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In Brief

Immanuel Zion Church soup supper is Sunday

Starts at 4:30 p.m..

Mark your calendars for one of the best soup & pie suppers around! Immanuel Zion Lutheran Church, 1726 310th Ave, rural Albion, will hold heir annual soup & pie supper on Sunday evening, November 2.

Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Free will donations will benefit Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home who are upgrading HVAC throughout the facility.

ELCA World Hunger will receive 10 percent of donations.

As part of the supper they will be serving spicy venison chili, traditional chili, vegetable beef, cheeseburger and chicken noodle soups along with fresh bread, homemade pies & desserts!

The public is invited to attend!

Elgin City Council to meet Monday night

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

The regular November meeting of the Elgin City Council will be held Monday night, November 3.

To be held at City Hall, the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of November Meetings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Notice — Estate of Leonard E. Wostrel

Notice of Incorporation — Kallhoff

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Proceedings — The Bartlett Village Board

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Weather

The high temperature last week was 65 degrees recorded on Sunday, October 19.

The low temperature during the same period was 33 degrees recorded on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22-23. No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
Oct 19	65	39	.00
Oct 20	64	42	.00
Oct 21	57	33	.00
Oct 22	63	33	.00
Oct 23	63	34	.00
Oct 24	57	49	.00
Oct 25	54	49	0.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for October			0.00
Total precipitation 2025			25.41



NVC champions!

The Wolfpack volleyball team was all smiles Friday night and as well they should be. The team defeated O'Neill St. Mary's in four sets to win the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament. E-R photo/LMorgan

Halloween is for 'tricks & treats'

Trunks, a party and merchants to hand out treats Friday

Halloween activities are planned throughout the community later this week.

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

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

Elsewhere, Elgin merchants will welcome trick-or-treaters from noon to 6 p.m. Participating merchants will be provided signs, according to organizers of the event. Again, *The Elgin Review* will be taking photos of children wearing costumes.

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

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



E-R photos/LMorgan

It seemed as if all of Elgin and surrounding communities converged on the KC Hall Saturday night for the Ostransky benefit.

Turnout high Saturday for Livy Jo



Livy Jo's 'Sunshine Squad' members included her grandparents (l-r) Shawn and Brenda Ostransky, Joyce and Greg Wemhoff.

A benefit for the Trent & Baylee Ostransky family was held Saturday, October 25 at the Elgin KC Hall.

The benefit, to help with medical expenses for Livy Ostransky, infant daughter of Trent and Baylee Ostransky, featured both silent and live auctions and a free will donation burger meal. Her parents were unable to attend the benefit as they were with Livy as she continues to recuperate from a recent surgery.

According to organizers, the silent auction alone raised over \$23,000.



The lines were long to view silent auction items. More than \$23,000 was raised from those items.

Elgin businesses participating in 'Turkey Giveaway'

Businesses participating this year in the 2025 Turkey Giveaway have been announced.

The annual event here in Elgin provides an opportunity for businesses to reward customers for their patronage throughout the year. Businesses will set up a box where customers can register for the giveaway. Names will be drawn no later than noon on Friday, November 21. The winners will be announced on *The Elgin Review's* Facebook page later that day.

Businesses taking part in the event this year are:

- Bank of Elgin
- Blend & Brew 402
- City Limits
- CVA Agronomy
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- Coffeehouse Café
- Dean's Market
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- Deb Warren (at PJCC school)
- Precision Repair
- Total Image Salon & Spa
- Town & Country Veterinary Clinic
- Sandhill's Hide-A-Way (at *Review*)
- Sands Truck Service & Repair

After the winners are announced, they can pick up their turkeys at Dean's Market during regular business hours.

EPPJ wins D1-5 opening match

The Wolfpack volleyball team won their opening round game of the D1-5 Subdistrict Monday night.

They swept Creighton to advance to the final round Tuesday night to face Bloomfield (18-9). The result of the championship match will be posted on the newspaper's Facebook page.

The winner will advance to the district final Saturday (opponent and location to be announced later today). The winner of that match advances to the Girls State Tournament.

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Liturgy of Confirmation held at Raeville

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Bartlett News

A Todd Becker Assembly was well attended at the Summerland School Gym on Oct.22. A number of youth group members of the Bartlett Church of Faith attended. The Todd Becker Foundation was established following the tragic death

of 18-year-old Becker who was killed in an alcohol-related car accident in 2005. The Foundation aims to motivate high school students to discover their potential and make wise choices in life by sharing the story of Todd Becker and challenging them to place their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord

and Savior. Jess Plugge is continuing rehabilitation, due to a stroke several months ago. His address is Arbor Care Countryside Home, 703 North Main Street, Madison, Ne 68748. Helen Hall recently had hip surgery due to a fall. Her address is Helen Hall, in/care of Cris Hoelscher, 1860

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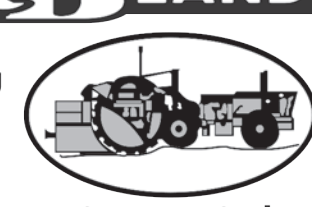
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FFA STUDENT of the MONTH

Kyndal Busteed

Kyndal is this month's FFA member of the month! Kyndal is the senior daughter of Steve and Casey Busteed of rural Elgin.



Kyndal has been an active FFA member since her 8th grade year. She has qualified for the state convention every year she has been a member and for National FFA when she was a freshman. This year, she really demonstrated her knowledge of range science/management as she qualified for the state range judging competition, and placed 20th overall in the Sr. division,

helping her team accomplish a 3rd over placing!

She constantly improved with each contest and never got discouraged. Kyndal will remain active this school year with FFA officer duties, preparing for CDE's and agriscience fair, and applying for her State FFA degree.

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JoAnn



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2 tsp cinnamon
4 eggs
2 tsp baking soda
1/8 tsp nutmeg
2 cups canned pumpkin

None of my children have school textbooks!

Technology use in school... Perhaps it's just me and maybe I'm just getting old, but the sheer volume of technology used by schools today seems a little overwhelming. It's hard to keep up with all the different apps, websites, and places where we are to get or give information. Our kids are probably used to

Tales of a Tired Momma



Elgin Columnist
Katherine Cobb

it because it's all they've ever known, but I long for a simpler time.

It really doesn't feel like that long ago that teachers were writing on blackboards. I remember thinking how fancy some teachers were when whiteboards became a thing. Our library still used a card catalog and there were maybe ten computers in the whole building, and they all used dial-up internet. We had a textbook for every class and assignments were done on an actual piece of paper. The good 'ol days.

The first time I went to one of my children's classrooms, I was already impressed by the "smart board" at the front of the room.

Teachers could touch the

screen to get it to change slides and all sorts of other nifty features. That was ten years ago already and things have progressed exponentially.

None of my children have a single textbook. Not one. They all have been issued a Chromebook (which is basically a laptop per student), and all their work is done online. It makes it difficult as a parent to help with an assignment when I don't have all the text handy to refer to. Plus, it boggles my mind that they rarely come home with paper.

Assignments are done online, tests are done online, and notes from the teachers are online. Call me old fashioned, but sometimes I like to hold something in my hand and read it and refer to it.

Then there are all the different applications that are used. I have coaches contacting me through one app, grades for the kids are on another website, and the Orchestra communicates through a different site as well. I can barely keep up! Plus, I get a ton of emails from all the teachers at three different schools.

Growing up, email wasn't that readily available. My mom was not aware of my grades until a report card was mailed

home. And she didn't know whether I had an assignment, she just expected me to do my work. There wasn't all this pressure on parents to be so "in the know". We're now expected to log in to 37 different systems, know what day the kids need to wear their "Field Day Shirt", and which fundraiser starts when.

What really astounds me is the fact that my children don't seem phased by this at all. They have grown up with technology and instead of being overwhelmed, they have adapted surprisingly well. They seem to know where to find their assignments, they all know their passwords, and as long as they are doing well in school, I guess I shouldn't worry.

Although I may reminisce about days gone by (mostly for my benefit), it's impressive how astute our children are when it comes to using technology. As parents, we can learn to adapt or fall behind. And perhaps someday my children will long for an "easier time" when all they had were laptops and not robots for teachers and whatever else comes next!

