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## In Brief

### Free turkey drawings to be held Friday

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Elgin residents have just a few more days to register for the free turkey giveaway by participating businesses.

On Friday, before noon or right after lunch, businesses should contact *The Elgin Review* office with your winner. The newspaper will then provide a list of winners to Dean's Market.

Among the businesses participating this year are:

- Antelope County Veterinary Clinic
- Bank of Elgin
- Central Valley Ag (agronomy and grain & feed locations)
- Coffeehouse Café
- Dean's Market
- Draper Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Elgin Bargain Box
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One turkey per family.

Turkeys can be picked up at Dean's Market during regular business hours.

Winners are required to cook their own turkeys. Instructions for cooking turkeys can be found at various locations on the Internet.

## America's veterans continue to serve a cause greater than themselves

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Clyde Stuhr gave Veterans Day Address in Elgin



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Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Clyde Stuhr gave the Veterans Day Address Friday morning at Elgin Public School gymnasium. The annual event was well-attended.

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

Just as they had when the country called to serve, Elgin's veterans proudly marched again Friday morning as part of the Veterans Day service held at Elgin Public School.

Though their numbers may be dwindling, the pride and patriotism for being an American is as strong as ever. That was evident on their faces as well as on those who attended the 11 a.m. program.

Guest speaker this year was Clyde Stuhr of Petersburg. Now retired from active duty, the lieutenant colonel spoke about the meaning of the day for veterans and civilians alike.

"We observe this holiday to remember the sacrifices and valor of those who have served this great country in military uniform," he said. "Many of our baby boomers served their country by way of the draft to ensure our freedom during peacetime and the Cold War era. They answered the call and stood ready every bit as potent as those of us who later served in combat operations, peace-keeping, humanitarian missions or whatever else we classify the way we engage our military forces around the globe. Today, let's just try to include and honor all people who served in uniform, either voluntarily or drafted, during combat, peacetime or any of the gray area between."

Pointing out how the men and women who serve today are volunteers, Stuhr said they do so because "One, ultimately they find fulfillment and a sense of unified purpose in being a part of something greater than themselves and Two, they take great

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## 'Shop the North Pole is Friday & Saturday

A sure sign the holiday season is upon - the annual 'Shop the North Pole' event featuring vendors is almost here.

The event will be held this Friday and Saturday, November 17-18. The event gets underway Friday evening (5 p.m.) and then starts again on Saturday at 9 a.m.

Vendors will be at several locations this year, according to Kimberly Young. She said they will be at the KC Hall, Elgin Community Center, K&S Collective and Mike Dvorak's Mikon Woodshop will be at the hotel next to K&S.

**2023 Registered Vendors:** A.K. Home Decor - Abby Kerkman; Anita's Unique Totes and Things - Anita Camp; B.S. Designsmore - Stacy Harms; Burlap & Bows (Friday Only) - Kristy Beeks; Creatively Colorful - Gina McManus; Denim to Diamonds Beauty (Friday Only) - Diane Noble-Wynegar; doTerra - Beth Miller; Ellie's Beads & More - Ellie Vanis; Gel Moment - Theresa Good; Hooks N Hens - Amber Sheer; K&S Collective - Shay Dirks; Kayce's Creations - Kayce Kallhoff; Kelly Reigle Photography - Kelly Seier; Kit Kat Kids Boutique - Susan Snyder; Laurel Miller - Kitchen Accessories and Products; Linda's Bling - Linda Whipple; Maple Leaf Boutique - Laura Grimes; Mary Kay - Jodi Hoffmann; Midplains Produce - Rachel Uhrenholdt; Mikon Woodshop - Mike Dvorak; Nicole's Home Essentials - Nicole Roberts; NJoye - Nancy Alexander; Perma-Linx - Lisa O'Brien; Redding Saddlery and Tack - Paige Ringhoff; Rural Route One Boutique - Dawn Nelson; Scentsy - Desiree Ortiz; Slinky's Craft - Stephanie Hamilton; The Starman Girls - Gail Starman; T&E Creations - Erica Andrews; Tastefully Simple - Barbara O'Byrne; TripleB @ South 23 - Michelle Peterson; Tupperware - Janet Newton; Way Out West 4-H Club Bake Sale (Saturday Only).

