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In Brief //

VFW planning 'Buy a Veteran a Drink' event

November 11 through the 15.

The Elgin VFW Auxiliary #5816 will be doing a special event to recognize veterans next week.

From Monday through Friday, November 11-15, the auxiliary will 'Buy a Veteran a Beverage' at two locations in Elgin. Veterans can stop in at Hometown Station or Elgin OneStop to get your beverage.

Blue Ribbon applications are now available

At locations in Elgin and Neligh.

Blue Ribbon applications are now available to pick up in Elgin at Dean's Market, the Elgin Public School website (https://www.elgineagles.org) or the Pope John website (https://pjcrusaders.org)

They can be picked up in Neligh at The Willows, Arbor Care, Heritage Bank, Pinnacle Bank, AMH Family Practice, Neligh Clinic, Neligh-Oakdale Pre-school, Thriftway, Neligh Library, and at the Neligh-Oakdale website (http://www.nelighoakdale-schools.com).

Applications need to be returned to the courthouse to a drop box by the vending machine, or mailed to Antelope County Courthouse, Attn: Ribbon Tree, P.O. Box 26, Neligh, NE 68756 by Wednesday, November 20. (or email to smilesalways3@hotmail.com).

This ongoing project sponsored by the Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA provides families as well as residents of the Arbor Care and The Willows with an opportunity for a better Christmas.

If you'd like to purchase a gift for the Ribbon Tree, you can find them on Christmas trees at the Pinnacle Bank in Neligh and at the Neligh Library on or after November 25. All gifts should be placed under the trees no later than December 13.

Public Notices /

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:Notice to Bidders — Antelope County

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Notice of Incorporation — Outlaw Acres
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Weather

The high temperature last week was 73 degrees recorded on October

The low temperature during the same period was 30 degrees recorded on November 1. Altogether, 0.12 of an inch of precipitation was recorded last week. Following are the high and low temperatures, and precipitation amounts, as recorded by Elgin weather observer Leonard Orlowski.

Date	High	Low	Prec
Oct. 27	71	41	.00
Oct. 28	71	40	.00
Oct. 29	73	40	.00
Oct. 30	46	34	.12
Oct. 31	48	39	.00
Nov. 1	60	30	.00
Nov. 2	58	35	.00
Total for last week			0.12
Total for October			0.12
Total precipitation 2024			18.77



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Doing their civic duty, Elgin voters out early on election day

Early Tuesday morning, voters stood in line at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall to mark ballots for the 2024 General Election. Poll workers were busy like their counterparts across the county and the nation. Residents are encouraged to go to the Elgin Review's Facebook page or www.elginreview.com to see unofficial results.

Emotions ran high for the Wolfpack in the postseason

When it comes to the volleyball postseason, everything matters more. Each point, each set, each match takes on more meaning, especially for high school seniors who understand the season is on the line. The Wolfpack volleyball team found themselves in a battle for the subdistrict championship Wednesday night against Crofton. Teammates Natalie Burenheide and Chloe Henn shared this late match moment, holding hands as EPPJ rallied to win the fourth set. Crofton won the match, but EPPJ's season was not done as they earned a wildcard berth. On Saturday, EPPJ's season did come to an end in the district final at Yutan, Trusting each other, the team finished with a 26-6 record. Congratulations!

E-R photo/DMorgan



Fehringer to give Veterans Day Address

Veterans Day will be observed in Elgin with a special program next week.On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month (11 a.m. Monday, November 11), the annual observance will be held in the gymnasium at Elgin Public School.

The event, will feature presentations and music from students at Elgin's schools as well as participation from the VFW and American

Legion posts and their auxiliaries, will begin at 11 a.m. in the school gym. Giving the Veterans Day Address will be Jim Fehringer.

Jim Fehringer.
He grew up in
the Humphrey/
Lindsay area
and graduated
from Lindsay
Holy Family High
School in 1961. He ti

Jim Fehringer

Holy Family High School in 1961. He then attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk. After graduation, Jim

volunteered for the draft and entered the US Army as a private. He was sent to Germany to serve as a radio signal operator for the Seventh Army 97th signal Corps.

When he returned home from Germany in 1965, Fehringer attended the University of Nebraska and majored in Ag Economics, graduating in 1968.

Then, in 1971, he made the decision to enter Creighton University law school. He graduated in December 1973. He practiced law in Columbus for 50 years and is now retired from the practice.

At the conclusion of the program, the Elgin Community Center will offer a free meal to all veterans. The meal is being sponsored by Thunderhead Energy Center. Please call (402) 843-5757 by November 8 to reserve a meal (eat in or carry

The meal will feature Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, corn, lettuce salad and pumpkin cake. The cost for all others will be over 60 - \$7; under 60 - \$10.

Beckman finds Elgin to be a 'blessing'

By Jane Schuchardt

Special to The Elgin Review

Editor's Note: This continues a series of monthly articles celebrating pride in our town and its surroundings shown through the experience of residents and organizations.

When you mix two elements together, sometimes thought to be quite unlikely, you get a hybrid. In this case, it's Hannah Beckman's passion.

Speaking from her cozy basement office in her Elgin home, Beckman wanted to be a fashion designer, instead became a missionary, and combined the two into a business selling clothing, jewelry, and gifts inspired by faith.

Introduce 'Beloved a boutique' launched in May 2020 with sales primarily online and with some vendor shows. "My dream is to own a storefront where I can sell gifts for Baptisms (and other religious celebrations) and have a place for Bible study," she said caressing her little boy due in March 2025.

Married November 2023 to Grant, son of Scott and Deb Beckman of Elgin, she was a Lincolnite through and through. She graduated Pius X Catholic High School in 2011 and University of Nebraska-Lincoln in fashion design in 2015.

After completing her formal education, she engaged in campus missionary work with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at the University of Illinois and Western Michigan University. FOCUS helps students live out their faith while in college, Beckman said.

This experience took her all over the world. She rattled off countries and cities where she's spread the Word -- Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico. Then her husband's sister-in-law introduced her to Grant, employed at Dittrich Farms, Tilden, and she ended up settling here in Elgin.

"It's a totally different atmosphere here (compared to Lincoln); I really like it," she said with no sign of yearning to be back in the bigger city. "It's a slower pace, and I've gotten used to the quiet."

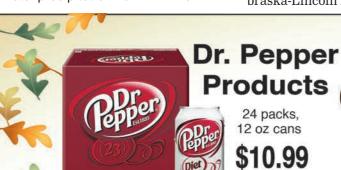
She credits St. Boniface Catholic Church for helping her to meet people especially through the Bible study she leads every other Wednesday in her home. The six women involved "get to know each other on a deeper level," she said, "and grow their faith." She also pitches in at River Mill Coffee Shop in Neligh on occasion which gets her out

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Photo submitted

Hannah Beckman displays one of her boutique items. She has combined being a missionary and a fashion designer into a business selling items inspired by faith.



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this year
for the
holiday.
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From JoAnn Baum's Kitchen

Hamburger Casserole & No Name Dessert

Good morning, What a beautiful fall day! As I am sitting in my office



with pen and paper and my favorite coffee, I am wondering what I am going to make for supper tonight?

Don't we all want it quick and easy? Here's a casserole that's a meal in one. It's perfect to pack up and bring out to the harvest crew.

You might want to add two cans of green beans. I think you could use corn in this recipe if that's what you like.

This dessert can also be served as a salad. Make sure it's really chilled before serving it. It's so yummy! Enjoy!

