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In Brief

EPPJ Homecoming pep rally to be held Thursday

At Elgin Field beginning at 2:45 p.m.

All things Wolfpack will be celebrated Thursday afternoon in front of the grandstand at Elgin Field. A Homecoming pep rally will be held for EPPJ student at the football field featuring skits and games. It is scheduled to get underway at 2:45 p.m. The public is invited to watch the celebration. On Friday, the Wolfpack football team will face North Central at 2 p.m. Then, on Saturday night, the homecoming dance will be held at the Elgin KC Hall.

EPS Homecoming coronation to be held Thursday

At 7 p.m. in the school gym.

Coronation of Homecoming Royalty at Elgin High School will be held later this week. The ceremony, open to the public, will be held Thursday evening, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. The crowning will take place in the school gymnasium.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:
Notice of Budget Hearing — Antelope County
Notice of Budget Hearing — Elgin Rural Fire District
Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Proceedings — District #18 Board of Education

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 89 degrees recorded on Saturday, September 13. The low temperature during the same period was 53 degrees recorded on Wednesday, September 10. No 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
Sept 7	74	57	.00
Sept 8	77	60	.00
Sept 9	76	54	.00
Sept 10	78	53	.00
Sept 11	82	65	.00
Sept 12	88	65	.00
Sept 13	89	64	0.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for September			0.47
Total precipitation 2025			23.55



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PJCC Homecoming Royalty

Homecoming festivities kicked off Sunday night with the crowning of king and queen at Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School. Aiden Klein was selected as king while Tessa Barlow was chosen as queen.



Photo submitted

Hemenway named District #10 senior champion

Isaac Hemenway of the Elgin FFA Chapter was the Senior Individual Champion at the 2025 District 10 North Range Judging competition. The contest was held Monday, September 9, north of Stuart. There were nearly 130 senior students competing from 16 different schools. The Elgin FFA chapter will be competing on Thursday, September 18 near Center, NE in the Area 5 Range Contest.

District #18 renews EPPJ sports co-op

For more than a decade, Elgin Public School and Pope John XXIII Central Catholic schools have successfully operated a sports co-op. Together, they have filled trophy cases with trophies from state competition. It's worked out well for both schools, keeping alive sports traditions which have made the Wolfpack one of the most successful co-ops in the state. That's why it was no surprise when the District #18 Board of Education met last week, they approved the extension of the sports co-op. Meeting Wednesday night, September 10, the board voted five to zero to extend the co-op through the 2027-2028 school year. Voting in favor were Ron Bode, Steve Busted, Todd Heithoff, Eric Beckman and Lisa Welding. Absent from the meeting was board member Luke Hinkle. There was just one other items the school board addressed in a meeting which lasted just over 30 minutes. That was:
• Approval of a transfer of \$5,000 to the Wolfpack fund. Both EPS and Pope John contribute money to the fund to support activities. Earlier in the meeting, Superintendent Mike Brockhaus updated board members on work being done by the bus barn. Last month, the board approved a plan to address water erosion issues near the bus barn. Brockhaus said cement work is being done by the barn now and should be completed in the coming weeks. The next regular meeting of the school board will be Wednesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

City, school & county's property tax increases topic of public hearing

Thursday night at courthouse in Neligh

Held ever year in mid-September, there will be a joint public hearing on proposed property tax increases for three sub-divisions in Antelope County this week. The hearing is set for Thursday, September 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in the county commissioners' meeting room at the Antelope County Courthouse in Neligh. Representatives from the Elgin District #18 Board of Education, the Elgin City Council as well as the Antelope County Board of Commissioners will meet on that day for the purpose of conducting a public hearing to obtain public input on a property tax increase proposed by the three subdivisions. Property taxes being requested for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year are:
City of Elgin — property tax requested (\$230,050.00)
Elgin Public School — property tax requested (\$3,830,082.00)
Antelope County — property tax requested (\$10,502,914.00)
Of the three, the City of Elgin has already approved its proposed budget for the new year. That took place at the regular city council meeting on Wednesday, September 3. The 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 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. Each political subdivision within a county that seeks to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage shall participate in a joint public hearing as authorized by Nebraska revised State 77-1633. Each such political subdivision shall designate one representative to attend the joint public hearing on behalf of the political subdivision. If a political subdivision includes area in more than one county, the political subdivision shall be deemed to be within the county in which the political subdivision's principal headquarters are located. At such hearing, there will be no items on the agenda other than discussion on each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage.



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Knights serve up a tasty breakfast Sunday morning

Nothing brings out the community like a pancake feed. The Elgin Knights of Columbus served pancakes, French toast, sausage and egg bake Sunday morning at the KC Hall. There was a steady line of hungry people feasting on the food served by Elgin Knights. A great way to start the day! Thanks Knights!!



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Good day, Meat Loaf anyone? Does your family like meat loaf? I love it. Ted, not so much. So when I make it, I try to have a guest to share it with. Here are two really

From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Easy Meat Loaf, Delicious Meat Loaf

Happy Cooking, JoAnn

EASY MEAT LOAF

1-1/2 lbs hamburger
1 egg beaten
1 can tomato soup

3/4 cup oatmeal
Onion flakes, salt, pepper

Mix all the ingredients and put in a 9 inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Use 1/2 cup ketchup to cover the meat before baking!

simple recipe ideas! Truthfully, people make it a lot of different ways, by adding different ingredients. Ted says oatmeal has no place in meatloaf. I say I use cracker crumbs instead.

Use whatever you can get by using. Just enjoy it however you make it.

DELICIOUS MEAT LOAF

2-1/2 lbs hamburger
2 cups oatmeal
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1 envelope onion soup mix
2 eggs

3/4 cup water or milk
1 small diced onion
1/2 cup ketchup

In a large bowl mix all the ingredients. In a 9x13 pan center the meat loaf (not touching the sides). Bake at 350° for 60-70 minutes. Before baking, spread the 1/2 cup ketchup on the top of the meat.



Members of the PJCC Homecoming Court are (front row, l-r): Emersyn Heying and George Borer. Back row: Camry Kittelson, Jovie Borer, Harlie Tyler, Quinn Hoefler, Queen Tessa Barlow, Reese Stuhler, King Aiden Klein, Grady Drueke, Karson Kallhoff and Landyn Veik.

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Barlow, Klein crowned PJCC 2025 Homecoming Royalty

The 2025 Pope John Homecoming Coronation ceremonies were held in the St. Boniface Gym on Sunday, September 14 at 5 p.m.

Tessa Barlow and Aiden Klein were honored as the new royalty.

Tessa is the daughter of Mike Barlow and Rachael Barlow. She serves her school as an EMHC. Tessa is active in volleyball, One Act, Speech Team, and the musical.

Aiden is the son of Marty and Amy Klein. Aiden participates in golf, One Act, quiz bowl, speech, and the musical. He is a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Junior Right to Life, and serves as an EMHC and lector for his parish and school.

Members of the Royal Court were Jovie Borer, Harlie Tyler, Camry Kittelson, Quinn Hoefler, Reese Stuhler, Landyn Veik, Karson Kallhoff, and Grady Drueke.

Chosen by the seniors to crown the King and Queen were juniors Elizabeth Moser, daughter of Michael and Gina Moser and Michael Selting, son of

Lynn and Amy Selting. Crown bearers, second graders at Pope John, were Emersyn Heying, daughter of Spencer and Megan Heying and George Borer, son of Jeremy and Lauren Borer.

Decorations were provided by the sophomore class with the

help of Mrs. Chris Grundmayer. Brooke Kinney and Gavin Kallhoff served as MC's for the ceremonies.

Following coronation, there were games planned by Mrs. Lauren Borer and Mrs. Julie Schiltmeyer.

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Parenting older children

For as long as I can remember, I have always loved children. I started babysitting when I was 11 years old (which shocks me that parents actually entrusted me with their children at that time). I love babies and toddlers are just so fun and cute.

I knew I wanted to have my own children, and I knew that someday I would no longer have little kids, but now that the day has come, I find myself in all new territory.

My youngest just turned 10. I no longer have children in single digits, and I feel myself mourning a little. No one calls me "Mommy" anymore. You don't realize how much you miss that until it's gone. Plus, it's such a slow progression that you really don't notice it until months have passed and you recognize that's no longer your name.

I remember being so bored sometimes when I would sit and play Legos or Barbies, but now that they don't ask me to play anymore, it's kind of sad. The kitchen set mostly stays unused in the playroom and I remember how excited they were to cook for me and play restaurant. I would make all the yummy noises as I pretended to eat the things they prepared.

I miss reading to them at night, getting snuggles when they are sick, and the awe and wonder that kids have when you introduce them to new things. My oldest is convinced he knows everything, so few things truly shock him anymore. My youngest still has some of that magic and amazement but I can see it lessen every year.

Our evenings look a lot different today. We're booked with soccer practice and Driver's

Ed. The older kids have a lot of homework in the evenings and when they don't, they are perfectly content to play video games and just let off some steam after being at school all day. We still play board games together as a family, but it's a different dynamic than it was when they were smaller. I haven't played Candy Land in years!

Don't misunderstand, I'm really enjoying the new freedom that comes with having older children. I can leave them alone without parental supervision. I no longer must do everything for them such as cutting up food, giving baths, or wiping any butts.

I also really enjoy watching older movies. I love a lot of the animated films, but it's also fun when it's just my teenagers and we can introduce them to films with more substance. We're still strict on what we let them watch, but even if it's just a superhero movie or "Remember the Titans", it's enjoyable to watch with them and talk about it afterward.

It's hard to embrace this new season. I find myself gravitating to friends that are still having babies or have younger children because I miss that

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist Katherine Cobb

Looking Back The Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

September 16, 1965

Ron Miller, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Miller suffered a broken back in the Elgin High-Platte Center football game, there, Friday night. It was learned here Monday that Ron's back had been broken near the lower rib. Ron will have to lie on his back for three weeks and will undoubtedly be out of sports for at least six months, or nearly his entire senior year.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunter have announced the engagement of their daughter Judith Rae to Frank David Galas. Judith, a 1959 graduate of Elgin High School, has attended Doane College, Crete, Phoenix College, Phoenix Ariz. and was graduated with a major in education from Arizona State University at Temple, Ariz. A December wedding is planned at Phoenix.

The month of September started out wet and during six of the 14 days of the month we have received measurable amounts of precipitation. According to the Bank of Elgin gauge, the total rainfall for the week was 3.10 inches. The most rain during the week was on Sunday, Sept. 5 with 1.20 inches.

Fifty Years Ago

September 11, 1975

Elgin High School, led by senior Kent Beckman, outscored the Humphrey Bulldogs, 28-6, last Friday night in Humphrey. Leading rusher for Elgin was Kent Beckman with 165 yards followed by Cary Sutton with 39 and Steve Heithoff with 21 yards. The next game will be with Lindsay Holy Family, there, this Friday, Sept. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Baum, Mrs. Dorothy Gregor and Lois attended a reunion banquet of the Midwest 5th Armored Division of World War II. Members and families of this group met in Grand Island Sunday. Mr. Baum and the late Mr. Gregor were with the Division in WWII.

The Cystic Fibrosis campaign is being conducted throughout Antelope county this year from Sept. 21-28. A pop bottle drive is being organized as a way to raise money. Those in charge encourage everyone to save their pop bottles or donations and help with this year's "Breath of Life" campaign.

Three FFA'ers swept all honors in their respective breeding classes at the FFA Sheep Show during the 1975 Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln Thursday, Sept. 4. Alice Carr, Elaine Von Kampen, and Kirk Roe had the Grand and Reserve Champion ewes and rams in their divisions.

Thirty Years Ago

September 13, 1995

An open house and dedication of the new hardwood floor at St. Boniface Gym in Elgin will be held this Sunday. An open house is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. The floor is being completed at a cost of about \$22,000, and about 3,500 hours of volunteer labor.

