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end season on high note

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Wolfpack take down
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In Brief

EPPJ sweeps N/V
in NVC tourney
Monday night

Finals to be played Friday.

ELGIN — The postseason beckons for the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team.

This week the team will complete the regular season competing in the NVC Volleyball Tournament, the finals to be played Friday night at Niobrara.

In the opening round Monday night, EPPJ defeated Niobrara/Verdigris in three sets.

Then, on Monday, October 27, the Wolfpack will begin postseason play in the D1-5 Subdistrict.

Pairings and location for the sub-district tournament have yet to be announced.

However, it's likely the Wolfpack will be the top-seed and could be the host school.

Other teams in EPPJ's sub-district are Bloomfield, Creighton, Neligh-Oakdale and Plainview. In regular season play the Wolfpack defeated Plainview. However, Creighton, Bloomfield and Neligh-Oakdale were not on the Wolfpack's schedule this year.

Once pairings are announced, they will be posted on *The Elgin Review* Facebook page.

Good luck Pack!

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice — 512th Avenue Road Hearing

Notice — Estate of Leonard E. Wostrel

Notice of Incorporation — Kallhoff

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Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 81 degrees recorded on Sunday, October 12.

The low temperature during the same period was 36 degrees recorded on Saturday, October 18.

Altogether, 0.35 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
Oct 12	81	44	.00
Oct 13	59	45	.35
Oct 14	62	47	.00
Oct 15	78	55	.00
Oct 16	80	54	.00
Oct 17	71	44	.00
Oct 18	60	36	0.00
Total for last week			0.35
Total for October			0.35
Total precipitation 2025			25.41

Ostransky benefit
is this Saturday

Weeks in the making, a benefit for the Trent Ostransky family will be held this Saturday, October 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elgin KC Hall, 115 S. 2nd Street.

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

Trent and Baylee are both educators in the community and have dedicated many hours of their time to coaching youth athletics. Organizers are hoping to ease their financial expenditures through this benefit. A burger meal for a free will donation will be held. Also there will be silent auction items, raffle prizes and a 'split the pot.' An account has also been set up at the Bank of Elgin.

Trent and Baylee Ostransky are shown with their children Calvin and baby Livy. A benefit will be held Saturday night to help with Livy's medical expenses.

Courtesy photo



Scoreboard at Elgin Field to get update

Fans of Wolfpack football will, come next season, have better vision.

Meeting Wednesday night, the District #18 Board of Education took action to improve visibility of the school board by approving a motion to purchase new football scoreboard light panels

To be purchased from Fair Play, the light panels and necessary cables will cost the school district \$6,700.

"They'll be a lot easier to see," Superintendent Mike Brockhaus said about the new LED lights.

The scoreboard lights have become an issue due to poor visibility, partic-

ularly during afternoon games which are happening more and more due to fewer officiating crews available to work Friday night games. The board approved the expenditure on a 4-0 vote (board members Luke Hinkle and Todd Heithoff were absent from the meeting).

The scoreboard was just one of a number of items related to athletic facilities.

Earlier in the meeting, Brockhaus briefed the board about problems with the gym floor located under the bleachers. He said he is seeking bids to move the bleachers away from the

walls to allow for work to be done on the uneven floor boards. He said water is not the issue with the boards, but the gluing of the blares is coming up from bleachers moving back and forth when the gym is in use.

"It's really bad on the east side," the superintendent said, "but the west side also is having issues."

Work would likely be done as soon as school lets out in May so the gym would be available for activities sometime in the summer.

On another matter, Brockhaus said repairs have been completed to the area adjacent to the bus barn. The apron by the bus barn is now in excellent condition.

Earlier in the meeting, Technology Coordinator Amy Seltling gave a brief presentation on technology and the current status of technology inventory. No action was taken on the matter.

In other action:

Cross country — The board approved a plan to create a cross country program for junior high Wolfpack athletes.

Policies - Following a public hearing, the board approved Internet and Computer Use Policy 606.06. As part of the motion, the board approved on first reading a policy dealing with travel costs in relation to federal grants.

Cold as 'ice' — The board took action to replace what has become an unreliable ice machine. A motion was approved to purchase a new ice machine to replace the current one which is over 20 years old from Major Refrigeration at a cost of \$5,950. Brockhaus said the old water-cooled ice machine had reached a point where the school would no longer be able to get parts. It had quit running, but was working again, he said.

Buffers — Also approved at the meeting was the purchase of two new floor buffers to replace buffers which are no longer working due, in part, to their age (over 10 years old).

Next meeting — The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m.



E-R photo/DMorgan

School board member Ron Bode looks on as EPS Technology Coordinator Amy Seltling gave a presentation which included discussion of inventory.

School board accepts 'retirement
resignation of guidance counselor

Meeting last week, the District #18 Board of Education accepted 'with regret' the resignation of K-12 guidance counselor Sonia Rittscher.

A search has been ongoing since October 3 when Rittscher formally submitted her resignation letter to the school board and Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

"I would like to thank Elgin Public School for the privilege of working with its K-12 students and their families as well as the faculty and staff for the past 9+ years," the letter read.

"I plan to retire after the 2025-2026 school year and want to make sure that our district has ample time to fill my school counseling role. It is my hope that my successor values the opportunities implemented and helps foster those and even more ways to serve the students and families of our district."

"I will miss many aspects, but especially the students. We have great kids. I'm unsure of my exact next steps at this time, but my 30+ years in education is enough for me."

Among the many programs she has been a part of are Team-Mates, book club, on campus LIMHP, MTSS, Student Success Team (SST), Prevention Solutions and Crisis Prevention Response & Recovery Team.

Brockhaus said Thursday interviews were scheduled with two persons interested in filling the position.



Sonia Rittscher



Jarek Erickson



Kyndal Busted

EPS, PJCC seniors
nominated for
Believers &
Achievers

LINCOLN – Currency and the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) are proud to announce the 2025-26 Believers & Achievers. Believers & Achievers is a statewide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

Nominated from Elgin Public School were Jarek Erickson and Kyndal Busted.

Selected from Pope John XXIII Central Catholic were Tessa Barlow and Camry Kittelson.

Beginning in November and continuing through April, 48 Nebraska high school seniors from across the state will be honored as Believers & Achievers. From those 48 statewide winners, eight will receive scholarships from

Currency to use for the college or university of their choice at a scholarship banquet to be held in April of 2026.

All of the students nominated for the Believers & Achievers awards program represent the very best of Nebraska's high schools and are considered local school winners. Among the categories the students will be judged on will be scholastic achievement:

- Individuals must have a 3.50 (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) or higher cumulative grade point average.

- All academic classes that the student has taken since entering grade nine, and which count toward fulfillment of the school's graduation requirements are to be used in determining the grade point average. The grade point average will be calculated through the second semester of the nominee's junior year.

- Grade point averages rounded off to the nearest hundredth.

- Academic Honors and Awards



Camry Kittelson

Halloween activities in Elgin

Halloween activities are planned throughout the community next week.

The parking lot immediately south of Elgin Community Christian Church will be the site of the sixth annual 'Trunk-or-Treat' event put on by individuals from Elgin Public School.

The event will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is open to all who would like to participate.

Elsewhere, Elgin merchants will welcome trick-or-treaters from noon to 6 p.m. Participating merchants will be provided signs, according to organizers of the event.

A 'Trunk or Treat' event be held outside of the Big A building located on Pine Street. It will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Inside the Big A building there will be a 'Halloween Party' from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Chicken Enchilada Casserole



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it to where they were working. I know from experience that coming up with ideas is not easy.

I hope you can use these ideas! Be safe!

JoAnn



Ladies and cooks, I hope you can use some of these recipes I share with you every week. I know it's hard to come up with new ideas.

I use to have to pack up 2 meals a day for a hay field crew for 10-12 people and haul

1-16 ounce sour cream
1 chicken deboned and cut into pieces (2-3 cups)
2 cans cream of chicken soup (do not dilute)
1 cup mild salsa
8-10 flour tortillas, cut or torn into small pieces

CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

3 cups cheddar cheese, reserve 1 cup for topping

Mix chicken with the soup and sour cream. Add salsa, tortillas, and 2 cups of the cheddar cheese. Spread into a sprayed 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Then top with the remaining cheese and bake for another 10 minutes. HINT: I use more cheese than it calls for. I like my food cheesy! Delicious!

Bartlett News

The Bartlett Lions Club met Thursday, October 16 at the old fire hall in Bartlett. Ten members were present.

The meeting began with an assembly line of packing approximately 140 bags of candy and fun items to be distributed at the Wheeler Central 'Trunk or Treat,' event to be held at the Wheeler County fairgrounds on October 31.

The Mobile Lions Screening Unit screened students at Wheeler Central, Spalding Academy and Riverside Oct. 9-10. Altogether, 109 students were screened at Wheeler Central, 58 students at Spalding Academy, 67 students at Riverside (Spalding) and 46 at Riverside (Cedar Rapids).

Volunteers helping with the screening unit at Wheeler Central were Jenna Landgren, Jerilee Wright and Kristin Klein. Those volunteering at Spalding were Dave and Patty Collins, Joe Walkowiak and Kristen Klein.

Members agreed to pay the 'Lions Mobile Screening Unit'



Photo submitted

Bartlett Lions Club members packing bags for Wheeler Central's 'Trunk or Treat' Halloween event to be held October 31. Shown (l-r) around the table (standing) Joe Walkowiak, Kay Reineke, Patty Jensen, Bridget and Rick Schmidt.

\$626 for hotel and meal expenses incurred during that time.

Kay Reineke attended the Lions State Convention in Ogallala for 38I and 38L. Each year members who have died in the past year are honored at a memorial service.

The 2024-2025 Multiple District 38 Lions Clubs of Nebraska Memorial Service was held at the State Convention, June 7, 2025.

Ellis Schrunk was honored along with 33 other faithful Lions members from District 38

L, 38 I 38 O and 38 N.

The cover of the pamphlet, listing the names, reads as follows: *Well done thou good and faithful servant..... Enter into the joy of the Lord. Matthew 25:21.*

The Lions Club Christmas Party will be held January 11, 2026. This will take the place of the January 8 meeting. The Ground Hog Supper will be held February 1, 2026. A raffle will be held in conjunction with the event.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mick and Kathy Scar-

lett, former Bartlett residents, on the death of their son Cody Scarlett of Madisonville, Tennessee. Cody died October 10, 2025 at the age of 49.