HAMBURGER CASSEROLE 2 lbs hamburger

1 medium onion

1 can green beans

3 cups mashed potatoes 1 can cream of chicken soup

Shredded cheese (optional)

Brown the hamburger and onion. Put it in the bottom of a 9x13 inch glass pan. Drain the beans and put on top of the hamburger.

Next, layer the cream of chicken soup and then top with the mashed potatoes. Make sure the mashed potatoes seal the edges of the pan.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until potatoes are golden brown on top. Delicious

NO NAME DESSERT

1 tall can drained crushed pineapple 1 can cherry pie filling

2 cups miniature marshmallows 1/2 cup chopped nuts 1 can sweetened condensed milk 18 oz container Cool Whip®

Combine all the ingredients. Pour into a 9x13 inch pan. Chill it for awhile. Cut into squares and serve.

Beckman

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of the house. Otherwise, she's stringing beads for Catholic Rosaries and Miraculous Medal necklaces. Cross necklaces also are available. She does buy from some companies for resale though enjoys selling her homemade wares, currently working on a bracelet line.

Her clothing is medium-priced and modest, tireless with classic styles, she described, with lines "showing the true beauty of the women wearing them."

Beckman also works fulltime for Hudl®, a product and service of Agile Sports Technologies, Inc., a Lincoln-based technology company providing tools for coaches and athletes to review game footage and improve team

Immunization, WIC clinics to be Thursday

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership will hold the Neligh WIC and Immunization clinic on Thursday November 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

It will be held at the American Legion- 115 W. 3rd Street Neligh, NE 68756.

For an appointment or for more information regarding the WIC or Immunization programs please call (402) 385-6300.

NENCAP's WIC Program provides nutrition education and supplemental foods to income eligible pregnant, breast-feeding, or postpartum women, infants, and children to age 5 years.



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play, according to Wikipedia. Beckman dubbed it "YouTube for sports teams." For forty hours a week she engages pri-

the tool. Wrapping up a year living in Elgin, Beckman recognized the 'wholesomeness' of our town. "You begin to realize what things matter most in life - getting to know your neigh-

bors, being with family," she

marily online with club volley-

parents, and coaches how to use

ball teams teaching athletes,

said. "People care for each other Back to her business, though

open for anybody regardless of religious beliefs, it's primarily a Christian-based boutique, she said. She hopes to help customers find the Lord or strengthen an existing faith.

See her merchandise by going to beloved about ique.com for online sales. She also welcomes customers to her home to try on clothing and view the Christian jewelry and gifts. You can reach her through Facebook Messenger or on Instagram.

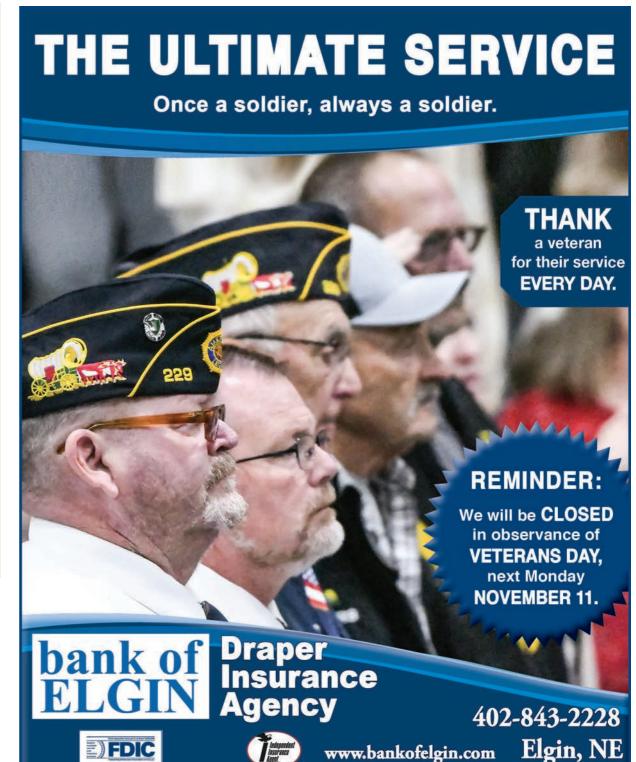
Thank you, Hannah, for making Elgin your home and for bringing another business to

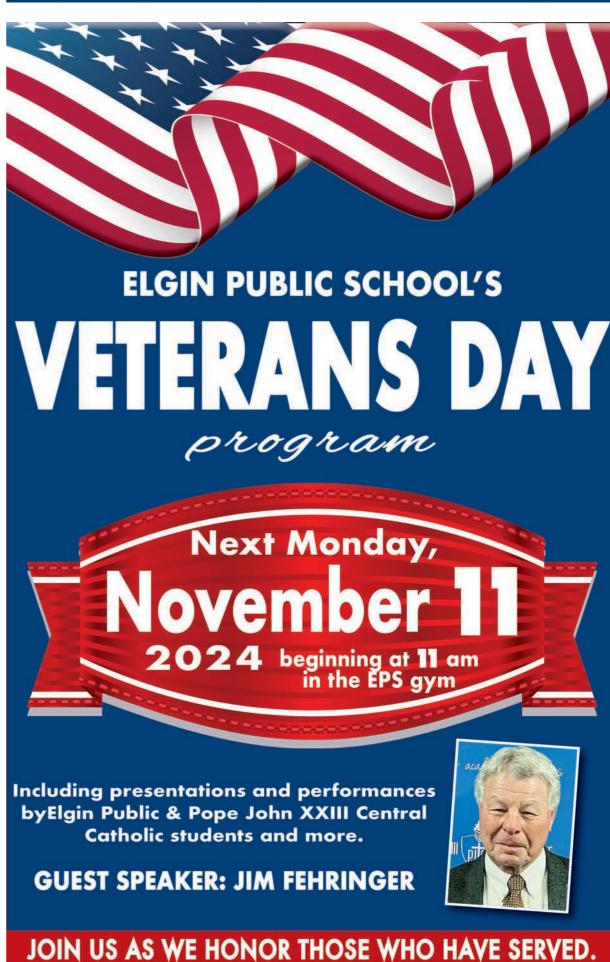
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What would we do without the wheel?

Say What?

Elgin Columnist

Exactly how many wheels do you need for a quick couple of glorious autumn days at Lake McConaughy out west in Nebraska. Four to get there and eight to wheel around the beach with two other couples.

Yep, we hauled 2 four-wheelers on the trailer pulled by the farm truck. Sure, we needed seating and seat belts for six. Maybe more importantly, we needed a second to pull out the first if needed from deep, silky, soft

Almost happened, though four-wheel drive on each one kept us out of trouble.

The Lake Mac beach is wider on this gigantic Nebraska reservoir now, since the water level is at 50 percent capacity. Evidently, there is concern for the integrity of the dam. The knowledgeable

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to 75 percent until

So much fun. What would we do without the wheel? Planting and harvest would be done by hand only. We'd have to rely on a horse or walk to get from place to place. Bowls, pots, and plates would have to be molded without the assistance of a pottery wheel. Yarn would be hand twisted

without the spinning wheel.

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places as Machu Picchu in Peru and the Great Pyramids of Giza in Egypt, weighty stones were said to have been moved in place by rolling over logs. Then how were the giant rocks hoisted to high places? Seriously. intervention by ancient aliens sometimes seems like an interesting thought.