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Hoefler wins football contest

A new winner in this week's Elgin Review Football Contest. Duane Hoefler bested the field, missing just three games, to claim the top prize of \$20 in Elgin Bucks.

Finishing second, in a tie-breaker with three other contestants, was Kurt Blair who will receive \$10 in Elgin Bucks.

Nebraska and Northwestern combined for 627 total yards. Blair was the closest without going over the figure with a guess of 613. The others missing four games and their tiebreaker picks were Charlie/Vic Miller (628), Al Hagemeister (566) and Judsen Sehi (703).

Results of the games were: Rutgers over Purdue Memphis over South Florida Temple over Tulsa Vanderbilt over Missouri

Alabama over South Carolina Kansas State over Kansas Washington over Illinois Michigan over Michigan

State

BYU over Iowa State TCU over West Virginia Virginia Tech over California Wyoming over Colorado State Utah over Colorado Auburn over Arkansas Iowa over Minnesota Tennessee over Kentucky Ole Miss over Oklahoma Nebraska over Northwestern

Entries for the next contest are due at the newspaper office by 5 p.m. Friday. Save a stamp by taking a picture of your entry with a camera phone and send it to elginreview@yahoo.com

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Looking Back

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Sixty Years Ago October 28, 1965

The Antelope County 4-H King and Queen were named at the annual 4-H Achievement program held last Sunday evening at Neligh. Bruce Beeson, member of the Out Our Way 4-H Club, Elgin was selected as 4-H king. Arlene Meis, member of the Elgin Busy Bees 4-H Club, Elgin, was selected as queen.

Gregg McBride, sportswriter for the World-Herald, this week rated the St. Boniface Knights in first place among 11-man class D football teams. This was the first time he had placed the local squad on his list of top ten teams.

The Elgin High Eagles evened their season record at 3-3 with an easy 33-9 win over Page. The Eagles hit the score board early and all 26 players saw considerable action. Page pushed across a touchdown in the fourth period and got two points on a safety.

Cecil Hoeman, 33, is a native of Falls City, and graduated from Vernon High School. He is a U.S. Army veteran and farming was his occupation before he joined the Nebraska Safety Patrol in October, 1959. He is unmarried and is stationed at Columbus where he lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Henn are the parents of a 7 lb. 13 oz. daughter, Gayann Marie, born Oct. 26, 1965 in the Antelope County Memorial Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago October 23, 1975

Knights of Columbus Council 2411 celebrated October 19th with corporate communion at 8:00 a.m. and a corporate breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Guest speakers were Tom Olson, State Membership Director and Edward Wagner, State Deputy. The afternoon and evening was celebrated with a Poultry Party for all.

The Pope John Crusaders rejoiced following their first victory of the season. They beat the Osmond Tigers 33-7 (there) on October 17. The Crusader offense showed marked progress in the first quarter of play by making one TD in that period, a run by Rodger Heithoff. Neither team could manage to make a score in the third quarter.

The Elgin FFA Chapter attended District Convention at Plainview Thursday, Oct. 16. Twenty-six Elgin members were present. The convention began with the opening ceremony, flag ceremony and installation of new officers.

Elgin volunteer firemen were summoned to the Joyce Schmitt residence at 12:34 p.m. Thursday of last week where a fire had started in trash, loaded in a dump truck. There was no damage.

Thirty Years Ago October 25, 1995

Elgin's volunteer ambulance crew has announced plans for a fund drive to purchase portable pagers for use in notifying the crew members of ambulance calls. The EMTs decided to pursue the fund drive at their monthly meeting on Oct. 16, after experiencing some difficulty in notifying crew members of ambulance calls at various times through the present telephone system.

Rain and snow on Monday stalled progress on the fall harvest in the Elgin area and throughout most of Nebraska. Elgin received more than a half inch of precipitation from Monday's storm, which also brought strong winds.

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Moser was solemnized at a high mass at St. Bonaventure's Church in Raeville on Friday morning, with Rev. Fr. Latsch, pastor, officiating.

Elgin Community Center menus

Monday, November 3:
Breaded pork tenderloin sandwich, tator tots, baked beans, apple crisp, bread & butter, milk.

Tuesday, November 4:
Chili, cinnamon roll, lettuce salad, carrot/celery, pears, milk.

Wednesday, November 5:
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked corn, fruit pie, bread & butter, milk.

Thursday, November 6:
Beef ravioli, lettuce salad, brussel sprouts, plums, garlic stick, milk.

Friday, November 7:
Bacon cheeseburger, french fries, cottage cheese, pineapple, milk.

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

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



MADY KURPGEWEIT
VOLLEYBALL

A junior, Mady didn't let a recent injury set her play back one bit. She saw extensive action in Friday night's conference championship game, pounding down 16 kills.



JAREK ERICKSON
FOOTBALL

A senior, Jarek was basically unstoppable in Thursday's post-season game at Overton. He had 213 yards in rushing with 4 touchdowns & 10 tackles in the season-ending

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Shutting out the media, denying them access, leads to bad results

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

There's an old saying about government – "what is said isn't so, it's what is so isn't said."

So that means that someone – maybe a state auditor, maybe a whistleblower, but often a news reporter – needs to dig in and find out what is really happening with our tax dollars.

That's why it was so disgusting to read recently about our "Secretary of War's" crackdown on access by reporters to the Pentagon.

Pete Hegseth, a former Fox News weekend host, is the U.S. Secretary of Defense. And it's his opinion that reporting by a free press – a right guaranteed in the Bill of Rights – is somehow disruptive to his job.

(President Trump wants to change the title to Secretary of War for some reason, but he can't do that without an act of Congress, so I'm sticking with the legal title.)

So Hegseth wants reporters to sign what amounts to a loyalty oath, pledging that they will refrain from reporting about things his agency – one of the largest and biggest spenders in federal government – has not authorized to be revealed.

Reporters have long self-restrained from reporting on troop movements and ongoing military exercises that would endanger soldiers. But give me a break, has anyone ever heard about the Pentagon Papers?

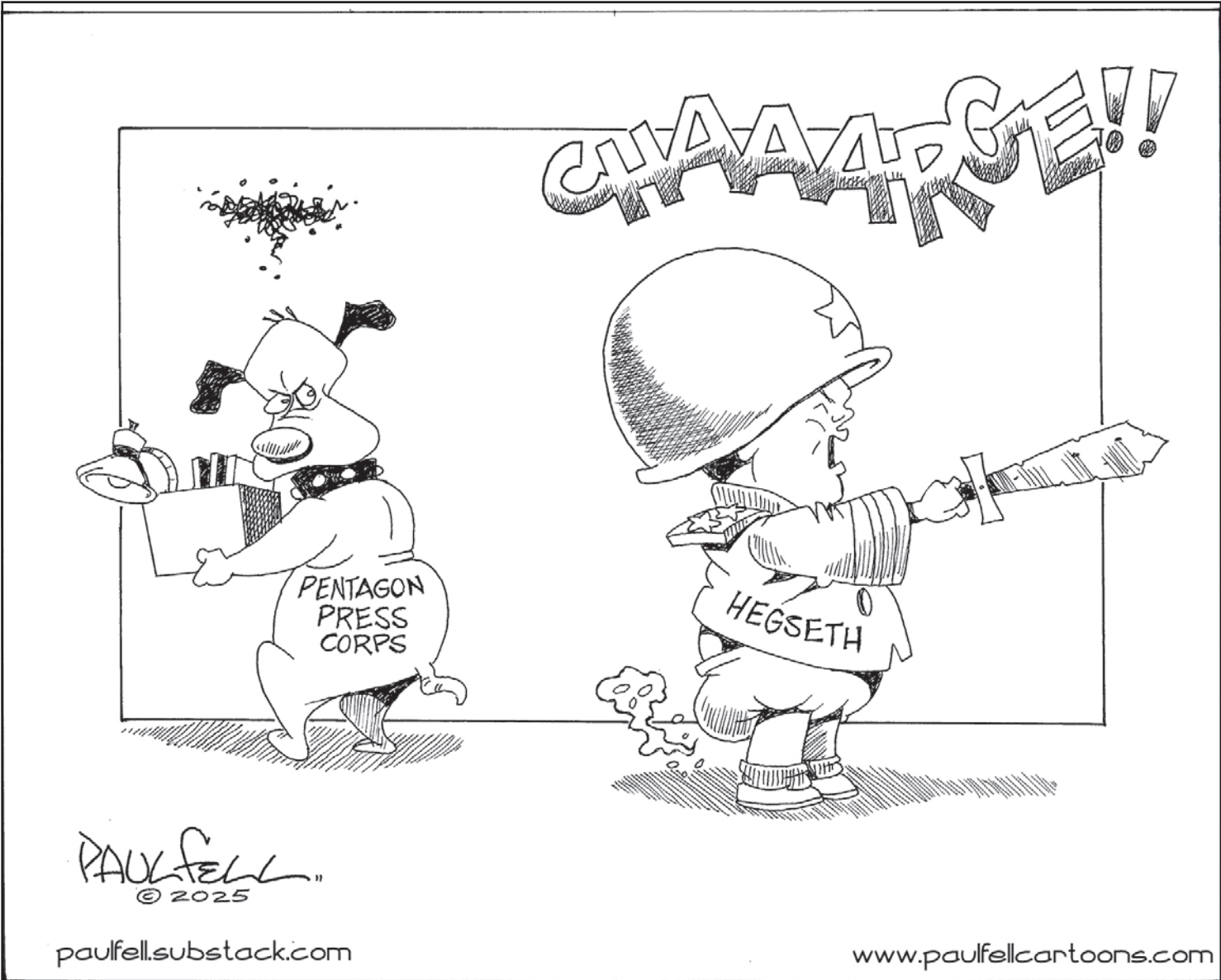
That 1967 document, long held in secret by the Pentagon, revealed that our country's military leaders and presidents had concluded for years that a war in Vietnam was unwinnable. Yet our leaders kept sending troops, spending money and telling us we could win until a costly war, in terms of lives and expenditures, ended in 1975.