By Sherry Tetschner

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Community Calendar

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

Monday-Saturday, October 23-25
Hunter Safety Education classes in Elgin.

Thursday, October 23
First Round Class D2 State Football Playoffs - EPPJ vs Overton, 5 p.m. @ Overton.*

Friday, October 24
No School for all Elgin schools • Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament championship.

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

Friday, October 31
Elgin High Trunk or Treat • Downtown Trick or Treating • Trunk or Treat/Halloween Party @ Big A Building*

Monday, November 3
Regular monthly meeting of the Elgin City Council @ City Hall.

Tuesday, November 4
Antelope County Commissioners regular meeting.

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We could all benefit from a little boredom

I remember a time when every second of every day wasn't filled with distractions and/or entertainment. I remember being bored sitting at a doctor's office with only the outdated magazines on the table for distraction. There was also a time when people sat at a stop light

and just waited, without reaching for a phone to pass the time. Unfortunately, our children are not growing up at such a time. We live in an age of instant gratification. Our brains rarely get time off because we have a screen in front of our face for most of the day. Whether it's a computer, a tablet, or a phone, there's always something to look at or something to do. The art of being bored or learning how to pass the time seems to become a lost one. The first time I realized this was an issue was while visiting my parents and my children encountered commercials for the first time. They kept asking me to fast forward, not truly understanding they were watching something in real time. If they wanted to watch a certain show, all they had to do was search for it. When we were kids, we had to wait an entire week

and if we missed it, that was it. There was no way of recapturing that missed episode of Full House or Home Improvement. As time went on and Amazon Prime became mainstream, we would order something, and the kids would be asking the next day if the item had arrived. Are you kidding me? I had to wait weeks for a delivery before getting that satisfaction. Now we could have things delivered within two days or overnight for instant gratification. There was zero patience being demonstrated because that was what they had always known. Today, my husband and I are not fans of YouTube. We try to restrict our children's use of it along with social media. Part of the reason is to do with the 10 to 20 second reels. Don't get me wrong, some are hilarious, and I love them. However, it is proving to be extremely harmful to our brains and our ability to stay interested. We are basically rewiring our brains to need a constant hit of entertainment every 30 seconds. These reels are eroding our children's ability to concentrate and stay focused for long periods of time. It's hard to fault my children for their actions when I'm guilty of it as well. I can doom scroll and lose track of time, and I hate it when my delivery is delayed. Some of the modern conveniences have become dependencies and I must remind myself that not everything has

to move at light speed. None of us like to be bored, but it's actually good for us. Boredom is where imagination takes off and creativity blossoms. If our kids are never bored, if they never have to wait for anything, then their expectation of constant distraction increases, and their patience continues to decrease. This goes for us as parents as well. I think we should all make a concerted effort to slow down and demonstrate some patience. We can set up "no tech times" where the family puts away devices. Or bring back more family game nights to spend time together face to face. It's ok to wait for things, because the anticipation of something makes it all the more exciting when it happens or arrives. We don't need constant distractions and could all benefit from a little more boredom. Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Tales of a Tired Momma



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Tuesday, October 28: Taco soup, lettuce salad, cottage cheese, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday, October 29: Sloppy joes, cheesy hash-browns, green beans, peaches/strawberry mix, raw carrots, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, October 30:

Chicken alfredo, lettuce salad, broccoli, apricots, garlic stick, milk.

Friday, November 1: NA. All meals served with bread & butter.

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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago October 21, 1965

Giant potatoes were raised in the community this past summer with two parties raising individual spuds that would feed a normal family. Mrs. Lawrence Josten brought a huge red potato into the Review office this week that weighed 2 1/4 pounds after being washed. After joining the Nebraska Safety Patrol on June 1, 1957, Trooper Harold W. Moon Jr., 34, was assigned to Columbus and is still stationed there. Trooper Moon is native of Palisade, Nebr., worked as a bookkeeper and served in the U.S. Navy. Trooper Moon and his wife, Bonnie, and their children, Tracey, 7, and Curtis, 3, live in Columbus. Lyle E. Jackson, 80, former District Judge and chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, died Thursday night in a Norfolk hospital after a long illness. Mr. Jackson was born in Neligh and lived there until his death. Funeral services were held at Neligh Sunday. Miss Elaine Funk, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Funk and Tommy Kimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Kimes were married Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. in the St. Johns Catholic Church east of Deloit. The Annual Achievement Day for Antelope County Home Extension clubs was held in the Elgin St. Boniface auditorium, on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14. Mrs. Carl Schwager, vice chairman, welcomed the group and all joined in singing the Extension Club song. Mrs. Harvey Hallbrook, Sr. presided at the piano. There were many activities that were organized for this day. The clubs assisting in the days activities were: Scattered Neighbors, Out Our Way and the Sandhill Homemakers.

Fifty Years Ago October 16, 1975

The Norfolk Catholic Knights began their homecoming with a victory over the Pope John Crusaders 41-7 on October 11. The Crusaders were plagued with three injuries in the first half and could not make a score. The Knights went for three TD's in that time period. The extra point kick was made by Stanley Bode late in the fourth quarter. A fund raising slave auction will be held Friday, Oct. 17 at halftime of the Elgin-Ewing football game on the local field. The Elgin FFA Chapter will have 65 strong and willing hard working students to sell to the highest bidder. The students are to perform a full day's work. Elgin firemen have been busy this past week due in the main part to the extremely dry weather. Tuesday last week they were called to a roadside ditch fire a half mile west of the Duane Dinslage home buildings. It is believed the fire was started by a combine. There was no damage. There were many more fires including ones on Thursday evening and Friday morning of that week. The Elgin FFA members in the sophomore Vo-Ag class went to Ord Wednesday Oct. 8 to take part in the area soil judging contest. Participants were Jill Beckman, Kurt Blair, Ken Capler, Dick Carr, Tim Dozler, Randy Grosserode, Rick Henn, Lynn Koinzan, Marvin Legate, Gerald Pelster, Don Poulsen, Kasey Tobias, Rick Tobias, Gary Reestman, and David Siems. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Parr were honored on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary, Saturday evening. A surprise reception was planned for them by their daughter, Pat, of Denver, Colorado and was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zouche.

Thirty Years Ago October 18, 1995

With good drying weather during the past week, Elgin area farmers are making good progress on the fall harvest. An estimated 80 to 90 percent of soybean crop in this area has been harvested, and a good start has been made on corn. In the Elgin area, dry land soybean yields have been ranging from 30 to 40 bushels per acre, while irrigated soybeans have averaged 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Pope John's football team continued its march toward the state playoffs with a 36-6 victory over Clearwater in their final regular season home game last Friday night Oct. 13. The Crusaders hold a 6-1 season record, and they will travel to Niobrara/Santee this Friday, Oct. 20, for their final regular season game with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Wheeler Central held off Elgin's second half rally for a 40-38 win in Niobrara Valley Conference football action at Bartlett last Friday night, Oct. 13. The loss gave the Eagles a 1-6 record with one more regular season home game to play against Ewing. Elgin Public Schools Board of Education authorized an application for an Excellence in Education Grant during its regular meeting last Thursday night, Oct. 19. If approved, the grant funds would come from Nebraska Lottery proceeds. The money would be used to purchase computers for use in the elementary grades. Great Plains Communications Inc. honored employees at the company's Fall Meeting Awards Banquet in Omaha on Sept. 21. Among 30 employees honored for their years of service to Great Plains were Robert Tharnish, 30 years, and Steve Hansen, 15 years, both of Elgin.

Twenty Years Ago October 19, 2005

Betty Getzfred, principal at St. Boniface School in Elgin, was named Administrator of the Year last week for rural Catholic Schools in the Omaha Archdiocese. The honor was presented to her during the 28th annual Archbishops Dinner for Educational Development honoring Catholic educators. Fall can be a dangerous time for field and grass fires, especially after a prolonged dry spell. Recent fires in eastern Nebraska have burned several hundred acres. A fire program leader for the Nebraska Forest Service, said seasonal activities such as harvest and debris clean-up increase the danger of grass and field fires this time of year. Pope John Central Catholic students are planning a paper drive this Saturday, Oct. 22, with sophomores and seventh graders in charge of the project. Only newspapers, magazines, and slick papers will be collected. Papers must be boxed or placed in brown paper bags. The students cannot collect hard cover books, books or notebooks with spirals, or plastics of any kind. Elgin raced to an early 30-point lead and went on to defeat North Loup-Scotia, 62-12, in the last home field contest of the season for the Eagles last Friday night, Oct. 14. Elgin now has a 5-2 record going into their final regular season game this Thursday, Oct. 20, at Chambers. Kickoff is set of 7:30 p.m. Leona "Lee" V. Armstrong, 85, formerly of Hillsboro, OR, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005 in West Branch, IA. Memorial services were held Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church in Hillsboro, OR, with Rev. Rick Zimmerman officiating.

By Reese Stuhr

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

Edward R. Murrow

Tax cheats ‘hit the jackpot’ with layoff of agents to collect unpaid taxes

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

None of us like paying taxes. But even the Bible says we’re supposed to (“Give unto Caesar what is Caesar’s” is how I remember it).

Anyway, I about fell out of my chair the other day when reading a probing article by the Lincoln Journal-Star’s Andrew Wegley about the state’s lackadaisical collection of taxes.

When I pay my taxes, I’m expecting everyone else to do the same. But that’s not happening in Nebraska (really it never has) but the number of tax scofflaws is growing.

The story detailed how the amount of unpaid taxes in the state had grown to \$269.5 million (enough to pay about 100 college quarterbacks), which was \$52.4 million more than just four years ago.

Most of that increase was because fewer folks and companies were paying their state income taxes. Those delinquencies rose by about \$42 million over the past four years, to nearly \$130 million in total.

The kicker to the story, however, was that the Nebraska Department of Revenue, in its esteemed wisdom, had recently laid off the 11 agents and supervisors whose specific responsibility was to collect these unpaid tax dollars owed to the state, which is basically us.

The layoffs were blamed on the need to cut state spending and balance the budget. An administrator was quoted saying a new-fangled, automated computer system would soon be in place to go after tax cheats.

