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In Brief

Hunter safety education class offered next week

Instructor will be Wes Prater.

A ‘Hunter Safety Class’ is scheduled to be held in Elgin next week. The Big A building will be the site of five sessions, according to Wes Prater who will serve as instructor. Classes will be offered starting on Monday, October 20 and conclude on Saturday morning, October 25. Class days and times will be: Monday, Oct. 20 — 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 — 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 — 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 — 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 — 9 a.m. - Noon Participants must attend all sessions to complete the course. This is for students ages 11 and above.

To register, please go to the Nebraska Game and Parks website, go to the hunting tab and click on hunter education, then scroll down and click on Register for Hunter/Bowhunter Ed. Please fill out the registration to enroll your child in the class.

The day of the first class a parent will need to be present to fill out a waiver when they drop off their child. Parents can also fill out the waiver ahead of time and send it with your child.

For more information, contact Prater.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week’s newspaper include:

- Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
- Proceedings — The Elgin City Council
- Annual Treasurer’s Report — The City of Elgin
- Notice of Organization — Kallhoff Frame and Finish LLC
- Notice — Estate of Leonard Wostrel

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 79 degrees recorded on Thursday, October 9.

The low temperature during the same period was 38 degrees recorded on Monday, October 6.

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
Oct 5	75	44	.00
Oct 6	62	38	.00
Oct 7	65	42	.00
Oct 8	68	48	.00
Oct 9	79	49	.00
Oct 10	72	52	.00
Oct 11	77	55	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for October			0.00
Total precipitation 2025			25.06

Medicare drug plan assistance offered

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 2025, it may not be the best choice for them in 2026. 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 2026 open enrollment period begins today and continues through December 7.



A future firefighter?

Elgin volunteer firefighters and rescue personnel greeted students from Elgin schools at the fire hall Wednesday as part of Fire Prevention Week. Students gained first hand knowledge about fire safety and equipment. Here, Easton Bode learned how to operate a fire hose with assistance from EVFD member Justin Henn.

E-R photo/LMorgan

EPPJ ‘3’ hoping to qualify Thursday for State XC Meet

ELGIN — The goal this season for the Wolfpack cross country team has all along been to qualify a runner for the State Cross Country in Kearney.

EPPJ runners Samantha Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Matthew Kerkman will have their chance to do that this Thursday, October 16, at the D3 District Tournament to be held at the Ainsworth Municipal Golf Course. The top 15 finishers in each 5K race will qualify for state.

Schools competing will be Ainsworth, Boyd County, Burwell, CWC, Central Valley, Creighton, EPPJ, Elkhorn Valley, Newman Grove/St. Edward, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara/Verdigre, North Central, Ord, Osmond, Plainview, Riverside, Sandhills/Theodore, Stuart, Summerland, Twin Loup and Atkinson West Holt.

The girls race will begin at 4 p.m. with the boys race to follow.



Jovie Borer



Matthew Kerkman



Samantha Stuhr

‘Retirement resignation’ on agenda for District #18 School Board tonight

The District #18 Board of Education will consider a staff resignation when they meet tonight (October 15). The board is expected to act on a ‘retirement resignation’ submitted by longtime guidance counselor Sonia Rittscher.

Rittscher was hired in March 2016 to replace Barb Bode who retired at the end of the school year. That’s just one of six items on the ‘action’ agenda. Other items the board will consider are:

- Approve Internet/computer use policy. The board will consider acting on the matter following a public hearing on the matter which will begin at 7 p.m. in the board meeting room
- Approve the addition of junior high cross country to the Wolfpack sports co-op agreement with Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School
- Approve the purchase of two floor buffers
- Approve the purchase of new light panels for the scoreboard at Elgin Field. The scoreboard, during afternoon football games which are becoming more common due to the availability of officiating crews, is extremely difficult to read
- Approve the purchase of an ice machine

According to the tentative agenda submitted to the newspaper last week, the only ‘discussion’ item will be setting the time and date for the regular meeting in November.

The meeting is open to the public.

Sales tax dollars to to pay off swimming pool bond

Everyone can appreciate the feeling of satisfaction reached when a long-term loan can finally be paid off.

Not just individuals, but business and municipalities share that same moment. Such is the case with the Elgin City Council who, at the October 6 regular monthly meeting, made the decision to pay off the loan taken out years ago to help finance construction of the new Elgin Swimming Pool.

The council unanimously voted to pay off the pool loan using sales tax funds, just over \$75,000.

Helping to pay off the pool fund are members of the Elgin Young N’ Lively Club. Last month the club sponsored the annual Treasures in the Park one day event. According to City Clerk Kristin Childers, she was contacted by the club wishing to contribute \$1,500 raised from ‘Treasures’ to be applied to the loan principal.

By paying off the loan now, city hall can again focus on accruing funds to be used for other expenses incurred.

Another club made news during the meeting as well. The Elgin Community Club/Chamber of Commerce, asked the council for permission to close down Highway 14 for a short period of time on Wednesday, December 3. A resolution reflecting the council’s approval will be submitted ot

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Courtesy photo

Recess at PJCC enters new phase

Months in the making, last week marked completion of new playground equipment at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic School. Faculty and staff are shown on the new playground equipment. The new playground structure was paid for with donations towards the Lavigne Challenge Grant which was held last school year. This was a \$200,000 matching grant. Part of these fund came from a large donation in memory of “Snooks” Koizan. Donors from the community, parish and school also helped with raising funds for the Lavigne Challenge Grant. Other projects from the Lavigne Challenge Grant includes a new bus barn, mini bus and safety/security updates.

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EPPJ coaches have players’ attention after big victory

Yards separated the winning and losing teams after Friday night’s game between the Wolfpack and Neligh-Oakdale. Wolfpack players had much to be proud of with their winning effort. That was shared by coaches after the game.

Courthouse News

*All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).*
Patrick J Thrasher, Ewing, NE 9/7/25 No license on person, fined \$25.00 - Ahrendt
Casi J Baldwin, Oakdale, NE 9/16/25 Excess windshield and/or window tinting, fined \$25.00 - Hartley
Amanda M Gouge, Elgin, NE 8/27/25 No proof of insurance/No operator’s license/non-waiverable, fined \$175.00 - Ayaj
Braymond V Adams, Omaha, NE 8/6/25 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25.00 - Mohr
Bradley W Fox, O’Neill, NE 9/20/25 Speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Mohr
Kipp V Polston, Neligh, NE 9/14/24 Speeding 80/65 mph/Fail to use seat belt, fined \$100.00 - Tighe
Jeffrey L O Hara, Rockford, IL 9/17/25 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Valverde

Laraine G Red Tomahawk, Sioux Falls, SD 6/19/25 Commit child abuse negligently/no injury, Jail Sentence Term of 073 Days - Moore
*Isaac W Eckert, Tilden, 8/7/25 Minor in possession - ages 19/20, fined \$300.00 - Mills
Waylon D Warneke, Tilden, NE 8/7/25 Minor in possession - ages 19/20, fined \$300.00 - Mills
Isaiah W Eckert, Tilden, NE 8/7/25 Minor in possession - ages 19/20, fined \$300.00 - Ternus
Alonso Noris, Haltom City, TX 9/13/25 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Ternus
Blake R Baldwin, Albion, NE 4/27/2025 Assault-Bodily Injury/Mutual Consent, Jail Sentence Term of 007 Days + Restitution of \$1,281.65 - Barker
Trevor D Thompson, Neligh, NE 9/3/25 Nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fined \$100.00 - Barker

Trevor D Thompson, Neligh, NE 7/21/25 Unlawful/fict display of plate/renew tab, fined \$50.00 - Barker
Mason D Braley, Longview, TX 8/24/25 Speeding 70/55 mph, fined \$75.00 - Barker
Derick J Mosel, Creighton, NE 9/8/25 Speeding 76/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt
Duane R Lechtenberg, Butte, NE 9/24/25 Speeding 74/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt
Heath A Lienemann, Pierce, NE 9/28/25 Speeding 71/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt
Reece C Jones, Stapleton, NE 9/28/25 Speeding 74/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Ahrendt
Nyan Tun, Forth Worth, TX 9/28/65 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt
Scott L Barlow, Las Vegas, NV 9/30/25 Speeding 79/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Ahrendt
Jennifer A Kathol, Fort Col-

lins, NE 8/15/25 Speeding 84/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Kudera
Sam L Fackler, Boelus, NE 9/2/24 Drive under susp/before reinstated-state, fined \$100.00 - Hartley
Judson A Sehi, Elgin, NE 8/6/25 Speeding 77/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Walker
Julie M Nichols, Bartlett, NE 8/25/25 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Walker
Seneca Konturas, Fairlawn, OH 8/2/25 Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75.00 - Mohr
Louis S Czarnick (Floor Refurbishers), Genoa, NE 9/15/25 CMV-Brake general, fined \$50.00 - Kavan
Benjamin D Steeves, Mora, MN 4/27/25 2 Counts of Attempt of a Class 4 felony, fined \$1,000.00 - Miller
*Marcell J Summers, Page, NE Speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$125.00 - Ternus



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Good day!
“Happy Harvest”
This week’s recipe is one that I am sure the crew will enjoy.

From JoAnn Baum’s Kitchen

Roast, mashes potatoes, gravy, and a side makes for one great meal. What field crew wouldn’t love that for their meal?
If you have leftovers this roast makes wonderful sandwiches.
I bet you will want to make this again!
Enjoy,
JoAnn

Easy Roast Beef

EASY ROAST BEEF

2-3 lb beef roast (raw)
1 pkg ranch dressing mix
1 pkg Italian dressing mix

1 pkg brown gravy mix
1-1/2 cups warm water

Mix ranch dressing, Italian dressing, and brown gravy mix together. Roll the roast in the mixture on both sides to coat. Place the roast in a pan with a lid. Add water and the remaining mix.
Bake at 325° for 3-4 hours.
Amazing!

Community Calendar

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

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 Columbus Hall.

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

Monday-Saturday, October 20-25
Hunter Safety Education classes in Elgin.*

Thursday, October 23
Wolfpack Parents Night (football and cross country).