Traveling to such

Ever get miffed by the guy who comes across as a big wheel though really is asleep at the

wheel when it comes to smarts, fortune, fame, honesty and integrity. Maybe it's time to quit spinning his wheel, face reality, and let someone else more capable take the wheel.

Remember that amazing feeling when your training wheels got taken off your bicycle? Of course, you had to be the 'squeaky wheel that gets the grease' begging the Santa in your family for your very own bicycle. Maybe you were that fifth wheel in your neighborhood, since most kids your age got the shiny new Schwinn years before.

If you can't quite make the onair cut for the popular TV game show Wheel of Fortune, running

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Elgin Community Center Menus

Monday, November 11: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, corn, pineapple, bread, butter, milk. Tuesday, November 12: Chicken penne pasta, asparagus, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit,

Wednesday, November 13: Baked pork steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, fruit cocktail, bread, butter, milk. Thursday, November 14: Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, pineapple, bread, butter,

chicken noodle soup, carrots/ celery, cheese sandwich, cottage cheese, pineapple, bread, butter,

(All meals served with bread &

subject to change). Suggested price is \$7 per meal for persons 60 years of age and

Under 60 is \$10.00. Serving starts at 11:45 a.m. and ends around 12:15 p.m.

Meals are served Monday thru Friday. Takeout starting at 11:30 a.m. Please call 843-5757 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal. for that day.

bread, butter, milk.

Friday, November 15: Chili/

butter.

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Looking Back Elgin Review

Sixty Years Ago

November 5, 1964

Bessie M. Sward, daughter of Chauncey and Rachael Bennett Seeley, was born here, Oct. 3, 1877, and departed this life at a Columbus hospital Oct. 31, 1964 at the age of 87 years and 28 days.

President Lyndon B. Johnson won a smashing victory to return to the White House over Barry Goldwater in Tuesday's general election. Early returns gave Johnson a lead of 39,500,000 to 24,899,000 over Goldwater. The president's electoral votes came where it counted and he received a total of 486 to Goldwater's 47.

Blood donors here Friday took an active interest in contributing to this worthy cause and exceeded the quota by ten pints. Ninety-five donors registered with six rejects for a total of 89 pints of blood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckman are the parents of twin sons born Oct. 28, 1964 in the Antelope Memorial hospital. One infant weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. had been named Michael Anthony and his brother weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. has been named Dennis William.

Two archers from this area accounted for their deer as of Wednesday, Oct. 28. Joseph G. Funk of Ewing took a mule deer and Ronald L. Heermann of Oakdale bagged a deer of undetermined species.

Fifty Years Ago

November 7, 1974

The Elgin Community Improvement Program Arts Development Committee will sponsor a "Western Art Show" featuring thee works of Hastings professional artist, Mr. Herb Mignery. His paintings are very realistic, active, colorful, often humorous, definitely detailed and always extremely original.

Donors of Blood who contributed to this worthy cause Wednesday, Oct. 30 while the Red Cross bloodmobile unit was set up at the Legion Club oversubscribed the quota by 10 pints. Elgin's quota was 85 pints and 95 pints was received from 98 donors.

Sister M. Martha Grundmayer, O.S.F. died Oct. 19, 1974 at St. Joseph's Convent in Campbellsport, Wisc. and the funeral was held there on Oct. 22.

Doris Josten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Josten, who is a second year student in the Veterinary Technology program at the University of Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture was selected as an Honor Student for the fourth quarter.

Jane Schindler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schindler, has been accepted into Kaydettes, a precision drill team at Kearney State College. Kaydettes serve as hostesses at commencements, public performances, pageants, and world affairs conferences.

Thirty Years Ago

November 2, 1994

Lt. Gov. Kim Robak visited with local students at the Pope John Central Catholic School Library last Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 25.

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Edward R. Murrow

Getting serious about border security

Border security has long been a serious challenge facing our nation. Between the 1,933 miles of the US-Mexico border and the 5,525 miles comprising our borders with Canada, there is no shortage of vulnerabilities which can be exploited by America's enemies. Ignoring this fact creates a crisis of national security, humanitarian concern, economic strain, and public safety. Sadly, under the open border policies of the Biden-Harris administration, the crisis has gotten worse.

Lax and unsecure borders present just the kind of weakness criminal gangs, international adversaries, and state sponsors of terrorism such as Iran would seek to exploit. To protect Americans, we must restore sound border

While the volume of illegal crossings is greater on our southern border, the risk of entry by bad actors via Canada has risen under the Biden-Harris administration. According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), border agents encountered 422 individuals on the terror watchlist-of whom 283 were apprehended on the U.S.-Canada border—trying to enter the U.S. between ports of entry in the first 10 months of Fiscal Year 2024. Furthermore, a September 30, 2024, report from the DHS Office of Inspector

FROM THE HILL



Congressman **Adrian Smith**

General highlighted concerns about individuals DHS released into our country who had no identification nor any other reliable way to verify their self-reported personal informa-

After years of denying the real concerns of the American people regarding inadequate border security, this year

the current administration has cynically pivoted to create a veneer of concern. Early in 2024, when the issue gained increased national attention and media coverage, the administration issued press releases on border security which proved to be little more than virtue signaling, with no meaningful deterrence of illegal behavior. The so-called "bipartisan border agreement" which is not even bipartisan enough to achieve cloture and be debated in the Senate is based around expanding federal authorities to stop illegal crossings when those crossing exceed a 4,000 or 5,000 per day threshold. It should be clear that 4,000 or 5,000 illegal crossing attempts per day outside our legitimate ports of entry is 4,000 or 5,000 too many.

In fact, Vice President Harris's trip to the southern border this September was her first since 2021, the year President Biden publicly placed her in charge of efforts to stem the tide of illegal immigration. During the last four years, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has repeatedly claimed the border is secure While visiting the border in January earlier this year, I have seen the reality is the opposite. As illegal human and drug trafficking continues, the Vice President's inattentiveness to the location, alongside the Department of Justice's efforts to sue the state of Texas for actions taken to secure its own section of the border, show an executive branch led by Biden-Harris which is inexplicably working against what it takes to protect the American people.

Getting serious about border security would include returning to policies which were successful at stemming the tide of illegal immigration under the Trump administration: completion of the border wall, ending catch-and-release, and reinstating Remain in Mexico. The need for repair and upgrades to technology used in border security operations is also urgent. Earlier this month, reporting on a U.S. Customs and

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Big lake dreams dashed by feasibility report

Like a comet that swings by the earth every few years, there's been talk now and then about placing some huge development between Omaha and Lincoln along the Platte River.

Between the state's two largest cities would be an ideal location for a new football stadium for the Cornhuskers, the reasoning goes.

An airport there would attract more flights to and from our state. And wouldn't a huge lake look great along Interstate 80 in that spot?

Back in the day, the idea was to dam up the Platte River and create a massive reservoir upriver from Ashland and

ALL THINGS

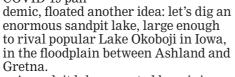
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State Correspondent

Paul Hammel

Gretna. But those proposals were quickly shot down like pheasants on opening weekend after residents of Ashland - whose homes and businesses would be inundated by the lake - howled objections.

So a group of state legislators, flush with money during the COVID-19 pan-



A sandpit lake – created by mining out the sand - wouldn't displace any residents, they argued, and a 3,600-acre lake would lure tourists from out of state, inspire development of condominiums, parks and restaurants, and, best of all, help retain and attract population/workforce.