Elgin American Legion Auxiliary Unit 229 hosted a reporting session of Elgin's 1995 American Legion Boys State, Girls State and Junior Law Cadet representatives last week. Boys state representatives were Nathan Dickerson and Jared Kerkman, Girls State representatives were Jenny Avidano and Tanya Starman and Junior Law Cadet representative was John McNally.

An estimated 500 people visited The Station convenience store in Elgin during its grand opening celebration last Sunday. Owners Donna and Rich Uhrenholdt said the day was very successful and very busy with more than 300 food specials served. The Uhrenholdt's purchased the former Bill's service station more than a year ago and have been remodeling it since then.

John Stoltz, 13, of Elgin and his five-month-old Chianina-Maine cross heifer "Honey" were pictured in the newspaper. Honey received the grand champion market heifer honor in the 4-H Market Beef Show at the Nebraska State Fair.

Pope John unveiled a potent passing attack Friday night, scoring five first half touchdowns and going on to defeat Elgin High 50 to 18. Pope John quarterback Jeff Knievel completed 14 of 26 passes for 344 yards and five touchdowns.

Twenty Years Ago

September 14, 2005

Homecoming royalty candidates at Elgin High School have been announced. They are Ross Becklun, Katie Score, David Hutchinson, Laurie Scholl, Jessica Stamp, J.T. Best, Krystine Hoefler, Anthony Blair, Nichole Bauer and Clayton Hensley.

A new 10-unit motel is planned for construction just northeast of the Elgin One Stop convenience store. KNBB Enterprises, which owns the convenience store, will be building the motel. Construction is expected to get started in four to five weeks.

A dedication for the new addition to the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18. Rev. Dan Andrews will administer the blessing. Afterwards, an open house and free appreciation barbecue will be held.

Plantation House Bed and Breakfast owners Deb and Kyle Warren hosted about 130 people from eight communities at its 125th anniversary open house held last weekend. Among those attending were Leo and Josephine Eischied who visited the Old Plantation Club on their first date, and also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in 1999.

District #18 budget hearing to be Monday Scheduled to begin at 7 a.m.

If you want to be heard, you're going to have to get up early. The public hearings on the proposed budget and tax levy for 2025/26 will be held early Monday morning, September 24.

The hearing will begin at 7 a.m. in the board meeting room at Elgin High School.

The proposed budget calls for a tax asking of just over \$3.8 million, according to the budget document published in the September 10 issue of *The Elgin Review*. The numbers break down to \$3.62 million for the general fund and just over \$202,000 for the special building fund.

The property tax request is up from one year ago when it was set at \$3,636,363.

The proposed new tax levy is 0.355912, down from 0.416622 (down 15 percent one year ago).

Monday morning's meeting is open to the public.

The board is expected to approve the budget's tax asking and tax levy following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, September 22: Sloppy joes, cheesy hash-browns, green beans, peach/strawberry mix, bread & butter, milk.

Tuesday, September 23: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, plums, milk.

Wednesday, September 24: Swedish meatballs over buttered noodles, green beans, apricots, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, September 25: Chicken strips, creamy cukes, sliced tomatoes, French fries,

mixed fruit, bread & butter, milk.

Friday, September 26: Chicken alfredo, broccoli, sliced tomatoes, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, garlic stick, milk.

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Big Beautiful Bill delivers budget dilemma for Nebraska lawmakers

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

Brace yourself Nebraskans for another year without meaningful property tax relief. That's because the "One Big Beautiful Bill" means that Nebraska will have to do without about \$216 million in state income tax revenue over the next two years, and \$406 million less over the next four years.

That's a Big Gulp of funding for a state budget that lawmakers had already cut by nearly \$400 million to balance the state budget.

As you recall, during the last session of the Nebraska Legislature, meaningful additional property tax relief was nixed after it was necessary to dig into the state's cookie jars and cut back on spending and tax incentives, to make the budget balance. So more cuts likely means, again, no relief from property taxes.

Nebraska's budget pogoes like a grade schooler on a teeter-totter, up and down, up and down.

Only a couple of years ago, the state was swimming in extra, post-COVID era cash, enough to have legislators funding new marinas on lakes, expanding several museums and dreaming about building a huge lake between Omaha and Lincoln, which is now dead.

But that was then, and this is now. The farming sector is hurting, via a combination of low crop prices and exploding costs of inputs, in part fueled by the tariffs imposed by President Trump. An advocacy group, Farmers for Free Trade, recently estimated that Nebraska's farmers, through June, had spent an additional \$51 million due to new tariffs on things like steel, building materials, fertilizer and equipment, according to the Lincoln Journal Star. That puts a crimp on farm income, and in turn, state income taxes.

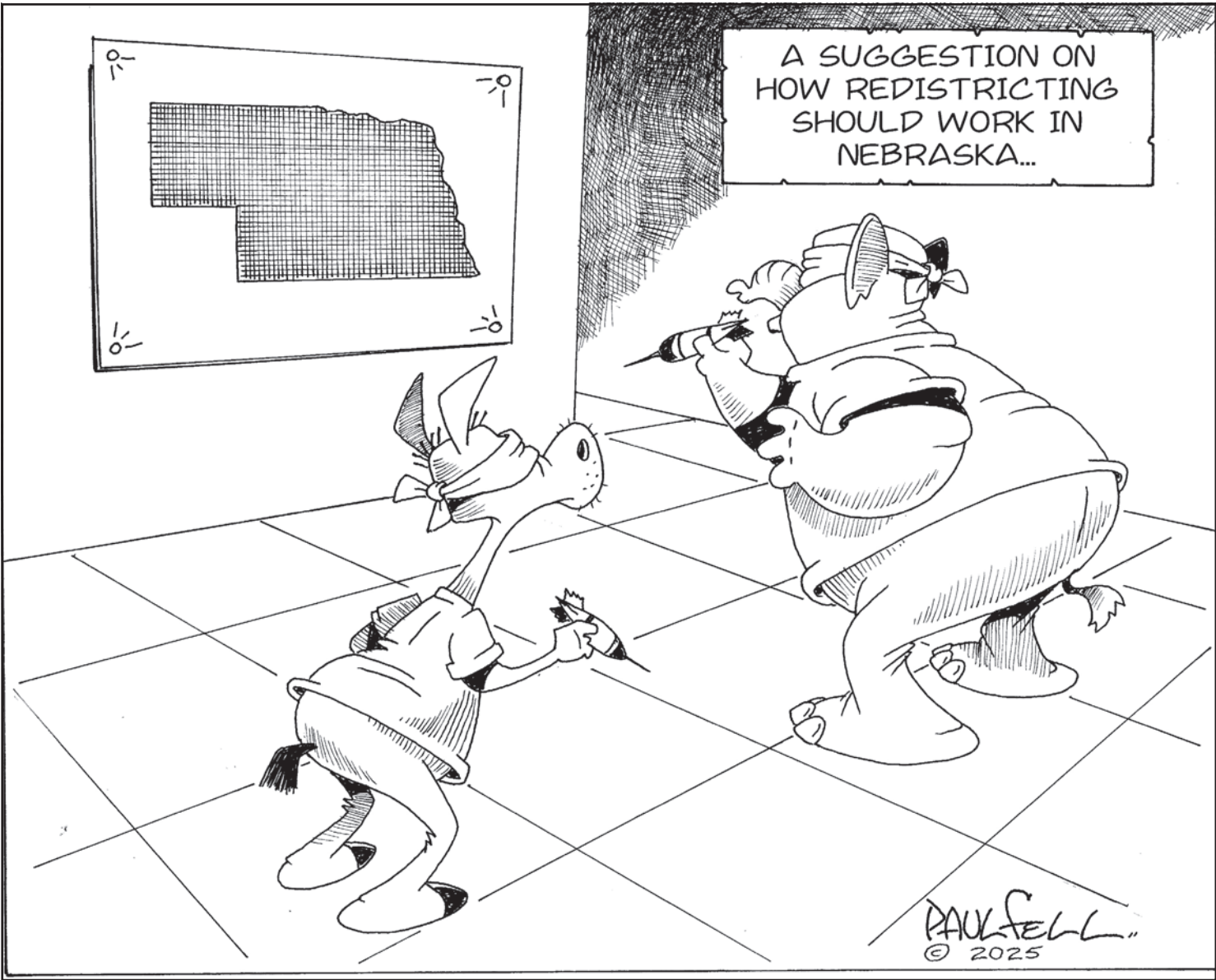
The One Big Beautiful Bill won approval from every member of the all-Republican Nebraska congressional delegation. They defended the loss of state income tax revenue by trumpeting the tax cuts in the OB BB.

U.S. Rep. Mike Flood said that without the bill, a family of four earn-

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



ing \$76,484 would have seen a \$1,600 increase in their income taxes. U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts gave an even bigger benefit, of \$2,443 less in taxes.

To be fair, some of that tax break is expected to be offset by higher consumer prices due to the tariffs.

The conservative, pro-business Tax Foundation says that 71% of the food imported by Americans will increase in price, things like imported liquor, baked goods, coffee, fish and, gulp, beer. That group foresees a \$1,300 impact on the average family.

Another group, the liberal Center for American Progress, projects an even higher hit on the pocketbook, of \$2,400 for the average family.

What can lawmakers cut now? And will Gov. Pillen get the additional \$500 million in budget cuts he was calling for only a couple of months ago?

Does the state suspend construction of a new state prison to replace

the State Penitentiary and relieve overcrowding (exacerbated by pledging to take an additional 280 federal immigration detainees at the Cornhusker Clink)? Does the state skip the \$628-million Perkins County Canal?

What about pausing, for a year or two, the gradual reduction in state income taxes -- to 3.99% by the 2027 tax year -- passed a few years ago?

State Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth had a simple solution to the state's revenue shortfall last year -- pause the gradual, state income tax reduction at 4.99%, thus saving the state nearly \$500 million over the next two fiscal years.

That would more than solve the state's looming budget problem, and leave some extra funds to provide some property tax relief, which I hear over and over is the state's top tax problem.

State senators, when they were debating the bill to cut the state's top individual income tax bracket from

6.84% to 3.99% (and drop the state corporate tax levy from 7.25% to 3.99%) kept saying that if times got tough, a future Legislature could decide to pause the tax breaks.

That sounded reasonable then, and seems reasonable now, given that we're getting a cut in federal income taxes.

But Gov. Ricketts and other business leaders say that stopping the state income tax cuts would send a bad signal.

It will all make for one heck of a debate in the 2026 legislative session.

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.

Defending America's greatness

Nearly a quarter century has passed since the attacks of September 11th, 2001. That day's tragic events, the heroic acts of so many Americans, and the extraordinary shows of patriotism and national unity which followed are forever etched in our national memory. We will always remember the courage and sacrifice of those who passed and those whose lives were forever changed 24 years ago.

