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In Brief //

Opioid epidemic to be topic of program at EPS

Public welcome to attend program.

Elgin Public School in conjunction with the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) will present a program called "Understanding the Opioid Crisis in Nebraska and what you need to know to stay safe" on Wednesday, October 25. The program will be held at the school gymnasium, beginning at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

PJCC to host Red **Cross Bloodmobile** today at KC Hall

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

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming once again to Elgin.

Sponsored this time by Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, the bloodmobile will be held on Wednesday, October 18.

To be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, the bloodmobile will be here from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trick or Treaters welcome at Elgin businesses

Trick or Treaters will be welcome at a number businesses on Halloween. welcome at a number of Elgin Most will be handing out candy beginning after lunch until they close for the day. Look for a special poster on their door/in their window.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of

Equalization Proceedings — Village of Bartlett

Proceedings - District #18 Board of Education

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice — Estate of Laverne L. Hoefer Notice of Organization — KJ SCHINDLER FARMS L.L.C.

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 71 degrees recorded on Monday, October 11.

The low during the same period was 33 degrees on Friday, October 15. Altogether, 2.80 inches of precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
October 9	63	36	.00
October 10	69	36	.00
October 11	71	49	1.61
October 12	59	46	1.10
October 13	59	43	.05
October 14	47	41	.04
October 15	49	33	.00
Total for last week			2.80
Total for October			3.00
Total precipitation 2023			27.36

Librarians' Bode and Gunderson are a team extraordinaire

The Elgin Library is books and SO MUCH MORE!

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

One plus one equals three. If you question the validity of that simple arithmetic problem, meet Elgin Public Library's duo Barb Bode and Dianne Gunderson. Our town's librarians, both former Elgin Public School teachers for a whopping total of 72 years, are a team extraordinaire.

During their tenure, Elgin library participation (in an era where online everything gets so much attention) is on the rise. For example, consider registered accounts, now at 254, up 29 from last year

And the children, oh the precious children, allow these retired teachers to continue their lifelong passion in another way.

With broad smiles and a spring in their steps, both proudly sport a shirt emblazoned with the sage advice - In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind.

That was the theme of the library's June 2023 summer reading program called Camp Kindness. Bode and Gunderson organized story time, crafts, and snacks attracting 40-50 preschoolers twice a week. Thirty more elementary school-aged children also participated once a week for activities. "Word is getting out that this is a great program," Bode said.

Outside of the library, children are front and center as well. Gunderson, a 1976 education graduate of the University of Nebraska-Kearney, originally from Ravenna, NE, has three children and four grandchildren. Bode, a 1977 University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate in the College of Education and Hu-

man Sciences and a 1988 Wayne State graduate with a master's degree in counselor education, has three children and six grandchildren

Both inspire reading for their families and our community. Gun-

derson has a goal of reading 25 books this year and "you'll make it," chimed ever supportive Bode, who grew up in O'Neill. Both with their husbands call Elgin home, Gunderson in town and Bode in the country.

This librarian team assignment started in August of 2016. Gunderson had taught 37 years at Elgin Public, mostly first grade. Bode put in 35 years with Elgin Public initially teaching family and consumer sciences and then as guidance counselor. Bode also taught an introduction to psychology course for four years post-retirement at Pope John co-credited with Northeast Community College.

While admitting they don't always see eye-to-eye on library initiatives, they truly complement each other and are grounded in one vision - the Elgin Public Library is books and SO MUCH MORE!

"We want it to be inviting, to be a gathering place," Gunderson said with Bode adding with excitement, "a place where all age groups can enjoy a variety of activities." With the new library add-on space (completed in Spring 2022) furnished with a group meeting table and chairs and two comfy loungers by the fireplace, another room got freed up for Legos, children's books, games, and puzzles.

Gunderson smiled broadly as she reported that "kids are starting to drop in" (outside of scheduled activities) to read, play, and create. "We're still Mrs. Bode and Mrs. Gunderson," Bode quipped. "Teachers never lose their titles.'

The library, located on east side of Highway 14 on the south edge of town,



Elgin's librarian team, Barb Bode and Dianne Gunderson, adds 15-20 books to the stacks monthly. Both want our town to know that our library is books and much, much more.

is a revolving door for adults, too. In addition to shelves lined with about 9,000 books, and access to many more through the Nebraska Library Com-

mission interlibrary loan program, patrons can fax, copy, use computers, read, use makerspace equipment (e.g. critical thinking games), and socialize.

Lego League, meeting twice a month for dif-

ferent age groups, attracts children. A monthly book club attracts adults.

Elgin Library participates with Nebraska Libby (formerly OverDrive), an online platform to access audio

and e-books. Gunderson and Bode explained that Libby gives patrons access to three times more books than held at the library and is especially attractive for teens and young adults who prefer to read on mobile devices. "Some older adults like Libby as well since the type size can be enlarged," Gunderson said.

And there's more - Flag Day proram book fair open house for elementary students, holiday festivities, book talks with authors, and whatever else these 'always teachers' create.

Elgin library operating costs are covered by city, county, and state tax dollars. Bode and Gunderson credit

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Hailey Buss to join EPS teaching staff

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

There will a new face teaching students at Elgin Public School beginning in January.

At last week's meeting of the District #18 Board of Education, the board approved the hiring of Norfolk native Hailey Buss for K-6 special education duties at the start of

the second semester. "We got lucky," K-12 Principal Greg Wemhoff said, noting how the school had been short a person to per-

form those duties. She currently resides in Kearney.

On another matter, the successful coop of athletics between EPS and Pope John XXIII

Buss

Junior-Senior High School will contin-The board voted 4-0 (board members

Steve Busteed and Luke Hinkle were absent from the meeting) to continue the coop program for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years. In other action:

Bargaining agent — The board formally approved the Elgin Education Association as the bargaining agent for the 2025/2026 school year.

Wolfpack to face L-N Raiders Thursday night

Having been eliminated in the opening round of the state football playoffs last season, this year's Wolfpack football team begins anew their quest for a state championship.

The opening round of the Class D2 State Football Playoffs begins Thursday, October 19, and the sixth-seeded Wolfpack (6-2) will be hosting a firstround playoff game.

EPPJ's opponent will be 11th-seed awrence-Nelson. The Raiders come into the game with a 6-2 record. The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Elgin Field.

At the conclusion of Thursday's games across the state, the Nebraska

School Activities Association will reseed teams into East-West divisions for the remainder of the playoffs.



EPPJ netters find reason to 'Jump Around'

Twice trailing by one set in the match, EPPJ won a five-set thriller over Summerland Monday night in the opening round of the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament. It was pure jubilation for the players on the court, the bench and Wolfpack fans in the stands. By virtue of the victory, EPPJ is guaranteed to play Friday at Bartlett. A tournament wrapup will be in next week's paper.



From JoAnn's Kitchen

Easy Salisbury Steak

Good morning,



Are you in the mood to cook tonight? If not, here's a really quick idea vou can make! While it is cooking. you could make some

baked potatoes and toss a salad or cook a veggie, and supper is served. I do know how it's not easy to have a meal at the end of a long day. I am sure you could prep this dish and have it ready to cook when you get it.

Please give it a try!

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Pope John **Students** Mandated For Service To Parishes

Six Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School students were mandated as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Thursday morning, October 12th at an all-school Mass. Father Patrick Nields conducted the mandation. Students mandated were (I-r) Juliana McNally, Kaitey Schumacher, Elise Ruterbories, Natalie Burenheide, Olivia Klein, and Jazmine McNally The group will serve their home parishes of St. Boniface in Elgin, St. Bonaventure in Raeville, St. John's in Petersburg and St. Francis of Assisi in Neligh.

Community Calendar

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

Month of October UENRD Groundwater Irrigated Acre Expansion application period*.

Wednesday, October 18 Red Cross Bloodmobile @ KC Hall.

Thursday, October 19 Wolfpack Class D2 State Football Playoffs (opening round)*.

Sunday, October 22 St. John's (Rural Clearwater) Soup Luncheon*

Monday & Tuesday,

October 23-24 Wolfpack Subdistrict Volleyball

Tournament. Wednesday, October 25

Opioid presentation @ EPS 9 a.m.

Saturday, October 28 Antelope County Museum Halloween.

Sunday, October 29 Elgin Community Center monthly breakfast.



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Upper Elkhorn NRD To Hold Modified Groundwater Irrigated Acre Expansion Sign-Up In October

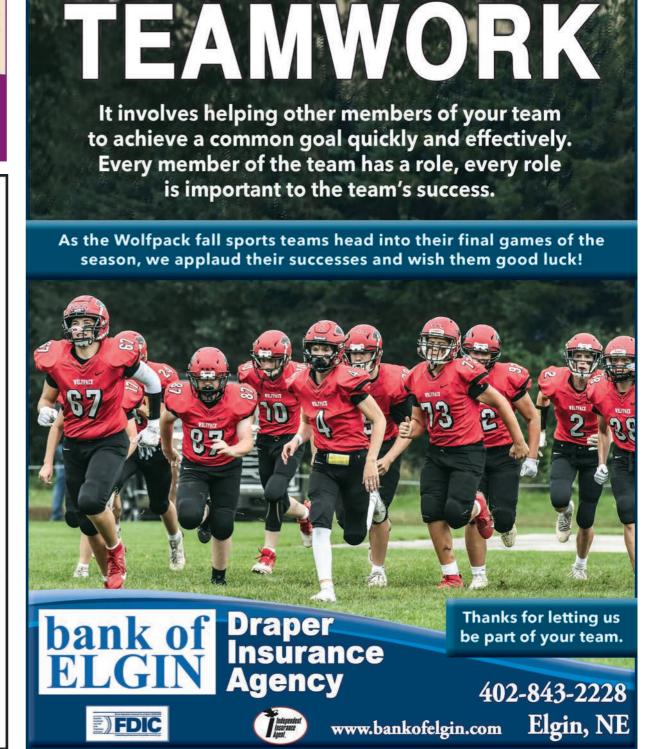


The Upper Elkhorn NRD will be taking applications for the expansion of new groundwater irrigated acres during the month of October for the 2024 growing season. There will be up to 150 new acres allotted to increase irrigation efficiency. The focus of the 2023 sign up will be to finish off pivots with 15 acres or less that have to reverse due to an obstacle not allowing the pivot to com-

plete the circle. The sign up is not on a first come first served basis; but, based on a ranking criteria sheet that focuses on current water quality and quantity concerns within the district. Applications will be accepted from the landowner or their power of attorney from October 1 through October 31, 2023. The criteria ranking has been updated to meet the Board's focus for this year's expansion which also affirms that meeting the minimum score does not guarantee that the acres will be approved. Due to drought conditions, water quality and quantity issues the Upper Elkhorn NRD reserves the right to deny any expansion if it might be in conflict with the Upper Elkhorn NRD Groundwater Management Plan Rules and Regulations.

There will be a \$50 application fee for anyone wishing to sign up to expand new acres; and, if the application is approved there will be an acre fee of \$5 per acre or a minimum of \$125 to proceed with the application. The application and supporting information is available on the UENRD website (www.uenrd.org) for review. Appointments for the Expansion of Groundwater Irrigated Acres are required and you will need a map showing where you would like to expand the acres and how many acres you would like to expand.