## Public Notices

Public notices in this week's newspaper include:

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Commissioners

Proceedings — Antelope County Board of Equalization

Proceedings — Elgin City Council

Notice — Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District

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## 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
November 6	68	42	.00
November 7	59	40	.00
November 8	58	32	.00
November 9	54	19	.00
November 10	48	33	.00
November 11	59	36	.00
November 12	65	31	.00
Total for last week			0.00
Total for November			0.00
Total precipitation 2023			28.16

## Hoefler, Payne speak of local pride in being Americans

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.*

Freedom isn't free. That truth guides volunteer efforts to commemorate military service, keep the red-white-and-blue flying high, and instill deep-seated pride in being an American.

Two Elgin community leaders, Gary Hoefler and Ray Payne, proudly shared details of local efforts. The setting was the Elgin Veterans Club headquarters just south of Dean's Market. The small room inspires patriotism with walls covered with American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars charters, wooden plaques etched with names of



Elgin's war dead, and United States flags that have respectfully adorned the caskets of fallen soldiers.

Payne, with Hoefler nodding his head in agreement, said he volunteers because "being in the military is a camaraderie" that lasts forever.

Both of these Army veterans and lifelong rural Elgin residents credited their dads, now deceased, who also served, for their ongoing volunteerism passion related to military honor, respect, and remembrance.

Hoefler said his dad, Leonard, a WWII veteran, encouraged him to sign up as an American Legion member. "Being in the color guard at a funeral with your dad is special; not everybody gets to do that," Hoefler said with a twinge of sadness as he recounted presenting the American flag to his mother, Juan, at his dad's funeral.

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## Did you know ...

*What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?*

Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day recognizes all those living who have served or are serving.

*Why is Veterans Day always on November 11?*

WWI ended the 11th hour, 11th day, and 11th month at 11:00 am on November 11, 1918.

*What is the 21-gun salute?*

This is the highest honor bestowed on a veteran at the time of burial. Seven guns are fired in unison three times.

*Why are taps played?*

The simple tune, played with trumpet or bugle, is a call at funerals, wreath-laying ceremonies and memorial services to remember those who gave their lives in service to the U.S.

*Why is the American flag folded in a triangle?*

The triangle resembles the tri-cornered hat worn by George Washington and others in the Revolutionary War. Only the stars in the blue field remain showing to represent the states veterans served while in uniform.



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As part of Elgin's Veterans Day observance, Gary Hoefler (l) and Ray Payne (r) spent time Friday putting out flags at the cemetery north of town.

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From JoAnn's Kitchen

# Walking Tacos, Dill Vegetable Dip & Fiesta Dip

Game day means a variety of easy-to-make, easy-to-eat foods and dips to enjoy during the game.

Good day,  
Sitting in the office with pen and paper sharing some really good cooking ideas with you all. It's windy, rainy and cold today. Appreciate the rain we have received this Fall.  
One of my favorite things about this time of the year is football and volleyball.  
When my kids were



little we would have gatherings with our friends and everybody would bring our favorite football food. Mine was this walking taco recipe. I bet I've made it hundreds of times. It's my kids' favorite. I hope you will enjoy it as well.  
Dips are also favorites in our house. These two recipes are two of those favorites. Need something quick and easy - here you go!  
Go Huskers!

JoAnn

## WALKING TACO

1 lb browned hamburger  
2 oz pkgs cream cheese  
1 pkg dry taco seasoning  
Chopped lettuce  
Chopped onion

Chopped green pepper  
Chopped tomato  
Chopped black olives  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Brown the hamburger and drain it. Cool it!  
Mix cream cheese with the seasoning. Use a nice size pizza pan or plater and spread the cream cheese mixture in the bottom of the pan. Spread it evenly to the edges.  
Cover the cheese mixture with the cooled hamburger.  
Layer the chopped vegetables in any order. Cover it with as much cheese as you like. Chill it. Serve with Tostito® chips. So yummy!