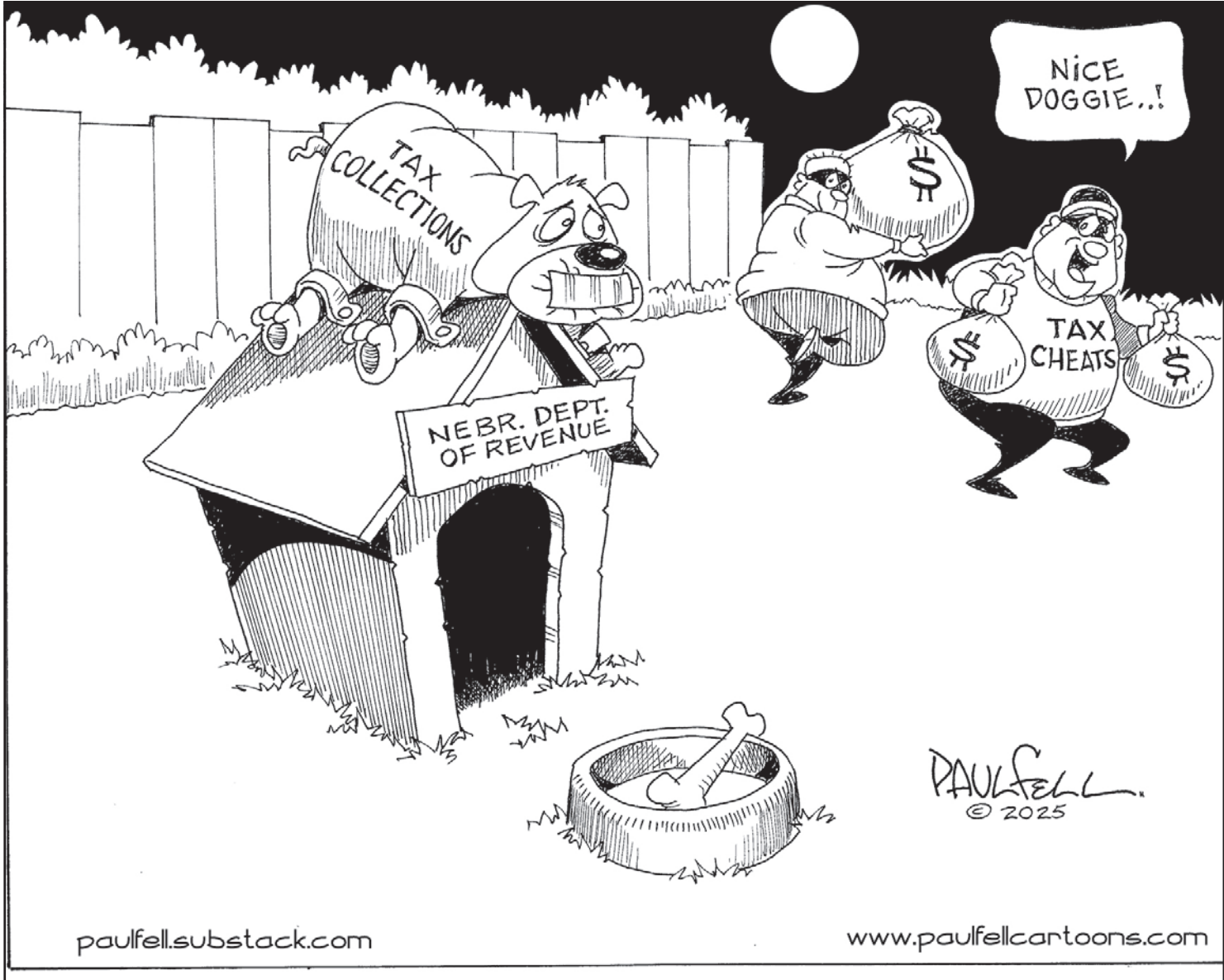
Well, forgive me for saying “what the heck,” but one of the best strategies to close a debt is to collect the debts owed to you! And someone knocking on your door or calling your phone has to be more effective than some AI computer system.

Every honest taxpayer in Nebraska ought to be outraged by this. We pay our taxes. Why aren’t these other people and firms not? And if they aren’t, why isn’t someone going after them to pay up? After all – it appears plainly to see – the state needs the money.

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



I used to cover tax issues at the State Legislature. (In fact, I wondered if my tombstone would read, “He could sure write a tax story.”) The mantra about tax policy was “what is fair, what can be easily collected, and what, over time, will continue to be paid.”

The fairness part was about everyone paying their fair share. But it also meant that everyone was paying.

In what should go down as one of the greatest quotes of the century, one of the laid off Revenue supervisors told the newspaper: “If you owe taxes in Nebraska and don’t want to pay them, boy, you just hit the jackpot.”

Sure, there can be legitimate disputes over what is owed and what a taxpayer believes should be owed. But work those out – it isn’t a big number of taxpayers who file protests – and collect what is due.

After all, if everyone paid what they owed, it would reduce what all of us have to pay.

I recently wrote a story for the Nebraska Examiner about the state’s 15-year-old effort to “shame” people into paying up their unpaid taxes via a posting of a “wall of shame” of the top tax scofflaws on a state website.

But the same failed businessman who owed more than \$2.3 million to the state when the Wall of Shame was created in 2010 – amid another state budget shortfall – was still at the top of the list in 2025.

Some Wall of Shame. Federally, it is estimated that the federal government is losing about \$1 trillion a year to tax cheats (that’s trillion with a “t”), according to the New York Times. That’s an aircraft carrier full of money that could feed a

lot of children, help a lot of people buy houses, pay a bunch of medical bills or pay down the national debt.

Nebraska, too, is losing a growing amount of revenue because some people and companies aren’t paying their fair share. But ho hum -- I guess we don’t care.

The solution to any problem is to attack it, not slack off. But that sadly looks like the path being taken by the state right now.

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

Building a ‘Charlie Kirk’ legacy

This country is the greatest in the history of the world – free, strong, resilient, a land of unending opportunity. The American people are blessed beyond measure, but the brazen, public assassination of Charlie Kirk just over a month ago knocked all of us back onto our heels.

Political violence — no matter the situation — has no place in America. It is a senseless attack on the people of this extraordinary nation.

This man didn’t deserve his death – and it came too early, leaving unfinished work. But it’s up to us to carry on. Charlie Kirk’s legacy is just beginning.

In the week following his assassination, I joined hundreds of Nebraskans — students, families, mourners — at a vigil on UNL’s campus to honor Charlie after his tragic death. It was a moving evening. Together the crowd reflected on the life and impact of a young husband and father taken from this world so soon.

While the tears were about Charlie, it wasn’t just about a man. They were about what Charlie believed in. The handful of occasions that I got to spend

We need to stand up for truth.
We need to stand up for our faith.

time with Charlie, I learned he was about faith, family, and bettering our country. Charlie’s ‘why’ was to stand up and speak what he believed.

That night outside the union, as the darkness surrounded us – just as it can in this world – the candle wicks started to ignite, and we could see light.

In the light, you could see tears and unimaginable pain.

In the light, you could see the faces of young people yearning for truth.

In the light, you could see hope.

In the light, you could see the future of Nebraska.

Here’s what I want us all to take away: We have some extraordinary young people in this country, who are being built up into leaders — and Charlie was one of them. But there’s only one Charlie. As he challenged all of us, we can each be our own best versions of ourselves. Every single person reading this can make an impact on our communities.

What we can’t do is move on with our lives and let that light be put out. We need to stand up for freedom. We need to stand up for each other. We need to stand up for debate. We need to stand up for families. We need to stand up for truth. We need to stand up for our faith.

Since Charlie’s death, our prayers have been with the Kirk family — his wife Erika and their two young kids. During his memorial service at an overflowing NFL stadium in the Phoenix area, Erika shared something remarkable.

In the midst of raw pain and deep despair, Erika announced that she has chosen to forgive the young man that shot Charlie. Why? Because, as she put it: “It’s what Christ did. And it’s what Charlie would do.”

What an amazing example. She continued, closing her husband’s service with these truths: “Choose prayer. Choose courage. Choose beauty. Choose adventure. Choose family. Choose a life of faith. Most importantly: Choose Christ.”

What great compassion. What great truth. What a great legacy there is for us to build together – for Charlie.

FROM THE DESK OF...



Nebraska Governor
Jim Pillen

Stopping at nothing to deliver for Nebraskans

It’s been nearly three weeks since Democrats voted to shut down the federal government. The frustration across the country is real — and I share it. But when moments like this arise, I remind myself why I came to Washington in the first place. Nebraskans sent me here because they value determination, resilience, and grit. They expect me to stand firm in my convictions and deliver results, even in difficult times.

That’s exactly what I’ve been doing. While Democrats remain focused on appeasing their far-left base, my Republican colleagues and I have been working to advance issues that truly matter to Americans — chief among them, defending our nation and strengthening our military.

Last week, despite the Democrat-induced shutdown, we took an important step forward with the Senate’s passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026. This bill reaffirms our commitment to the brave men and women who serve in uniform and ensures that America remains strong in the face of growing global threats. It also represents major wins for Nebraska — especially for Offutt Air Force Base, U.S. Strategic Command, and for the intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)

based in the Panhandle – all of which play critical roles in our national defense.

Today, our adversaries aren’t paying attention to the ongoing shutdown. Instead, they are collaborating — sharing weapons, resources, and intelligence — with the common goal of weakening the United States and eroding our influence abroad. We cannot afford complacency. This year’s NDAA meets the moment by investing in deterrence, readiness, and innovation. It sends a clear message: America will remain the world’s leading force for peace and stability.

I fought hard to include key provisions that strengthen our nuclear deterrence, modernize our missile defense systems, protect critical defense spectrum, and improve our ability to respond to mass casualty events. These are concrete investments in America’s security and in Nebraska’s proud tradition of service.

Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha – home to U.S. Strategic Command, the 557th Weather Wing, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) – along with the community supporting the ICBMs in Western Nebraska stand central to this mission. Using my role as a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I worked to ensure each of these components receives the support they need to succeed.

One of Congress’ most important duties is to defend the nation. With the passage of the NDAA, we’re fulfilling that duty by giving our troops the tools,

training, and resources they need to carry out their mission safely and effectively.