For further information or to make an appointment, contact the Upper Elkhorn NRD at 402-336-3867 or visit the Upper Elkhorn NRD website at www.uenrd.org.



COMMUNITY

What 'breaking a leg' actually means

Break a leg. And that's how the conversation ended, to be continued

The play will soon be performed in a packed venue crammed with supportive (and critical) viewers.

The artist, who was left with all good wishes, has been connected with theater art, either acting or directing, for decades. Yep, experience offers a leg up, and increased confidence

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With high school one-act competitions soon to be center stage here in Elgin, this recent exchange left me wondering what break a leg actually

In present-day vernacular, it's an expression of good luck to the theater artist.

Here in the United States, the break a leg idiom emerged in

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the early 20th century. Theater folks are known to be superstitious, so a good luck expression may actually backfire. By telling them to break an appendage, perhaps the opposite will happen.

Be reminded this column is about idioms, where the literal interpretation of words is entirely different than the real meaning.

The human leg is defined as the entire lower limb of the body, including the foot, thigh, and sometimes even the hip. Break it, or succumb to amputation, and ambulation is severely hampered, let alone other twolegged actions such as running, dancing, and skipping.

Crutches, wheelchairs, and the strong hand of others help the broken get along, though not as efficiently.

The other day, while helping to staff a Husker Harvest Days booth, it was great fun people watching, most traversing on two legs, a few on mobile devic-

Court News

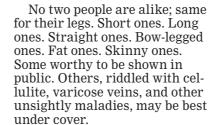
All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. *Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).

Kami M. Ash, Wood River, NE 7/21/23 drive under susp/ before reinstated, fined \$100 -Kudera.*

Juan A. Ascencio, Fremont, NE 5/23/23 drive during revocation/impound-1st, fined \$250/ license revoked for one year -Hartley.

Maria A. Cuevas Roman, Coon Rapids, MN 9/15/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Mohr.

Tatar B. Ozkan, Orlando, FL 9/6/23 speeding 85/65 mph,



"Are you pulling my leg" was my reaction on numerous oc-

casions while at the booth. A few Harvest Days goers, generally women, would be pulling wagons and would scoop up multiple giveaways (e.g. pens, pads of paper, windshield ice scrapers, jar openers, you name it) without displaying an iota of interest in the booth itself. Seriously? For real? Some business or organization had to pay an arm and a leg for these tchotch-

Sometimes full-out fatigue, or a life-threatening accident, or a terminal illness leaves you on your last leg. Unfortunately, leg-breaking maladies can strike anyone.

kes.

It's said, everyone puts their pants on one leg at a time, regardless of their fame and fortune. There's at least one exception - the high-kicking Rockettes dancing to the March of the Toy Soldiers in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

Their pants are so tight-fitting and heavily starched that the famed dancers lie down, and the pants are pulled on by helpers, then the dancers are lifted up ready to perform. This prevents any bending of the knees especially during the segment of the dance when all fall backward like dominoes. Saw this many times in Radio City Music Hall in New York City and it always amazed me.

The other leg, this time a single one that comes to mind, is in the movie A Christmas Story. The cantankerous dad wins a prize for competing in a newspaper puzzle contest. The box arrives.

It's a near-life-sized-shapely woman's leg covered in fishnet hosiery with a lamp atop. He insists the atrocity (an opinion shared by his wife) be placed right smack in front of the living room picture window for all to admire. Thankfully, he doesn't have a leg to stand on when his wife 'accidentally' breaks it while watering a nearby plant.

When interviewing for a job, the competitive types want to get a leg in the door and beat out the others. Sometimes, luck is involved.

Mostly though, it takes tons of advance leg work to interview well. Those in the hiring chair know full well that a lie has no legs, in other words, it's tough to bluff your way through most things. With holiday feasts just around the corner, maybe you're the type with a hollow leg, meaning you can eat a massive amount of food. Maybe you're off to visit relatives and friends and have several legs to your journey.

Maybe you're going on that long-awaited cruise and need to put on your sea legs (yes, even the massive cruise ships equipped with stabilizers can sway considerably in the vast ocean waves).

Whether you're a renowned theater artist, or going about your normal business being a farmer, parent, local one-act play actor or actress, or whatever, here's to you -- break a leg. Along with skill and ambition, a little luck goes a long way.

Comments welcome at jane. schuchardt@gmail.com.



Sixty Years Ago

October 17, 1963

The Antelope County Tuberculosis committee has announced that tuberculin skin tests will be given to all county freshman and senior students. This is the third year of a five year program started by the committee. Students have been given permit slips to receive their parents' consent.

Workmen have been painting off-and-on at St. Boniface church for around the past seven weeks, giving the steeple a bright red appearance. The steeple was first painted a light green rust protective coat to the metal shingles before the final color was applied. The steeple ridges, church eaves, down spouts and windows were painted silver.

Elgin High celebrated its homecoming here Friday night with a 32-0 triumph over Page. The win was the third of the season for the Eagles against two losses. Homecoming King Leonard Iburg scored three times.

Fifty Years Ago

October 18, 1973

Six Pope John High School students were among the nearly 300 persons representing 37 Nebraska high schools and colleges on the Kearney State college campus Oct. 10 attending the Regional College and High School Foreign Policy Conference. Present from here were Janet Koinzan, Kathy Roth, Steve Borer, Verona Henn, Bob Koenig and Bill Shell.

"Kidney cake" not kidney pie was served Wednesday, Oct 17 in the Joe Buelt, Jr. home in memory of the kidney transplant Mrs. Betty Buelt had underwent and was permitted to return home just a year ago that day. The anniversary of the transplant was Sept. 21. Philip Stoltz, Betty's brother, was the donor and gave her the cake. it was baked and decorated by Mrs. Joe Zegers and featured two kidneys on the cake which also was lettered "Happy Anniversary, Betty.

Thirty Years Ago

October 27, 1993

Elgin Fire Department was called to two rural fires during the past week. On Friday, firemen were called to a grass fire at the Delbert Heithoff farm north of Elgin. The fire apparently started from an incinerator near the house, and spread through dry grass to a nearby shelter belt. The fire was extinguished in about a half hour, with moderate damage to the shelter belt. On Monday, firemen were called to a corn stalk fire at the LeRoy Kerkman farm. Kerkman and neighbor used tractors and discs to confine the blaze to an area of the cornfield that had already been harvested, so there was no damage. The fire was extinguished in a short time

Elgin 12 Extension (F.C.E.) Club celebrated its 40th anniversary year with a noon luncheon on Oct. 16 at the Plantation House in Elgin. On hand for the occasion were 17 present and former club members. After pictures were taken, the history of the club was given by Bernadine Erickson, Norma Hutchinson, Nancy Norton and Lois Schuchardt. The remainder of the afternoon was spent visiting and reminiscing about the many club mementos that were on display. Freda Bennett baked and decorated a cake.

Twenty Years Ago

October 15, 2003

At its regular meeting last Tuesday night, Oct. 7, the District #18 Board of Education approved a request by the Elgin EMTs to use the area east of the gymnasium for a demolition derby next June.

Second and third grade students at Elgin Public School recently completed a reading project that will provide children's books for charity. Each class read 100 books during the past month. Since they met their goal, 100 books will be donated in the name of each class to charity organizations by the Scholastic Book Club. Readers included second graders Austin Kallhoff, Allison Koenig, Hannah Kerkman, Ivy Prater, Travis Grosserode, Madison Voborny, Brett Kinney, Stephanie Bode and Faith Breaker; third graders Andrew Heithoff, Cordell Waterbury, Nick Heithoff, Alex Grosserode, Zach Moody, Garet Schindler, Levi Kerkman, Blake Anderson and Juli-

Library

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private and organizational donations, along with grants, for funds to support additional efforts.

Governance is administered by a Board of Directors composed of locals Jeane Johnson, Elaine Myers, Brenda Siems, Kim Young, and Scott Beckman.

Open 20 hours Monday through Friday, learn more about the library at libraries.ne.gov/Elgin, call 402-843-2460 or better yet, stop by and sign up for a no-cost account. You will be warmly greeted by Bode and/or Gunderson who will happily recommend a book or two, sign you up for Libby, get a resource from anywhere in the country through interlibrary loan, or give you a tour of this fabulous City of Elgin resource.

With thanks to our inspirational librarians, happy reading. One plus one really does equal three!

Community Center Menus

Monday, October 23: Ham, augratin potatoes, carrots, pears,

Tuesday, October 24: Chili, carrots/celery, cheese sandwich, cheese/crackers, pineapple,

Wednesday, October 25: Hot beef sandwich with mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, apricots,

Thursday, October 26: Hamburger sauerkraut bake, broccoli, pears, milk.

Friday, October 27: Breaded chicken sandwich, French fries,

mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail,

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

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Suggested price is \$6 per meal

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

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Elgin Columnist Jane Schuchardt

Elgin Review

Upiñlon 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

My plan to stop EV freeloading

Earlier this year, the Biden admin-

istration's Environmental Protection

emissions. This administration wants

the decade. But instead of incentivizing

administration is choosing to disincentivize the use of gas-powered vehicles.

ness owners, and regular Americans.

think Americans should have the right

not to be forced to funnel thousands of

their hard-earned dollars into buying

WASHINGTON

REPORT

Deb Fischer

a new EV — just because the federal

government wants

fairness: let's treat

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choose to drive an EV or not, rath-

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those who stay with their reliable,

less expensive

gas-powered cars. That's not the

only question of

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when it comes to

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Americans have the right to buy and use EVs. I support that right. I also

the majority — 67% — of the cars in this country to be electric by the end of

the use of electric vehicles (EVs), the

To accomplish its goals, the EPA is burdening millions of families, busi-

Agency (EPA) issued extreme new regulations cracking down on vehicle

Schumer likes to play games

Last weekend, America was brought to the brink of a government shutdown. This happened, in part, because President Joe Biden and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer squeezed the

First, Biden delivered his budget to Congress over a month late. As I laid out last week, Schumer played political games with the Senate calendar as well. Congress must pass 12 appropriations bills by September 30th of each

The Senate Committee on Appropriations passed these bills in June and July. At that point, Schumer could have called them to the Senate Floor. Instead, he allowed the Senate's 12 appropriations bills to languish in limbo for nearly two months.

Then, in the days leading up to the shutdown, Biden announced plans to bring many essential federal agency

REPORT



U.S. Senator **Pete Ricketts**

WASHINGTON services to a standhave made a shutdown unnecessarily painful for the American people, especially given Biden had the authority to keep those operations open. Despite their actions, both Biden and Schumer tried to lay the blame for a potential shutdown solely on House Republi-

cans. This is wrong. I voted for a shortterm bill to fund the government until November 17th and prevent Biden's plans from moving forward. The new deadline of November 17th also provides an opportunity for both houses of Congress to have serious discussions on how to control our spending and secure the border.

