, she said she loved taking care of them just like she loves caring for people. To that end, she is working on a certified nursing assistant designation which she hopes will get her a fulltime job this summer and transition her into nursing school after graduation in 2026. About the scholarship, Greene paused for a moment saying she wanted to choose her words

carefully. "It helps relieve financial stress for me," she said, "and it means a lot coming from someone who lives near my hometown." Martensen, the daughter of Jeremy and Staci Martensen of Neligh is a junior majoring in fisheries and wildlife management in the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). In high school, she participated in volleyball, basketball, track and field, Future Farmers of America, one act and band, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. On the run from class to one of the additional tasks she juggles, Martensen exclaimed, "Working two jobs can be difficult to balance with classes. Financial assistance allows me to focus more on school, keep my grades up, and hopefully get accepted into physician's assis-

tant (PA) school" upon graduation in 2026. Martensen said wildlife and habitat conservation has always been one of her passions. This UNL major provides the sciences she needed to apply for post-graduate education to become a licensed medical profession. Currently, she works as an Emergency Medical Technician for Midwest Medical Transport in Lincoln and as a research assistant in the ecosystems stoichiometry lab where she studies mineral and chemical deposits in water samples taken from Nebraska lakes, rivers and streams. She also volunteers with the Cam-



Riley Martensen



Carleigh Greene

The scholarship is funded through the University of Nebraska Foundation by Rick and Jane Schuchardt of rural Elgin, both UNL first-generation graduates. With appreciation for the stellar education they received in the early 1970s, the scholarships are designed for Antelope County students with preference

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Pictured are (l-r) Miranda McGill, Madison Gompert, Natalie Nelson, Edwin Naranjo Aranda, Mrs. Chelsea Gaunt, Jen Molt-RN, Erica Hall and Madison Reilly shown posing with manikin by Albion Education Foundation. Photo submitted

BCHC assists students embarking on path to nursing certification

A group of dedicated Boone Central High School students are currently participating in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training program, preparing to make their mark in the healthcare field. The six students—Miranda McGill, Madison Gompert, Natalie Nelson, Edwin Naranjo Aranda, Erica Hall and Madison Reilly—are undertaking a semester-long course designed to equip them with essential patient care skills and prepare them for the Nebraska Nurse Aide State Licensure.

This unique program is a collaborative effort between Boone Central (BC) High School, Boone County Health Center (BCHC), and Central Community College (CCC), providing students with both high school and college credit. The curriculum includes 46 hours of hands-on training in BCHC's state-of-the-art facility, 30 hours of online learning, and comprehensive exams that students must pass to become licensed.

The course is led by Jen Molt, RN, a certified instructor with Central Community College, and Boone Central High School Science Teacher Chelsea Gaunt. Molt has been instrumental in bringing the program to life, having conceived the idea during her time at BCHC.

The success of the program relies on strong community partnerships and generous support from local organizations:

- Boone County Health Center provided two training bays, classroom space, and critical equipment required by Nebraska DHHS, including hospital beds, wheelchairs, linens, and personal care items. BCHC is also working towards establishing a third training bay to accommodate more students.
- Central Community College has supported the program by offering discounted class fees, free textbooks, and a Welch Allyn Oral Thermometer for student use. CCC's financial support is part of a broader effort to address the nursing shortage in Nebraska.
- Albion Education Foundation contributed \$5,300 for the purchase of two manikins to enhance simulation training and provided an additional \$250 for a time clock.
- Albion Legion Riders donated eight scrub uniforms, embroidered with the program name, which will be used by students during their training and testing.

The CNA program at Boone Central represents a significant opportunity for students interested in healthcare careers. The hands-on experience, coupled with dual-credit benefits, posi-

tions these students to make an immediate impact in the workforce. With plans to expand the training space and add advanced simulation equipment by the end of the year.

OBITUARIES

Bernadine A. Hoefler, 95

October 20, 1928 - October 6, 2024

A graduate of St. John the Baptist Catholic School, she traveled around the world with her husband LaVerne.



Bernadine Ann (Kuhlman) Hoefler, 95, joined her beloved husband, Vern, eternally in heaven. After a valiant fight against

cancer, Bernadine passed away in her sleep on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at Cloverlodge Care Center in St. Edward, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 11, 2024, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Raeville, NE with Fr. John Norman officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the church with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Elgin Rescue Squad or Petersburg Fire Department.

