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In Brief

District #18 Board of Education to meet next week

Will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The District #18 Board of Education will meet next week for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the EPS board room.

Items on the 'action' agenda are:

- Accept the 2022-2023 audit
- Approve a six-year math curriculum digital/print materials purchase
- Approve a HVAC service agreement with Rasmussen
- Approve the purchase of technological switches from Summerland Schools

One item to be discussed, but not acted on, is an evaluation of Superintendent Mike Brockhaus.

The superintendent was hired in February 2020.

Earlier in the meeting there will be reports on superintendent contract negotiations as well as the beginning of teacher contract negotiations.

Also, Principal Greg Wemhoff will provide a review of upcoming winter activities.

The meeting to be held at the high school building open to the public.

Elgin's only bar closed its doors on Halloween

Last day was October 31st

Having operated Boomerangs for the past five years, proprietor Gary Hoefer announced last week the bar has closed.

Announcing on social media, Hoefer said the bar closed on Halloween. He said he would not renew the liquor license for the business.

"Thank you to all the loyal customers who stuck with me through it all," he said. "

Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Notice of Informal Probate — Dennis Suhr

Notice — Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District

The Elgin Review is the official legal newspaper for Antelope County, Antelope County Historical Society, Village of Bartlett, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, the State of Nebraska, the City of Elgin and Elgin School District #18.

Weather

The high temperature last week was 66 degrees recorded on Friday and Sunday, November 5.

The low during the same period was 18 degrees on Monday, October 30.

No precipitation was recorded last week.

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

Date	High	Low	Prec
October 30	43	18	.00
October 31	31	19	.00
November 1	57	23	.00
November 2	61	26	.00
November 3	58	29	.00
November 4	64	35	.00
November 5	66	42	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for October			3.80
Total precipitation 2023			28.16



E-R Photo/D Morgan

Something to shout about? Definitely! EPPJ team members are joined by their fans celebrating match point as the Wolfpack finished third in the Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament.

Make room in the trophy case

Wolfpack finish third in Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament

By Dennis Morgan
co-publisher

What began in August concluded in November.

Elgin Public-Pope John's varsity volleyball team completed their season Saturday afternoon, earning their 28th victory of the season, winning the third place trophy at the Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament.

Fans, some with blood ties to the players wearing the school colors, cheered loudly when the volleyball hit the floor for the final point in a victory over Guardian Angels Central Catholic based in West Point.

Having lost in the semi-final one day earlier, the Wolfpack's celebration on the court Saturday capped a season where the team produced more victories than any other Wolfpack team in the history of the coop between Elgin Public and Pope John schools.

The scene after the match, in the lobby outside the gymnasium, was a continuation of the celebration which took place on the court. Each player held the trophy, joined by family members for photos.

Players, some overcome with emotion, received congratulations from seemingly everyone.

For Coach Jordynn Luettel, it was validation of a decision she had made months earlier when, finding out about the head coach opening, she saw an opportunity and went for it.

"I went to call my dad after our first open gym and I said we've got some talent here," she said about what she saw before the start of the season. "(Today) We had to bring everything we had."

Some of the players shared their thoughts about Saturday's match.

Libero Kate Furstenuau, walking off the court, said the team's play Saturday was phenomenal. "Today's game we really came out and had nothing to lose and we finished strong," she said.

Senior setter Baylee Busteed said the team's success against the Bluejays came down to one thing - communication. "I think we had a lot of talk and communication," she said.

Ashlynn Charf, playing her last

volleyball match for EPPJ, said she and her teammates had so much fun on the court. "We knew this was going to be a vary hard game ... We knew we had to play our Wolfpack game and have fun."

Junior Chloe Henn had a sign in her home, a goal to be playing on November 4. The championship match was the goal, but this was the best thing if that wasn't possible.

"It feels amazing," she said about winning Saturday's match. "I love playing with this group of girls and I can't wait for next year."

Another junior, Sara Bode said she and her teammates knew the mean-

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"Goodness in America"

One of the great things about living in a small Nebraska community is how neighbors help neighbors. On Monday, area farmers gathered with combines, tractors, carts and trucks to harvest corn for Gene Heithoff. Heithoff has been spending time away from Elgin with his daughter Marin at the hospital. While many volunteered, there was only room for a handful of equipment. Those working the field southeast of Elgin were Lynn Selting, Dan Borer, Brian Selting, Dave Schiltmeyer, Gene Selting, Gary Schiltmeyer, Larry Borer, Jack Borer (and Theo), Kevin Dinslage and Merle Borer. Wives of some of those working made lunch and shuttled people back and forth. As brother Jerry Heithoff put it, "Who says there is no goodness in America? Here's your proof!"



Veterans Day program to be Friday

Petersburg's Clyde Stuhr to be guest speaker

The annual Veterans Day program will be held this Friday, November 10, at Elgin Public School.

The event, which features presentations and music from students at Elgin's three 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.

Patriotic readings will be given by Brenna Martinsen, Elise Ruterbories and Jazmine McNally.

The Veterans Day address will be given by Clyde Stuhr of Petersburg. He and his wife, Connie Stuhr, operate Patriot's Landing, a metal-art studio. They have 3 grown sons, Walker, Jett and Gavin Stuhr.

Stuhr served for 21 years in the US Air Force in numerous positions rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In his primary job as a Weapon Systems Officer in the F-15E Strike Eagle, he made eight combat deployments supporting operations in the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan. During that time he logged over 208 combat missions and over 800 combat hours providing reconnaissance overwatch, air superiority operations, and kinetic intervention to ensure the safety of ground forces and achievement of campaign objectives.

At the conclusion of the program, the Elgin Community Center will offer a free meal consisting of smothered pork cutlets to ALL VETERANS, starting at approximately 11:45 a.m. The meal is being sponsored by Thunderhead Energy Center. Please call (402) 843-5757 by November 9 to reserve a meal.



Clyde Stuhr



Photo submitted

In a competition with FFA students from across the nation, the Elgin FFA duo of Dannyka Smidt (l) and Gemma Miller (r) teamed up to place sixth in Division 2 Food Products and Processing Systems at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Elgin FFA students shine on Indy stage

The National FFA Organization announced the 2023 National FFA Agriscience Fair winners for Food Products and Processing Systems on Friday, November 3.

FFA Advisor Julia Schwartz said winners were recognized during the fourth session of the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Gemma Miller and Dannyka Smidt

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What to do with a plethora of apples? Make pies, of course!

Good day, Apples, apples, apples. It's apple season. How many ways can you use apples? More than we can count.

This week I am sharing a couple of pie recipes that I thought you may enjoy. One is for that person who maybe doesn't eat sugar in their diet, but still enjoys a yummy dessert.

In the dutch apple recipe, I use the topping recipe for my apple goody recipe. I make it in a regular baking dish. It's so good. It's like a cookie topping when it's baked.

You just have to make it. They're both very easy and delicious!

JoAnn

DUTCH APPLE PIE

2-1/2 lbs baking apples	1 tsp cinnamon
3/4 cup flour	1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 cup sugar	1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
Dash of salt	1 unbaked pie shell

Peel and slice apples to fill the pie shell. Mix flour, sugar, salt, and spices. Cut in butter with pastry cutter. Heap the mixture on top of the apples. Bake for 50 minutes at 375°.

SUGARLESS APPLE PIE

1 12 oz can frozen apple juice concentrate	7 large Jonathan apples, peeled and sliced
3 Tbls cornstarch	
Pinch of salt	
1 tsp cinnamon	

Combine juice, cornstarch, cinnamon, and salt. Heat in sauce pan until thickened. Add apples and simmer until apples are tender. Be very careful not to burn. Pour the mixture into the unbaked pie crust cover with a top crust. Bake in 350° oven for 45 minutes.