Just as the anniversary of 9/11 was reminding Americans to commemorate the endurance and aspirations which bring us together, sadly, our country was shocked by the assassination of Charlie Kirk. Kirk was a patriot, husband, and father who lived his conservative values by championing free speech for all. Regardless of viewpoint, political violence is never acceptable. I am glad law enforcement quickly identified and apprehended the suspect and is preparing to obtain justice for Kirk's murder. The future of our shared values, protection of civil society, and guarantee of the rights and freedoms given by God and recognized by our Declaration of Independence and Constitution are not passively attained. While the sacrifice of countless Americans who have answered the call of duty demonstrate the cost of freedom, the task of promoting the safety of every American falls on each generation. Unlike the past administration, President Trump has made national security and law enforcement efforts top priorities. We recognized our nation's security need when we enacted \$175 billion in border enforcement funding in July alongside our working families tax cut, and we recognized it again this week when House Republicans advanced legislation to provide the administration with the resources needed to meet this mission through the passage of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The many threats to peace around the globe demand sustained attention to national security. Several of our allies face the reality of war every day while our enemies in Tehran, Beijing, Moscow, and Pyongyang conspire against us. Threats multiply and evolve constantly, whether on the battlefield or in cyberspace. The robust funding in the NDAA allows our military to stand ready with effective deterrence against any and all threats. Recent events have shown both the importance of and fragility of our constitutional rights. While the First Amendment is foundational to the fabric of our communities and public discourse, freedom of speech and other basic human rights remain under threat by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and other nations around the world. Because of this, I supported measures in the NDAA to counter China's malign influence. I am also a cosponsor of the Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act. This bill would reestablish the initiative to curb theft of American intellectual property and spying on our academic institutions perpetrated by the CCP. Our adversaries profit from dividing us, and political polarization only makes it more difficult to protect our country from enemies, both foreign and domestic. As we remember the victims of terrorism perpetrated by these enemies, as well as honor the legacies of those who risked everything to protect our rights and liberties, let us not forget strength ultimately comes from unity.

FROM THE HILL



Congressman
Adrian Smith

Husker Harvest Days - tradition meets innovation

While I was voting in Washington this week, my staff had the privilege of attending Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island — an annual event that, for more than 40 years, has been a centerpiece for Nebraska agriculture. Known as the world's largest totally irrigated working farm show, it brings together farmers, ranchers, and industry leaders from across the globe. It's more than a farm show; it's a gathering place where families exchange knowledge, explore innovations, and build connections that last well beyond the harvest season.

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U.S. Senator
Deb Fischer

From live demonstrations of the latest equipment to educational programs led by experts, Husker Harvest Days showcases both the traditions and the future of farming. Whether you're running a large operation or just bringing your family to learn and explore, the event offers something valuable for everyone.

This year, the weather cooperated with cool temperatures and cloud cover — a perfect backdrop for a day filled with conversation and learning. My staff met with Nebraska's commodity boards, who generously shared their perspectives and expressed appreciation for the work we're doing

together in Washington. They also joined University of Nebraska President Jeffrey Gold and Nebraska Farm Bureau President Mark McHargue on their tour, a reminder of how our state's educational institutions and producers work hand in hand to advance agriculture.

One highlight was "The Future of Ag Tech" presentation, where the Farm Progress tech team reflected on where the industry is heading. They noted a shift: there was noticeably less new equipment on display compared to last year's Farm Progress Show in Illinois. It's a sign of the financial pressures many producers face today — a reminder that innovation doesn't happen in a vacuum, but in the real-world economy of family farms.

The technologies they did highlight were both impressive and sobering. There were self-driving tractors that would have seemed like science fiction a decade ago. There were laser weeders capable of zapping unwanted plants with pinpoint accuracy, though they come with steep price tags. And there were drones that can not only fly but also operate field equipment. These innovations are fascinating glimpses into the future, but the theme was clear: while technology is accelerating, the costs remain a major barrier. Farmers are carefully weighing whether these tools provide enough return on investment to justify the expense — an especially tough calculation in today's farm economy.

As striking as the technology was, most notable

were the people in attendance. Everywhere my team went, Nebraskans were warm, welcoming, and deeply grateful for the support we've worked to provide. Their encouragement is a constant reminder of why I fight for agriculture every day in the Senate.

That's why I reintroduced my bipartisan Precision Ag Package — three bills designed to expand access to innovative tools that make operations more efficient, productive, and sustainable. Precision agriculture helps farmers steward the land more effectively, but adoption is too often limited by two hurdles: steep upfront costs and gaps in rural broadband connectivity. My legislation tackles both challenges head-on.

I'm proud that this package has drawn strong support from organizations across the spectrum of American agriculture and manufacturing, including the American Equipment Manufacturers, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Soybean Association, Ethos Connected, Irrigation Association, John Deere, National Corn Growers Association, and Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation.

I'll continue working to channel this momentum into meaningful action by pushing for these provisions in the next Farm Bill. Because at the end of the day, the heart of agriculture isn't just the machines or the technology — it's the people. And Nebraska's farmers and ranchers deserve every tool we can provide to help them thrive today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

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Fighting to make housing more affordable in Nebraska

Nebraska is the best place in the world to live. But for too many Nebraskans, red tape and regulations can make it hard to find affordable housing. By one estimate, overregulation accounts for nearly 25% of the cost of a single-family home. For a typical apartment development, it's even worse. Regulations account for 40% of the cost. That means fewer families can achieve the American dream. I am fighting to provide more opportunity for hardworking Nebraskans.

Across Nebraska, rural housing is in high demand. I took steps to address this as Governor. When I was Governor, for example, we passed a rural workforce housing bill. We created a \$7 million Rural Workforce Housing Fund.

Nebraska communities applied for grants from this state fund. One of the ways we used this fund was to make low-interest loans to developers. These funds helped developers come to a rural community to build houses and apartment buildings. It helped cover construction costs, down payment assistance, and technical assistance. This program was simple and successful.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELGIN SCHOOL BOARD

Elgin Public School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday September 22, 2025. The meeting will be held in the EPS Board Room of the High School at 7:00 a.m. The agenda of the meeting will be for the purpose of the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and Special Board Meeting for the purpose of Adoption of the Budget and Tax Request.

To: Members of the Board of Education, District #18 Antelope County

From: Mike Brockhaus, Superintendent

RE: Tentative Agenda for the September 2025 Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and Special Board Meeting in the EPS Board Room at 7:00 a.m.

Mtg. Date: Monday September 22, 2025 the Budget Hearing at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Tax Request Hearing, followed by the Special Board of Education Meeting in the EPS Board Room.

Budget Hearing to begin at 7:00 a.m. followed by the Tax Request Hearing Tax Request Hearing follows the Budget Hearing Special Board of Education Meeting to follow the Tax Request Hearing

For more information on state-wide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school dis-

tricts, go to <https://nep.education.ne.gov> established pursuant to Laws 2021, LB528, section 5.

Agenda Items
Open Meeting
Roll Call of Members
Pledge of Allegiance
Announce Posting of Open Meetings Law

Consent Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Adopt the Agenda
Action Items

Approve the 2025-2026 Budget
Approve the 2025-2026 Tax Resolution

Discussion Items
Set the date for the next regular meeting
Adjourn

A current copy of the meeting agenda is available in the superintendent's office. The agenda shall not be altered within 24 hours of the meeting unless the item is of an emergency nature.

For a board to have a "closed" session, a majority of the voting members must vote for the session and it must be **clearly necessary** for either:

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As Senator, I am taking this proven Nebraska solution and making it ready for America. I'm working with my Republican colleagues to make it easier to build homes. We're making the Good Life more affordable for everyone. My Senate Banking Committee colleagues and I passed the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act.

This vote was bipartisan and unanimous. The bill package is a landmark achievement for Nebraskans. It puts us on the path to make home ownership a possibility for all Americans. It will allow local communities to choose the zoning rules that best fit their needs. Within the ROAD to Housing Act, there are a variety of bills that will deliver for rural communities, veterans, and families. That includes my bipartisan Streamlining Rural Housing Act.

Nebraska's community-driven rural housing development program was successful when I was Governor. Developers built more homes for rural Nebraskans. However, they also faced burdensome federal regulations. They ran into challenges drawing financing from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Streamlining Rural Housing Act enhances efficiency and eliminates conflicting requirements. Red tape and burdensome regulations create additional costs. They deter much-needed investments in affordable rural housing. This bill cuts through the red tape.

It streamlines the review and inspection processes between HUD and USDA. By eliminating delays for approvals, we can build more housing in rural Nebraska. This will make rural housing development more efficient. That helps home builders, affordable housing non-profits, and state housing finance agencies.

The bill establishes working groups to advocate for affordable housing non-profits. Public housing agencies, owners of multi-family properties, and state housing agencies can work together to reduce the cost of housing. The Streamlining Rural Housing Act is just one piece of the ROAD to Housing. We are making housing more affordable. I co-sponsored the bipartisan Rural Housing Service Reform Act. The bill offers loans, grants, and rental assistance to rural communities.

Veterans will also benefit from the ROAD to Housing Act. I co-sponsored both the VA Home Loan Awareness Act and the Veterans Affairs Loan Informed Disclosure (VALID) Act. These will help more veterans become homeowners. They make it easier for veterans to access the resources they need to benefit from the VA Home Loan Program.

Senate Republicans are working to enable more Nebraskans to become homeowners. The One Big Beautiful Bill permanently raises the low-income housing tax credit. The bill gives Nebraskans an extra 12% in tax credits to build more affordable housing. The One Big Beautiful Bill helps local governments, housing developers, and hardworking Americans. People seeking affordable housing will have the resources they need to develop their communities. Eliminating conflicting requirements and enhancing efficacy will build more homes in Nebraska. We will stop delayed approvals and poor communication. We won't hold developers back.

Common sense housing reform benefits rural communities. It benefits hardworking Nebraskans. It benefits local businesses and creates jobs. It builds and sustains the Good Life.

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U.S. Senator
Pete Ricketts

Groundwork for next legislative session now being prepared

Even though the Legislature stands adjourned for the year, senators and committees are already laying the groundwork for the next legislative session. One way this groundwork is laid is by the holding of interim study hearings by the various legislative committees. Interim study resolutions are typically introduced by senators or committees in the regular session in order to examine public policy issues in-depth during the time the Legislature is adjourned.

This past week, the Natural Resources Committee, on which I serve, held its first of three scheduled interim hearings for the year. At this hearing, two topics were discussed: (1) the nameplate capacity tax and (2) the impact of the net-zero plans and goals of public power utilities. I would like to take time to discuss some of what the Natural Resources Committee learned regarding the impact of net-zero plans.

A net-zero plan, as it relates to electric utilities, refers to a policy or series of policies that seek to offset the amount of carbon emissions that is produced and the amount that's removed from the atmosphere. According to handouts from the hearing, the state's three largest public power utilities - Lincoln Electric System, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), and Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) - have all adopted some sort of net-zero goal. Such goals are being implemented across the electric utility space for a variety of reasons, including to (1) address environmental concerns, (2) mitigate a potential business risk in the face of regulation, and (3) respond to demand from large customers seeking zero or low carbon electricity, such as the ethanol industry which seeks to be competitive in the large California market.

A core theme of the hearing centered on the potential costs to ratepayers to implement net-zero plans, particularly if done poorly. Perhaps the most striking example of that is Chimney Rock Public Power District (PPD) in the panhandle. Chimney Rock PPD is a member of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association based out of Colorado. According to hearing testimony, due to the net-zero and clean air policies enacted in Colorado, Tri-State member rates are expected to rise 8 cents/kWh by 2032, whereas other similar Nebraska rural power districts that operate under the Nebraska Electric Generation and Transmission (NEGT) Coop are expected to have rates increase by only 5.7 cents/kWh by 2032. While this does not seem like a substantial difference, in the course of years, it adds up. Between 2000 and 2024, the cost to provide power to customers for Tri-State was estimated to be \$300 million more than NEGT.

One thing that I was pleased to learn is that several of our state's public power utilities, including NPPD, are taking steps to ensure that the new generation selected for the net-zero goal must be no more expensive than the generation it replaces. As many readers are no doubt aware, electricity prices are rising, albeit more slowly in Northeast Nebraska relative to other parts of the state and country.

Regardless, these costs add to the cost of living in a time when property taxes and insurance costs are ballooning in the state. No doubt net-zero plans will continue to be vigilantly supervised in future legislative sessions here in Nebraska.

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

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Communion Sunday: 1st Sunday of each month. Park Women's Fellowship: 2 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the church. Parish Council: 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the church.

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Sunday School: 9:30 am.
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An inmate died in a Nebraska prison fire, that was just the first tragedy

By Sara Gentzler and Andrew Wegley
Flatwater Free Press | Lincoln Journal Star

Content warning: This story discusses suicide. Call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline if you or a loved one needs help.