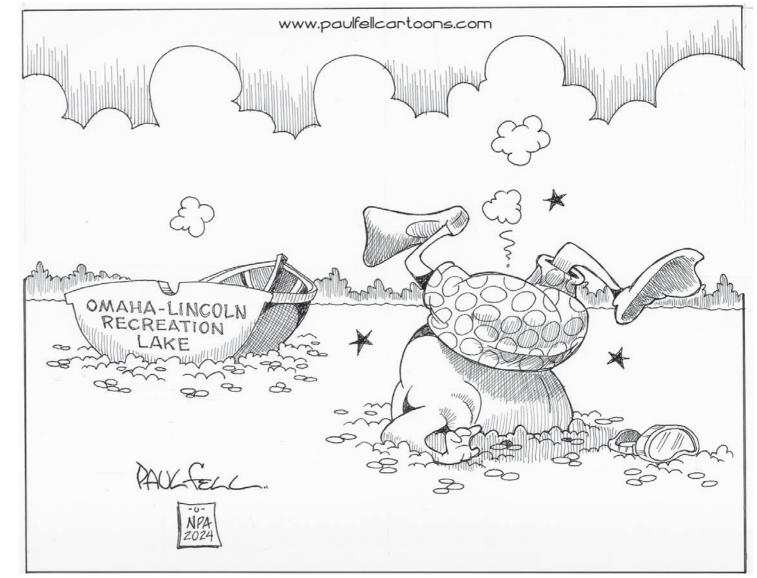
Then-State Sen. Mike Hilgers (now our attorney general) pitched the proj-

ect as "a big swing."

And it was. The pretty conservative Nebraska Legislature rarely sticks out its collective neck. Floating a \$1-billion-plus project was thinking big, unusually big.

Lawmakers set aside \$20 million to determine if the lake - dubbed "Lake Mike" around the Capitol because three senators who backed the idea were named Mike (Mike Flood and Mike Mc-Donnell were the others) – was feasible. That generated a glossy Powerpoint and brochure picturing marinas full of boats and lakeside, luxury condominiums – a literal Florida resort on the

Well, call off the boat parade. A report released recently ditched the idea



of digging a massive sandpit between Ashland and Gretna because of projections that it would eventually seep "contaminants" into the wellfield that provides drinking water for the City of

That no-go conclusion must have been reached pretty quickly because the feasibility study quickly pivoted in scope from its original intent – looking at whether it would impact wellfields operated by Lincoln and Omaha - to other alternatives.

Don't get me wrong – if Mother Nature had provided a massive water body between the state's two largest cities, I'd love it, and I'm sure we'd see more residents in our state.

"More people" has been sort of a Holy Grail over the years to solve all of the state's problems, from our workforce shortage and high property taxes.

But instead, the Almighty gave us the Platte River: a mile wide and an inch deep as they say, "too thick to drink, too thin to plow."

The Platte is fun to run around in when the river's down and it's a braided sandy beach in summer, but not conducive for motor boats or jet skis. The alternatives outlined in the re-

cent big lake report seem more improbable than Lake Mike. Digging two sandpit lakes near

Louisville would displace more people and some existing lakes, and the report admitted there aren't many good sites for huge sandpits.

So the report veered into damming up the Salt Creek west of Ashland and the Elkhorn River south of Nickerson. Both would flood farmland, never a

popular idea, and have issues with silt. So it's back to the drawing board for the next big dream along I-80 between the state's two largest cities.

There's already two nice state parks in that area (Mahoney and Platte River) and Ashland is developing into a tourist town, with wineries, art galleries and boutiques, a couple nice steakhouses and eventually, a brewery with trendy

pickleball courts.

For water worshipers, the good news is that there's already more than 280 sandpit lakes in the lower Platte River floodplain providing more than 8,000 acres of water recreation and lakeside housing sites.

And the recent report predicted that private developers will no doubt create more sandpit lakes.

So that's good news for taxpayers. Instead of \$1 billion of taxpayer funds pursuing the big lake dream, let private business do it.

Paul Hammel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for

He retired in April as 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

Keeping the 'farm' in the farm bill

As harvest draws to a close, Nebraska's producers are worried.

Farmers especially feel the weight of higher costs and interest rates. While input costs have risen, market prices have stumbled. With corn hovering at \$4 and soybeans at \$9, the Department of Agriculture projects farm income will be down 6.8 percent compared to last year.

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U.S. Senator **Deb Fischer**

On top of all this, many farms and ranches across our state are experiencing drought conditions. This is likely causing some variable yields, and

drought has certainly affected pasture and range conditions as Stressful times like these are

why we have a Farm Bill—to ensure that no matter the annual ups and downs, America's farm and ranch families will survive. But we need a new Farm Bill that addresses the unique problems facing producers right now.

The Republicans on the Senate Agriculture Committee have released a Farm Bill framework that addresses trade and other

It invests in the farm safety net, crop insurance, voluntary and locally-driven conservation, and trade promotion programs.

Our framework is based on what we've heard from the farmers and ranchers in our home states. These

are producers' priorities.

But so far, Democrats have rejected our framework. As usual, their primary objectives for the Farm Bill are climate change initiatives and nutrition programs.

I support important programs to help children and families who are experiencing unmet nutritional

There's no reason we can't take care of families in need of nutrition assistance while also ensuring that America's ag producers have the tools they need to be But we need to keep the farm in the Farm Bill, now

more than ever.

My Republican colleagues and I are working hard to collaborate with the Democrats without sacrificing necessary ag priorities. We feel confident that the current environment will

convince our Democrat colleagues to collaborate to help struggling producers across the country. Our Farm Bill framework would strengthen crop

insurance and other risk management tools for pro-It would provide a more than 25 percent increase in

locally led and voluntary conservation programs. It would also increase funding for critical animal health programs and support ag research by investing a minimum of \$1 billion in the Research Facilities Act.

The framework also doubles funding for trade promotion programs. This summer, the USDA estimated that the agricultural trade deficit will be a record \$32

This is up from the previous record, set in 2023, of \$16.7 billion. It's only the fourth agricultural trade

deficit in the last 50 years. But Nebraska agriculture needs overseas markets—our exports alone generate \$8.3 billion.

That's why strengthening trade is so critical in the

upcoming Farm Bill. Our Farm Bill framework includes a few bills I've introduced this Congress as well. My PAL Act and PRECISE Act would make it easier for producers to adopt precision ag technology.

The PAL Act would create a USDA loan program for precision ag equipment, and the PRECISE Act would expand current USDA loans to include precision ag

My Last Acre Act would create another USDA program to expand broadband connectivity across farmland and ranchland, so producers can use that

And my Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act would also better support our ag producers when disaster strikes.

Passing a Farm Bill in a lame duck session will be challenging, but Democrats must come to the table for the sake of our farm and ranch families. They need to work with Republicans to increase investments in commodity programs, crop insurance, trade promo-

tion, and ag research. This week, Senator Ricketts and I held a town hall with the members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau. I told members how it's critical for them to contact lawmakers and share their experiences.

Hearing their stories helps everyone understand the Farm Bill's importance, and it gives us examples to

share with colleagues in Washington.

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She spent about an hour speaking to student from Pope John, and juniors and seniors from Elgin High School.

Stan and Dorothy Heithoff of Elgin are the parents of a son, Nicklaus Adam, born Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Boone County Health Center in Albion.

