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In Brief

Water diversion project work approved at EPS

Cost is just over \$5,180.

Work is expected soon on the campus of Elgin Public School to fix a water erosion problem which has developed near the school bus barn. The east end of the bus barn has seen water erosion problems develop since construction was completed several years ago. The situation has turned into a problem needing attention after nearly 10 inches of rain fell in Elgin last month. Superintendent Mike Brockhaus told the District #18 Board of Education he had consulted with three companies about diverting water away from the northeast corner of the bus barn. All three companies were in agreement that curbing (as much as 40 feet) was needed to move water away from the building, then do the necessary work to divert the water so that it comes out of the city storm pipe that is there. Work is expected to be completed before winter starts in a few months, he said. The board approved a bid of \$5,180 submitted by Stokes Investments to repair the drainage problem. Once work begins, EPS students who drive to school will be asked to park in the lot directly east of the school gym until work is completed.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include: Notice of Dissolution — Mast Metal, L.L.C. Proceedings — Village of Bartlett Notice — Village of Bartlett Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners Notice to Landowners — Antelope County Ordinance — City of Elgin The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 90 degrees recorded on Saturday, August 16. The low temperature during the same period was 59 degrees recorded on Tuesday, August 12. Altogether, .36 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
August 10	80	60	.00
August 11	80	60	.00
August 12	82	59	.00
August 13	84	64	.18
August 14	87	70	.18
August 15	85	70	.00
August 16	90	70	.00
Total for last week			0.36
Total for August			0.62
Total precipitation 2025			21.12

District #18 school board passes budget resolution; district valuations rise

It's not uncommon for elected bodies to approve a resolution during their regular meeting. Meeting last week, the District #18 Board of Education approved two resolutions at their meeting on Monday night, August 11. The most important of the two resolutions could directly impact the 2025/26 school budget to be acted on next month. All six members of the school board (Lisa Welding, Ron Bode, Todd Heithoff, Eric Beckman, Luke Hinkle and Steve Busted) gave their consent to passing a resolution a increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to seven percent. Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said the resolution will "give us room to be flexible with the budget." The 2025 valuation for the school district in Antelope County is \$971,677,088. The number is up from one year ago when the valuation was \$781,349,874. In Boone County, the district's 2025 valuation is \$72,060,856, up from \$63,726,497 one year ago. The district's valuation, in Wheeler County, had yet to be posted as of press time. Important dates to know regarding the 2025/2026 budget process are: • Regular school board meeting to be held Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the EPS board meeting room. • Joint special hearing to set final tax request will be Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh. • District #18 public hearing on budget/tax asking will be Monday, Sept. 22 at 7 a.m. in the EPS board meeting room. All the afore-mentioned meetings are open to the public. Classroom size The other resolution passed won't affect the 2025/26 year, but impacts the 2026/2027 school year. The resolution involves establishing

classroom capacities. Classroom capacities, set several years ago, will remain the same with the approved resolution. The resolution must be approved annually, no later than October 15.

In other action: Transfers — The board approves money transfers from the general fund to the nutrition fund (\$75,000) and depreciation fund (\$100,000).



E-R photo/DMorgan

It seems as if every student has a unique back pack. Thursday marked the first day for classes at Elgin Public School as Riley and Lillian met outside before entering their classrooms.



E-R photo/LMorgan

World champion auctioneer in Elgin

World champion auctioneer Dean Edge was 'in the house' Monday at the Elgin Livestock Sales barn. Making a swing through the Midwest, Edge was busy behind the microphone. Near him are Trey Baum (foreground) and auctioneer Corey Curtis. Learn more about Edge's visit in next week's newspaper.

Maughan to pay \$2,500 fine for damage to veterans memorial

A 22-year-old Neligh woman will repay \$2,500 to the City of Neligh for damages incurred during an October 2024 incident that damaged a veterans memorial in Riverside Park. At the time, two passengers in the vehicle were transported to Antelope Memorial Hospital to treat injuries sustained in the crash. The Honorable James Kube sentenced Jasmine M. Maughan during an Aug. 12 session of Antelope County District Court. Prior to sentencing, Maughan's attorney, Patrick Carney, presented a letter from The WELL, as an addendum to the presentence investigation report. Sentencing for her conviction of driving of under the influence of alcoholic liquor - seriously bodily injury, a Class IIIA felony, includes 18 months in, with credit for 25 days previously served in county jail; 18 months of post-release supervision; and revocation of her license for three years. Kube ordered an ignition interlock permit and noted that Maughan may operate a vehicle with a device and permit after a minimum of 45 days of no driving period. The defendant will pay \$258 in court costs and fines. She was remanded to the Antelope County Sheriff. \*\*\*\*\* Kube granted a continuance in a case against Thomas A. Warnke, 21, of

Beatrice, who faces one count of sexual assault - 1st degree, a Class II felony; and one count of attempt of a Class II felony, a Class IIA felony. Negotiations with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith continue, according to Warnke's attorney, Dustin Garrison. Kube ordered the attorneys to notify court staff by Aug. 15 with a case update. Warnke will appear Sept. 24 for a pretrial conference. A jury trial, planned for Oct. 20, remains set. Bond for Warnke continues at \$50,000 - 10%, with previously ordered conditions still in effect. The case stems from a Nov. 24 incident investigated by the Neligh Police Department. Officer Aubrey Miller took a statement from a 15-year-old female who alleged she was sexually assaulted by Warnke at his Neligh residence. Warnke was arrested Nov. 24 and originally charged with three counts, including one count of sexual assault-without consent-third degree, a Class I misdemeanor; one count of minor in possession-ages 19/20, a Class III misdemeanor; and one count of possession of marijuana one ounce or less-first offense, an infraction. On Dec. 20, Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith filed amendments, including Count one amended to sexual

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Rae Valley celebration begins Friday

By Olivia Klein Student intern Rae Valley Heritage's 43rd Annual Tractor & Horse Plowing Bee will be held this weekend, August 22-24! It will be hosted at Charlie's Park 1951 135th St., Petersburg. All tractors (including garden tractors), engines, tillage and harvest equipment and machinery of any year, make or model are welcome! This event starts off on Friday, August 22nd at 5 p.m. with the Tractor Cade. This will be from Creston to Petersburg. Supper will then be at 6:00 p.m. Then at 8 p.m. there will be open music jam and a Barn Dance! Saturday, August 23 will start off at 9 a.m. with the Consignment Auction. This will include antiques, tractors, machinery, etc. The working events will begin at 11 a.m. At noon will be the Antique Tractor Pull. The Kids Tractor Pull Contest will start at 1 p.m. The Parade of Power will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Steam Engine Spark Show will begin at dusk. The final event of the day will be the open music jam and Barn Dance from 8-10:00 p.m. To start off the day on Sunday, August 24 there will be a 10 a.m. church service in the barn loft. There will then be a Tractor Talk with Randy Pelster at 11 a.m. The walking plow, horse and mule plowing will begin at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. the Antique Tractor Plowing and the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull contest will start. To end off the day there will be the Parade of Power, Kids Money Scramble T-Shirt Shooter, Tro-

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Bartlett News

Delicious cinnamon rolls, baked by Charlene Smith, grape juice and coffee were served at the Bartlett Church of Faith after the Sunday morning church service August 17. The reception was in honor of Karen Kotrc, known to many as Ms. Kotrc. She will be moving to Kearney soon to be closer to her parents Milton and Marlene Kotrc who reside there.

Karen moved to Bartlett in 1984 and took the position of K-12 Band and Vocal at Wheeler Central. She retired from that position in 2018.

Karen's resumé while teaching in Bartlett included singing with a Clearwater community choir called 'The Golden Tones'; playing clarinet for Pope John's musicals in the 'Pit Band'; and putting together a Wheeler County Community Choir which performed Christmas Cantatas at the United Methodist Church in Bartlett and Sandhills Fellowship Baptist Church in Ericson.

Karen also was a staff member on Nebraska Ambassadors of Music. She took Nebraska students on seven European

Tours, going to places such as London, England; Paris, France; Switzerland; Austria; Venice, Italy and Rottenburg, Germany. Her last tour included a trip to Athens, Greece.

After retiring, she became a Wheeler Central 'Teammates' mentor, a church pianist at the Bartlett Church of Faith as well as leadership positions in 'Faithful Women's Fellowship,' most recently as President.

Pastor Mark Hoffman prayed a special blessing over Karen during the church service. Karen has been a blessing for our church and community. With tears we say goodbye but know that God has a plan for this next journey of Karen's life.

Lois Schrunk and Sherry Tetschner attended a hot dog/hamburger cookout and potluck at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin on August 16. The meal was in honor of Pastor Norlyn Bartens and his wife Elaine. Pastor has been called to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Campbell Hill, Illinois.

He served as a Vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church for one year. He was then ordained in



Photo submitted

The Bartlett Church of Faith honored Karen Kotrc Sunday morning. Karen will be moving to Kearney the end of this month. Kotrc (center) is shown conversing with friends Chris Olson and Justine Smith.

June of 2020 and has been the pastor at Trinity for five years. His last service will be next Sunday August 24th.

The Bartens look forward to being closer to their children and grandchildren. They will be 2 hours away rather than a 10-12 hour drive. It will also be a 15-minute drive for Pastor to see his brothers.