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Community Calendar

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

Friday, November 10
Veterans Day Program at Elgin Public School gym (11 a.m.) followed by lunch at the Elgin Community Center.*

Sunday, November 12
St. Bonaventure Soup Supper.*

Tuesday, November 14
District #18 Board of Education regular meeting - Antelope County Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

Thursday, November 16
Pope John Alumni Memorial Mass @ St. Boniface Catholic Church.*

Friday & Saturday, November 17-18
Shop The North Pole @ KC Hall/Elgin Community Center.*

Sunday, November 19
PICC Dinner Theater at St. Boniface Auditorium.*

Thursday, November 23
St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar.
Events listing courtesy of **ELGIN VETERANS' MEDICAL CLINIC**
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Nov. 10, 11 & 12

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The One Act is coached by Mrs. Kerri Druke and Mrs. Amy Klein.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Routines can be exhausting, but still important to maintain

I've always heard that kids thrive off routine. I'm not sure how much I realized this was true until I became a mother myself. Most people know that babies are regimented creatures. They nap at certain times, eat at certain times, etc. However, young children and even teenagers do better when things remain consistent. My kids are far past the days

of naps, but when it comes to bedtimes, we remain fairly consistent. There are the special occasions, such as Halloween, sleepovers or even the summer schedule. Otherwise, we try to ensure they go to bed at the same time each evening and get enough rest before school. As important as getting enough sleep is, the actual bedtime "routine" is important to the kids. Our middle child loves his routines. When he was younger, we said the same things every evening, in the same order. If we messed up, we had to start again. All three kids want to be tucked in, snuggled, say prayers, and then my middle will argue on how long he gets to read. Sometimes these routines are exhausting. After a long day of work or cleaning, schlepping children to and from different activities, and making dinner, I just want them to give me a quick kiss and put themselves

to bed. I know that in the long run I'm going to miss these days when they want to snuggle. I'm going to miss their sweet prayers and silly stories or reading with them in bed. I'm also human and it gets tiresome doing the same thing every evening. I think it's important to remember that this is for them more than it is for me. I'll cherish these memories, sure. But kids really do enjoy consistency and routine because it gives them a sense of security. They know their parents will be there, they know what to expect, and it's comforting to know how the day will end. Of course, they enjoy spending the night with friends, going camping, or other vacations where our routine gets out of whack. Most of us do. After even the best vacations, I still find it comforting to get back home, sleep in my own bed, and get back to my routine, as mundane as it can feel sometimes. It's important to remember that our kids are no different. One of our kids absolutely hates surprises. He wants to know what to expect and when to expect it. Throwing him off his schedule is very disruptive, so he needs a lot of time to process.

This took me a lot of time to understand, and I still struggle. I love surprises so I just couldn't understand why he would be so upset when we wouldn't tell him where we were going. He and I are different, and that's ok. We work hard on how to manage his expectations, while still being able to do fun things and surprise the other two. At the end of the day, this time is fleeting so it's good to meet them where they are and give them that sense of security when we can. Even when we're tired and it's been a long day, let's all make time for our kids, soak up the snuggles, and be thankful for the most mundane of routines.

Comments are welcome and can be sent to talesofatiredmomma@gmail.com.

Tales of a Tired Momma



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Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

November 7, 1963

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Fifty Years Ago

November 8, 1973

Recent vandalism at the Elgin substation of the Nebraska Public Power District has not only caused power interruptions for many persons but could be creating a lethal hazard to the vandal or vandals and others in the vicinity says Cleon Roselius, Norfolk district manager of NPPD. On Oct. 28 someone threw some barbed wire over the 12,470 volt line coming out of the Elgin substation. On Oct. 31 a thirty-foot piece of iron wire was thrown into the substation and over high voltage fuses. "The danger involved," says Roselius, "is the vandal or vandals are exposing themselves to from 4,000 to 35,000 volts. Long pieces of wire could flop back onto the person responsible for the acts or or could fall onto the fence or other steel structures around the substation, thus energizing them." Top amateur fighters will perform here Saturday, Dec 1 at 8 p.m. during 12 bouts in the St. Boniface auditorium. Local fighters include Vic Pelster, Jim Pelster and Jim Schrage. Other top boxers include Rog Pelster, Randy Simons and Jeff LeMair, plus teams from Lincoln, Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls. The matches are sponsored by the Pope John Athletic Department.

Thirty Years Ago

November 17, 1993

Charles Brazie of Lincoln, guest speaker at Elgin's Veterans Day program, said he was encouraged by the respect shown by local young people for the flag and their country. Brazie, an Elgin High School alumnus and retired air force colonel, saluted the sacrifices of all military veterans, their spouses, sweethearts and families, in times of war. The program included patriotic music performed by the Elgin High School Band, a song by the EHS choir and "Taps" by Jenni Jones and Heath Uhrenholdt. A Thanksgiving party for Elgin area children will be held next Monday, Nov. 22, from after school until 5 p.m. in the Elgin Fire Station. The party is affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, an interdenominational and international organization. Parents are welcome to visit the party, or call Tarri Wilkinson or Karin Kinney for more information.

Stage

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were selected as national finalists this past August. The top 10 teams in their division were announced during this session. Gemma and Dannyka placed sixth overall. The National FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students who gain real-world, hands-on experiences in agricultural enterprises. Students use scientific principles and emerging technologies to solve complex problems related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. Gemma and Dannyka's project focused on using cinnamon & lemon oil to preserve fresh-cut strawberries for consumer consumption. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students. Students compete in one of six categories in the agriscience fair and under one of the six divisions — either individually or in a team.

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Edward R. Murrow

Should state funds be used for Memorial Stadium updates?

It's time for our country to get back to business

There has been no formal request, but speculation runs high that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Athletic Department may ask for funds to help with the planned \$450 million renovation of Memorial Stadium.

Earlier this year the Legislature directed \$30 million in state funds to Creighton University in Omaha, including millions to help the private school build new baseball and softball stadiums to accommodate needs for the annual College World Series.

School officials said the baseball stadium would be available as a practice field for teams coming to the event which has a nearly \$90 million annual economic impact in Omaha.

Memorial Stadium was built a century ago with private donor dollars, and it's been expanded since, with only donor funds and athletics proceeds.

Thanks to the football program, the NU athletic department receives no annual tax dollar, tuition, or student fee support.

It's one of just a handful of college athletic programs nationally that can make that claim and one of four Big Ten schools along with Penn State, Ohio State and Purdue that operate without such funds.

The stadium was built to honor Nebraskans who served in the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the 751 Nebraskans who died in World War 1.

That designation was later expanded to include World War II and the Korean War and the Vietnam War. That speaks to the public interest in the structure. That was also long before the stadium became a Cathedral to Football, as the Sporting News describes it, further noting it is the most intimidating place to play college sports.

NU Athletic Director Trev Alberts says the university has made no decision to request state funds. But he hasn't ruled it out, either. Preliminary finance plans apparently show a \$125million gap to be filled in the project, which calls for \$225 million in dedicated private fundraising and \$100 million in other athletics-generated revenues.

Alberts and university officials say it's about more than just football



games.

Big Red football drives interest among university alumni and donors, raises the school's profile, and excites and attracts the students who become the future workforce and community leaders of the state.

On a home game Saturday, Memorial Stadium may hold 85,000 fans. Commentators call it the Sea of Red. As such, it is also the fourth largest population gathering in the state, ranking right up there with Omaha, Lincoln, and the Sarpy County MSA. Many state senators and officials are often among that group.

The Legislature's Revenue Committee Chair, Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn, has been a Nebraska football season ticket holder for more than four decades.

She told the Omaha World Herald she understands the cultural significance of what happens in Memorial Stadium on fall Saturdays. A packed stadium has been a shared experience in Nebraska for generations, uniting

the state from border to border. The University boasts a sellout streak dating back to 1962.

"It is an important institution for the state of Nebraska — we love our football," she said. "I think the idea is wonderful. It's just a matter of priorities."

She added that the University has not yet asked for funds.

A 1921 request for state funds for the stadium, \$350,000, was promised but never realized because of a deep farm depression fueled by drought and the loss of World War I farm price supports.

In 1964, ticket prices were raised 35 cents to pay for the first major expansion of the stadium.