We have a national debt of over \$33 trillion. That's over \$251,000 per household. With the average price of a home in Nebraska around \$210,000 our national debt is essentially a second mortgage for many families. We also have record numbers of illegal immigrants crossing the border. Since Biden took office, there have been over 7.6 million border encounters. That's more border encounters than the entire twelve years Presidents Ohama an Trump were in office. Earlier this year, Border Patrol saw more than 10,000 migrants crossing the border illegally each day – the highest single daily totals ever recorded. We must address both the debt problem and the border problem in the next funding bill.

To accomplish this, Congress must be in Washington. The work we do back in our states is important, but September's shutdown faceoff proved there is no time to waste. Schumer recessed the Senate 5 of the 9 weeks leading up to the September deadline. Looking ahead to the November 17th deadline, Schumer's Senate calendar has just 10 full working days. That's unacceptable.

Most Americans work at least five days a week. Congress should be expected to do the same. That's why I led a group of 18 Republican Senators to call on Schumer to keep the Senate in session Monday through Friday every week until all 12 fiscal year 2024 appropriations bills are passed. The House of Representatives is in session the full month of October. The Senate should do the same.

U.S. Senators need to remain in D.C. entirely focused on our duty to fund the government and secure the border. We need to debate, amend, and ultimately vote on the legislation to do both before the November 17th deadline. When I was Governor, I told my team that the most important thing was to pass a budget. While many issues were "want to have it" issues, passing a budget was a "gotta have it" issue. The same should be said about federal spending and securing our border. They're "gotta have it" issues. To

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Attorney General fighting laws he supported as a senator

That's politics. In the Attorney General 's office. Imagine that!

Not hard to believe if you've been paying attention. The last AG walked in lockstep with the governor as did the guy before him, and ...

Let's not forget Don Stenberg, the AG who wanted to be anything else, mostly US Senator (he took a shot and failed a couple times) and finally wound up as State Treasurer before "retiring" from public service. I'd liken Hilgers, a successful private practice

CAPITOL VIEW



Statehouse Correspondent J.L. Schmidt

attorney before he became a senator, to Stenberg. He has higher political aspirations.

ielle Conrad said, Hilgers is an activist in an office that needs an attorney.

He's against provisions of the prison reform measures but has offered no real

alternatives or constructive criticism so far. His office said he couldn't comment on pending litigation.

Conrad, a Lincoln Democrat now serving her third term after a term-limited hiatus, said Nebraskans deserve an explanation about why the attorney general was OK with such legislation while in the Legislature but is attacking the laws now.

"That's politics at its worst," Conrad said and it "challenges the credibility" of the Attorney General's Office when it is involved in negotiating legislation. By the way, there hasn't been a Democrat attorney general since 1950.

Conrad said that next session she will seek more oversight over the budget of the attorney general who seems more interested in pursuing "culture war" issues like abortion and student debt than in protecting Nebraska consumers and pursuing cold cases. She told the Nebraska Examiner that Hilgers is pursuing a radical political agenda that's at odds with how he voted in the Legislature.

Senator Justin Wayne of Omaha, a Democrat who chairs the Judiciary Committee, said it all boils down to an effort to justify building a \$366 million new state prison. The facility will replace the aging Nebraska State Penitentiary and simply replace those beds without creating room to ease the nation's worst prison overcrowding situation.

Wayne introduced the two laws that Hilgers is challenging in court. He said if his "deferred judgment" law of 2019 is ruled unconstitutional, he would move to eliminate drug- and other problem-solving courts — which provide a similar second chance for some convictions — because they would also be constitutionally suspect. The process, in some form, is now used in at least 47 states, including neighboring Iowa and Colorado, allowing mostly first-time offenders a second chance to wipe a felony off their record, if they

The other law Hilgers is attacking (LB50) makes numerous changes to sentencing laws and could ultimately impact the overcrowding problem. Wayne and Conrad have been among advocates of adopting alternatives to incarceration for some lower-level criminal offenses. The legislators, as well as a prison consultant, have projected that if nothing is done to decrease the flow of inmates into state prisons, Nebraska will have to build a

second new prison in a few years. Wayne said he'll introduce bills to

eliminate both the State Parole Board which decides if inmates should be released early on parole supervision and the State Board of Pardons, which decides if those convicted of crimes should win an official forgiveness after living crime-free lives.

Wayne told the Nebraska Examiner that the Parole Board "isn't doing its job" in paroling inmates. He added that he feels there's an "inherent conflict" when the attorney general — the state's top prosecutor and a member of the Board of Pardons — sits in judgment over those seeking a pardon for a criminal conviction.

It's time to stop playing politics and get down to the business of solving problems. The old law and order, lock 'em up and throw away the key, mentality must change. It's not working.

Let's cooperate and get creative. Nebraskans deserve as much.

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

are better than their gas-powered counterparts, they have a downside that affects us all. EVs can be up to

EPA's insistence that these vehicles

three times heavier than gas-powered cars because of the weight of their large batteries. This significant weight puts extra stress and damage onto our roads — it pulverizes the road bed, causing more maintenance, more upgrades, and more costs.

But right now, EVs don't pay into the fund that contributes money for road maintenance. The Highway Trust Fund (HTF) provides 90 percent of federal highway assistance. It repairs wear and tear from vehicles on the highway, which is critical for our nation's infrastructure. As more EVs have been adopted, the HTF has become more unstable because these heavy vehicles do not contribute to the

The federal gas tax is the main source of revenue for the HTF and the sale or charging of EVs doesn't contribute anything to this important fund. The HTF exists to fix exactly the type of damage that heavy EVs can cause so it's only fair that all Highway users, both gas-powered and electric vehicles, pay into the fund. My recent bill, the Stop EV Freeloading Act, would fix this discrepancy. This new legislation would require EVs to contribute to the HTF through a two-tier fee structure modeled after the current federal gas tax and the heavy vehicle use tax.

The bill would impose a one-time \$1,000 fee on electric vehicles at the point of sale, which would go to the HTF. The \$1,000 amount is based on the average amount consumers currently contribute to the HTF from gas taxes over 10 years. The legislation would also impose a one-time fee of \$550 on each EV battery module with a weight greater than 1,000 pounds on the manufacturing level. This fee would also go to the HTF. The \$550 amount is similar to fees imposed on heavy trucks because of the additional damage they cause to roads and bridges.

The current structure of the HTF doesn't account for the damage EVs can and do cause to our roads. My bill would simply put EVs and gas-powered vehicles on a level playing field. Both types of vehicles should contribute to the HTF for vital repairs and maintenance, helping the fund escape its impending insolvency. President Biden's EPA may be letting EVs off the hook. but passing this bill in Congress would ensure that users of EVs and gas-powered cars are treated the same.

Standing against terror

Terror attacks by Hamas against Israel, massacring civilians, have shocked the world. As Israel conducts rescue efforts and takes action to defend itself, an immediate concern is for the Americans who have died and those still missing who were potentially taken hostage. As the world watches, we must demonstrate decisive leadership in this moment on behalf of victimized and endangered Americans.

At this time, 27 Americans are known to have been killed, and many others remain missing. The murder of Americans by these terrorists is not accidental or incidental. They hate America and their stated goals leave no doubt they are glad to kill Americans as part of these actions.

The total casualty numbers from the attacks exceed 1,200 people killed and more than 2,700 wounded. To put that in perspective, for a nation of just over 9 million, this casualty count is proportionally equivalent to the number of Americans killed by the September 11th attacks multiple times over. Unfortunately, these numbers are sure to rise as authorities continue to locate civilian victims of the surprise

It is important to be clear, these horrific attacks by Hamas cannot rightfully be called "acts of war;" they are truly acts of terror. The rules of war prohibit killing of civilians, kidnapping civilians, and indiscriminately bombing civilian FROM THE targets. Hamas has HILL

gone far beyond these conventions to shamelessly brutalize infants and celebrate the gruesome slaughter and humiliation of innocents on the world stage.

I stand with Israel and condemn Hamas' horrific attacks. America has no greater ally in the Middle East, and we must unite

Congressman

Adrian Smith

in strong support in this critical moment. Having taken an untold number of hostages, Hamas has threatened to

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We are proud of you! Good luck to you and your team!

Love, Mom, Dad, Paige, Chase and Reid

proud of you all!

Love,

The Busteeds



CALLIE HEITHOFF

Good luck to the Wolfpack and Callie.

Love, Mom, Dad and Cade



CHLOE HENN

Best of Luck in the post season, Chloe! We are proud of you and your team. Go Pack!

Love, Mom, Dad, Blake and Max



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Good luck Camry & EPPJ Volleyball team.



Love, Mom, Dad, Myles & Bentley



Good luck Brae!! We | are so proud of you!

Best of Luck Brenna Boo!! We are so proud Give it all you got #6! of you! Go get 'em #1!

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Love Dad, Mom, Lillian and James



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Lady Wolfpack - We wish you the best of luck in the postseason!! We are proud of you, Gert!

Love, Mom, Dad, John and Gentry



Wolfpack 5ports

Rain, mud and the Cards can't stop EPPJ

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

O'NEILL - Mud, sweat and cheers

Elgin Public-Pope John Thursday night played in the mud, worked up a sweat and were rewarded with cheers as they wrapped up the regular season with a 50 to 0 shutout of

O'Neill St. Mary's. On a night when the offense didn't throw a pass, the Wolfpack racked up 343 yards of total offense all on the ground.

Coach Greg Wemhoff had his team ready to play in the elements - a hard-driving rain throughout the first half. On the other side of the ball, the defense held the Cardinals to just 58 total yards.

"I thought we did a nice job handling it (the weather)," Wemhoff said. "They played four quarters of good football."

The Wolfpack's first possession of the game would foreshadow the rest of the game.

Quarterback Karson Kallhoff handed the ball off repeatedly to Gage Thiessen and Grady Drueke and they, following the blocks of Jarek Erickson, Sam Hemenway and Nick Anderson, chewed up the yards. EPPJ went 55 yards in seven plays as Drueke got the touchdown on a four-yard run. Dylan Kolm added the two-point conversion (the first of three on the night).

Wolfpack defenders made St. Mary's offense resemble a chorus line (1,2,3 kick) for much of the rest of the game.

Each time the Wolfpack got the ball back, they marched down the field and scored. Thiessen scored EPPJ's second touchdown on a 10-yard run. Drueke added another touchdown before the end of the quarter on a 60-yard run.

Taylor Beckman capped EPPJ's first drive of the second quarter with an 11-yard touchdown run, bouncing off wouldbe tacklers into the endzone.

There was lightning in the eastern sky and there was lightning on the field in the

the team's fifth touchdown on a 51-yard run coming with just under six minutes to go before halftime.

The team's last score of the half was set up when Kolm recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff. Beckman capped off an 18-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run.

With a running clock to start the second half, EPPJ added one final touchdown in the third quarter as Beckman bolted into the endzone from 10 yards out.

Although soaked and feeling the cold, the Wolfpack held on to shutout St. Mary's. With reserves playing much of the second half, Gavin Kallhoff had two interceptions to stop Cardinals' drives.

"On nights like this, if you can't run the football you're going to be in trouble ... I thought our guys up front did a tremendous job," Wemhoff said.

What were the conditions like on the field? Quarterback Karson Kallhoff said his hands were so cold he couldn't grip the ball very well.

Drueke led ball carriers with 13 yards on 12 carries, Thiessen had 67 on 13 carries.