We’re also taking meaningful steps to care for those who serve.

This year’s bill includes:

- Authorization of a 3.8% pay raise for military members, ensuring their compensation keeps pace with the cost of living.

- Authorizing the reversal of \$19 million cut for the DPAA, whose sacred mission is to recover and identify the remains of fallen service members from past conflicts.

- A new initiative exploring public-private partnerships in healthcare construction, modeled after my CHIP IN for Veterans Act, to help local communities contribute to the development of new VA healthcare facilities.

- Expanded authority for the DPAA to procure foreign goods and services in support of recovery missions overseas.

- A reform to make facilities modernization funding more efficient, extending the authorization period from one year to three for better long-term planning and execution.

These are patriotic accomplishments that represent the kind of pragmatic, forward-looking leadership Americans deserve.

The political battles in Washington can be exhausting. But through all the noise, my focus remains steady: to serve Nebraska and protect our nation. That’s the job. And it’s one I will never stop fighting to do.

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Future of legislature’s standing committees reviewed

This past week, the Executive Board held a public hearing on LR198 to study whether to make changes to the structure of standing committees in the Legislature. Specifically, the resolution proposes to create a



District 40 Senator
Barry DeKay

Technology Committee as a new standing committee and combine the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. In the past, the Legislature has at various times considered merging the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. Such proposals have been brought in order to try to spread out the Judiciary Committee’s high workload across five days a week instead of the current three days a week it meets during legislative sessions. In a typical year, the Judiciary Committee can receive between 90 to 100 pieces of legislation. For example, in this year alone, the Judiciary Committee held public hearings on 132 bills and resolutions. This means it is not unusual for public hearings in that committee to go past 8 p.m. to ensure all bills get heard by the public before the deadline for public hearings to take place in each legislative session ends. From my prior experience on this committee, these long hearings deter the asking of good questions by senators and frustrate people who drove multiple hours to Lincoln to testify. Meanwhile, the Natural Resources Committee currently meets 3 days a week while the Agriculture Committee meets only 1 day a week. However, this year, the Natural Resources Committee only heard 33 bills and resolutions and the Agriculture Committee only heard 14 bills and resolutions respectively. As far back as the 1990s, it was common-

place for both committees to have many more pieces of legislation, but as more agriculture, environmental, and electric utility issues became settled law, fewer bills were brought. According to some in the body, it now makes sense to merge these committees together since they both have a relatively light load.

LR198 deviates from prior proposals since it seeks to create a Technology Committee instead of merging the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee together so that the Judiciary Committee can have more days to hold public hearings. The purpose of the Technology Committee would be to have subject matter jurisdiction over legislation that deals with emerging technology, such as artificial intelligence. The Committee could also have jurisdiction over bills that deal with cybersecurity and the state’s technology systems.

Each standing committee is allowed to designate two bills as priority bills. Priority bills have a better chance of being heard on the floor because they typically get preferential scheduling over other non-prioritized bills. Although the two committees don’t typically receive a large number of bills and resolutions each year, they have subject matter jurisdiction over a significant portion of Nebraska’s economy that have a particular impact on rural Nebraska. For perspective, agriculture accounts for approximately one in four jobs and twenty percent of all income earned by Nebraska’s workforce.

Ensuring rural Nebraska, especially our state’s agricultural sector, is adequately represented in the Legislature is a consideration of mine. The Legislature has attempted to combine these two committees in the past but has ultimately never done so. The earliest action could take place to create a Technology Committee and combine the Agriculture Committee and the Natural Resources Committee is next January, should the Legislature choose to amend its rules.

OBITUARIES

Shirley L. Nissen, 94



February 4, 1931 - October 17, 2025

Shirley had a lifelong passion for public education. She was also a recipient of the Aksarben Good Neighbor Award.

Shirley L. Nissen of Elgin, passed peacefully on October 17th, 2025, at the age of 94 at the Good Samaritan Memory Care Center in Albion, NE. There will be a Celebration of Life at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at the Elgin Christian Community Church in Elgin. Private family burial will be at West Cedar Valley Cemetery, Elgin. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, memorials are suggested to the Elgin Community Center. Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley LaRose Nissen was born on February 4th, 1931 on a farm southwest of Elgin, Nebraska to Frieda and Ferdinand (Rookie) Nissen. Around age 10, Shirley’s cousin Carl Nissen came to live with her family. They became best friends and remained close until Carl’s passing during the Korean War in 1952. Shirley considered Carl her brother through her final days. Shirley had a lifelong passion for public education. She graduated in 1947 from Elgin High School and afterward became a teacher. She first taught at country schools, including Belltower school, which was located southwest of Elgin. At the same time, her sister Maxine was teaching at a school two miles to the west. On occasion they and their students would meet in the middle to play a game of softball. Shirley would go on to receive a Masters of Education from Wayne State College and teach at Neligh, Belgrade, Loretto, Columbus, and Albion, before becoming elementary school principal at Randolph, and principal at Petersburg.

While at Petersburg, Shirley started the shop program for kids to learn vocational skills. Shirley gave up educating children in the late seventies to move back to Elgin and care for her ailing mother. In her later years, Shirley spent her time investing in her community, buying and rehabilitating properties and serving as Antelope County Commissioner, Elgin City Council and West Cedar Valley Cemetery Board for many years. Shirley spent many hours working at the Elgin City Landfill, caring for the lawn and grounds of Trinity Lutheran Church, and attending area estate sales. She was known for being blunt, stubborn, and opinionated, but generous and caring toward her family and community. She received an Aksarben Good Neighbor Award for her services to the community of Elgin. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Ferdinand and Frieda Nissen; sister and brother-in-law Maxine and Ernest Uhrenholdt; cousin/adopted brother Carl Nissen; aunts Bessie (Bud) Hawks, Lillie (Fred) Iburg, and Elsie (Bert) Josten; uncles Bill (Mary) Nissen, Alfred (Anna) Nissen, and Matt Nissen; nephew Dale Uhrenholdt; great-great nephew Landon Somer; and several cousins. Shirley is survived by nephews Richard (Donna) Uhrenholdt and David (Sylvia) Holdt, great-nephews Heath Uhrenholdt, Adam (Susie) Holdt, and Alex (William) Holdt, and great-nieces Carissa (Jeremy) Thelander, Rachel Uhrenholdt (Nelson Winkel), Sarah (Bryce) Somer, and Dana (Mario) Pesendorfer, first cousin Darlene (Louis) Heithoff, as well as four great-great nephews, and four great-great nieces.

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EPPJ gets ready for postseason run!

Parents show their support for Wolpack athletes ready to take on foes!



Wolpack JV netters defeat Summerland, drop two matches

BATTLE CREEK — The Wolpack JVs volleyball team fell to Battle Creek Monday night by the score of 25-21 and 25-18. Lillian Moser led hitters with 6 kills on 9 swings. Others recording kills were Aubrie Parks 5, Kinley Druke 3, Elizabeth Moser 2, Sydney Niewohner 2 and Molly Thiessen 1. Tops in set assists was E. Moser with 12. She also had 2 ace serves.

Sophia Burke led the team in serve receive with 13, Druke had 10. Burke also led in digs with 10, Parks had 8. L. Moser had 1 solo block.

Summerland proved to be no match for the EPPJ. The Wolpack defeated the Bobcats 25-16 and 25-22. Parks and Druke each had 6 kills to lead EPPJ. Others with kills were L. Moser 4, E. Moser and Niewohner each with 3, Niewohner and Thiessen each had 1. E. Moser again led in set assists with 16.

EPPJ was dangerous from the service line, recording 12 aces. Druke and L. Moser each had 3, Libby Evans and Parks each had 2, E. Moser and Burke each had 1.

Parks led the team with 11 digs, Burke had 10. Parks also led in serve receive with 9, Burke had 7.

On Thursday night, the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Bears swept EPPJ 26-24 and 25-23. Parks and L. Moser led hitters with 6 kills apiece, Jael Lammers had 5, Niewohner and E. Moser each had 2 and Druke added 1. E. Moser had 18 set assists in the match.

The Wolpack had 8 ace serves led by E. Moser with 3, Parks had 2, Burke, Lammers and L. Moser each had 1.

Burke led the team in digs with 11. Evans led in serve receive with 10.

LCC Bears edge EPPJ 'C' squad

LAUREL — The Wolpack 'C' fell to Laurel-Concord-Cole-ridge 25-17 and 25-15 Thursday night. EPPJ had 11 kills in the match, led by Libby Evans with 4, Sadie Thiessen joined Kynlee Tillis and Megan Wright each with 2. Evans had 4 of the team's 7 set assists. Tillis and Thiessen each had 2 ace serves, Macy Rokahr had 1. Wright led the team in digs with 15, Thiessen had 11. Wright also led in serve receive with 12.



Overton is Wolpack foe in first round of D2 State Football Playoffs

A new season begins Thursday afternoon for the Wolpack football team.

Co-Coaches Matt Euse and Nick Heithoff have successfully guided the team into the Class D2 State Football Playoffs where they will play at Overton in the opening round Thursday with kickoff set for 5 p.m.

The Wolpack come into the playoffs having won two straight games. After losing to O'Neill St. Mary's, the Wolpack have posted impressive victories over Neligh-Oakdale (38 to 26) and Ainsworth (48-7) to claim the 17th seed.

The Eagles enter the state playoff claiming the 16th seed with a 5-3 record.

Last week, in the regular season finale, Overton was soundly defeated by Loomis by a score of 44 to 34.

Here's how the two teams compare:

Points – Overton averages nearly 38 points per game. The Wolpack average 30 points per game.

Rushing — Overton averaged 182.5 yards per game rushing the ball. EPPJ averages 145 yards per game on the ground. The Eagles are led by Gage Clifton with 64 yards per game. The Wolpack are led by Grady Druke with 99 yards per game.

Passing — The Eagles average 157 yards passing per game. The Wolpack average 92 yards per game through the air. Eagle Eli Luther averages 154 passing yards per game. Wolpack senior quarterback Karson Kallhoff averages just over 104 yards per game.

Total yards — Overton averages 339.5 total yards (rushing and receiving) per game. The Wolpack average 236.6 total yards per game during the season.

