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In Brief
School District #18 schedules two public meetings

September 10th and the 22nd.

The District #18 Board of Education has two public meetings on the calendar for September.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board will be held Wednesday, September 10 (tonight) in the board room at Elgin Public School (EPS).

There are three items on the 'action' agenda for board members to discuss and take action on. They are:

- Approve the transfer of funds to the Wolfpack Account
- Approve the Wolfpack Activities Coop for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years
- Approve the Elgin Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2027-2028 contract year

The meeting is open to the public. Then, on Monday, September 22, a public hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget will be held.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. in the EPS board room.

Following the public hearing, the tax request hearing will follow.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the board will adjourn.

For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to <https://nep.education.ne.gov> established pursuant to Laws 2021, LB528, section 5.

Immediately afterwards, the board will hold a special board meeting where passage of the proposed budget/tax asking will likely happen.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

- Notice of Budget Hearing — Antelope County
- Notice of Budget Hearing — School District #18
- Notices (5) — City of Elgin
- Notices (3) — Antelope County
- Notice — Estate of Boyd Beckley
- Notice — Estate of Velene K. Mahlen-dorf

Weather

The high temperature last week was 77 degrees recorded on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2-3.

The low temperature during the same period was 39 degrees recorded on Friday, September 5.

So far in September, 0.47 inches of precipitation has 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 31	69	60	1.51
Sept 1	62	61	.47
Sept 2	77	58	.00
Sept 3	77	45	.00
Sept 4	71	47	.00
Sept 5	65	39	.00
Sept 6	69	43	0.00
Total for last week			0.47
Total for August			3.05
Total precipitation 2025			23.55

DeKay explains over 100 new laws on the books

This past week, more than 100 new laws took effect. Under Article III, Section 27 of the Nebraska Constitution, no law shall take effect until three calendar months after the adjournment of the legislative session at which it passed, though the Legislature can move up the effective date of a law by a two-thirds of all the members elected. Since this year's legislative session adjourned on June 3rd, this means over 100 new laws took effect on Wednesday, September 3rd in accordance with our state's constitution. Several of these laws that go into effect include:

LB41 which amends the state law relating to the testing of pregnant women for syphilis and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Previously, all physicians and legally authorized obstetric practitioners within the state were required to conduct syphilis testing on pregnant patients during the initial examination. Now, additional testing for syphilis is required to be completed at the third trimester examination and at birth. Additionally, LB41 provides that each pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics, that such testing is voluntary. The woman does have the option to decline the testing verbally or in writing;

LB195 which expands the type of opioid overdose reversal medication that may be prescribed, dispensed, and administered with the same protections that were previously granted to Naloxone, also sometimes referred to as Narcan. This law increases the legal protections offered to emergency responders, medical professionals, and good samaritans who act in good faith and administer medication to someone suffering from an opioid overdose from substances like fentanyl or heroin;

LB266 which prohibits political subdivisions, like counties or cities, from enacting ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property. While no Nebraska city or county has imposed rent control, other states in the country, including California and New York, have legislatively or locally enacted forms of rent control;

LB390 which requires each public school district prior to the 2026-2027 school year to implement a policy that ensures the parents or guardians of a student can access specific school library information. This policy must include an accessible online catalog of all books in the district's libraries, organized by school and a notification system to inform parents or guardians when their student checks out a book, including the book's title, author, and due date. The notification system can be in the form of a website, email, or phone app, although the ultimate form of such notices may differ by a district-by-district basis; and

LB530, which, among other provisions, amends the state's move-over law. Previously, the



State Senator Barry DeKay

tioners within the state were required to conduct syphilis testing on pregnant patients during the initial examination. Now, additional testing for syphilis is required to be completed at the third trimester examination and at birth. Additionally, LB41 provides that



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A motorcycle to be proud of

Tom Pelster (r) was congratulated by organizer Duane Esau for being recognized as having the top motorcycle at the Elgin Show & Shine held Sunday. His bike is a vintage Indian Scout. More show winners can be found on Page Seven.

Court plea deals accepted

Christian A. Martinez Basekuz, 25, accepted a plea deal at Antelope County Court on Sept. 5.

Per the agreement, one count of commit child abuse intentional/no injury, a Class IIIA felony, was dismissed with prejudice. Martinez Basekuz pleaded guilty to one count of violate custody-misdemeanor, a Class II misdemeanor.

Taylor sentenced the defendant to 133 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for 134 days served, and ordered court costs of \$50. The defendant was remanded to the Antelope County Jail until fines and costs are paid.

Henry O. Guzman Carrasco, 51, accepted a plea deal for the same charges in this case: 133 days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit for 134 days served, and ordered court costs of \$50. The defendant was remanded to the Antelope

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PJCC Homecoming Royalty Candidates

Standing next to the statue of Pope John XXIII are the 10 homecoming royalty candidates at PJCC. Coronation will be this Sunday, September 14, at 5 p.m. at St. Boniface Auditorium. Candidates are (front row, l-r): Quinn Hoefler, Tessa Barlow, Camry Kittelson, Harlie Tyler, Jovie Borer and Reese Stuhr. Back row: Aiden Klein, Grady Dueke, Landyn Veik and Karson Kallhoff.

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EPS Homecoming Royalty Candidates

From 12 seniors at Elgin Public School, two will become homecoming royalty next week. Coronation will be held Thursday night, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Candidates are (front row, l-r): Haley Parks, Andrea Hansen, Kayton Zwingman, Halle Lueking, Kyndal Busted and Jaydalynn Chessmore. Back row: Kaiden Bode, Isaac Hemenway, Jarek Erickson, Trey Rittscher, Ticen Sparr and Creighton Harkins.



Good day, What's for supper?
I have a really simple casserole idea for you this week. I am sure the family will enjoy it as well.
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JoAnn

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1 green pepper chopped	1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce
1 envelope Sloppy Joe mix	8 oz shredded cheese

Unroll one tube of rolls and place in a greased 9x13 pan.
Brown the hamburger, onion and green pepper. Drain!
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Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes.
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Preparing for college involves many steps

My oldest son just started his sophomore year of high school. Although college still feels far away, the reality is that it will be here before we know it. I'm starting to think about all the

things I need to prepare him for this next chapter and to be honest, it feels overwhelming. College expenses have gone up exponentially since I graduated from UNK in 2006. Who knew you had to practically take out a second mortgage on your house just for tuition, not including books and all the fees! It was normal to have student loans to help supplement, but with costs as high as it is now, I think it's unfair to load down these kids with an insane amount of debt just as they are starting their lives. I also worry about him living on his own. If you saw his room, you would understand why. I come from tornado country, and his room puts an F3 to shame. He recently started doing his own laundry at least, but the bathroom is another matter. It's like he doesn't even notice how disgusting it gets. No one needs to tell me when it's time to clean. In fact, my husband thinks I'm a little overzealous in this area. I'm not asking him to keep his bathroom immaculate, but I'm sure his future roommates would appreciate some measure of cleanliness with nothing extra growing or moving around in there. I also worry about him making wise choices once he's no longer under my supervision. Have I set him up for success? Will he give in to peer pressure? I try not to think of the exhilaration of freedom I had and the few (ok, maybe more than a few) unwise choices during my college years. No one was

there to tell me that staying up until 2 a.m. and ordering pizza was a bad idea. Or perhaps I shouldn't be drinking beer with my friends while studying for my Psychology final. Will he be like his mom? Will he have the willpower to say no to a party and put school first and foremost? Who am I kidding? I also wonder about the strength of his faith. We can drag him to church every Sunday until he leaves the house but after that, it's up to him. He will have the freedom to choose to pursue a relationship with Christ, and that's not something anyone else can do for him. I pray weekly that my children will continue to have softened hearts and make Christ a priority, and all I can do in the meantime is set a good example. Then comes the inevitable girlfriends. We talk a lot about what to look for when dating. I have tried to drive home all the mistakes I made and how to choose wisely. I know that if he brings home someone he really cares about and I think she's less than stellar, there's really not much I'm going to be able to say that will change that. And then I also risk damaging our relationship if I make it clear I don't think she's the one for him. I'm doing my best to have these discussions now and pray that he will have the wisdom when choosing a future girlfriend or a wife. One area where we need to have deeper conversations is how I expect him to treat women. I want him to be respectful, to wait until marriage to become physical, and to treat her with the upmost respect, but also to accept nothing less than respect in return. When they're little, you feel like you have all the time in the world. In reality, it really does go by quickly. So, no matter how old your children are, I think we can all be thinking about ways we can start preparing them for the next chapter where they'll be navigating life without us there all the time.