Subsequent renovations and expansions over the years have similarly been funded by football revenues and private donations.

Consultants say the proposed reconstruction of Memorial Stadium would generate \$392 million in economic impact for the state of Nebraska.

construction jobs and \$159 million in labor income. They add that Nebraska football has a \$96 million annual impact on the state, supporting more than 1,000 annual jobs and \$36 million in labor income.

Alberts has made clear the school would not tap any of the tax dollars, tuition or student fees that currently fund the rest of the university.

UNL economist Eric Thompson said there's no doubt sports venues can spin off jobs, income and tax revenue for local governments and the state. "You have to weigh those things against the public cost."

If the Huskers are lucky enough to get an invitation to a post-season bowl game, do you suppose that would increase the Legislature's consideration of funds?

J.L. Schmidt has been covering Nebraska government and politics since 1979. He has been a registered Independent for more than 20 years.

With the election of Speaker Mike Johnson, the House is back to work. We certainly have our work cut out for us as we fulfill our responsibilities to the American people. Speaker Johnson hit the ground running to responsibly fund our priorities, including our support for Israel.

Supporting our greatest ally in the Middle East as they battle the ruthless enemy that is Hamas is an urgent priority. Regionally, Israel is in a precarious position, and our support for them is vital as their neighbors make clear their desire to wipe Israel off the map.

Immediately following the election of Speaker Johnson, the House acted swiftly to pass a resolution expressing our support of Israel and their right to defend themselves from Hamas' sudden and barbaric attacks on October 7, 2023. Before and after these horrendous attacks, Hamas has been abundantly clear their goal is total annihilation of Israel and the Jewish people.

I'm pleased Congress acted this week to bolster humanitarian and military support for Israel. To help offset the cost, we included a provision in the bill to rescind the IRS

enforcement dollars included Democrats' Inflation Act. If this sounds familiar it's because my bill to rescind these funds – the Family and Small Business Taxpayer Protection Act – was the first bill passed by the House in the 118th Congress. The Family and Small Business Taxpayer Protection Act was supported by every House Republican, but unfortunately the Senate has yet to take up the bill. I'm hopeful Democrats in the House and Senate will take the opportunity to take these funds from IRS and instead use them to responsibly support Israel.

As Ukraine continues to defend itself against Vladimir Putin's invasion, we must carefully define our objectives and ensure taxpayer dollars are wisely and properly utilized. This is why I recently joined several of my colleagues, led by Rep. Mike Garcia, in sending a letter to President Biden and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin outlining why it's important to address Ukraine and Israel funding as separate questions. The letter outlines 12 key questions the administration must address regarding ongoing American support for Ukraine, including a defined win strategy, cost estimates, the effectiveness of sanctions on Russia, maintaining accountability for the use of resources, and ensuring our commitments to Taiwan, Israel, and other strategic partnerships are not compromised.

Looking ahead, Congress must also finish our work on appropriations. Our best available avenue to address wasteful discretionary spending is by returning to fiscal sanity when considering the 12 annual appropriations bills. As of this week, the House has passed 7 of those 12 bills, and I look forward to finishing this important work in the coming weeks.

Additionally, I am a strong supporter of a bill, the Fiscal Commission Act, to create a bipartisan, 16-member commission to implement policies to reduce the deficit, cut spending, and improve our nation's long-term fiscal outlook.

Shortly after he was elected, I joined 60 of my House GOP colleagues in a letter to Speaker Johnson urging prioritization of Farm Bill reauthorization. After meeting with the House Agriculture Committee last week, the speaker

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FROM THE HILL



Congressman

Adrian Smith

We HAVE an open Internet

Despite hysteria from social media, late night comedy shows, or even presidential administrations, net neutrality is not a policy that needs to be controversial.

Net neutrality is the idea that internet service providers should treat all data on their networks fairly, without favoring or disfavoring certain types of internet traffic. This means that service providers shouldn't block lawful content, slow down access to content, or unjustly prioritize traffic to certain sites.

The basic principles of net neutrality have broad support. But the Biden administration's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wants to leapfrog Congress and impose its own version of "net neutrality" — a version that drastically expands government control over the internet.

The FCC voted this month to reinstate outdated net neutrality regula-

tions that treat internet service providers the same way as utility companies. The agency's end goal isn't net neutrality — it's to regulate the rates that internet service providers can charge consumers.

In practice, these regulations would have an immediate chilling effect on the significant private sector investments that have made U.S. broadband networks resilient.

The FCC has tried this before. It wants to reinstate almost the exact same rules it issued during the Obama administration in 2015.

When those heavy-handed rules were repealed during the Trump administration, Democrats claimed the internet as we knew it was over — but as we can see today, repealing burdensome regulations didn't break the internet in 2017.

In fact, the internet flourished. Average fixed download speeds have

increased by 260% since 2017. Average mobile download speeds have increased by over 456%.

Furthermore, during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw stress tests of internet networks around the world when so many people transitioned to work and school from home. In the European Union — where strict utility regulations of internet services exist — we saw E.U. officials requesting that large online platforms ration their services because network infrastructure was unable to handle the major shift in traffic.

Because of our lighter regulatory environment, U.S. network speeds surpassed the European Union's by 83%, and service continued robustly.

We can all agree that internet access is critical for all Americans. But to support net neutrality, we do not have to regulate the internet like a utility. The FCC should not empower itself to

add new taxes and fees to Americans' monthly internet bills, which this kind of regulation would allow.

Instead of relying on costly, top-down mandates from the administration, we should preserve the existing, long-standing regulatory framework so that people across our country can continue to enjoy open, unhindered access to innovative and robust internet services.

Without question, it is important to maintain fair access for internet traffic. But make no mistake: we already have an open internet.

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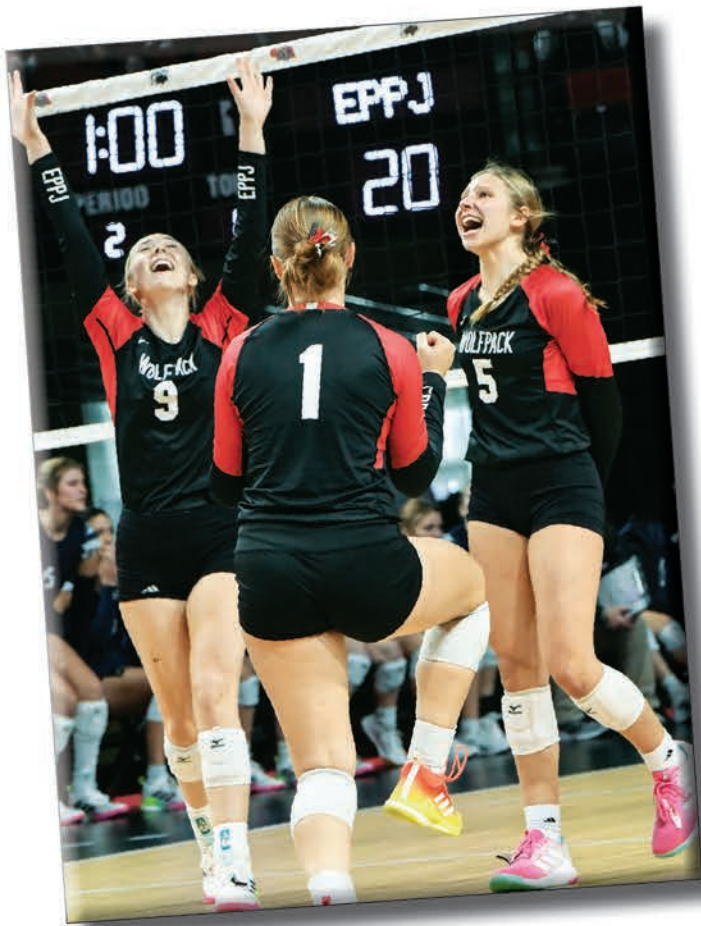
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WOLFPACK

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EPPJ takes their place among volleyball’s best

Wolfpack earn third place trophy with win over GACC Saturday at D1 State Tournament

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

LINCOLN — With a chance to finish the season with a victory, Elgin Public-Pope John closed out the state tournament



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Against GACC Camry Kittelson had four kills.

by winning the consolation finals in four sets over top-seed Guardian Angels Central Catholic After splitting the first two sets, the Bluejays dropped the next two as Wolfpack power prevailed.