May God continue to direct their paths. We are grateful for all they have done in ministry.



E-R photo/KSchindler

PJCC's champion golfers

Hot weather did not deter approximately 30 teams from competing Saturday at the annual Pope John Central Catholic Foundation Golf Tournament. Winning the championship flight was the team of (l-r): Liam Heithoff, Paiton Hoefer, Kyle Kallhoff and Jaxson Hinkle.

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen



Greetings, Tomatoes! Are your tomatoes ripening and ready for canning? I am ready for salsa and, my favorite, BLTs. Yum!

Salsa at our house in the summer is out of control. My family eats it all the time. Fresh made is truly the all-time best.

This recipe is real close to the recipe I can every year. If you were needing a recipe, try this one. You can either freeze it or can it in pint jars.

JoAnn

Salsa

SALSA

16 cups scalded and skinned tomatoes  
1 cup green peppers chopped  
1 cup onion chopped  
1/2 cup diced jalapeño peppers

1 tsp garlic powder  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp chili powder  
1 tsp cumin powder  
1 12 oz can tomato paste

Place all the ingredients in a large saucepan and simmer for 30 minutes, or until your liking of thickness. This can be put in small containers and frozen, or you can put it in pint jars and seal. I would hot water bath them if you seal in jars for at least 10 minutes.



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# Encouragement for raising Godly children

I received the best compliment from my daughter the other night. I was tucking her in for bed and talking after prayers and she said, “I love

## Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist  
Katherine Cobb

how much scripture you have memorized because you can repeat it to me whenever I need to hear it.” Wow. I didn’t even realize she noticed when I quote the Bible to help in hard times. It really got me thinking about the other things they may or may not notice.

Sometimes, when our kids are acting up or going through a difficult phase, it’s easy to think we’re not doing a great job. And, of course, there are definitely areas where we can all improve. It’s also important to recognize that all the little things we do may not go unnoticed, and perhaps they are absorbing more things than we’re even aware of.

When my kids were little, we always made a point at being at church on Sundays, it was non-negotiable. Then Covid hit and we were forced to watch online. Once we were able to meet in person again, it became a routine to often skip going in person and opt for the online version instead. We made excuses but honestly, it was out of laziness. It was convenient to not deal with getting dressed, or the drive. I could sit on the couch with my coffee and be done in 45 minutes.

What we realized is that all

of us were missing out on the fellowship with other believers. It’s important to keep that routine and set them up for success when they are older. We started making it a habit again a couple years ago and I’m thankful to be back in community and take part in the worship portion. When I’m not there to get them up and make them go, I’m praying that the years of going on Sundays will be ingrained in them and they will make the choice to continue going on their own.

Our children should also see us praying and reading the Bible on a regular basis. If we are working to cultivate our own relationship with God and show them how to do that, it will be easier for them to develop their own relationship. I also recommend age-appropriate Bibles for children.

It’s difficult for them to understand some concepts, but there are Bibles for different stages that include commentary or devotionals to help bring the scripture to life.

Memorizing scripture is also an amazing tool. As my daughter realized, when life gets hard, having those verses to pull from when you need encouragement, need to give a word to someone, or just need strength when your Bible isn’t nearby is a blessing. It allows us to pray to God and for others while calling out promises and

truths from the Word.

Start small and consider making it a family exercise to memorize one small verse a week and work your way up.

Another way to raise Christ-centered children is to prepare them for the world before they enter it. I don’t think sheltering them is wise because then when they leave for college or work, they are faced with opposing opinions and beliefs and if those roots aren’t strong, they aren’t able to defend their faith and often end up struggling. Take time to help them understand world views today. Talk with them about what they hear or see at school and allow them to ask questions.

None of us are perfect parents and we all have areas where we can grow. One of the most important things we can do as Christ followers is to raise our children to have God as their foundation.

Proverbs 22:6 says “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This verse gives me great comfort to know that if I put in the work now, though they may veer off the path, deep down they will know the truth and the way they should ultimately live their lives.

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Comments are welcome and can be sent to [talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com](mailto:talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com).



# Looking Back

The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

August 19, 1965

Two barns were burned to the ground, a loafing shed destroyed and a well shed damaged in a Sunday evening blaze at the Arlo Hoefer farm northwest of here that burned all of the dairy equipment housed by the buildings plus straw in the cattle barn. Mr. Hoefer was spraying for flies in the milking barn when fumes apparently were ignited by a hot water heater flame.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Coleman announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda LaRee to Thomas J. Parr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Parr. An Oct. 9 wedding is planned at St. Boniface Church.

Larry Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Anderson, had the reserve grand champion calf at the Antelope county fair last week. His was a January calf purchased from M. W. Adamson.

A C&NW railroad boxcar (empty) hopped over a barricade at the Elgin Mills Monday morning and cut a path across the street nearly to the mill office. It was claimed that brakes on the empty car failed, causing it to run out of control.

A weeklong spell of heat and some wind has brought about a drastic change in crop conditions in this area. Although temperatures in town failed to climb above 99 degrees, corn has fired on the outside rows and many brown areas are evident for a ways into fields.

Fifty Years Ago

August 14, 1975

Vandals recently damaged beyond repair a restroom located on Grove Lake Wildlife Area. According to Marv Forbes, Area Manager, the facility will not be replaced because of increased costs of managing these areas.

Tractor Driving Contest participants from the Elgin FFA Chapter competing in the District 4 events at Pierce Friday Aug. 8 were Merle Moser who placed 6th out of 36 contestants and Bill Anderson who received a red ribbon. Larry Shavlik was their instructor/sponsor.

Lettie Jean Coulthard and Walter Koinzan were married here Friday, Aug. 8 at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Marion Von Rentzell officiation with only members of the immediate families in attendance.

The annual Scholl family reunion picnic was held last Sunday noon at the Albion Park. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Scholl, Kathey and Mary; Sharon Horn and Paul of New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Waldean Scholl and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Scholl, Ronnie and Debra; Ray Scholl and family; Jolene School of Columbus; Agatha Scholl of Chicago, Ill. and Loraine Scholl.

On Sunday, the infant son of the Paul Schrages, Chad Robert, was baptized at St. Boniface Church by the Rev. Hugh Schwartz. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schrage are his godparents.

Thirty Years Ago

August 16, 1995

Kayla Zegers of Elgin will be performing in the “Up With People” concert and stage show at Norfolk on Wednesday, Aug. 30. Miss Zegers, daughter of Barb Finn and Larry Zegers, both of Elgin, is a member of the “Up With People” Group C cast, and Norfolk will be the site of their first show.

A new chain link fence was completed last week on the east and north sides of the playground at Elgin Public Schools. Most of the installation was done by parents, who volunteered their time to the project. Among the many volunteers were Glen Schindler and Bob Bauer.

Another record crowd turned out for the Antelope County Fair Demolition Derby last Friday night, Aug. 11, at the fairgrounds. Well over 2,000 people watched 38 cars compete for the top prize money.

Dave and Gwen Beckman of rural Elgin are the parents of a daughter, Natalie Ann, born Friday, July 21, 1995, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Omaha. She weighed five pounds, six ounces, and joins two sisters, Meredith and Justine, and three brothers, Matthew, Luke and Joshua at home.

Leah Speiker of Elgin will receive the Joseph and Emily Bigge Reestman Scholarship to attend Wayne State College in the fall. Speiker, a graduate of Pope John Central Catholic High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vince Spieker of Elgin.

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**Tuesday, August 26:** Ranch pork chops, au gratin potatoes, harvard beets, sliced tomatoes, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

**Wednesday, August 27:** Chiligetti, cornbread, corn, pineapple, bread & butter, milk.

**Thursday, August 28:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, Jello w/fruit cocktail, bread & butter, milk

**Friday, August 29:** Pork tenderloin sandwich, macaroni salad, creamy cucumbers, peaches/strawberry mix, bread & butter, milk.

All meals served with bread & butter.

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

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

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# Tariffs, low crop prices impacting Nebraska economy in the wrong way

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Tariffs, low crop prices impacting Nebraska economy in the wrong way  
Driving down the road the other day, I was startled to hear one of our congressional representatives tell NPR that both Nebraska and Iowa were experiencing “basically a recession economy.”

Both states have agriculture-based economies, for the most part, and rely on foreign trade. Plus, low crop prices have dogged farmers in recent years.

The new tariffs being imposed, here and there, by President Trump have disrupted export markets for American goods, such as corn and soybeans, and caused a lot of uncertainty for businesses.

Foreign trade is a big deal in our state, contributing \$7.9 billion from agricultural products alone 2023 to the state’s economy, according to the Nebraska Farm Bureau.

As a Farm Bureau economist put it a couple of months ago: “(Foreign) trade translates directly to income for farm and ranch families ... the ability to sell products overseas can make the difference between a good year and a tough one for many Nebraska producers ....”

But recent news hasn’t been exactly good.

Nebraska and Iowa recently tied as the states that saw the biggest drop in its gross domestic product – a 6.1% decrease – in the first quarter of 2025, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. By comparison, the drop was 0.5% nationwide.

It was the first decrease in GDP in the first quarter since 2022, according to Stateline. In Nebraska and Iowa, the decline was blamed mostly on lower prices for our top commodities, corn and soybeans.