Tackles — Top tackler for the Eagles is Eli Luther with just over 12 per game. Landyn Veik is the top tackler for the Wolpack, averaging eight per game.

The Wolpack and the Eagles had no common opponents during the season.

One area where the Wolpack may have an edge is their tough schedule.

The Wolpack faced four playoff teams during the regular season. They defeated Neligh-Oakdale and Creighton. Both of their losses came to playoff teams - Burwell and O'Neill St. Mary's.

The Wolpack will be looking to snap a string of early playoff exits.

EPPJ has been eliminated in the first round in each of the last three years, two of those

games on the road, one at home.

Tradition is another thing the Wolpack will have in their favor.

The team has had a great following both at home and on the road. Such has been the case for years and, no doubt, it will be the same Thursday.

For Wolpack fans unable to attend the game, it will be streamed on Overton's Hudl channel.

The winner of this game will advance to the next round to be played on October 31.

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Senior Night for EPPJ Football, XC Seniors



#4 Karson Kallhoff

BEST OF LUCK
to Karson and the
Wolfpack
in the playoffs!!

Love, Dad, Mom and family



#9 Grady Drueke

GO, PACK!

PLAY HARD,
never give up, and
have fun! We are so
proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom, Kinley and Jory



#24 Landyn Veik

GOOD LUCK Landyn and
the rest of the Wolfpack!!!
Have fun, make memories,
and keep playing with the
heart you have all season!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sawyer,
Myles and Adalyn



#55 Trey Rittscher

PROUD of our #55 and his team for a
great season so far! Now it's one game
at a time. Have some fun, work
hard, and do your part!
Go Wolfpack!

Love, Dad & Mom; Hannah,
Travis & Baby Martin, Whitney
and Grace & Adam



#92 Justice Blecher

"LET'S GO, Justice and team!"
Bring the heat this postseason
and leave it all on the field!
We're so proud of you.

- Love, Mom, Dad & Grant



#2 Michael Selting

GOOD LUCK in Playoffs Wolfpack
Football Team! You have been fun to
watch! Keep playing hard
Mike! We love our #2!

Love, Mom, Dad and family



#25 Gavin Kallhoff

GOOD LUCK
and
HAVE FUN

Love - Dad, Mom,
Landon and Cameron



#13 Max Henn

BEST OF LUCK
in playoffs, Pete! Keep working
hard. Proud of you
and the Pack!

Love, Mom, Dad Blake and Chloe



#73 Brayden Burenheide

BRAYDEN - we are so proud
of you and the 'Pack!
Good luck in the playoffs!

Love, Mom, Gary, Alyssa, John,
Oakley, Marley, Nash, Natalie & Mic



Heather, Landyn and Adam Veik



JR Erickson, Jarek Erickson, Angie Anderson and Aaron Anderson



Sonia, Trey and Kevin Rittscher



Kerri, Grady and Andy Drueke



Susan, Karson and Brent Kallhoff



Lauren, Jovie and Jeremy Borer



#21 Jarek & Jayvin
Erickson

GOOD LUCK
Jarek and Jayvin

Love, Aaron, Mom, Rhysen & Ridge



#99





#29 Evin Pelster

We are **PROUD**
OF YOU
and good luck.

Love, Mom & Dad, Logann, Brycen



#7 Ethan Hansen

GOOD LUCK
son! We are proud of you!

Love, Dad and Samantha



#56 Christian Preister

KEEP WORKING HARD,
CHRISTIAN!
GOOD LUCK!

Mom & Dad



#23 John Zwingman

GOOD LUCK, JOHN,
As you begin postseason.
Proud of you and your
Wolfpack team.

Love - Mom, Dad, Kayton and Gentry



#3 Joseph McNally

BRING THE HEART
and grit. Leave it all on the field.
Don't break anything!!

1-4-3 Mom



#62 Raaf Klein

KEEP IT UP,
WOLFPACK!
We are proud of you, Raaf!

Mom, Dad, Liv, Aiden and Diedrick

Back the Pack!

AMAZON, 663.83; APPEARA,
652.41; APPLIED CONNEC-
TIVE TECHNOLOGIES, 2,445.50;
BECKMAN LUMBER, INC, 397.37;
Bishop Business, 233.63; BLACK
HILLS ENERGY, 916.63; BLICK ART
MATERIALS, 15.96; BOMGAARS,
23.75; Carhart Lumber Co.-Tilden,
165.00; CENGAGE LEARNING,
220.00; CITY OF ELGIN, 6,149.64;
Computer Hardware, Inc., 149.00;
COR Therapeutic Services, LLC,
2,500.00; CORNER SERVICE AND
FIRE, 300.20; CORNHUSKER IN-
TERNATIONAL TRUCKS, 1,175.48;
Cubby's Neligh, 66.27; Dana F.
Cole & Company, LLP, 10,240.00;
DEAN'S MARKET, 359.50; EAKES
OFFICE PLUS, 2,320.70; EDpuz-
zle, Inc., 13.50; ELGIN BODY &
GLASS, 550.86; ELGIN ONE-
STOP, 3,501.78; ELGIN REVIEW,
1,690.94; ELKHORN RURAL POW-
ER DISTRICT, 3,792.90; ESU #8,
24,665.50; GO Physical Therapy,
3,883.55; Great America Finan-
cial Services, 2,521.99; GREAT
PLAINS COMM., INC., 343.72; IS-
LAND SUPPLY WELDING, 144.00;
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC, 11.00;
JONNY DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP,
1,258.10; KSB SCHOOL LAW PC
LLO, 75.00; MENARDS, 801.20;
NEBRASKA COUNCIL SCHOOL
ADM, 180.00; NORTHEAST COM-
MUNITY COLLEGE, 304.00; OL-
SON'S PEST TECHNICIANS,
110.00; ONESOURCE, 5.00; OVER-
LAND REHAB, 1,468.10; PARTS
TOWN, LLC, 119.86; PITZER DIGI-
TAL, LLC, 120.00; PLT4M, 300.00;
PRECISION REPAIR, LLC, 396.83;
Scenario Learning, LLC., 660.61;
Schneider, Jill, 211.40; Speed Ser-
vices, LLC, 1,086.21; SUBSCRIP-
TION SERVICES OF AMERICA,
625.70; TEACHER'S DISCOVERY
FLANGOO, 129.00; TIME MAN-
AGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC, 77.25; TY-
PING.COM, 700.61; U.S. POST-
AL SERVICE, 8.44; University of
Nebraska - Omaha, 350.00; Veik,
Meghan, 29.40; VERIZON WIRE-
LESS, 130.19; WAGEWORKS,
INC., 129.98; Waste Connections
of Nebraska, Inc, 47.00; Webstau-

Notice is hereby given that a Formal Petition for Complete Settlement After Informal Probate Processing has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, before the Honorable Donna F. Taylor, on November 19, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Kristina Senier
Clerk of the County Court

The name and address of the **registered agent** is Josh Kallhoff, 308 Cedar Street, Elgin, NE 68636. The general nature of the busi-

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ARD E. WOSTREL

Address of County Court:
 County Court of Antelope
 County
 P.O. Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756
 David P. Wilson (Bar I.D. # 18434)
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 Attorney
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General: AMAZON ex 56.11;
AMERITAS ins 22,292.12; ANTE-
LOPE CO COURT ex 337.00; AN-
TELOPE CO SHRF ex 810.17; AN-
TELOPE CO TREAS ex 800,320.00;
ANTELOPE CO 4-H COUNCIL ex
200.00; APPEARA ex 71.12; AP-
PLIED CONN TECH ex 5,586.40;
FIRSTNET ut 667.85; BLACK
HILLS ENERGY ut 160.96; BCBS
ins 85,671.61; BOYDS NETWORK
SOL ex 878.27; DEB BRANST-
TER ex 47.90; CARNEY LAW ex
7,625.00; CASEYS ex 25.85; CITY
OF NELIGH ut 2,363.23; CITY
OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00;
CLEARFLY ut 159.42; CLEARWA-
TER PUBLIC LIBRARY ex 3,605.00;
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex
36.00; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00;
COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40; COM-
FORT INN ex 144.00; CROWNE
PLAZA KEARNEY ex 449.85; CUB-
BYS ex 994.20; DAS STATE ACCTG
ex 1,618.35; DUSTYS ex 608.12;
EAKES ex 1,081.24; EGLEY, FULL-

Antelope County Levies
Antelope County:
General: 0.247993
Building: 0.001217
Veterans Aid .000295
Total: 0.249505
LEC Bond: 0.011186
Total: 0.011186
Ag Society
General: 0.004604
Total: 0.004604
Airport Authority
General: 0.001094
Total: 0.001094
Bond Fund: 0.000425
Total: 0.000425
ESU #8
General: 0.013588
Total: 0.013588
City/Villages:
Brunswick
General: 0.435567
Total: 0.435567
Clearwater
General: 0.500000
Total: 0.500000
Elgin
General: 0.273225
Total: 0.273225
Elgin Bond 0.062236
Total: 0.062236
Neligh
General: 0.454960
Bond: 0.130080
Total: 0.585040
Oakdale
General: 0.500000
Debt Servicing: 0.398395
Total: 0.898395
Orchard
General: 0.499997
Total: 0.499996
Debt Bond: 0.050003
Total: 0.050003
Royal
General: 0.495096

WHEREAS, a written report of the use of the road has been completed by the Highway Superintendent and is filed with the County Clerk

NER, MONTAG, MORLAND & E
ex 1,418.98; ELGIN ONE STOP ex
188.76; ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ex 3,605.00; ELGIN REVIEW ex
1,255.84; ELITE COURT REPORT-
ING SVC ex 929.00; ELITE OFC
PRODS ex 751.28; FAIRFIELD INN
& SUITES ex 404.85; FED W/H tax
13,208.51; FIRST CONCORD ins
5,744.77; GREAT PLAINS COMMS
ut 309.23; KRISTY HALLOCK ex
173.40; DARRELL HAMILTON ps
11.00; JONNY DODGE ex 256.24;
KLEIN LAW OFC ex 9,303.80;
KUSTOM SIGNALS ex 2,839.96;
LACY KIMES ex 100.00; LIBER-
TY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON CO
DIST COURT ex 50.00; MADISON
CO SHRF ex 30.41; MADISON
NATL LIFE ins 134.19; MAXIMUS
CONSULTING SVC ex 500.00;
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS
ex 168.00; DUANE MILLER ps
12.00; MIPS ex 3,244.04; ROB-
ERT MOORE ex 12.00; MR S'S ex
379.94; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins
1,192.07; NACO ex 575.00; NATL
INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR STATE
FIRE MARSHALL ELEVATOR ex
120.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax
6,232.38; NEBR FIRE SPRIN-
KLER CORP ex 4,088.00; NEBR
HEALTH & HUMAN SVC ex 3.00;
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSN
ex 135.00; NELIGH AUTO & MA-
CHINE ex 76.18; NELIGH PUBLIC
LIBRARY ex 4,326.00; NIELSEN
INS ex 35.00; VSP - NACO VI-