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 ■ Downtown Trick or Treating

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Sometimes we need time
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“Have you ever come across a construction site where the workers were laboriously laying a tile floor — one of those mosaic floors with thousands of tiny tiles that create a picture when finished? While it’s being put in place, the picture isn’t clearly visible because the workers use grout to fill the spaces between the tiles, and the grout leaves a heavy gray film over their work that hides the beauty of what they’ve done. But then, once the grout between the tiles is dry, the film is washed off and the picture is revealed. That’s similar to how God works in our lives.” – Christian author Maria Fontaine

My late mother was pretty good at seeing God’s mosaics, especially with a little hind-sight.

When I was in college, my dad lost his job, an elected union position as a bricklayer. His work had provided steady, year-round

income for our family. Then it was suddenly gone.

It seemed devastating to my parents at the time, but actually God was helping them.

So it just so happened that there was a shortage of nurses at the time. Hospitals were willing to provide free refresher training for people like my mother, who had stepped aside from her career to raise children.

It also just so happened that the last of her children had graduated from high school and was moving away to college. So she was available to work full time.

My dad, meanwhile, was free to spend precious time with his dying father. He temporarily moved in with his parents to provide round-the-clock care. My dad despised the idea of having my grandfather live in a nursing home. They were able to avoid that as long as possible.

Looking back at that situation, my mom recognized that

my dad’s job loss was actually a gift from God.

In another instance, also while I was in college, I noticed lumps along my shin. I had them checked out at the university healthcare center, but the caregiver seemed baffled. Go visit your regular doctor, he advised.

That doctor threw out some grim possibilities: Crohn’s disease or rheumatoid arthritis. I asked my mom what those illnesses entailed. Neither was good news, she said. So we sought a second opinion.

That doctor, an internist, started with a thorough exam. She listened carefully to my heart. Then she listened some more.

“Has anyone ever told you that you have a heart murmur?” she asked. No, no one ever had. So she had an x-ray done that day, which showed an enlarged heart.

The internist said she wasn’t sure what caused the lumps along my shins but suggested we immediately take care of the heart problem.

More tests revealed I had a hole in my heart. It had gone unnoticed my whole life, but it needed to be repaired surgically. After the operation, I asked the surgeon what would have happened if the half-dollar-size hole was never sewn shut. I would have started having problems by the time I turned 30 or became pregnant, he said. I would have been dead by age 40.

For the next several years, those lumps would emerge once in a while and disappear. When I started having children, my ob-gyn said he knew what they were. I forgot what caused them, but it wasn’t a serious medical issue. My mother, in her wisdom, saw them as God’s way to get my heart fixed.

How often do we receive unwelcomed or devastating news in our lives and wonder where God is?

Sometimes we need time before we can see God’s bigger plan. Sometimes we won’t see it until eternity.

But we can be assured that His plan is for our good.

As Fontaine, the author, would say:

“In His infinite wisdom and all-encompassing love, He understands exactly what we need and goes to great lengths, with intricate detail, to provide those things.

Often He uses the troubles of life, such as economic difficulties, personal struggles, and mistakes, to work in ways we aren’t expecting. We don’t always realize how He’s preparing us, or understand why He has allowed something ‘gray’ to cloud our lives, like the grout on the mosaic as it is being fashioned. But that only makes His loving and attentive care all the more profound and beautiful when it’s finally revealed.”

Looking Back
The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago October 14, 1965

Fred Schindler accompanied Tony Kerkman of Shelby to the Minnesota Twins-Los Angeles Dodgers World Series baseball game in Minneapolis.

Fall harvest of grain crops has been in full swing the past two weeks with combines dotting fields of milo and soybeans in all directions out of Elgin. Tony Schiltmeyer’s milo field east of Elgin was running around 70 bushels to the acre on non-irrigated farmland. It has been reported here that milo quality is not the best this year and they are light. Soybeans are quite good and averaged from 20-23 bushels per acre. Both are dry.

The delinquent tax list published by County Treasurer Theda Olney filled up one full page and a quarter of a second page in this week’s issue of The Elgin Review.

The American Legion Auxiliary met last week at the Legion Hall with 18 members present. Flagbearers were Mrs. Norbert Schmitt and Mrs. Henry Wiehn. It was decided, at the meeting, to sew carpet rags for the Grand Island Soldiers Home. Hostesses were Mary Buelt and Anne Schrage.

The annual Park Church Smorgasbord will be held on October 20, serving from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for high school students and 50 cents for grade school students.

The new models of 1966 Buick automobiles will go on display on Thursday, in the show rooms of Lamson Chevrolet Co. at Neligh.

Fifty Years Ago October 9, 1975

Elgin firemen were called at 5:10 p.m. Friday to the Cyril Kerkman farm northeast of Elgin. Neligh firemen were also summoned. Fire destroyed a corn crib and equipment which included a tractor, hay, baled oat straw and some oats. Some feed bags were being burned when the wind whipped a burning bag into a pile of baled oak straw. The fire spread to the building.

The Bank of Elgin is now one of 11 banks in this area to be connected with the Norfolk data collection center which is in turn connected with computer systems in the First National Bank of Lincoln. Dean Henn was featured operating the encoding machine which is recording account balances on cards. Information on these cards will be transmitted to Lincoln.

Elgin High School’s football team stretched their winning streak to five games by edging Chambers 18 to 14. Overall, the Eagles showed up better offensively by gaining 235 total yards to Chambers’ 110. The Eagles rushed for 235 yards compared to just 52 for Chambers. Elgin had no passing yards in the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lawson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as they were treated to an open house held at the Elgin United Methodist Church parlor last week.

Elgin High School will celebrate Homecoming this Friday with a home football game against Petersburg High School. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m.

Thirty Years Ago October 11, 1995

Jenny Avidano and Aaron Thorberg were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at Elgin High School on Tuesday night, October 3. Jenny is the daughter of Rev. Ray and Rev. Mary Avidano. Aaron is the son of Martin and Shirley Thorberg. Returning to crown the homecoming royalty were last year’s queen Amy Beckman and king David Ochsner.

A total of 450 people were served at the Fall Ham and Turkey Dinner sponsored by the Elgin United Methodist Church. This is the largest number served in the past 10 years. A total of about 232 pounds of turkey and 84 pounds of ham were served. The event is sponsored by United Methodist Women with assistance provided by all church members.

Elgin rolled up 375 yards in total offense on the way to a 44 to 14 victory over Verdigre. The win gives the Eagles a 1-5 record going into their final two regular season games. Dwayne Cornett led rushers with 120 yards. Top tacklers were Nathan Dickerson, Sam Vanourney and Jarid Jochum with 11 apiece.

Pope John raced to a 47-0 victory Friday night at Ewing. Heath Petsche led the team with 85 yards rushing. Scott Borer and Jeremy Kuhlman led the defense with nine tackles each.

At Getz Grocery this week, chuck roasts are \$1.89 per pound and pork cutlets are \$1.99 per pound.

Twenty Years Ago October 12, 1995

A fund drive to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus for the Elgin Volunteer fire Department is now just under \$7,300. The total does not include matching funds donations of \$1,500 each from Niewohner Brothers, Inc., and the Bank of Elgin.

Elgin Historical Society discussed its future during a public meeting held at the Elgin Senior Citizens and Community Center. Only nine people attended the meeting. The society decided to continue but will change the focus of some of its activities. Plans to develop the museum building have been put on hold.

Forms were being prepared this week for the new 10-unit motel to be built just northwest of the Elgin One Stop convenience store.

Ben Beckman, a junior at Elgin High School, earned first place in the senior division individual rankings at the Nebraska State Range Judging Contest. The team of Beckman, Wes Prater, Paige Redding and Brandon Grosserode finished eighth overall.

Mobile food pantry in
Neligh on October 21

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food this month. The date will be Tuesday, October 21, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, October 20: Taco salad, apricots, chocolate pudding, bread & butter, milk.

Tuesday, October 21: Hamburger vegetable soup, ham sandwich, cottage cheese, pineapple, carrots/celery, bread/butter, milk.

Wednesday, October 22: Chicken & stuffing casserole, sweet potatoes, cheesy broccoli/cauliflower bake, pears, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, October 23: Lasagna, green beans, peaches/strawberry mix, garlic stick & butter, milk

Friday, October 24: Biscuits & gravy, ham patties, scrambled eggs, muffins,

plums, juice, milk.

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

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

Under 60 is \$10.

Serving starts at approximately 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday.

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Edward R. Murrow

‘Mammals,’ those in power can’t resist temptation

A state senator – who will remain unnamed – once told me that “we’re all mammals” in reference to a sex scandal at the State Capitol.

Another senator had been caught using a state computer to, shall we say, do something naughty while watching a woman do something naughty online.

That comment, I suppose, referred to our human frailties and that we can fail to resist temptation and do the inappropriate and even the illegal.

Gotta say, after thinking about the “mammals” comment later, I wondered “aren’t we ‘thinking’ mammals, with discretion to suppress our worst urges?”

Anyway, this all brings me to a recent indictment of the former executive director of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

He’s accused of receiving money and sexual favors from two Lincoln strip clubs in exchange for inside information about liquor enforcement activities against their clubs and those of competitors.