That was a document that the Pen-

ALL THINGS NEBRASKA



State Correspondent
Paul Hammel



tagon did not authorize for release. It took a whistleblower and reporters and editors with the New York Times in 1971 to tell us the truth. I could cite more examples.

Let's be honest, reporters and editors aren't very popular these days. Trump labels them often as "enemies of the people" and denigrates reporters who write things he doesn't like. He's also sued several news organizations over petty grievances -- news organizations that he doesn't like.

Government officials, when they screw up, would rather not read about it on the front page of a paper or a web-

site. Hegseth, I gotta believe, wasn't too happy when the media revealed that he'd accidentally, and carelessly, shared details of a secret air strike with a magazine editor.

But consider this – do you want government officials to hand pick what we know and shouldn't know? You trust them to always tell you what's going on, even when that's bad news?

Would you have rather not heard what our governor leaders really thought about the Vietnam War?

I've seen this over and over when covering Nebraska state government. And while I believe that the vast

majority of folks who work in government are honest and want to serve the public, there's those who figure it's a chance to cut corners, enrich themselves, and make their agency look good. We need reporters, as well as inspector generals and auditors, to provide an essential double check.

It's not the job of a reporter to take down everything a governor or president says and decide that it must be true. "Trust but verify" was Ronald Reagan's famous warning.

We spend more than

We don't deserve gridlock

As we approach one month since Senate Democrats shut down the federal government, Senate Republicans continue to fight to end the stalemate and reopen the government for the American people. Meanwhile, Democrats have voted more than a dozen times to keep it closed. For four weeks, I've written about this ongoing shutdown. While I would much rather share updates on the progress we're making for Nebraskans on Capitol Hill, I cannot ignore this unprecedented impasse created by the Democratic Party.

Senate Republicans have offered a bipartisan, clean continuing resolution – free of new or partisan policies – simply to keep the lights on while Congress finishes its work. Yet Democrats continue to block it. Since they refuse to support this common-sense short term patch, we've pressed forward with the regular appropriations process to responsibly fund the government.

Before the shutdown began, the Senate had already passed three of the 12 appropriations bills through regular order – meaning they were fully debated, amended, and approved in committee before passing on the Senate floor. Each reflected bipartisan cooperation and real benefits for Americans across the country.

These bills – the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Legislative Branch Appropriations Acts – deliver tens of millions of dollars to Nebraska communities. This funding supports rural infrastructure, local development, and essential veterans' services. I fought tirelessly for these projects as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Until Democrats end this shutdown, those critical projects remain stalled – and Nebraskans are paying the price.

Last week, when Majority Leader John Thune brought the Defense Appropriations Act to the floor, Democrats blocked it as well. That decision

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Adrian Smith

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is indefensible. At a time of growing global threats, they are choosing political theater over national security. Just one week earlier, the Senate passed the annual National Defense Authorization Act with bipartisan support — yet Democrats suddenly refused to fund the very programs they voted for.

This year's Defense Appropriations Act would pay our troops and fund vital military operations. It includes more than \$200 million for defense programs that strengthen America's security and directly support Nebraska's military community — including U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), the 55th Wing, and the 557th Weather Wing, all based

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The first duty of Congress is to defend our nation. I'm deeply disappointed that Democrats have blocked the legislation that allows us to fulfill that responsibility.

By refusing to fund the government and our military, they are failing the American people. It's time for Democrats to put politics aside, work with Republicans to reopen the government, strengthen our

national defense, and deliver results for the country.

I remain hopeful that common sense will prevail — and that Senate Democrats will finally vote to end this shutdown.

Court News

A 67-year-old Orchard man will spend time in jail after being sentenced in a case dating back to 2022.

Russell L. Meyer appeared in Antelope County Court, Oct. 15, on one count of failure to appear when on bail - misdemeanor, a Class II misdemeanor. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Honorable Donna Taylor sentenced Meyer to 10 days in the Antelope County Jail. Meyer was also ordered to pay court costs.

He was remanded to the custody of the Antelope County Sheriff.

Connor W. Soles, 19, of Springview, pleaded guilty to one count of criminal mischief - \$0-500, a Class III misdemeanor.

Soles waived his rights before entering the plea.

Taylor sentenced Soles to pay a \$300 fine, \$323.60 in restitution, and court costs.

Volunteers asked to help put up new Elgin signs on November 4

Volunteers wishing to help install new 'Welcome to Elgin' signs are asked to meet at the Big A building at noon on Tuesday, November 4.

Extra manpower is needed for this task.

Two new initiative petitions submitted

In the past few months, I outlined six initiative petitions that have been filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office and are currently in circulation for the 2026 General Election. Since then, two additional initiative petitions have been submitted to the Secretary of State: (1) the Winner Take All Electors Constitutional Amendment and (2) the Hand Count Ballots for Elections Constitutional Amendment. Both initiatives were brought by the group Advocates for All Nebraskans. Although I provide information about these initiative petitions, this newsletter series is meant to be informative and neither represents an endorsement FOR nor AGAINST any particular measure.

The Winner Take All Electors Constitutional Amendment proposes to change how Nebraska awards its Electoral College votes for President and Vice-President. Specifically, this measure would amend Article VI of the Nebraska Constitution to specify that all of the state's electoral votes would go to the winner of the statewide presidential election. Today, only two states, Maine and Nebraska, allocate votes for a presidential candidate based on the congressional district method. Under this system, two of Nebraska's electoral votes are awarded to the statewide winner while the other three votes are awarded to the winner in each respective congressional district. If placed on the ballot, voters would have the opportunity to decide whether to readopt the winner-take-all system, which had been in place in Nebraska prior to 1991, or retain the current congressional district method system at the 2026 general election.

The Hand Count Ballots for Elections Constitutional Amendment proposes to amend Article VI of the Nebraska Constitution to specify that elections in the state shall be conducted exclusively using paper ballots counted by hand. Nebraska currently uses voting machines as a method of the election process, specifically ExpressVote machines to assist disabled or special needs voters in marking their ballots and optical scanning tabulator devices which count paper ballots. Introducers of this initiative argue that hand-counting paper ballots represents the most secure and publicly verifiable method of counting votes, yet other people suggest hand-counting may be less reliable, cost more, and be more time-consuming than counting by machine. If approved by voters, this measure would apply to all Nebraska elections held after July 1, 2027.