Total: 0.495096
Schools:
 Neligh/Oakdale
 General: 0.554782
 Building: 0.071103
 Total: 0.625885
 Elgin Public
 General: 0.337139
 Building: 0.018773
 Total: 0.355912
 Summerland Public
 General: 0.388876
 Building Fund: 0.010065
 Total: 0.398941
 Bond: 0.171855
 Total: 0.171855
Fire Districts
 Brunswick
 General: 0.014637
 Total: 0.014637
 Clearwater
 General: 0.006902
 Total: 0.006902
 Elgin
 General: 0.017000
 Total: 0.017000
 Neligh
 General: 0.014393
 Total: 0.014393
 Oakdale
 General: 0.013371
 Total: 0.013371
 Orchard
 General: 0.014376
 Total: 0.014376
 Tilden
 General: 0.015441
 Total: 0.015441
 Bond: 0.005327

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
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Brunswick
General: 0.014637
Total: 0.014637

Clearwater
General: 0.006902
Total: 0.006902

Elgin
General: 0.017000
Total: 0.017000

Neligh
General: 0.014393
Total: 0.014393

Oakdale
General: 0.013371
Total: 0.013371

Orchard
General: 0.014376
Total: 0.014376

Tilden
General: 0.015441
Total: 0.015441
Bond: 0.005327

Approved three (3) tax roll corrections.
Approved one (1) motor vehicle exemption.
Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
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ION ins 602.43; NCPPD ut 73.82;
OAKDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ex
3,605.00; ORCHARD PUBLIC LI-
BRARY ex 3,605.00; PETTY CASH
(CO CLERK) ex 38.00; PETTY
CASH (CO SHRF) ex 30.00; PIN-
NACLE BANK ex 223.43; PITZER
DIGITAL ex 1,063.25; QUILL CORP
ex 210.70; REGION IV ex 2,808.00;
REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SYSTEM ex 6,044.00; JANICE
RIDDER ps 10.00; SCHINDLER
ELEVATOR CORP ex 1,032.40;
SCHROEDER LAND SURVEY-
ING ex 200.00; SEC OF STATE
ex 60.00; CAROLINE SIEMS ps
25.00; WEX BANK ex 1,057.28;
SOSC SEC 29,042.50; STEALTH
BROADBAND ut 1,137.38; RYAN
STOVER ex 100.00; DANIEL ST-
URGIS ex 100.00; THRIFTWAY ex
34.60; TILDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ex 3,605.00; TRUSTMARK ins
243.67; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN
ut 45.02; US ID MANUAL ex 95.00;
WASHINGTON NATL ins 285.92;
WESTERN OIL II ex 764.84; PAY-
ROLL 147,062.64;

Road/Bridge: AKRS ex 488.91;
AMERITAS ins 14,605.17; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 310,000.00;
AMH ex 19.00; APPEARA ex 179.32;
FIRSTNET ut 138.96; B'S ENT ex 6,280.68; BAR U FARMS ex 627.48;
BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 397.67;
BCBS ins 56,955.79; BOMGAARS ex 1,444.76; CITY OF ELGIN ut 200.14; CITY OF TILDEN ut 142.00;
COLONIAL LIFE ins 409.83; CONSTELLATION ut 7.03; CORNHUSKER INTERNATL TRUCK ex 824.55; COURTESY FORD ex 623.33; CUBBYS ex 890.96; DINKEL IMP ex 264.75; DUSTYS ex 348.57; ELGIN ONE STOP ex 16.48; ERPPD ut 541.09; EMME SAND & GRAVEL ex 40,270.04; FARMERS PRIDE ex 26,635.23; FED W/H tax 9,263.75; FIRST CONCORD ins 920.13; FRONTIER COMM ut 772.40; GREAT PLAINS COMMS ut 345.61; GRUBB GRINDING ex 1,575.00; HOOFIN-IT TRUCKING ex 3,625.00; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO ex 220.80; JEBRO ex 66,566.50; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 26,132.50; JONNY DODGE ex 2,574.46; K&S DOOR ex 80.00; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 33.32; KIMBALL-MIDWEST ex 195.64; LAZY T TIRE ex 2,682.83; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; LIGHTENBERG TIRE ex 2,635.86; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 64.72; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 16,278.15; MIDWEST COATINGS CO ex 231,945.98; MR S'S ex 1,456.76; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 4,908.23; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 903.98; NACO ex 35.00; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR CHILD SUPPORT ex 492.00; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 4,243.11; NEBR DEPT OF REV-MOTOR FUEL ex 6,409.00; NPPD ut 178.28; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 90.07; VSP - NACO VISION ins 417.21; NMC EXCHANGE ex 3,947.35; NCP-PD ut 193.44; NE NEBR HEATING AND AIR ex 8,730.36; NNCT ut 75.20; PLATTE VALLEY COMMS ex 285.00; QUALITY IRON & METAL ex 478.72; QUICK SERVE OIL ex 87.96; RAZOR TRACKING ex 10.00;

1,050.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS
ex 832.99; ROAD BUILDERS ex
1,899.94; ROYAL ONE STOP ex
287.86; RYANS TRUCK & TRAC-
TOR REPAIR ex 7,600.05; SAPP
BROTHER PETRO ex 5,028.73;
SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex
4,047.96; WEX BANK ex 642.31;
SOC SEC 20,158.34; SPENCER
QUARRIES ex 4,064.06; SPIKE DI-
AMOND RANCH TRUCKING ex
1,147.50; SPUD CONSTRUCTION
ex 60,862.60; STEALTH BROAD-
BAND ut 95.59; TRUCK CENTER
OF NORFOLK ex 579.96; TRUST-
MARK ins 340.19; TWO RIVERS
AUTO PARTS ex 4,269.00; VIL-
LAGE OF BRUNSWICK ut 54.50;
VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 82.80;
WASHINGTON NATL ins 99.60;
WESTERN OIL II ex 324.04; 319
GRAPHICS ex 140.00; PAYROLL
101,026.55;

New Law Enforcement: BOKF
ex 470,307.50;

County	Visitor	Promotion:
NELIGH	CHAMBER	OF COM-
	MERCE	ex 700.00;

County Visitor Improvement:
AMERICAN LEGION POST #136
ex 1,750.00;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 361.20;

Law Enforcement Center: AMH
ex 186.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY
ut 346.05; BOMGAARS ex 125.98;

CASH-WA DISTR ex 2,769.26; CITY
OF NELIGH ex 2,386.11; CULLI-
GAN ex 95.75; APRIL CURTISS ex
199.00; FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH
SVCS ex 270.00; HILAND DAIRY
ex 624.70; JUSTICE DATA SOLU-
TIONS ex 8,075.00; MENARDS ex
276.94; MERIT MECHANICAL ex
777.00; MIDWEST ALARM SVCS
ex 321.24; OLD MILL SALES AND
REPAIRS ex 284.00; PRECISION
GLASS ex 382.48; THRIFTWAY ex
199.51; TRANE U S ex 736.00;

Commissary: CASH-WA DISTR ex 415.37; CHARM-TEX ex 458.80; COMBINED PUBLIC COMMS ex 500.00; CUBBYS ex 89.09; NEBR POPCORN SALES ex 99.00; PIN-NACLE BANK ex 318.08;

Highway Allocation: BOKF ex 311,086.25;
Building: BOYDS ELECTRICAL SVC ex 1,018.12; NE NEBR HEATING AND AIR ex 17,080.00.

Public comments. Correspondence was reviewed. Sheriffs Fee Report. Set vacation/sick hours for Road Superintendent. Authorized audit engagement letter signing.

Discussion with Weed Superintendent regarding pay for spray applicators.

Zoning Administrator report was heard. Approved four (4) administrative plats.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved 14 oversized permits. Authorized the Village of Oakdale purchasing cold mix from County.

Meeting Adjourned.
Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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 2 Miles SW of Wahoo
  Class II & III Soils

 63 +/- Cropland Acres
 38,000 Bu. Grain Bin

Ethan Sorensen
Owner/Agent, Lincoln, NE

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EVENTS:

Soup luncheon/supper, sponsored by St. Francis Rosary Sodality, Tuesday, October 28, Neligh Legion. Serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts from 11 am-7 pm. Adults \$10, Ages 6-12 \$6 and 5 & under free. Takeout available.

HELP WANTED

Elgin Housing Authority is seeking a **Manager**. Experience with bookkeeping software and ability to learn government systems required. The position is part time with good pay and flexible hours. Please call 402-843-2339, stop by and pick up an application, or send resumé to Elgin Housing Authority, 505 S 2nd Street, Elgin, NE 68636. Equal Opportunity Employer. 5-6c

email us at **elginreview@yahoo.com**

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It's almost here -- the **ELGIN TURKEY GIVEAWAY!**

Forage hazards following freezing temperatures

With any forage crop, the risks associated with utilizing them as supplemental forage, especially as our environmental conditions begin to change are important to understand and manage for. This becomes critical as we move into fall.

With freezing temperatures making their way across the plains and Midwest, knowing how they can impact our forage crops is crucial for safe use. Freezing temperatures cause metabolic and cellular changes to plants we need to be aware of, with prussic acid formation and nitrate poisoning being the biggest concerns.

First, let's look at prussic acid. Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass hybrids,

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Ben Beckman

and milo following a frost have broken cell membranes that allow the formation of a cyanide compound called prussic acid. This is naturally occurring in sorghum species. When ingested and broken down by the digestive system, the cyanide is released can quickly cause lethal results when consumed in high amounts. Monogastric species like pigs and horses can get prussic acid poisoning in extreme cases, but ruminants are more susceptible.