The indictment – and please be clear, they are just allegations at this point – against Hobie Rupe are pretty salacious.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA

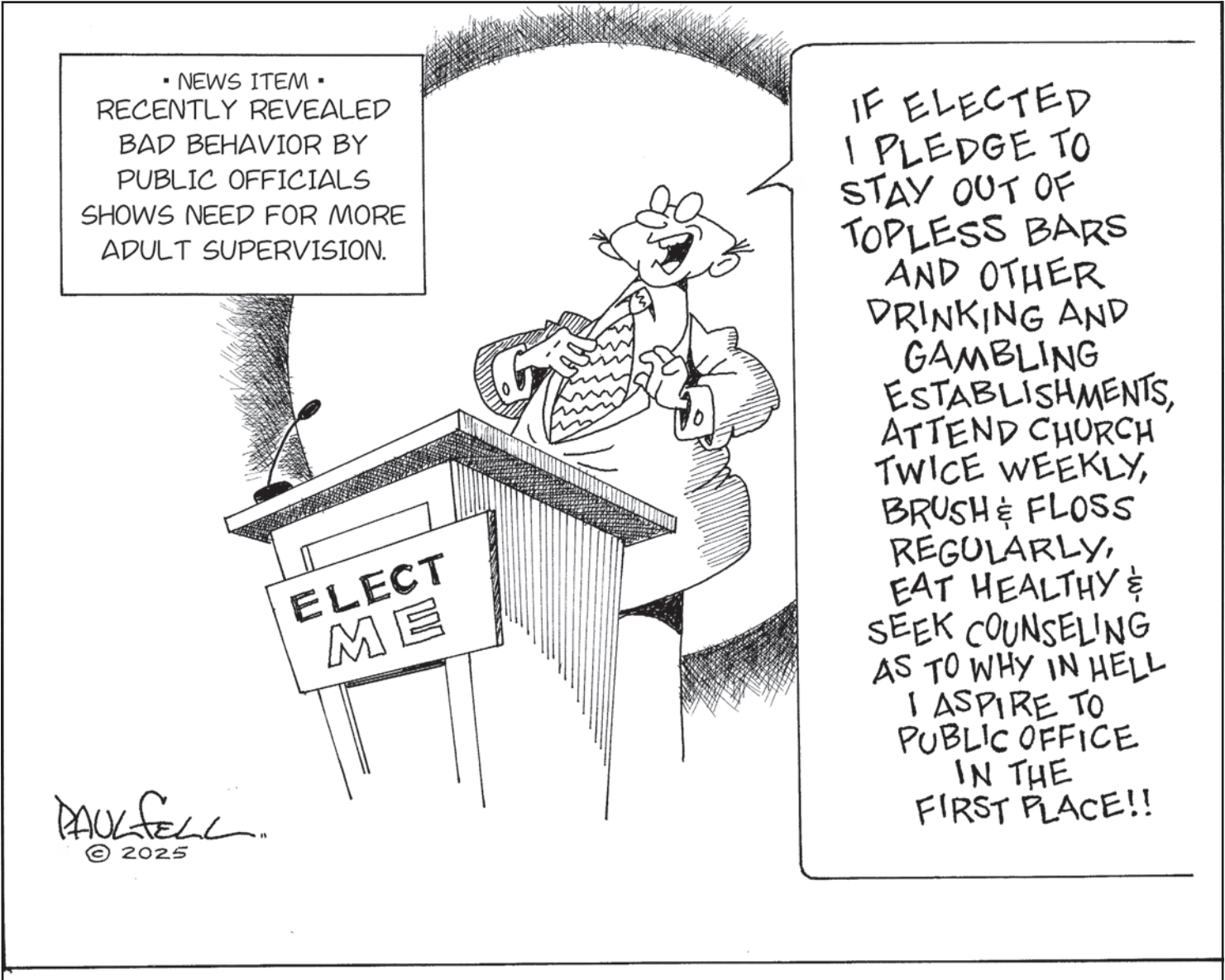


State Correspondent Paul Hammel

They read like something out of a pulp fiction novel:

- Rupe receives a roll of cash from the co-owner of the clubs.
- Rupe uses the cash to pay for a “private dance” with a stripper at one of the clubs, a dance that typically costs \$100.
- the strippers use yellow Post-It Notes to document cash in the club’s safe that’s been removed as payments to Rupe. The notes have the code letters “COB,” for “cost of business.”
- club owner sends Rupe photos of the dancers and their schedules, so that Rupe knows when his favorites were working.
- if a dancer was labeled “a team player,” that was code that she would participate in “sexual activities.”
- in exchange for the cash, free admission to the clubs, free drinks and sexual favors, the indictment said that the clubs would be “effectively insulated” from law enforcement investigations, investigations that would instead go after the competitors to the clubs.

Rupe has pleaded not guilty and,



again, these are just allegations at this point.

But if true, it’s just another example of how power can corrupt and how we mammals are susceptible to temptation.

Too often, it seems, we read about some trusted official or business owner abusing the public trust.

Rupe worked for a relatively low-key state agency, mostly out of view of reporters and – except for bar owners and liquor distributors – the public. His work was overseen by three commissioners, appointed by the governor, to make rulings (like judges) when alcohol outlets were found to have violated state law, such as selling liquor to a minor or after hours.

The most famous case involving Liquor Control was when commissioners voted to revoke the licenses of beer

outlets in Whiteclay, ruling that the remote village, just across the border from the sprawling Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (where liquor is officially banned), didn’t have sufficient law enforcement to allow beer sales.

Two of the liquor commissioners ultimately resigned at the request of Gov. Pillen. Did they know what was going on? I wonder, but it’s hard to see such appointed, part-time officials following their exec to a strip club.

Usually, people who do bad things are eventually found out – either by other honest government employees tipping off investigators or reporters, or by reporters or investigators discovering misdeeds through audits, unpaid bills or other means.

(I still recall watching the state auditor, who is supposed to be finding cases of fraud and abuse, trudging out

of a Lincoln sports bar at 3 p.m. on a work day and telling myself, this needs some investigating.)

Can cases of fraud, embezzlement and pay-to-play ever be totally eliminated?

I doubt it. Like the senator said, “we’re all mammals.”

But this is another reason to support your local reporter and keep watchdogs, like our current state auditor, on the job.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. Prior to his retirement, he was senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

The ‘Schumer Shutdown’ should not have happened

Last week, I addressed the completely avoidable disaster that struck Washington. It’s now been 10 days since congressional Democrats voted to shut down the federal government.

Since September 30th, the Senate has voted seven times on a clean funding resolution passed by the House — this is a straightforward, short-term bill that funds the government at current levels without adding poison pills or partisan policies.

This would give Congress time to finish the full-year funding bills responsibly. But Democrats have rejected it seven times.

As I mentioned last week, Democrats are still pushing for over \$1 trillion in new spending and to recklessly eliminate the \$50 billion Rural Hospital Stabilization Fund.

Why in the world are Democrats set on eliminating this crucial fund for our nation’s rural hospitals? It’s unthinkable.

Here’s the truth: Democrats’ proposal to reopen the government is packed with unrelated items. This includes COVID-era bonus payments, overseas climate resilience projects, and taxpayer-funded health care for non-citizens. That’s not responsible governing, and it’s not fair to American families.

Meanwhile, Chuck Schumer’s latest take on the government shutdown is this: “every day gets better for us.” That is a direct quote from the Democratic Leader in the Senate – and by “us” he means the Democrat party. If the Democrats think it’s better that our troops aren’t paid and that it’s better when people are worried about being furloughed, then that just shows they are tone deaf to the uncertainty and stress people are feeling across America. They are only interested in the political show.

This shutdown is hurting people. Farmers are losing access to federal support at a time when the farm economy is already strained. Construction projects that rely on federal funds are stalling. Air traffic controllers and federal employees face uncertainty about their paychecks. And by next week, our troops could miss a paycheck. None of this is necessary. And let’s be clear: A short-term funding bill is not the place for sweeping policy changes. If this continues, deeper cuts to essential services may follow — and that’s entirely preventable.

Remember, the House sent us a clean CR without any new policies. It simply continues current funding until November 21st. Then we will take up appropriations bills that have strong bipartisan support already negotiated within and passed by the Appropriations Committee.

As a member of that committee, I am deeply committed to a transparent process. One where senators debate, amend, and vote on each bill individually – before the end of the fiscal year. All we’re asking is to reopen the government so we can continue this funding process.

Leader Thune promised we would take the bills up – we have already passed three of them. Let’s show the American people bipartisanship and transparency and continue this important work. Republicans’ goal is simple: reopen the government now, support our military and families, and return to regular order.

At the end of the day, Americans deserve a functioning government, not political theater. If just a handful of Senate Democrats join Republicans, we can end this shutdown. I hope when we next vote to reopen the government, my Democratic colleagues will join us in doing the right thing for the American people.

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Hearing held to examine questions on ‘brand law’

This past week, the Agriculture Committee held a public hearing for LR280 introduced by the Agriculture Committee. The hearing was held at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

LR280 was introduced to examine a number of questions surrounding the Brand Law, including issues surrounding the continued value and utility of mandatory brand inspection. In recent years, the Legislature has considered legislation that would fundamentally change how brand inspection is implemented, including legislation that would either end mandatory brand inspection or fundamentally change the scope of brand inspection. LR280 also directed the Committee to look at the current state of the Brand Committee, including its financial stability, its success in achieving its mission, and potential revisions to

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator Barry DeKay

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Leadership promotes peace

Events in recent weeks have highlighted the importance of safety, security, and the vital role of law enforcement in our communities.

Violence has no place in American life, yet we have seen troubling attacks and disruptions within our country as well as international unrest which puts Americans abroad and our allies at risk.

In the midst of these challenges, the government shutdown, now ongoing for well over a week, hinders federal operations and risks delaying pay to members of law enforcement and the military.

Despite the obstruction by congressional Democrats, the Trump administration has taken action to boost law enforcement efforts, address threats to our communities, and promote lasting peace in the world.

Beginning with securing our nation’s borders, President Trump has demonstrated leadership to restore the rule of law on the border and elsewhere in his first nine months in

FROM THE HILL



Congressman Adrian Smith

office.

I appreciate the president taking seriously the violence in various cities in our country.

A marked rise in assaults and bounties placed on Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers shows the danger law enforcement officials face in their work to bring violent criminals to justice.

I am pleased the Trump administration took concrete steps to begin construction of additional border wall enhanced with state-of-the-art technology, funded through legislation I worked to draft and enact this past summer.

The administration also continues to confront drug trafficking activity in the Caribbean, conducting strikes to prevent vessels carrying illicit substances from reaching the United States.

This week, as Israel marked two years since the October 7th, 2023, terror attacks, President Trump played a pivotal role in initiating the talks to arrange the return of the remaining hostages held by Hamas, including two deceased Americans, demonstrating his commitment to justice and peace in the region.

Thanks to President Trump’s efforts to broker their freedom, the hostages are expected to be released within a

few days.

While Hamas must not be allowed to maintain its power in Gaza, reaching a deal for the release of hostages held by Hamas is a profound step toward greater security for our ally Israel and the region.

The Trump administration has repeatedly demonstrated the effectiveness of a peace-through-strength approach to diplomacy. This year, the Trump administration has played a significant mediatory role not only for peace in Gaza but also de-escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Cambodia and Thailand, and Armenia and Azerbaijan.