On defense, EPPJ was led by Dylon Lueking with eight tackles, Landyn Veik had five. Hemenway had the team's only quarterback sack.

Next up is the first round of the D2 State Football Playoffs as EPPJ will host Lawrence-Nelson Thursday evening (see separate story).

EPPJ 50, St. Mary's 0 Wolfpack......22 20 8 0 - 50 Cardinals...... $0 \ 0 \ 0 \ - \ 0$ EPPJ - Grady Drueke 4 run (Dylan Kolm run)

EPPJ - Gage Thiessen 10 run (Dylon Lueking run) EPPJ - Drueke 60 run (PAT

failed) EPPJ['] - Taylor Beckman 11 run (Kolm run)

ÈPPJ - Blake Henn 51 run (PAT failed) **EPPJ** - Beckman 1 run (PAT failed)

EPPJ - Beckman 10 run (Kolm

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The Wolfpack's offensive line acted like a bulldozer, pushing Cardinals out of the way for Gage Thiessen to score on a 10-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Team Stats EPPJ 43/343 22/39 Rushing/Yds 0/0/0 13/19/2 Passing Passing Yds 19 Total Off. 343 58 Interceptions by 2 **Fumbles Lost Individual Statistics**

Rushing (Att/Yds) — Gage Thiessen 13/67, Blake Henn 3/71, Tay-

lor Beckman 4/33, Dylan Kolm 2/9, Grady Drueke 12/131, Kaiden Bode 1/-2, Karson Kallhoff 3/17, Gavin Kallhoff 5/17. Team totals: 43/343. St. Mary's — Gage Hedstrom 11/25. Passing (Att/Comp/Int - Yds) -

Karson Kallhoff 0/0/0. St. Mary's Gage Hedstrom 12/19/1 — 19. Receiving (#/Yds) - None. St.

Mary's - C. Dannenbring 1/19. Tackles (Solo/Asst) - Gage Thiessen 1/0, Blake Henn 1/2, Nick Anderson 0/1, Dylon Lueking 4/4, Taylor Beckman 0/1, Aiden Klein 0/1, Dylan Kolm 1/3, Gavin Kallhofff 0/1, Grady Drueke 0/1, Jarek Erickson 1/0, Kaiden Bode 0/2, Landyn Veik 1/4, Michael Selting 0/1, Sam Hemenway 2/1,

Trey Rittscher 1/0. St. Mary's -Gage Hedstrom 5/5, Drake Berg 5/5, Dalton Herley 2/8.

Tackles for loss — Blake Henn 1, Dylon Lueking 2, Trey Rittscher 1. Quarterback sacks - Sam Hemenway 1.

Fumble recoveries — Dylan Kolm

Interceptions — Gavin Kallhoff 2.

EPPJ netters sweep Riverside, Neligh-Oakdale

By Dennis Morgan

CEDAR RAPIDS — Another triangular, another sweep for Elgin Public-Pope John.

The Wolfpack were invited to play Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Riverside Triangular and they, as they have done for most of the season, arrived and then left with two

The Wolfpack swept Riverside and, before that, Neligh-Oakdale to improve their record to 22-4.

Their first match came against Nel igh-Oakdale who had earlier in the evening rallied from a set down to defeat Riverside two sets to one.

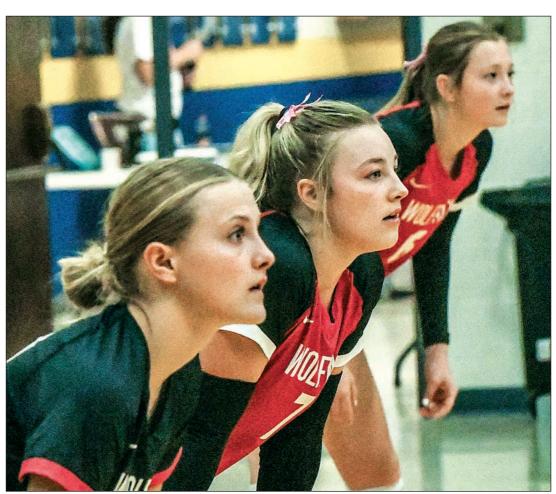
The Warriors felt good about the victory, but it didn't take long to change from glad to sad as EPPJ won 25-13 and 25-10.

In Set #1, the teams were tied at 7-all, then EPPJ outscored the Warriors 18 to six to close out the set. Set #2 wasn't much different. EPPJ trailed nine to seven when senior Ashlynne Charf stepped to the service line. By the time the Warriors recorded a sideout, Charf had recorded 16 straight points. She benefitted greatly from the net play of Chloe Henn, Sara Bode, Keyera Eisenhauer and Baylee Busteed.

Serve and serve receive would prove to be the key to the match, according to EPPJ Coach Jordynn Luettel.

'You have to win the serve/serve receive game to win the match. The girls have really been focused in on both of those, but particularly our serving. We only missed 2 during Tuesday night's matches which is trending in the right direction from where we have been in past matches," Luettel said. "We had a good night for serve receive to allow our front row to do their job."

Henn led with eight kills, Bode had seven. Busteed recorded 17 set assists. EPPJ



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With their eyes on a sweep Tuesday night are (I-r) Kate Furstenau, Ashlynne Charf and Braelyn

with just seven serve receive errors.

In the night cap, just moments after the Chargers celebrated 'Parents Night,' EPPJ swept Riverside 25-13 and 25-14.

The Wolfpack twice built 12-point leads against the Chargers as they had no answer for the Wolfpack's front row attack. A kill by Charf closed out the first set.

In Set #2, libero Kate Furstenau registered two ace serves to help EPPJ take a nine to five lead. Pinpoint serving by Camry Kittelson and Kaitey Schumacher created scoring opportunities which the Wolfpack cashed in on. Kayton Zwingman, Charf, Henn and Bode again did most of the damage at the net. Bode had three kills and an ace serve as the Wolfpack went up 24 to 14. Charf then closed out the match with her final kill on the night.

Charf led hitters with 11 kills, Busteed had a team-high 22 set assists. Furstenau led the team in serve receive (8) and digs

This week will be a big week for the Wolfpack with the NVC Tournament. "We have a competitive conference and

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With a final block from Nick Anderson (15), Blake Henn breaks free for a 51-yard touchdown run. had two ace serves in the match to go along



E-R photo/LMorgan

AINSWORTH — The Wolfpack's successful cross country program wrapped up its second season Wednesday, Oct. 11, competing at the district meet.

Coach Tiffany Moser's talented runners more than held their own, competing on a wonderful day for running.

Freshman Delani Runnels of Niobrara-Verdigre won the girls 5K race with a time of 20:03.4.

EPPJ's Samantha Stuhr placed 37th with a time of 25:58.0. Right behind her was Jovie Borer who crossed the finish line at 25:58.4. Not far behind her was Emma Kinney who came in at 28:09.5 to place 45th.

West Holt junior Drew Martin won the boys 5K race with a time

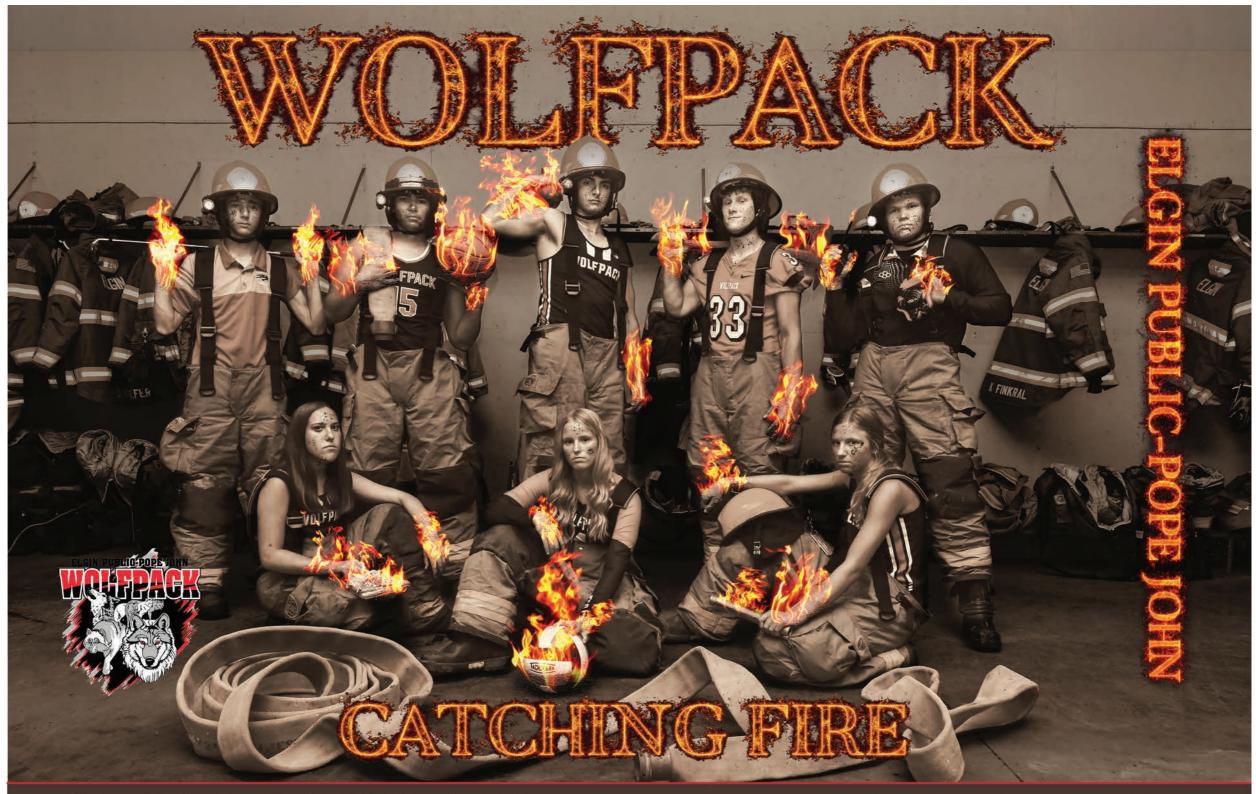
The lone Wolfpack runner, Isaac Hemenway, placed 59th with a time of 23:59.9.



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Wolfpack runners (I-r) Samantha Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Emma Kinney.

Sophomore Isaac Hemenway placed 59th with a time of 23:59.9.



CROSS COUNTRY

We love your "never give up" attitude -- great job!



GOOD LUCK

to the volleyball and football teams as they begin post-season play.

VOLLEYBALL playing in the NVC tournament this week and begins subdistricts on Monday, October 23. See page 5 in this issue.

FOOTBALL plays Lawrence-Nelson in the first round of football playoffs. Kickoff is 5 pm this Thursday at Elgin Field. See page 8 in this issue.