Levels of prussic acid vary depending on plant species. Lowest risk is sudangrass, with sorghum sudan hybrids of medium risk. High risk are forage sorghums with grain sorghum or milo carrying the highest levels and risk.

Keeping livestock out of fields with these species for five to

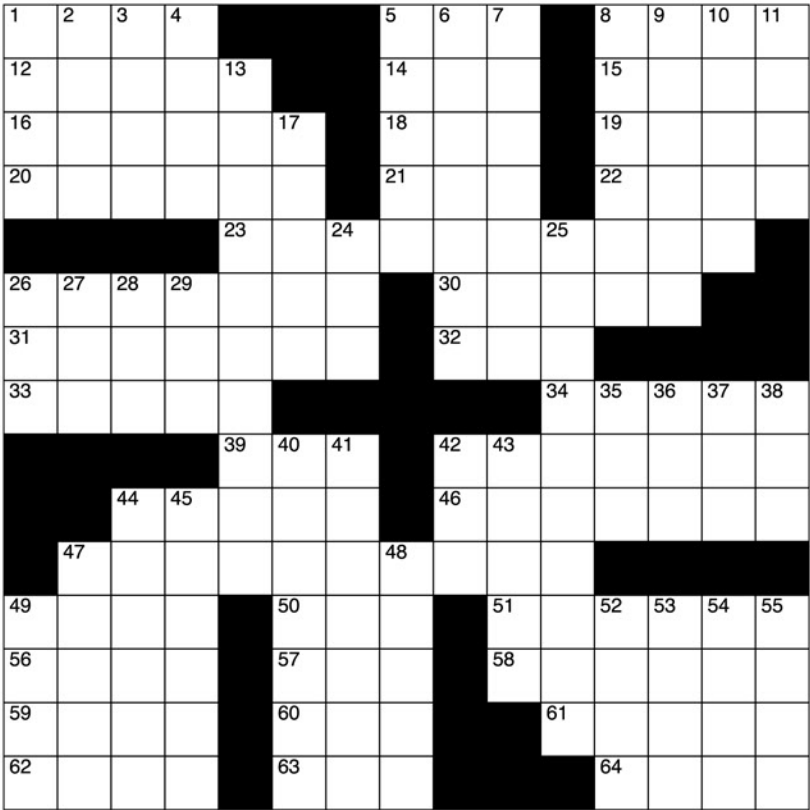
seven days after a frost can limit the risk associated with prussic acid. Each time a new part of the plant is frozen, this five-seven day timer is reset until the entire plant has been killed. This can make grazing difficult in the fall when freezing events occur regularly but are not enough to fully kill the plant.

New shoots and especially regrowth on previously frost-damaged plants have the highest concentrations of prussic acid. If you notice new shoots after a frost, animals should not be allowed to graze until the regrowth is 15-18 inches tall or a frost completely kills the plant. This can be especially tricky when warm temperatures follow a frost.

Unless extremely high levels of prussic acid are present initially, haying or cutting a crop with prussic acid is not a concern. During the drying process, the prussic acid will volatilize and a majority of the initial concentration will be lost. Similarly, the fermentation process for ensiled sorghums will reduce prussic acid levels. If you are concerned about high levels of prussic acid in a silage or hay feed, samples can be sent to a lab for analysis.

Another issue to keep an eye on is nitrate poisoning. Grasses are especially susceptible to nitrate poisoning risks. Slower metabolism following a stress like freezing allows nitrates to accumulate within the plant, specifically oats, sudangrass, and millets. Because nitrates do not dissipate like prussic acid, haying or green chopping is not recommended following a freeze and can be potentially dangerous.

Nitrates commonly concentrate in the lower portions of plant stems. Waiting five days before haying or chopping and keeping a cutting height of 6 to 8 inches will help mitigate risk. Like prussic acid, the ensiling process will lower nitrate levels



Level: Intermediate

Crossword Puzzle Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Remark
- Upper body part
- Expression of dismissiveness
- Alternate name
- Popular beverage
- Swiss river
- Step-shaped recess
- Rocker Stewart
- Bright shade of color
- Popular "street"
- Wrath
- Heat units
- Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
- Fall back into
- Remove from the record

- Sound a splash made
- Popular Dodge pickup model
- Jamaican river
- Notable event in Texas history
- Cool!
- Subset of Judaism
- Newly entered cadet
- Duct in urinary system
- Exterminator
- Snatch quickly
- Have already done
- Less healthy
- Therefore
- What couples say on the altar
- Mysteriously
- Look angry or sullen
- Bird's beak
- Taco ingredient
- Square measures
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Singer Hansard

CLUES DOWN

- Pubs
- Wings
- Popular BBQ dish
- Small sponge cake
- Open-roofed entrance halls
- Organize anew
- Type of wine
- Forums
- North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
- Pond dwellers
- Large integers
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- Type of student
- Tibetan monasteries
- Revolutions per minute
- NY Giants great Manning
- Local area network
- Residue from burning
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Spinning Tales

When it's good it's great, when it's bad move on

ELGIN — Sometimes you just have to take the good with the bad.

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SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

It kinda felt that way Friday night at Elgin Field. The good? The Wolfpack football team settled a score with recent rival Ainsworth. Having lost to the Bulldogs in each of the last three years, the Wolfpack jumped out to a 36-point lead and went on to defeat the Bulldogs 48 to 7.

There's nothing better than defeating your rival, whether it be business or recreation, victory always tastes sweet.

The victory capped a regular

season which saw the Wolfpack post a 6-2 record, a better mark than I anticipated at the start of the season.

It solidified, in my mind, the decision to hire Nick Heithoff and Matt Euse as co-head coaches. They have made it work and, more importantly, the players have 'bought in' to what the coaches are doing to prepare them for battle on the gridiron.

When players and coaches are on the same page, its amazing what can be accomplished.

This team has size and talent, speed and, above all, smarts. The Wolfpack showed during the season that they can beat you on the ground. Against Neligh-Oakdale, EPPJ completed just one pass for seven yards, and won 38 to 26.

And, as fans witnessed Friday night, they can beat you threw the air. Karson Kallhoff threw for over 250 yards and four touchdowns in a 41-point victory over Ainsworth.

This team is playing its best

football of the season, at the right time, to make some noise in the playoffs.

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On Friday night when everything was good with the Wolfpack, hours away to the north, the opposite was the case as the Huskers were dominated by Minnesota. It marked the sixth year in a row the Gophers have beaten Nebraska.

Fortunately, I had other things to do when I got home from Elgin Field, so I didn't have to view the madness which played out for all to see. Reading about it, afterwards, was bad enough.

I, for one, was ready to start drinking the 'Kool-Aid' that Nebraska was ready to again re-assert itself as a football team deserving national recognition. A 5-1 record and a national ranking of 25th coming into the game, the way we lost left a bad memory in our minds.

I can't help but think the

team was affected, or should I say distracted, by the buzz around NU Head Coach Matt Ruhle being a possible replacement for fired Penn State Coach James Franklin. So, maybe not all the blame should fall on the players, some should go to Ruhle for not totally ruling out a change of address to Happy Valley in 2026.

There are five games left on the schedule, none of them are guaranteed victories. If we win one game we become bowl eligible. If we win out that would be a giant turnaround and that terrible night in Minneapolis will be forgotten.

I think we will beat Northwestern, hopefully beat Iowa, but won't be surprised if we lose to USC, UCLA and Penn State. A 7-5 record should get us a mid-level bowl game and, if we win that game, Ruhle's record of improving every year will remain intact.

Good and bad on a Friday night. Just keep telling yourself

it's just a game. Right?

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Sept. 22. vs Central Valley 5:00
Sept. 29. vs Riverside 5:00

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity
Sept. 23. ... @ O'Neill 7:00
Sept. 25. ... Tri @ Nebraska Christian 5:00
Sept. 27. ... Tri @ EPPJ (PJ) 3:00
Oct. 2. ... Tri @ Boone Central 5:30

JUNIOR VARSITY & C TEAM
Sept. 20. Tourney @ Riverside (JV only) 9:00
Sept. 22. vs C. Valley (JV only, PJ) 4:30
Sept. 22. @ Boone Central (C team only) 6:00

JUNIOR HIGH
Sept. 17. vs Neligh-Oakdale (PJ) 3:00
Sept. 22. vs Central Valley (PJ) 4:30



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Sept. 20 Homecoming Formal Dance
Sept. 21 Wolfpack Dance Team practice
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Sept. 23-24 FFA State Range Judging @ Keya Paha • FFA IGNITE Conference
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Wolfpack Sports

After dominating Ainsworth, EPPJ ready for playoffs

ELGIN — A scoreless first quarter turned into a rout Friday night as Elgin Public-Pope John demolished Ainsworth 46 to 7 in a battle of two teams headed in opposite directions. By virtue of the victory, the Wolfpack (6-2) secured the 17th seed in the Class D2 State

Football Playoffs. Ainsworth, suffering their seventh loss in eight games, saw their season come to an abrupt end. “We knew they’d get chunks (of yards) here and there, but we never gave up the big play and that was big,” Co-Coach Matt Euse said about the standout

performance turned in by the Wolfpack which shutout the Bulldogs in the first half and allowed only one touchdown in the game. Wolfpack senior quarterback Karson Kallhoff had his best game of the season. He threw the football for over 250 yards, completing 13 of 17 passes. His four touchdown passes were a season-high. Ainsworth appeared ready to score the game’s first touchdown only to see junior Gavin Kallhoff step in front of the receiver near the endzone and intercept Chris Fernandez’s pass.

EPPJ’s sudden surge of momentum propelled the Wolfpack down the field for the game’s first touchdown. A 71-yard drive concluded with a Kallhoff to Jarek Erickson 21-yard touchdown pass.

After Ainsworth’s three-and-out on their next possession, EPPJ again marched down the field. Taking over near mid-field, EPPJ scored in four plays when the duo of Kallhoff and Erickson connected again from 35 yards out.