Smith

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Border Patrol (CBP) memo revealed 30 percent of cameras used for security operations on the border are not functional. Not only does this hinder CBP efforts to do their job and uphold the rule of law, it fails to protect agents who put their lives on the line to protect our

Legislation passed by House Republicans this Congress, H.R. 2, directly addresses the need for investment in border security. Yet Democrats have repeatedly rejected the bill's real solutions to restoring sound border policy on behalf of the American people. My own visit to the border this year was troubling, to say the least, as I observed the consequences of the White House's neglect and irresponsibility. We cannot continue to accept a status quo which threatens both national security and public safety. The federal government is expected to secure the borders of our country. We must restore commonsense border policy and keep Americans safe.

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Pauline Marker (I) and Patty Collins (r) are shown passing out treats, representing the Bartlett Lions Club.

Wheeeler Central hosted a Trunk or Treat Halloween event Thursday afternoon, October 31 held around the football field. Preschool through sixth grade students paraded through the high school attired in Halloween costumes before heading down to the event.

Junior high and high school students attended the event beginning at 3:20 p.m. Each student received a colorful Halloween bag donated by Wheeler Central Booster Club. The bag was then filled with candy, juice bags, fun trinkets, etc., by a large number of Wheeler County businesses.

Participating businesses were Cornerstone Bank, Bibs and Boots, Country Partners, Wheeler County Court House, Plugge Shop, Wheeler Central Booster Club, Bartlett Lions Club, Adoria's Daycare, The Brass Bunk House, Sprout

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The Wheeler County GOP met October 21 at the old fire hall in Ericson with 15 individuals attending. Guests were Ethan Clark and John Walz.

Various issues discussed were State Board of Education; importance of conservative votes; school land - how that income is used and how to get that income back to local schools; and constitutional amendments on the

Ethan Clark from Ord, running to be a representative of the 41st District, gave a short speech and took questions. John Walz spoke of the constitutionality of various subject matters.



Trunk or Treat was held on the Wheeler Central football field on Thursday, October 31. Mary Burk as Little Red Riding Hood (I) and Lettie Nichols as the Big Bad Wolf (r) from Herd Co.

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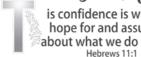
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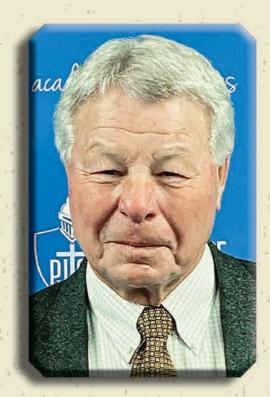


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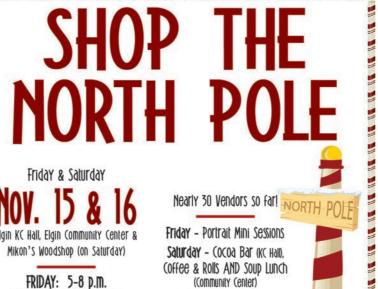
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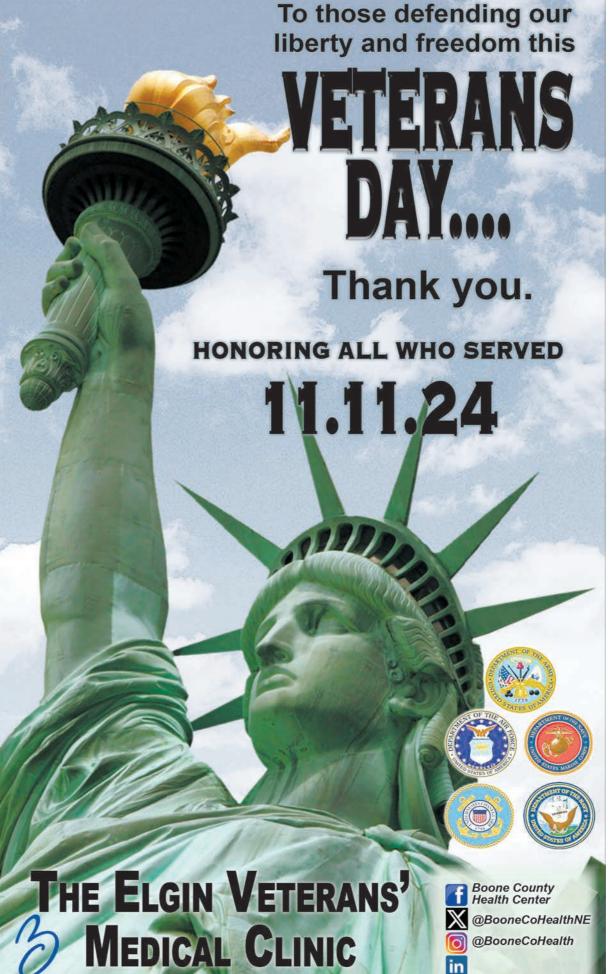
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Tuesday, November 12 Elgin City Council public hearing on sidewalks at KC Hall @ 7 p.m.*

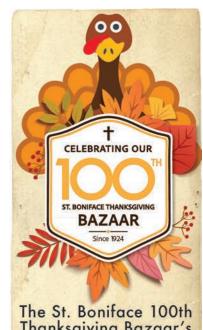
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City Clerk Kristin Childers announced Monday that the public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12. Beginning at 7 p.m., it will be held at the Elgin Knights of Columbus Hall.

The purpose of the meeting "is to hear public opinion on removal, retainage or requirement of sidewalks within Elgin city limits.

No action will be taken at the meeting. However, it's possible, if it's placed on the agenda, action could take place at the next regular meeting of the council which will be held in December.

USDA issuing \$2 billion in payments

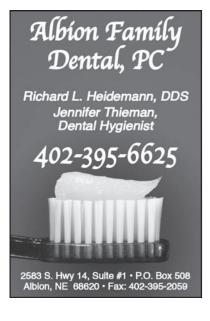
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (ŪSDA) has begun issuing more than \$2.14 billion in payments to eligible agricultural producers, and landowners—providing much needed support through key conservation and safety-net programs. Producers should soon receive payments from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) for their participation in these programs aimed to conserve natural resources and keep family farms economically viable.

Specifically, program participants are expected to receive more than \$1.7 billion through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and CRP Transition Incentive Program (CRP TIP) and more than \$447 million through the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Prices Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) programs. Additionally, FSA is announcing an investment of \$21 million for projects to better measure the effectiveness of CRP.

"Conservation and safety net program payments are significant investments in preserving and protecting our valuable and vulnerable natural resources and they provide protection f producers impacted by market volatilities," said Tim Divis, **Acting FSA State Executive** Director in Nebraska. "These programs support voluntary land stewardship and provide agricultural producers with risk protection and production stability, keeping them in business and feeding the world.'

FSA is issuing more than \$1.7 billion in annual rental payments to agricultural producers and private landowners through the Conservation Reserve Program and CRP Transition Incentive Program. These annual rental payments are made to eligible farmers and ranchers throughout the country.





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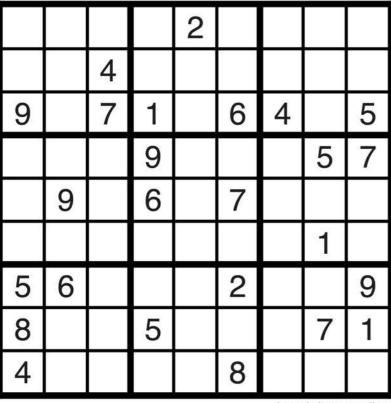
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harvested and moved to another location, slowly depleting of the major nutrients needed for plant growth.