OTHER UPCOMING SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Oct 18	Bloodmobile in Elgin (PJCC)	Oct 28	ACT
Oct 19	SB ONLY-NO SCHOOL • FFA Pre-District Livestock Judging @ Bassett	Oct 31	Elgin downtown businesses "Trick or Treating afternoon/after school • Trunk & Treat @ EF
Oct 20	NO SCHOOL		west parking lot
Oct 23	EPS Cyber Patriot Rd 1 • PJCC WSC rep. visit	Nov 1	EPS PreK-6th grade, NO SCHOOL
Oct 25	"Understanding the Opioid Crisis in Nebraska", 7-12 grade and general public, EPS gym 9 a.m.	Nov 6	NVC Vocal Clinic @ PJCC ● Cyber Patrol Round 2 (EPS)
Oct 26	Elkhorn Valley Junior High Choral Clinic	Nov 7 Nov 10	FFA District Livestock Judging @ Ord Veterans Day Program at Elgin Public Gym
Oct 27	EPS 2/3/5th grades to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch	Nov 14	NVC One-Acts @ Niobrara

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#92

Best of luck #92, we sure do love you!! Good luck Justice Love Mom, Dad & Grant



KAIDEN BODE

Best of luck Wolfpack!

Mom, Dad, Harlie, Codey, Lex and Bode



BRAYDEN BURENHEIDE

Brayden, we are so proud of you and all of the work you have put in this year! Good luck in the playoffs! Go Wolfpack!

Love, Mom, Gary, Alyssa & Natalie



GRADY

Good luck, Grady and the rest of the Pack! It's been a fun season. We are proud of you. Play hard! Love, Dad, Mom, Kinley and Jory



#67 JAREK ERICKSON

Good Luck in the Playoffs Jarek!!

Love, Aaron, Mom, Jayvin, Rhyson & Ridge



SAMUEL HEMENWAY

#55

Congratulations to you and the whole team on a great season. We are so proud of all your effort and determination. Good luck in the playoffs! Love Mom, Dad, Isaac and Sara



BLAKE HENN

teammates, Blake! You have much to be proud of. Go Pack!

Love, Dad, Mom, Chloe and Max

WOLFPACK football





KELLAN HOEFER

Congratulations on a great season Wolfpack! Good luck in the

playoffs Kellan!



DYLON LUEKING

#33

Good luck Dillweed and the Wolfpack team.

Love You Mom, Halle, Payton and Lil Red!







#38 **GAVIN** & LANDON KALLHOFF

Good Luck Landon and Gavin! Love Dad, Mom and Cameron





KARSON KALLHOFF

Good Luck to QB #4 Karson. Love, Mom & Dad, Kyle & McKenna, Zach & Kayce and Grandpa K. & Grandma S. Go Pack!



AIDEN KLEIN

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We are proud of you Aiden! Keep having fun!

Mom, Dad, Olivia, Raaf and Diedrick



TREY RITTSCHER

#99

Best of luck to the Wolfpack team & coaches in playoffs! We are proud of #99 and his part in getting the team to the playoffs!

Love Mom & Dad



MICHAEL SELTING

Good luck Pack! Michael, we are very proud of you! Enjoy the experience!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ally, Liz and Collin



first round,

in the 2023...

DYLAN KOLM

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LAWRENCE-NELSON,

Good Luck Dylan!!

Love Dad, Mom & Maddie



GAGE THIESSEN

Gage. We are so proud of you, keep up the hard work & enjoy your Senior year!! We love you! Go Wolfpack!!

Love Dad, Mom, Sadie & Molly



LANDYN

VEIK Give it your all, Landyn!! We are

so proud of you on and off the field. Trust yourself and go after it. Go Pack!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sawyer, Myles & Adalyn!





OBITUARIES

Joseph "Joe" Grosserode, 95



June 13, 1928 - October 12, 2023

Mass of Christian Burial for Joseph "Joe" Grosserode, age 95 of Til-

den will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 20, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Tilden. Reverend Pat Nields will be celebrant, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Tilden.

Military honors will be provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7603 and American Legion Post 170.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. Wake Service followed by a Rosary. Brockhaus-Harlan Funeral

Home in Tilden is in charge of arrangements. Joe died Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Faith Regional

Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska, with his family by his side. ****

Joseph Henry "Joe" Grosserode, son of Hubert and Josephine (McKeever) was born on his parent's farm in Tilden, Nebraska on June 13, 1928. He attended first grade at Victor Hill, located seven miles south and four and a half miles west of Tilden. Joe then attended school in Battle Creek, graduating in 1946.

On October 19, 1950, Joe was united in marriage to Marcella "Sally" Thelen at St. Francis Catholic Church in Randolph.

In 1951, Joe entered the United States Army and served his country until January 1953. He was a member of the Seventh Calvary and Company and served in Korea and a year in

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Born near Tilden, he served in the U.S. Army, spending time in Korea.

> northern Japan. He returned home after he was discharged. Joe first farmed north of Battle Creek, then north of Tilden for three years and south of Tilden for three years, and the next forty years were spent farming south of Oakdale. He enjoyed raising livestock, hors-

es, sheep, cattle, hogs, crops,

and children. Joe also worked at the sale barns in Tilden, Neligh, and Elgin. He worked as a clerk for Crabtree Auction of Brunswick. He measured land for ASCS Soil Conservation Service for nine years. Joe served on the Antelope County Fair Board.

Joe was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Tilden. Joe and Sally enjoyed square dancing.

Joe is survived by his children, Tom (Carla) Grosserode of Norfolk, Don (Diane) Grosserode of Oakdale, Phil (Joy) Grosserode of Livingston, Montana, Mary Weich of Norfolk, Howard Grosserode of Tilden, Glen (Tammy) Grosserode of Tilden, and Loren (Shelly) Grosserode of Neligh; daughter-in-law, Linda Grosserode of Oakdale; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; special friend, Devon Kuether of Tilden; and sisters, Katherine Bussey of Battle Creek, Lucille Staskwietz of Lincoln, Jane Moppin of Tilden, and Mary Harvey of California; and sister-in-law, Joyce Grosserode of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Josephine; wife, Sally; son, Randy; son-in-law, Gary Weich; one brother, Bill; and one sister, Margaret Morrow.

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God sends people into our lives to give us blessings

A rainbow recently graced a morning commute for me and my son as we headed toward his high school and my work.

Rainbows are such fleeting things, needing just the right angle of sunlight to shine through the prisms of raindrops in a storm cloud.

That's why I urged my co-pilot to shoot multiple pictures of the rainbow for me, because by the time I stopped driving to take my own cell phone photos,

Ricketts

the rainbow would likely be gone. And that's exactly what happened. The rainbow was still with us when I dropped him off at his high school doors, but by the time I pulled over in a parking lot to get a picture, the rainbow had disappeared.

Rainbows can be like people. It seems that God sends people into our lives – to give us blessings, a ray of hope – and then they disappear because of a move or other circumstances. One such person popped into my life when I was a young, tired mother. When we were introduced at work, we learned that we lived near each other, and he asked if I wanted to carpool with him. The question took me by surprise, and I didn't know how to say no.

So I agreed, and I started driving to and from work with someone who could have been a mass murderer. Fortunately, he was the furthest thing from that, a complete gentleman, 25 years older than me. I know he was sent from God.

At the time my husband and I had one car, our two jobs and a baby. I took a night shift so we didn't need a babysitter. But that entailed waking up my infant daughter early in the morning to drop off my husband at work, and the two of them picking me up from work in the middle of the night.

It was a schedule that was exhausting for all of us. Then Sam, my coworker, came along. He helped with rides to work and became a friend. We shared a few meals at work and held similar views on politics, faith

Soon my husband and I were expecting a second child. Sam, fearing that I might fall walking to or from his car, would take hold of my arm if there was ice on the sidewalk. His wife later told me that he

worried that I would go into labor at work and he would have to get me to the hospital. That fear never materialized, but he and his wife stopped by with a baby gift after I got home from the hospital with a new son.

After a couple years of knowing Sam, he and his wife moved about an hour and a half away. Life became easier for my young family after my husband

and I acquired a second car. As for Sam, I thought we would keep in touch, but that never happened. Some time after Sam moved, I got news that his wife died. I sent a card to

Sam, but he never replied. Just recently, I learned that he eventually remarried, and that in

2022 - 32years after meeting Sam – he died at age 84. I wish that at the time I knew of his death. I would have traveled to mourn the angel whom God dropped into my life for a

fleeting

Say What?

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Elgin Columnist Susan Szalewski

time, exactly when I needed

The morning rainbow I saw reminded me of Sam. Rainbows are signs from God: that He keeps His promises, that He

Sam, like a rainbow, was a spot of brightness, peace and comfort during one of life's little storms. After he moved on, I'm sure he shined for others.

Now, I pray, his light is enveloped with God's.

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Pastor Duane Waddle

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Neligh, NE

Pastor Peter Sample

Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am.

Sunday School: 10 am.

Sunday School: 9:30 am.

Worship Service: 10:45 am

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Weekend Mass: Sunday, 10 am.

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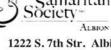
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For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

I'm working with over 20 Republican Senators to block any Senate business Schumer tries to bring up that isn't related to government funding.

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sure that remains our priority,

Families across the country are tightening their belts to stretch their budgets in these difficult economic times. Real

grit requires showing up to work until the work gets done. Nebraskans get this, but too many in Washington don't. Getting our spending under control and protecting our national security will require diligence and willpower. I am committed to working with my colleagues to deliver meaningful results. The people we serve deserve no

expense of these attacks, Hamas

could not have organized,

equipped, orchestrated, and

kept them secret, without the

aid of longstanding supporter,

cosponsor of legislation to block

international financial trans-

actions by Iran including any

accessing of the \$6 billion the

Biden administration unfroze

for Iran in August in exchange

Iran. Because of this, I am a

Smith

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begin executing them one-byone, and Israel has every right to use all its means to defend itself, attempt to rescue those held captive, and put an end to terrorism by Hamas and affiliated groups.

I urge President Biden to prioritize locating and identifying missing Americans and ensuring the safety of every one of our citizens currently in Israel. As air travel in and out of Israel has been severely restricted, earlier this week, I joined many of my colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, urging immediate action to bring Americans

Throughout my time in Congress, I have consistently supported legislation to support Israel's right to self-defense and prevent their enemies' ability to fund terror activity, including legislation to stop the Palestinian Authority from making payments to terrorists and their families. This week, I also joined with more than 400 of my colleagues to sponsor a resolution condemning the attacks.

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Pastor Jonathan Braden

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St. John's Catholic Church

Rural Clearwater, NE Fr. John Norman, Pastor Fr. Joseph Sund, Associate Pastor

Weekend Mass: Sunday, 11:30 am. cppnebraska.org

St. Paul Lutheran

Church

Chambers, NE Pastor Leif Hasskarl

Sunday Worship: 8:30 am. Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:30 am.

Immanuel-Zion Lutheran Church Rural Albion, NE

Pastor Elizabeth Goehring

Worship Service: 9:30 am. Coffee following services Sunday School: 10:30 am. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays

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PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the School District #18 Board of Education on October 11, 2023

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting EPS Board Room

October 11, 2023 7:30 PM

President Lisa Welding called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Eric Beckman, Ron Bode, Todd Heithoff, and Lisa Welding. Luke Hinkle and Steve Busteed were absent. Also present were Principal Greg Wemhoff and Supt. Mike Brockhaus.