As the Trump administration continues to work to keep Americans safe and promote peace internationally, unfortunately, the shutdown makes it more difficult for federal resources to address these issues.

While Leader Schumer and congressional Democrats are opposing government funding at levels they previously supported 13 times, this shutdown was not only avoidable, but needless. I will continue working to support law enforcement, American servicemembers, and the diplomatic efforts of the administration.

The American people deserve nothing less.

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the Brand Law to make brand inspection less costly and cumbersome.

The hearing in Kearney focused on the current state of the Brand Committee. Earlier this interim, I submitted an inquiry to the Brand Committee who provided a detailed written response to the questions asked prior to the hearing.

At the hearing the Brand Committee further elaborated on its answers and responded to additional questions from the Agriculture Committee. I was particularly interested in the information the Brand Committee provided about its cash flow projections.

A number of factors have led to the Brand Committee having to spend down its cash reserves. Earlier this year, the Brand Committee did increase inspection fees and brand renewal charges which, according to the information the Brand Committee provided, should help restore financial stability. There was also considerable discussion about the costs and other difficulties of implementing e-inspection.

Additional witnesses provided information about the value of brand inspection, including State Veterinarian Dr. Roger Dudley, who described how the Brand Committee's inspection program and its law enforcement personnel aid the enforcement of animal health regulations.

A key document that is heavily relied on to help establish ownership is the veterinary certificate. Brand inspection, therefore, serves as an additional incentive for producers to be in compliance with health regulations that apply when cattle arrive from other states or other situations when a health certificate is required. A witness from the banking community explained how brand inspection is a factor in making more confident lending decisions. Witnesses for the Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON) and the Nebraska Cattlemen also weighed in.

While there is continued sentiment favoring continuing Nebraska's mandatory brand inspection program, not all cattlemen feel that way.

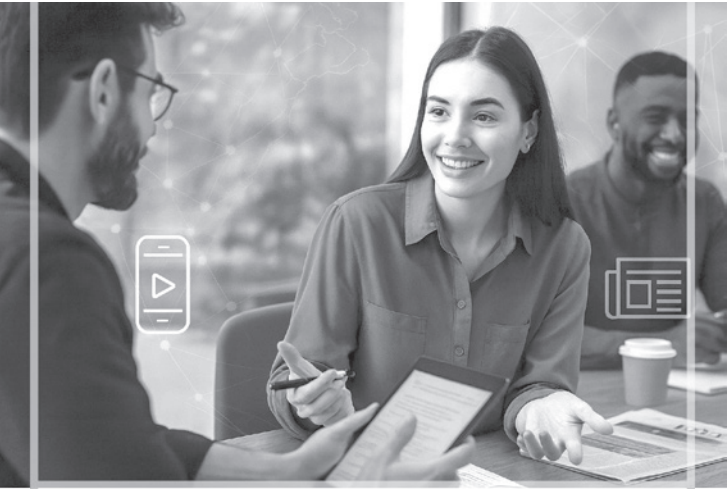
The Agriculture Committee also heard from a representative of a feedlot group who argued that brand inspection has outlived its usefulness, that it creates unfair advantages for feeders located outside the brand area. They hold that brand regulations have been an impediment to growth of the feedlot sector.

Their suggestion is that Nebraska should take a closer look at how brand inspection is implemented in other states, and in particular point to Kansas' voluntary brand inspection as a possible alternative model to embody.

The Agriculture Committee will hold its final public hearing for the year on October 31 at the State Capitol.

This hearing will examine issues relating to noxious weeds, threats to Nebraska agriculture, livestock electronic identification devices, and youth agriculture programs.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov. My mailing address is: Senator Barry DeKay, District #40, P.O. Box 94604, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509.



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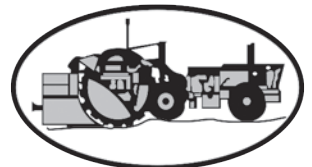
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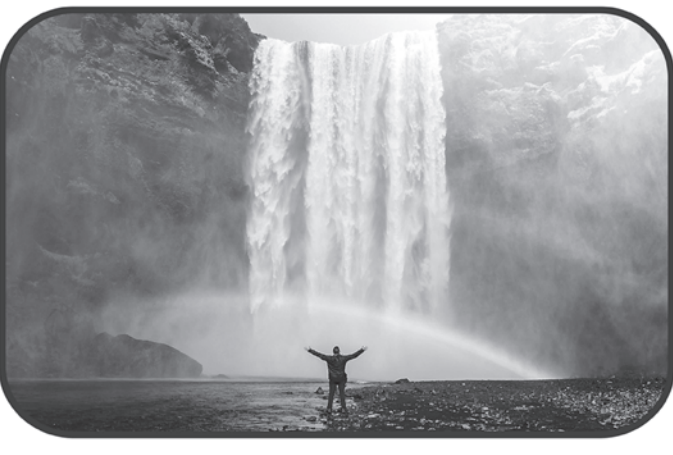
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Together again Wolfpack football players, current and future, met near the south endzone at Elgin Field Friday night. The photo culminated events which brought them together earlier in the day. Go Pack!

Grid

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West also transact through a real-time market that allows them to address pressing short-term demand issues. Some are poised to join a new day-ahead market that will conduct planning based on daily demand and production forecasts.

“We’re facing really rapidly growing energy demand,” said Nevada Assemblymember Howard Watts, a Democrat. “The best way for us to meet that is to effectively move energy all across the Western U.S. The only way we can do that is through an RTO.”

Watts sponsored a bill, enact-

ed in 2021, that requires Nevada to join an RTO by 2030. Colorado also passed a law that year with a 2030 deadline for utilities to join an RTO.

“Any future is better than our status quo, which is 37 separate grids in the West,” said Chris Hansen, a former Democratic senator who sponsored the Colorado legislation. “We can lower costs and provide greater reliability if we’re sharing resources.”

Hansen now serves as CEO of La Plata Electric Association, an electric cooperative in southwestern Colorado.

A new market

The push for a West-wide market had always faced one major hurdle: Any market would likely include the massive geographical footprint and energy supply managed by the California Independent System Operator, or CAISO. As the West’s largest grid operator, CAISO manages the flow of electricity across most of the Golden State. It’s governed by a five-member board appointed by California’s governor, and other states were unlikely to sign up for a market in which they have no representation.

The law passed by California legislators last month allows for a new organization with independent governance from across the region to oversee

Western energy markets.

“This legislation is a key reset and has been the largest sticking point in building a regional market,” said Amanda Ormond, managing director of the Western Grid Group, which advocates for a more efficient grid. “This is a primary concern of a lot of folks that has now been solved.”

The law sets in motion a yearslong process that will task regional leaders with establishing the organization’s governance and navigating a series of regulatory procedures. The new market could be in place by 2028. Utah led a study in 2021, collaborating with other Western states, exploring the potential for energy markets in the region. State officials say the research has helped drive the current effort.

“It was fascinating how substantial the benefits were,” said Letha Tawney, chair of the Oregon Public Utility Commission. “The interdependence of the West started to become much more apparent, and it really changed the conversation.”

The study looked at a variety of market options and found that an RTO would have significant benefits, lowering costs for electricity customers and promoting clean energy. Based on the study’s projections, the market would produce roughly \$2 billion in gross benefits per year, largely by saving utilities from building extra capacity.

While Western leaders say the potential benefits are massive, no states outside of Nevada and Colorado have committed to joining a regional RTO. State leaders say they’ll be watching carefully to see what emerges from the new California law. While the decision on joining the market will largely be left to individual utilities, state regulators can play a major role by directing them to conduct an economic analysis of such a move.

State sovereignty

The push for a regional market has also faced opposition from skeptics who fear it undermines states’ power to set their own energy and climate goals. Some point to Eastern governors’ frustration with PJM Interconnection, the RTO that manages the grid across a swath of the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic.

Some experts fear that states with significant coal or gas industries may be hesitant to join a market that could incentivize their utilities to import cheap solar power from elsewhere. On the flip side, some climate advocates in California are wary

of plugging into a market that could support coal power from out of state.

“Some states are parochial-minded: ‘This is a California thing, and we don’t want anything to do with California,’” said Vijay Satyal, deputy director of markets and transmission with Western Resource Advocates, a nonprofit climate-focused group. “That one state’s government will not decide how a market will be operated, it’s a seismic shift in the industry.”

Backers of an RTO argue that it can incorporate states’ varying energy goals. They point to research showing that the market will support renewable power. But others fear merging fates with coal-heavy states could give federal regulators more leverage to intervene in favor of fossil-fuel power.

Even if Trump is out of office when the market comes online, the regulators he appoints to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will still be serving out their terms. Some believe FERC could set rules that require the new market to favor fossil fuel-powered resources.

“When you have a mixed market with a lot of coal plants, it creates opportunities for the Trump administration to rejigger the rules to favor coal,” said Matthew Freedman, renewables attorney with The Utility Reform Network, a California-based consumer advocacy group.

Freedman’s group pushed California lawmakers for protections that would have given states more flexibility to withdraw from the market, while also prohibiting “resource adequacy” mandates that could be used by the feds to prop up coal. While those elements were included in a Senate version of the bill, they were stripped from the Assembly bill that ultimately was passed.

Supporters of the bill say such concerns are overblown, and the new market is structured to avoid the pitfalls facing other RTOs.

“The simple economic fact is that right now clean energy resources are the cheapest in the world,” said Petrie-Norris, the law’s sponsor. “We’re going to see solar displacing dirty fuels rather than the reverse.”

Much depends on convincing states and utilities it’s in their best interests to join the market. The strength-in-numbers advantages of an RTO depend on widespread participation. While many Western leaders have long touted a region-wide market, the opportunity is arising at a time where energy has become a partisan issue.

The Southwest Power Pool, an Arkansas-based RTO serving the middle of the country, is expanding its footprint in the West, with several utilities poised to join its day-ahead market.

“Anytime you have two neighboring utilities in different markets, you have seams that create a lot of friction and inefficiency,” said Rubin Shen, with the energy industry group. “Whether or not everybody can come together and be all-in on a full West-wide market, it’s too soon to tell.”