Bacon told the Omaha World-Herald that the new tariffs – which will ultimately be paid by consumers and local businesses – haven’t helped the local economy.

The newspaper, citing Bureau of Labor Statistics data, stated that growth in non-farm jobs was less than 1% over the past year, and that Nebraska has

lost 2,500 manufacturing jobs during that period, along with losing 2,000 jobs in the trades, transportation and utilities.

These are pretty sobering statistics under a president who has promised to make America “great again” and increase domestic manufacturing. (I’m a little leery of that second promise. Seems like a lot of manufacturers are installing robots in their factories, instead of hiring more workers.)

Maybe we will eventually see a booming economy. I heard a Trump economist say that we should all be patient, that once the “big, beautiful bill” tax cuts take hold and the trade wars shake out, we’ll all be better off.

But lately we got some sobering data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics about sluggish job growth. In response, the president fired the head of that

number-crunching agency, calling the data “rigged” (without, of course, providing any proof of that).

If you ask me, I’d rather see the president respond to such news by saying “we’re going to work hard to improve those numbers.” Instead, he fired the person who delivered the news. But what do you expect from someone who has his caddy kick his ball onto the fairway while golfing, rather than playing it where it landed, in the rough or sand trap, where duffers like me often end up?

Meanwhile, trips to the grocery store are getting pricier and pricier. And, I gotta think, there’s some worry about making payments in farm country.

The futures price for corn tumbled toward \$3.70 a bushel last week. That’s the lowest level since 2020, due to the

expected record corn crop and tough competition from Brazil and Ukraine.

While it is good news that the fields of corn and beans in eastern and central Nebraska look better than ever, we are due for some better economic news beyond that.

Maybe a huge trade deal with China or some other big customer to expand trade instead of contracting it. I’d even take a few wins for the Huskers.

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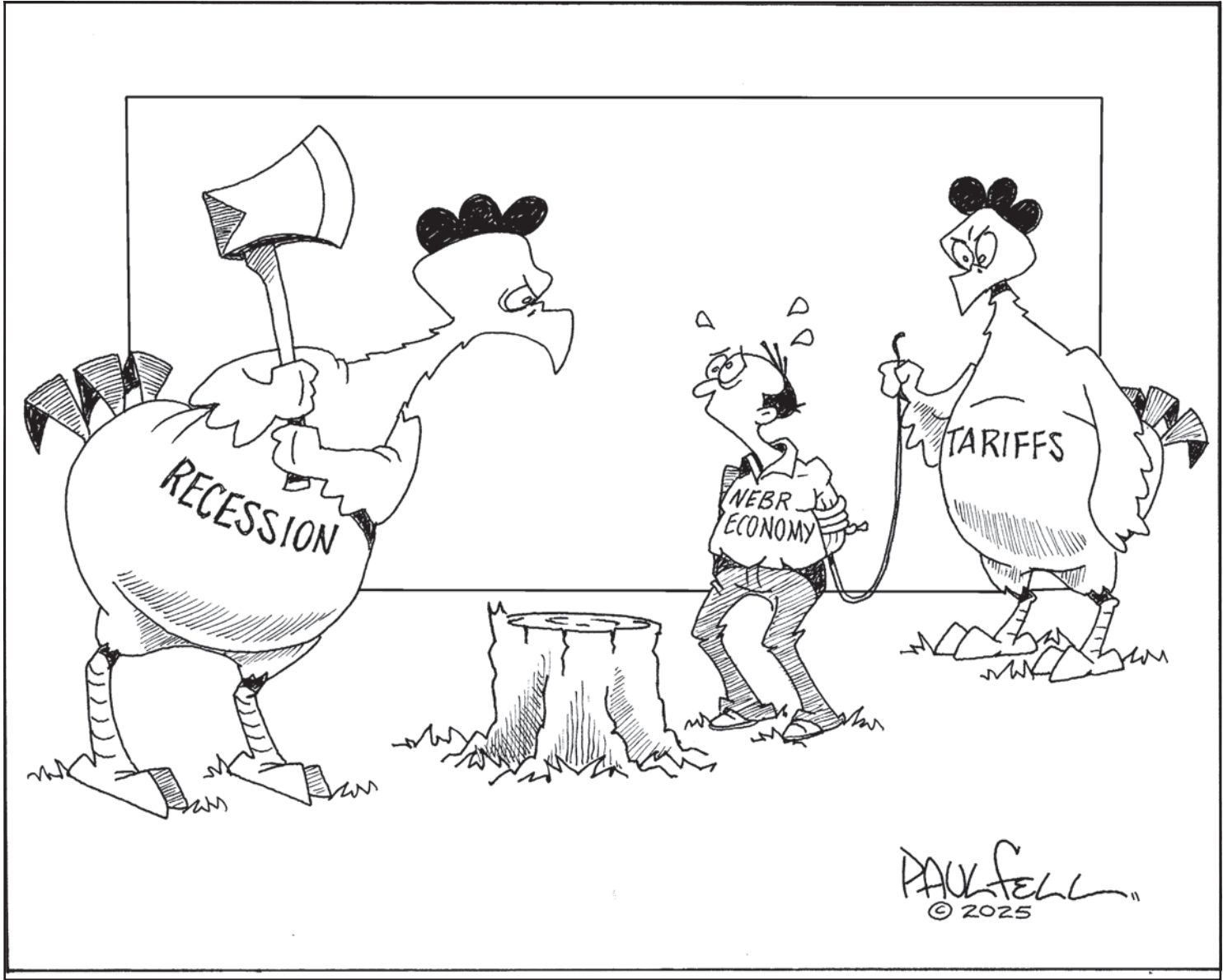
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## ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent  
Paul Hammel



# Home in the ‘Good Life’: Nebraska’s leadership in agriculture and innovation

Stepping off the plane at Eppley Airfield for our month-long state work period was a much-needed return to the heartbeat of those I represent in U.S. Senate. There’s a certain clarity that comes

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U.S. Senator  
Deb Fischer

from being in Nebraska, where conversations are grounded in practicality and guided by our shared vision for a more prosperous future for our children and grandchildren.

My first week back began at the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Federal Legislative Summit in Ashland. There, alongside my fellow delegation members, we tackled some of the most pressing economic issues facing our state — from trade and tax policy to the strategic use of federal resources. These conversations shape the opportunities available to our farmers, businesses, and working families.

Throughout the week, I met with health care advocates representing patients with neurological conditions, rare diseases, and seniors who depend on home care. Each meeting was a reminder that

policymaking is at its best when it is informed by the lived experiences of those directly affected.

The week concluded with a highlight: welcoming U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL)’s Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center. This world-class facility is more than a point of pride — it’s a hub of innovation that is setting a global benchmark for agricultural research. While touring the center — including the Klosterman Feedlot Innovation Center — with Secretary Rollins, I was struck by how far Nebraska has come in integrating advanced technology with time-tested agricultural expertise.

Our visit culminated in a roundtable with university leaders, members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, commodity groups, and renewable fuels advocates. We discussed my efforts to secure federal funding for this U.S. Department of Agriculture research facility, co-located at UNL and dedicated to precision agriculture. This initiative will give industry partners an unparalleled opportunity to test and deploy the kinds of technologies that are already transforming productivity, sustainability, and profitability in agriculture.

We also reviewed the agricultural provisions of the recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill — land-

mark legislation that blends the stability of a Farm Bill with long-overdue reforms. For the first time since 2018, Nebraska’s producers can count on strengthened safety net programs like Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage as well as improved crop insurance provisions from the FARMER Act.

These measures translate into tangible benefits: tens of millions in relief starting with the 2025 crop year, stronger livestock disaster programs that respond more quickly to drought and other emergencies, expanded indemnity coverage for weather and predator losses — even for unborn livestock — and a nearly doubled investment in animal disease preparedness and agricultural trade promotion. Each change was designed with one goal in mind: to give Nebraska’s producers the tools they need to compete and thrive in a dynamic global marketplace.

This is what results-driven policy looks like — targeted investments, smarter safeguards, and a stronger foundation for the generations who will carry our agricultural legacy forward. Nebraska has long been at the forefront of feeding the world. With this legislation, we’re ensuring that leadership continues, rooted in innovation, supported by sound policy, and amplified by the unmatched work ethic of our producers.

# 20 years later renewable fuels standard is a success

On August 8, 2005, President George Bush signed the Energy Policy Act into law. Among other measures, this bill established the Renewable Fuels Standard, which for the last two decades has supported a growing American energy sector by providing more affordable fuel options in addition to complementary markets for agricultural commodities.

This week, as a co-chair of the Biofuels Caucus, I joined several of my colleagues in both the House and Senate to introduce a resolution to celebrating this anniversary as we work to continue empowering American producers, retailers, and consumers through sound federal policy. American agriculture and biofuels producers are leaders in innovation, and I am proud of the progress they have made over the past 20 years to maximize the value of every kernel of corn while producing more with less.

While gasoline and diesel prices are down from this time in 2024, much work remains to be done to recover from the inflationary policies of the Biden administration which increased costs at the fuel pump and energy costs for agriculture producers.

For this reason, this week I also joined a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce a bill which would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize E15 compatibility with existing infrastructure and reduce red tape for retailers who wish to provide consumers with more options at the pump.