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

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

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

Todd Heithoff motioned and Ron Bode second to approve the Consent Agenda: #4 - Minutes of Regular Meeting, #5- Adopt the Agenda, #6- Financial Report, #7-Board Bills. Motion carried, vote

AKRS, Maintenance, \$42.58; Appeara, Maintenance, \$251.73; Applied Connective Technology, Maintenance, \$1,676.06; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$1,176.29; Cengage, Instru Expense, \$518.18; COR Therapeutic, Title IV Expense, \$1,475.00; Corner Service & Tire, Transportation, \$147.30; Dana Cole & Co., Business Expense, \$8,960.00; Dean's Market, Maintenance, \$46.30, Instru Expense, \$335.35; Eakes, Maintenance, \$1,405.76, Maintenance, \$172.00; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$43,053.00, Health Expense, \$18,300.00, Instru Expense, \$1,000.00, High Ability Learners, \$1,888.00, Inservices/ Laminating, \$68.00; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$325.60, Instru Expense, \$108.65; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,197.76; Elgin Review, Board Expense, \$630.29; Elite Office Products, Business Ex-

pense, \$118.82, Business Expense, \$345.59; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$3,933.29; Esau, Duane, Transportation, \$22.32; Floor Maintenance & Supply, Maintenance, \$300.63; GP Communications, Business Expense, \$391.73; Hometown Station, Transporta-

tion, \$2,624.33; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$105.60; Junior Library Guild, Instru Expense, \$872.48; JW Pepper, Instru Expense, \$445.99; Koinzan Enterprises, Maintenance, \$69.29; KSB School Law, Admin Expense, \$75.00; K&T Central Plains Plumbing, Maintenance, \$325.83; Lexia Learning, Instru Expense, \$399.00; MARC, Maintenance, \$1,735.33; Moby Max, Instru Expense, \$87.00; MSM, SpEd Expense, \$196.22; NASB, Board Expense, \$391.00, Admin Expense, \$491.00, Businsess Expense,

Expense, \$108.15; Textbook Warehouse, Instru Expense, \$102.00; TMS, Business Expense, \$69.00 US Bank, \$5,426.39; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, High Ability Learners, \$213.00; Vector Solutions, ESSER III, \$1,000.00; Veik, Meghan, SpEd Expense, \$110.04; Verizon Wireless, Business Ex-

\$391.00; Olson's Pest Technicians,

Maintenance, \$121.20; One Source

Background, Business Expense,

\$29.00; School Specialty, Business

Total Board Bills: \$105,837.64 Payroll: \$238,437.43 Total Board Bills/ Payroll:

pense, \$199.31; WageWorks, Instru

Expense, \$160.25; Y&Y Lawn Ser-

vice, Maintenance, \$2,200.00

\$344,275.07 President Welding opened the hearing at 7:35 p.m. for the Internet and Computer use Policy #606.06. Board members reviewed the policy. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

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

In committee reports, the Americanism Committee met and gave an update that they will have their public hearing in March.

In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff shared the multicultural report. Also reported on school activities and the upcoming cal-

In the Superintendent report, Mr. Brockhaus reported there will be an Infrastructure Grant that will be available in January through the NDE. Mr. Brockhaus also updated that negotiations for superintendent begin during the month of October and teacher negotiations take place beginning November

Eric Beckman motioned, Ron Bode seconded to approve the second reading of recommended NASB Policy 505.03 Suspension and Expulsion of Students; Policy 604.15 Information Relating to Dyslexia; Policy 604.16 Use of Artificial Intelligence in the School; Policy 605.02 Alternative Education Program; Policy 607.09 Service Animals and Therapy Dogs; Policy 612.01 Free Appropriate Public Education; Policy 612.02 Full Educational Opportunity Goal; Policy 612.03 ChildFind; Policy 612.04 Evaluation Procedures; Policy 612.05 Individualized Education Program and Family Services Plan; Policy 612.06 Transition of Children from Part C to Preschool Programs; Policy 612.07 Participation in State and District Wide Assessments; Policy 612.08 Least Restrictive Environment; Policy 612.09 Children in Nonpublic Schools; Policy 612.10 Procedural Safeguards; Policy 612.11 Transportation; Policy 612.12 Personnel Qualifications; Policy 612.13 Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information; Policy 612.14 Suspension and Expulsion Rates; Policy 612.15 Access to Instructional Materials; Policy 612.16 Over-Identification and Disproportionality; Policy 612.17 Prohibition on Mandatory Medication; Policy 612.18 Appointment of Surrogates; Policy 612.19 Consent for Early Intervention Services; Policy 612.20 Disciplinary Removal of Children with Disabilities. Vote 4-0, motion

gaining agent for the 2025-2026 school year. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

ond to approve the teaching con-

Bode motioned, Heithoff second

Beckman motioned, Bode second to approve the disposal of the surplus of lunch trays. Vote 4-0,

In discussion items, the possibility of shot clocks for basketball

will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the EPS Board

was made by Bode and second by Beckman. Vote 4-0, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned

Ron Bode, Secretary Jessica Niewohner, Recorder

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PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Village of Bartlett Village Board on October 12, 2023

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2023

The Budget Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on October 12, 2023. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Nichols, Nordhues, and Plugge. Also present: Emma Smith, village clerk. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Plugge to approve the September 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nichols, Williamson and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Einspahr. None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: Discussed the upgym at the school is going to be

WATER: Was discussed. SEWER: Was discussed. KENO: Was discussed. USER FEES: Were discussed.

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS: It was moved by Nichols, seconded by Plugge to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nichols, Nordhues, and Williamson, No: None, Absent: Einspahr. Abstained: None. Motion Carried. It was moved by Nichols, seconded by Plugge to pay Mark Nordhues' claim. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nichols, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Einspahr, Abstained: Nord-

Abstained: hues. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$80.08; The coming street project. There has Elgin Review, Newspaper Publibeen no sign of a survey being cation, \$141.82; Grow Venture Indone yet. A stop sign by the new surance, Renewal & Premiums, \$10,066.00; Nordhues Family, September Mowing & Extra, \$525.00; We-Mart, Batteries, \$17.91; Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Telephone & internet, \$130.69; Hubel Iron, Equipment Repair, \$414.27; One Call Concepts, NE 811, \$2.36; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pickup, \$1,627.75; Letti Nichols, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Reimbursement- Office Supplies, \$42.39; Emma Smith, Salary, \$483.29. TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$13,781.56

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Antelope County Board of Equalization on October 10, 2023

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION Neligh, NE October 10th, 2023

Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open to the public.

Approved 2023 levies. **Antelope County:**

General 0.298611

Building: 0.001389 LEC Bond: 0.016429 Total: 0.316429 Ag Society General: 0.006166 Total: 0.006166 Airport Authority General: 0.001756 Bond Fund: 0.000394 Total: 0.002150

General: 0.015000 Total: 0.015000

ESU #8

City/Villages: Brunswick

General: 0.449996 Total: 0.449996 Clearwater General: 0.500000 Total: 0.500000 Elgin General: 0.275277 Pool Bond: 0.064842 Total: 0.340119 Neligh General: 0.499990 Bond: 0.170250

Total: 0.670240 Oakdale General: 0.500000 Debt Servicing: 0.457935 Total: 0.957935

Orchard General: 0.499995 Debt Servicing: 0.050000 Total: 0.549995

Royal General: 0.499996 Total: 0.499966 **Schools:**

Neligh/Oakdale General: 0.899718 Building: 0.049754 Total: 0.949472 Elgin Public Geneal: 0.404302

Building: 0.025401 Total: 0.429703 Summerland Public General: 0.502873 Bond: 0.199736 Building Fund: .005083

Total: 0.707692 **Fire Districts**

Brunswick General: 0.019000 Total: 0.019000 Clearwater

General: 0.019000 Total: 0.019000 Elgin General: 0.007066

Total: 0.007066 Neligh General: 0.019000

Total: 0.019000 Oakdale General: 0.019001 Total: 0.019001

Orchard General: 0.019000 Total: 0.019000 Tilden

General: 0.019000 Bond: 0.007549 Total: 0.026549 Meeting adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Equalization CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman

Attest: LISA PAYNE Antelope County Clerk PUBLISH: October 18, 2023 ZNEZ

Utilities, \$612.32; Central District Health Dept, Water Testing, \$63.00; Mark Nordhues, Water Test Shipping & Delivery Fuel, \$171.08

Fee, \$300.00, TOTAL WATER EX-PENSES: \$1,146.40

OTHER BUSINESS: It was

Monday, November 13th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Heithoff motioned, and Beckman seconded to approve Elgin Education Association as the bar-

Bode motioned, Beckman sectract for Ms. Hailey Buss for the second semester. Vote 4-0, motion

to approve the Wolfpack sports coop for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Vote 4-0, motion carried.

motion carried.

was discussed. The next regular board meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting

at 7:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Gravel & River Rock for New, Playground, \$2,006.00; Ulrich Gravel INC., Red Rock, \$1,022.87; B & E Services, Playground Installation, \$6,406.69. TOTAL KENO EXPENS-ES: \$9,435.56

Utilities, \$47.64. TOTAL SEWER **EXPENSES: \$47.64**

Utilities, \$870.10; We-Mart, Skidsteer Fuel & Oil, \$47.94. TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$918.04

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDI-TURES: \$25,329.20

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08

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SEWER: Loup Valley RPPD, STREETS: Loup Valley RPPD,

WATER: Loup Valley RPPD,

Mark Nordhues, Professional

moved by Plugge, seconded by Nordhues to put Emma Smith on the Village of Bartlett checking and savings bank accounts and remove Vicki Vannier. Roll call vote: Yes-Plugge, Nichols, Nordhues, and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Einspahr. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The next regular meeting will be

Dated this 12th day of October

AKS LASER CUTTING ex 630.00; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP ins 13,036.91; AMH ex 133.00; FIRSTNET, AT&T MOBILITY ut

69.47; COLONIAL LIFE/ACCI-DENT INS ins 18.00; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR ex 1,055.60; CONSTELLATION ut 11.26: CORNER SVC/TIRE ex 1,807.53; CORNHUSKER INTER-NATL TRUCK ex 415.92; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SVCS garn 537.57; DUSTYS ex 474.27; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 94.18; EMME SAND/ GRAVEL ex 64,683.18; FARMERS PRIDE ex 34,534.99; FED W/H tax 7,803.01; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 2,121.18; FRONTIER COMM ut 344.32; GRAHAM TIRE ex 1,602.88; GREAT PLAINS COM-MS ut 266.00; GRIMES ASPHALT/ PAVING ex 410,216.10; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 220.80; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 6,552.50; JOHN DEERE ex 62,665.20; DUANE JONES ex 149.79; JONNY DODGE ex 1,201.44; KAYTON IN-TERNATL ex 1,168.32; KELLY SUP-PLY ex 964.50; LIBERTY NATL ins 235.77; LICHTENBERG TIRE SVC ex 14,794.44; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 55.16; MATTEO SAND/GRAV-EL ex 1,642.88; MURPHY TRAC-TOR-POWER PLAN ex 3,282.42; NACO ex 25.00; NATL INS SVC ins 42.25; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT PMT CENTER ex 153.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 4,018.26; NEBR DEPT OF REV-MOTOR FUELS ex 4,512.00; NPPD ut 170.72; NEL-IGH AUTO/MACHINE ex 115.04; VSP-NACO VISION ins 429.81; NMC EXCHANGE ex 1,733.29; NCPPD ut 165.36; NNTC ut 75.22; POLLOCK REDI MIX ex 27,216.77; QUALITY IRON/METAL ex 306.20; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 238.50; RA-ZOR TRACKING ex 900.00; RDO TRUCK CENTER ex 1,050.99; ROAD BUILDERS ex 165.75; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 482.92; RYANS TRUCK/ TRACTOR ex 458.37; SANDS TRUCK SVC/REPAIR ex 1,916.87; SAPP BROTHER PETROLEUM ex 10,854.81; WEX BANK ex 1,077.47; SOC SEC 18,388.30; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 2,029.29; SPIKE DI-AMOND RANCH TRUCKING ex 3,375.00; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.44; VILLAGE OF CLEARWA-TER ut 72.75; WASHINGTON NATL INS CO ins 277.90; 319 GRAPH-ICS ex 134.00; CITY OF ELGIN ut 60.00; ERPPD ut 544.42; PAYROLL 93,235.15;

139.80; BAUER BUILT ex 124.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 254.08;

BCBS ins 45,788.56; BOMGAARS

ex 2,119.89; CARQUEST ex

1,443.18; CITY OF TILDEN ut

PROCEEDINGS

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS Neligh, Nebraska

October 10th, 2023

lished as required by statute.