The deputy warden was at home on his acreage south of the Tecumseh state prison when his phone lit up with a text.

Inmates had set fires in their cells.

After his calls went unanswered, Scott Busboom got into his white Ford pickup and drove to the prison where he'd spent most of his 35-year career with Nebraska's Department of Correctional Services.

Smoke had been filtering from around Jesse Spencer's cell door — cell B6 — into the hallway for more than 15 minutes before Busboom arrived.

Already, prison guards had made a cascading series of mistakes, including briefly cutting off power to the housing unit before abandoning it. More missteps would follow over the next three hours as corrections officers waited to enter Spencer's smoky cell.

Spencer wouldn't survive the night. Busboom wouldn't survive its aftermath.

Spencer's death on Oct. 5, 2023, sparked an internal review that questioned prison staff's understanding of emergency response policies at Tecumseh — the site of numerous previous violent outbreaks — and made dozens of recommendations. It triggered a Nebraska State Patrol investigation and grand jury proceedings, with jurors concluding that prison staff weren't criminally at fault for Spencer's death.

The Flatwater Free Press and Lincoln Journal Star spent days combing through transcripts and hundreds of pages of documents from the grand jury proceedings. The records offer a window into a night plagued by confusion and chaos.

"There's a lot of explaining to do," said Marshall Lux, who served as Nebraska ombudsman, the state's top government watchdog, for nearly four decades.

A spokesperson rejected multiple interview requests with corrections department leadership.

But behind the scenes, corrections leaders directed at least some blame at Busboom, scheduling a pre-disciplinary hearing five months after the incident.

Busboom, 63, was found dead in his truck less than a week later.

"He's always discussed that he would — that his job would kill him," said Julie Tiedeman, Busboom's widow. "We just figured it'd be a different way than what they did to him."

Igniting a tinderbox

About an hour before smoke and embers started floating into the hallway from Spencer's door, an inmate started yelling to other inmates in the library. When staff moved to restrain him, the inmate tried to elbow a corporal in the head, according to the internal review. Staff strapped him to a gurney and wheeled him back to his cell.

It was the spark that ignited a night of mayhem — the latest at a prison that had long been a tinderbox.

In 2015, inmates took control of much of the prison, assaulted and trapped staff, and set fires. Two died, apparently killed by other inmates; staff wounded two more. A review found conditions were ripe for rebellion.

In 2017, the prison put two inmates in one restrictive housing cell due to overcrowding. One killed the other. The same year, an inmate lit a fire in a restrictive housing unit. The state's prison watchdog found inmates in restrictive housing felt staff were dismissing their concerns.

In reviewing a 2021 incident in which staff shot 200 projectiles at an inmate with "serious mental illness," the inspector general found "a lack of clear leadership and directions, in addition to a chaotic and confusing scene ..."

It's a characterization that echoes through investigators' reports analyzing the night Spencer died, just five months after that report was published.

An inmate since 2014, Spencer was housed in Tecumseh's restrictive housing unit, where inmates typically remain in

their cells 23 hours a day.

On the day of the fires, Spencer had spent 2,598 days — more than a quarter of his life — in restrictive housing. He was 27 years old.

Within an hour after the altercation in the library, Spencer shoved metal and tightly rolled paper or a cotton swab into an outlet.

'Who's in charge?'

Spencer and at least one other inmate in his hallway lit fires. Staff, moving fast, sprayed fire extinguishers into the cells.

A corporal was ordered to turn off the housing unit's air handlers, reflecting a widespread belief it would prevent the spread of pepper spray. It also allowed smoke to accumulate in Spencer's cell.

The same corporal was ordered to turn off power to the cells in that hallway. Instead, he briefly cut power to the unit's control center, leaving staff there "freaking out" and screaming, corporals told reviewers.

Fearing that the power loss could unlock the doors, the shift supervisor ordered staff to evacuate.

That wasn't a risk, reviewers later determined.

Busboom arrived at the prison and the shift supervisor briefed him on events. The Corrections Emergency Response Team — specially trained for incidents like this — was assembling, the supervisor told Busboom. It would take well over an hour for them to gather and enter the smoky gallery.

The shift supervisor finished his briefing and thought Busboom had assumed command of the incident. But Busboom later said he never took over.

The confusion was evident that night. The internal probe later concluded that staff couldn't identify who was in charge. It's one of the most troubling missteps in a response littered with them, experts said.

"I see references to corporals and sergeants and lieutenants, and I'm wondering: 'Who's really in charge here as this all evolves?'" Lux said.

'Kill the f**ers'

As CERT team members trickled into a visiting room, Busboom warned them: Any inmates who didn't cooperate likely planned to assault them.

The men incarcerated in the Tecumseh prison's restrictive housing unit — including Spencer — had done this before, Busboom told CERT members. The 27-year-old had attacked staff members at least three times while incarcerated at the prison and had lit a fire in his cell at least once before, according to grand jury testimony.

Busboom later said he also instructed the responders to ensure "no inmate was in distress, ensure all fires are out, and to systematically move all involved inmates" to another area.

Some CERT members later said they never received those instructions — the directive was to deal with fires, reviewers found.

They concluded that "the well-being of inmates was not" the team's "top priority."

By the time they entered the gallery — almost an hour and a half after staff had evacuated — Spencer's 8-by-10 cell was so smoky they couldn't see more than a couple of inches past the door.

The CERT leader that night wondered why Tecumseh's fire department wasn't on scene.

In fact, a local volunteer crew had arrived but were denied access to the gallery, then sent home after an assessment by the prison's safety officer, who didn't enter the unit to make that assessment, according to the internal review. The safety officer later attributed the decision to Busboom.

Smoke hung in the air and water seeped into the hallway from under Spencer's cell door as CERT members gathered outside it nearly two hours after the first sign of smoke.

The team pounded on the door of cell B6, demanding that its occupant come to his door to be restrained.

Spencer didn't. Staff shot pepper balls and Mace-like chemical spray through his cell door's hatch.

Some staff reported hearing other inmates encouraging Spencer to "kill the f**ers."

Multiple CERT members later



In May 2024, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services shared a photo of the Tecumseh prison's "Prison Fellowship Academy" working on an orange-themed garden planted in memory of "our beloved deputy warden, Scott Busboom." "Scott's favorite color was orange, so members of the academy wanted to tribute this garden to him and his dedication to TSCI programs," it reads. Busboom's widow blames the department for his death by suicide. Photo courtesy of NDSCS

said they only heard coughs coming from behind the wall of smoke.

'He's totally unresponsive'

For over 70 minutes, CERT members shouted orders and fired pepper balls and chemical spray into the smoke. Eventually, they used a small office fan to clear the air through Spencer's door hatch.

They saw the 27-year-old's foot sticking out from under his bed and fired pepper balls at his ankle through the hatch. He didn't move.

As CERT members entered cell B6, smoke poured out of the open door. They put restraints on Spencer's body, dragged him into the hall and put him on a gurney as paper smoldered in his soot-covered cell.

"He's totally unresponsive," one voice can be heard saying on footage captured by a handheld video camera.

They turned Spencer onto his back, his handcuffed wrists between his body and the gurney. They called for medical staff. Someone grabbed a defibrillator. A nurse started chest compressions, then stopped.

Compressions were interrupted several more times as staff wheeled Spencer to the prison's emergency room, a review noted. The defibrillator droned "push harder" — likely because Spencer wasn't on a backboard and his hands remained cuffed beneath him.

"His pupils are fixed; he's gone," a nurse said.

Officers backed away, and the defibrillator delivered a shock. It may not have reached Spencer's heart, the review found, because his body was touching the metal restraints and wasn't on a hard surface.

The prison nurse left the room to call a doctor off-site. When she returned, she said the doctor had advised they stop CPR.

The doctor declared Spencer dead at 9:15 p.m. He later said that with more accurate information, he would have continued treatment and had Spencer transported to a hospital.

The nurse resigned less than two months after Spencer's death.

During the autopsy, a pepper ball rolled out of the 27-year-old's clothing. State Patrol investigators later determined staff had fired a total of 25 of them, along with six bursts of Mace-like spray, into his cell that night.

'Staff should have gone in there'

The conclusion was clear.

The "confusion," "chaos" and miscommunication the night the fires burned "inevitably ended up contributing to the situation in which Jesse Spencer died," Amy Thompson, an investigator with the State Patrol, told a grand jury nearly a year after Spencer's death. But there "was no criminal intent, no malice," Thompson added.

The 16-member panel agreed.

But the jurors raised questions over how long it took prison staff to pull Spencer from his cell — a delay that corrections experts said lasted too long.

"There's just — there's a body in there," one juror said. "I know the guy has caused a bunch of problems, but we got 15

people guarded up there. Go in and pull the dude out."

Jurors weren't the only ones to criticize the response.

The Department of Correctional Services launched an internal investigation.

Shaun Settles, then a warden at an Omaha prison and a member of the internal review team, ultimately told jurors that Spencer was responsible for his own death. But the review scrutinized the staff and their decisions that night and questioned their lack of understanding of "major facility systems" and emergency response procedures.

It criticized the medical response. It called staff's failure to remove things blocking cell windows and the "fishing poles" that inmates use to pass contraband "a serious sign of staff complacency and lack of good day-to-day security."

It noted staff failed to film portions of the response — a violation of department policy. In at least one instance, video of staff shooting pepper balls at a restrained inmate didn't match written reports by prison staff, which were often brief or inaccurate.

Settles and the review team issued at least 35 recommendations, some of which called for

further staff training on existing policies and procedures.

The review recommended prison leaders create a new procedure requiring air handlers to remain on in case of fires or when prison staff use chemical agents.

Whenever possible, the prison system should rely on emergency responders like the trained firefighters sent home that night.

And the review called for department leadership to develop "alternate tactics" for staff to enter hazardous areas. Fourteen staffers stationed "within a few feet of Spencer's door" solely relied on chemical agents to try to force him out.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for the Department of Correctional Services said the prison system "completes a thorough after-action review following any significant incident."

"This review is a stand-alone process designed to take a critical, structured look at how NDSCS responded to the incident to identify problems and implement changes to enhance safety and security," Dayne Urbanovsky said. "Following the after-action review in this

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Community Calendar

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

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*.

Friday, September 19
Homecoming football game versus North Central @ 2 p.m. • FFA Mums on sale at Elgin Field during football game.

Saturday, September 20
EPJ Homecoming dance at Elgin KC Hall • Elgin High School Band to take part in Norfolk Lions Club Parade.

Sunday, September 21
Elgin Community Center Breakfast Buffet fundraiser.*

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. • Wayne State College Band Parade.

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Review provides Kid Scoops to Elgin schools

The Elgin Review is happy to provide Kid Scoop to Elgin Public and Pope John schools again this year. Each month, students in third through fifth grade at the schools receive their own copy of the popular newspaper. Kid Scoop is written to connect its reading, writing, and discovery projects to important learning standards. Many teachers incorporate Kid Scoop into their lesson plans by subject area and reading development practice. Elgin Review co-publishers Dennis and Lynell Morgan are shown presenting Kid Scoops to Pope John Principal Lisa Schumacher (l) and EPS Superintendent Mike Brockhaus (r).

Bartlett Bits

Wheeler Central welcomes new staff members Ms. Avery Olnes, Family and Consumer Sciences and Mrs. Justine Smith, English grades 8-12.

Ms. Olnes graduated from Boone Central High School in Albion, Nebraska.

She then attended Wayne State College graduating with a degree in Family and Consumer



Avery Olnes



Justine Smith

Sciences with a Work Based Learning Supplemental Endorsement. Ms. Olnes' parents are Jason and Amy Olnes.

Her siblings include an older sister Taylor Sullivan and a younger brother Dalton Olnes.