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

Bernadine was born on October 20, 1928, on the family farm, just east of Petersburg, NE.

She was the oldest child of Bernard "Ben" & Ann (Wellman) Kuhlman. Bernadine was baptized and married at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg. She attended St. John Berchman school in Raeville through 8th Grade where she was confirmed. Bernadine graduated high school in 1946 from St. John the Baptist Catholic school in Petersburg.

She enjoyed many weekends socializing and dancing at the famous Raeville Hall dances. It was there that she met a young man who caught her eye and made her laugh. The courtship between Bernadine and Vern began. Some of her most treasured memories are when Vern would bring her ice cream, and they would sit together on her front porch.

On May 4, 1948, she married the love of her life, LaVerne "Vern" Hoefler. Vern and Bernadine made a life for themselves through farming and raising livestock. During the dry years they had a food truck that they sold lunches at auctions out of - selling and making up to 20 pies at a time. They had residences in both rural Petersburg and Elgin, NE. Bernadine and Vern were members of Saint Bonaventure Church of Raeville for most of their married life. They had six children together. Bernadine was the heart of their home and took great pride in raising their children and embraced life on the farm. In her early years, she was an active member of Raeville Christian Mothers and ABC extension club. She lived a life dedicated to being a wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and a dear friend to so many.

Bernadine and Vern loved to travel. Their travel adventures included France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Canada, Mexico, and extensive travel of the lower 48 states.

When they were not traveling around the world, they enjoyed going to auctions together. It was common for these two love birds to stop for ice cream together on their way home from collecting many auction "treasures." It should be noted that Dairy Queen has lost a loyal customer as her favorite treat was their Peach Blizzard.

Bernadine enjoyed spending time with her family-- especially her grandchildren. She loved shopping, baking, sharing recipes, reading novels, talking on the phone, helping friends and neighbors, and entertaining in her home. Time spent at Bernadine and Vern's house was filled with homemade deserts, good conversation, and a cup of coffee (which Bernadine might offer some of her favorite butterscotch liquor in). Her favorite thing to do with friends and family was to play cards and make up her own rules to the games-- some of which she shared with her grandchildren. Somehow, she was always right, especially when it came to cards. Bernadine's stubbornness was something she was both loved and cursed for.

She and Vern leave behind a legacy of many auction treasures that their family does not know what to do with... It appears that even from her grave, she can set her own rules. After all, she was able to get Bob and Rick to stop harvesting in order to plan and attend her funeral. Her spunk and sass will always be remembered.

We are so grateful for her strength, unyielding love, and devotion to her family. Her love for her family made us who we are. She was the heart and soul of our family.

One of Bernadine's last wishes, found in her funeral notes, requested that we celebrate her life. Please do not mourn for her loss, but instead, remember her for a long life that was well lived. Please join us in raising your glass of Buttershots or wine in memory of her.

We wish to thank the staff at Cloverlodge Care Center for their excellent care in Bernadine's final days.

Bernadine is survived by five sons: Fred Hoefler of Lindsay, NE; Dean (Sandi) Hoefler of Columbus, NE; Rick (Val) Hoefler of Petersburg, NE; Tom (Kathy) Hoefler of Wahoo, NE; and Bob (Jaci) Hoefler of Elgin, NE; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; two sisters: Mary Ann (Norm) Mack of Tempe, AZ and Pat Stehly of Lincoln, NE; sister-in-law: Lucille Kuhlman of Petersburg, NE; along with many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband: LaVerne; infant daughter: Carol; grandson: Mark; daughter-in-law: Karla; daughter-in-law: Pat; her parents: Ben Kuhlman and Ann Wellman; parents-in-law: Linus Hoefler and Anna Rueth; brother and sister-in-law: Delmont (Mary Ann) Hoefler; brother: Bernard Kuhlman; step-father: Ernest Velder; and many four-legged friends.

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Neligh Legion Club to be site for food distribution

On Tuesday, October 15

The Neligh Faith Community Church will be distributing food to those in need on Tuesday, October 15.

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Wolfpack Sports

EPPJ sweeps Boone Central Cardinals for 15th victory

ELGIN — ‘A Time For A Kill’ played in movie theaters years ago.

The Wolfpack (15-3) volleyball team could call their performance against Boone Central by the same title Thursday night.

The Wolfpack had 31 kills at the net as they swept the Cardinals 25-20 and 25-16 to wrap up a triangular played at St. Boniface Auditorium.