Vice-Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting pub-

Approved agenda. Approved

Correspondence was reviewed.

minutes of the September 12th, and October 3rd, 2023, BOC Meeting.

Reports were reviewed: Sheriff's

Fee Report; Clerk of the District

Court, Zoning Permit Report, and

Treasurer's sweep account report,

Treasurer's Fund Balance Report;

Treasurer's Miscellaneous Reve-

Approved vendor claims.

Review of Claims. Approved

General: ALDER PLUMBING ex

617.50; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP

ins 18,331.93; JARED ANDERSON

ex 131.00; ANTELOPE CO COURT

ex 107.00; ANTELOPE CO SHRF ex

56.06; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex

600,000.00; APPEARA ex 33.28;

APPLIED CONN TECH ut 4,663.30;

ASHBURN FUNERAL HOME ex

2,000.00; BLACK HILLS ENER-

GY ut 88.50; BCBS ins 66,864.27;

BOMGAARS ex 335.83; CINTAS

ex 183.90; CITY OF NELIGH ut

2,315.43; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY

ex 250.00; CLEARFLY ut 155.81;

CLEARWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

ex 3,605.00; CLERK OF THE DIS-

TRICT COURT ex 36.00; JUDITH

COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE/

ACCIDENT INS ins 100.88; CRED-

IT MANAGEMENT SVCS garn

485.48; CUBBYS ex 508.38; DAS

STATE ACCT ex 1,005.75; EAKES

OFFICE SOLUTIONS ex 20.95; EL-

GIN ONE STOP ex 150.94; ELGIN

PUBLIC LIBRARY ex 3,605.00;

ELGIN REVIEW ex 766.59; ELITE

OFFICE PRODS ex 368.85; FAIR-

FIELD INN/SUITES ex 329.85; FED

W/H tax 11,333.55; FIRST CON-

CORD BENEFITS ins 2,225.54;

FLENNIKEN PLUMBING/HEAT-

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however, if forced to choose between the two, corn residue is the easy winner. While beans themselves are high in protein and fat, the residue doesn't live up to the grain. Soybean pods and stems are only 4-6% crude protein and 35-45% TDN, well below maintenance levels for even dry cows. Bean leaves are higher in nutrient value, but by the time harvest rolls around, most have been shed and are already starting to decompose. Those that aren't are shattered and torn up by the combine and can't be counted on to bring much to the When grazing soybean stub-

Fall is catching

it's stride and both

corn and beans are

of the field. When

crop fields open up

for grazing behind

expected from the

remaining residue?

stubble can provide

animals turned out on

harvested crop fields,

grazing value for

Both bean and corn

harvest, what can be

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tioned earlier can cause issues. Too much fat in the rumen can interfere with the digestive process, especially in young calves who haven't developed full rumen function yet. Keep an eye out for piles of spilled beans and clean them up before allowing

> animals to graze. By comparison, corn residue packs a bit more punch than bean stubble. While crude protein content can be similar, around 5-6%, the big difference comes with energy. TDN levels of corn residue are typically around 50-55%, enough to provide maintenance energy for a dry cow under normal conditions. Add a bit of spilled or dropped grain to the mix and most cattle can be perfectly con-

ble, animals will seek out the

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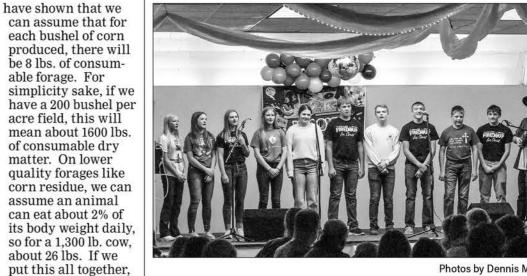
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St. Boniface Cabaret



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Members of the Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School choir performed, accompanied on the ukulele by instructor Lowgaen Schmitt. The schools boys and girls ensembles also performed selections.



Jingles were performed by various students. Here, I-r, Aubrie Parks, Brooke Kinney, Elizabeth Moser and Samantha Stuhr make a point.



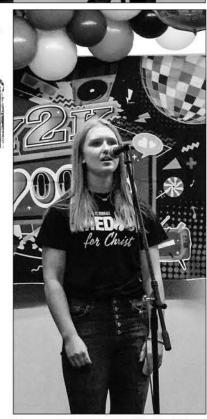
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Reese Stuhr, along with Jack Barlow, sang solos during the course of the evening. The cabaret was a fundraiser for St. Boniface Elementary School in Elgin.



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Wind, rain and mud can't stop EPPJ fans, players

O'NEILL — I've been like this before, but I can't really remember when.

Elgin Public-Pope John played a football game Thursday night in a monsoon, defeating O'Neill St. Mary's 50 to 0.

Mamas everywhere have been trying to get those white jerseys white again since they returned home.

As for myself, I can't really remember a time when an outdoor event I covered was soaked in so much rain. Heck, I thought I saw Noah near Clearwater gathering the animals to put in the ark.

Four inches of rain fell BE-FORE the game in O'Neill and it rained hard for all of the first

If you were sitting in the grandstand, you could look out onto the football field and say "it's not that bad."

VERDIGRE — The Niobr-

ara-Verdigre Lady Cougars fell

victim to a Wolfpack attack on

The Wolfpack JVs defeated

EPPJ registered 22 kills led

Heithoff each with 4 kills. Other

hitters with kills were Natalie

Burenheide 3, Elizabeth Moser

3, Haley Parks 3, Reese Stuhr 2,

Braelyn Martinsen 2 and Kaitey

Schumacher led in set assists

with 7, Moser had 3 and Heithoff

2. EPPJ had 15 ace serves led by

Barlow led the team with 15

Wolfpack JH

netters top

St. Edward

leyball team won one of three

matches on Saturday, Oct. 7.

25-10 and 25-5. Kinley Miller

recorded the team's only kill.

tied for the team-high in digs with 4 apiece. Kinley Drueke had a team-

Lillian Moser and Sophia Burke

Moser had 13 ace serves in

the match, Jael Lammers had

Against Ord, the Chanti-

with 2, Lammers, Burke and

cleers prevailed 25-14 and 25-15.

EPPJ had 5 kills, led by Drueke

Miller each had 1. Lammers and

Drueke each had 12 digs, Miller

sists. The team had 4 ace serves

led by Drueke with 2, Lammers

Facing Riverside, the Char-

gers defeated EPPJ 25-19 and

25-17. Miller led in kills with 2, Zwingman, Moser and Burke

each had 1. Drueke and Zwing-

man tied for the team-high

in digs with 15 apiece, Miller had 12. Zwingman, Miller and

Drueke each had 1 set assist.

and Moser each had 1.

Burke had 2 ace serves, Miller

added 11. Drueke had 2 set as-

3, Anna Dworak and Gentry

Zwingman each had 2.

and Burke 1 apiece.

EPPJ defeated St. E

high 5 set assists.

The Wolfpack junior high vol-

Lueking with 4, Tessa Barlow,

Schumacher and Parks each

had 3, Martinsen and Moser

digs, Martinsen had 9, Stuhr

and Burenheide each had 1.

Schumacher 1.

each had 1.

the Lady Cougars 25-11 and

by Halle Lueking and Callie

But, if you walked out onto the field after the game, the field was torn up pretty good. It was bad to the point that it's going to take some serious effort to repair some areas to make it level again next season.

Fans did everything they could to stay dry. Some brought umbrellas, others purchased \$20 rain gear which one said fell apart rather quickly. Others like myself got one of those cheap, clear ponchos to put over the outerwear I had on. The good news was it didn't leak, the bad news was the areas not covered by the ponchos is still drip drying.

One thing professional photographers hate, more than anything, is rain when they are

You look for everything and anything to keep your camera gear dry. You see plastic gro-

Barlow led in serve receive with

4, Stuhr and Parks each had 3.

On October 9, EPPJ split a

falling to Battle Creek.

triangular, defeating Pierce and

Against Pierce, EPPJ won 23-

25, 25-19 and 15-4. The Wolfpack

had 22 kills. Lueking had 6,

Schumacher each had 1.

and Heithoff each had 1.

9, Barlow had 7.

Martinsen had 1.

heide each had 2.

'C' team action

added 2.

Martinsen 5, Stuhr 4, Buren-

heide 3, Heithoff 2, Moser and

The leader in set assists was

Schumacher with 8, Moser and

Heithoff each had 4. Stuhr had

2 of the team's' six ace serves,

Schumacher, Parks, Lueking

with 12, Schumacher had 9.

Barlow led in serve receive

Stuhr led in serve receive with

Against Battle Creek, the

Bravettes won 25-23 and 25-13.

EPPJ had 13 kills, led by Stuhr

with 4, Lueking had 3, Martin-

Schumacher led with 6 set assists, Heithoff had 4 and Moser

Parks and Martinsen each

Barlow led in serve receive

heide had 2 solo blocks, Heithoff

EPPJ defeated Niobrara-Ver-

digre 21-13 and 21-17. The Wolf-

pack had 9 kills, led by Jayda-

lynn Chessmore with 3, Mady Kurpgeweit had 2 as did Gemma

Miller, Juliana McNally and

Aubrie Parks each had 1. Libby

Evans led in set assists with 5. Aubrie Parks and Kylee

serves, McNally, Evans and Ki-

erstyn Eisenhauer each had 1.

Nally and Brooke Kinney each

had 6. Eisenhauer led in serve

Against Battle Creek, EPPJ

The Wolfpack had 7 kills, led by McNally with 4, Parks had 2

and Kurpgeweit added 1. Licht-

Parks and Kinney tied for the

team high in digs with 5 apiece.

Parks led in serve receive with

10, Eisenhauer and Kinney each

enberg led with 5 set assists.