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tlement After Informal Probate
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025 Mtg
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
October 7th, 2025

Chairman opened the meeting.
Notice of meeting published as re-
quired by statute.
Approved agenda. Approve
minutes of September 9th and 16th
Board of Commissioner Meeting
and Budget Hearing. Public com-
ments.
Correspondence was reviewed.
Treasurer's Fund Balance Report,
Treasurer's Sweep Account Re-
port, Treasurer's Miscellaneous
Revenue Report, Clerk of the Dis-
trict Court Report, Imprest Pledge
Collateral.
Zoning Administrator Report:
permit report and approved ad-
ministrative plat.
Quarterly Jail Inspection. Month-
ly Weed Report.
Approved two (2) Promotional
Grants and one Improvement
Grant.
Discussed with Highway Super-
intendent the One- and Six- Year
Road Program. Appointed Road
Superintendent to negotiate right
of way with landowner. Approved
Highway Superintendent 2025 cer-
tification.
Open and approved/accepted
bid for communications/radio up-
date. Approved various LEC re-
pairs.
Opened and awarded bids for
pickup boxes/bumpers.

Approved signing of Change
Order, Certificate of Substantial
Completion, and Pay Application
for 2025 micro-surfacing project.
2025 Audit engagement let-
ter was tabled. HHS office space
was discussed; Approved obsolete
property resolution 2025. Mainte-
nance position was tabled.
Law Enforcement Agreements
and Antelope County Library As-
sociation Agreements were ap-
proved.
Approved Platte Valley Commu-
nications repeater placement. Ap-
proved 2025 Property Tax Request.
Road conditions were discussed
with property owner. Set date and
time for public hearing to close 1
mile stretch of 512th Avenue.
One- and Six-Year Road Pro-
gram Plan Public Hearing we held
and plan was approved.
Road Superintendent Report:
approved 20 oversize permits, and
three (3) right-of-way permits. Ap-
proved interlocal agreement with
the Village of Clearwater.
Executive Session - Personnel
Matter.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Com-
missioners

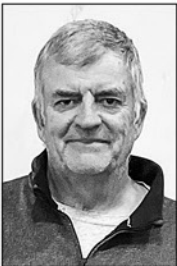
CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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Bartlett News

Gracie Burnsed joins the
Wheeler Central staff as a 'Para
Professional.' She graduated
from Flint River
Academy High
School in Wood-
bury, Georgia.
She then at-
tended Abrahm
Baldwin Agri-
cultural College
in Tifton, Geor-
gia graduating
with a Bachelor
of Science de-
gree in Agricul-
ture.
Gracie is married to Josh
Burnsed. She has enjoyed
working with Wheeler Central
children. Welcome Gracie. We
hope you have a great year!
Paul Nordhues has come out
of school retirement to fill the
Wheeler Central position of K-12



Gracie
Burnsed



Paul
Nordhues

Physical Education.
Paul graduated from Spal-
ding Academy, then attended
Kearney State
College grad-
uating with a
Bachelor of Arts
in Physical Edu-
cation.
His first
teaching posi-
tion was at Spal-
ding Academy
where he taught
P.E. for seven
years. He then
became a part of
the Wheeler Central Staff from
1986-2021 as a P.E. Teacher and
later an IP Director.
During these years he
coached football, girl's and boy's
basketball and track. He was
also a Wheeler Central School
Administrator for a time in 91
or 92. Paul became a Deacon
of the Catholic Church in 2022.
He serves St. Teresa Catholic
Church in Spalding and Sacred
Heart in Greeley.
Paul and his wife Jean reside
in Bartlett. Paul enjoys his gar-
den and chickens. He and Jean
keep the village looking great
with their mowing jobs. One of
those jobs is keeping the Herb
Mignery Bronze statues mowed
and trimmed around.
Wheeler Central is thrilled to
have Mr. Nordhues back. He is
enjoying having the opportuni-
ty to teach again.

By Sherry Tetschner

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2025 REGULAR MEETING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

**ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings
October 6, 2025**
The Elgin City Council met in
regular session on Monday, Octo-
ber 6, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant
to posted notice.
Mayor Schmitt called the meet-
ing to order, and announced the
location of the Open Meeting Act.
Councilmembers present were
Craig Niewohner, John "Mike"
Dvorak, Leigh Kluthe, and Jeremy
Young.

A complete and accurate copy
of the minutes is available for pub-
lic inspection during normal busi-
ness hours at the City Clerk's of-
fice.
The following agenda items
were approved:
• September budget hearing,
special hearing to set final tax re-
quest, 1 & 6 year street hearing
regular meeting minutes, treasur-
er's report, transaction report, and
paying the claims
GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 129.94;
Great Plains Communications, se,
55.37; APPEARA, su, 45.02; 118
Insurance, ins, 3659.00; Fitzger-
ald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell, &
Henderson, se, 350.00; The Elgin
Review, print, 320.20; Dean's Mar-
ket, su, 14.88; Kristin Childers, su,
253.07; Love Signs, su, 1992.46;
Google, se, 16.80; Black Hills En-
ergy, se, 108.06; The Bank of Elgin,
fee, 20.00; Prudential, retirement,
493.05; American Funds, retire-
ment, 313.58; US Treasury, tax,
4882.68; NE Dept of Revenue, tax,
680.26; Payroll, 2765.17
Transfers: To Police & Youth,
20000.00
SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2611.88
STREET: ERPPD, se, 911.05;
Verizonwireless, su, 79.40; Elgin
One Stop, fuel&su, 523.18; Ad-
vanced Consulting Engineering
Services, se, 1000.00; Corner Ser-
vice & Tire, LLC, su, 34.00; Cor-
dell's ATV Repair, su, 55.32; To
Paving Assessment Fund, transfer,
2800.00; Black Hills Energy, se,
49.76; Payroll, 1886.04
WATER: ERPPD, se, 949.51;
Great Plains Communications, se,
41.80; Verizonwireless, su, 79.39;
NE Public Health Lab, se, 287.00;
One Call Concepts, se, 6.09;
Dean's Market, su, 13.38; Tyler
Technologies, return, 267.67; US
Post Office, postage, 32.70; NE
Dept of Revenue, tax, 28.87; Pay-
roll, 3772.06
SEWER: ERPPD, se, 729.41;
Great Plains Communications, se,
52.28; Elgin One Stop, su, 2.78; One
Call Concepts, se, 6.09; Midwest
Labs, se, 669.52; Johnson Service
Company, se, 7395.45; Sapp Bros,
su, 488.07; Neligh Auto & Machine,
su, 86.52; NE Dept of Revenue, tax,
246.17; Payroll, 1394.22
FIRE: ERPPD, se, 197.12; Great
Plains Communications, se, 59.47;
APPEARA, su, 45.01; 118 Insur-
ance, ins, 1224.00; BKE Insulators,
se, 5400.00; Black Hills Energy, se,
104.53
POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff,
se, 2850.00
**TRASH PICKUP/RECY-
CLING:** Bud's Sanitary Service, se,
6979.90; Elgin One Stop, su, 9.79;
NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 25.00
POOL: ERPPD, se, 483.33;
Dean's Market, su, 161.89; Elgin
One Stop, su, 11.99; Black Hills En-
ergy, se, 441.50; NE Dept of Reve-
nue, tax, 67.13; Bank of Elgin, loan,
2227.79
PARK: ERPPD, se, 119.47; The
Elgin Review, print, 36.00; Cen-
tral Valley Ag, su, 551.10; NE Dept
of Revenue, tax, 151.20; Payroll,
491.82
LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 75.52;
Great Plains Communications,
se, 59.48; Amazon Business, su,

20.45; Black Hills Energy, se, 56.52;
Payroll, 1333.32
YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 37.70
RESCUE: The Elgin Review,
print, 45.00; Elgin One Stop, fuel,
123.65; Dean's Market, su, 63.47;
Elgin Pharmacy, su, 914.95; North-
east Community College, trlv,
98.00; Cassie Baum, misc, 25.00;
Linda Blair, misc, 25.00; Linda
Mitchell, misc, 25.00; Deb Thar-
nish, misc, 25.00; Karin Kinney,
misc, 25.00; Vince Spieker, misc,
25.00; Greg Henn, misc, 25.00;
Justin Henn, misc, 25.00
• Resolution 2025-8, a reso-
lution acknowledging Nebraska
Department of Transportation re-
quirements for the temporary use
of the state highway system for
special events
• Campground rules and proce-
dure for extended stay requests
• Utilize sales tax funds to pay off
the \$75,253.72 pool loan through
the Bank of Elgin
• Move \$37,603.08 in water sales
tax funds into a 7-month CD to cre-
ate a water fund reserve for loan
compliance
• Move \$175,000.00 in fire and
rescue sales tax funds into a
7-month CD
• Building permits: Alyssa
Koinzan
• Regular Meeting adjourned at
8:10 p.m.
The following agenda items
were discussed:
• Public comment: none
• All lead and galvanized water
lines owned by the City must be
replaced by 2037
• Sheriff report: August-84
hours and 52 minutes and six 911

calls; September-79 hours and 27
minutes and seven 911 calls
• Possible grant for new recy-
cling trailer
• New Welcome to Elgin signs
are ready to be installed
• 2025-26 budget submitted to
state and county