“We knew we had to bring



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Libero Kate Furstenau led the team in serve receive and digs.



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Freshman Braelyn Martinsen lunges for a dig during fourth set action against the Bluejays.

everything we had,” Coach Jordynn Luettel said about the team’s 28th victory of the season. “All our girls showed up ready to play.”

What a power display the Wolfpack put on against the Bluejays. In arguably their best match of the season, EPPJ had 56 kills in 152 swings.

EPPJ won the first set, coming from six points down to win 25-22. The second set was a dif-

ferent story. It was the only time in the match when the Bluejays got the upper hand. They built up a nine-point lead before closing out the set 25 to 20.

Then, it was like a light switch being turned on. The Wolfpack raised their level of play in the third set. Tied at 8-all, The Wolfpack took over the match. Setter Baylee Busted put the ball on point to EPPJ’s hitters and they delivered.

Sara Bode, Chloe Henn, Kayton Zwingman and Ashlynn Charf registered kills. A kill by Bode cut short a Bluejay rally, making the score 18 to 16.

Camry Kittelson’s kill made the score 22 to 18. From there, Bode added an ace and Charf had a kill then a stuff block on set point to win 25 to 22.

As well as the Wolfpack played in the third set, it became better in the fourth set.



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Teammates Kayton Zwingman and Sara Bode (9) team up to stuff block this Bluejay Saturday.

The Wolfpack back row players Kate Furstenau, Brenna and Braelyn Martinsen were digging everything that came their way and EPPJ never trailed in the final set. The closest GACC would get would be 15 to 12.

The Wolfpack closed out the match with a 10 to three run. Wolfpack hitters kept finding open holes in GACC’s defense. That and Bluejay errors set up match point which EPPJ won as Busted denied GACC’s final attack.

Numbers tell the story. EPPJ had 56 kills, led by Bode with 17, Henn had 16 and Charf added 15. In her final match, Busted recorded 50 of the team’s 52 set assists.

Furstenau led the team in serve receive with 24. EPPJ had just 12 serve receive errors. She also led in digs with 28. Charf had 18 as she eclipsed the 1,000 career dig plateau.

With the victory, EPPJ ends the season with a 28-7 record.

EPPJ 3, GACC 1

Bluejays.....22 25 22 15
Wolfpack.....25 20 25 25
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 4/12/3, Baylee Busted 1/2/0, Kayton Zwingman 2/16/2, Ashlynn Charf 15/42/6, Sara Bode 17/41/7, Chloe Henn 1/37/5, Kate Furstenau 1/2/0. Team totals: 56/152/23
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 1/12, Kaitey Schumacher 0/20, Baylee Busted 1/13, Charf 4/21, Bode 1/16, Furstenau 0/11. Team totals: 7/93
Blocks (Solo) — Charf 2, Bode 1, Henn 2. Team totals: 5
Digs (D/DE) — Brenna Martinsen 12/3, Kittelson 9/0, Schumacher 3/0, Busted 7/3, Kayton Zwingman 4/0, Bra. Martinsen 6/3, Charf 18/7, Bode 10/0, Henn 0/1, Furstenau 28/10. Team totals: 97/27
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Br. Martinsen 1/2/0, Busted 50/128/2, Charf 0/1/0, Furstenau 1/6/0. Team totals: 52/137/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Br. Martinsen 1/0, Bra. Martinsen 14/4, Charf 15/1, Bode 17/6, Furstenau 24/1. Team totals: 71/12

SEM downs Wolfpack in semis

Eventual state champion sweeps
EPPJ 25-18, 25-12 and 25-22

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

LINCOLN — Sumner-Ed-dyville-Miller is a thorn in the Wolfpack’s side. They proved it once again Friday, sweeping EPPJ in the semi-final round of the Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament.

The Mustangs defeated the Wolfpack 25-18, 25-12 and 25-22, dominating EPPJ in a manner only seen once before this season when St. Mary’s swept them in their first match of the season.

The first two sets saw the

Mustangs play nearly flawless volleyball. In Set #1, the Wolfpack led by three early only to see the Mustangs tie the score at 11-all on a kill by Taryn Arbuthnot.

SEM then went on a nine to three run highlighted by back-to-back ace serves from Kate-lynn Reiter.

EPPJ cut the lead to 22 to 18 on a kill by Kayton Zwingman, but could get no closer.

In Set #2, EPPJ scored the first two points of the set, but it was all Mustangs the rest of the way as the Wolfpack never scored more than two points in a row.

EPPJ raised their level of play in the third set. The Wolfpack jumped out to a 14 to seven lead as Ashlynn Charf had success at the net and the service line with two aces.

The lead grew to 16 to seven as EPPJ enjoyed a huge wave of momentum. Then it slowly started to slip away. Spikes which were finding their way into open spaces suddenly began to go long or worse, into the net. SEM took advantage of the errors to close to 18 to 16. Then, after a Chloe Henn kill made it a three-point lead, SEM went on another run to tie the score at 22-all.

With momentum on their side, the Mustangs closed out the match with three consecu-

tive points.

“They (SEM) really brought it and we just couldn’t quite get there,” Coach Jordynn Luettel said. “We didn’t quite play Wolfpack volleyball until about the beginning of the third set and we weren’t able to put the full 25 points together (to win the set).”

The loss dropped the Wolfpack’s record to 27-7.

The Mustangs’ net play limited EPPJ to just 22 kills in 136 swings. Charf led hitters with eight kills. Baylee Busted recorded a team-high 19 set assists.

Kate Furstenau had a strong match in the back row, recording team-highs in serve receive (29) and digs (28).

EPPJ 0, SEM 3

Mustangs.....25 25 25
Wolfpack.....18 12 22
Attacks (K/Att/E) — Brenna Martinsen 0/1/0, Camry Kittelson 2/10/0, Kayton Zwingman 4/19/3, Braelyn Martinsen 0/1/0, Ashlynn Charf 8/48/10, Sara Bode 2/27/6, Chloe Henn 6/30/4. Team totals: 22/136/23. SEM — Mikah O’Neill 15/40/1. Team totals: 40/115/11
Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/11, Kaitey Schumacher 0/3, Baylee Busted 0/8, Charf 2/9, Bode 0/8, Kate Furstenau 4/14. Team totals: 6/53. SEM team totals: 3/77
Blocks (Solo) — Zwingman 4, Charf 1. Team totals: 5. SEM — Taryn Arbuthnot 2. Team totals: 2
Digs (D/DE) — Brenna Martinsen 11/3, Kittelson 8/1, Schumacher 1/0, Busted 9/4, Zwingman 1/1, Bra. Martinsen 8/3, Charf 10/5, Bode 3/2, Henn 2/1, Furstenau 28/11. Team totals: 81/31. SEM — Allie Rohde 3/20, O’Neill 20/1. Team totals: 81/13
Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Busted 19/102/1, Zwingman 0/1/0, Bra. Martinsen 0/1/0, Charf 0/2/0, Furstenau 1/6/0. Team totals: 20/112/1. SEM — Jaycelyn Hood 16/60/0. Team totals: 34/106/2
Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Br. Martinsen 1/1, Bra. Martinsen 6/2, Charf 14/3, Bode 5/2, Furstenau 29/5. Team totals: 55/13. SEM — Rohde 17/0. Team totals: 26/4



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Wolfpack junior Sara Bode got the better of her opponent across the net on this play against SEM.



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Kaitey Schumacher makes a perfect pass during Friday’s three-set loss to the Mustangs.



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Teammates Braelyn Martinsen, Kate Furstenau, Camry Kittelson and Ashlynn Charf surround Baylee Busted as she made one of her 19 set assists against the Mustangs Friday.