Avery is looking forward to her first year of teaching.

When asked the question

“What are you looking forward to this school year?”

Her reply was, “I am excited to see my students challenge themselves and gain confidence in new skills that they can use both in and out of school.”

Avery is also looking forward to marrying her fiancé Bryce Kennedy in July 2026.

Mrs. Justine Smith graduated from Wheeler Central in 2006.

She attended Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences and graduated with a Nursing Degree.

She is currently studying

with Chadron State College toward a Masters Degree in Teaching English Language Arts.

Justine's family include her husband Andrew as well as children Trey, Adynn, Ridge and Weston.

Justine is looking forward to a good school year with the students, and helping them be more creative.

She also is excited to be a part of Wheeler Central as a first year school teacher.



Photo submitted

Buschow shows champion steer at State Fair

Shania Buschow of Elgin won the stocker feeder steer class at the Nebraska State Fair held in Grand Island earlier this month. The steer's name was Joe. Shania is joined in the photo with family and friends who were present for the special moment.

Wolfpack JVs continue winning ways

SPENCER — The Wolfpack JV volleyball team defeated Boyd County in three sets Thursday night.

Playing on the Spartans home court, EPPJ won by the scores of 25-19, 14-25 and 15-7.

The Wolfpack had 30 kills at the net, led by Lillian Moser with 13, Aubrie Parks 6, Sydney Niewohner 5, Jael Lammers 4 and Kinley Druke 2.

Elizabeth Moser had a team-high 22 set assists. The Wolfpack had three ace serves, 2 by Libby Evans and Elizabeth Moser had the other one.

Gentry Zwingman led the team in digs (19) and serve receive (11).

In earlier action, the EPPJ ‘C’ team fell to Boyd County by the score of 15-25 and 19-25.

EPPJ managed just 8 kills in the match, led by Niewohner with 3, Evans and Molly Thiesen 2 apiece, Macy Rokahr added 1. Sadie Thiessen led the team with 8 set assists.

Megan Wright, Kynlee Tillis

and Evans all had ace serves.

Kylee Lichtenberg led the team in digs with 10 and tied for the team high with Evans for serve receive (5). Rokahr had the team's only solo block in the match.

Earlier action

The Wolfpack JV volleyball team picked up another victory last week, defeating Fullerton in straight sets by the score of 25-11 and 25-15.

Statistical leaders were Kinley Druke with 5 kills followed by Lillian Moser 4, Aubrie Parks 3, Jael Lammers 2 and Sydney Niewohner 1.

Elizabeth Moser had a team-high 6 set assists, Sophia Burke added 4.

The team recorded 11 ace serves led by Gentry Zwingman 4, Burke and Libby Evans each had 2.

Zwingman led the team in digs (11) and serve receive (7).

Earlier, the Wolfpack C team defeated Fullerton 25-18 and 25-11.

Niewohner led the way with 6 kills followed by Molly Thiessen and Evans with 3 apiece, Macy Rokahr and Sadie Thiessen each had 2 while Burke and Kynlee Tillis each had 1.

Leading the team in set assists was S. Thiessen with 12.

The team posted 15 ace serves, led by Thiessen with 4, Evans and Kylee Lichtenberg each had 3 while Megan Wright and Niewohner each had 2.

Tops in digs was Burke with 10.

Evans was the team leader in serve receive with 10.

New Arrivals

Avery Ann Jarecki, daughter of Scott and Sydney Jarecki, was born August 30, 2025 at Women's Methodist in Omaha.

She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 19 inches long.

She is welcomed home by big sister Jade (2).

Grandparents are Keith & Diane Schumacher of Petersburg and Tom & Sheri Jarecki of Lindsay.

Great grandparents are Helen Preusser of Petersburg and Ralph & Marlene Weeder of Lindsay.

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JH netters compete at Fullerton

The Wolfpack junior high ‘A’ team fell to Fullerton 25-13 and 25-17 last week.

Among the statistical leaders were Victoria Evans with 3 kills, Tenley Schindler and Aurora Burke each had 2, Shania Buschow added 1. Melissa Stuhr had a team-high 5 set assists.

EPPJ had 6 ace serves in the match, 2 from Cara Romej and Harper Evans and 1 each from Schindler and Buschow.

Burke and Schindler tied for the team-high in digs with 3 apiece.

In ‘B’ team action, EPPJ fell to Fullerton. 25-18, 25-27 and 15-7.

Evans and McKenna Sausser each had 2, Burke had 1.

Harper Childers had all 4 of the team's set assists.

Sausser had eight of the team's 10 ace serves. Mollie Murphy and Burke were credited with digs in the match.



Photo submitted

National Honor Society inductees

During a ceremony held last week, Kayton Zwingman (l) and Jaydalynn Chessmore (r) were inducted into the Elgin Public School chapter of National Honor Society. Congratulations!

Commissioners approve weed department budget request

No public comments at budget hearing

By Greg Tharnish
Special to The Elgin Review

A short budget meeting took place yesterday at 8 a.m. with the Antelope County Commissioners (ACC) approving the budget with no public comments for or against.

County Clerk Lisa Payne stated that passage of the budget means the tax levy would decrease by two cents.

For much of the remainder of the meeting the main focus of the meeting centered on Weed Superintendent Bryan Cornette and the Antelope County Weed Board (ACWB).

Two members of the weed board were present along with Superintendent Cornette, answering questions about what exactly the Weed Department does.

A mildly heated discussion ensued during the almost 90-minute meeting between the ACC and ACWB concerning operations, communications and accountability.

Both boards agreed that better communication was needed between them and that members of each board should, on occasion, attend each other's meetings.

It was decided by the ACC to do the following:

- Three vehicles used by the Weed Department will be

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PROCEEDINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
DISTRICT #18 BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
September Regular Meeting
EPS Board Room
September 10, 2025 7:00PM

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

Ron Bode motioned, Steve Busteed seconded to excuse Luke Hinkle from the meeting. Motion carried, Vote 5-0.

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

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

Eric Beckman motioned, and Ron Bode second to approve the Consent Agenda: #5- Minutes of Previous Meeting, #6- Adopt the Agenda, #7- Financial Report, #8- Board Bills. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, Maintenance, \$236.70; Amazon, \$1,390.11; Appeara, Maintenance, \$391.61; Applied Connective Technologies, Business Expense, \$156.00, Business Expense, \$2,114.50, Maintenance, \$2,116.40, Maintenance, \$4,100.00, Maintenance, \$175.00; Bishop Business, business Expense, \$144.45; Black Hills Energy, Maintenance, \$729.63; Bomgaars, maintenance, \$64.79; Boone Co. Health Center, Transportation, \$110.00; Bud’s Sanitary Service, Maintenance, \$100.00; Carhart Lumber, Maintenance, \$47.98; CEV Multimedia, Instru Expense, \$1,500.00; Computer Hardware, Instru Expense, \$121.50; Coole School, Instru Expense, \$95.44; COR Therapeutic, Title IV Expense, \$1,100.00; Cornhusker Intl., Transportation, \$2,365.14; Dean’s Market, Maintenance, \$65.13, Instru Expense, \$265.79; D&L Towing, Transportation, \$1,025.00; Eakes, Maintenance, \$2,130.97; edmentum, Instru Expense, \$2,582.54; ESU #8, Instru Expense, \$230.00; Elgin One Stop, Transportation, \$1,076.21; Elgin Hardware, Maintenance, \$775.35, Instru Expense, \$219.97; Elkhorn RPPD, Maintenance, \$4,065.57; Great America Financial Svcs, business Expense, \$944.59; Great Plains Communication, business Expense, \$343.72; Island Supply, Instru Expense, \$653.94; journeyEd, Instru Expense, \$1,245.60; KSB School Law, Instru Expense, \$115.50; Lexia Learning, Title IIA Expense, \$5,586.00; Lumos Learning, Instru Expense, \$2,097.73; McGraw-Hill, Instru Expense, \$734.34; Mystery Science, Instru Expense, \$2,990.00; NASB, Board Expense, \$267.00, Admin Expense, \$89.00, business Expense, \$130.00; NCSA, Admin Expense, \$240.00; Norfolk Daily News, Instru Expense, \$215.00; Olson’s Pest Technicians,

Maintenance, \$144.00; OneSource, business Expense, \$66.00; O’Neill Shopper, Board Expense, \$50.00; Protex, Maintenance, \$732.22; Sands Truck Service, Transportation, \$1,219.67; School Specialty, Instru Expense, \$233.70; Speed Services, Maintenance, \$2,380.54; Student Assurance Services, Business Expense, \$500.00; Teacher Synergy, Instru Expense, \$1,000.00; Teaching Strategies, Instru Expense, \$457.30; Themes & Variations, Instru Expense, \$200.00; TMS, Business Expense, \$77.25; University of NE- Lincoln, HAL Expense, \$186.00; US Bank, \$4,670.61; Verizon Wireless, Business Expense, \$65.08; Wage-Works, Instru Expense, \$139.25; West Music, Instru Expense, \$1,349.80; End of August Bills; ESU #8, SpEd Expense, \$132,482.16; GO Physical Therapy, SpEd Expense, \$420.85

Total Board Bills: \$191,522.63
Payroll: \$260,560.70
Total Board Bills/ Payroll: \$452,083.33

No visitors were present.
Wolfpack committee met previously and discussed uniform rotation. Also, discussed the Wolfpack passes and Wolfpack activities.

In the Principal’s report, Mr. Wemhoff gave an update on the start of school and the start of fall activities.

In the Superintendent’s report, Mr. Brockhaus gave an update on the cement work being done by the bus barn. Also commented on the Joint Public Hearing that is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Antelope County Courthouse. Mr. Brockhaus also mentioned that the Americanism Committee will hold a meeting in November.

In action items, Todd Heithoff motioned, Steve Busteed seconded to approve the transfer of \$5,000 to the Wolfpack Fund. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Bode motioned to approve the coop of the Wolfpack Activities for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Beckman seconded. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

Action was previously taken in September of 2024 to approve the Elgin Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2027-2028 contract year.

In Discussion items, the date and time for the Budget Hearing was set for Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 a.m. in EPS Board Room.

Busteed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Heithoff second. Vote 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Elgin Public School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bode, Secretary
Jessica Niewohner, Recorder
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stage so much. Not enough to have another, mind you, but still wanting to scratch an itch I didn’t realize I had. It’s nice to get that baby fix and then go home and sleep through the night.
I think it’s ok to miss the things that are no longer but also enjoy what we do have. Our conversations are deeper, the love is still there, but the experiences are just different. I don’t want to live in the past but truly be in the present. If you have younger children, hold them tight. Everyone says it, but it truly does go by fast.

Prison

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matter, independent investigations were conducted, staff members were held accountable as necessary, and NDCS adjusted policies, procedures and protocols. All recommendations from the after-action review have been completed.”
‘It crushed his very soul’
The night before Busboom took his own life, his widow had sent him a text. She was at home, hours away in the Colorado mountain town she moved to in 2020 amid the strain she said Busboom’s job had placed on their marriage.
A snowstorm was rolling across the Rockies and threatening to disrupt their normal Wednesday night phone call.
“And he said, ‘Yeah, OK.’ That’s the thing I heard last from him,” Tiedeman recalled. “And then the next day, the sheriff was out here at my door.”
A friend found Busboom dead on his acreage that morning. He was taking antidepressants, had been dealing with pain from a recent knee surgery and “was

going to be getting in trouble at work,” an autopsy report noted.
Busboom was not among the staffers Settles and a team of corrections leaders recommended for review after Spencer’s death.
In a section titled “Things done well,” they noted Busboom’s decision to voluntarily respond to the prison. But in the charges Tiedeman found a month after Busboom’s death, higher-ups accused him of violating fire safety, ethics, use-of-force and emergency preparedness policies.
They accused Busboom of never formally taking command of the incident that night but later giving orders to responding staff members, according to the charges.
They had scheduled a pre-disciplinary hearing for March 8, 2024, at the department’s central office in Lincoln.
Five days later, he put on his work clothes, tossed his work phone into a pan of water, drove in his truck down the road on his property and shot himself, Tiedeman said. He did not leave

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PROCEEDINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING
THE ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neligh, Nebraska
September 9th, 2025

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

Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the September 2nd, 2025 BOC meeting.