McNally had 1 ace serve.

dropped the match 25-18 and

receive with 3.

Parks led in digs with 8, Mc-

Lichtenberg each had 3 ace

had 9 set assists, Barlow had 7

ith 11 Parks had 9 Ruren

and Schumacher each had 1.

and Schumacher had 6.

sen, Schumacher and Buren-

Burenheide had 2 solo blocks,

JVs, 'C' team earn victories

during matches last week

cery store bags wrapped around cameras, others will use a cotton towel layered up to rest on top of the camera to keep the lens and camera body dry. All work to some degree, but when the rain **SPINNING**

is coming **TALES** down hard and the wind is blowing like it was

at O'Neill nothing really works. So what do you do? I went half way up in the grandstand and used a long lens



to shoot the action on the field. The results were better than I expected, thanks in large part to the lights on the football

They have good lights, but in my opinion, the best football field lights is just up the street at Elgin Field. That's just one of the many improvements Superintendent Dan Polk did during his time here. His biggest improvement was adding air conditioning to the school gymnasium. That makes EPS a great place to play volleyball in late August and early Septem-

Anyway, there's something to be said about bad weather football games. They are never forgotten.

There was the snow game years ago at Ewing. There have been cold weather games both home and away where you couldn't find enough clothes to put on to stay warm. It goes to the other extreme too, sitting in Memorial Stadium in Lincoln when it's so hot people are passing out.

Weather, you learn to adapt or you lose.

(777) will receive the runner-up

Rossow first, Hagemeister second in contest

In a tiebreaker, Tim Rossow prize of \$10. Burkhalter guessed 900. Results were: Ohio State over Purdue

> Tennessee over Texas A&M TCU over BYU Fresno State over Utah State Washington over Oregon LSU over Auburn

Florida State over Syracuse Arizona over Washington

Poll: Rural Nebraskans see lack of civility in politics as serious problem

Most rural Nebraskans see the lack of civil discourse in the political system as at least a somewhat serious problem, according to the 2023 Nebraska Rural Poll. About one-third of rural Nebraskans surveyed rate this lack of respectful discourse as either a very serious (32%) or somewhat serious problem (33%). Only 5% say it is not a serious problem.

won this week's Elgin Review

Rossow, Fr. Ross Burkhal-

ter and Al Hagemeister each

missed six games. All of their

tiebreaker guesses were over

the actual figure of 553 total

yards between Notre Dame and

and will receive the top prize of

\$20 in Elgin Bucks. Hagemeister

USC. Rossow was closest (643)

Football Contest.

This view may result from a perceived division in politics. Most respondents to the Rural Poll think Americans are more divided over politics than they were 10 years ago. Seventy-two percent believe Americans are much more divided, and 22% say Americans are more divided.

"A lack of civil discourse is a problem we are seeing across the country, and it's possible this will get worse as we approach the 2024 national elections," said Heather Akin, assistant professor in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. "But knowing what our communities are experiencing is an important first step to bring people together again."

Political division can hinder efforts of leaders and citizens to get things done. When asked about how well local, state and national leaders overcome differences to accomplish things, rural Nebraskans surveyed have the most faith in local community leaders. Two-thirds believe community leaders do at least moderately well at overcoming differences. By

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comparison, 40% believe the same about Nebraska's political leaders and only 9% believe the same about America's political leaders. Even beyond their local leadership, most respondents (69%) also believe people in their local community as a whole do at least moderately well at overcoming differences to get things done.

'It's not hard to find examples of political divisions playing out in state and national legislative bodies," said L.J. McElravy, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. "The results reinforce just how palpable these divisions are for rural Nebraskans. The hard question is: What do we do about it? Finding opportunities to connect and collaborate across differing political ideologies seems to be as important today as it's ever been.'

Political differences and civil discourse, or a lack thereof, are often seen on social media. Most rural Nebraskans surveyed have a negative opinion about social media and its impact on civil discourse.

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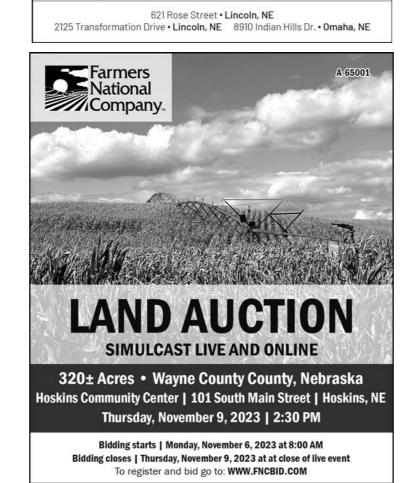
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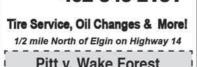
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AREA NEWS



Bartlett News

The Bartlett Lions Club met

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with six members present for

a trunk at Wheeler Central's 'Trunk or Treat,' event taking place at the football field

Tuesday afternoon, October 31.

12 at the old fire hall in Bartlett

The Lions Club will sponsor

By Sherry Tetschner

columnist

the meeting.

Lions Club members (I-r) Kay Reineke, Patti Collins, Dave Collins and Joe Walkoviak filled sacks of candy to be given away at the Wheeler Central 'Trunk or Treat,' event to. The event will be held the afternoon of October 31.



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The candy bags will be passed out at the 'Trunk or Treat,' event. Kay Reineke will be attending the Lions Fall Rally to be

held in Grand Island November The Bartlett Lions Club

donated \$100 to the District 38-I Raffle. Proceeds are used for Assistant Funds. The club received a letter

from Larry Segar, Past District Governor, congratulating the Bartlett Lions Club for increasing membership by 5 new members. The next meeting will be

held November 9 at 7 p.m.

Many people have been praying for my brother Steven Schrunk and his family. We are so grateful for those pravers.

Steven was released from the hospital on Thursday and very happy to be home. He still has lots of healing to take Please continue to pray for

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BACK PAGE

Three Nebraska tribes buying back farmland, attempting to reverse history

By Destiny Herbers

Flatwater Free Press

WINNEBAGO — Aaron LaPointe sits behind a desk in the Little Priest Tribal College's library basement, ready to speak to a class in a new program he helped develop - diversified agriculture.

He's here, on this 100-degree August day, to show high school and college students – the future of the Winnebago Tribe - how Ho-Chunk Farms, the tribe's farming company, is changing the face of agriculture on their reservation.

'When you asked a student at my high school what a farmer looks like they would tell you a white guy with cowboy boots and a cowboy hat on," said LaPointe, senior director of business operations for Ho-Chunk, Inc. "They didn't see themselves as farmers, they just thought that's what the white guys do. And we just let them use our land to do that."

That perception is rooted in a century of reality. The tribe only owns roughly 27,000 acres of its 120,000-acre reservation, after U.S. government actions directly or indirectly led its farmland to pass into non-Native hands — mostly white farmers.

But that reality is starting to change. In the past five years, three Nebraska tribes - the Winnebago, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska – have bought a combined 3,000-odd acres of farmland that was once

These buybacks aren't cheap or easy. Tribal leaders say landowners who know that tribes want the land back believe they'll pay any price.

And all three tribes are paying higher-than-normal prices, according to a Flatwater Free Press analysis of data gathered by a University of Nebraska-Lincoln journalism class.

The Winnebago Tribe spent nearly \$10,000 per acre, on average, to buy back 340 acres of ag land. That's about \$3,000 higher than the northeast region's 2022

Tribal leaders think the gigher prices and headaches are worth it. (Editor's note: Ho-Chunk, Inc. is a Flatwater Free

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'We want to start farming our own reservation. We want to own our reservation again,' LaPointe said.

Reservation, not reserved After the Civil War, the United States government tried to upend the way most Native American tribes lived - includ-

ing the way they viewed land. The Dawes Act, passed in 1887, tried to force assimilation by splitting the previously communally owned reservation into 160-acre pieces of farmland, individually owned by tribal members.

The government then sold the leftover land to non-Native

"At one point we owned 100% of our reservation, until the federal government thought 'Oh, this guy's got maybe too much land, let's take some of that from them," LaPointe said.

Native Americans had no concept of land as property, said Ted Hibbeler, UNL Tribal Extension Educator and member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Tribes built relationships with land over thousands of years but didn't view it as a form of money or power.

More reservation land was lost when tribal members grew financially desperate.

One example: After the land allotment, members of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska who couldn't afford food were convinced by a White Cloud, Kansas, grocer to sign over their land as a promise to repay.

"They needed food, and that's just what they had to do," said Tony Fee, secretary of the Iowa Tribe. "This individual got them to sign it over as collateral ... and they never could afford to get it back. So they lost it."

Today, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska owns about half of its 12,000-acre reservation, with Native and non-Native land ownership checkerboarded throughout.

On the Winnebago reservation, many families lost their land back paying unfamiliar taxes, or sold the land to cover medical bills, LaPointe said.

In 1934, the US government put all remaining Native-owned allotments into an indefinite trust. By that point, an estima ed 90 million acres had been removed from Native ownership.

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Land ownership had gone in only one direction – away from Native tribes and farmers. Until recently, when several tribes decided to change that.

Sticker shock

In the past few years, in addition to other larger purchases, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska bought 4 acres next to some land it already owned. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska made a 36-acre purchase.

Neither is notable, except for the price tag: More than \$43,000 per acre.

"I don't see too many places where anything approaching that happens," said Cris Stainbrook, Oglala Lakota and president of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. "I mean, \$40,000 an acre is a lot.'

Farmland prices in Nebraska have risen across the board in recent years. According to UNL's 2022 Nebraska Farm Real Estate Report, where the Winnebago and Iowa are buying, average acre values for high-quality land are around \$7,000.

Those tribes often pay far more than that. In fact, every piece of reservation land the Iowa Tribe buys is priced higher than what similar land sells for, Fee said.

Racism is an underlying reason for higher land prices, Stainbrook said. He has seen sales where the asking price dropped dramatically when a non-Native organization was the buyer.

"When we're helping (tribes) get land back there's this underlying thought that if the tribe wants it bad enough, they'll pay anything for it, or they must have a casino somewhere and therefore they can afford to pay more," Stainbrook said. Sales on tribal land are

sometimes disincentivized by existing tax policies, like capital gains, LaPointe said, because the original sales happened for such little money that the taxes would be disproportionately high.But tribes shouldn't be paying more because of the current owner's tax bill, Stainbrook said. "Do you think they sell it to another non-Indian and tell them, 'Well, you'll have to nay X amount more because of our capital gains'?" Stainbrook

Wolfpack

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it's really going to end up being the team that shows up each night and out works the other," Luettel said. "I do believe we can and have a great opportunity of playing for the trophy come Friday. It'll be fun to see some teams we fell to earlier in the year and see how we have grown and can compete with them post season. I'm particularly looking forward to another shot at Stuart and St Mary's. I have high hopes for next week, as long as we show up and stay focused the plan is to be holding that trophy Friday night."

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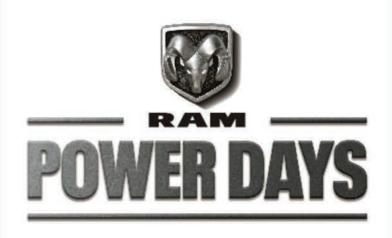
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