EPPJ tops Southwest in five sets to open tourney play



Senior Ashlynn Charf led EPPJ with 15 kills against Southwest.

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

LINCOLN — The Wolfpack volleyball team gave its' fans a roller-coaster ride Thursday, defeating Southwest in the opening round of the Class D1 State Volleyball Tournament. Elgin Public-Pope John fans were riding high winning the first two sets, then came down as Southwest won the next two sets, before riding high again by winning the fifth set. When it was all said and done, EPPJ claimed a 25-23, 26-24, 23-25, 19-25 and 15-10 victory over the Roughriders. "This game was a roller coaster," Wolfpack Coach Jordynn Luettel told reporters after the match. She said the key to the Wolfpack's victory was perseverance. "They (EPPJ) don't give up ... They keep battling." EPPJ jumped out to a four-to-zero lead in the fifth set as Sara Bode notched a kill, Baylee Busted had an ace serve and two Southwest errors. The lead grew to six points thanks to a kill by Chloe Henn and another ace serve, this time by Kate Furstenau. The Roughriders cut EPPJ's lead to three points, eight to five, then saw the match start to slip away as a net serve and hitting error made the score 10 to five. The teams traded points before another Bode kill put EPPJ match point. Southwest dodged one match point, but not the second. Luettel said winning the fifth

set often requires a quick start. "You never want to be on the wrong side of the quick start. We know what we got to do to take care of business and they just executed, they went back to playing relaxed and having fun." With their adoring fans looking on and a raucous student body creating a wall of sound, EPPJ won the first set. It wouldn't be easy as Southwest jumped out to a 21 to 16 lead. But this group of EPPJ volleyball players showed time and time again, they weren't done fighting. EPPJ put together a five-point run to tie the set as Kayton Zwingman and Ashlynn Charf had kills and the Roughriders committed hitting errors. Charf's kill of an overpass gave EPPJ the lead. She added one more kill before the Wolfpack closed out the set on a Southwest net serve. In Set #2, EPPJ rallied from being down seven points at 21-14 to win the set. EPPJ went on a nine-to-two run to tie the score at 23-all. After the teams traded points, EPPJ won the set on two hitting errors by Southwest. The Wolfpack appeared ready to sweep the Roughriders in three sets. Match point was just four points away when the Wolfpack went up 21 to 17, only to see the Roughriders come back and win the set 25 to 23. Payton Truska suddenly got hot at the net and Anastasic Gallegos added an ace serve. Then, to the surprise of many,

Southwest dominated the fourth set. The Wolfpack never led in the set. With the score 15 to 13, Southwest embarked on a 10 to six run to close out the set. It wasn't that the Wolfpack were playing badly, Southwest just capitalized on momentum to set up a winner-take-all final set. For the match, Charf led hitters with 15 kills. Busted had a team-high 35 set assists. Furstenau was stellar in the back row with team highs in serve receive (39) and digs (25). Zwingman tied Henn for the lead in solo blocks with three apiece. **EPPJ 3, Southwest 2** R'iders.....23 24 25 25 10 Wolfpack.....25 26 23 19 15 Attacks (K/Att/E) — Camry Kittelson 0/7/3, Baylee Busted 1/4/1, Kayton Zwingman 5/20/1, Ashlynn Charf 15/66/10, Sara Bode 10/49/9, Chloe Henn 13/40/11, Kate Furstenau 0/1/0. Team totals: 44/187/35. Southwest — Payton Turks 21/52/6. Team totals: 52/178/33 Serving (A/SA) — Kittelson 0/23, Kaitey Schumacher 1/11, Busted 2/22, Charf 0/23, Bode 0/12, Furstenau 1/19. Team totals: 4/110. Southwest — Bryn Lampe 3/20. Team totals: 7/107 Blocks (Solo) — Zwingman 3, Henn 3. Team totals: 6. Southwest — Kyra Nelms 3. Team totals: 7 Digs (D/D/E) — Brenna Martinsen 5/3, Kittelson 5/2, Schumacher 3/1, Busted 11/7, Zwingman 10/1, Braelyn Martinsen 15/9, Charf 22/5, Bode 6/3, Henn 5/0, Furstenau 25/8. Team totals: 107/39. Southwest — Allison VanPelt 24/0. Team totals: 93/1. Sets (A/BHA/BHE) — Kittelson 0/1/0, Busted 35/140/1, Charf 0/2/0, Furstenau 2/8/0. Team totals: 37/151/1. Southwest — Lampe 44/159/4. Team totals: 50/196/8. Serve Receive (SR/SE) — Kittelson 0/1, Zwingman 0/1, Bra. Martinsen 4/2, Charf 23/2, Bode 8/0, Furstenau 39/13. Team totals: 74/19. Southwest — VanPelt 35/1. Team totals: 96/4



Middle hitter Chloe Henn rises high above the net to record one of her 13 kills against the Roughriders.

EPPJ earns five All-NVC selections

Four members of the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team were named to the Niobrara Valley All-Conference First Team. In an announcement Monday, earning first team recognition were EPPJ players' Chloe Henn, Ashlynn Charf, Sara Bode and Kate Furstenau. Baylee Busted was named to the second team.

Spinning Tales

Make room in the trophy case, these girls earned it!

LINCOLN — By the end of the day Saturday I was ready to come home. I imagine many of my friends who spent three days in the Star City felt the same way. Sitting and clapping, standing and shouting, voices were strained, eyes watered over opportunity lost, then hardware seized in celebration. Three days to be remembered by a group of players, siblings, parents and fans. Standing behind the camera lens, I must say it was a sight to behold. **SPINNING TALES** Members of the press covering the state tournament are under strict guidelines not to cheer for their teams. Maybe that's why they have the media wear neon color work vests, with numbers on the back, so we can be spotted and ID'd if necessary. Inside, I'm rooting for my team, heart and soul. So, if I may, let me share just a few thoughts about our joint three-day getaway. Thursday afternoon — A sigh of relief when the Wolfpack roll in the fifth set to defeat Southwest. In hindsight, the match could have gone either way, a few points is all that separated the two teams. I interviewed Coach Jordynn Luettel afterwards. It's on our Facebook page for all to see. You can see how, towards the end of the interview, I let it slip that I thought we would surely play St. Mary's. SEM proved me wrong. Their match with St. Mary's went five sets. In the fifth, they put the hurt on the Cardinals, easily winning. Having played St. Mary's three times, we've all noticed the Cardinals' Coach Melinda Podany was expecting. At the subdistrict final, she looked like she was ready to have that baby. It arrived, hours after St. Mary's ended their season. I hope mother and baby are doing fine. Then there's Friday, the matchup I didn't expect. SEM ended our season one year ago in the district final. So here we go, a rematch. We're better than we were last year. No surprise, they were too. Simply put, the Mustangs outplayed us and went on to win the state tournament the next day over Amherst. What I will remember about Friday's match didn't take place on the court, but in the stands. The Mustangs fans were loud. Their rendition of the "Raw-

hide" TV show song, done in such a boisterous manner "ride 'em in, cut 'em out" made me want to shout. How such a small number of fans could be so loud is beyond me. To see them engage our student section was a bit too much (actually a lot). It works for them, I don't know if it would work for Wolfpack fans to be that loud. I wonder what songs we could sing to support the team. Maybe we should start doing The Beatles' "Get Back" because now the EPPJ must, next year, 'get back' to where they now belong. So now comes Saturday, the third place match is being played at Lincoln Northeast High School. The Rockets' 1984 championship banner hangs above the bleachers. My niece helped put that banner up there with her play on the court and, since that season, she's enshrined in the Northeast Hall of Fame. With that as a backdrop, there's a bit of history between Guardian Angels CC and the Wolfpack. Seven years earlier they two played in the third place game, only it was held at

Lincoln Southeast High School. That year we won the match in five sets, dropping the first two sets then coming back for a reverse sweep. Back to the present, GACC stands between the Wolfpack and the trophy which means they will end the season with a victory. The Wolfpack played their best match of the season, taking down the top seed in four sets. The front row hit with passion, the back row dug every ball that came their way. After splitting the first two sets, EPPJ closed out the match in style. To be in the lobby after the match was to share a moment of jubilation. The trophy went from one player to another for photos, the climax of a season which began in the heat of summer. Coach Luettel shared with us a comment she made to the players which, in hindsight, seemed prophetic. She told the players during a timeout "I can't do it for you. You have to figure it out." They did that, and for that, we are all blessed. Three days we won't soon forget.