E-R photos/DMorgan
Callie Heithoff had three ace serves at last week's triangular in Elgin.

In Set #1 the score was tied at 13-all, then EPPJ closed out the set on a 13 to seven run. Senior Sara Bode had four kills and an ace serve to lead the way. Also with an ace serve was Elizabeth Moser.

In the second set, Chloe Henn was strong at the net, providing a 1-2 punch as the Cardinals never challenged for the lead.

Coach Jordynn Luettel said the Boone Central match was an outstanding effort, overcoming the adversity of losing to Battle Creek earlier in the evening. “I told the girls between matches that we’re going to face adversity. Battle Creek is a good team. We learned from it and it’s in the rear view now. Against Boone Central we got back to playing our game.”

For the match, EPPJ had 31 kills as Bode led the way with 14, Henn had 10. Moser had 29 of the team’s 30 set assists. Kate Furstenuau and Braelyn Martinsen combined for 24 in serve receive.

Earlier in the evening, the Wolfpack were swept by Battle Creek 25-11 and 27-25.

EPPJ came out flat to start the match as the Bravettes held them to the lowest number of points for any set this season.

Coach Luettel said adjusting to a new lineup, it just seemed like the team just couldn’t get going in the first set. Suited up but not playing was junior Camry Kittelson, still recovering from an ankle injury sustained against West Holt.

“I think we were psyched out,” she said.

The second set was another story. Again the Bravettes jumped out to a big lead. It was 20 to 14 when EPPJ charged back into the match. It started with a Henn kill, then momentum grew behind back-to-back ace serves by Furstenuau.

“The momentum changed,” Coach Luettel said. “We just got back to playing like ourselves (in the second set), trusting ourselves and knowing we can do it.”

A kill by Martinsen cut the lead to 23

to 21 on a Callie Heithoff ace serve.

Two kills by Henn and a Moser ace serve knotted the score at 24-all. Battle Creek then closed out the match winning the final two points.

EPPJ 2, Boone Central 0

Wolfpack.....25 25
 Cardinals.....20 16
 Attacks (K/Att/E) — Kate Furstenuau 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 2/6/2, Braelyn Martinsen 5/7/0, Mady Kurpgeweit 0/2/0, Sara Bode 14/31/0, Chloe Henn 10/17/2. Team totals: 31/64/4.
 Serving (A/SA) — Furstenuau 1/7, Kaitey Schumacher 0/15, Martinsen 0/8, Bode 1/6, Callie Heithoff 1/5, Elizabeth Moser 1/8. Team totals: 4/49.
 Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 1, Martinsen 1, Bode 2. Team totals: 4.
 Digs (D/DE) — Furstenuau 13/5, Schumacher 6/0, Brooke Kinney 1/0, Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 19/2, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Bode 6/0, Heithoff 1/0, Moser 1/3.
 Set assists (SA/BHA) — Furstenuau 1/1, Schumacher 0/1, Martinsen 0/1, Moser 29/64. Team totals: 30/67.
 Serve receive (R/RE) — Furstenuau 14/0, Kinney 3/1, Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 10/0, Bode 5/0, Moser 0/1. Team totals: 33/2.

Battle Creek 2, EPPJ 0

Wolfpack.....11 25
 Bravettes.....25 27
 Attacks (K/Att/E) — Furstenuau 0/2/0, Zwingman 2/6/1, Martinsen 1/11/1, Kurpgeweit 0/5/1, Bode 3/21/1, Henn 8/17/2, Moser 0/4/0. Team totals: 14/66/7.
 Serving (A/SA) — Furstenuau 3/7, Schumacher 0/3, Martinsen 1/5, Bode 1/4, Heithoff 2/7, Moser 1/10. Team totals: 6/36.
 Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 1, Martinsen 1, Henn 2. Team totals: 4.
 Digs (D/DE) — Furstenuau 9/4, Schumacher 5/2, Kinney 2/1, Zwingman 3/0, Martinsen 8/3, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Bode 5/2, Heithoff 2/0, Moser 6/3.
 Set assists (SA/BHA) — Furstenuau 0/3, Schumacher 0/1, Kinney 0/1, Martinsen 1/1, Bode 0/1, Moser 13/51.
 Serve receive (R/RE) — Furstenuau 26/3, Kinney 3/1, Martinsen 12/1, Bode 2/0. Team totals: 43/5.