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago September 9, 1965

Linda Ridder and Ronald Eischeid of Elgin were united in marriage Saturday, Sept. 4, 1965 in St. Boniface Church. The 10:30 double ring ceremony and Nuptial Mass were solemnized by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. H. Buelt. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally, to Ron Schindler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Schindler. The couple plan a January 15 wedding. Robert Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mason, has accepted a one-half instructor position with the University of Nebraska. The job involves teaching and research in the Adult Education Department of the University. Marilyn Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moser, was named to the summer honor roll at CE School of Commerce in Omaha. A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Florian Pelster on Sunday, Sept. 5 honoring Phill Hawks on his 77th birthday anniversary. Attending from Elgin besides Mr. and Mrs. Pelster and family were Mr. and Mrs. Elis Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heithoff and family.

Fifty Years Ago September 4, 1975

Twenty-Nine new names and the Vietnam War were added to the veterans' marker recently. The monument is located between Elgin's two cemeteries, West Cedar Valley and St. Boniface. Once again the overwhelming generosity of the surrounding areas has become apparent. Approximately \$500 was raised in benefit softball games for Doug Reicks and Joe Thiele, both killed in separate accidents. A memorial to Craig Keech, former Elgin High School student who was killed in an auto accident, was erected this week on the EPS football field. The electric scoreboard was given by Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wylie, in memory of their son. Bradley G. Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene R. Norton, is among the more than 1,300 cadets who have entered their freshman year at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. Cadet Norton was accepted into the cadet wing after completing six weeks of intensive field training, physical conditioning and survival instruction. Arrangements of white daisies and pink carnations decorated the altar at St. John's Catholic Church at Clearwater for the Aug. 22 wedding of Miss Mary Alice Funk and Michael Leo Dwyer. Officiating at the 6 p.m. double ring ceremony were the Rev. Paul Diczky, Clearwater, the Rev. Jim Gilg, Omaha, and the Rev. Dennis Hanneman, Elgin.

Thirty Years Ago September 6, 1995

Telephone subscribers in Elgin and three other area communities found themselves without long distance service for about six hours last Friday, Sept. 1, after a county work crew cut a fiber optic cable on the south side of the county road about four miles east of Elgin. About 1,600 telephone subscribers were affected in Elgin, Oakdale, Page and Ewing. Jack and Mardelle Blair, owners of Blair Motors, Inc., were honored at a luncheon Tuesday, Aug. 29, by Ford Motor Credit Co. for 25 years of association with Ford Credit. The Blairs began their association with Ford Credit on Jan. 22, 1970. Kayla Zegers of Elgin hosted eight members of her "Up With People" group last week at the home of her mother, Bark and Steve Finn in Elgin. The group performed Wednesday night, Aug. 30, in Norfolk, and spent four nights in the Finn home. John and Tracy Beckman of Elgin are the parents of a daughter, Allison Marie, born Thursday, Aug. 24, 1995, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces. Fifth and sixth graders from St. Boniface School, Elgin, and St. John School, Petersburg, attended the education day at the Nebraska State Fair on Monday, Aug. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They had the opportunity to feed and/or pet animals, including an ostrich, emu, kangaroo, bison, zebra, camel and deer.

Twenty Years Ago September 7, 2005

Several donations were added recently to the Elgin Volunteer See BACK, Page 7 ►

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Community Calendar

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

Wednesday, September 10
Regular meeting of the District #18 Board of Education* • Parent-Teacher Conferences at EPS • PJCC Financial Aid Meeting.

Thursday, September 11
Nationwide observance of 9/11.

Sunday, September 14
Elgin Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast @ the K.C. Hall • Pope John XXIII Central Catholic Homecoming Coronation @ St. Boniface Auditorium*.

Thursday, September 18
Joint Tax Public Hearing (School District #18, City of Elgin and Antelope County) at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh @ 6 p.m.* • Elgin High School Homecoming Coronation at gymnasium*.

Monday, September 22
District #18 School Board public hearing on proposed 2025/26 school budget.

Saturday, September 27
"Walking With The Lord" conference @ Elgin Community Christian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Treasures IN THE Park

of all types were everywhere this Sunday

Shoppers had plenty to see, buy and eat at the Elgin City Park as they enjoyed the perfect weather. Along with the shopping, cars/pickups/ motorcycles were lined up along the south side of the park for attendees to look over and appreciate.

E-R photos by Dennis & Lynell Morgan

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

Edward R. Murrow

Redistricting battle promotes chaos, a tit for tat chess match

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

Redistricting battle promotes chaos, a tit for tat chess match

Over the years, I covered more than one effort by the Nebraska Legislature to redraw the boundaries of districts for state legislators and U.S. congressional representatives, among others, due to shifts in the state's population.

Those efforts, according to the State Constitution, always follow the latest U.S. Census, which happens at the beginning of each decade.

There's a lot of data to pour through, and the process, in my opinion, becomes the most partisan exercise in the mostly nonpartisan Unicameral Legislature.

The top priority is redrawing districts so that no sitting state senator would lose their seat, by being "drawn" out of their district.

But there is a heavy dose of politics, especially when it comes to drawing new congressional districts, to ensure that Republicans – who now control the Legislature and congressional seats – win.

For instance, Saline County, once a hotbed for Democrats, was drawn out of the 1st Congressional District because there were too many Democrats there and the GOP-dominated Legislature wanted Republicans to continue to win that seat.

The Bellevue area, which has a lot in common with Omaha (back in the day, a lot of Sarpy County addresses were listed as "Omaha" even though they weren't in the city limits), was suddenly drawn out of the 2nd Congressional District. Again, too many Democrats, and the desire to give a Republican a fair shot in the Omaha-dominated 2nd District (which now includes rural Saunders County, which has little in common with Omaha).

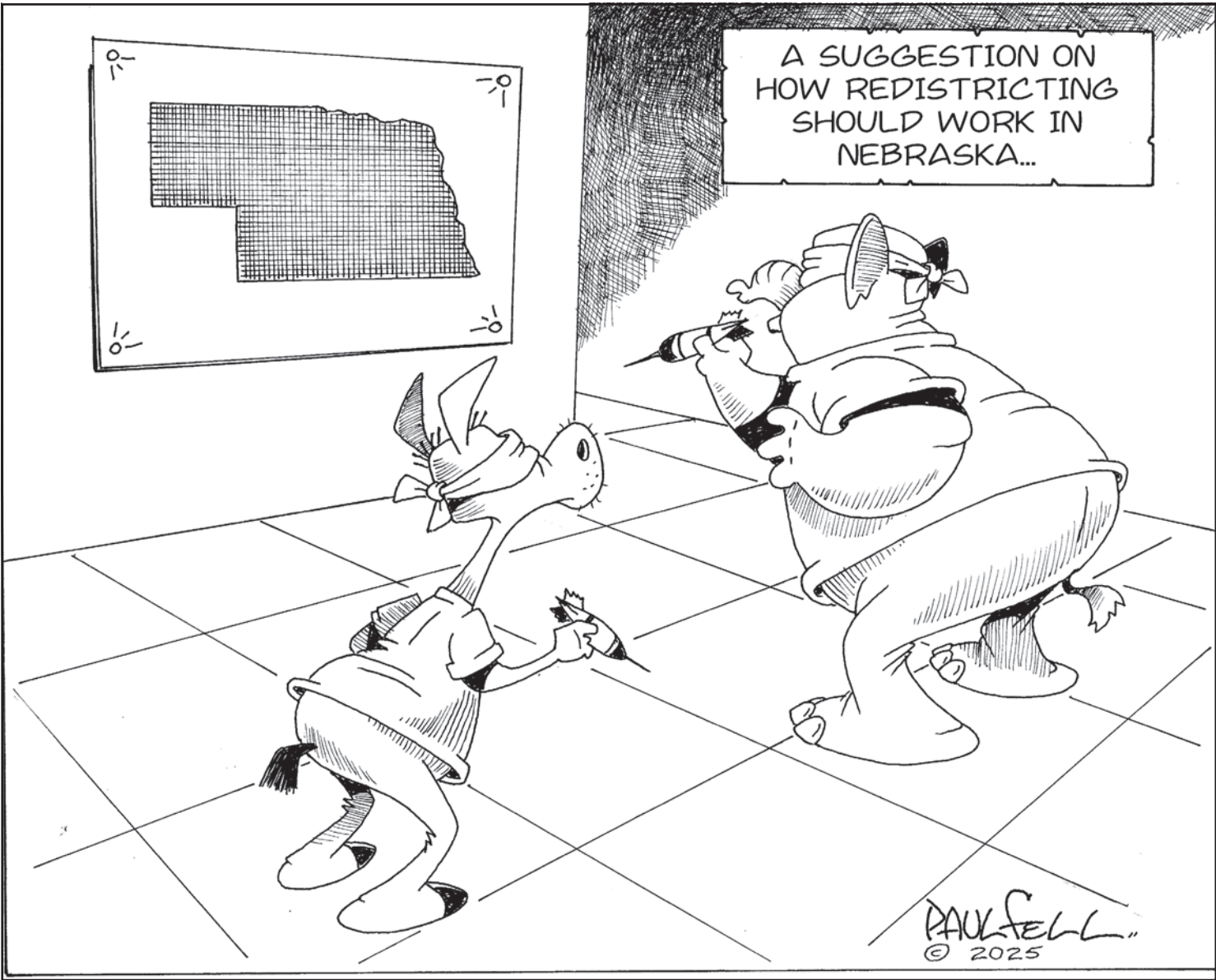
In Nebraska, districts are supposed to be drawn for "compactness" and to preserve "communities with (common) interests," and without consideration of party affiliation. But one look at the state's three congressional districts makes you scratch your head.