• Accounting program has been
switched to PowerManager
Next regular meeting will be
held on Monday, November 3, 2025
Mayor MIKE SCHMITT
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS
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KALLHOFF FRAME AND FINISH
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The name and address of the
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hoff, 308 Cedar Street, Elgin, NE
68636**.
The **general nature of the busi-**

ness to be transacted is to engage
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organized under the laws of the
State of Nebraska.
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and commenced business on **Sep-
tember 24, 2025**, and its duration
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	10/1/24 Balance	CREDITS	DEBITS	9/30/25 Balance
GENERAL FUND	83,480.30	479,615.68	(499,227.29)	63,868.69
SALES TAX FUND	486,526.23	93,490.32	(66,211.29)	513,805.26
STREET FUND	60,774.81	151,919.73	(179,573.36)	33,121.18
WATER FUND	1,192.73	242,621.73	(225,572.40)	18,242.06
SEWER FUND	86,412.88	100,076.34	(71,473.20)	115,016.02
FIRE DEPT FUND	2,471.19	37,038.33	(34,146.95)	5,362.57
POLICE DEPT FUND	3,295.42	62,250.00	(52,681.61)	12,863.81
RECYCLING/TRASH PICKUP FUND	58,193.08	88,493.02	(123,312.81)	23,373.29
POOL FUND	12,614.36	70,090.77	(72,488.66)	10,216.47
PARK FUND	1,444.53	54,506.20	(45,446.93)	10,503.80
LIBRARY FUND	3,079.65	39,512.00	(26,471.27)	16,120.38
YOUTH FUND	4,160.23	6,814.50	(5,795.77)	5,178.96
PAYROLL LIABILITY	(259.98)	42.58		(217.40)
General Fund Total	803,385.43	1,426,471.20	(1,402,401.54)	827,455.09
Ambulance Funds	279,551.85	460,002.15	(547,328.41)	192,225.59
Sewer Replacement Fund	38,449.46	3,603.85	0.00	42,053.31
Equipment CD	7,831.66	141.92	0.00	7,973.58
Police Dept CD	3,456.98	62.64	0.00	3,519.62
Bond Account	50,659.01	54,535.69	(42,977.24)	62,217.46
Paving Assessment	77,852.20	30,427.37	(26,300.00)	81,979.57
Water Repair CD	76,400.65	1,384.53	0.00	77,785.18
Debit Card Account	2,995.00	2,089.53	(2,086.41)	2,998.12
TOTAL	537,196.81	552,247.68	(618,692.06)	470,752.43
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ELGIN	1,340,582.24	1,978,718.88	(2,021,093.60)	1,298,207.52
I, KRISTIN L. CHILDERS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, SUBJECT TO AUDIT.				
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Perfect night for a tailgate!

Elgin TeamMates chapter holds it's annual tailgate

Football and food go together like peanut butter and jelly.

At Friday's football game against Neligh-Oakdale, the Elgin TeamMates chapter volunteers served up burgers and toppings to a hunger crowd.

Fortunately, that crowd was also generous as these funds will be used to support local TeamMates activities along with the local scholarships awarded to mentees.

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Managing cull cows in your herd

The sale of cull cows often accounts for 15% to 30% of the yearly gross revenue in cow-calf operations, making it an important part of overall profitability. Traditionally, cull cow prices have been lowest in late fall and highest in early spring. However, with the U.S. beef cow herd now at its smallest level in decades and strong global demand for lean grinding beef, seasonal price swings have narrowed. Prices have remained historically strong through much of the year, with only modest softening expected this fall.

When deciding how to manage cull cows, the two primary windows for marketing are late summer or early spring. In years when prices are stable and feed costs are high—as is the case this year—selling culls earlier in the fall can make sense. Feeding culls through the winter to capture a spring rally may still work if you have access to low-cost feed such as crop residues, distillers grains,

or cull feedstuffs. The key is that the expected price increase in the spring must outweigh the cost of feed, yardage, and risk.

Feeding cows for a period of time can add value by improving final weights, dressing percentage, and quality grade. Research has shown that upgrading from a Canner to Utility grade can increase carcass value by around 18%. Work from UNL and South Dakota State University indicates that cows can gain 2.5 to 3.3 pounds per head per day on moderate to high-energy rations, depending on feeding length and ration type. Shorter feeding periods often produce higher average daily gains and better feed efficiency. Feeding programs should generally be limited to 110 days or less to avoid overcondition-

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ing, as overly fat cows can be discounted at harvest.

Cows in thin to moderate body condition and sound health are best suited for feeding programs. Provide 20 to 24 inches of bunk space per head, and adapt them to high-energy rations gradually to minimize digestive issues. Unsound cows or those carrying excess condition are typically best marketed directly to the packer rather than placed on feed.

Grazing cull cows on corn stalks or annual forages can also be a cost-effective option. This year, corn residue quality may vary due to fungal pressure and weathering, so evaluate stalk quality before turnout. With proper supplementation, weight gains of 2.0 to 2.5 pounds per head per day are achievable; without supplement, gains closer to 1.5 pounds per day are more typical. Energy supplementation often pays off, especially when residue quality declines rapidly over time.

Because cull cows are less efficient than younger animals, maximizing returns requires careful management. Evaluate all possible tools, including the use of ionophores and implants where appropriate, and ensure withdrawal times are met for any feed additives. Finally, develop a balanced ration that supports your target rate of gain and desired marketing window.

With historically strong cull prices and high feed costs, it's more important than ever to evaluate your resources and market options. For many operations, selling culls this fall while prices remain firm may provide the best return. However, if low-cost feed is available, a short-term feeding program can still add value and boost your bottom line.

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



FFA members “on the block”

Following Friday's football game, Elgin FFA members were auctioned off for 8 hours of work. Each member will be working for the buyer to raise funds for the FFA program. Pictured above here is a grouping off juniors, anxiously awaiting the cry of “sold” followed by their name announced as the chosen one. Monies from the auction support the chapter's activities and student leadership activities throughout the year.

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Spinning Tales

It's Showtime, Wolfpack style

ELGIN — The calendar tells the story. It's mid-October and Elgin Public-Pope John's varsity volleyball team is entering

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

its most important phase of the season. Having weathered the toughest stretch of the season, playing new bigger schools at new locations (the Thayer Central Invite) held Saturday, having been tested in both victory and defeat, the games get bigger as the season roars into the latter stages of October.

The Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament takes center stage starting October 20. I'm expecting the Wolfpack

to march through the early rounds of the tournament and earn a rematch against O'Neill St. Mary's. Just days ago the Wolfpack conquered the Cardinals on their home court.

I hope the Wolfpack realize conference championships are still something to cherish, to work hard for. It's bragging rights, but more than that it's a confidence builder. Beating your nemesis in the finals of the conference tournament builds confidence which carries over not only the rest of the volleyball season, but to winter sports too.

Hard matches, even if the outcome results in an 'L' makes a team better. And, this year's Wolfpack team has gotten better, stronger, faster on the court. Led by seniors Camry Kittelson and Kayton Zwingman, they've taken a bunch of underclassmen, leading by example, to uphold the Wolfpack tradition of being a team to reckon with in northeast Nebraska. That tradition began

with Tina Thiele-Blecher, continued by Elizabeth Selting and taken to another level by current coach Jordynn Luettel.

Coaches Luettel, Sandi Henn and Jill McNally have taken underclassmen with raw talent at the start of the year and shaped them in a way that they no longer play like freshmen. Front row hitters Lillian Moser and Jael Lammers and back row players Brooke Kinney and Gentry Zwingman have come a long way from the start of fall camp to where they are now. With the strong play of Mady Kurpgeweit, Braelyn Martinsen and Elizabeth Moser, we are as solid a team as any in Class D1.

From my perspective, the Wolfpack should be firing on all cylinders by the time they start subdistrict play. Perhaps not the toughest subdistrict, EPPJ should vanquish their foes and advance to a district final.

Whether they host or go on the road, the Wolfpack have

EPPJ JH netters drop matches to Chambers/Wheeler Central

Wolfpack junior high volleyball suffered a pair of losses on October 6. The EPPJ 'A' team fell to Chambers/Wheeler Central 25-8 and 25-4.

EPPJ had just 2 kills in the

match, one each from Tenley Schindler and Harper Evans. Shania Buschow had 1 set assist. Melissa Stuhr was high in ace serves (1) and digs (5).

The EPPJ 'B' team also fell to

CWC by the score of 25 to 17.

Leaders were Rylee Rokahr with 3 ace serves, Ava Dworak had 2 and McKenna Sausser added 1. Dworak and Sausser tied in digs with 2 apiece.

ELGIN PUBLIC POPE JOHN

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Our Pride of the Pack

A senior, Grady was the center of 44 plays in Friday night's win over area rival Neligh-Oakdale. He ended the game with 217 yards, scored 4 TDs & 10 tackles.

GRADY DRUEKE
FOOTBALL

A senior, Kayton once again dominated at the net in matches. She is in the books for a total of 39 kills and 19 solo blocks in a series of 6 matches the Wolfpack played last week.

KAYTON ZWINGMAN
VOLLEYBALL

A sophomore, Matthew once again medaled in cross country action. At the Niobrara Valley Conference meet in Ainsworth, he finished 8th with a time of 20:13.09

MATTHEW KERKMAN
CROSS COUNTRY

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Oct. 24...State CC @ KearneyTBA

FOOTBALL

VARSITY

Oct. 17...vs Ainsworth7:00

Oct. 23...Playoffs-First Round.....TBA

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY

Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge7:30

Oct. 20...NVC Tourney vs winner Game 1 = 8:00

Oct. 21...NVC Tourney @ TBDTBA

Oct. 24...NVC Tourney Finals @ NiobraraTBA

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Oct. 16...@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge5:30

Oct. 17...Tourney @ Neligh (C team only)9:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Oct. 15Red Cross Bloodmobile • 1 pm dismissal, all schools • Kearney Career Day • Spalding Academy JH Scholastic Contest • EPS school board meeting

Oct. 17EPS NO SCHOOL for Prek-6 • Wolfpack football/Cross Country Senior Night

Dec. 18ACT

Oct. 22PJCC guest speaker Kevin Lovegreen • FAFSA completion webinar

Oct. 24NO SCHOOL - ALL SCHOOLS

Oct. 29-31National FFA Convention

Oct. 29EPS, no school Pre-K thru 6

Oct. 30Elkhorn Valley Jr. High Choral Clinic

Oct. 31EPS, no preschool-PJCC NHS Bake Sale • Elgin High Community Club Trunk or Treat

Nov. 1EPS, no school Pre-K thru 6 •

Nov. 6FFA Pre-District Livestock Judging @ Neligh •

Nov. 7NO SCHOOL, all schools

Nov. 10FFA District Livestock Judging @ Ord • NVC Choral Clinic at Boyd Co.

Nov. 11Veterans Day program at EPS

Nov. 12EPS school board meeting

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Wolfpack Sports



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Kayton Zwingman is shown making one of her seven solo blocks against the Cougars last week. She also had 10 kills in the match.