Kayton Zwingman (5) and Sara Bode (9) eye another block in their match against Boone Central last week.

Second quarter turnovers prove costly in loss to St. Mary's



E-R photo/DMorgan

Before being sidelined with an injury, senior quarterback Kellan Hoefer had an 8-yard touchdown run.

ELGIN — Turnovers proved costly Friday night as Elgin Public-Pope John fell to O’Neill St. Mary’s 68 to 28.

The Cardinals turned three turnovers into touchdowns as part of a 32-point second quarter.

The Wolfpack, capitalizing on touchdown runs by Kellan Hoefer and Grady Drueke, led the Cardinals early in the second quarter.

However, when Hoefer was sidelined with an injury early in the second quarter, the turnover bug bit the Wolfpack.

Junior Karson Kallhoff, having seen little action as a quarterback this season, stepped in at quarterback and was picked off by Ben Barlow. The Cardinals would score four plays later when Gage Hedstrom connected with Risken Dawson.

On EPPJ’s next possession, Hedstrom snagged an interception which the Cardinals turned into another touchdown several plays later.

A halfback pass by Grady Drueke was picked off by Barlow who returned it 55 yards for a touchdown, giving St. Mary’s a 36 to 14 lead with just under four minutes to go to halftime.

The Cardinals would add one more touchdown just before halftime.

“We just had a couple of mistakes in the second quarter. Again, kind of similar to last week where things just kind of snowballed,” Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said about the turnovers. He said if the Wolfpack had not turned the ball over, it would have been a one-score game at halftime.

“It would have been a whole different ball game if we could just take away those mistakes,” Heithoff said.

Any chance of the Wolfpack mounting a monumental comeback was erased on the second play of the second half when Hedstrom dropped back and connected with Barlow for a 55-yard touchdown,

making the score 52 to 14 with the rest of the game to be played with a running clock.

The Wolfpack went back to the running game and found success. After trading possessions, the Wolfpack put together a 46-yard drive which climaxed with a Drueke 12-yard touchdown run.

The offensive line opened holes in which Drueke found room to run. He gained all 46-yards of the drive on running plays.

“The kids never quit,” Heithoff said about the team’s effort against the Cards. “I thought offensively, we did some good things against their first team.”

EPPJ added one more touchdown when Landyn Veik got behind the Cards’ defense and snagged a 26-yard touchdown pass from Kallhoff.

Drueke had a standout game for the Wolfpack, rushing 25 times for 122 yards.

Veik had seven tackles, Dylan Kolm added five. Trey Rittscher had a quarterback sack in the game.

St. Mary’s 68, EPPJ 28

Cardinals.....12 32 8 16 — 68
 Wolfpack.....6 8 0 14 — 28

SMH — Gage Hedstrom 43 run (PAT failed)
 EPPJ — Kellan Hoefer 8 run (PAT failed)
 SMH — Hedstrom 13 run (PAT failed)
 EPPJ — Grady Drueke 4 run (Hoefer to Taylor Beckman)
 SMH — Hedstrom 14 pass to Risken Dawson (Hedstrom run)
 SMH — Jace Rosekrans 3 run (Hedstrom pass to Ben Barlow)
 SMH — Barlow 24 interception return (Hedstrom pass to Barlow)
 SMH — Hedstrom 2 run (Hedstrom pass to Barlow)
 SMH — Hedstrom 55 pass to Barlow

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Jovie Borer placed 13th to earn a medal last week at Battle Creek.

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Borer sets new school record at XC meet at BC

BATTLE CREEK — Wolfpack junior Jovie Borer broke the school record competing Friday at the Battle Creek XC Invite.

Borer earned a medal by finishing 13th out of 42 runners with a time of 23:23.57.

Teammate Emma Kinney continues to improve, crossing the finish line in 26:56.93.

Winning the girls race was Homer's Lilly Harris. The junior won with a time of 20:30.86.

In the boys 5K, Wolfpack freshman Matthew Kerkman posted a time of 21:05.39 to place 45th. Winning the boys race was Miles Clausen of Battle Creek with a time of 17:16.93. Altogether, 72 boys competed in the event.