Erickson squashed Ainsworth’s next drive. Erickson picked off Fernandez at the one-yard line and returned it 19 yards. On the ensuing drive, Grady Druke runs and receptions by Erickson and Max Henn moved the ball to the Bulldogs’ 10-yard line where, on the next play, Kallhoff connected with Landyn Veik to make the score 22 to 0 at halftime.

On the opening possession of the second half, EPPJ overcame two penalties to score their fifth touchdown of the game. Henn had scoring honors this time, hauling in a 15-yard touchdown pass.

EPPJ added one more score before the end of the quarter. Druke carried the ball five times in a 61-yard drive, the last one a four-yard touchdown plunge to make the score 36 to 0.

Ainsworth’s lone touchdown came on a run by Fernandez with 1:15 left in the quarter.



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The Wolfpack defense bent, but did not break against Ainsworth Friday night. Here, Ainsworth QB Chris Fernandez is taken down by Trey Rittscher (55), Max Henn (13), Jarek Erickson (21) with Gavin Kallhoff (25) and Justice Blecher (92) ready to lend a hand.

The Wolfpack added two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Erickson added a three-yard touchdown run less than a minute into the quarter.

EPPJ’s last touchdown was set up by a 47-yard run by Erickson. After a 18-yard run by Kallhoff, reserve Braedon Hinkle scored his first career varsity touchdown on a one-yard run.

“Our discipline tonight was outstanding on offense, defense and special teams,” Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said. “They (Ainsworth) have a prolific offense. They’ve been putting up a lot of points on a lot of people. We knew we had to play very well tonight and we did.”

Erickson said he and his teammates have come a long way since a week one loss to Burwell. “We knew we had a good group coming in and that we could do it,” he said after

the game. “I was confident in the guys, even after that week one loss. I knew we would come back and build ourselves back up again. It was only ‘up’ from there.”

EPPJ 48, Ainsworth 7

Bulldogs.....0 0 7 0 — 7
Wolfpack.....0 22 14 12 — 48
EPPJ — Karson Kallhoff 21 pass to Jarek Erickson (Erickson run)
EPPJ — Kallhoff 10 pass to Landyn Veik (Grady Druke run)
EPPJ — Kallhoff 15 pass to Max Henn (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Druke 4 run (Erickson run)
AINS — Chris Fernandez 30 run (Damian Hernandez kick)
EPPJ — Erickson 3 run (PAT failed)
EPPJ — Braedon Hinkle 1 run (PAT failed)

Team Statistics	EPPJ	AINS
Passing	13/18/0	22/36/2
Passing Yds	258	151

Rushing	27/157	28/144
Total Offense	415	295
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Interceptions by	2	0

Individual Statistics

Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 13/17/0 — 258; Jarek Erickson 0/1/0 — 0
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 2/11, Grady Druke 18/73, Braedon Hinkle 1/1, Jarek Erickson 6/72
Receiving (#/Yds) — Max Henn 4/73, Jarek Erickson 8/175, Landyn Veik 1/10
Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Michael Seltling 1/3, Grady Druke 2/1, Max Henn 6/3, Jarek Erickson 9/3, Landyn Veik 4/3, Gavin Kallhoff 3/1, Evin Pelster 3/2, Trey Rittscher 5/4, Christian Preister 0/1, Justice Blecher 1/2
Tackles for loss — Max Henn 2, Jarek Erickson 1
Quarterback sacks — Max Henn 1
Interceptions — Jarek Erickson 1, Gavin Kallhoff 1

LCC Bears sweep Wolfpack gals

LAUREL — Elgin Public-Pope John dropped their fourth match in a row Thursday night, falling to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge in three sets, 25-14, 25-15 and 25-14.

The Bears seized momentum from the start and the Wolfpack were unable to keep pace in the match.

The Bears, extending their record to 25-3 on the season, were dominant on their home floor where they’ve lost only one time all season.

The Wolfpack had no answer for the Bears’ front row tandem of Rena Rasmussen and Kaida Eriksen, both juniors, who had success attacking the Wolfpack.

For the Wolfpack, junior Braelyn Martinsen led hitters with nine kills. Freshman Sophia Burke came off the bench to provide two ace serves.

Senior Kayton Zwingman was a bright spot for the Wolfpack. In addition to five kills, she had a team-high three solo blocks.

The Wolfpack had just 18 set assists in the match.

Senior Camry Kittelson had 11 and Elizabeth Moser added five.

The Wolfpack had 39 digs in the match to go along with 29 dig errors which proved costly. Gentry Zwingman led the team in digs with 15. She also led the team in serve receive with 33, the only player in double

figures. The Bears were led by Rasmussen with 13 kills, Tyler Recob had 11. They had 11 ace serves, led by Boston Brown with three.

Charlie Kvols had 35 set assists. The loss dropped the Wolfpack’s record to 16-10 heading into the NVC Tournament.

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 3, EPPJ 0

Bears25 25 25
Wolfpack.....14 15 14
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/18/2, Gentry Zwingman 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 5/16/1, Braelyn Martinsen 9/24/2, Jael Lammers 0/11/2, Lillian Moser 0/4/1, Aubrie Parks 0/3/0. Team totals: 18/84/11
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/6, G. Zwingman 0/9, Brooke Kinney 0/6, Martinsen 0/7, Sophia Burke 2/8, Elizabeth Moser 0/8. Team totals: 2/44
Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 3/0, Martinsen 1/0, L. Moser 1/0. Team totals: 5/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 5/3, G. Zwingman 15/11, Kinney 5/4, Martinsen 8/4, Lammers 1/2, L. Moser 1/0, Burke 2/0, Parks 0/3, E. Moser 2/2. Team totals: 39/29
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 11/33/1, Kinney 0/2/0, Martinsen 0/2/0, E. Moser 7/35/2. Team totals: 18/72/3
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 3/0, G. Zwingman 33/3, Kinney 8/3, Martinsen 7/1, Lammers 5/3. Team totals: 56/10



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Braelyn Martinsen (6), shown here recording a solo block, had five kills and eight digs in Thursday’s match against the Bears.

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EPPJ cross country runners end season at Ainsworth

AINSWORTH — Their goal all season was to qualify was to take a trip to Kearney in late October to compete in the Class D State Cross Country Meet.

Not every dream comes true as the Wolfpack learned Thursday afternoon at the Class D3 qualifying meet held at the Ainsworth Golf Course.

In the boys competition, senior Will Nelson won the 5,000 K race with a time of 17:22.90, just under nine seconds faster than runner-up senior Connor Sutton of Sandhills/Thedford at 17:31.40.

The Wolfpack's lone participant in the boys race was sophomore Matthew Kerkman. He posted a time of 19:27.00 to finish 25th.

The top 15 individuals automatically qualify for the state meet.

In the girls division, Delani Runnels, a junior from Niobrara/Verdigre won the race in dominating fashion. She posted

a time of 19:46.50 which was 19 seconds faster than runner-up freshman Reagan Moody of Ainsworth.

The Wolfpack's best effort was turned in by junior Samantha Stuhr. She set a new Wolfpack record time of 22:50.50 to finish 19th to cap a great season.

Senior Jovie Borer wrapped up her career, the first Wolfpack athlete to compete all four years on varsity. She posted a time of 25:03.80 to finish 27th.

Coach's comments

Wolfpack Tiffany Moser had this to say about the Wolfpack's efforts this season:

"Oh man, despite not making it to state those kids ran their hearts out! Sam managed to get another school record with her time. She even told me after

the race if she would've done that time last year she would've gotten to state then. That's just one of the things that makes this sport so tough. We were just at this course a week prior and they each managed to run faster anywhere around 45 seconds to a minute and a half. I know they'll still get back out there and continue to be hungry for those goals they have. They should be so proud of themselves because I know I sure am. On the drive home we ended up seeing the most beautiful rainbow I'd ever seen, and I think it was a cap to the season on how beautiful it truly was. I don't think it's hit me yet that the season is over because I have a feeling when it hits I'll be crying. This group is so special."



Photos submitted

Samantha Stuhr broke her school record time and finished 19th.

Standing with Coach Tiffany Moser are (l-r) cross country team members Matthew Kerkman, Jovie Borer and Samantha Stuhr.

David Voborny takes first in ER Football Contest

David Voborny and Fr. Ross Burkhalter tied for the top spot, each missing just four games in the *Elgin Review* Football Contest last week.

In the tiebreaker, Burkhalter guessed 780, Voborny picked 677.

The correct figure was 552 total yards between Nebraska and Minnesota. Voborny will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks, Fr. Burkhalter will receive the \$10 runner-up prize.

Results of the games were: Texas over Kentucky Florida over Mississippi State

BYU over Utah
EPPJ over Ainsworth
Alabama over Tennessee
Iowa over Penn State
Boise State over UNLV
Air Force over Wyoming
Notre Dame over USC
Pitt over Syracuse
Georgia over Ole Miss
Stanford over Florida State
Georgia Tech over Duke
UCLA over Maryland
Vanderbilt over LSU
Michigan over Washington
SMU over Clemson
Minnesota over Nebraska
Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office

by 5 p.m. Friday.

Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry with a camera phone and send it elginreview@yahoo.com.

Good luck!

Correction

The 'Sweet Balance' program hosted by Boone County Health Center will be held Thursday, Nov. 6. A press released had the incorrect day listed in last week's newspaper.

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- One entry form per person. Must use official form from newspaper.
- Elgin Bucks are redeemable at businesses participating in the football contest. Decision of the judge is final. Winners will be announced the week following each contest.
- In the event of a tie, the person predicting the total number of yards without going over will be named the winner.
- Elgin Bucks must be picked up by January 31, 2026. Contest is open to everyone except employees of the Elgin Review.

3 Ways to Enter:

- Mail entries to: PO Box 359 Elgin, Nebraska 68636-0359
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KARSON KALLHOFF
FOOTBALL

A senior, Karson had a lights-out game against Ainsworth last Friday night. The QB completed 13 of 17 passes for 258 yards. 4 of those passes resulted in touchdowns.

BRAELYN MARTINSEN
VOLLEYBALL

A junior, Braelyn and her teammates tried to keep pace with LCC but fell short in the only game played last week. In that game, she had 9 kills, 1 solo block and 8 digs.

SAMANTHA STUHR
CROSS COUNTRY

A junior, Samantha ended her XC season at districts last week. While she fell just short of qualifying for state, she had an excellent race, managing to break her own school record.

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