U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith's 3rd District resembles a Pac Man, that wraps around the Omaha and Lincoln areas to gobble up counties along the Missou-

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State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



ri River. And U.S. Rep. Mike Flood's 1st District includes GOP strongholds like Madison and Platte counties instead of containing areas of southeast Nebraska that do have a lot in common with Lincoln.

There's been a lot written about the "death" of the moderate Republican, and redistricting has played a huge role in that.

If you create a "safe" district with enough Republicans to ensure an "R" candidate will win, you also increase the chances that a more conservative Republican will win that seat. That's because elections in "safe" districts come down to who wins the primary, and in the primary, fewer people (and less moderates) vote, making it more likely that a very conservative candidate will eventually become the winner.

This all brings us to the current kerfuffle over redistricting in Texas and California.

President Trump, who complained loudly (and falsely) that the 2020 elec-

tion was "rigged" against him, is now trying to rig an election in his favor.

Opinion polls show that many of his policies are unpopular, and with a slim majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, there's concern that Democrats will take over in 2026, and frustrate any Trump proposals.

So, he commanded that Texas redraw its congressional districts so that there are more "safe" Republican districts created. Instead of Democrats holding 11 of the 38 House seats in Texas, the redistricting would favor Republican victories in five more districts, making it more likely the GOP holds its Trump-friendly majority in the House.

The purpose seems to be "If you can't win a game by the rules, change them in the middle of the game." And that can lead to chaos.

We're already seeing California take steps to redistrict that state, creating more safe districts for Democrats, to counter what happened in Texas.

Other states may follow suit, creating a

chess match-like tit for tat to favor one party or another.

I doubt that you can take partisan politics totally out of the redistricting process. But there has to be an end to it, like only allowing it (like Nebraska does) once every decade, not mid-decade as Texas and California are doing to rig and unrig an election.

All Americans, I'm hoping, want a stable and predictable government, one that doesn't shift on a dime to satisfy some political whim. Here's hoping some judges will agree with that and end this redistricting chess match.

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.

Federal issues forum recap

One of my biggest priorities as your Senator is hearing directly from Nebraskans. I continue to do what I did as Governor. I travel the state, talk to Nebraskans, and listen to their concerns. Last week, I welcomed hundreds of Nebraskans to my annual Federal Issues Forum at the State Fair in Grand Island. I'm grateful for everyone who attended.

The Federal Issues Forum is an event where we discuss federal issues impacting Nebraskans. This year, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin and Senate Majority Whip John Barrasso joined me. We highlighted solutions to get America back on track. Senate Republicans and the Trump Administration are delivering for Nebraska. We are fighting to protect and promote the Good Life.

Administrator Zeldin and I discussed the importance of the EPA cutting excessive regulation. Nobody cares more about preserving our water, air, and land resources than our farmers and ranchers. They are the original conservationists. What farmers and ranchers want are common-sense rules and regulations that allow them to continue managing their land. That's what Administrator Zeldin and I are fighting to deliver.

Reining in overregulation means reforming rules like Waters of the United

WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

States (WOTUS). In 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act. This gave the EPA authority over navigable waters like lakes, rivers, and oceans. Then, the Obama and Biden administrations tried to illegally increase the EPA's authority. They redefined what navigable waters are. They claimed that navigable waters include roadside ditches, puddles on construction sites, and farm ponds. Last time I checked, those aren't navigable waters. That's not what Congress voted for. Administrator Zeldin and I are putting an end to this kind of overreach.

Administrator Zeldin and I also discussed the Renewable Fuel Standard. He previously committed to me that EPA would follow the standard Congress passed. This includes getting the process back on schedule. The EPA's most recent Renewable Volume Obligations exceeded our expectations. It will drive strong biofuel markets. This will benefit energy consumers with cheaper prices at the pump, help clean up our environment, and be great for our farmers and ranchers. The Biden administration ignored biofuels and weakened American energy independence. We're unleashing American energy dominance again.

Senator Barrasso and I discussed how the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) strengthens Nebraska families. It's rare to have the opportunity to pass legislation that preserves the Good Life for generations.

The One Big Beautiful Bill is good for families. It avoids a \$2,400 tax hike on the average Nebraska family. OB BB expands the child tax credit. It makes the Death Tax exemption permanent. OB BB expands child and dependent care credits while increasing take-home pay by up to \$9,000. It ensures no tax on tips or overtime. 88% of seniors will no longer pay taxes on Social Security due to a new \$6,000 tax credit. OB BB includes a \$50 billion rural health care fund. This makes sure Nebraska gets a minimum of \$100 million each of the next five years. OB BB secures our border. It promotes peace through strength by deterring foreign adversaries like Communist China.

Senator Barrasso and I also discussed historic votes from this Con-

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An honor I hold dear - the Golden Plow Award

I've been honored to receive various awards during my time in the U.S. Senate, but one of the most meaningful is the American Farm Bureau Federation's Golden Plow Award.

I was presented with this great honor at a family farm in Kearney while home in Nebraska for the August work period, and I was moved by the group in attendance who had such kind words to say.

The Golden Plow is the highest recognition the Farm Bureau gives to sitting members of Congress. This award meant so much to me coming from fellow ag producers. I understand firsthand what farm families across our nation are facing because my family faces these same challenges.

This perspective has guided my work in championing issues that impact rural America, including regulatory reform, trade, taxes, and a modernized Farm Bill. I prioritize agriculture policy in Washington because I know it isn't just an industry in Nebraska – it's our way of life. That is why I've

made it my mission to fight every day to ensure that the voices of our farmers and ranchers are heard. We have to tell the story of how producers from the Heartland feed and fuel our nation.

Throughout my time in the U.S. Senate, I've been proud to use my role on the Agriculture Committee to champion policies that support our producers, including: securing year-round E15 to expand markets and lower costs at the pump, delivering millions of dollars in federal funds for the University of Nebraska—Lincoln's Agricultural Research Service facility, pushing my Precision Agriculture Package to bring cutting-edge tools to our fields, and defending the Renewable Fuel Standard to support jobs, boost energy independence, and create new demand for our crops.

This continues the work I started in the Nebraska Legislature, which is enshrined into state law. One of my bills helped producers by protecting existing water rights, providing clarity and fairness for new water use approvals, and ensuring that they have a voice in local water planning. Another piece of legislation I enacted empowered local water districts to manage groundwater and surface water together, helping producers protect long-term irrigation access, avoid legal conflicts, and plan with greater certainty. And with the help of the Nebraska Farm

Bureau and our cattlemen, I passed my Build Nebraska Act to direct existing sales tax to fund our roads. I'm proud to say this law is still getting roads built across Nebraska today.

Fast forward to this year, I pushed for key ag provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill, which ultimately included a stronger Farm Safety Net, expanded trade promotion programs, and improved animal disease preparedness so one outbreak doesn't disrupt our entire food system.

Aside from these legislative efforts, we also face new challenges with modern agriculture. Too often, federal regulators propose rules that undercut practices that make American agriculture the most productive and sustainable in the world. Let me be clear: I will always push back on misguided policies that threaten our way of life. So long as I have the privilege of serving Nebraska in the U.S. Senate, I'll continue to fight for our producers and protect them from bureaucrats who have never worked the land or raised livestock. I look forward to continuing this fight – with our farmers and ranchers, and for them. If any of you have plans to visit Washington, please stop by my office in Room 448 of the Russell Senate Office Building. I will have the Golden Plow proudly displayed in my front office, and my team will be happy to welcome you to our nation's capital.