Two other factors to consider are weed control and available moisture during the growing season. Pastures that are weedy may benefit more by addressing grazing practices and controlling weeds rather than

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Beef Systems Asst. Ext. Educator Ben Beckman

fertility. In these situations, additional nutrients are used by the weeds and can make matters

When it comes to production, especially for native grass hay and pastures, moisture is the most limiting factor, not fertility. You can apply all the fertilizer in the world, but doing so in a drought won't help plants grow. Fertilizer applications on dry land areas, especially for nitrogen, should be based

on expected moisture. Once we have a location selected, we can begin sampling. Pull 10-20 cores at a consistent depth of 8 inches for every 40 acres sampled. These samples can be taken in a representative area for the field, or arranged by soil type and topography. Mix samples together and take about a pint's worth out to send

off for analysis.

In Nebraska, the main long term fertility focus should look at phosphorus and potassium. In areas of the state with sandy, low organic soils, sulfur should also be included. Finally, keep an eye on soil pH. Differences in soil pH play a big role in nutrient availability. Nitrogen is one element that a test now may not provide beneficial results for. Nitrogen is nearly always used or lost in the year it is applied, so a soil test this fall doesn't help much with planning next spring. In alfalfa fields, nitrogen isn't a concern at all as alfalfa plants can fix their own atmospheric nitrogen. In these fields, digging up a plant or two and checking nodulation can provide some insight to the health of this process. Other nutrients can remain for a few years between applications, so a 2 or 3 year testing rotation is often enough to make decision on.

Before deciding on a fertility plan, the economic value of a treatment should also be considered. Often fertilizing will

increase plant productivity and quality, but only up to a point. Dry land fields in areas with limited rain fall may be more limited by moisture than fertility, so will only see a small boost where a fully irrigated field could see noticeable benefits. As such, the actual increase in productivity should be compared with the cost. In some circumstances where fertilizer prices are high, improving grazing practices or finding another pasture to rent may be a better and more economical choice to increase forage available in pastures. Strategic fertilization in hay ground in these cases may be the route to take, only applying much needed nutrients in the areas they are lacking and skipping a broadcast application.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing 36. Licenses and passports are two types
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
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- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed

9. Chinese dynasty

- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
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- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
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- 43. Ray-finned fishes 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
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- 54. Crater on Mars
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Poll shows most rural Nebraskans have economic concerns

Most rural Nebraskans are at least somewhat concerned about their household's cost of living, income and financial situation. according to the most recent report from the 2024 Nebraska Rural Poll, which focuses on the economy and trade policy.

Eight in 10 rural Nebraskans surveyed are either somewhat or very concerned about their household's cost of living, nearly seven in 10 are concerned about their household income, and just over six in 10 are concerned about their household's personal finances.

This is especially true for lower income households, the poll

Persons with the lowest household incomes are more likely to be concerned about their personal finances. Almost eight in 10 respondents with household incomes under \$75,000 are at least somewhat concerned about their finances, compared to 44% of those with household incomes of \$100,000 or more.

"In earlier released results from the 2024 Rural Poll, we found rural Nebraskans have been increasingly pessimistic about their current situation," said Brad Lubben, Nebraska Extension policy specialist. "These economic concerns may be a primary factor behind the declining general sentiment of rural Nebraskans. Higher consumer prices due to higher inflation rates of the past few years have spiked the cost of living and left many rural Nebraskans with concerns for their economic well-being.

The 2024 Rural Poll also asked a series of questions about trade

policy and its importance to Nebraska.

Fifty-five percent of rural Nebraskans surveyed think international trade is good for the state's economy, while just 8% think it is bad. However, residents of the Panhandle are less likely than residents of other regions to agree. Just over a third of Panhandle residents surveyed (36%) say trade is good for Nebraska's economy, compared to 66% of residents of the north-central region. While most respondents statewide think trade is good for the state's economy, a smaller percentage (43%) think it is good for creating

jobs in the state, compared to 16% who think it is bad. Rural Nebraskans are less positive about international trade's impacts on them personally, said Becky Vogt, the manager of the Rural Poll. At least four in 10 respondents think trade is good for their standard of living, while 35% think it is good for their job or business. Many rural Nebraskans think international trade is neutral for these items, according to the poll, but most respondents in agricultural occupations (67%) see international trade as good for

their job or business.

When asked which factors should be used in determining U.S. trade policy, six in 10 respondents think protecting American jobs should be very important. Just over half think creating new export opportunities for the state's agricultural producers and other businesses (55%) and lower prices for consumers (51%) should be very important considerations. Less important considerations include strengthening economic relationships with other countries (41%), strengthening and safeguarding political relationships with other countries (39%), creating choices for consumers (39%) and using trade policies to pressure countries that challenge U.S.



economic and political priorities (27%).

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Wolfpack Sports

Yutan denies EPPJ a return trip to State Tournament

YUTAN — One victory away from a state tournament berth, Elgin Public-Pope John was denied by Yutan in the C2-5 District championship game.

Playing on their home court, Yutan defeated the Wolfpack 25-15, 25-20, 24-26 and 25-17 to earn a trip to the state tournament to be played later this week.

The Chieftains came into the match with just one loss and, behind a boisterous crowd, came out on fire. The Wolfpack started the match with a milestone moment as senior Chloe Henn's first swing was a kill, giving her 1,000 for her high school career. She would finish with 18 kills in the match and 1,017 for a career.

"It was our game plan to use our middle hitters as much as possible," Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel said, "Because of the velocity of the way our middles hit, it was gonna be

hard for them to pick up." Freshman Morgan Long's strong serving sparked a run which saw Yutan jump out to a 13 to 9 lead. Aiding in the effort was the team's front row, particularly Gabi Tederman and Mylee Tichota.

Tederman proved to be a thorn in the Wolfpack's side as she had a run of three kills, the

last giving Yutan a 19 to 13 lead. Tichota then closed out the set with three ace serves.

Set #2 was almost a carbon copy as EPPJ stayed close early on only to see Yutan build a five-point lead midway through the set. Keeping EPPJ within striking distance were Kate Furstenau and Sara Bode each with ace serves.

Tederman had three ace serves as Yutan built a 20 to 10 lead. EPPJ started a run when Chloe Henn and Natalie Burenheide combined for a stuff block. The Wolfpack put together back-to-back kills as Braelyn Martinsen teamed up with Bode and Henn.

The teams then traded points before Yutan closed out the set.

Facing an uphill challenge in Set #3, EPPJ answered back as setters Elizabeth Moser and Camry Kittelson found success getting the ball where Bode, Martinsen and Mady Kurpgeweit answered with big hits to give EPPJ an eight to four

Yutan fought back to take a lead before Henn pounded a kill to knot the score at 19-all.

EPPJ reached set point on a Henn kill. Yutan answered back to tie the score at 24-all. EPPJ then closed out the set with back-to-back kills from Henn and Bode.

"We knew we were going to

couldn't capitalize on their

momentum as Crofton jumped

out to a nine to three lead. Then,

after a Bode kill, Crofton closed

out the match with a six to zero

run as Lexi Weibelhaus had

six service points.

Bode added eight.

serve receive (41).

Attacks (K/Att/E)

Kittelson

46/147/22.

Zwingman Martinsen

three kills and Jaisie Janssen

had an ace serve as part of her

"I wish it would have went

the other way," Coach Jordynn

Luettel said about the fifth set.