Estimates show access to E15 at the fuel pump can save consumers up to 30 cents per gallon, and I am a strong proponent of making this affordable and sustainable fuel option more available to American drivers. Additionally, with 16 colleagues in the House and Senate, I sent a corresponding letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, outlining research showing existing fuel infrastructure’s compatibility with E15, calling on him to finalize a rulemaking from 2021 to make the E15 fuel label clearer and more consumer oriented.

Earlier this year, I championed a provision enacted in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act to extend and improve the 45Z biofuels production tax credit through 2031. This policy supports Nebraska farmers through significant investment into liquid fuels market. The reconciliation package also opened onshore and offshore oil and gas leasing which President Biden severely restricted through executive orders signed on the first day of his presidency.

Remarkably, since implementation of the Renewable Fuels Standard, the number of corn acres planted in the U.S. has not increased. During that same period, yields have risen by nearly 20 percent. Innovation has made it possible for every kernel of corn to produce both ethanol from the starch and quality feed from the high-protein distillers grains.

America’s world-class producers are able to provide food and fuel without sacrificing either, and House Republicans understand the value of an all-of-the-above approach to energy abundance.

We are working to enact a comprehensive strategy to utilize our vast domestic resources, reduce regulatory obstacles, and take advantage of innovative technologies. This will make our nation energy independent, grow our economy, strengthen national security, and create jobs.

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# Summer 2025 State Board of Education highlights

## Nebraska Literacy Project Gap

After examining the Nebraska Literacy Project and its five tenets, the Nebraska Department of Education identified

a potential gap in the area of school leader training and support. As a result, NDE pursued and received a privately-funded grant which will provide \$25 million (\$5 million per year

over the next five years). The funding will cover costs of training and on-site, intensive coaching for principals and other school leaders in literacy best practices. More information on the Nebraska Literacy Project can be found online at <https://www.education.ne.gov/nebraska-literacy-project>

### Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program

At the June Board meeting,

representatives from Midland University and Omaha Westside shared the impact of a Nebraska "Grow Your Own" Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Twelve apprentices have already entered the classroom as teachers, with 56 currently enrolled in the program. These school-selected candidates will earn a no-cost, 2-year bachelor's degree while receiving paid, on-the-job training. Programs such

as this are helping to expand Nebraska's pool of qualified teachers.

The legislature currently appropriates one million dollars for the Teacher Apprenticeship Program annually. For the upcoming year, Chadron State College will receive \$70,151. The University of Nebraska - Lincoln will receive the remaining funds of over \$900,000. More information about the Teacher Apprenticeship Program can be found online at <https://www.education.ne.gov/teert/nebraska-teacher-apprenticeships/>

**Nebraska Educators Rising**  
Schools across the state are helping to address the teacher shortage by providing Educator Rising chapters. Educators Rising is a student organization that supports students who are interested in education-related careers by providing experiences and skills needed to be ready for the classroom.

As of 2024 there were over 550 members in 40 chapters across our state. Perhaps a number of these students will choose to pursue an education-related profession.

## Educator

Congratulations to Dexter Hanzel, a Neligh-Oakdale Junior/Senior High School teacher, who received the prestigious Milken Educator Award including a \$25,000 cash prize. Hanzel, a Science and Math teacher, was honored for his "commitment to excellence in education and ability to create powerful, creative learning opportunities for students". This award has been given since 1987. I'd also like to recognize Jamie Sehi, vocal music teacher, for the heart-warming patriotic song she led students in singing.

**Commissioner Contract Extension**  
The Board voted unanimously to extend Dr. Maher's contract through June 2027. The commissioner will receive a pay increase in line with the percentage increase for state employees as determined through the bargaining agreement. Dr. Maher's effective leadership was noted in his recent evaluation.

*This summary was written by SBOE District 6 Representative Sherry Jones and is not an official board statement.*

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## A ‘First Day’ to cherish

Gracie Henn was all smiles as she began her first day of kindergarten at Pope John. The first day of classes at the school was Wednesday, August 13. Accompanying Gracie to the school building was her mother, Savannah Henn.

## County to draw up new roads ‘use’ permit for future wind farms

**By Greg Tharnish**  
*Special to The Elgin Review*  
Next year’s budget was the highlight at the August 12 meeting of the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC).

All heads of departments were present and gave their budget requests. The commissioners, after reviewing the requests, will need to make budget cuts as the preliminary numbers indicate a deficit. A particular concern was the Weed Control Department. Commissioners were concerned about “numbers not adding up” in regards to work performed and expenses.

The ACC asked the Weed Control Superintendent Bryan Cornette to report back in September with a full accounting of day-to-day operations and expenses.

On a positive note concerning the budget, County Clerk Lisa Payne reported that preliminary numbers indicate a slight drop in the levy.

The September meetings of the ACC will clean up most budget issues and requests. Any budget cuts and/or reallocation of money will be on the table in September.

More information will be

coming after the September meetings.

Another major topic of discussion was use of county roads, specifically by wind farms. The ACC met with Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe, Thunderhead Wind Energy’s Nick Heithoff, and Thunderhead’s current contractor Matt Klabenes.

The process of getting proper permits in a timely fashion was the main focus. A new “use” permit will be drawn up by county officials for future wind farm projects. Talk of a new wind farm just outside of Elgin has been mentioned but not confirmed as of this writing.

Other matters discussed were liability insurance, delays on account of weather and/or breakdowns, and accountability.

In the end, all parties involved agreed that their main concern is to keep Antelope County roads as safe as possible for the public.

Road Superintendent Kluthe gave an update on available plow trucks for purchase. The ACC asked Kluthe to continue looking as the nearest quality trucks were out-of-state.

In another matter, the ACC

decided that an unauthorized road work issue will be handled privately without law enforcement involvement.

The almost seven-hour meeting had four of the five commissioners present with Commissioner Jacob absent.

Finally, the September meetings promise to hold much interest for Antelope County residents as budget talks continue with a full-report from the Weed Control Department and more news on upcoming wind farm projects.



Still looking hot at 50!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Elgin's Mr. September!!!

## Back

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**Twenty Years Ago**  
**August 17, 2005**

Antelope County’s total property valuation continues to climb. This year, the increase is nearly \$100 million higher, reflection substantial increases in both agricultural land values and personal property values.

Descendants of John and Anna Sehi received the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award last Saturday at the Antelope County Fair. Family members include Katie Thiele, Peg Connot, Karen Allemang, Greg Thiele, Mike Thiele, Vera Dell Stuhr, and Helena Kaczor.

Elgin Insurance Services will be celebrating their 10th anniversary, as well as the recent expansion of this building, with a grand opening and appreciation day on Aug. 23. An open house will begin at 10 a.m.

Joshua Kallhoff and Tonya Carstens, both of Norfolk, have announced plans for a Sept. 10, 2005, wedding at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

## Valley

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phies, and the Raffle Drawing at 3:30 p.m.

You’ll find family activities throughout the weekend. There will be free Tractor Pull rides at 1 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. There will also be Potato Digging at 12:30 p.m. and a Flea Market throughout the days on both Friday and Saturday. On Sunday there will be a Money Scramble. The clown Lynde Linde (aka Cindi Lou) will be performing from 1-3:00 p.m. also on Sunday.

Larry Petsche is a long time organizer of the Tractor & Horse Plowing Bee. When he was asked what makes people want to keep coming back he stated that it is the family aspect. He said that families like to go and participate in activities such as the Potato Digging.

“This activity allows families to spend time together and it teaches the children where their potatoes come from. This event also serves as a reunion. In the barn there is a “Hall of Fame” that shows pictures of all of the different people who have made the Plowing Bee what it is today. Families like to go and look at their family members pictures, or they like to see who all is in this Hall of Fame.”

Come to enjoy the many activities at this year’s Tractor & Horse Plowing Bee! There is something there for the entire family to enjoy!

## Court

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assault-first degree, a Class II felony, and Count two amended to criminal attempt - sexual assault in the first degree, a Class II felony. Count three was dismissed.

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Christopher W. Robinett, 22, of Lincoln, failed to appear for show cause status hearings in two cases.

Kube noted Robinett’s absence and informed Smith the state may take action deemed necessary.

In 2022, Robinett was originally sentenced on two counts of attempt of a Class IIA felony, both Class IIIA felonies. In 2023, the defendant was sentenced on one count of burglary, a Class IIA felony; leaving the scene of an accident - fail to furnish info-1st, a Class II misdemeanor; and DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor.

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# OBITUARIES

### David Sehi, 82

September 27, 1942 - August 22, 2025

He lived and died in the house he was born in just over a mile south of St. John’s Catholic Church rural Clearwater.



Memorial Service for David Sehi age 82 of Clearwater, Nebraska

will be 10:30 a.m. August 23, 2025 at St. John’s Catholic Church rural Clearwater with Father James Krampfer, officiating.

A private family burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Friday August 22, 2025 at St. John’s Catholic Church with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service.

Snider Memorial Funeral Home of Clearwater is managing the arrangements.

Dave passed away on August 15, 2025 at his home surrounded by family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.snidermemorial.com](http://www.snidermemorial.com)

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From the words of David Sehi:

I lived and died in the house where I was born — 1 and 1/8 miles south of St. John’s Church, give or take a corn row.