Under our state's constitution, there is a signature threshold requirement in order to get an initiative petition successfully on the ballot. Since these two ballot measures discussed here both propose to amend the Nebraska Constitution, approximately ten percent of Nebraska voters, or 126,000 signatures, will need to be collected.

In addition to the statewide percentage, both petitions must meet a geographic distribution requirement. The signatures must be collected from at least five percent of the registered voters in each of 38 of Nebraska's 93 counties.

People interested in getting more information about these two proposed ballot measures may consider visiting the Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/current-petitions-circulation>. There, you can read the changes being proposed by these two measures.

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.

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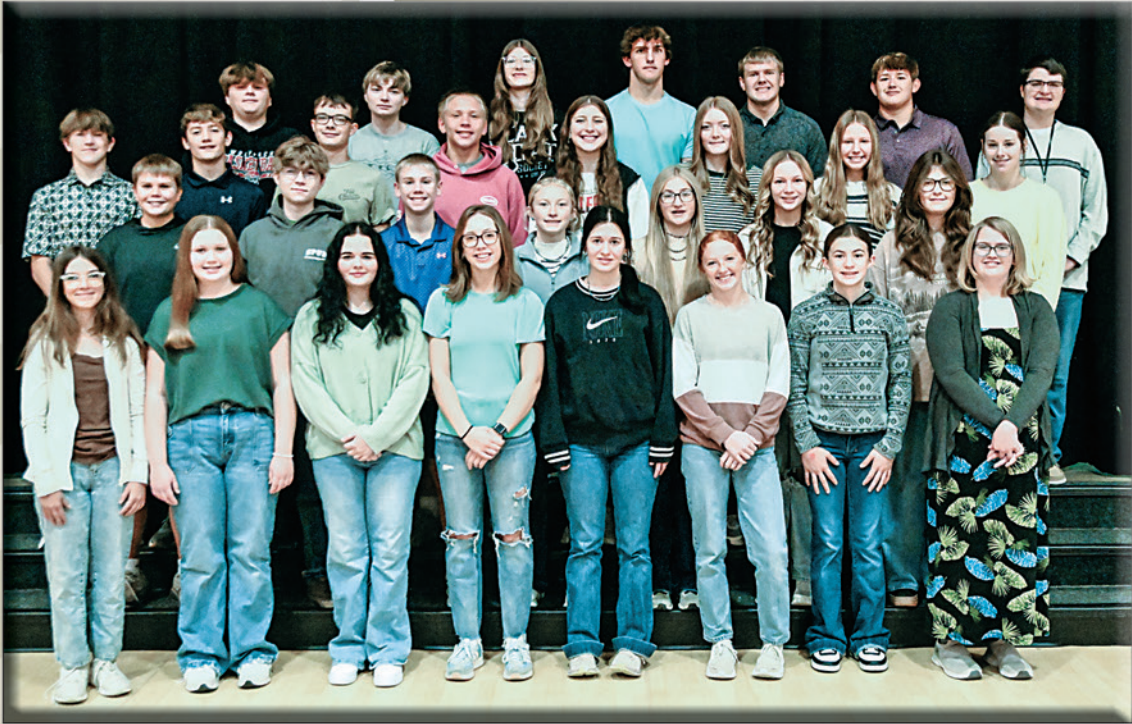
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Spinning Tales
EPPJ football team tops Overton 42 to 49

OVERTON — The term ‘instant classic’ came to mind Thursday night, walking off the football field following the EPPJ’s game against the Overton Eagles. Having overcome a 21-point deficit created in the first half, having tied the score at 42-all in the waning moments of the fourth quarter, only to see a chance at victory fade away in the arms of an Eagle defensive back, it brought out raw emotion on the Wolfpack team.

Ordinarily, I don’t consider any one game to be a ‘classic,’ it’s a term used to hype games which, for a moment, take on extra meaning. When I think of classic, I think of the 1971 Game of the Century between NU and OU; the battle of 18-16 between tennis greats Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe, Carlton Fisk’s 12th-inning home run to win Game Six of the 1975 World Series which the Red Sox won three games to four; and the ‘Sandberg game’ at Wrigley Field in 1984, games which still have relevance years later. This was one of those games. Similar to the ‘75 Red Sox, EPPJ won Thursday’s game 42 to 49. That’s right! Thursday night’s Overton-EPPJ game IS a classic because this team of Wolfpack players won’t be forgotten for years to come; how they came



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Overton, being the home team, did everything they could to beat the black-and-white clad Wolfpack by halftime. Five touchdowns, including a pick-six and five extra points kicked by Jaisen Gonzalez had the Wolfpack on the ropes.

The Eagles were ready to land a knockout punch. And then, EPPJ’s smallest player, landed some ‘upper’ cuts which stunned the home team.

Evin Pelster, all 140 pounds of him, fielded the second half kickoff and cut left, cut right, cut back left, ran into the pile and emerge along the far side-line going 77 yards for a touchdown.

The second he crossed the goal line, the Wolfpack were right back in the game. The bench exploded, the fans suddenly got loud and momentum was suddenly on our side.

The Eagles got to midfield on the ensuing possession, then Gavin Kallhoff made a big play to recover a fumble.

Kallhoff’s big play was rewarded just moments later when Jarek Erickson scored and EPPJ was down by just one touchdown. Erickson and Grady Druke were forced to play in the Wildcat formation, for the majority of the game after quarterback Karson Kallhoff was injured and didn’t return.

Elgin’s ‘band of brothers’ on the field played both ways for most of the game. There were a handful substitutions but for the most part, the players never left the field. They were warriors and as the game wore on, they imposed their will on the Eagles.

Funny when the season is on the line, boys become men and nothing is insurmountable.

Overton’s passing game resulted in another score with four minutes left in the third quarter.

If the Eagles thought EPPJ would quit, they had another thing coming.

Behind the Wolfpack’s beefy line of Justice Blecher, Trey Rittscher and Jayvin Erickson and ends Landyn Veik and Max Henn, Wildcats’ Druke and Erickson pounded the ball straight ahead. By game’s end, they combine for over 300 yards rushing.

The Wolfpack resembled Rocky Balboa fighting Apollo Creed. They kept running and Overton kept absorbing the blows and going backwards. With under a minute to play, Erickson’s touchdown and Druke’s two-point PAT made it a one-score game headed into the fourth quarter.

Kallhoff then stepped forward again. His interception gave EPPJ the stop they needed.

Seven plays later it was fourth down. A tying touchdown was nine yards away. So what does Coach Nick Heithoff do? In a timeout he draws up a play, one not in the playbook. What ensues? Druke takes the snap, rolls to his right and lofts the ball high into the end zone where tall Henn outleaps two Eagles to snare the ball for a touchdown. Ericson added the two-point PAT and we’re tied.

Seven minutes remain. Three minutes later Overton takes the lead again.

Down seven, Wolfpack players and fans know one more touchdown and a successful conversion means victory. Four plays later, on the Eagles’ 9-yard line the outcome of the game is finally decided when ‘tall boy’ Brock McCarter battles and comes down with an interception. The hopes and dreams of the Wolfpack and their faithful followers end right there.

In the end, ink and paper will combine to show the team lost an opening round game and the season will go on. I hope they learn one thing from this game, never quit, never give up. As long as you continue to fight, anything is possible.

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OBITUARIES

Janice K. Bruckner, 74



August 27, 1951 - October 25, 2025

A member of the Class of 1969 at Elgin High School, she loved being a mother and grandmother.

Janice K. Bruckner, 74 of Norfolk, NE died

Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, NE.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Levander Funeral Home in Elgin with Rev. Frank Baumert officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior. Burial will follow at West Cedar Valley Cemetery in Elgin.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.levanderfuneralhome.com.

Janice Kathleen Bruckner, twin daughter of Ivan Lester and Marjorie Mae (Arehart) Kloepper, was born August 27, 1951 at Tilden, NE. She attended School and graduated from Elgin High School with the class of 1969. Following graduation, she attended tech school in Norfolk, NE.