Approved payroll.
Approved vendor claims.

General: AMERITAS ex 22,319.88; ANTELOPE CO TREAS ex 700,022.61; APPEARA ex 35.18; APPLIED CONN TECH ex 5,609.36; FIRSTNET ut 667.85; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 153.27; BLACKBURN MFG ex 52.00; BCBS ins 77,710.73; BOB BARKER CO ex 149.98; THE BODY WORKS ex 65.00; BOMGAARS ex 208.45; DEBORAH BRANSTITER ex 34.00; CASEYS ex 119.31; CITY OF NELIGH ut 2,552.80; CITY OF NELIGH-RECY ut 1,000.00; CLEARFLY ut 158.75; CLERK OF THE DIST COURT ex 101.00; COLDTYPE PUBLISHING ex 258.17; JUDITH COLE ps 10.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 108.40; CUBBYS ex 1,029.14; DAS STATE ACCTG ex 1,632.95; DEANS MARKET ex 307.47; DIST COURT - WITNESS FEES ex 2,271.00; DIST COURT CR24-13 ex 4,782.00; DUSTYS ex 340.31; EAKES OFC SOL ex 271.49; ELITE COURT REPORTING SVC ex 685.13; ELITE OFC PRODS ex 436.33; EWALT LAW OFC ex 2,907.00; FED W/H tax 13,478.20; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 4,238.89; FLOOR MAINTENANCE ex 130.61; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 309.17; DARRELL HAMILTON ps 11.00; HELENA AGRI-ENT ex 3,948.40; IOWA PRISON IND ex 179.20; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIP ex 644.72; KLEIN LAW OFC ex 312.50; LAWNS R US ex 721.00; LIBERTY NATL ins 87.19; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 131.89; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS ex 76.00; DUANE MILLER ps 12.00; MIPS ex 3,244.04; ANGELA MORTENSEN ex 25.03; KELLY MUELLER-OLTJENBRUNS ex 19.50; NACO ex 200.00; NATL INS SVC ins 58.50; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 6,332.24; NEBR HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS ex 93.00; NELIGH COMMUNITY CENTER ex 498.00; NELIGH POSTMASTER ex 198.00; VSP - NACO VISION ins 544.57; NCPPD ut 81.53; NE NEBR HEATING & AIR ex 4,437.90; OLD MILL SALES & REPAIRS ex 200.00; PAMELA SLAYMAKER ex 11.33; LISA PAYNE ex 446.76; PETTY CASH (CO DIST COURT) ex 197.31; PIERCE CO SHRF ex 216.20; PINNACLE BANK ex 228.41; PITZER DIGITAL ex 300.32; QUILL CORP ex 474.43; REVCO SOL garn 481.02; JANICE RIDDER ps 10.00; RODEWAY INN & SUITES ex 190.78; SANNE REPAIR ex 194.37; MARLENE SCHINDLER ex 71.46; CAROLINE SIEMS ps 25.00; WEX BANK ex 911.49; SOC SEC 29,642.54; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 1,141.28; THRIFTWAY ex 6.98; TRUSTMARK ins 243.67; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 1,181.23; UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN ex 160.02; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 285.92; WESTERN OIL II ex 554.50; 319 GRAPHICS ex 255.00;

JONNY DODGE ex 357.45; PAYROLL 149,213.96 ;

Road/Bridge: AG & INDUSTRIAL EQUIP ex 31.50; AKRS ex 129.44; AMERITAS ins 12,171.06; AMH ex 427.00; APPEARA ex 100.54; FIRSTNET ut 141.15; B’S ENT ex 50,954.00; BANK OF ELGIN ex 28,189.46; BAR U FARMS ex 3,715.95; BAZILE AGGREGATE ex 19,206.12; BLACK HILLS ENERGY ut 308.20; BCBS ins 56,955.79; BOMGAARS ex 1,085.84; CINTAS ex 10.81; CITY OF NELIGH ut 13.00; COLONIAL LIFE ins 409.83; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL COR ex 847.30; CONSTELLATION ut 14.03; CORNHUSKER INTERNATL TRUCK ex 1,507.54; CUBBYS ex 885.91; DINKEL IMPLEMENT ex 1,216.92 ; DUSTYS ex 160.84; ERPPD ut 482.87; EMMIE SAND & GRAVEL ex 14,345.11; FARMERS PRIDE ex 28,921.73; FED W/H tax 7,613.28; FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS ins 2,615.69; FRONTIER COMM ex 655.62; GI TRAILER ex 845.81; GREAT PLAINS COMM ut 345.61; TOM HENN ex 250.00; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO ex 228.16; JOEL SINCLAIR ex 37,304.60; JEBRO ex 73,248.00; JEO CONSULTING GROUP ex 34,460.00; DUANE JONES ex 133.85; KAYTON INTERNATL ex 1,226.32; LAZY T ex 30.00; LIBERTY NATL ins 154.27; MADISON NATL LIFE ins 61.26; MATTEO SAND & GRAVEL ex 9,924.60; MEDICAL ENT ex 72.00 ; MIDWEST INFRASTRUCTURE ex 196,182.44; MURPHY TRACTOR ex 136.56; NATL INS SVC ins 56.75; NEBR DEPT OF REV tax 3,459.01; NPPD ut 184.58; NELIGH AUTO & MACHINE ex 18.18; VSP - NACO VISION ins 417.21; NMC EXCHANGE ex 2,167.78; NCPPD ut 572.18; NORTHEAST GLASS ex 743.00; NNTC ut 77.48; OLD MILL SALES & REPAIRS ex 21,240.00; LISA PAYNE ex 970.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMMS ex 915.80; CEG MIDWAY HOLDINGS ex 8,704.00; QUICK SERVE ex 283.49; RAZOR TRACKING ex

1,025.00; ROYAL ONE STOP ex 514.07; SAPP BROTHER PETRO ex 4,399.59; SCHLECHT TRUCKING ex 2,556.54; WEX BANK ex 822.19; SOC SEC 17,214.38; SPENCER QUARRIES ex 4,644.63; SPUD TRUCKING ex 78,178.92; STEALTH BROADBAND ut 95.59; TRUSTMARK ins 340.19; MUTUAL OF OMAHA ins 903.98; TWO RIVERS AUTO PARTS ex 952.13; VILLAGES OF BRUNSWICK ut 54.50; VILLAGE OF ORCHARD ut 82.80; WASHINGTON NATL INS ins 99.60 ; WESTERN OIL II ex 57.23; WILLOW CREEK SAND & GRAVEL ex 8,733.00; PAYROLL 87169.20 ;

Register of Deeds: MIPS ex 361.20;

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Reviewed budget. Discussion. Decreased budget asking.

Tabled decision on Platte Valley for more information.

Public comment. Correspondence was reviewed. Sheriffs Fee Report, Clerk of the District Court Report, Treasurer’s Fund Balance Report, Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Treasurer’s Sweep Account Statement.

Discussion with Weed Superintendent regarding budget.
Zoning Administrator report was heard. Permit report, approved two (2) administrative plats.
Delinquent Tax Report. Approved County Attorney to begin foreclosure activity on two parcels.

Approved Assessor’s Contract for County Wide Imaging pending three (3) quotes.

Temporary Road Use agreements and resolution were approved.

Road Superintendent Report. Approved six (6) oversize permits. Meeting Adjourned.

Antelope County Board of Commissioners

CHARLIE HENERY
Chairman of County Board

Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/
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equipped with GPS tracking devices to ensure accountability
• Cornette will be asked to attend and give a short report at each ACC meeting going forward with appropriate documentation on current operations regarding noxious weeds in the county
• Cornette will meet with Road Superintendent Leigh Kluthe on future road projects where weed control could become an issue.
The Weed Department’s budget (\$103,900) will remain the same.

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Thank you to my many friends, old and new, for remembering me on my birthday with cards, phone calls and visits. Thanks family for arranging a family reunion dinner at my favorite café and the party later with cake, flowers, gifts and balloons. It was awesome, but – really kids, you shouldn't surprise an old lady like that! My love --- Rosie

This Week's Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Carved into 7. Rogers, cowboy

10. Unruly locale

12. Edible mushroom

13. Influential noblemen

14. Rattling breaths

15. David George, Brit. PM.

16. Musician Clapton

17. Small Eurasian deer

18. Invests in little enterprises

19. Perimeter

21. Chicago ballplayer

22. Animal body part

27. It's everywhere these days

28. Fictional ad exec

33. Mr. T character Baracus

34. Against the current

36. Subway rodent

37. Armor plate

38. Hair on the head

39. Strong insect

40. Swollen lymph node

41. A way to lessen

44. Walter White poison

45. Sleeveless garment

48. Long accompanied song

49. Without features

50. Yankee great Mattingly

51. Removes from record

CLUES DOWN

1. Root of taro plant

2. Those ones

3. Appliances have one

4. A way to sing

5. Midway between east and south-east

6. Animal dwelling

7. An object that as survived from the past

8. Oil cartel

9. Affirmative

10. Foul smell

11. Brisk tempo

12. S. American indigenous person

14. Restored

17. Official

18. Skin lesions

20. Electroencephalograph

23. Middle Eastern country

24. Extremely angry

25. Title used before a woman's name

26. British thermal unit

29. By the way (abbr.)

30. Anger

31. Nullifies

32. Ones who acquire

35. Time zone

36. Arabic name

38. Protein in mucus

40. Ballpoint pen

41. Mimics

42. Humans have a lot of it

43. Expressions of good wishes

44. Cool!

45. One point east of due south

46. City of Angels football team (abbr.)

47. A way to save for retirement

Detecting early pregnancy in your herd

Early pregnancy detection in replacement heifers or cows is a tool producers can use to increase profit. Traditionally, cows and replacement heifers are pregnancy tested in the fall of the year and then non-pregnant cows and cull cows are marketed at that time. With several options available, having a plan for testing can impact not only herd management, but your bottom line.

Blood test methods can detect pregnancy in cows as early as 30 days and do not require an experienced technician to perform. Additionally, cost for these tests is relatively low at \$3-5 per head. On the down side, blood tests take a while to get results back (typically 2-4 days) and cannot tell the age or sex of the calf.

Ultrasound tests can similarly detect pregnancy as early as 30 days, and have the benefit of offering the age of the calf and potentially the sex as well as immediate results. However, ultrasound testing the most expensive option and requires an experienced technician to administer.

The final option, palpation requires a bit later window of 35-50 days before pregnancy can be detected. Experience of the person palpating can make a significant difference on how early in this range that pregnancy can be detected. While the sex of the calf in not able to

be known, age can be provided and results are immediate. Again an experienced technician is required to palpate, and cost is typically in-between blood test and ultrasound options.

There are several advantages and disadvantages to each of the three methods of pregnancy testing. In some instances using a combination of these methods within a herd may be a valuable tool to accomplish marketing goals.

Producers should realize that stress to heifers and cows early in pregnancy can result in loss. Research has shown a pregnancy loss of 1-3.5% when palpation or ultrasound are used for pregnancy diagnosis at 40 - 75 days of gestation.

For cow herds calving January - April, cows can be pregnancy tested in late August and non-pregnant cows sold at that time. There are a few things that help make this a strategy to consider.

The first is that cull cow prices in August tend to be 5-10% higher than they are in October or November.

The second is that cows that are nursing a calf will typically lose weight from August through the time that calves are weaned due to forage quality having matured and decreasing in its nutritive value.