That house started as my parent’s home and became mine in time — and in between, it was the backdrop to a good, full life. Growing up, I didn’t think of it as anything special. We just got up, helped with the chores, milked the cows by hand, raised hogs and chickens, and tried not to lose too many boots in the mud bogs.

Sundays were always something to look forward to — after Mass, Dennis and Ronnie Johnson (my cousins and best friends) would often stop by. We’d run wild, playing in the creek and trying not to get our church clothes dirty.

I went to the original District #46 Sunny Brook School, just two-thirds of a mile up the road between our house and the church. It wasn’t a big school — there were seven of us in 8th grade graduation, and that was a crowd.

St. John’s Church was where I made most of my sacraments — Baptism, Communion, Confirmation — and where I learned to serve Mass. The Sisters from O’Neill came down to teach us in the summer, and we probably kept them on their toes. As an adult, I was part of the Men’s Club and The Knights of Columbus.

For high school, my parents decided I’d go to St. Boniface in Elgin. I carpooled 20 miles each way unless the snow got serious — then I stayed with Grandma Anna or rented a room from Vonnie Paul. Either way, I learned my lessons — whether in the classroom or from the community.

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# Carryover priority bills’ fate is more uncertain

For the past few weeks, I continued a series where I highlighted several of the priority bills and resolutions that are pending and could be scheduled early next session. This week’s newsletter will provide an overview of several carryover priority bills and resolutions whose fate, at least to me, is more uncertain going into next year.

LB13 by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh would require that Nebraska file a state plan amendment for the Child Care Subsidy

program to pay providers based on a child’s enrollment or authorized hours rather than the child’s attendance. Since April 2020, Nebraska has been providing enrollment-based reimbursement on a temporary basis through an executive order from former Governor Ricketts, but this policy is scheduled to revert back to the attendance-based reimbursement model in 2026. The passage of LB13 to make the enrollment-based reimbursement model permanent is estimated to continue to cost the state \$17 million per year past 2026. During floor debate, senators expressed concerns with cost given the state’s budget. LB13 was advanced to Select File, where the bill now sits, by a 25 to 14 vote. Given ongoing concerns with the state’s budget, however, LB13 will likely have considerable hurdles to advance given its projected fiscal impact to the state in the near future.

LB468 by Senator Clements would reduce the amount of

inheritance taxes Nebraska counties collect. The bill, as currently amended, would increase the exemption for children from \$100,000 to \$150,000 while keeping the inheritance tax rate at 1%. Extended family and non-related people would see their inheritance tax rates drop from 11% and 15% respectively to 3%. To make up for the lost revenue for counties, a number of fees and taxes collected by the counties would be increased to reflect the actual cost of providing services. LB468 failed to advance to Final Reading by a 31 to 11 vote after senators expressed opposition to raising fees and hurting the ability of counties to set their budgets. For this bill to move forward, compromise will likely need to take place between the bill’s introducer and the opponents of the bill.

LB322 would add licensed pharmacists and employees of hospitals or health clinics to the list of emergency responders, law enforcement officers, and other healthcare employees that are protected from assault when they are engaged in official duties. An assault on one of these individuals would result in enhanced criminal penalties. This bill is intended to address the growing incidence of workplace violence against healthcare workers statewide. LB322 was advanced to Select File, where the bill now sits, by a 37 to 8 vote following a filibuster. Unless several senators have changed their minds, LB322 likely will continue to have the votes necessary to pass. However, several opponents to the bill who led the filibuster do not believe adding new sets of felonies will create safety but will instead send more people to prison. LB322 could move forward if opponents agree to not filibuster the bill. Otherwise, it is likely that more pressing legislation will be scheduled instead making it more difficult for this measure to move forward.

I invite you to let me know your thoughts or concerns. My Capitol office telephone number is (402) 471-2801 while my email is bdekay@leg.ne.gov.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



District 40 Senator  
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**Friday, 22nd:**

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**Saturday, 23rd:**

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11 am ..... Working Events Begin  
12 Noon ..... Antique Tractor Pull  
12:30 pm ..... Potato Digging  
1 pm ..... Kids Tractor Pull Contest  
3:30 pm ..... Parade of Power  
Dusk ..... Steam Engine Spark Show  
8-10 pm ..... Open Music Jam & Barn Dance

**Sunday, 24th:**

10 am ..... Church Service (in barn loft)  
11 am ..... Tractor Talk with Randy Pelster  
12:30 pm ..... Walking Plow, Horse & Mule Plowing, Potato Digging  
1 pm ..... Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Contest & Antique Tractor Plowing  
1-3 pm ..... Clown Lynde Linde aka Cindi Lou  
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**American Legion | Jackson, Nebraska**  
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### 80+ Acres | Burt County, Nebraska

**September 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM**  
**Lyons Community Center | Lyons, Nebraska**  
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AUGUST 11, 2025 PROCEEDINGS  
BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
11 AUGUST 2025

The Village of Bartlett board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on August 11, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Williamson, Plugge, Tetschner, and Nordhues. 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 Tetschner to approve the July 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes as written. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: Einspahr. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

**STREETS:** The board discussed paying off and not renewing the line of credit with Cornerstone Bank for the time being. They discussed Husker Asphalt coming to fix those few spots and sealing the streets. They have been delayed. Trustee Einspahr arrived along with Rick Custard.

**WATER:** The water survey was successful, but the water tower needs to be inspected. Mark Nordhues will make sure this is accomplished. The weeds will also be sprayed around the water tower.

**SEWER:** The board noticed that the lagoon is green and will get packets to take care of that. The weeds will be sprayed around the lagoon.

**USER FEES:** Were discussed.  
**MAY CLAIMS:** It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Plugge to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

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

**GENERAL:** Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$74.72; Ne-

braska Northeast Telephone Company, Internet, telephone, \$130.68; Rick Custard, Mowing, bathrooms, potholes, etc., \$1,035.00; Roaches Lumber & Redi Mix, Lumber- flat-bed trailer, \$47.39; Country Partners Cooperative, Spray, \$62.25; Elgin Review, Newspaper printing, \$89.46; WeMart, Gas for village, \$250.09; Josh Wietzki, Cement wall at park canopy, \$3,690.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pickup, \$1,742.00; Sherry Tetschner, 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, Printer ink, \$160.87, Salary, \$450.97

**TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:** \$7,983.43

**TOTAL KENO EXPENSES:** \$0.00

**TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES:** \$0.00

**STREETS:** Cornerstone Bank, Line of credit for streets payoff, \$71,131.59

**TOTAL STEET EXPENSES:** \$71,131.59

**WATER:** Criss Co, Control board- heater in well house, \$348.53; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

**TOTAL WATER EXPENSES:** \$648.53

**GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES:** \$79,763.55

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The skid-steer needs to be serviced. The board discussed having the body work fixed on the pickup. It was moved by Tetschner, seconded by Plugge to take the pickup to O'Neill to Reiman's Auto Body Shop to repair the pickup's body. Roll call vote: Yes—Nordhues, Plugge, Einspahr, Williamson and Tetschner. No: None. Absent: None. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

The picnic tables will be put back in the repaired park shelter and the electric work will be finished up.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 8th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of August 2025.  
PUBLISH: August 20, 2025  
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ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD  
Regular August Meeting  
EPS Distance Learning Room  
August 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

President Lisa Welding called the Regular August Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, Eric Beckman and Lisa Welding. Also present were Superintendent Mike Brockhaus and Principal Greg Wemhoff.

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, Luke Hinkle second to approve the consent agenda--#5- Minutes of Regular Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report, #8- Board Bills. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, Maintenance, \$80.29; ALICAP-NASB, \$75,161.00; Applied Connective Technologies, Business Expense, \$156.00, Business Expense. \$2,139.50, Instru Expense, \$2,302.99; Amazon, \$940.01; AMH, Transportation, \$204.00; Appeara, Maintenance, \$129.06; Bishop Business, business Expense, \$80.71; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$558.36; Bud's Sanitary Service, Maintenance, \$100.00; Cornhusker Intl., Transportation , \$4,287.87; City of Elgin, Maintenance, \$7.50; Dean's

**TO:** All Antelope County Landowners

Referencing Nebraska State Statutes 39-301, 39-302, 39-1811, 39-1812, and 39-1813.