Janice married Barry Bruckner on June 17, 1982 at Yankton, SD. They lived in Norfolk all their married life. Janice worked at Norfolk Truck and Equipment and worked 25 years at the Norfolk Regional center as a Psych Tech.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk, NE and the altar society. She was a faithful donor at the Red Cross Blood Mobile. She enjoyed reading books, playing solitaire, playing scrabble, Yatzee, Uno and watching TV. Most of all she loved being a mother and grandmother.

Janice is survived by her husband Barry Bruckner of Norfolk, NE; daughter Jennifer (Scott) Ray of Lincoln, NE; two grandsons: Cole and Nick Ray of Lincoln, NE; two sisters: her twin sister Jeanne (Jim) Patrick of Norfolk, NE; Sandy (Rob) White of Lincoln, NE; nephew William VanDusen of Lincoln, NE; niece Morgan White of Lincoln, NE; three step-sons: Kelly Bruckner of Yankton, SD; Scott Bruckner of Neligh, NE; Brandon (Jennifer) Bruckner of Wakefield, NE; six step-grandchildren: Shaelyn Bruckner of Bloomfield, NE; Allison Bruckner of Wakefield, NE; Jack Bruckner of Wayne, NE; Jacob and Ava Bruckner of Wakefield, NE; Ashley Bruckner of Minneapolis, MN; along with many cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ivan and Marjorie Kloepper and brother Randy Kloepper.

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Kody J. Scarlett, 49



August 3, 1976 - October 10, 2025

He found his voice when he found his faith, and wasn't bashful about sharing his love of the Lord.

In Loving Memory
Kody Jay Scarlett was

born to Mick & Kathy Scarlett on August 3, 1976 in Ord, Nebraska. He was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on October 10, 2025. A funeral service was held on October 19 in his current home state of Tennessee where he was laid to rest.

Kody was a kind, gentle, and loving soul. His boisterous laughter could fill a room. He drove truck for a living, and logged many miles over the road. While doing so he helped many a stranger who would be down on their luck, whether buying them a tank of gas, a meal, or giving them a ride to their next stop, always saying to them, "Tell me your story." He found his voice when he found his faith, and wasn't bashful about sharing his love of the

Lord.

He did not shy away from telling people that if your desire is to go to heaven, Jesus is the only way. He was very active in the Bethlehem Baptist church, where he made many friends who welcomed him with loving, and open arms.

His outright joy was his son Kaden. He worked hard to provide for his family, that work ethic instilled by his parent's while being raised on the family farm.

He is survived by his son Kaden Jay Scarlett, and his mother Shannon, parent's Mick, and Kathy Scarlett, sister Heidi (Martin) Wid, brother Ryan (Jen) Scarlett, nephew Trevor, and niece Samantha.

A celebration of Kody's life will be held at a later time.

We love you Kody, and will forever miss you, until we meet again in all the glory of our Heavenly Father.

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NOTICE OF FORMAL PETITION

ESTATE OF LEONARD E. WOSTREL

NOTICE

In the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska

Estate of Leonard E. Wostrel, Deceased

Case No. PR 23-1

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

Kristina Seni

Clerk of the County Court

Address of County Court: County Court of Antelope County

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NOTICE OF NOVEMBER MEETINGS

THE ANTELOPE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ANTELOPE COUNTY,
NEBRASKA FOR THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Commissioners of Antelope County, Nebraska will hold meetings in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska on the following dates and times:

November 4th, 2025 at 9:00 AM

November 10th, 2025 at 8:00 AM (Monday due to Tuesday Holiday)

Meetings will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Antelope County Clerk's office and may be modified at such meeting to include items of an emergency nature pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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PROCEEDINGS FROM OCTOBER 13, 2025 MEETING

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF BARTLETT

VILLAGE OF BARTLETT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2025

The Board Meeting of the Village of Bartlett was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on October 13th, 2025. The meeting met at the Village Office, 425 Randolph St. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The members present were Nordhues, Nichols, and Einspahr. Also present: Emma Smith, village clerk and members of the community. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting at: Bartlett Post Office, WeMart, and Village Office. Chairman Williamson proclaimed the meetings to be a legal meeting and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Tetschner to approve the September 8, 2025, regular and budget meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yes—Williamson, Einspahr, Tetschner and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

STREETS: Jorja Sturek asked about the dust control on Randolph Street in front of her house. The board will look into the liquid that can be put down to help with dust on gravel roads.

The town will take control of snow removal maintenance on Walnut street from 281 to Vine street.

WATER: Mark Nordhues will take pictures inside the water tower for the inspection.

SEWER: Was discussed.

USER FEES: Were discussed.

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS: It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to pay all claims except those to Mark Nordhues for Professional fees of \$300 and Kick It Spraying for \$150. Roll call vote: Yes—Tetschner, Nordhues, Einspahr and Williamson. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was moved by Nordhues, seconded by Einspahr to close the general, keno and sewer accounts at Farmers and Merchants Bank. Roll call vote: Yes—Williamson, Einspahr, Tetschner and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Einspahr, seconded by Tetschner to open a general account and keno account in Cornerstone Bank in Bartlett. Roll call vote: Yes—Williamson, Einspahr, Tetschner and Nordhues. No: None. Absent: Plugge. Abstained: None. Motion Carried.

There will be a joint community meeting between the school board and village board in regard to the community center planning project on October 21st from 6-7:30 pm in the new gym. The public is invited to attend.

The board discussed various animals in town running around. A letter will be sent out to encourage chicken owners to keep the chickens in their pens. The ordinances were discussed in regards to animals in town. The board also discussed ordinances for extra buildings being brought into town for placement on customer lots.

The new siren was put up and will be tested.

GENERAL: Internal Revenue Service, Payroll Taxes, \$80.58; Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Telephone & internet, \$130.55; Rick Custard, mowing, potholes, \$375.00; L & L Sanitation, Garbage pick-up, \$1,742.00; Dan Williamson, Air compressor, parts, \$364.28; Letti Nichols, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Mark Nordhues, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Kurt Einspahr, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Scott Plugge, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Dan Williamson, Board Member Expense, \$50.00; Emma Smith, Salary, \$486.38

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: \$3,428.79

TOTAL KENO EXPENSES: \$0.00

SEWER: NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Application Fee, \$100.00; Kurt Einspahr, New lagoon fence, \$1,500.00; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$60.38

TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES: \$1,660.38

STREETS: Kayton International, Bobcat coolant fix, \$162.15; Kay-

ton International, Bobcat rental, \$4,426.00; WeMart, Fuel, \$113.70; Loup Valley RPPD, Utilities, \$919.44

TOTAL STEET EXPENSES: \$5,621.29

WATER: NE Rural Water Association, Membership Renewal, \$200.00; Loup Valley RPPD, Utili-

ties, \$630.04; Mark Nordhues, Professional Fee, \$300.00

TOTAL WATER EXPENSES: \$1,130.04

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES: \$11,840.50

There being no other business, the meetings were adjourned at

7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 10th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of October 2025

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

KALLHOFF FRAME AND FINISH LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION KALLHOFF FRAME AND FINISH LLC

Notice is hereby given that Kallhoff Frame and Finish LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The designated office of the company is located at 308 Cedar

Street, Elgin, NE 68636.

The name and address of the registered agent is Josh Kallhoff, 308 Cedar Street, Elgin, NE 68636.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The company was organized and commenced business on September 24, 2025, and its duration is perpetual.

/s/ Josh Kallhoff, Organizer

308 Cedar Street

Elgin, NE 68636

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Cases heard earlier this month at Antelope County Court

Judge Donna Taylor presided over a number of hearings during an Oct. 15 session of Antelope County Court.

A continuance was granted for a 48-year-old Neligh man facing one count of DUI-15+ OR refusal (1 prior conviction), a Class I misdemeanor; and one count of willful reckless driving-1st offense, a Class III misdemeanor. Jesse J. Borer, represented by Brad Montag, motioned for a continuance, which Taylor granted. Borer will appear Nov. 19.