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gress. Bipartisan laws like the HALT Fentanyl Act and the Laken Riley Act are keeping Nebraskans safe. We have confirmed 125 of Trump's nominees. We passed a \$9 billion cut to spending. After the Federal Issues Forum, I walked around the state fair. I spoke with small business owners, fair staff, and

New laws

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move-over law applied only to emergency and roadside assistance vehicles. Now, drivers will be required to slow down and move over (if reasonable to do so) when approaching all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users on the side of the highway. A vulnerable road user includes pedestrians, bicyclists, people in crosswalks, and agricultural vehicles or equipment.

Nebraskans enjoying the fair. I saw the ingenuity of Nebraska entrepreneurs at the expo hall. I saw the impressive livestock shown in fair competition by our next generation of farmers and ranchers. I was even able to help show a Rambouillet ram in competition. I also won a blue ribbon! Nebraska is what America is supposed to be. The reason is our people. As I travel across

our state, I'm reminded of the values that make Nebraska special. We're committed to faith, family, community, and hard work. These values are the

same ones that guide my service to Nebraska. The Nebraska State Fair is a yearly reminder of the values that make the Good Life in our state.

OBITUARIES

Randall "Randy" F. Henn, 73



June 29, 1952 - September 2, 2025

A Raeville native, he worked for the City of Elgin for 27 years and also served on the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department.

Randall "Randy" F. Henn, age 73, of Elgin

passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 8, 2025, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Elgin with Rev. John Norman officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Elgin.

Visitation was held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church, with a 7:00 p.m. wake service.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Randall Francis Henn, son of Harold Arthur and Helen Ann (Berger) Henn, was born on June 29, 1952, in Tilden, Nebraska. He grew up alongside his siblings on the family's century-old farm, located just a mile outside the town of Raeville.

Randy began his education at St. John's Berchmans School in Raeville and later attended Petersburg Public Schools, graduating with the Class of 1971. On July 14, 1979, he was united in marriage to Connie Dozler. Their union was blessed with three sons: Brandon, Justin, and Nathan.

Randy served as a firefighter for the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. Over the years, he was employed by Sargent Irriga-

tion and also worked for the City of Elgin for 27 years.

Randy was a proud husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. He and Connie had a camper and enjoyed camping. They always camped at the Antelope County Fair, where they were a familiar sight. His great-nieces and nephews affectionately knew him as "Fair Randy." Randy loved driving the streets of Antelope County, keeping tabs on his sons, nephews, and family. He always had something funny to say or a way of making you laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; three sons: Brandon of Elgin, Justin of Elgin, and Nathan (Kyra) of Clearwater; granddaughters: Gracie and Gillian; grandsons: Gabriel, Gavin, Hudson, and Xaler. Randy is also survived by three brothers: Nick (Wendy) Henn of Neligh, NE; Ken Henn of Petersburg, NE; and Tim Henn of St. Edward, NE; six sisters: Pat Evans of Elgin, NE; Rose (Dave) Simons of Creighton, NE; Sharon (Dwain) Seier of Genoa, NE; Jeanie (Leon) Seier of Spalding, NE; Darlene Henn of Battle Creek, NE; and Mary Jo (Gary) Priestner of Omaha, NE. He is also survived by his sister-in-law: Shirley Henn of Petersburg, NE, along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law: Gerald Dozler and Patricia Dozler-Hruby; brothers: Larry Henn, Harold Jr. "Buggs", and James Henn in infancy.

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Pastor Mark Hoffman

Sunday Worship Service: 9 am. Sunday School: 10-10:45 am.

Calvary Bible Church

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Pastor Peter Sample

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor Norlyn Bartens

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Mobile food pantry to be in Neligh next week

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

The event will be held from 2:00-3:30 pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh.

Court

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arraignment on a count of operating a motor vehicle/avoid arrest-fl, a Class IV felony.

Michael S. Boughton, of Krum, Texas, appeared for arraignment, Sept. 5. The Honorable Donna Taylor found Boughton indigent and appointed a public defender.

Boughton requested to be able to leave the State of Nebraska. Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith did not object, and Taylor removed the travel restriction from Boughton's bond requirements. Bond, set at \$20,000-10%, remains in effect.

Boughton was arrested Aug. 9 by Antelope County Deputy James Collins, who observed the defendant speeding on Highway 275 near Oakdale. Once the deputy deployed emergency lights for a traffic stop, Boughton allegedly quickly turned onto a county road, causing the vehicle to be airborne, damaging a barbed wire fence and crushing a telephone connection box.

The vehicle continued across a field, headed toward the Elkhorn River and came to rest "with the front of the pickup off the embankment of the river bank."

Collins maintained visual contact with the driver moving through trees and vegetation along the bank, and requested assistance.

Collins yelled at the driver to stop fleeing and return to the scene, which he did.

Neligh Chief of Police Logan Lawson and Deputy Joe McNally responded and assisted to determine if other individuals were in the vehicle.

Boughton was detained in the Antelope County Jail.

Christopher L. Beltz, 38, of Plainview, appeared for a pre-trial hearing on one charge of obstructing government operations, a Class I misdemeanor. Smith requested a continuance, which was granted.

Beltz will appear Sept. 19 for a pretrial hearing.

Dillan Knapp, 23, of Lincoln, appeared for arraignment on one count of assault-cause bodily injury, a Class I misdemeanor and requested a continuance.

Taylor ordered a pretrial hearing for Oct. 1.

Denis Kerkman, 92, of Til-den, will appear Sept. 19 for a pretrial hearing relating to two charges of criminal trespass-2nd degree, both Class III misdemeanors.

Kerkman entered not guilty pleas on both counts. He will appear Sept. 19 for a pretrial hearing.

Harley J. Finazzo, 30, of Omaha, failed to appear for arraignment on one count of theft-shoplifting \$0-500, a Class II misdemeanor. Taylor advised Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith a motion for arrest may be filed.

Finazzo's arrest occurred June 17 at Cubby's in Neligh.

According to the court documents, Finazzo missed a July 16 court session also.

The defendant also failed to appear at arraignments scheduled on July 16 and Aug. 6.

Blake R. Baldwin, 27, will appear for sentencing on Sept. 19. The Albion man accepted a plea agreement in which he agreed to plead guilty to an amended charge of assault-bodily injury/mutual consent, a Class II misdemeanor. Per the agreement, the state will not file additional charges stemming from the incident.

Public defender Patrick Carney requested a continuance for an Orchard man charged with one count of possess firearm by a prohibited person-sub, a Class IB felony; and two counts of terroristic threats. Michael F. Doty, 32, will appear Oct. 1, for a preliminary hearing.

Doty is alleged with possession of a firearm between July 26 and July 29, and during that time period, Doty threatened two individuals with violence with the intent to terrorize another.

Based on the probable cause affidavit, Antelope County Sheriff Robert Moore investigated an incident that culminated in a 911 call from an Orchard resident on July 29.

Doty allegedly left the residence after the emergency call was placed.

Law enforcement officials issued a warrant for Doty's arrest. Doty turned himself in to Antelope County Law Enforcement officers on Aug. 5. Originally, bond, in the amount of \$100,000-10% was set.

The Honorable Donna Taylor heard two separate child abuse cases Sept. 5 in Antelope County Court.

The defendants in the first case - Kaitlyn Kopejtko, 24, of Neligh, and Seth F. Lampert, 26, of Neligh each appeared for arraignment on one count of commit child abuse intentional/no injury, a Class IIIA felony stemming from a July 25 incident.

Indigency hearings were held in both cases A public defender was appointed to Kopejtko. Lampert was adjudged not indigent.

Both defendants will appear Oct. 1 for further arraignment.

Courtesy of SAM

NOTICE
City of Elgin, Nebraska
On the 3rd day of September, 2025, the City Council of the City of Elgin, Nebraska, adopted an ordinance entitled:

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings
September 3, 2025
The Elgin City Council met for the 2025-2026 budget hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., pursuant to published notice.

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings
September 3, 2025
The Elgin City Council met for special hearing to set the final tax request on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, immediately following the conclusion of the budget hearing.

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASES
Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1633, that a representative of the following political subdivisions will meet on the 18th day of September 2025 at 6:01 PM, in the Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County

ORDINANCE NO. 678 OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO REVISE AND PROVIDE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE CITY PARK; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; TO ESTABLISH WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following ordinance in Chapter 2, Article 3, of the Elgin Municipal Code is hereby adopted and shall be incorporated to read and provide as follows:
SECTION 2-307: REGULA-

Todd Heithoff takes first, Hagemeister second in Elgin Review Football Contest

Todd Heithoff was the big winner in this week's Elgin Review Football Contest. Heithoff missed just two games to claim the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks.