You are informed that the Antelope County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution at their April 13th, 2021 board meeting:

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the Antelope County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution regarding obstructions in Antelope County Road rights of way, it is the Antelope County Board of Commissioners intention to update said resolution; and

**WHEREAS** the Antelope County Board of Commissioners has received evidence that unauthorized fences, crops, trees, shrubs, weeds, tall grass, berms, trash, equipment and other obstructions placed within the public rights-of-way maintained by Antelope County cause hazards that endanger motorists, County employees, and County equipment, and interfere with the proper maintenance of the roadway, especially during road maintenance, construction, and snow removal operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Antelope County shall, after first giving reasonable notice to the affected landowner, exercise its right to remove hazards from the public rights-of-way except that no notice shall need to be given during snow removal operations or emergency operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Antelope County Road Department employees shall identify and document such hazards, shall provide ten days written notice to any affected landowner to remove the hazards from the right-of-way, and, if such hazards remain within the right-of-way ten days after Antelope County gives such notice to any affected landowner, shall remove the hazards, returning all salvaged materials to the affected landowner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Antelope County Road Department employees shall invoice the costs of the removal of the hazards to the affected landowner, including the cost of labor and machine use.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021. You are further notified that the County Board of Commissioners intends that the above resolution shall be enforced, and that any person may make a proper complaint regarding a violation of the above resolution to the Commissioner(s) or Road Superintendent.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 11, 2025 MEETING  
THE DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Market, Maintenance, \$9.38; Eakes, Maintenance, \$131.25; ESU #8, Instru Expense, \$200.00, Technology, \$1,757.22, Instru Expense, \$27.00; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$573.66; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$280.91; ESU Coordinating Council, Instru Expense, \$450.00; Environmental Services, Maintenance, \$297.04; Elgin Review, Board Expense, \$168.64; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$3,240.06; Floor Maintenance & Supply, Maintenance, \$591.26; Great America Financial Svcs, business Expense, \$283.99; Great Plains Communication, business Expense, \$343.72; Holiday Inn, Admin Expense, \$839.70; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$148.80; Jerry's Feed Service, maintenance, \$20.22; journeyEd, Instru Expense, \$500.00; KSB School Law, Instru Expense, \$1,788.50; Lexia Learning, Title IIA Expense, \$399.00; Liminex, Inc., Title IIA Expense, \$500.00; Mid-American Research Chemicals, maintenance, \$2,220.50; Music & Arts, Instru Expense, \$56.64; NCSA, Admin Expense, \$1,176.00; Nebraska Life, Instru Expense, \$30.00; Nebraska Safety Center, Transportation, \$250.00; NE State Fire Marshal, maintenance, \$432.00; Olson's Pest Technicians, Maintenance, \$110.00; Overland Rehab, SpEd Expense, \$691.50; Pitzer Digital, Board Expense, \$120.00; School-Mate, Instru Expense, \$696.80; School Specialty, Instru Expense, \$39.23; Sterling Computers, Technology, \$2,779.88; Summerland, SpEd Expense, \$867.22; TMS. Business Expense, \$64.89; US

Bank, \$3,865.80; Vanis, Susan, Business Expense, \$500.00; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$65.08; WageWorks, Instru Expense, \$139.25; Waste Connections, Maintenance, \$315.00; Wells Fargo, Business Expense, \$207.07

Total Board Bills: \$113,324.50  
Payroll: \$240,688.67  
Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$354,013.17

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

No standing committee reports.

In the principal's report, Mr. Wemhoff reported on the past events in July including him and Mr. Brockhaus attending the national Principals Convention and Administrator days in Kearney. Also reported on coaches that attended the coaches clinic in July in Lincoln. He also gave an update on the upcoming start to school and activities.

Supt. Brockhaus gave an update on the budget and information from Administrator Days. Also commented on an update on updating the track at the football field.

In action items, Steve Busted motioned, Eric Beckman seconded to approve Policy 505.02 R1, Classroom Capacities for 2026-2027 school year as presented. Vote 6-0 motioned carried.

Todd Heithoff motioned, and Ron Bode seconded to approve of the Junior Class Trip in June of 2026. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Approval to take all necessary actions to adopt a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to deter-

mine the school district's property tax request authority by up to 7% was motioned by Steve Busted and seconded by Luke Hinkle. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned and Beckman seconded to approve the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Funds and \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Hinkle motioned, Bode seconded to approve the bid from Stokes Investments for the cement project and water diversion project near the bus barn for \$5,180. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Heithoff motioned to approve the selling surplus school materials, Bode seconded. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

In Discussion items, the date and time for the Budget Hearing was set for Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 a.m.

Busted motioned, Beckman second to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6-0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Bode, Secretary  
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder  
--This is a draft copy and does not become official Elgin Public Board minutes until approved at the next regular or advertised meeting.  
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NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS  
ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

39-302 Roads; sprinkler irrigation system; restrictions; violations; penalty.

A sprinkler irrigation system which due to location or design diverts, or is capable of diverting, water onto or across a public road so as to saturate, wash, or impair the maintenance, construction, or pass ability of such public road or allows water to accumulate on the roadway or traveled surface of the public road shall be equipped with a device which will automatically

shut off the end gun of the irrigation system causing such diversion or accumulation of water. Any person who fails to comply with this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, except that section 39-301 shall be controlling with respect to mechanical malfunctions and normal weather conditions.

39-1811 Weeds; mowing; duty of landowner; neglect of duty; obligation of county board; cost; assess-

ment and collection.

(1) It shall be the duty of the landowners in this state to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands at least twice each year, namely, sometime in July for the first time and sometime in September for the second time.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD

NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BARTLETT,  
NEBRASKA, AND ALL OTHER  
PERSONS

You are hereby placed on notice that the Village Board of the Village of Bartlett, Nebraska, shall hold a public hearing at the Village Hall on 8th day of September, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is

to hear testimony in favor of, opposition to, and to answer questions in relation thereto the proposed one year and six year street improvement for the Village of Bartlett, Nebraska. A copy of the programs is on file with Emma Smith, Village Clerk, and are subject to public review and examination.  
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION  
MAST METAL, L.L.C.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
MAST METAL, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, with its registered address at 51235 864th Road, Orchard, Nebraska 68764, was dissolved on February 7, 2025. The terms of the dissolution provide for the payment of liabilities of the Limited Liability Company and the distribution of any remaining assets to the members. Vernon Mast, the President of the Limited Liability Company, is to

manage the corporate affairs, wind up and liquidate its business, and distribute its assets. The Limited Liability Company has no assets and no liabilities.

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## Veterans hear girls, boys state experiences and asked to visit veterans office on a regular basis

### Annual Steak Fry

The annual Elgin Veterans Steak Fry was held on Monday, August 10 at the Elgin KC Hall. While enjoying delicious rib eyes, those who attended got to hear the experiences of this year's girls and boys stater who traveled to Lincoln in June. Speaking for the girls were Kayton Zwingman and Jovie Borer. Boys talking that night were Aiden Klein, Trey Rittscher, Jarek Erickson and Landyn Veik. Rittscher also spoke about his experience at the American Legion Department of Nebraska Junior Law Cadet Program also

held in June. All recommend that students apply to attend these as they rank them as "awesome" times. Antelope County Veterans Service Officer Tom Nelson also addressed the veterans, encouraging them to be sure the are current with benefits available to them. Gary Hoefer also recognized Gene Norton and Fred Capler for their dedication.



Kayton Zwingman



Jovie Borer



Aiden Klein



Trey Rittscher



Jarek Erickson



Landyn Veik



Antelope County Veterans Service Officer Tom Nelson reminded veterans to keep their records up-to-date and check in to see if additional benefits are available. E/R photos/LMorgan

**Elgin Legion**  
Commander Gary Hoefer set aside some time to recognize Fred Capler and Gene Norton (both in attendance) for their dedication for helping out when needed. Both men, in their 90s, don't hesitate to help when called upon.



Fred Capler



Gene Norton

## Fall brome grazing and hay

This year in northeast Nebraska, we started with a dry spring that slowed early brome growth and kept yields low in many fields. The good news is that summer moisture returned, and most stands have been able to rebound, putting us in a decent trajectory as we head into fall.

Growth this spring was limited by moisture and, in general, plants matured before much production occurred. While summer moisture boosted regrowth, total production for grazing and hay has still been on the low side. At this point, taking an inventory of forage resources is a good idea in case other hay sources or grazing opportunities need to be utilized. While fall growth on brome may be an option in these cases, I wouldn't count on it too much. Dry conditions this fall, an early frost, or other unfavorable weather could easily limit yields.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT BEEF



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

Another factor to consider when deciding whether to utilize fall brome growth this year is stress. While brome is known for its toughness, it does have limits. Plants this spring were stressed during a critical growth stage and are still recovering. Fall growth is not only an opportunity for more forage, but also a chance for plants to restore depleted root reserves. If possible, focus on recovery first and production second. Growth this fall will mean a healthier and more productive field next spring. If plants are growing and soil moisture is good, consider light nitrogen fertilization along with phosphorus if soil tests show a need. Reduced grass competition this fall can also open the door to interseeding legumes like red clover or alfalfa to add diversity and long-term productivity.

If grazing or haying stressed

pastures is unavoidable, don't overdo it. Additionally, mature seedheads left from earlier in the year can irritate eyes when grazing, increasing the risk of pinkeye. Finally, plan ahead for reduced growth next spring if stands are grazed hard now. Remember, fall growth is strongly tied to early spring production. Providing some additional fertility next year can help maintain yields, but eventually, without rest, two things will happen: Overall stand production will decrease as chronically stressed plants have less energy to put into new growth. Weaker stands will be more susceptible to encroachment from weedy species that will require additional management to control.

Good summer rains have helped many brome fields bounce back from a slow start, but the management decisions you make this fall will play a big role in how those stands perform next year. Resting and recovering them now can mean healthier stands and better yields in 2026—and can help break the cycle of stress that's hard to recover from once it starts. - Ben Beckman is a livestock systems Extension Educator based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: [ben.beckman@unl.edu](mailto:ben.beckman@unl.edu)

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Spinning Tales

High heat, low scores sum up PJCC’s annual golf tournament

Sometime Saturday morning, standing on the short grass on one of the holes at the Antelope Country Club, someone asked if I had brought my camera.