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Team Stats	EPPJ	SMH
Passing	5/12/4	5/8/0
Passing Yds	72	136
Rushing/Yds	46/189	34/224
Total Offense	261	360
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Interceptions by	0	4

Individual Statistics
 Passing (Att/Comp/Int - Yds) — Grady Druke 0/1/1, Karson Kallhoff 1/4/3, Kellan Hoefler 4/7/0. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 5/8/0 - 136.
 Rushing (Att/Yds) — Dylan Kolm 5/24, Gavin Kallhoff 1/9, Grady Druke 25/122, Karson Kallhoff 8/6, Kellan Hoefler 2/9, Taylor Beckman 5/19. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 13/140.
 Receiving (#/Yds) — Grady Druke 1/3, Landyn Veik 1/29, Max Henn 2/26, Taylor Beckman 1/14. SMH — Ben Barlow 2/110.
 Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Aiden Klein 0/1, Austin Hinkle 0/3, Christian

Preister 0/2, Dylan Kolm 3/2, Gavin Kallhoff 2/3, Grady Druke 1/1, Jarek Erickson 1/3, Justice Blecher 1/1, Kaeden Schwarting 1/2, Karson Kallhoff 0/2, Landon Kallhoff 0/2, Landyn Veik 4/3, Max Henn 1/2, Taylor Beckman 3/1, Trey Rittscher 1/3. SMH — Gage Hedstrom 10/6, Drake Berg 6/7.
 Tackles for Loss — Jerek Erickson 1, Max Henn 1, Taylor Beckman 1.
 Quarterback sacks — Trey Rittscher 1.
 Fumble recoveries — Grady Druke 1.

JVs drop both ends of triangular Thursday night

ELGIN — Playing a triangular Thursday night in the EPS gymnasium, the Wolfpack JVS dropped matches to Battle Creek and Boone Central.
 Against the Bravettes, EPPJ was swept 17-25 and 11-25. Reese Stuhr led the Wolfpack with three ace serves, Tessa Barlow added two and Jaydalynn Chessmore added one. Kinley Druke had all seven of the Wolfpack's set assists.
 At the net, EPPJ had 10 kills, led by Aubrie Parks and Chessmore with three apiece, Barlow had two while Stuhr and Druke each had one.
 Both Stuhr and Chessmore each had one solo block. Barlow led the team in serve receive with 12 while Stuhr and A. Parks tied for the top spot in digs with nine apiece.
 Against Boone Central, EPPJ went three sets in the loss. Set scores were 20-25, 25-19 and 10-15.
 Chessmore led hitters with five kills, A. Parks had four, Reese delivered three while Barlow, Druke and Kierstyn Eisenhower each had one. Druke was in double figures in set assists with 15.

EPPJ had 12 ace serves in the match, led by Barlow and Chessmore with four apiece, Druke had three and Eisenhower added one.

Stuhr led in serve receive with 16, Barlow and Eisenhower each had 10. Barlow led the team in digs with 15.

Hoefler, Mahnke top football prognosticators

Duane Hoefler of Elgin stood alone at the top of the Elgin Review Football Contest this week. He missed just four games to claim the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks.
 Five contestants tied for the runner-up spot, each missing six games. They (and their tiebreaker guesses) were Gale Mahnke (625), Kurt Blair (677), Tim Rossow (711), Randy Eisenhower (717) and Tyler Reestman (786). The total

number of yards between Nebraska and Rutgers was 525. Mahnke wins the \$10 runner-up prize.
 Results of the games were: Clemson over Florida State Penn State over UCLA SMU over Louisville Navy over Air Force Texas Tech over Arizona Iowa State over Baylor Syracuse over UNLV Arkansas over Tennessee Texas A&M over Missouri

Wake Forest over NC State Oregon over Michigan State Ohio State over Iowa Nebraska over Rutgers Indiana over Northwestern Virginia Tech over Stanford West Virginia over Oklahoma State Washington over Michigan St. Mary's over EPPJ
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Oct. 14 @ Battle Creek (C team only) 5:00

Oct. 14 @ Battle Creek (JV only) 6:00

Oct. 19 Tourney@Neligh (C team only)9:00

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Oct. 9 vs. Riverside (EPS) 2:00

Oct. 12 Tourney@Riverside 9:00

Oct. 19 Tourney@Summerland 9:00

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Oct. 9 Fire Safety Week @ Elgin Fire Hall (PreK-2nd)•O'Neill Jr/Sr College Fair • PJCC One Act practice • EPS School Board Meeting

Oct. 10 PJCC pictures

Oct. 11 Jr/Sr College Fair @ O'Neill

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