Micah J. Chvatal, 32, of Wahoo, appeared for a pretrial hearing on a count of DUI-alcohol-1st offense, a Class W misdemeanor; and entered a not guilty plea.

Per a plea agreement, Chvatal entered a guilty plea, and the State agreed to recommend probation at sentencing.

Taylor ordered Chvatal to obtain an alcohol/drug evaluation from a certified alcohol/drug counselor, at his expense. The evaluation must be conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Standardized Model and be submitted to the court at least seven days before sentencing.

He was given 48 hours to schedule the evaluation.

Taylor ordered Chvatal to

appear Dec. 3 for sentencing.

An Omaha man facing an amended count of attempt of a Class IV felony, a Class I misdemeanor, requested a continuance. Taylor granted the request. Alan L. Rodriguez, 18, will appear Nov. 19 for a status hearing.

Cases against two Neligh residents charged with one count of commit child abuse intentional/no injury, a Class IIIA felony were dismissed by Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith.

Kaitlyn Kopejtka, 24, and Seth F. Lampert, 26, were each ordered to pay \$49 court costs.

A motion for a continuance was granted to Bryan A. Mahoney, 59, of Columbus.

He faces an amended charge of attempt of a Class IV felony, a Class I misdemeanor. Taylor ordered Mahoney to appear for further arraignment on Nov. 19.

Bond, in the amount of \$20,000 - 10% remains in effect.

Mahoney was arrested Sept. 6 after fleeing a traffic stop in the parking lot of Hiway Mart in Clearwater. Mahoney is alleged to have driven east on Highway 275 and almost collided with several west-bound vehicles. Mahoney eventually pulled to

the right shoulder of the road. Two Antelope County deputies approached the vehicle and arrested Mahoney, who was transported to the Antelope County Jail.

A 52-year-old Plainview man requested a continuance. Tyler O. Wood, represented by Patrick Carney, made the request. Wood faces a count of theft by unlawful taking \$501 to 1,499, a Class I misdemeanor. Taylor ordered Wood to appear Nov. 19 for further arraignment.

A case against Jacob R. McKirdy, 26, of Oakdale, was dismissed at the request of Smith.

On Oct. 8, McKirdy entered not guilty pleas to one count of no proof of insurance, a Class II misdemeanor; and one count of no operator's license/non-waivable, a Class III misdemeanor.

Defense counsel Martin Klein requested a continuance in a case against his client, Gage T. Schultz, 26, of Tilden. Schultz is charged with one count of terroristic threats, a Class IIIA felony. Taylor set a preliminary hearing for Nov. 19. Bond, in the amount of \$10,000 - 10%, remains in effect.

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ELGIN TURKEY GIVEAWAY!

Southern rust and corn residue grazing

As combines roll through cornfields across Nebraska, producers soon will be turning their attention to what's next — for a lot of operations, that means getting cattle out on stalks. Corn residue grazing remains one of the most cost-effective winter feed sources available. But this year, southern rust has made a noticeable mark on fields across the state, leaving many wondering whether it changes how we manage those acres for grazing.

Southern rust (*Puccinia polysora*) is a fungal disease that infects corn leaves, forming small, reddish-orange pustules that often appear first on the upper leaf surface. The disease weakens plants by damaging leaf tissue, which limits photosynthesis and reduces the plant's ability to fill grain. In severe cases, plants may die prematurely, leaving behind lighter test-weight corn and less robust stalks.

While limited research exists on the direct effect of southern rust on corn leaf nutritional quality, we do know how the disease affects plant physiology. Infection causes leaves to senesce earlier, and nutrients are remobilized from both the leaf and stalk to support grain fill when photosynthetic capacity declines. The result is a faster dry-down and often a more

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brittle stalk, both of which can influence the amount and condition of residue left after harvest.

So, what does this mean for grazing corn residue? Overall residue quality may be somewhat lower, but the bigger concern is that there's simply less leaf material available. Leaves and husks are the more digestible portions of residue and make up the majority of the diet when cattle graze stalk fields. When leaf

material is reduced, the quality grazing available to animals is also reduced and animals may turn to lower quality forage sources in the field. This shift can reduce overall diet quality and slow performance if stocking rates or supplementation aren't adjusted.

In addition, with earlier senescence and existing tissue damage, corn leaves are likely to decompose faster than normal. Once residue starts breaking down, grazing selectivity and overall intake drop off quickly. That means the window for quality grazing may be shorter than usual this year, particularly in fields that had moderate to severe rust infection.

The good news is that southern rust requires actively growing tissue to survive. It won't overwinter in Nebraska crop residue or soil. Each year,

CARD OF THANKS

To say thank you doesn't seem like enough, but I'm very grateful for everyone who took the time to wish me a happy 93rd birthday. Your thoughtfulness is so kind and Your cards mean a lot! Thank you for thinking of me, Fred Capler. (MR "C")

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Petersburg Rescue Unit. Boone County Health Center, Father John Norman. Deacon John Starman, the Guitar Group. St. John's Altar Society, the American Legion and all who brought food, sent memorials and flowers, or who just stopped to express sympathy at the time of Russ's passing. A huge thank you to all who are helping get the harvest done. This is such a great community with so many supportive people!

Thank you all. The family of Russ Stokes

First and foremost, "Thank You" for the overwhelming response from our community of friends who kept me in their prayers. A "Big Thanks" to the crew from Elgin Livestock for taking the reins and making the sale go on without a hitch. Great job all of you!

A big thanks to the doctors and nurses at Faith Regional for the wonderful care. A huge thank you to all the doctors and nurses at Antelope Memorial and in the emergency room — your care was amazing. APRN Anderson — you are so good at what you do. Thanks for everything!

Thanks again for all the phone calls, text messages and well-wishes. We will always be grateful for our community. God Bless you all! Ted and JoAnn

Going to Nationals?



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Three Elgin FFA members finalists for national competition

Good luck to our National FFA Finalists! This week, during the 98th National FFA Convention, Agriscience Fair finalists will be announced. Our very own Elgin FFA members, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Aubrie Parks, and Brooke Kinney, are finalists for Nebraska after winning their divisions last spring in Lincoln. Check out FFA.org October 29-Nov. 1st to see the latest updates and live streaming!

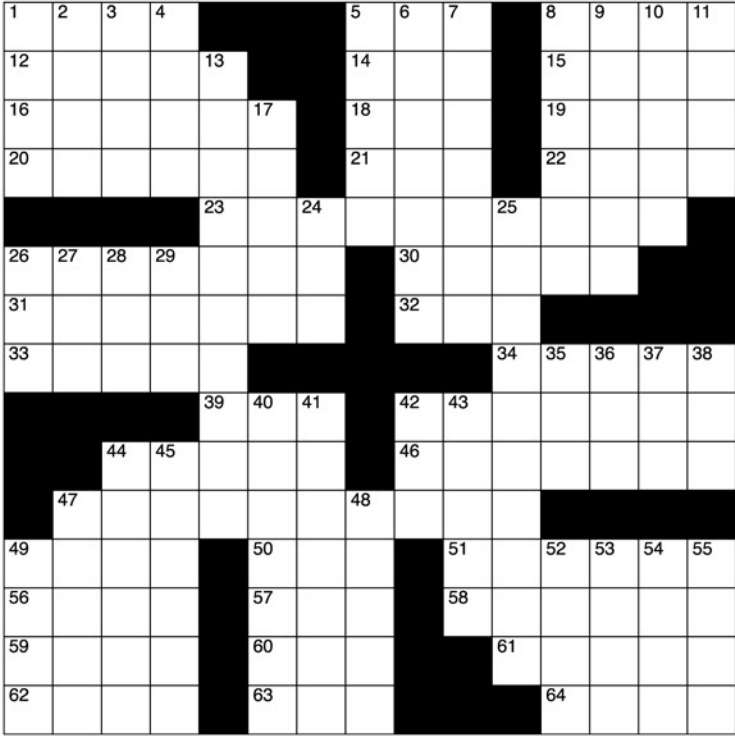
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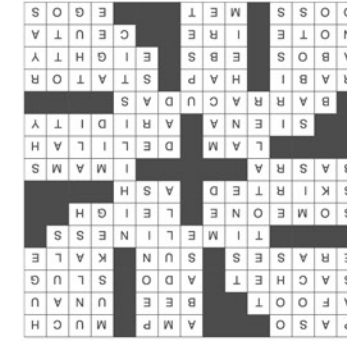
- 1. El __, Texas town
- 5. Rocker's tool
- 8. A lot
- 12. Travelling by ground
- 14. Spelling competition
- 15. Two-toed sloth
- 16. Small perfumed bag
- 18. "Much __ about nothing"
- 19. Tough-skinned mollusk
- 20. Removes from record
- 21. It warms the planet
- 22. Leafy green
- 23. Quality of arriving favorably
- 26. Living thing
- 30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
- 31. Got around a rule
- 32. Resin from burned substance
- 33. Iraq seaport
- 34. Religious leaders
- 39. Fugitives are on it
- 42. Samson's influencer
- 44. Italian city
- 46. A quality of lacking interest
- 47. Predatory tropical fishes
- 49. Nobel physician Isodor
- 50. Luck
- 51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
- 56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
- 57. One point south of due east
- 58. It follows 79
- 59. Paper currency
- 60. Anger
- 61. Spanish seaport
- 62. Sleep in a rough place
- 63. Famous museum
- 64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Soul and calypso song
- 4. Expressions of delight
- 5. Lower in esteem
- 6. Inner region of an organ
- 7. Flowers
- 8. A bog
- 9. Remove a fastening
- 10. Membranes
- 11. Enormous
- 13. One who abstains from drink
- 17. Malayan wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Rejecting all moral principles
- 26. Sino-Soviet block
- 27. Egyptian unit of weight
- 28. Wrong
- 29. Make a mistake
- 35. Indicates location
- 36. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 37. Where wrestlers compete
- 38. Timid
- 40. Disney town
- 41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 42. Male parent
- 43. Remove for good
- 44. Simple shoes