It’s not an uncommon question for a community journalist. I said ‘no, and I left my smart phone at home today.”

For whatever reason everyone seemed to relax a little bit more (and I thought everyone was already relaxed) as the PJCC Alumni Golf Tournament was well underway. These type of golf tournaments are great ways to raise funds for schools. Elgin Public holds their tournament shortly after the school year ends, PJCC waits until August to hold their tournament.

What ensued was the hottest round of golf I think I have ever played. I’ve been playing the game for nearly 40 years now. After a not-so-rapid ascent to become competitive, I would be the first to say the skills are in decline. The driver doesn’t hit the ball as far as it once did, nor do the irons arc like they once used to. About the only thing that bears resemblance to years gone by is the putter.

But, that’s not what these events are all about. Sure, there are teams who want to win and I don’t begrudge them that. That’s why you play the game - to win. I think that’s what former NFL/College coach Herm Edwards said years ago. It made a great clip on social media and I have no doubt he meant what he said.

While those teams battled it out Saturday, there were other teams who were comprised of players who find another reason to play the tournament

- to have a good time. My team, and others too, could count the combined rounds of golf they have played this season on two hands.

Teams like this are there to enjoy the moment - make some good swings knowing there’s no guarantee the next one to follow will be any good; they play to support the cause (fundraising) whether it be for a school, a fire department, a memorial for a family member no longer with us. On this day, my team and many others had one main goal - to stay hydrated by any means necessary.

It didn’t take long to feel the heat. The tournament began at 9 a.m. and by 10 a.m., golf carts were in search of shade at every opportunity. I’ve said it before, one of the greatest gifts God ever gave mankind was cool fresh water and shade trees. Each has the amazing ability to cool the body. Woe to those who landed shot after shot in the fairway. On a golf course there are few shade trees in the middle of fairways.

I think I was the oldest player in our group of three teams and I was continuously asked if I was feeling alright in the heat. After awhile the lady started asking me if I wanted one of those fancy towels which provide instant relief from the heat. I kept saying I felt fine, but she kept asking.

With three holes left to play, to stop the questions, I said sure, let me have one. She put it around my neck and, I’ve got to tell you, it felt fantastic. Those towels are exactly what they say they are.

Funny thing about golf - you

can play the game in cold temperatures in the 40s like many high school golfers do in the spring. It’s never too hot to play the game, but it can get dangerous if high heat and humidity interact. You can play the game in a light mist or rain as often is the case when the British Open is played, particularly at St. Andrew’s.

The only thing that can stop a golf tournament is lightning. Humans swinging golf clubs can become lightning rods when thunder and lightning approach. Play then resumes after the thunderstorm passes.

Golf courses are sometimes closed due to standing water.

The good news about Saturday, everybody was still ‘standing’ at the end of the tournament and were treated to a fine meal, the costs of which were covered by donations. I did learn a few things:

- 1) You can play golf on a bad ankle. One day after no longer needing to wear the ‘boot,’ Kristen Evans wrapped up her ankle and played 18 holes.
- 2) You don’t have to like the sport to play well. Our last-minute addition to the team, Ally

SPINNING TALES



Publisher  
Dennis Morgan

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WC Sheriff Dale King responds to news reports

Wheeler County Sheriff Dale King issued a statement this week regarding concerns being raised over an article which recently appeared in some area newspapers regarding public safety in the county which he serves.

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“Recent media reports and news articles regarding public safety in Wheeler County have raised numerous questions and concerns among residents. Addressing these issues individually has failed to provide a complete picture of public safety, leading to a misrepresentation of the facts. While there are several opportunities in nature, they are being combined into one.

“The Wheeler County Sheriff’s Office has consistently followed policy and places great importance on public safety, prioritizing the best interests of the residents of Wheeler County.

“With this said, it is imperative to acknowledge that only the Wheeler County Rural Fire Board possesses the authority to make determinations regarding fire districts, including the capability to impose taxes that support essential fire protection infrastructure.

“The Sheriff is responsible for decisions related to the Sheriff’s Office and oversees the public safety of the entire County.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST 12, 2025 MEETING  
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Neligh, Nebraska  
August 12th, 2025

Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the July 8th, and August 5th BOC meeting. Approved minutes of July 22nd, BOE meeting

Approved payroll.

Approved vendor claims.

**General:** AMAZON ex 23.91; AMERITAS ins 22,892.34; ANTELOPE CO COURT ex 668.77; ANTELOPE CO SHRF ex 426.32; APPEARA ex 34.22; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 6,212.30; FIRSTNET ut 905.98; AUTOMATED DAIRY ex 9.10; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 193.27; BCBS ins 75,042.59; BOMGAARS ex 153.66; DEB BRANSTITER ex 32.13; BROGAN & GRAY ex 1,325.25; CARNEY LAW ex 8,587.30; CASEYS ex 255.81; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,895.72; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLEARFLY ut 158.75; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 36.00; COLD-TYPE PUBLISHING ex 761.63; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 108.40; CUBBYS ex 1,384.92; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,095.35; DUSTYS ex 925.72; EAKES OFC SOL ex 1,202.10; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 51.00; ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL ex 34.90; ELGIN REVIEW ex 407.95; ELITE COURT REPORTING SVC ex 228.35; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 1,208.39; ELKHORN VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ex 42.80; ESRI ex 460.00; FED W/H tax 13,940.88; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ex 4,418.22; PATTI GOOD ex 32.50; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 522.74; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIP ex 179.99; JONNY DODGE ex 1,253.41; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 9,153.40; LANCASTER CO SHRF ex 18.73; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON CO DIST COURT ex 50.00; MADISON CO TREAS ex 12,389.98; MADISON CO SHRF ex 121.80; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 131.89; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 122.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 1,660.51; ANGELA MORTENSEN ex 29.52; NACO ex 60.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,654.26; NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS ex 90.00; NELIGH POSTMASTER ex 198.00; NELIGH-OAKDALE SCHOOLS ex 77.10; VSP - NACO VISION ins 525.26; NCDHD ex 2,508.00; NCPD ut 82.97; NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE ex 1,753.75; O’NEILL PEST CONTROL ex 95.00; LISA PAYNE ex 1,230.12; PETTY CASH (DIST COURT) ex 158.97; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,179.75; PITZER DIGITAL ex 595.93; PLATTE VALLEY COMMS ex 763.50; QUILL CORP ex 54.36; REGION IV ex

2,808.00; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; SAFE LIFE DEFENSE ex 669.60; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 800.30; SOC SEC 30,723.26; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,137.38; STRATTON DELAY DOELE CARLSON & BUET ex 2,367.60; SUMMERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ex 70.00; THRIFTWAY ex 26.47; TRUSTMARK ex 243.67; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 1,144.90; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ut 45.02; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 744.75; WILLIES SVC ex 19.43; 319 GRAPHICS ex 43.50; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 600,000.00; Payroll : 154,372.45

**Road/Bridge:** MEIS FARMS ex 675.00; AKRS ex 1,258.53; AMERITAS ins 15,522.58; AMH ex 408.00; APPEARA ex 100.90; FIRSTNET ut 280.36; B’S ENT ex 21,165.00; BAZILE AGGREGATE ex 10,202.78; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 302.57; BLACKBURN MFG ex 868.00; BCBS ins 49,538.37; BOMGAARS ex 990.71; BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 245.00; CVA ex 71.83; CINTAS ex 11.29; CITY OF NELIGH ut 12.00 ; CITY OF TILDEN ut 70.13; COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS ins 409.83; COLONIAL RESEARCH ex 632.70; CONSTELLATION ut 79.90; CORNER HARDWARE ex 18.71; CUBBYS ex 462.26; DUSTYS ex 1,006.69; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 14.98; ERPPD ut 494.23; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 27,000.02; FARMERS PRIDE ex 42,037.67; FED W/H tax 11,675.86; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 618.22; FRONTIER COMM ut 636.76; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 345.61; GRUBB GRINDING ex 6,904.10; HUBEL WELDING & IRON ex 411.15; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING ex 228.16; JOEL SINCLAIR ex 33,704.95; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 42,314.50; JONNY DODGE ex 1,812.14; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 13,660.73; KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST ex 7,423.50; LAWSON PRODS ex 130.65; LAZY T ex 409.12; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LICHTENBERG TIRE ex 80.00; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 62.42; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 19,744.35; MEDICAL ENT ex 144.00; MIDWEST COATINGS ex 223,404.65; MR S’S ex 1,090.02; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 4,166.42; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 4,968.76; NPPD ut 308.07; NELIGH AUTO ex 523.39; VSP - NACO VISION ins 353.53; NMC EXCHANGE ex 1,055.99; NCPPD ut 179.36; NORTH CONSTRUCTION ex 42,242.16; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 375.00; NNTC ut 77.07 ; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 3,687.35; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 1,539.82; RAZOR TRACKING ex 1,000.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS ex 1,557.91; REINKES FARM & CITY SVC ex 53.70; BRUCE ROEBER ex 6,574.75;