Wolfpack sweep NV Cougars

VERDIGRE — Elgin Public-Pope John spoiled ‘Senior Night’ for Niobrara-Verdigre on Monday night, Oct. 6.

The Wolfpack destroyed the Cougars 25-7, 25-16 and 25-12. Senior Camry Kittelson got things going with 11 service points to stake the Wolfpack to a double-digit lead to win the opening set.

Set #2 was much more competitive as the Cougars held small leads early on. Still, on the big points the Wolfpack prevailed more often than not.

The final set resembled the first as, at times, the Wolfpack could easily dictate their will on their opponent.

The Wolfpack were forced to play the match without junior Mady Kurpgeweit who was sidelined with an ankle injury. Filling her spot on the front row was Aubrie Parks who delivered eight kills on 14 swings. Leading the team in kills was Braelyn Martinsen with 11, Kayton Zwingman had 10.

EPPJ had eight service aces, led by Camry Kittelson with three, Martinsen and Kinney each had two. Zwingman had seven solo blocks.

Martinsen led the team in

digs with 9. Kittelson led in set assists with 26. Brooke Kinney and Martinsen tied for the team high in serve receive with seven apiece.

EPPJ 3, N-V 0

Cougars7 16 12
Wolfpack.....25 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 3/11/2, Gentry Zwingman 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 10/17/2, Braelyn Martinsen 11/17/1, Jael Lammers 6/13/3, Lillian Moser 1/7/4, Aubrie Parks 8/14/0. Team totals: 39/80/12
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 3/26, G. Zwingman 0/6, Brooke Kinney 2/17, K. Zwingman 0/2, Martinsen 0/3, Sophia Burke 1/13, Elizabeth Moser 2/7. Team totals: 8/74
Blocking (BS/BA — K. Zwingman 7/1, Martinsen 0/1, Lammers 1/0. Team totals: 8/2
Digs (D/DE) — Tessa Barlow 0/2, Kittelson 8/1, G. Zwingman 8/1, Kinney 8/1, K. Zwingman 3/1, Martinsen 9/1, Lammers 2/0, L. Moser 0/1, Burke 2/3, Parks 1/1, E. Moser 2/1. Team totals: 43/13
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 26/47/1, Kinney 1/4/0, Martinsen 0/4/0, E. Moser 10/23/1. Team totals: 11/31/1
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Barlow 1/0, G. Zwingman 9/1, Kinney 7/1, K. Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 7/0, Lammers 4/0. Team totals: 30/2

Wolfpack drop three matches Saturday at TC double triangular

HEBRON — Wolfpack seldom venture this far south in mid-October but such was the case Saturday as EPPJ competed in a volleyball double triangular.



Braelyn Martinsen

Fresh off a sweep of a triangular Thursday night at St. Mary’s, the Wolfpack Saturday faced three foes, two of those being foes seldom seen. EPPJ players and coaches were on the bus before 6:30 a.m. for the trek to Hebron which is close to the Kansas border.

Gaining valuable experience playing foes outside of the Niobrara Valley Conference, final results of the matches weren’t much to the Wolfpack’s liking as they dropped all three matches.

Central Valley found the Wolfpack a worthy opponent as they went three sets before the Cougars prevailed 25-17,

19-25 and 25-19.

The Wolfpack managed just 26 kills in the match, led by senior Kayton Zwingman with nine, Braelyn Martinsen had eight. Zwingman had four of the team’s seven solo blocks, Lillian Moser had three.

EPPJ was competitive in the other two matches, but slow starts proved costly. Thayer Central won the first set 25-12, then edged the Wolfpack 25-23 to attain the sweep. Against the Titans, the Wolfpack had just 15 kills in 59 swings. The Wolfpack’s two top setters - Camry Kittelson and Elizabeth Moser - combined for just 10 set assists.

In their final match of the day, Milford came out hot to defeat EPPJ 25-7. The second set was much more competitive as EPPJ rallied from 18 to 9 down only to make the set close as the Eagles prevailed 25-20.

Freshman Jael Lammers led the team with five kills. Unfortunately, EPPJ had more swinging errors at the net (20) than kills (16). Brooke Kinney

led the team in digs (10) and serve receive (17).

With the losses, the Wolfpack’s record is now 16-9.

EPPJ 1, Central Valley 2

Cougars25 19 25
Wolfpack.....17 25 19
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 5/14/2, Gentry Zwingman 0/1/0, Brooke Kinney 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 9/17/0, Braelyn Martinsen 8/24/6, Jael Lammers 0/11/2, Lillian Moser 2/3/1, Aubrie Parks 2/18/4. Team totals: 26/89/15
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/10, Gentry Zwingman 0/6, Brooke Kinney 0/13, Martinsen 0/7, Sophia Burke 1/8, Elizabeth Moser 1/8
Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 4/0, L. Moser 3/0. Team totals: 7/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 9/4, G. Zwingman 15/4, Kinney 4/3, Martinsen 19/4, Lammers 5/0, Parks 2/1, E. Moser 4/2. Team totals: 58/18
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 16/39/0, G. Zwingman 2/3/0, E. Moser 8/16/0. Team totals: 26/73/0

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 24/2, Kinney 12/0, Martinsen 10/1, Lammers 3/0. Team totals: 49/3

EPPJ 0, Thayer Central 2

Titans25 25
Wolfpack.....12 23
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 3/9/4, Kayton Zwingman 1/7/2, Braelyn Martinsen 5/26/6, Jael Lammers 2/7/0, Lillian Moser 4/6/0, Aubrie Parks 0/4/1. Team totals: 15/59/13
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/5, G. Zwingman 0/8, Kinney 0/4, Martinsen 0/5, Sophia Burke 1/5, Elizabeth Moser 1/6. Team totals: 2/33
Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 2/0, L. Moser 1/0, Parks 1/0. Team totals: 4/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 10/1, G. Zwingman 9/4, Kinney 5/2, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 3/1, Lammers 2/0, L. Moser 1/0, Burke 2/0, Parks 3/1, E. Moser 2/2. Team totals: 37/12
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 6/28/2, G. Zwingman 1/3/0, Kinney 0/5/0, Martinsen 0/2/0, L. Moser 1/1/0, E. Moser 4/17/0. Team totals: 12/56/2

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 11/0, Kinney 13/2, Martinsen 5/0, Lammers 2/3. Team totals: 31/5

EPPJ 0, Milford 2

Eagles25 25
Wolfpack.....7 21
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 2/8/4, Kayton Zwingman 2/10/3, Braelyn Martinsen 2/14/7, Jael Lammers 5/18/3, Lillian Moser 3/5/0, Aubrie Parks 0/6/2, Elizabeth Moser 0/1/1. Team totals: 14/62/20
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/6, G. Zwingman 0/7, Kinney 0/3, Martinsen 0/4, Sophia Burke 0/5, E. Moser 0/3. Team totals: 0/28
Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 2/1, Martinsen 1/0, Lammers 0/1. Team totals: 3/2
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 5/2, G. Zwingman 9/1, Kinney 10/2, K. Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 15/0, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 1/0, Parks 10, E. Moser 4/1. Team totals: 46/7
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 4/19/3, Kinney 0/3/0, Martinsen 2/3/0, E. Moser 7/25/0. Team totals: 13/50/3
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 0/1, G. Zwingman 17/1, Kinney 7/0, Martinsen 10/1. Team totals: 34/3

Three EPPJ runners means three medals at NVC meet

AINSWORTH — Medals were awarded to each member of the EPPJ cross country team, competing Thursday at the Niobrara Valley Conference meet. The Ainsworth Municipal Golf Course was the setting for both the boys and girls 5K race.

In the boys race, Matthew Kerkman, a sophomore, finished eighth by crossing the finish line in 20:13.09.

Winning the boys race was senior Will Nelson of Boyd County. He crossed the finish line in a time of 18:00.88. Taking second was Nate Frick, a sophomore from North Central. Frick finished

with a time of 18:04.01.

Earlier in the day, the girls 5K race was run. Winning the race was junior Delani Runnels of Niobrara-Verdigre. Her time was 20:15.25. Taking second was freshman Reagan Moody of Ainsworth with a time of 20:36.02.

Samantha Stuhr finished ninth. A junior, she crossed the finish line in 24:30.42.

Senior Jovie Borer medaled by finishing 11th. She finished with a time of 26:28.43.

EPPJ powers past Warriors 38 to 26

ELGIN — In a game that had it all, the Wolfpack slayed Neligh-Oakdale 38 to 26 and hand the Warriors their first loss of the season.

Size and physicality outlasted speed and big plays to give Elgin Public-Pope John their biggest regular season victory in recent years and claim their spot in the upcoming Class D2 State Football playoffs which begin October 24.

To win the game, the Wolfpack did the following:

- Five times forced the Warriors to turn the ball over on downs

- Dominate the clock. For all but 11 seconds of the third quarter, EPPJ possessed the ball. Time of possession was in favor of the Wolfpack in the second half where the game was won.

- Quick start. The Wolfpack scored on their first two possessions to start the game. In the first half the Wolfpack led or were tied for all but 14 seconds.

- Converting when it mattered most. The Wolfpack were successful on four of five two-point PAT attempts. Neligh-Oakdale was successful on just one of four two-point PAT tries.

- Stepping up at crunch time. In the fourth quarter, when they needed it the most, they made the plays that won the game. Grady Drueke rushed for over 200 yards in the game and scored four touchdowns. Teammate Evin Pelster made two interceptions in the fourth quarter to keep the Warriors out of the endzone.

“We felt like we could control the line of scrimmage and the boys did,” Co-Coaches Nick Heithoff and Matt Euse said after the game.

“That’s where it all started (up front). He (Drueke) has nowhere to run without those blocks” Euse added

On their first possession to start the game, EPPJ got the ball in Warrior territory and drove 24 yards in four plays with Drueke scoring on an eight-yard run.

Then, after forcing a turnover on downs on the Warriors’ next possession, EPPJ went 67 yards to score their second touchdown. The Wolfpack’s strategy became apparent with

this drive - they were going to live or die with the run. Drueke carried the ball six times on the drive, the last being a 30-yard touchdown run. The Wolfpack also benefited from a targeting call against the Warriors.