Jack Stoltz and Al Hagemeister tied for the runner-up spot, each missing three games. In the tiebreaker, Nebraska and

ORDINANCE NO. 677
APPROVED BY THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance No. 677
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO SET WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, REPEALING THOSE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Said ordinance was published in pamphlet form and copies thereof

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John "Mike" Dvorak, and Leigh Kluthe. Jeremy Young was absent.

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Courthouse Annex for the purpose of conducting a joint public hearing to obtain public input on a property tax increase proposed by the subdivisions:

City of Elgin, 402.843.5822, property tax requested: (\$230,050.00)

Elgin Public School, 402.843.2455 property tax requested: (3,830,082.00)

ORDINANCE NO. 678 - PRESERVATION OF THE ELGIN CITY PARK
APPROVED BY THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

TION AND CONTROL OF PARK.

A. The City Council shall have the power to enact bylaws, rules, or ordinances for the protection and preservation of any real estate acquired for the purpose of parks, public grounds, swimming pools, or other recreational and conservation purposes.

B. Camping, or occupying locations within a park area or camp ground, on real estate acquired and possessed by the City for the purpose of a park is permitted for a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive days during any thirty-day (30) period except as provided in § 2-307(3), and excluding portions of a park area assigned to third-party operators under separate concession agreements or permits. For purposes of this section, the fourteen (14) consecutive days means fourteen (14) calendar days with the first day being the first day the campsite or location is deemed unavailable to other park patrons via proper payment for or occupancy

Akron amassed 905 total yards. Stoltz guessed 501 and Hagemeister picked 623. Hagemeister's guess was closest to the actual figure and he will receive the runner-up prize of \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

Results of last week's games were:

Missouri over Kansas

DINANCES IN CONFLICT, AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

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CITY BUDGET HEARING
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.

The following agenda item was discussed:

- 2025-2026 budget

Budget hearing adjourned at

ORDINANCE NO. 677
APPROVED BY THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

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The following agenda item was discussed:

- Setting the final property tax request for 2025-2026

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Antelope County, 402.887.4410 property tax requested (10,502,914.00)

Said meeting is open to the public. Accommodations for the disabled are available upon request. Please contact the Antelope County Clerk at 402.887.4410 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if accommodations are required.

There is no item on the agenda

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7:22 p.m.

MIKE SCHMITT
Mayor

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Special hearing adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

MIKE SCHMITT
Mayor

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for this joint public meeting other than discussion of each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by a percentage greater than the "allowable growth percentage" defined in § 77-1633. The political subdivisions shall make their presentations in the order listed above.

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E. All uses of the Park, including but not limited to camping or occupying locations within a park area or camp ground, shall not disturb the peace of surrounding real properties and persons located thereon.

F. Absolute quiet shall be maintained in the Park, including but not limited to campsites or occupying locations within a park area or camp ground, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Section 2. Any other ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by State Law.,

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of September, 2025.

BY MIKE SCHMITT
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PROCEEDINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
THE ELGIN CITY COUNCIL

ELGIN CITY COUNCIL Proceedings September 3, 2025
The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act. Mayor Schmitt also opened the One and Six Year Street Hearing. Councilmembers present were Craig Niewohner, John “Mike” Dvorak, and Leigh Kluthe. Jeremy Young was absent.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk’s office.

The following agenda items were approved:

- August regular and budget workshop meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, transaction report, and paying the claims

GENERAL: ERPPD, se, 145.56; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.37; APPEARA, su, 62.32; 118 Insurance, ins, 3659.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, se, 350.00; Kristin Childers, su, 15.00; League of NE Municipalities, dues, 2892.00; Love Signs, su, 1992.46; Google, se, 8.08; Black Hills Energy, se, 100.96; US Post Office, postage, 2.72; Prudential, retirement, 355.08; American Funds, retirement, 203.66; US Treasury, tax, 5600.16; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 668.19; Payroll, 3869.39

Transfers: To Pool & Park, 30000.00

SALES TAX: Pool Fund: 2088.41
STREET: ERPPD, se, 906.49; Verizonwireless, su, 79.23; Elgin One Stop, fuel&su, 534.04; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 1400.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 45.85; US Post Office, postage, 10.48; Payroll, 1887.78

WATER: ERPPD, se, 868.01; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.87; Verizonwireless, su, 79.23; NE Public Health Lab, se, 311.00; One Call Concepts, se, 6.95; League of NE Municipalities; Utility Section, dues, 251.50; Water Environment Federation, dues, 87.00; US Post Office, postage, 65.40; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 489.03; Payroll, 3775.58

SEWER: ERPPD, se, 709.91; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.28; Elgin One Stop, su, 16.28; One Call Concepts, se, 6.95; League of NE Municipalities; Utility Section, dues, 251.50; Midwest Labs, se, 327.37; Sewer Replacement Fund, transfer, 3400.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 1081.63; Payroll, 1398.58

FIRE:ERPPD, se, 192.08; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.47; APPEARA, su, 62.32; 118 Insurance, ins, 1224.00; Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler, rpr, 761.46; Elgin Volunteer Fire Dept, transfer, 4600.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 113.89

POLICE: Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2800.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING: Bud’s Sanitary Service, se, 6942.00

POOL: ERPPD, se, 702.07; Great Plains Communications, se, 58.83; Dean’s Market, su, 461.46; Bomgaars, su, 32.36; Tessa Barlow, training, 120.00; Brooke Kinney, training, 75.00; Karin Kinney, training, 75.00; Camry Kittelson, training, 120.00; Haley Parks, training, 75.00; Kaitey Schumacher, training, 75.00; Susan Vanis, training, 75.00; Kayton Zwingman, training, 75.00; Elizabeth Moser, training, 90.00; Jazmine McNally, training, 90.00; Kerri Drueke, training, 90.00; Kinley Drueke, training, 90.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 540.54; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 116.89; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; Payroll, 5609.85

PARK: ERPPD, se, 61.18; Elgin One Stop, su, 19.99; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 247.33; Payroll, 759.62

LIBRARY: ERPPD, se, 83.14; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.48; Dean’s Market, su, 11.69; The Pioneer Woman Magazine, su, 19.97; Black Hills Energy, se, 52.30; Payroll, 1333.30

YOUTH: ERPPD, se, 62.20

RESCUE: The Elgin Review, print, 120.00; Elgin One Stop, fuel, 21.00; Kimberly Young, su, 35.67; Jessie Reestman, misc, 25.00; Bob Moore, misc, 25.00

- Resolution 2025-6, a resolution to sign the municipal annual certification of program compliance for 2025

- One and Six Year Street Hearing adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

- Request to close Oak Street from 6th Street to Plantation Street for the car show on September 7, 2025

- Adopt the 2025-2026 budget as proposed

- Resolution 2025-7, a resolution setting the final tax request for

2025-2026 at \$230,050.00

- Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 677 on three different days be suspended
- Ordinance No. 677 passed and adopted
- Statutory rule requiring reading Ordinance No. 678 on three different days be suspended
- Ordinance No. 678 passed and adopted
- Two-year agreement for law enforcement services between the County of Antelope and the City of Elgin for \$34,200.00 per year
- Interlocal agreement for Antelope County and Antelope County Library Association
- Use sales tax funds for three overhead doors and electronic operators at the fire hall from Overhead Door Company of Norfolk for \$17,216.00
- Bid from BKE Insulators for blow-in insulation for \$5,400.00 at the fire hall using sales tax funds
- Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- One and Six Year Street plan
- Public comment: none
- Requirement for the NDEQ loan to have a separate fund with a balance of 110% of the annual payment

- Keeping spring clean-up day
- Johnson will be jetting some sewer lines

- County pickup will be used for salt spreader this winter

- Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025

Mayor MIKE SCHMITT
City Clerk KRISTIN L. CHILDERS
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/s/ Martin V. Klein
Martin V. Klein, #22220
Attorney for Applicant
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 MEETING
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Voted to approve participation in Opioid Settlement agreement. Approved \$50.00 monthly increase to Law Enforcement Agreements. Approved advertisement of pickup boxes. Tabled maintenance position.

Approved Pay Application for

Royal North. Approved change order for 120” culvert.

Road Superintendent Report: approved 23 oversize permits, approve purchase of a 2014 GMC Pickup.