Those fifth sets are hard (when

match, led by Henn with 16 on 29

swings, Martinsen had nine and

Zwingman had three of the

Elizabeth Moser led setters

with 20, Kittelson had 18. Kate

Furstenau led in digs (35) and

Crofton 3, EPPJ 2

Wolfpack.....25 23 16 25 4

Warriors......22 25 25 20 15

3/29/3,

6/15/2,

8/36/7, Chloe Henn 16/29/2, Elizabeth Moser 1/1/0, Kate Furstenau 0/1/0. Team totals:

Kittelson 1/20, Brooke Kinney 0/7, Martinsen 0/17, Bode 1/22, Moser 0/16, Furstenau 1/10.

Blocks (solo) — Kittelson 1, Zwingman 3, Kurpgeweit 1, Henn

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 17/9, Schumacher 6/1, Kinney 1/0, Zwingman 1/0, Martinsen 11/3, Kurpgeweit 4/2, Bode 15/0, Henn 2/0, Moser 16/10, Furstenau 35/2.

Set assists (SA/BHA) — Kittelson 18/58, Kinney 1/4, Bode 0/1, Henn 0/1, Moser 20/82, Furstenau 2/14.

Serve receive (R/RE)—Kittelson

2/0, Schumacher 8/3, Martinsen

16/1, Bode 7/2, Furstenau 41/3.

Kurpgeweit 2/8/0, Sara

Serving (A/SA) —

Team totals: 3/92.

2. Team totals: 7.

Team totals: 108/27.

Team totals: 41/160.

Team totals: 74/9.

9/37/8,

Camry

Kayton

Braelyn

Mady

Bode

Camry

The Wolfpack had seven

hitters register kills in the

team's seven solo blocks.

you fall behind earlly).'

have to bring it," Luettel said. "Our girls rose to the occasion."

EPPJ fell behind early in Set #4 as the Chieftains built a 12 to six lead. They maintained that margin for much of the set. They went up 18 to 11 on an ace serve by Kenzie Govier.

Moser had back-to-back ace serves, the last cutting Yutan's lead to 18 to 14. The Chieftains then closed out the match on a seven to three run.

"I was really proud of the way we stuck with them," Luettel said. "Once we adjusted, we played with them.

The loss ends the Wolfpack's season with a 26-6 record.

Aside from Henn, Bode had 11 kills, Martinsen had eight. Kittelson led the team in set assists with 22, Moser had 12.

Furstenau led the team in serve receive with 28, Martinsen had 23. Martinsen led in digs with 20, Furstenau had 18. Yutan 3, EPPJ 1

Wolfpack......15 20 26 17 Chieftains......25 25 24 25 Attacks (K/Att/E) Kittelson 0/2/0, Kayton Zwingman 4/24/3, Braelyn Martinsen 8/27/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 2/9/2, Sara Bode 11/30/6, Chloe Henn 18/35/4, Kate Furstenau 0/1/0, Natalię Burenheide 0/1/1. Team totals: 43/139/20

Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/15, Kaitey Schumacher 0/7, Brooke Kinney 0/3, Martinsen 0/16, Bode 2/12, Moser 2/13, Furstenau 1/13. Team totals: 5/79.

Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 1, Martinsen 1, Henn 2. Team totals: 4.

Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 13/3, Schumacher 0/1, Kinney 0/1, Zwingman 0/1, Martinsen 20/5, Kurpgeweit 3/2, Bode 8/8, Henn 2/0, Moser 10/9, Furstenau 18/12. Team totals: 74/42.

Set assists (SA/BHA) — Kittelson 22/57, Schumacher 0/1, Kinney 0/1, Martinsen 1/3, Kurpgeweit 0/1, Bode 0/3, Henn 0/1, Moser 12/36, Furstenau 5/11. Team totals: 40/114. Team totals: 42/68. Serve receive (R/RE) — Schumacher 4/3, Martinsen 23/6, Bode 14/3, Furstenau 28/7. Team



Camry Kittelson led the team in set assists with 22 against Yutan.



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A force at the net, Chloe Henn had 18 kills against Yutan and finished her high school career with 1,017 kills.



Mady Kurpgeweit pounds the ball through Yutan's block. She finished with two kills in the match.

Wolfpack drop 5-set thriller to Crofton

CROFTON — In a championship match fitting for two of the top teams in Class C2, home court advantage may have been the difference as Crofton defeated the Wolfpack.

It took five sets to decide the outcome as Crofton defeated the Wolfpack 22-25, 25-23, 25-16, 20-25 and 4-15.

The Wolfpack (26-5) appeared on the verge of taking a two sets to none lead when a questionable call of two hits went against the Wolfpack on set point. The call ended a five-to-one run by the Wolfpack as hitters Chloe Henn, Braelyn Martinsen and Sara

Bode were punching holes in Crofton's defense.

on their good fortune by dominating the third set to win by nine points.

With their backs against the

ace serve by Bode and another kill from Martinsen. Tied two-sets all, EPPJ

The Warriors capitalized

wall the Wolfpack answered in Set #4. Seven straight service points by Sara Bode sparked a run which saw EPPJ jump out to a 14 to seven lead. EPPJ had two kills from Kayton Zwingman and one each from Camry Kittelson and Martinsen. The lead grew to eight points before the Warriors made a late run.

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Sara Bode tips the ball past one of Crofton's front row blockers. Bode finished with 8 kills in the match.

EPPJ top Wolfpack in opener

Tri County Northeast swept in subdistrict semi-final round

CROFTON — Elgin Public-Pope John began their march through the postseason last week with a victory over Tri County Northeast Tuesday in the semi-final round of subdistricts.

The red-clad Wolfpack defeated the blue-clad Wolfpack 25-18, 25-17 and 25-17.

A 20-game winner, Tri County put up a good fight, but on this night EPPJ was the better team

evidenced by the sweep "I'm really happy with the way we came out and played," Coach Jordynn Luettel said. "Everyone stepped into their role because it

takes all six to do it.' In Set #1, the Wolfpack never trailed although Tri County made it interesting midway through as they cut EPPJ's lead to 19-16. Then, EPPJ closed out the set with a five to two run highlighted by two kills from Chloe Henn and an ace serve by sophomore Brooke Kinney.

Set #2 saw EPPJ jump out to a 14 to 9 lead before Tri County called timeout following kills by Braelyn Martinsen and Henn. EPPJ closed out the set capitalizing on strong net play by Camry Kittelson and Sara Bode.

EPPJ took control of the final set with an eight-to-one run early on as Kate Furstenau capped a run of five service points with an ace serve.

Late in the set EPPJ's lead grew to eight points, capped by an ace serve from Elizabeth Moser.

For the match, EPPJ had 37 kills on 92 swings, led by Henn with 17, Bode had eight.

EPPJ benefited from seven ace serves, three from Furstenau. She also led the team in digs (15)

and serve receive (21). The victory improved EPPJ's record to 26-4.