Midway through the second quarter, the Warriors began to move the ball. Quarterback Cooper Arehart connected with Trevor Torres, Corbin Hoefer Emmett Blakeman to move the ball down the field. Then, inside the 10-yard line, Arehart became a runner, scoring on a six-yard burst.

The Warriors got the ball right back after tackling Jarek Erickson short of the yard to gain on fourth down. Taking over on the Wolfpack 31-yard line, Arehart connected with Hoefer to tie the score.

Neligh-Oakdale would score one more touchdown, a Hoefer run, with 14 seconds on the clock to take the lead 20 to 14 at halftime.

The Wolfpack made a statement to start the second half. They took the kickoff and marched just short of 50 yards. Running the ball on almost every play, the Wolfpack’s line of Trey Rittscher, Jayvin Erickson and Justice Blecher made holes for Drueke to run through. They weren’t all big gains, mostly four and five-yard runs to keep the drive alive.

The drive ate up seven minutes off the clock, finishing with a Drueke three-yard run to retake the lead 22 to 20.

Neligh-Oakdale answered back in one play to regain the lead when Arehart aired it out to a wide open Hoefer for a 55-yard strike.

Having worked so hard to regain the lead and then lose it in one play, the Wolfpack answered back with another long, time-consuming drive capped with the fourth touchdown run by Drueke.

From there, the Wolfpack defense rose to the occasion. They held on downs to stop one Warrior drive. Then, after a fumble gave the ball back to the Warriors, EPPJ’s Evin Pelster took over.

He intercepted an Arehart pass and return it to the Warriors’ 23-yard line. It took just six plays for the Wolfpack to



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Grady Drueke (9) had a career night with 44 carries for 217 yards and four touchdowns.

cash in when Pelster scored on an 11-yard run. Gavin Kallhoff added the second of his two 2-point PATs to make the score 38 to 26.

Pelster then sealed the victory with his second interception of the quarter.

“The win feels good because they’re undefeated and they thought they were going to come into our house and beat us, but we shut them down,” Pelster said.

Drueke had 217 yards on 44 carries (both career highs).

“It’s wonderful when your line plays like that. The holes were there and I just tried to do my best,” Drueke said.

On defense, Landyn Veik led all tacklers with 11, Drueke 10 and Jarek Erickson nine.

EPPJ deflected seven passes by Arehart, Max Henn leading the way with three.

EPPJ 38, Neligh-Oakdale 26

Warriors.....0 20 6 0 — 26
Wolfpack.....14 0 8 16 — 38
EPPJ — Grady Drueke 8 run (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Drueke 30 run (Gavin Kallhoff run)
N-O — Cooper Arehart 1 run (PAT failed)
N-O — Arehart 9 pass to Corbin Hoefer (PAT failed)
N-O — Hoefer 1 run (Arehart run)
EPPJ — Drueke 3 run (Jarek Erickson run)

son run)
N-O — Arehart 55 pass to Hoefer (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Drueke 3 run (Kallhoff pass to Max Henn)
EPPJ — Evin Pelster 11 run (Kallhoff run)

Team statistics	EPPJ	N-O
Passing	1/4/0	21/44/2
Passing Yds	7	318
Rushing/Yds	59/258	19/55
Total offense	265	373
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	NA
Interceptions by	2	0

Individual Statistics

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 1/4/0 — 7. N-O — Cooper Arehart 21/44/2 — 318
Receiving (#/Yds) — Jarek Erickson 1/7. N-O — Corbin Hoefer 8/175
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 4/4, Grady Drueke 44/217, Jarek Erickson 8/26, Gavin Kallhoff 23, Evin Pelster 2/5, Trey Rittscher 2/4, Justice Blecher 1/3. N-O — Tyler Furstenau 12/9
Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Michael Seltling 0/1, Grady Drueke 6/4, Max Henn 0/6, Jarek Erickson 3/6, Landyn Veik 3/8, Gavin Kallhoff 4/2, Evin Pelster 2/5, Trey Rittscher 2/4, Justice Blecher 1/3. N-O — Tyler Furstenau 12/9
Fumbles for loss — Max Henn 1, Jarek Erickson 1, Landyn Veik 1
Interceptions — Evin Pelster 2
Pass deflections — Grady Drueke 1, Max Henn 3, Jarek Erickson 1, Evin Pelster 2



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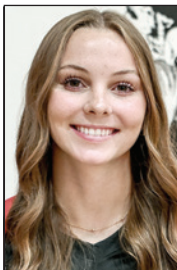
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EPPJ sweeps Cardinals, AC Thursday night

O'NEILL — In recent years O'Neill St. Mary's has been a stumbling block for the Wolf-pack girls teams. Not this year. EPPJ dominated the Cardinals Thursday night. Playing at O'Neill, the Wolfpack volleyball team defeated the Cardinals on their home court by the score of 25-14 and 25-20.



Camry Kittelson

EPPJ hitters combined for 32 kills in the match as Jael Lammers and Braelyn Martin-sen each had nine kills.

Earlier in the evening, EPPJ defeated Archangels Catholic 25-15, 17-25 and 25-22.

Archangels gave the Wolf-pack all they could handle. But, in the end, EPPJ made enough big points to win the match.

Martinsen and Kayton Zwingman com-bined for 23 kills in the match.

Lammers had nine kills in 19 swings. Gentry Zwingman, Brooke Kinney and Kittelson combined for 47 digs. G. Zwing-man led in serve receive with 29.

EPPJ 2, St. Mary's 0
Cardinals.....14 20
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kit-telson 1/7/0, Kayton Zwingman 6/15/2, Braelyn Martin-sen 9/19/3, Jael Lammers 9/11/2, Lillian Moser 2/3/1, Aubrie Parks 4/8/3. Team to-tals: 32/68/11

Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/7, Gentry Zwingman 2/9, Brooke Kin-ney 1/8, Martin-sen 2/10, Sophia Burke 0/4, Elizabeth Moser 3/11. Team totals: 7/49
Blocking (BS/BA — K. Zwingman 1/0, Martin-sen 1/0, Lammers 1/0, Parks 1/0. Team totals: 4/0

JV-C team sweeps Lady Cougars

VERDIGRE — The Wolfpack JV-C volleyball team swept Ni-obrara-Verdigre 26-24, 25-8 and 25-16 in action last week.

EPPJ produced 20 ace serves in the match, led by Sophia Burke with 5, Elizabeth Moser 4, Sydney Niewohner 3, Molly Thiessen, Libby Evans and Sadie Thiessen with 2 apiece, Kinley Druke and Aubrie Parks each had 1.

S. Thiessen led the team with 14 set assists, E. Moser had 8. The Wolfpack had 29 kills in the match, led by Niewohner 6, Druke 5, Evans 4, Parks 3, M. Thiessen and E. Moser each had 2. Players with one kill were Burke, Jael Lammers, Macy Rokahr, S. Thiessen and Kynlee Tillis.

Burke led the team in serve receive (11) and Digs (14). Evans had 11 digs.

Rokahr had 2 solo blocks, Lillian Moser added 1.

Wolfpack JH teams split matches

The Wolfpack Junior High volleyball 'A' team dropped a two-set match to Riverside on Wednesday, October 8. The scores were 25-8 and 25-7.

Aurora Burke and Ten-ley Schindler each had 2 kills, Harper Evans added 1. Burke had 2 of the team's three set assists, Shania Buschow had the other.

Buschow, Schindler and Kate Barlow each had 2 digs. Schindler had 1 ace serve.

In 'B' team action, EPPJ defeated Riverside by the scores of 20-25, 25-18 and 15-5.

EPPJ had 22 ace serves led by Barlow with 8, McK-enna Sauser had 6, Rylee Rokahr 4, Ava Dworak 2 and Victoria Evans 2.

Harper Childers led hit-ters with 2 kills, Evans and Barlow each had 1. Childers had the team's only set assist.

Dworak and Sauser tied for the team high with 4 apiece.

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 8/4, G. Zwingman 10/2, Kinney 2/0, Mar-tinsen 6/2, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 1/1, Parks 1/2, E. Moser 6/1. Team totals: 35/12
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 14/34/0, Kinney 1/3/0, Martin-sen 1/2/0, E. Moser 14/23/0. Team to-tals: 31/62 0
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 18/0, Kinney 6/0, Mar-tinsen 5/2, Lammers 1/0. Team to-tals: 30/2

EPPJ 2, Archangels Catholic 1
Defenders.....15 25 22
Wolfpack.....25 17 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Braelyn Mar-tinsen 12/43/10, Jael Lammers 9/19/1, Casey Kittelson 4/11/1, Kayton Zwingman 11/22/3, Lillian Moser 1/4/1, Aubrie Parks 4/14/1, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0. Team totals: 42/114/17

Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 2/24, Gentry Zwingman 0/9, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martin-sen 0/7. Sophia Burke 0/7, E. Moser 0/12. Team to-tals: 2/66
Blocking (BS/BA — K. Zwingman 3/0, Martin-sen 1/0, Lammers 1/0. Team totals: 5/0

Digs (D/DE) — G. Zwingman 22/10, Kinney 6/4, Kittelson 13/0, K. Zwingman 2/1, Martin-sen 12/1, Lammers 5/1, L. Moser 2/0, Burke 0/2, Parks 4/0, E. Moser 6/4. Team totals: 72/23
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 22/56/0, Martin-sen 1/3/0, E. Moser 15/33/0. Team totals: 38/98/0
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 29/2, Kin-ney 7/2, Martin-sen 12/0, Parks 0/2. Team totals: 49/6

Tales

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as good a shot as any opponent they may face, of playing in November in Lincoln.

The Wolfpack football team is also playing their best at just the right time. Anyone at Elgin Field Friday night witnessed an 'Instant Classic'. Undeafated Neligh-Oakdale coming into the game, went home with a 12-point loss. The game fea-tured big plays by playmakers, and a display of what a team can do when focused on one goal. There were four lead changes before the final score was settled in the game's last moments. The victory sets up another big game, this time against Ainsworth. When, not if, the Wolfpack beat the Bull-dogs, EPPJ has a very good shot at hosting a first round playoff football game. Come cheer on our team of winners!

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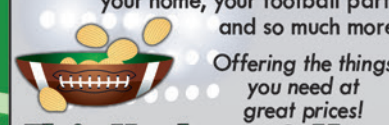
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