Set budget hearing date/time.
Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
Antelope County Clerk
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ANTELOPE COUNTY						
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY						
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2025 at 8:00 AM at County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.						
Funds	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)
GENERAL	8,277,151.17	11,791,157.88	13,626,512.42	1,000,000.00	5,469,473.43	9,157,038.99
ROAD & BRIDGE	7,302,611.71	10,448,934.22	11,305,066.95	0.00	11,305,066.95	0.00
NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER BOND	491,465.00	485,990.00	490,500.00	425,000.00	502,444.94	413,055.06
COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND	3,466.32	4,539.77	59,532.21	0.00	59,532.21	0.00
COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	0.00	7,000.00	14,646.69	0.00	14,646.69	0.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND	4,173.60	4,197.60	18,825.58	0.00	18,825.58	0.00
VETERANS AID	3,926.95	10,485.00	20,000.00	3,000.00	12,092.25	10,907.75
STOP PROGRAM (REPLACES 2355)	0.00	0.00	10,127.08	0.00	10,127.08	0.00
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION FUND	0.00	0.00	840.86	0.00	840.86	0.00
K-9 FUND	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00
FEDERAL GRANTS FUND	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
DISASTER 2019 FLOOD	407.50	2,618,197.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARPA- AMERICA RECOVERY PLAN ACT	12,920.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INHERITANCE	400,000.00	398,200.00	6,542,108.48	0.00	6,542,108.48	0.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	272,376.99	223,711.38	1,137,057.50	0.00	1,137,057.50	0.00
COMMISSARY - LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	32,598.73	36,426.33	66,000.00	0.00	66,000.00	0.00
HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BOND	320,638.75	318,352.50	325,000.00	300,000.00	625,000.00	0.00
BUILDING	67,857.34	51,877.56	181,000.00	25,000.00	161,045.21	44,953.79
GRAND TOTAL	17,189,594.40	26,399,069.32	33,853,217.77	1,753,000.00	25,980,262.18	9,625,955.59
Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year						1,433,940.72

ANTELOPE COUNTY			
NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST			
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2025 at 8:00 AM at County Commissioner Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.			
	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	40,898,276.97	33,853,217.77	-17.23%
Property Tax Request	8,545,101.03	9,625,955.59	12.65%
Valuation	2,999,436,661.00	3,692,464,423.00	23.11%
Tax Rate	0.284890	0.260691	-8.49%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.251420		

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Elgin Public Schools (02-0018-0000) in Antelope County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 22nd day of, September 2025 at after the Budget Hearing o'clock A.M., at Elgin Public Schools Board Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	872,820,943	1,076,131,896	23%

2024-2025 Budget Information					2025-2026 Budget Information				
Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	5,323,000.00	3,434,343.00	0.393476	0.319138	5,723,000.00	3,628,062.00	0.337139	-14%	8%
Special Building Fund	1,189,891.00	202,020.00	0.023146	0.018773	1,175,040.00	202,020.00	0.018773	-19%	-1%
Total	6,512,891.00	3,636,363.00	0.416622	0.337911	6,898,040.00	3,830,082.00	0.355912	-15%	6%

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Elgin Public Schools (02-0018-0000) in Antelope County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 22nd day of September, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, A.M., at Elgin Public Schools Board Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2023-2024 (1)	2024-2025 (2)	2025-2026 (3)			
General	\$ 4,351,471.00	\$ 5,182,000.00	\$ 5,723,000.00	\$ 1,812,211.00	\$ 3,943,430.00	\$ 3,628,062.00
Depreciation	\$ 11,125.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 553,193.00		\$ 553,193.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 27,248.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 164,403.00	\$ -	\$ 164,403.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 199,664.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 356,289.00	\$ -	\$ 356,289.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 177,668.00	\$ 187,000.00	\$ 371,993.00	\$ -	\$ 371,993.00	
Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 262,011.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,175,040.00		\$ 975,040.00	\$ 202,020.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 5,029,187.00	\$ 5,982,000.00	\$ 8,343,918.00	\$ 1,812,211.00	\$ 6,364,348.00	\$ 3,830,082.00

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes		Non-Bond Purposes		Total
	\$	-	\$	3,830,082.00	\$ 3,830,082.00

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Corn silage challenges, solutions shared

Today I want to share some timely insights from Dr. Shelby Gruss, Assistant Professor and Forage Extension Specialist with Iowa State University. She recently wrote in Iowa State's Integrated Crop Management News about some unusual conditions showing up in corn fields this summer that could affect silage quality.

This summer has been both hot and wet, with consistent rainfall across much of the region. These conditions have led to wrapped tassels and southern rust—both raising questions for silage harvest.

Wrapped tassels aren't something we often see in the Midwest, but this year it's been widespread. Wrapped tassels happen when tassels emerge before the flag leaf has fully unfurled.

For silage, the big concern is pollination. Since starch content comes from the ear, poor pollination can mean lower starch levels in the harvested forage. While overall yield and other nutrients aren't expected to be hit as hard, research is limited because this problem is so rare.

Southern rust, on the other

hand, may pose a greater risk. Since appearing in July, it has spread quickly in warm, wet weather. While southern rust itself doesn't produce toxins, it weakens plants and opens the door for stalk rots like Fusarium and Gibberella, which can produce harmful mycotoxins.

Another possible result of this fungus is a rapid dry down. Crops in the region have started turning and progressed quickly. Southern rust pustules rupture the epidermal tissue, making it difficult for the plant to regulate water—so as conditions change and plants begin to mature, it makes sense why dry down has been so swift.

Catching a quickly drying crop at the right stage for harvest is important. When it comes to harvest decisions, timing and moisture are still key. Monitor fields closely as we approach harvest for disease progression and plant health. Conditions may change more quickly than we are used to. And don't wait too long if standability is becoming an issue. Harvesting at the right moisture not only helps with packing and fermentation, but also minimizes losses from lodging or further disease development.

For silage, southern rust brings three main concerns: Early dry down, which can hurt fermentation. Reduced yield and starch content if grain fill is limited. Lower nutritive value, with

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research showing up to a 13% decline in digestibility.

Finally, this summer's wet conditions are also favorable for ear rots like Gibberella, Fusarium, and Diplodia—many of which can produce mycotoxins that impact livestock health.

If you're concerned about silage safety or quality, testing is a smart step. While not all offer it, many university diagnostic labs and commercial feed testing services, offer mycotoxin screening and forage analysis to help ensure feed safety. These tests can be a bit pricy, so some preliminary field scouting to confirm a risk may help ensure they are money well spent.

This information was adapted from an article originally published August 20, 2025, by Dr. Shelby Gruss in Integrated Crop Management News from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Putting up quality silage always takes careful management and timing, but mother nature has thrown a few extra hurdles in the way to keep us on our toes for the 2025 harvest season.

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person
12. Made of wood
13. Chinese lute
14. Beginning military rank
16. Indicates near
17. Ties the score
19. Chum
20. Long ago
21. Localities
25. Midway between northeast and east
26. Make fun of
27. Tennis great Arthur
29. Construction location
30. Cow's noise
31. Blue
32. One of the Fab Four
39. Formula 1 team
41. Dash
42. Lifting device
43. Basics
44. Keyboard key
45. Old Irish alphabet
46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
48. Covered stadium
49. Sword handles
50. Longing or yearning
51. Creators' social network
52. Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Ocean
5. Givers and —
6. Gets ready
8. Ad —
9. Fit of irritation
11. Criminal organization
14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
15. American state
18. Sensor hub

19. Before
20. The boundary of a surface
22. Witnesses
23. Singular
24. Type of meal
27. Music awards show
28. Former French coin of low value
29. A bag-like structure in an animal
31. Schenectady County Airport
32. Calm down
33. Partner to cheese
34. Cola brand
35. Stepped on
36. Japanese city
37. Type of coating
38. A citizen of Yemen
39. Popular breakfast item corned beef —
40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
44. First responders
47. Short-term memory

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Commissioners cut road budget, considering more

By Greg Tharnish

special to the elgin review

The 2026 budget took up most of the Antelope County Commissioner's (ACC) meeting yesterday with all commissioners present.

The ACC are moving the budget forward with a proposed 1.6 million dollars coming from the Inheritance Tax Fund for tax asking on specified projects, mostly in the road department. A budget meeting will take place on September 16 at 8:00 am at the courthouse.

The Antelope County Weed Department remains under close scrutiny as Weed Superintendent Bryan Cornette faced the ACC. Mr. Cornette was asked by the commissioners to have the Weed Department Board of Directors appear before them to answer questions concerning operations and expenses related to the Weed Department's budget request. One commissioner suggested cutting their budget request from \$103,900 to \$25,000. It was not an idle threat as other commissioners agreed though no action has taken yet. More will be decided at that Tuesday meeting.