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ASHLYNNE CHARF VOLLEYBALL
A senior, Ashlynn, in Thursday's first-round game against Southwest, dominated the front row with 15 kills & 22 digs in the back row.

KATE FURSTENAU VOLLEYBALL
A junior, in Friday's match-up against Sumner-Eddyville-Miller, Kate led the team in digs with 28 and serve receive with 29.

CHLOE HENN VOLLEYBALL
A junior, Chloe was a thorn in the side of Guardian Angels Central Catholic on Saturday. She had 15 kills and 2 solo blocks.

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Nomination deadline is November 15, 2023.

Smith

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expressed his desire to get the Farm Bill passed. Realistically, with the end-of-year deadline fast approaching, Congress should be prepared for a temporary Farm Bill extension to ensure these important programs do not lapse while we finish our work on reauthorization.

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AREA NEWS

Bartlett News

By Sherry Tetschner
columnist

'Trunk or Treat,' was held at the Wheeler Central large gym, October 31st from 2:45 to 3:40 p.m. The event was to have been held at the Wheeler Central Football field, but due to questionable weather took place in the gym instead.

Businesses and/or individuals had tables set up with Halloween treats to be given away to Wheeler Central students and community children.

Businesses that participated in this event were: Cornerstone Bank, Precious Hearts Daycare and Cedar River Rascals Daycare, Schlenger Family Tack and Performance Horses, 4-Corners, Brass Bunk House, Sprout Agriculture, Country Partners, M.C. Vet, Wagon Wheel, Landgren Well Drilling, Herd Co Cattle Company, Farmers Merchants Bank, Bartlett Lions Club, Kick It- Spraying, Nordhues Construction, Ranch Cafe, Ericson Spalding Livestock

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Weekend guests at our home



Gracie Pokorny (l) and Jennifer Wright representing Salon 308 took part in the Wheeler Central 'Trunk or Treat' event



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Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 Psalm 78:1-7

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Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS J. SUHR,
Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 23-20
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that on October 23, 2023, in the County Court of Antelope County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the will of said deceased and that Todd Suhr, whose address is 3164 Fairlane Ave., Columbus, Nebraska 68601, has been appointed Per-

sonal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 26, 2023, or be forever barred.

Linda Mitchell
Clerk Magistrate
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Charges dropped against Clearwater man

Due to law enforcement not preserving evidence

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

A charge against a Clearwater man was dismissed by Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith on Oct. 25. Zane Herley, 23, of Clearwater, was set for pretrial hearing Nov. 1 and trial Nov. 17 in the Antelope County court, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (alleged-

ly provided a Jell-O alcohol shot to 18-year-old minor), a Class 1 misdemeanor alleged June 24 in Clearwater.

According to a document filed by Smith, the reason for dismissal was that law enforcement did not preserve the evidence.

Smith also dismissed a minor in possession charge alleged against 18-year-old Gavin Longsdorf of Neligh, with the same reason documented.

On Oct. 31, Smith dismissed a bad check charge against Donaven Nolze, 23, of Sioux City, Iowa. A warrant had been issued in February for the arrest of Nolze, when he failed to appear in Antelope County court on the charge. The warrant was served by Lancaster County officers Oct. 20 and he posted \$150 bond, which he assigned to pay \$87.66 restitution to Elgin One Stop for the July 2022 bad check and \$51 costs.

ment for Nov. 15 on a charge of third-degree domestic assault, a Class 1 misdemeanor alleged July 6. Bond is continued in the amount of \$10,000, 10%, including an order for no contact with the alleged victim, neither direct nor indirect.

Taylor ordered warrants be issued for two defendants who failed to appear to show cause for nonpayment of fines and costs.

Kami Ash, 29, of Wood River failed to appear on a delinquent amount due of \$149, due on an Oct. 4 driving under suspension conviction (by waiver) and Austin Bertschinger, 31 of Blair, on a delinquent amount of \$460, due by Oct. 4 on his Aug. 2 attempted possession of a controlled substance sentence.

Taylor, on Oct. 17, issued a warrant for the arrest of a 54-year-old Petersburg man, Timothy R. Miller Sr. Bond is set at \$1,500, 10% cash. A complaint was filed that day, by Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith, alleging a Class 2 misdemeanor, second-degree forgery.

According to an affidavit, filed by Antelope County Sheriff Bob Moore, he had investigated a report of Miller, allegedly passing a counterfeit \$100 bill on an approximate \$5 gas purchas, Oct. 10, at an Elgin convenience store.

Denis F. Kerkman, 90. Of Tilden appeared in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on Nov. 1, for arraignment on a charge of violating a protection order, a Class 1 misdemeanor alleged Oct. 13. Kerkman requested continuance so he can hire an attorney. Taylor granted the request and set Kerkman for further arraignment Nov. 15.

Bond is continued, in the amount of \$20,000, 10%, with order for no contact, direct or indirect, with victim.

According to a probable-cause affidavit filed by a Neligh police officer, Kerkman was accused of making a phone call to his ex-wife as well as driving by her residence on Oct. 10-11. He was arrested Oct. 13, after he pulled into the parking area at the Antelope County Law Enforcement Center.

Shane A. Sleister, 49, of Oakdale faced Taylor for further arraignment on two counts, Count I, resisting arrest, a Class 1 misdemeanor; and Count II, driving under suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Sleister pleaded not guilty and requested jury trial. Taylor set pretrial hearing Dec. 6. Bond is continued, in the amount of \$4,000, 10% cash. He is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney of Norfolk.

In another case, an alleged violation of Village of Oakdale's nuisance ordinance, Sleister was given additional time to pay court costs.

Kristopher T. Dorie, 39, of Albion appeared for further arraignment on a count of third-degree assault, alleged Aug. 22. Dorie pleaded not guilty and requested jury trial. Pretrial hearing is set Nov. 15. Dorie is represented by Antelope County public defender Pat Carney of Norfolk.

Kegan J. McAllister, 19, of Tilden, who had been granted a continuance in October so he could hire an attorney, appeared without counsel and requested court-appointed counsel. Taylor appointed Carney. She set further arraignment.

Two bound over to district court

Two defendants waived their rights to preliminary hearings when they appeared in front of the Honorable Donna Taylor in the Antelope County courtroom in Neligh on Nov. 1.

Max S. Kerkman, 34, of Oakdale appeared with his lawyer, Brad Montag of Norfolk, on a pair of Class 4 felony drug charges, possession of methamphetamine and oxycodone.

Taylor bound the case over to the Antelope County district court, where Kerkman is set for arraignment Nov. 29. Bond is continued at \$20,000, 10% cash.

Kerkman was arrested following a June 6 federal probation search at his Oakdale residence.

Christopher Barta, 29, Irene, South Dakota, appeared alongside his court appointed attorney, Martin Klein of Neligh, on two Class 2A felony counts, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking and conspiracy

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Upper Elkhorn Natural Resource District

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District ("Board") will hold a public hearing at 12:30 p.m. on November 27th, 2023 at the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District office, 301 North Harrison Street, in O'Neill, Nebraska 68763. This is not a question-and-answer hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony relevant to the adoption of proposed amendments to the District's Chemigation Rules and Regulations. A summary of the proposed amendments to the rules and regulations is as follows:

The proposed amendments apply to the overall Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments authorize a general restructuring of the number identification system of the Rules & Regulations.

The proposed amendments authorize updated enforcement rules and regulations to better conform to state statutes.