EPPJ 3, TCNE 0 Wolfpack.....25 25 25

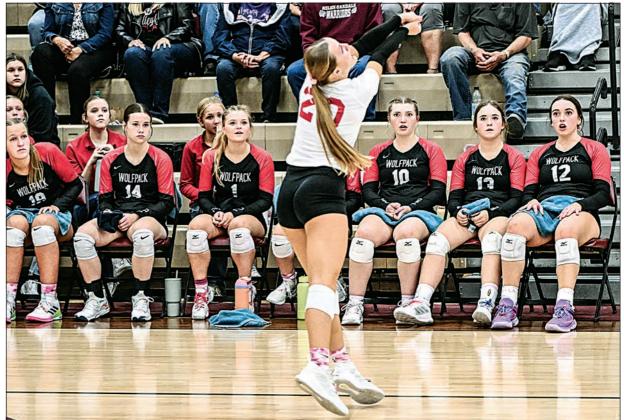
Wolfpack (TC)......18 17 17 Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 1/7/4, Kayton Zwingman 4/12/0, Braelyn Martinsen 5/19/4, Mady Kurpgeweit 2/6/3, Sara Bode 8/18/3, Chloe Henn

17/30/5. Team totals: 37/92/19. Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 1/9, Brooke Kinney 1/15, Martinsen 1/13, Bode 0/6, Elizabeth Moser 1/13, Furstenau 3/16. Team totals: 7/72.

Blocks (solo) — Zwingman 2, Bode 1, Henn 4. Team totals: 7. Digs (D/DE) — Kittelson 5/5, Kaitey Schumacher 11/0, Kinney 2/2, Zwingman 2/1, Martinsen 10/3, Kurpgeweit 1/1, Bode 7/3, Henn 4/0, Moser 4/1, Furstenau 15/4. Team totals: 61/20.

Set assists (SA/BHA) — Kittelson 18/35, Kinney 0/3, Moser 16/52. Team totals: 34/94.

Serve receive (R/RE) Schumacher 6/0, Martinsen 9/1, Bode 8/0, Furstenau 21/2. Team totals: 44/3.



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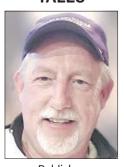
As her teammates look on, libero Kate Furstenau makes one of her 15 digs against Tri County Northeast.

Spinning Tales

The camera never blinks when covering the Wolfpack

YUTAN — As quickly as it began, it's over. The Wolfpack's quest to make a return trip to the Girls State Volleyball Tournament came to an end, oh so close to coming true.

SPINNING TALES



Dennis Morgan

season of exemplary play, rare was the day when the team stepped on the court not knowing they were going to win. They dispatched past rivals with ease, all knowing that

their toughest matches would be against new foes in the postseason.

Those of you who follow the team, match after match, view the action from wood or plastic bleachers. My perspective is slightly different. It starts with my back against the gym wall, then moves to a baseline bleacher, then if possible to the top of the bleachers for some net shots before wrapping up, in most cases, back on the bleachers to shoot some shots of players who are summoned off the bench towards the end of the match. Most nights I get a 360 perspective of the match, especially during the postseason.

There are action shots of the players on the court, the same goes for the players on the

Mahnke, Stoltz earn Elgin Bucks

Gale Mahnke is the big winner this week in the Elgin Review Football Contest.

He missed just five games to claim the top prize - \$20 in Elgin Bucks.

There was a tie for second between Father Ross Burkhalter and Jack Stoltz, each missing six games. In the tiebreaker, Burkhalter guessed 700, Stoltz picked 609. The correct answer was 682 total yards between UCLA and Nebraska. Stoltz was closest without going over and will receive the \$10 runner-up

Results of the games were: Minnesota over Illinois Ole Miss over Arkansas Oregon over Michigan Ohio State over Penn State Syracuse over Virginia Tech Vanderbilt over Auburn Tennessee over Kentucky Louisville over Clemson Northwestern over Purdue Georgia over Florida Miami over Duke UCF over Arizona UCLA over Nebraska Iowa over Wisconsin Washington over USC Baylor over TCU Indiana over Michigan State SMU over Pitt

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since 1975, you can swing by the Elgin Community Center to volunteer as a driver for meals on wheels.

Manager Janna Schrunk would love to have you step up. Taking minimal time, providing this community service wouldn't be like running on a demanding hamster wheel.

As a school bus rider all my years K-12 (couldn't afford a car in high school), this song comes to mind --

The wheels on the bus go 'Round and 'round

'Round and 'round 'Round and 'round The wheels on the bus go 'Round and 'round

All through the town Once in a while, the school bus got stuck in the mud or deep snow – not quite like getting stuck in the sand at Lake Mac. In sand, back up if you can and try again, or dig out the wheels, add traction, straighten the wheels, and move ahead with gusto.

Lowering your tire pressure by about 20 percent before getting in this mess is a good prevention strategy.

Find some time to wheel around this holiday season. Friends and family are counting on you to spread some joy.

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bench who find creative ways to celebrate aces, kills and stuff

blocks. Secondary on my check list is the student section, then its the fans in the stands. There were plenty of times

during the course of the season to see the celebrations which happened due to the play of the team. EPPJ finished with a 26-6 record, dropping three of their final four matches. Those final three losses? Stuart qualified for the State Tournament. So, too, did one-loss Yutan with Saturday's victory. The third team, Crofton, made the district final and were beaten by Johnson-Brock on the Eagles' home court. In case you're curious, the other three teams that defeated EPPJ? They were state tournament qualifiers Norfolk Catholic and Battle Creek. And ... Elkhorn Valley who EPPJ fell to early Saturday morning the day after Homecoming. All six of the teams had 20 or more victories during the season.

Anyway, that's just some of the things I saw during the season. There were more:

On a warm night in Chambers, senior Kate Furstenau reached a career milestone with 1,000 digs.

Chloe Henn appeared ready to achieve another career milestone, 1,000, kills at Crofton but finished that match with 999. Thanks to the wild card, Henn did it on her first swing against Yutan. A banner was quickly risen into the air by family while fans waved signs with the number 1,000 on them. Then there were the boys who took their shirts off to show that they,

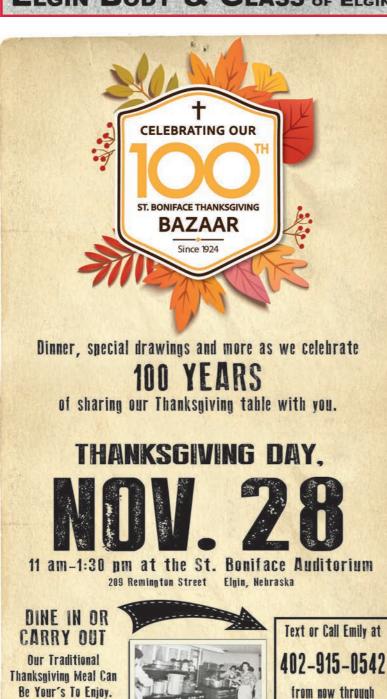
too, recognized her achievement. No one loves their team more than the Wolfpack fans. You could feel it in the stands, never giving up hope on EPPJ making a comeback. And, you could feel it on the gym floor just minutes after the Chieftains won the match. Moms and dads embraced their own and other team members, Tears of sorrow were shed, hugs were given and received.

In those moments after the match, I had a brief conversation with Coach Jordvnn Luettel after getting her comments about the match. She's had a great two years coaching the Wolfpack. She inherited experience players who she was able to win with during that time. She has also developed talent which stepped up this year into more prominent roles.

I told her how I was impressed by how she's gotten her teams to fight. They refused to lose, meaning they brought their 'A' game to every match. Better teams may have beaten them, but they didn't lose. When you give your best and fight to the final point, you can walk away with your head held high. This season Coach Luettel encouraged the team to 'Trust the Climb'. To trust what they coaches instilled in them, to believe and put into action what they learned in practice.

If I may steal a word here, in this space, let me say this. 'Trust' me when I say this team was a pleasure to cover. They made all those hours on the road and in the gym worth every moment. EPPJ All The Way!













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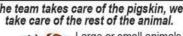
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