In other budget matters, \$278,000 was cut from the Road Department's budget, aimed mostly at equipment upgrades. Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe and the ACC agreed that current county equipment was sufficient to continue proper road maintenance.

Road Superintendent Kluthe also reported to the ACC about acquiring quotes for road maintainer repair, tractor lease options, and the approval of 6 oversize loads.

County Sheriff Bob Moore, the ACC, and a representative from Platte Valley Communications (PVC) out of Kearney, NE held a teleconference q & a concerning the proposed addition of radios and repeaters at 2 tower sites in the county to aid local volunteer fire departments. PVC will be providing the ACC with a "coverage map," indicating what areas of the county will be aided with the new communications equipment. If coverage is good, the ACC plans on moving forward with Sheriff Moore's proposal.

Finally, a Temporary Road Use Agreement, aimed mostly at future wind farm development, was okayed by the County Attorney and approved by the ACC.

The Crossword Puzzle for this week....

CLUES ACROSS

1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Macaws
8. Listens to
10. Self-righteously moralistic

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Spinning Tales

A pilgrimage like none other

LINCOLN — Cool. That word describes Saturday's scene in Lincoln as the Husker football team played their home opener against Akron.

From arriving at our destination parking lot just over two hours before game time, to driving home with the highway virtually to ourselves after turning north, it was a cool night.

As stated previously, I haven't missed a home opener since acquiring season tickets back in the late 1980s. There's something about being in the stadium for the start of the season, most of those seasons in Lincoln has national championship aspirations tied to them. However, that hasn't been the case for the last 20 years. The Huskers wandered off into the wilderness after Frank Solich was fired as head coach and they're only now, seemingly, returning home.

Being there, with my Husker family of 90,000, some having driven five or more hours to sit on bleachers for four hour-plus, is a pilgrimage like none other. It's cool. So, what else might be considered cool on this day? Let me entertain you with these thoughts:

1) The weather. Temperatures were cool for the first Saturday in September. Generally, it's high 80s or low 90s with a breeze. Sometimes, the thermometer nears the 100-degree mark which makes it almost unbearable when you're packed in a row like sardines in a can. Some of the people you sit by understand a thing or two about personal hygiene. They're the good ones.

The strangers who sweat profusely in between outbursts of profanity, not so good. Like James Taylor, I've seen fire and I've seen rain.

Speaking of rain, Akron's appearance in Lincoln harkened back to the season opener when they were to face former Coach Scott Frost's Huskers, his first game as NU's main man. That game was rained out with a severe thunderstorm, never to be played.

Maybe God was telling us something back then with the rain and all those lightning bolts. Understanding hidden messages just isn't my strong point. But, when I finally figure things out, I often wonder why I didn't figure it out sooner.

Mention 'cool' and the weather, there wasn't as much skin on display since the temperatures dropped quickly after the sun went down. It seemed like almost every fan had a light jacket ready to slip on if they got cold. Many of the campus coeds were seen wearing cowboy boots with their shorts.

2) Suds for sale. Saturday's game marked the first Husker football game in Lincoln where beer was served. Lines formed, but not as many as I thought there would be. Why? The cost of a 16-ounce brew was \$12. If you were so inclined, it wouldn't take long for a cold brew or two to make a dent in your wallet. Still, plenty of brews were consumed by the fans surrounding us.

Some of the young, college-age fans didn't make it to their seats in the stadium. As we were ready to enter Gate 24 to go to our seats, there was this tall, lanky UNL students trying to walk away from two members of the State Patrol. They won, he lost. Public intoxication is nothing to be proud of. It ruins the game for the drunk who doesn't know where he is or what's going on. It ruins the game for the fans seated around that person.

I don't think I'll ever buy a beer inside the stadium, but I'm not opposed to anyone having

one or two as long as they drink responsibly and stay out of my aisle.

3) Old friends. I use the term 'friends' loosely here. Some of the people in my section of the stadium I'm glad to see every year. When they quit coming, it's usually because they're too old to take the stairs OR they are now watching the game from the 'sky' seats directly about Osborne Field. Some fans you look forward to seeing, some you wish would move to another section.

Case in point - Mrs. Rawhide. She and her husband were joined by son/son-in-law, wife and two small children. The two children were both under five years of age, and over the course of the game they put on quite a show.

Standing on their seat, screaming 'Go Big Red' whenever the moment was right or wrong, eating hot dogs or should I say the hot dogs ate them leaving faces covered in ketchup and mustard.

My favorite moment was when the little girl knocked over the \$12 beer and mama didn't notice until it had drained out. That was money not well spent.

Mrs. Rawhide? She comes across as one who lives a life of luxury. Starbucks every morning, then it's off to Yoga. After lunch, it's lounging around the pool before focusing on the family at night. Why 'Rawhide'?

Because her skin has been out in the sun for far too long. Take it from a guy who's had MOHS surgery for skin cancer, the sun is not your friend. Having the best tan in the stadium now won't mean squat years from now when her dermatologist has the final word. Tans are great, but the wearer shouldn't appear to be cooked to 'well done.'

4) The game. The Huskers racked up big numbers, lots of yards and the defense kept the Zips off the scoreboard. An old-fashioned butt-kicking the likes of which fans my age were used to seeing back during the glory days of the 1970s and 1980s.

On this night, 'The Scoring Explosion' team of 1983 would be proud. It should have been a blowout because Akron has year-in and year-out been one of the worst teams in the nation. So, I'm not quite ready to drink the Kool-aid® of hype yet.

Let's see where we stand after facing Michigan on September 20.

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A junior, Samantha and her teammates ran in the Boone Central Invite last Friday. In the first competition of the season, she finished the 5K with a time of 25:52.20, placing 56th.

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Jael Lammers rises high above the net to attempt a solo block.

EPPJ dominates net in win over Burwell

Hitters record 47 kills against Longhorns

ELGIN — The Wolfpack dropped the first set, then turned things around to win the next three sets to defeat Burwell Tuesday night (September 2).

After splitting the first two sets, EPPJ pulled away to win 25-23, 16-25, 25-15 and 25-11.

“Everyone contributed to night,” Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel said about the match. “It was a solid team win.”

Burwell hitter Regan Smith, one of just two seniors on the Longhorns’ team, had success early at the net as Burwell stayed close.

But close wasn’t good enough this time as Kayton Zwingman closed out the first set with a kill.

Much to the surprise of the Wolfpack fans in the stands, set #2 was another story. Tied at 14-all, Burwell outscored EPPJ 11 to two to win the second set 25-16. Then, Coach Luettel made some adjustments which seemed to get Smith rattled and the Longhorns weren’t the same team over the final two sets.

Set #3 saw the Wolfpack take control with strong net play from Mady Kurpgeweit, Jael Lammers and K. Zwingman. Add a couple of ace serves from Braelyn Martinsen and suddenly the Wolfpack were up 13 to seven. The teams then traded points the rest of the set as Lammers continued to hurt the Longhorns with kills. Camry Kittelson closed out the third set with a kill to win 25-11.

Momentum was clearly on the side of the Wolfpack in the fourth and final set. Wolfpack hitters dominated the net as the lead grew to 19 to eight. From there, EPPJ outscored Burwell six to three. K. Zwingman’s deft placement of the ball befuddled Burwell’s blockers and Kittelson added another ace serve to

close out the match.

“Kayton had a great game tonight,” Luettel said. “Braelyn played very smart. She was definitely one of our go-tos. And then our defense was just all over the place. Gentry and Brooke made some hustle plays that I wouldn’t say a lot of other teams would make.”

Zwingman led EPPJ with 14 kills, Martinsen added 13. Lammers had eight and Kittelson contributed six.

Martinsen led the team in digs with 20, Gentry Zwingman had 17 and Brooke Kinney added 13. Kittelson recorded 26 set assists, Elizabeth Moser had 17.

Martinsen led the team in serve receive with 26, Brooke Kinney had 16.