Selling non-pregnant cows in August when they weigh more

and prices are seasonally higher provides the opportunity for producers to capture more value from these cows than leaving the calves on the cows and waiting to pregnancy test at weaning.

Early weaning calves from cows in August will require additional high quality feed and management. However calves at this age are very efficient and the cost of supplemental feed is often not much more expensive than the cost of carrying the pair.

For producers whose first-calf heifers calve in the January - May time frame, utilizing early pregnancy diagnosis on these heifers as yearlings provides producers the opportunity to timely market non-pregnant heifers. These non-pregnant heifers can be marketed as soon as they are identified or a producer may choose to continue to put weight on them and market later if conditions warrant.

These non-pregnant heifers may also be implanted provided that ownership will be retained long enough to see the benefit of the implant.

For producers, leaving bulls with the cows for a long breeding season provides the

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

opportunity to potentially get a higher percentage of cows pregnant. Cows that will calve later than desired can be sold to someone else whose calving season fits that time frame. This can be a way to capture additional value from later calving cows that would otherwise be sold as non-pregnant females in a short breeding season – provided feed resources allow this. Non-pregnant heifers and cows as well as cull/bred cows can provide as much as 20% of the gross income to a cow-calf operation on an annual basis. Taking advantage of opportunities to effectively add value to and market these cows through the use of timely pregnancy diagnosis along with an understanding of market seasonality can allow producers to capture more profit from this segment of the cow-calf operation.

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

Foodborne disease outbreaks increase since COVID

Nebraska one of 8 states to see an increase

A new study on behalf of Trace One has identified which U.S. states report the most foodborne disease outbreaks.

Each year, an estimated 48 million Americans suffer from foodborne illnesses. While many cases are isolated, others stem from outbreaks—when two or more people become ill from the same contaminated food or drink. These outbreaks are particularly important to track, as they often reveal systemic failures in food production, processing, or handling.

The CDC's National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS) monitors these events, collecting data on exposure settings, food sources, and the number of people affected. Unlike other CDC initiatives, which track individual foodborne illnesses, NORS focuses specifically on clusters of illness, offering a clearer view of where food safety risks concentrate.

Outbreaks tend to follow seasonal patterns. Bacterial illnesses often spike in summer, while norovirus—the leading cause of outbreaks—peaks during the colder months. Yet since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, reported foodborne outbreaks have declined sharply. This trend may reflect temporary changes in behavior, but it also offers lessons for consumers, food preparation workers, and food safety professionals in preventing future illness.

To explore these patterns, Trace One—a regulatory compliance software company for the food and beverage sector—analyzed the latest NORS data, examining how outbreak trends have shifted over time, which foods and settings are most often involved, and how state-level outbreak rates have changed since the pandemic.

Source: Trace One analysis of CDC NORS data

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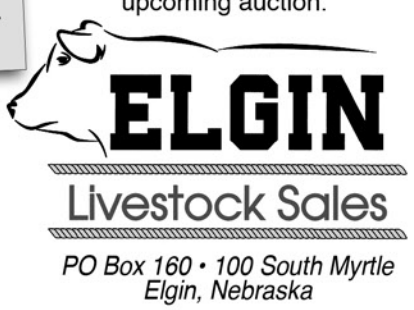
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Spinning Tales

The answer to our problems won't come from man

Every week, in this space, I pen my thoughts. Whether it be boasting about our high school heroes or celebrating the many good deeds which make rural America a great place to live and raise a family.

It's not uncommon to get feedback from the Review's readers about what I have written. They find reasons to smile, and sometimes my words raise their ire. Columnists accept that as part of the job.

Yet, there are weeks when the words don't flow. It becomes difficult to put thoughts into words because I just can't make sense of how we got to where we are today.

On a college campus somewhere in Utah that I didn't know existed, an event has taken place which none of us can hide our eyes from, we can't help but think of what took place and how it will shape our future thoughts and the direction of our country.

I'm referring to the shooting death of Charlie Kirk, gunned down by a 22-year-old male from atop the roof of a building no more than 200 yards from where Kirk was seated. One shot befell Kirk. He was pronounced dead not long thereafter, leaving behind a widow and two young children.

Before the events of last week, I vaguely knew who Kirk was, a man going around the world touting a different way to live, a message to a world drifting into madness. A christian willing to take his message to places where his views were questioned by some and despised by many. Yet, what he found was an increasing number of young people open to a new life through Jesus Christ - a life of faith and family.

No less than two days after his death, in a manhunt which many follow for every kernel of news they can find, a father turns his son in to law enforcement officials. The manhunt is over. We now know who killed

Eischeid claims top spot in football contest

Jake Eischeid claimed the top prize last week in the Elgin Review Football Contest.

He and Gale Mahnke tied for the top spot, each missing five games. In the tiebreaker, Eischeid's guess of 551 total yards between Nebraska and Houston Christian was the closest without going over to the actual figure of 714. Mahnke guessed 799.

Eischeid will receive the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks while Mahnke will receive the \$10 runner-up prize.

- Results of the games were:
West Virginia over Pitt
USC over Purdue
Vanderbilt over South Carolina
EPPJ over CWC
LSU over Florida
Miami over South Florida
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Georgia over Tennessee
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Utah over Wyoming
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Utah State over Air Force
Nebraska over Houston Christian
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Houston over Colorado
Stanford over Boston College
Texas Tech over Oregon State
Alabama over Wisconsin

Kirk, we don't know why.

That's the background for the words to follow. These words are mine alone. You may agree, you may disagree. That's your right. It's known as free speech. But I draw a line on posts on social media celebrating death. Those who have no shame are no longer my friends.

Somehow, we've come to a point in time where civil discourse seemingly no longer exists. We are now in a place where, if you don't think the right way, debate and discussion are no longer necessary. The bullet has become the great equalizer. The bullet, fired in anger, has become justified. Kirk was beginning an event like many other times before. Barely begun, a shot rang out and he was hit in the neck. The bullet erased a viewpoint the shooter would not tolerate.

Months before, on the campaign trail, former President Trump was shot in Butler, Pennsylvania only to survive. Another attempt was made while Trump was on a golf course in Florida only to be thwarted.

I do believe there is an element in this country who truly believe the bullet is now the best way to pursue their agenda.

It's tearing our country apart to the point I wonder if we all wouldn't be better off if we divided the country in two - conservatives on one side, progressives on the other. I say that jokingly, but in a sense it's already happened. Rural America is far different than urban America.

It's not just politics. Schools are another place where bullets have torn apart families and communities. Mall shootings make headlines every now and then. Some of the biggest acts of violence involving shooters have never been resolved.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher
Dennis Morgan

People in their right mind don't assassinate leaders, don't shoot children, don't stab strangers on commuter trains. Sick minds, whether caused by drugs or something else, have created people who when they snap, create an environment where neither you nor I are safe. Somehow, some way, we have to find a way to step away from the madness. Kirk offered such a way and he was gunned down for it, silenced.

Throwing money at social problems won't solve the problem. Hasn't worked in the past, won't work today or tomorrow. Can we all agree on that?

The answer to our national shame won't come from man, but from Heaven above.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

GRADY DRUEKE FOOTBALL
A senior, Grady and his teammates dismantled an undefeated CWC team on Friday. At tailback, he rushed for over 150 yards in 30 carries and scored a touchdown.

BRAELYN MARTINSEN VOLLEYBALL
A junior, Braelyn had a hot hand at the net. At Saturday's Howells-Dodge Invite alone, she recorded 20 kills in 3 matches. In earlier matches last week, she had 19 kills total.

MATTHEW KERKMAN CROSS COUNTRY
A sophomore, Matthew continues to improve his personal time PLUS he set a new school record for the boys team, competing at the Boyd Co. Invite. The new record time - 19:57

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Wolfpack Sports

EPPJ spikes Summerland, N-V at double triangular

ELGIN — Hosting a double triangular on Tuesday night, Sept. 9, Elgin Public-Pope John won both of their matches. Facing Summerland in the first match of the evening, they swept the Bobcats 25-18 and 25-13. The young Wolfpack's court coverage was strong throughout the match as the team registered only four dig errors.

As a result, they were able to get into a rhythm on offense. The Wolfpack made their attacks count as they recorded 18 kills over two sets. Camry Kittelson had a big night against the Bobcats with 11 kills. She was one of

six Wolfpack players to have kills in the match.

"We're just a very balanced team this year," Coach Jordynn Luettel said after the match. We have about five girls that are almost even in kills. That's hard when you're trying to scout us, when you're trying to pick who to key in on ... We have a solid amount of hitters that are coming up big and all of them are contributing."

In the night cap, the Wolfpack won a tight first set then rolled to a 25-22, 25-16 victory over Niobrara-Verdigre.

Tied 19-all in the first set, the Wolf-

pack closed out the set with a six-to-four run.

Freshman Lillian Moser had an over pass kill to spark the run. The Wolfpack then closed out the set with kills from Kittelson, Braelyn Martinsen and Mady Kurpgeweit. In Set #2, EPPJ led 10 to nine, then scored seven of the next eight points. Senior Tessa Barlow had three ace serves in the run. EPPJ then closed out the match scoring six of the final seven points.

EPPJ 2, Niobrara/Verdigre 0

Cougars.....22 16
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 11/19/3, Kayton Zwingman 6/15/3, Braelyn Martinsen 6/16/3, Mady Kurpgeweit 5/10/3, Jael Lammers 4/12/4, Lillian Moser 1/2/1. Team totals: 18/50/12
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 3/8, Kittelson 1/9, Gentry Zwingman 0/6, Brooke Kinney 1/9, Martinsen 1/12, Elizabeth Moser 0/5. Team totals: 6/49
Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 1/0, Kurpgeweit 2/0, L. Moser 2/0. Team totals: 5/0
Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/0, Kittelson 6/0, G. Zwingman 3/0, Kinney 8/3, Martinsen 3/0, Kurpgeweit 0/1, Lammers 2/0, L. Moser 2/0, E. Moser 1/0. Team totals: 21/4
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 12/30/1, G. Zwingman 1/1/0, Kinney 1/4/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, E. Moser 5/17/0. Team totals: 13/35/1
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 3/0, Kinney 13/1, Martinsen 8/0, Lammers 4/1, E. Moser 1/0. Team totals: 26/1

EPPJ 2, Summerland 0

Bobcats.....18 13
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 8/14/3, Kayton Zwingman 6/12/1, Braelyn Martinsen 5/10/2, Mady Kurpgeweit 4/10/2, Jael Lammers 2/8/1, Lillian Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 25/55/9
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 3/20, Kittelson 0/3, Gentry Zwingman 0/10, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martinsen 1/6, Elizabeth Moser 1/12. Team totals: 5/48
Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 2/0, Kurpgeweit 3/0. Team totals: 5/0
Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 1/0, Kittelson 3/0, G. Zwingman 6/0, Kinney 12/3, Martinsen 3/1, Kurpgeweit 0/1, Sophia Burke 1/0, E. Moser 1/1. Team totals: 27/6
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 6/17/0, G. Zwingman 1/1/0, Kinney 1/6/1, Martinsen 1/1/0, E. Moser 15/30/1. Team totals: 24/55/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/1, G. Zwingman 1/0, Kinney 6/2, K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 10/1, Lammers 2/2. Team totals: 21/6



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Gavin Kallhoff (25), with big blocks, helped Grady Dueke (8) rush for 153 yards on 30 carries.

EPPJ crush CWC 42 to 12

BARTLETT — Wolfpack size and strength proved to be too much for Chambers/Wheeler Central to overcome Friday night.