- 45. Flowers
- 47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
- 48. Not pleased
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Oct. 30.....Elkhorn Valley Jr. High Choral Clinic
Oct. 31.....EPS, no preschool-PJCC NHS Bake Sale • Elgin High Community Club Trunk or Treat
Nov. 1.....EPS, no school Pre-K thru 6 •
Nov. 5.....FFA Pre-District Livestock Judging @ Neligh
Nov. 7.....NO SCHOOL, all schools
Nov. 10...FFA District Livestock Judging @ Ord• NVC Choral Clinic at Boyd Co.
Nov. 11.....Veterans Day program at EPS
Nov. 12.....On-to-College Pep Rally at Elkhorn Valley • EPS school board meeting
Nov. 13.....Cyber Patriot Rnd 2
Nov. 18.....NVC One Act @ Verdigre
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Wolfpack Sports

Overton survives second half comeback 49 to 42

OVERTON — It was a tale of two halves and the Wolfpack simply ran out of time.

Elgin Public-Pope John, down 21 at halftime, tied the game midway through the fourth quarter and saw a final drive come up yards short in a 49 to 42 loss to Overton in the opening round of the Class D2 State Football Playoffs.

Few teams in the annals of state playoff history have trailed by so much only to fight back and have a chance to win on their final drive. That will be the legacy of the Wolfpack - battered, bruised and still fighting to win in the end.

“The guys just kept lining up and executing,” Co-Head Coach Nick Heithoff told *The Elgin Review* immediately after the game. “We ran just 3 or 4 plays in the second half. They (Overton) knew we were limited, but that had to stop us and they couldn’t.”

Wolfpack sophomore Evin Pelster put a charge into the team and its fans when he took the second half kickoff and returned it 77 yards for a touchdown. Pelster zig-zagged back and forth across the field then ran up the sideline, catching a big block from Gavin Kallhoff before crossing the goalline.

With a successful two-point PAT, EPPJ was down two scores with plenty of time on the scoreboard. They soon got the ball back just a few plays later when Kallhoff recovered a fumble near midfield.

With quarterback Karson Kallhoff sidelined with a concussion, the Wolfpack ran a ‘Wildcat’ offense where Jarek

Erickson or Grady Drueke took the snap and ran the ball.

Seven times they ran the ball and, on the final run, scored to make it 35 to 28 with 7:11 left in the quarter.

The teams traded possessions before Overton QB Eli Luther found Dexter McCarter for their third touchdown, giving the Eagles a two-score lead.

EPPJ answered the score with one of their own. After Drueke ripped off a 39-yard run to put the ball deep in Eagles’ territory, the Wolfpack scored five plays later with an 8-yard run by Erickson, cutting Overton’s lead to eight points 42 to 34.

Needing a turnover, EPPJ got one when G. Kallhoff picked off Luther near midfield.

The Eagles were unable to stop Erickson & Drueke as EPPJ moved the ball down to the nine-yard line. Facing fourth-and goal on the nine-yard line, EPPJ called timeout.

In the huddle, Coach Heithoff designed a play not in the playbook. With Erickson unable to throw the ball due to a shoulder injury, Heithoff told Drueke to take the snap and roll out to the right. He did just that, then lofted the ball towards the left goalline pylon where Max Henn leaped high into the air to snag the ball for a touchdown. Erickson’s 2-point PAT tied the score at 42-all with 7:07 left in the game.

EPPJ’s defense couldn’t keep Overton out of the endzone and they drove 58 yards in just over three minutes to score on a 22-yard run by Luther.

Down seven with four min-

utes to go, EPPJ began their final drive at their own 29-yard line. Erickson had a 14-yard run to push the ball past midfield. EPPJ then were held to three yards on their next three plays, setting up a fourth down on the Eagles 34-yard line. On their final play, Drueke lofted up a pass for Henn which was picked off on the nine-yard line, then the Eagles ran out the clock to win the game.

“I’ve never been a part of something like that (the comeback),” Coach Matt Euse said. “I’m not surprised with this group, they don’t quit.”

Overton put up 35 first half points, riding the hot arm of Eli Luther. The senior quarterback twice connected for long touchdown passes to Brock McCarter, the last coming with just over one minute left in the half to make the score 35 to 14. When the Eagles weren’t scoring through the air, Anthony Arredondo was bullying his way into the endzone on the ground.

The Wolfpack’s scores in the first half came on runs by Erickson. EPPJ scored the game’s first touchdown with an Erickson three-yard run. His biggest run of the day came in the second quarter when he bolted through the line and went 77 yards to score.

EPPJ rushed for 341 yards in the game, led by Erickson with 213 and Drueke with 125.

Overton had a 301 to 46-yard advantage through the air.

On defense, Erickson and Henn each had 10 tackles to lead the way.

The loss ends the Wolfpack’s season with a 6-3 record. Overton advances to the next round with a 6-3 record to face unbeaten Howells-Dodge Friday night.

Overton 49, EPPJ 42

Wolfpack.....8 6 20 8 — 42
Eagles.....21 14 7 7 — 49
EPPJ — Jarek Erickson 4 run (Erickson run)
OVR — Anthony Arredondo 2 run



Sophomore end Max Henn made the biggest catch of his career, hauling in a 9-yard touchdown pass from Grady Drueke midway through the fourth quarter to tie the score at 42-all. He finished with three receptions for 36 yards.