EPPJ 3, Burwell 1

Longhorns.....23 25 15 11
Wolfpack.....25 16 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/22/4, Brooke Kinney 0/1/1, Kayton Zwinman 14/27/2, Braelyn Martinsen 13/29/5, Mady Kurpgeweit 5/20/3, Jael Lammers 8/31/5, Lillian Moser 1/8/2, Halle Lueking 0/1/0. Team totals: 47/139/22

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/7, Kittelson 2/16, Gentry Zwingman 0/24, Brooke Kinney 1/8, Elizabeth Moser 0/6, Martinsen 3/23. Team totals: 6/84

Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 4, Martinsen 3, L. Moser 1. Team totals: 8

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/1, Kittelson 13/3, G. Zwingman 17/2, Kinney 13/3, K. Zwingman 1/2, Martinsen 20/3, Kurpgeweit 2/1, Lammers 0/1, L. Moser 0/1, E. Moser 9/0. Team totals: 67/17

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Barlow 0/2/0, Kittelson 26/78/2, G. Zwingman 1/2/0, Kinney 2/15/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 17/49/1. Team totals: 46/147/3

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 2/0, G. Zwingman 8/1, Kinney 16/4, Martinsen 26/3, Lammers 7/3. Team totals: 59/11

EPPJ netters sweeps Stuart, CWC

ELGIN — The Wolfpack volleyball team kept their season-opening winning streak intact Thursday night.

Elgin Public-Pope John earned their fourth victory in four starts with a 25-16 and 25-12 victory over Chambers/Wheeler Central in a match played at St. Boniface Auditorium. Playing the nightcap of a triangular, the Wolfpack took control late in the first set against the Renegades.

Back-to-back ace serves by senior Camry Kittelson initiated an 11 to two run to close out the first set. EPPJ capitalized on kills from senior Kayton Zwingman. Braelyn Martinsen added an ace serve and EPPJ capitalized on Renegades miscues to close out the set.

The second set saw the Wolfpack pull away early. Lillian Moser’s ace block gave EPPJ a seven to two lead. Then, kills by Mady Kurpgeweit and freshman Jael Landers grew the lead to 11 to five.

From that point on, the outcome of the match was no longer in doubt, just what the final score of the set would be.

Leading 19 to 10, the Wolfpack closed out the match with a six to two run. Lammers had two kills and Sophia Burke came off the bench to contribute an ace serve as the team closed out the set 25 to 12.

Lammers led Wolfpack hitters with six kills, K. Zwingman had five while Kittelson and Martinsen each had four.

Kittelson had four of the team’s seven ace serves.

Elizabeth Moser led setters with nine set assists.

Brooke Kinney led the team in serve receive with 16.

Stuart falls

Earlier in the evening, the Wolfpack swept Stuart 25-16 and 25-18.

EPPJ had 21 kills at the net as Kittelson led the way with six, Kurpgeweit had five, K. Zwingman and Lammers each had four.

Again, the Wolfpack had six ace serves. Kinney and Kittelson each had two, Gentry Zwingman and Tessa Barlow each had one.

Kurpgeweit was a terror at the net as she had three ace blocks in the matchs.

Kinney led the team in digs (12) and serve receive (10).

The match was a homecoming for former Wolfpack volleyball standout Jordan Mescher who is the head coach of the Lady Broncos.

EPPJ 2, CWC 0

Renegades.....16 12
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/5/1, Brooke Kinney 0/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 5/9/1, Braelyn Martinsen 4/12/2, Kinley Druke 0/2/1, Jael Lammers 6/12/1, Lillian Moser 2/5/2, Aubrie Parks 0/2/1. Team totals: 21/52/10

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/2, Kittelson 4/11, Gentry Zwingman 0/7, Brooke Kinney 0/8, Martinsen 2/10, Sophia Burke 1/3, Elizabeth Moser 0/4. Team totals: 7/45

Blocks (BS/BA) — Kittelson 0/2, K. Zwingman 1/0, Lillian Moser 1/0. Team totals: 2/2

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 3/0, G. Zwingman 5/3, Kinney 3/1, K. Zwingman 2/1, Martinsen 6/1, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 1/0, E. Moser 3/0. Team totals: 24/6

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 7/24/1, Kinney 1/5/1, E. Moser 9/21/1. Team totals: 17/50/3

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 1/0, Kinney 16/1, Martinsen 5/0, Druke 1/0. Team totals: 24/1

EPPJ 2, Stuart 0

Broncos16 18
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/11/2, Brooke Kinney 0/2/1, Kayton Zwingman 4/9/1, Braelyn

Martinsen 2/12/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 5/9/1, Jael Lammers 4/13/0, Lillian Moser 0/4/2, Halle Lueking 0/2/1. Team totals: 21/62/12

Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 1/7, Kittelson 2/13, G. Zwingman 1/8, Kinney 2/7, Martinsen 0/9. Team totals: 6/49

Blocks (BS/BA) — Barlow 1/0, K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 1/0, Kurpgeweit 3/0. Team totals: 6/0

Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/0, Kittelson 2/0, G. Zwingman 6/0, Kinney 12/2, K. Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 5/0, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 2/0, Sophia Burke 0/1, E. Moser 1/0. Team totals: 32/3

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 13/33/1, G. Zwingman 0/1/0, Kinney 0/3/0, Burke 0/1/0, E. Moser 7/27/1. Team totals: 20/65/2

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Barlow 3/0, G. Zwingman 1/0, Kinney 10/1, Martinsen 7/2, Lammers 5/1, Burke 1/1. Team totals: 27/5



Braelyn Martinsen (6) avoids two Stuart blockers during first set action. She finished with two kills.



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Back row specialist Gentry Zwingman goes airborne against CWC to get under this ball.



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Samantha Stuhr focuses on the finish line during Friday’s race at Albion. She finished in a time of 25:52.20.

EPPJ XC runners shine at BC Invite

ALBION — The weather was perfect for the start of the cross country season for Elgin Public-Pope John on Friday.

The team, consisting of Samantha Stuhr, Jovie Borer and Matthew Kerkman, donned the school colors to compete at the Boone Central Invite held at the Albion Country Club.

Competing in the girls 5000 meter race, neither Stuhr or Borer placed among the top runners.

Winning the event was sophomore Avery Heinrich of Scotus CC who posted a time of 20:05.20.

The Wolfpack’s best effort was turned in by Stuhr. A junior, she finished with a time of 25:52.20 to place 56th.

Borer, a senior, finished 68th with a time of 26:43.70.

In the boys race, Kerkman finished with a personal best time of 20:26.96 to finish 47th.

Walthill forfeit sets up big game against Renegades

Kickoff set for 7 p.m. at Bartlett

ELGIN — Not a single touchdown was scored Friday afternoon, not a single tackle was made.

Yet, the Elgin Public-Pope John Wolfpack football team evened their season record at 1-1.

Scheduled to play Walthill Friday afternoon on the road, EPPJ never made the trip because they were told hours earlier there would be no game.

Walthill school officials notified Wolfpack Athletic Director Trent Ostransky late afternoon on Thursday that, due to the lack of available players, the game would be a forfeit.

For the record, the final score for the game will be listed as Wolfpack 1, Walthill 0.

Ostransky said the forfeit will have no direct effect on the Wolfpack quest for a state playoff berth. He said the Wolfpack will receive points

for the victory just as they would have had the game been played.

The game will not be rescheduled, Ostransky said.

As a result, EPPJ will take a 1-1 record into Friday night’s game against Chambers/Wheeler Central. The game, set to begin at 7 p.m., will be played in Bartlett.

The Renegades come into the game with a 2-0 record. They opened the season with a shutout victory over Randolph, then on Friday they defeated North Central.

While the state playoffs are more than a month away, this will be a big game for both teams.

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EPPJ JVs top Burwell for second victory

ELGIN — The Wolfpack JV volleyball team picked up their second victory of the season by defeating Burwell 25-14 and 25-13. Playing on Tuesday, September 2, EPPJ racked up 17 kills in the match. Leading the way was the trio of Libby Evans, Lillian Moser and Sydney Niewohner each with 3, Sophia Burke and Megan Wright each had 2 while Elizabeth Moser, Aubrie Parks, Stacy Rokahr and Sadie Thiesen each had 1. Thiessen had 10 of the team's 14 set assists. A highlight from the match was the Wolfpack recording 10 ace serves. Leading the way was E. Moser with 4, Niewohner had 3, Wright added 2 and Kinley Druke posted one. Tops in serve receive was Parks with 4. EPPJ had 13 digs in the match, led by Evans and Kylee Lichtenberg each with 4. Niewohner had the team's lone solo block.

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Sept. 20. Tourney @ Riverside (JV only) 9:00



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• EPS School Board meeting • PJCC financial aid meeting
Sept. 14 ...HOMECOMING WEEK begins • PJCC Homecoming Coronation & activities
Sept. 17 ...PJCC elementary NO SCHOOL - 1 pm early dismissal for remaining students AND EPS students
Sept. 18 FFA Range Judging @ Knox Co. • Homecoming Pep Rally • EHS Homecoming Coronation
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