EPPJ rushed for over 200 yards Friday night. That, plus a defense which kept the Renegades out of the endzone in the second half, lifted the Wolfpack to a 42 to 12 victory. Wolfpack junior Gavin Kallhoff scored three touchdowns and senior tailback Grady Dueke rushed for over 150 yards on 30 carries as EPPJ wore down the Renegades. Among the standout performances on the field were:

- Kallhoff scoring on touchdown runs of four, three and seven yards.
- Karson Kallhoff throwing just four passes, connecting on two to Landyn Veik. Veik's first reception resulted in a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter to give EPPJ the lead which they would never relinquish.
- The Wolfpack defense stepped up in the absence of Jarek Erickson who did not return to the game after an injury in the first half. The defense shutout the Renegades for the final 31 minutes of the game. Joseph McNally came off the bench to turn in a sterling performance on defense, breaking up three passes. Teammate Evin Pelster tied for the team high in tackles, with Veik, with seven tackles.
- Sophomore Max Henn made one of the biggest plays on defense, forcing a fumble which Trey Rittscher recovered to thwart a Renegades' drive in the second half. The defense surrendered just one touchdown in the game (CWC's other touchdown came on a kickoff return).

"They (CWC) have a reputation for being physical and we challenged our kids to come out and run the ball. It's up to you how this game goes," Co-Coach Nick Heithoff said.

The offensive line, led by senior Trey Rittscher, Justice Blecher and Jayvin Erickson opened up holes which EPPJ running backs ran through to win the game.

"I told the line it's up to you guys to win this game," Co-Coach Matt Euse said. "All the skill players ran well and Karson hit some nice passes, but I think the offensive line won this game for us."

It was in the second half where the Wolfpack truly asserted their will over the Renegades.

"That's exactly what we talked about during our third quarter break.

We decided to run the same play until CWC showed they could stop it. Grady did a great job putting his head down, getting the yards we needed. Gavin, at our fullback spot, and the line, played amazing. They dominated," Heithoff said.

Rittscher said the linemen have been working hard to get more physical after the season-opening loss to Burwell.

"We knew we could do a lot better," he said about the line. "Still, it's a team game. We can make holes open, but it's the backs job to see the field, see the opening and go for it."

The Wolfpack, now 2-1, will face North Central on Friday, Sept. 19 at Elgin Field. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m.

EPPJ 42, CWC 12

Wolfpack.....	8	12	0	22	—	42
Renegades.....	6	6	0	0	—	12
EPPJ —	Gavin Kallhoff	4	run	(G. Kallhoff run)		
CWC —	Trey Blackmore	3	run	(PAT failed)		
EPPJ —	Karson Kallhoff	23	pass	to Landyn Veik (PAT failed)		
CWC —	Blackmore	79	kickoff	return (PAT failed)		
EPPJ —	G. Kallhoff	3	run	(PAT failed)		
EPPJ —	G. Kallhoff	7	run	(Dueke run)		
EPPJ —	Dueke	20	run	(K. Kallhoff pass to Veik)		
EPPJ —	Evin Pelster	30	run	(PAT failed)		
Team Stats	EPPJ	CWC				
Rushing	47/211	22/64				
Passing	2/4/0	8/20/0				
Passing Yds	65	119				
Total Off.	276	183				
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/1				

Individual Stats
Passing (Att/Comp/Int — Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 2/4/0 — 65. CWC: Michael Jesse 8/20/0 — 119
Rushing (Att/Yds) — Michael Selting 2/2, Joseph McNally 1/2, Karson Kallhoff 5/4, Grady Dueke 30/153, Gavin Kallhoff 6/19, Evin Pelster 3/39. CWC: Michael Jesse 5/38
Receiving (#/Yds) — Landyn Veik 2/65. CWC: Trey Blackmore 5/58
Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Joseph McNally 3/0, Grady Dueke 0/3, Braedon Hinkle 0/1, Max Henn 2/1, Jarek Erickson 5/0, Landyn Veik 3/4, Gavin Kallhoff 3/2, Evin Pelster 4/3, Trey Rittscher 2/1, Raaf Klein 0/1, Justice Blecher 3/0, Jayvin Erickson 0/1. CWC: Daniel Kluever 7/4
Tackles for loss — Max Henn 1, Jarek Erickson 2, Landyn Veik 1, Justice Blecher 1. CWC: Michael Jesse 1
Quarterback sacks — Max Henn 1. CWC: Michael Jesse 1
Fumble recoveries — Trey Rittscher 1.



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All eyes were on Braelyn Martinsen hitting at the net during action against Summerland. Teammates looking on were Brooke Kinney, Lillian Moser, Elizabeth Moser and Camry Kittelson.

Kerkman sets new EPPJ record at BC Invite Thursday

BUTTE — Sophomore Matthew Kerkman posted a school record time in the boys cross country race held here Thursday afternoon.

He circled the 5000 meter course breaking the 20-minute mark, finishing with a time of 19:57.

He placed ninth in the race, securing his first medal of the season.

Winning the race was Boyd County runner Will Nelson. A senior, Nelson circled his home course in a time of 18:15, 19 seconds better than second place finisher Nate Frick of North Central.



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Sophomore Wolfpack runner Matthew Kerkman gets cooled off by his father Steve while mother Becky offers encouragement at the Nelig-Oakdale Invite. On Thursday at the Boyd County Invite, Kerkman set a new school record.

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EPPJ top Wynot, Bancroft-Rosalie at H-D Tournament Saturday

HOWELLS — Entering the Howells-Dodge with an unbeaten record, Elgin Public-Pope John won two of three matches Saturday.

The Wolfpack posted victories over Wynot and Bancroft-Rosalie.

Wynot did what few teams have been able to do prior to Saturday, win a set against the Wolfpack.

EPPJ opened the match with a 25-16 victory, only to see the Blue Devils come back and win the second set 25-20. However, when it mattered most, the young Wolfpack came back to win the decisive third set 25-22.

Leading the way for the Wolfpack was junior Braelyn Martinsen who came through with 12 kills on 31 swings, teammate Mady Kurpgeweit had eight kills on 16 swings. The duo of Camry Kittelson and Elizabeth Moser combined for 34 set assists. Kittelson led the way with 20. Brooke Kinney led the team in digs with 17, one more than Martinsen.

Their second victory at the tournament came in their last match as they swept Ban-

croft-Rosalie 25-22 and 25-23. Both sets were close but the Wolfpack found a way to win the big points to earn the victory.

The Wolfpack had a balanced attack as four players had five or more kills at the net, led by Kurpgeweit with seven, Kittelson had six. On defense, Lillian Moser had two solo blocks. EPPJ had six ace serves in the match.

They tasted defeat for the first time this season when they were swept by Howells-Dodge.

Playing on their home court, the Jaguars swept the Wolfpack in the second match of the day for both teams.

EPPJ 2, Wynot 1

Blue Devils.....16 25 22
Wolfpack.....25 20 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/26/7, Kayton Zwingman 2/10/2, Braelyn Martinsen 12/31/3, Mady Kurpgeweit 8/16/1, Jael Lammers 6/19/4, Lillian Moser 4/12/2, Elizabeth Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 38/118/19
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/12, Kittelson 0/12, Gentry Zwingman 0/14, Brooke Kinney 0/8, Martinsen 1/9, E. Moser 1/15. Team

totals: 2/70
Blocks (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 2/0, Martinsen 1/0, Kurpgeweit 3/0, Lammers 3/0. Team totals: 9/0
Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 2/0, Kittelson 7/2, G. Zwingman 6/3, Kinney 17/6, K. Zwingman 1/1, Martinsen 16/5, Kurpgeweit 5/0, Lammers 4/1, L. Moser 3/1, E. Moser 6/3. Team totals: 67/22
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 20/29/1, G. Zwingman 1/3/0, Kinney 2/8/0, K. Zwingman 1/2/0, Martinsen 0/1/0, E. Moser 14/48/1. Team totals: 38/90/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 1/0, G. Zwingman 9/1, Kinney 29/8, Martinsen 8/0. Team totals: 47/9

EPPJ 2, Bancroft-Rosalie 0

Panthers22 23
Wolfpack.....25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/16/2, Kayton Zwingman 5/12/0, Braelyn Martinsen 5/19/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 7/14/3, Jael Lammers 2/10/0, Lillian Moser 0/2/1. Team totals: 25/73/12
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/3, Kittelson 1/10, Gentry Zwingman 1/10, Brooke Kinney 1/7, Martinsen 2/11, Elizabeth Moser 1/7. Team totals: 6/48
Blocks (BS/BA) — Lillian Moser

2/0. Team totals: 2/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 8/0, G. Zwingman 5/3, Kinney 11/6, K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 10/3, L. Moser 2/0, E. Moser 3/3. Team totals: 40/15
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 12/36/1, Kinney 2/8/0, Lammers 0/2/0, E. Moser 10/27/0. Team totals: 24/73/1
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 10/0, Kinney 18/2, Martinsen 5/1, Lammers 2/0. Team totals: 35/3

EPPJ 0, Howells-Dodge 2

Jaguars25 25
Wolfpack.....22 18
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/19/4, Kayton Zwingman 6/10/0, Braelyn Martinsen 8/32/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 3/13/3, Jael Lammers 6/19/1, Lillian Moser 2/3/0, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0. Team totals: 30/97/14
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/6, Kittelson 1/9, Gentry Zwingman 0/9, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martinsen 0/5, E. Moser 0/5. Team totals: 1/41
Blocks (BS/BA) — Team totals: 0/0
Digs (D/DE) — Barlow 2/2, Kittelson 6/0, G. Zwingman 15/7, Kinney 8/4, K. Zwingman 5/1, Martinsen 16/3, Kurpgeweit 3/0, Lammers

2/0, L. Moser 1/0, E. Moser 1/2. Team totals: 59/19
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 14/34/0, G. Zwingman 0/2/0, Kinney 1/6/2, K. Zwingman 0/1/0, Mar-

Wolfpack sweep Lady Spartans

SPENCER — Playing their first road game of the season, EPPJ defeated Boyd County 25-15, 25-14 and 25-23.

The Wolfpack dominated the net on both offense and defense. The team recorded eight solo blocks against the Lady Spartans, led by freshman Lillian Moser with three. Teammates Mady Kurpgeweit and Kayton Zwingman each had two and Jael Lammers added one.

On offense, the Wolfpack recorded 35 kills. Seven players recorded kills, led by the trio of Kurpgeweit, Braelyn Martinsen and Camry Kittelson each with eight.Elizabeth Moser led the team with 16 set assists.

EPPJ 3, Boyd County 0

Spartans.....15 14 23
Wolfpack.....25 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 8/17/1, Kayton Zwingman 3/11/5, Braelyn Martinsen 8/25/6,

tinsen 0/4/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 12/41/0. Team totals: 27/89/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — G. Zwingman 6/2, Kinney 20/5, Martinsen 9/2. Team totals: 35/9

Mady Kurpgeweit 8/19/1, Jael Lammers 3/17/2, Lillian Moser 5/6/1, Aubrie Parks 1/1/0, Elizabeth Moser 0/1/0. Team totals: 35/97/16
Serving (A/SA) — Tessa Barlow 0/2, Kittelson 4/22, Gentry Zwingman 0/5, Brooke Kinney 2/21, Martinsen 2/10, Sophia Burke 0/1, E. Moser 1/11. Team totals: 9/72
Blocks (BS/BA) — Kayton Zwingman 2/0, Kurpgeweit 2/0, Lammers 1/0, L. Moser 3/0. Team totals: 8/0
Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 11/5, G. Zwingman 17/4, Kinney 11/3, K. Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 8/1, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 0/1, L. Moser 1/0, Burke 1/0, E. Moser 5/0. Team totals: 56/14
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 14/38, Kinney 4/14, E. Moser 16/37. Team totals: 34/89
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 0/3, G. Zwingman 4/0, Kinney 11/12, Martinsen 10/1, Lammers 1/0, Burke 1/0, E. Moser 0/1. Team totals: 27/17

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