Rule 11.1.1 The proposed amendments authorize a new application fee of \$100.00 (not to exceed \$150) for each new permit shall be paid to the District, of which \$5.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy

Rule 11.1.2 The proposed amendments authorize a special permit application fee of \$30.00 (not to exceed \$150) shall be paid to the District, of which \$5.00 shall

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Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments to the rules may be obtained at, or by contacting, the Upper Elkhorn NRD, 301 North Harrison Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763, telephone number 402-336-3867. All persons are encouraged to attend the hearing and offer testimony. Written testimony may be presented at the hearing or may be delivered or mailed to the Upper Elkhorn NRD. If mailed or delivered, such testimony must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 24th, 2023.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation, by contacting the Upper Elkhorn NRD at the address or phone number listed above.

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Courthouse News

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Charity Upchurch, Clover, SC 10/12/23 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Kavan.

Darryl M. Atkins, Jr., Aberdeen, SD 9/29/23 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Miller.

Troy N. Rasmussen, Laurel, NE 10/12/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Detlefsen.

OBITUARIES

Larry M. Temme, 58

January 3, 1965 - October 31, 2023

Community minded, he was a pillar of the Petersburg community.



Larry M. Temme, 58 of Petersburg, NE passed away Tuesday,

October 31, 2023, at Bryan-East Medical Center in Lincoln, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, November 4, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg, NE with Fr. John Norman and Deacon John Starman officiating. Burial to followed in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held Friday at the church, with a 7 p.m. wake service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for a later designation.

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

Larry Michael Temme, son of Jerome and Elizabeth "Betty" (Reestman) Temme was born on January 3, 1965, in Tilden, NE. He was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic faith. Larry grew up on a small farm east of Petersburg, NE with his four siblings. He attended St. John's school through the eighth grade and then Petersburg High School graduating with the class of 1983.

Following graduation Larry pursued his lifelong dream of supporting the town and county that raised him. He started working at the Petersburg Locker straight out of high school, this is where he learned how to own and operate a business.

On September 11, 1993, Larry was united in marriage to Radene (Naev) Arends at St. John's Parish in Petersburg, NE. From this union Larry gained two loving stepchildren and was blessed with two more sons.

In 2007 Larry purchased the grocery store formerly known as Andres, now Rae Valley Market. In 2012 a new grocery store building was built where it remains currently. In 2015, Larry purchased the grocery

store in Newman Grove, NE, with his brother Tom, renaming it Shell Creek Market. He also managed the Lindsay Cooperative Grocery Store in Lindsay, NE.

Larry's love for the community was evident from the organizations he was involved with. For many years, Larry refereed basketball games. He was a member of the Young Men's Club, parish council, parish workforce, Petersburg Booster Club, Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders. After getting married and having kids he realized that it takes a community to raise your kids. He sat on the Boone Central School Board for 12 years and was a current member of the Petersburg Industrial Development Corp., Petersburg Community Foundation, Boone County Development Agency as a charter member, and a Boone County Commissioner.

Larry enjoyed racing, concerts, camping, sports, and motorcycles. He enjoyed making the trip to Sturgis every year. He also enjoyed the community that raised him. Most importantly he loved watching his children and now his grandchildren grow in the community and their achievements. In his words, "I'm proud and privileged to have been a small part of it."

Larry is survived by his wife of 30 years Radene Temme of Petersburg, NE; children: Brett (Gina) Temme of Albion, NE; Garrett Temme of Petersburg, NE; David Arends of Petersburg, NE; Krissy (Dustin) Guthard of Petersburg, NE; one grandson: Asher; three granddaughters: Caydence, Ashlynn, and Kynlee; siblings: Deb (Ray) Schlecht of Clearwater, NE; Alan (Jeanne) Temme of Petersburg, NE; Barb (Larry) Korth of Randolph, NE; Tom (Staci) Temme of Newman Grove, NE; along many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; niece: Shannon Temme; and great-niece: Olivia Temme.

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and Fr. Sund for the funeral Mass. Thanks to Joyce Reestman and Chris Grundmayer for the beautiful music and the St. Bonaventure Christian Mothers for providing and serving the bars/coffee after the vigil service, and for the desserts and wonderful luncheon after the funeral.

We also thank Fr. Norman and Fr. Sund for their visits to the house. We also want to especially thank the nurses and aides from St. Croix Hospice for their wonderful care of Diane, for the guidance provided to our family and for making it possible for her to remain at home. You are truly super-heroes to us! Your warm-heartedness will always be remembered by our family. May God bless you.

Gary Kerkman
Jackie & Kevin Kathol and family
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Greg & Dottie Kerkman and family



Courtesy photo

Library takes families for a ride

Elgin Public Library's Hayride was held Sunday, November 5th. Approximately 56 people enjoyed the great weather and a ride around town. Hayrides started at 2:00 and were given every half-hour. The crowd also enjoyed S'mores, hot chocolate and board games at the library. A huge thank you to Jerry Pelster for providing the tractor and hayrack as well as giving the rides.

CVA partners with Northeast Community College in apprenticeship program

job experience, while earning an income and obtaining a degree in a new career field. "This program equips students with the necessary skills to start and advance their career," said Brent Reichmuth, Senior Vice President of Operations at CVA. "It's a great opportunity for future applicators and CVA is excited to be a part of it." The Chemical Applicator Apprenticeship Program is for people of all ages who want to earn a salary while learning how to

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instrumental in helping me understand how the problems we learn about in the classroom can occur in real life, and how we can resolve them. Applying classroom knowledge directly to the field has been a huge benefit to my education," said Tanner Pfeifer, a student in the apprenticeship program. "I am thankful to both Northeast and CVA for giving me, and other students, the opportunity to get firsthand experience before we begin our full-time careers."

Exploring options for storing your hay this winter

Early snow this year reminded us that winter isn't too far away. For many producers, this means feeding the heard hay while grazing options may be limited. Feed costs are often one of the top costs in cattle operations, so being as efficient with hay as possible is important. Even before the hay gets to the cow, loss during storage can be a significant part of overall hay loss.

Storing hay inside is the best option for both round and square bales to minimize storage loss. This is not always possible and is much more cost effective for square bales. Weathering is more detrimental to square bales and more tonnage can be stored in a given area inside. Most of the dry matter loss in a bale will occur in the first several months of storage. Even under the best conditions, hay stored inside can lose 2-8% dry matter if stored for extended periods of time. For storage under 9 months, losses should be less than 2%. The dry matter loss for large round bales stored outside can range from 5-25% depending on the climate.

When storing outside, large round bales are the best option. Here are a few steps to take that can help minimize hay loss.

Keep the base dry. Moisture can enter the bale from the ground as well as the sky. Placing bales on old tires, pallets, railroad ties, or other method to elevate the bales can help, though can be a nuisance when feeding out. Putting bales onto a crushed rock bed or other porous

substrate that will quickly move moisture away can be a more costly, yet effective option.

Bales under a tarp can see similar storage conditions to those in a shed if done correctly. Keep bales off the ground to prevent moisture wicking up. Stacking or pyramiding bales will allow more bales to go under a smaller amount of tarp, making the process more economical.

Storing bales end to end very tightly minimizes the exposure of the open bale face to the elements. Leave at least 3 feet of space between rows for airflow. If it is not feasible to store end to end in a row, allow at least 18 inches between individual bales to allow airflow. A study performed with prairie hay in South Dakota showed hay stored for one year end to end had 1% dry matter loss, individually stored had 4% loss, and pyramid storage had 10% loss in dry matter.

Rows of round bales should be placed with the slope in yards where grade is a factor. This prevents moisture from pooling around the bale base. If storing round bales on flat ground, orient bales north to south. This will allow the majority of the bale at least some sunlight during the day, especially in winter when the sun is low in the sky. Additionally, this aligns bales closely with prevailing winter winds to reduce added moisture from drifted snow.

Don't store under trees. Bales need to dry out if they become wet and trees will not assist in

this process because they block sunlight and airflow. (Shelterbelts are designed to reduce wind!).