(Jaisen Gonzalez kick)	OVR — Luther 22 run (Gonzalez kick)	Receiving (#/Yds) — Max Henn 3/36, Jarek Erickson 1/10. Overton — Brock McCarter /143.
OVR — Eli Luther 37 pass to Brock McCarter (Gonzalez kick)	Team Statistics	Tackles (Solo/Ast) — Joseph McNally 1/1, Grady Drueke 2/2, Max Henn 4/6, Jarek Erickson 5/5, Landyn Veik 2/3, Gavin Kallhoff 1/4, Evin Pelster 2/5, Trey Riitterscher 2/2, Justice Blecher 0/1. Overton — Gage Clifton 14/3
OVR — Quinton Anderson 45 interception return (Gonzalez kick)	Passing	Fumble recoveries (#) — Max Henn 1, Gavin Kallhoff 1.
EPPJ — Erickson 77 run (PAT failed)	4/10/3	Interceptions (#) — Gavin Kallhoff 1.
OVR — Arredondo 3 run (Gonzalez kick)	46	
OVR — Luther 33 pass to McCarter (Gonzalez kick)	53/341	
EPPJ — Evin Pelster 77 kickoff return (Erickson run)	387	
EPPJ — Erickson 1 run (PAT failed)	1	
OVR — Luther 30 pass to Dawson McCarter (Gonzalez kick)	3	
EPPJ — Erickson 8 run (PAT failed)	29/135	
EPPJ — Grady Drueke 9 pass to Max Henn (Erickson run)	436	
	1	
	2	
	Individual Statistics	
	Passing (Att/Comp/Int - Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 3/7/1 - 37, Grady Drueke 1/2/1 - 9, Jarek Erickson 0/1/1 - 0. Overton — Eli Luther 13/23/1 - 301.	
	Rushing (#/Yds) — Karson Kallhoff 3/3, Grady Drueke 18/125, Jarek Erickson 34/213. Overton — Anthony Arredondo 11/47.	



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It seemed like every time he carried the ball, Jarek Erickson was dragging tacklers. He scored four of the team’s six touchdowns against Overton.



Grady Drueke found the sideline for a long gain. He finished with 125 yards on 18 carries.

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EPPJ downs Cardinals in 4 sets to win NVC Tournament

NIOBRARA — O’Neill St. Mary’s has been a nemesis to the Wolfpack volleyball team in recent years. No more!

On Friday night, the Wolfpack wrapped up the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament with a four-set victory over the Cardinals.

For the second time this season, EPPJ prevailed over the Cardinals. In the championship match, EPPJ won 25-23, 25-23, 21-25 and 25-12.

Like two champion fighters, each team took the other’s best shot. In the end, when it mattered most, the Wolfpack won the big points.

“We just crushed them,” Coach Jordynn Luettel said about the fourth set. “But, it was a struggle to get there.”

In Set #1, EPPJ trailed for most of the set, finally knotting the score at 23-all. The Wolfpack then closed out the set with an ace serve from Gentry Zwingman and a kill by Braelyn Martinsen.

Set #2 was tied at 23-all, then the Wolfpack got to set point on a Cards’ hitting error. On the next point junior Mady Kurpgeweit, returning to the form which she displayed prior to injuring her ankle several weeks ago, closed out the set with one of her team-high 16 kills.

Hoping for a sweep, EPPJ led til late when St. Mary’s tied the



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Bring out the championship plaque and it’s time to shout for joy. Elgin Public-Pope John earned the NVC championship with a four-set victory over O’Neill St. Mary’s Friday night.

score at 21-all. The Cards then closed out the set with a four-point run.

The Wolfpack finally wore down the Cardinals in the fourth set. Trailing 11 to nine, EPPJ closed out the match winning the final 16 points.

“It was such a team effort,” Luettel said. “They just never

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gave up on a ball. The pursuit was fantastic.”

Kurpgeweit and Kayton Zwingman had their way at the net and Camry Kittelson’s pin-point serving carried the team to victory.

“It means a lot to be a conference champion,” Kurpgeweit said after the match. “We’ve been working on this for a few years and to finally get it, it’s exciting ... We knew we were going to come out and dominate.”

Kurpgeweit led hitters with 16 kills on 44 swings. Braelyn Martinsen had 14 kills and K. Zwingman added 10 kills to go along with a team-high three solo blocks.

In the back row, G. Zwingman led in serve receive (37) and digs (21).

Kittelson had 34 set assists, Elizabeth Moser added 11.

The victory improved EPPJ’s record to 19-10.

EPPJ 3, St. Mary’s 1

Cardinals.....	23	23	25	12
Wolfpack.....	25	25	21	25



Braelyn Martinsen stretches high for one of her kills Friday night.

Wolfpack roll past NC in semi-final round

NIOBRARA — North Central had no answer for the Wolfpack Tuesday night as EPPJ swept the Knights in the semi-final round of the Niobrara Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament.

Playing less than 24 hours after their opening round victory, the Wolfpack showed on this night that they would not be denied a spot in the championship match.

Sophia Burke had three of the team’s nine ace serves in the match. Camry Kittelson and Gentry Zwingman each had two.

But, it was at the net where the Wolfpack displayed their dominance on this night. They recorded 33 kills in 105 swings with just 15 hitting errors.

Senior Kayton Zwingman led the way with 11 kills, Braelyn Martinsen added nine and Camry Kittelson had six to go along with a team-high 17 set assists.

EPPJ had just five errors in serve receive in the match. Gentry Zwingman led with 27 and also was tops in digs with 21.

EPPJ 3, NC 0

Knights.....	17	21	24	
Wolfpack.....	25	25	25	

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 6/19/2, Brooke Kinney 1/1/0, Kayton Zwingman 11/24/4, Braelyn Martinsen 9/36/6, Mady Kurpgeweit 1/1/0, Jael Lammers 3/15/2, Lillian Moser 1/5/1, Aubrie Parks 0/3/0, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0. Team totals: 33/105/15

Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 8/21/3, Kayton Zwingman 10/32/5, Braelyn Martinsen 14/40/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 16/44/8, Jael Lammers 6/22/4, Lillian Moser 2/2/0, Elizabeth Moser 1/2/0. Team totals: 57/163/24

Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 2/31, Gentry Zwingman 1/23, Brooke Kinney 0/12, Martinsen 2/13/1, Sophia Burke 0/10, E. Moser 0/6. Team totals: 5/96

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 3/0, Martinsen 0/1, L. Moser 1/1. Team totals: 4/2



Junior Mady Kurpgeweit, seeing her most extensive playing time since injuring her ankle weeks ago, had 16 kills against the Cardinals.



Kayton Zwingman, Jael Lammers and, in the background, Camry Kittelson, helped lead EPPJ to their 19th victory of the season.

Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 2/11, Gentry Zwingman 2/16, Kinney 1/18, Martinsen 1/8, Sophia Burke 3/13, E. Moser 0/6. Team totals: 9/72

Blocking (BS/BA) — K. Zwingman 4/0, Lammers 0/1, L. Moser 1/1. Team totals: 5/2

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 12/1, G. Zwingman 21/7, Kinney 5/2, Martinsen 14/4, Kurpgeweit 1/0, Lammers 6/0, Parks 1/1, E. Moser 4/1. Team totals: 64/16

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 17/50/1, G. Zwingman 0/2/0, Kinney 1/6/0, Martinsen 0/3/0, Lammers 0/1/0, E. Moser 11/38/4. Team totals: 29/100/5

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 2/1, G. Zwingman 27/1, Kinney 8/2, Martinsen 8/1, Lammers 2/0. Team totals: 47/5

EPPJ sweeps Lady Cougars

ELGIN — The Wolfpack began the Niobrara Valley Conference Tournament with an opening round battle against Niobrara/Verdigre.

The Cougars, having defeated Chambers/Wheeler Central in five sets earlier in the evening, were no match for the Wolfpack as EPPJ swept them 25-18, 25-11 and 25-19.

Seven front row players registered kills in the match which didn’t get underway til around 9 p.m. due to both earlier matches going five sets.

Braelyn Martinsen led Wolfpack hitters with 12 kills on 29 swings, Camry Kittelson had nine kills on 26 swings.

The Wolfpack had seven solo blocks in the match as Lillian Moser and Kayton Zwingman each had three and Martinsen one.

Gentry Zwingman led the team in digs (16) and serve receive (14).

EPPJ 3, Niobrara/Verdigre 0

Digs (D/DE) — Tessa Barlow 0/1, Kittelson 20/5, G. Zwingman 21/8, Kinney 13/2, K. Zwingman 3/0, Martinsen 14/8, Kurpgeweit 3/1, Lammers 6/0, L. Moser 1/0, Burke 3/3, E. Moser 3/4. Team totals: 87/32

Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 34/91/3, G. Zwingman 0/1/0, Kinney 1/5/0, Martinsen 5/11/0, E. Moser 11/36/1. Team totals: 51/144/4

Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 2/1, G. Zwingman 37/3, Kinney 7/1, Martinsen 7/3, Lammers 11/1, E. Moser 0/1. Team totals: 84/10



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