ROYAL ONE STOP ex 1,320.66; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 8,102.73; SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex 4,650.03; WEX BANK ex 996.43; SOC SEC 21,929.34; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 3,464.43; SPUD CONSTRUCTION ex 116,920.43; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.59; TRUSTMARK ex 340.19; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 861.44; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 1,606.78; VILLAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 54.50; VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER ut 75.50; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 165.60; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 99.60; WESTERN OIL II ex 283.99; Payroll: 108,697.25

**Register of Deeds:** MIPS ex 361.20;

**Veterans Aid:** ANTELOPE CO VETS SVC OFC ex 588.00;

**Inheritance:** ESTATE OF DELBERT V. HEITHOFF ex 450.32;

**Law Enforcement:** AMERICAN FLOOR MATS ex 76.20; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 275.68; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 337.38; BOMGAARS ex 90.82; CASH-WA DISTR ex 1,123.49; CITY OF NELIGH ut 4,698.38; CULLIGAN ex 79.00; APRIL CURTIS ex 105.00; DEANS MARKET ex 9.99; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SVCS ex 810.00; HEARTLAND FIRE PROTECTION ex 297.75; HILAND DAIRY ex 921.80; MERIT MECHANICAL ex 705.00; MIDWEST ALARM SVCS ex 1,050.00; NEBR SVC PLUS ex 147.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 290.61; U-SAVE PHARMACY ex 48.18;

**Commissary:** CASH-WA DISTR ex 352.48; CHARM-TEX ex 35.60; CUBBYS ex 84.45; KEEFE SUPPLY ex 855.68; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 66.00; PINNACLE BANK ex 1,626.52;

**Building:** PRAIRIE VIEW ROOFING ex 60,673.85.

Public comments. Correspondence was reviewed. Sheriffs Fee Report, Clerk of the District Court Report.

Approved support of Ag Society loan, by approving resolution. Approved 2025 Inventories.

Zoning Administrator report was heard. Approved two (2) administrative plats.

Discussion held with contractor and Invenergy regarding Temporary Road Use agreements.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved two (2) oversize permit.

Budget discussion and review. Approve subdivisions to remain under county levying authority.

Meeting Adjourned.

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WOLFPACK

# Wolfpack Sports

## Tales

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Selling hit a lot of great shots despite not liking the sport. If she ever learns to like playing golf, she could be dangerous.

3) Husbands and wives can play golf together, even if they sometimes jab at each other.

Another thing about the golf played Saturday. As much as I had a great time with everyone in our group, I was glad to get home, get showered and cool off under the ceiling fan.

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Do you believe in magic? Thanks for asking, the answer is yes I do! On Thursday night, at the Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, Lynell and I took in the Penn & Teller 50th Anniversary show. It marked the fourth time we have seen Penn & Teller perform and, like the previous three shows we saw in Las Vegas, they did not disappoint. For nearly two hours they wowed with different acts of magic, many which included assistance from the audience.

Lynell loves to watch them perform, thinking she will be able to figure out how they do the magic. Thursday night was no exception. And, for the fourth time, she could not comprehend what her eyes saw.

Driving home, I had a conversation with one of many marketing assistants we work with. I shared with her the highlights from the Penn & Teller show. Before the conversation ended, I asked her if she believed in magic?

Much to my surprise, her answer was 'YES!'

Great minds think alike.

## Community Calendar

- \* See ad/story in this week's Elgin Review
- Wednesday, August 20**  
City of Elgin Budget Workshop at City Hall.
- Thursday, August 21**  
EPPJ Volleyball Jamboree at Stanton.
- Friday - Sunday, August 22-24**  
43rd Annual Nebraska State Antique Tractor & Horse Plowing Bee at Petersburg sponsored by the Rae Valley Heritage Association Inc.\*
- Monday, September 1**  
Labor Day holiday (no school).
- Tuesday, September 2**  
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.\*
- Wednesday, September 3**  
Regular meeting of the Elgin City Council.
- Tuesday, September 9**  
Regular meeting of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners.\*
- Wednesday, September 10**  
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education.\*



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## Media Day held Wednesday for EPPJ Wolfpack fall sports teams



### Volleyball team to be among the best this season

The Wolfpack volleyball team will be competing in Class D1 this year. Under the direction of head coach Jordynn Luettel and assistant coaches Sandi Henn and Jill McNally, EPPJ returns a wealth of experience with some new additions which promises to make for an exciting season. Members of this year's team are (front row, l-r): Halle Lueking, Camry Kittelson, Kayton Zwingman, Tessa Barlow and Abigail Schneider. Middle row: Megan Wright, Libby Evans, Elizabeth Moser, Braelyn Martinsen, Brooke Kinney, Kylee Lichtenberg, Sophia Burke, Kinley Drueke, Kynlee Tillis and Sadie Thiessen. Back row: Student managers Kate Barlow, Shania Buschow and Harper Evans, Jael Lammers, Aubrie Parks, Mady Kurpgeweit, Macy Rokahr, Sydney Neiwohner, Lillian Moser, Molly Thiessen, Gentry Zwingman, student managers Tenley Schindler, Melissa Stuhr and Harper Childers. Not pictured: player/manager Kierstyn Eisenhauer.



### Wolfpack roster ready for the start of football season

Having become perennial qualifiers for the state football playoffs, Elgin Public-Pope John will aim to keep the streak alive again this year. Members of the Wolfpack squad are (front row, l-r): Karson Kallhoff, Jarek Erickson, Trey Rittscher, Landyn Veik and Grady Drueke. Middle row: Evin Pelster, John Zwingman, Joseph McNally, Michael Selting, Justice Blecher, Gavin Kallhoff, Braxtyn Eisenhauer and Garrett Busted. Back row: Raaf Klein, Christian Preister, Ethan Hansen, Braedon Hinkle, Brayden Burenheide, Max Henn, Jayvin Erickson, Cael Bottorf and Jacob Neiwohner. Not pictured: Donmetrious Dredge. Co-head coaches are Nick Heithoff and Matt Euse. Assistant coaches this year are Denny Murray and Kyle Heithoff. The Wolfpack will open the season Friday night, August 29, at home against Burwell. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. at Elgin Field.



### Cross country ready to start the season

Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack media day was held last Wednesday. Coach Tiffany Moser will return three letter winners to the Wolfpack cross country team to start the season. Members of the team this year are (l-r): Jovie Borer, Matthew Kerkman and Samantha Stuhr. The first meet of the season will be Friday, September 5, at Albion.



A limited number are available to purchase.

These 13-month calendars are just **\$15** at the Elgin Review office.

Athletes on this year's calendar are Libby Evans, Braelyn Martinsen, Camry Kittelson, Samantha Stuhr, Evin Pelster, Landyn Veik, Jarek Erickson, Max Henn, Michael Selting and Gemma Miller.

The calendars contain sporting events and scheduled activities at Elgin Public and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic schools.

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Wolfpack boosters ready for games to begin

The Wolfpack Booster Club held a kickoff event Sunday evening at Elgin City Park. Attendees used every bit of shade around the picnic shelter as they enjoyed burgers, chips, a bean casserole, cookies and ice cream in celebration of the start of the season.

CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY

Sept. 5.....Boone Central Invite @ Albion CC..... 10:00

Sept. 11..Boyd Co. Invite @ Butte GC.....4:30

FOOTBALL

VARSITY

Aug. 29..vs Burwell ..... 7:00

Sept. 5...@ Walthill .....3:00

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 2...@ Fullerton.....4:30

Sept. 8...vs Creighton .....4:00

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY

Aug. 21..Jamboree @ Stanton .....6:00

Aug. 28.....vs Lutheran High Northeast (EPS)..... 7:30

Sept. 2...vs Burwell (Senior Night, PJ)..... 7:00

Sept. 4...Tri @ EPPJ (PJ)..... 5:00

Sept. 9...Double Tri @ EPPJ (EPS)..... 5:00

Sept. 11...@ Boyd County ..... 6:30

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM

Aug. 28.....vs Lutheran High Northeast (EPS) .. 5:00

Sept. 2...vs Burwell (Senior Night, PJ) ..... 5:00

Sept. 8...@ Fullerton ..... 5:30

Sept. 11..@ Boyd County.....4:30

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept. 8...vs Creighton (PJ)..... 2:00

Sept. 17..vs Neligh-Oakdale (PJ) ..... 3:00

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Aug. 25 .....PJCC (PreK-6) Acadience Testing (K-11) Star Testing • EHS band uniform checkouts

Aug. 26 .....PJCC Board of Education meeting

Aug. 28 ..... EPS School Pictures

Aug. 29 ..... Friday Night Lights @ football game

Aug. 31 ..... St. John's (Petersburg) Bazaar

Sept. 1 ..... Labor Day - NO SCHOOL, all schools

Sept. 2 ..... PJCC Student Council meeting

Sept. 3 ..... Miles of Smiles • FFA District Range Judging (south) @ Sargent

Sept. 6 ..... ACT

Sept. 7 ..... Treasurers in the Park/Car Show

Sept. 8 ..... FFA Area Range Judging @ Holt Co.

Sept. 9 ..... EHS National Honor Society senior induction

Sept. 10 ... EPS 1 pm dismissal (PT conferences) • EPS School Board meeting • PJCC financial aid meeting

Sept. 14 .. HOMECOMING WEEK begins • PJCC Homecoming Coronation & activities

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