No matter the type of forage, a tight, well-made bale is the best way to reduce the risk of storage loss. Dry matter loss occurs mostly early in storage. Besides storing inside, a single row of bales end to end, provides one of the best storage methods. Selling hay as early

as possible can reduce the need for better storage. Keeping the hay tight and storing it right will allow the hay to stay in good condition, making it more valuable.

-Ben Beckman is a beef systems Extension Educator serving the counties of Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison and Pierce. He is based out of the Cedar County Extension office in Hartington. You can reach him by phone: (402) 254-6821 or email: ben.beckman@unl.edu



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In Elgin, the applications can be picked up at Dean's Market, the Elgin Public School website (<https://www.elgineagles.org>) or the St. Boniface website (<https://pjcrusaders.org>). The applications need to be returned or mailed to Health and Human Services 501 M Street, Neligh, NE 68756 by Tuesday, November 14th. (or email to Patti.Brady@nebraska.gov).

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

To purchase a gift for the Ribbon Tree, they are on Christmas trees at the Pinnacle Bank in Neligh and at the Neligh Library on or after November 17th. All gifts should be placed under the trees no later than December 14.

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Neligh woman reconsiders delay in starting jail sentence

By Sandy Schroth

court reporter

A Neligh couple, whose June 29 argument became physical, were each sentenced to seven days in jail for counts of third-degree assault, by mutual consent.

Plea agreements had been negotiated with Antelope County Attorney Joe Smith by the respective court-appointed attorneys for Melissa A. Murberger, 48, represented by Martin Klein of Neligh, and Ronald E. Murberger, 48, represented by public defender Pat Carney of Norfolk.

The agreement included staggered jail sentences so one of them would be available to care for their children and Smith's agreement to file no further charges related to the incident.

Klein requested Melissa Murberger's sentence begin the following morning. She told the Honorable Donna Taylor that she had a doctor's appointment Wednesday afternoon, to get her medications and those of her mother-in-law refilled.

Taylor said it had been her policy for 21 years that when someone is sentenced to jail, they go right away. However, she reluctantly agreed to make an exception.

She ordered the woman to appear at the jail at 9 a.m. Thursday, with a warning - if she tested positive for alcohol or drugs "at all," she would be sentenced to six months.

"If you think you will test positive, maybe you should just say, 'I will just go to jail today,'" Taylor said.

Mrs. Murberger took the advice and opted to go directly to jail.

Taylor ordered Ronald Murberger's jail sentence to begin Nov. 9, allowing an extra day between "in case Mrs. Murberger wants to sit out court costs" and he was given the same lecture and option as his wife. He said it wouldn't be an issue

for him.

They were each assessed \$50 costs.

Melissa Murberger also appeared for arraignment, without counsel, on a count of littering, alleged July 15. She pleaded not guilty. Taylor set pretrial hearing Dec. 6.

Five Austin, Minnesota, residents, who were traveling home Sept. 13, through Antelope County on Highway 14, were back in Nebraska last week to face the county judge for possession of marijuana.

Taylor fined them each \$350 and ordered two days in the Antelope County Jail, with credit given for two days already served, for Class 3 misdemeanor counts of possession of marijuana, more than one ounce but less than one pound; \$50 each for infraction count of posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia; and \$50 costs apiece.

Each was originally charged, by Smith, with a felony for possessing more than one pound of marijuana. However, the charges were amended by Smith on Wednesday, to Class 3 misdemeanors, possession of more than one ounce but less than one pound, as indicated on citations written by Nebraska State Patrol troopers at the time of their arrest.

According to a probable-cause affidavit, filed by one of the troopers, they found numerous dispensary bags labeled marijuana, THC wax and pre-rolled cigarettes, totaling more than one ounce.

The driver, Nickolas S. Oldenkamp, 25, told the officers the drugs belonged to himself and a

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Photo submitted

NNAA Convention recognizes Savannah Henn

Last month, Savannah Henn, BSN, RN, CPHQ of Antelope Memorial Hospital, was recognized as a 40 Under 40 Awardee at the Nebraska Nursing Association Annual Convention in Lincoln. Savannah (center) is shown receiving the award from (l-r): Teri Bruening, NONL President, and Linda Hardy, NNA President.

Starman claims top prize in football contest

Phil Starman bested the field to win this week's Elgin Review Football Contest. Starman missed just five games to win the top prize of \$20.

There was a log jam of entries, all missing six games, for the runner-up spot. The actual figure for total yards between Nebraska and Michigan State was 572. Tim Rossow guessed 549, John Stoltz 650, Jack Stoltz 587, Gale Mahnke 590 and Fr. Ross Burkhalter 650

As a result, Rossow will receive the \$10 runner-up prize. Results of the games were: Washington over USC West Virginia over BYU Wyoming over Colorado State Arizona over UCLA Texas over Kansas State Clemson over Notre Dame Michigan St. over Nebraska NC State over Miami Alabama over LSU Boston College over Syracuse Oklahoma St. over Oklahoma Georgia Tech over Virginia UCF over Cincinnati Penn State over Maryland Iowa over Northwestern Oregon State over Colorado

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male passenger, Able J. Cifuentes, 23. They and three female passengers, Carmen Cifuentes, 18, Ariana L. Estrada, 18, and Estrella C. Mensch, 19, were all arrested and booked into the ACJ. The men were released on 10% cash bonds Sept. 15, while the women were released on personal recognizance bonds.

Oldenkamp was represented by Joel Carlson of Norfolk; Abel Cituentes, by Luke Henderson of Norfolk; Carmen Cifuentes, by Martin Klein of Neligh; Estrada, by Bradley Easland of Norfolk; and Mensch, by Nathan Stratton of Norfolk.

Adalberto Sanchez, 34, of Tornillo, Texas, appeared electronically for sentencing on crimes he committed in 2016, including Count I, driving under the influence of alcohol, a Class W misdemeanor, and Count II, no operator's license, a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Taylor placed him on a six-month term of probation to the court on counts I and II, along

with a \$500 fine on Count I. A probation enrollment fee was waived and he was ordered to pay an additional \$1 in costs.

Sanchez was arrested June 26, 2016, at a sobriety checkpoint on the Antelope/Holt county line and failed to appear in court Aug. 17, 2016. An August 2016 warrant was reissued in October 2021. He had been imprisoned in a federal Arizona prison and was released in June 2019. The late Joe Abler, then Antelope County Attorney, declined extradition on the misdemeanor counts at that time.

Donneceia D. McFarland, 38, of Tilden appeared for arraignment on two counts. Count I, driving under suspension, a Class 3 misdemeanor, and Count II, speeding, 11-15 miles per hour over the posted limit, an infraction.

McFarland waived her right to counsel and pleaded guilty to both counts. Taylor fined her \$100 on Count I and \$75 on Count II. She was taxed \$50 costs.



Photo submitted

IZ soup supper held Sunday

Delectable desserts topped off the popular 40th annual Immanuel Zion (IZ) Lutheran Soup Supper Sunday (November 5th, 2023). According to Sharon Taake (left) of Tilden, president of the IZ women's group, 325 people, many from Elgin, were served. Also pictured are Lynn Bygland (center), Albion, who helped organize the event, and Eileen Simonsen, Oakdale. Money raised addresses world hunger through the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and ongoing medical expenses for Tim Peterson, IZ Pastor Elizabeth Goehring's husband, who suffered a stroke nearly a year ago.

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to commit criminal mischief. Taylor bound Barta over to district court, where he is set for arraignment Dec. 20. Bond is continued at \$25,000, 10%.

Barta was arrested July 28, in South Dakota on an Antelope County warrant, accused of conspiring with others to steal wiring from irrigation systems last spring and summer.

Stay informed!

Trophy

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ing of Saturday's final game of the season. "This was our last chance to show what we got and we just really played together and it all came together in the end."

Ironically, it was seven years ago when the Wolfpack earned the third place trophy, defeating GACC in five sets.

For five seniors on the team, this marked their final volleyball match. They (Charf, Busteed, Brenna Martinsen, Jazmine McNally and Keyera Eisenhauer) go out winners. Better yet, they've earned a state tournament medal long to be remembered.

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