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1-1/2 cups sour cream  
2 Tbls finely chopped parsley  
2 tsp dried dill

1-1/2 cups mayonnaise  
2 Tbls grated onion  
2 tsp celery salt

Combine all the ingredients. Refrigerate over night and serve with your favorite raw vegetables.

## FIESTA DIP

1 8 oz pkg cream cheese  
8 oz sour cream  
8 oz shredded cheddar cheese

8 oz picante sauce  
1/4 cup chopped black olives

Blend the cream cheese and sour cream mix until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill. Serve with crackers.

## Pride

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“Every veteran deserves a color guard.”

Payne, whose Army enlistment spanned 1979-82, serves

as Sergeant-at-Arms for Elgin's American Legion Post 229 chartered August 10, 1920 after WWI. Flipping through a yellowed and slightly worn officer's guidebook, Payne summa-

rized his ceremonial command duties for military burial rights to include the call to attention, the 21-gun salute, folding of the flag together with presentation to a survivor and the playing of the taps.

Hoefler, also an Army veteran serving 1972-74, has been Legion commander for about 25 years. He runs the meetings and does the paperwork for the Elgin Veterans Club which was formed in the early 1970s combining the American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5816, also known as the Sharkey-Reuss Post in honor of two WWII veterans from Elgin. The local VFW post was chartered February 19, 1946 following WWII.

Hoefler and Payne said the Elgin legion has 64 members and the VFW has 33 ranging in age from 30 years to Fred Capler in his 90s. Many belong to both groups.

A full contingent color guard takes 13 people. Hoefler said sometimes the Army sends soldiers to fold the U.S. flag and play taps. “Anybody who has served in the military is welcome to join,” he said with Payne admitting that sometimes it's a little tough getting enough members to serve in the color guard for cemetery services. In such case, it is common to get help from other posts, often from Petersburg.

The color guard presents and retires the colors at the Veterans Day Ceremony each year organized by the Elgin schools, Memorial Day Ceremonies at Elgin's St. Boniface and West Cedar Valley cemeteries, Park Center cemetery west of Elgin, and St. Patrick's cemetery near Ewing, and on special occasions.

For example, the color guard was there for a 9-11 remembrance at a Wolfpack football game, a flag dedication honoring Lawrence Getzfred at the Elgin Public Library who died

in the 9-11 attack, and at local parades.

The Elgin Veterans Club chooses and funds Elgin representative(s) to Boys State and provides college scholarships made possible with funding from Elgin native Lewis Lehr. Further, it partners with auxiliary groups to decorate graves on Memorial Day and host a community luncheon. The club bought 21 American flags the City of Elgin flies on selected holidays and the day of funerals for local veterans.

A recent accomplishment was the purchase of 75 American flags and installation of ground-level holders that flank the Elgin cemeteries north of town on Memorial Day and, weather permitting, on Independence Day and Veterans Day. “We want to do more,” Hoefler said, “maybe 17-18 more (flags).” In addition to membership dues, Payne said the group's largest benefactor is in memory of Elgin native Jerry Tunink.

About the flags, when posed with the “why” question, Hoefler fired back, “When you drive by the cemetery and the flags are flying, how do you feel?” We all know the answer to that question and salute the Payne-Hoefler team and all other members of the Elgin Veterans Club for their loyal service to our Nation and our community.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Pumpkin carving tied to the Irish

Lo, the lowly pumpkin. In these days following Halloween and up through Thanksgiving, the orange spheres with twisted green stems are here, there, and everywhere – lining driveways in town, on home entry steps, and scattered across tabletops.

That blast of orange is a refreshing treat for the eyes as our local landscape turns from luscious green to the winter harbingers of grey, brown, and drab.

Speaking of treats, the pumpkin flavoring craze started hit-

## Community Calendar

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

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

**Friday, November 17**  
**Turkey Give Away** at participating businesses sponsored by the Elgin Chamber/Community Club.\*

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

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

**Monday, November 20**  
**Card Shower** for Marcella Schiltmeyer's 90th birthday.\*

**Tuesday, November 21**  
**Food Pantry** at Neligh Am. Legion.\*

**Thursday, November 23**  
**St. Boniface Thanksgiving Bazaar** at St. Boniface Auditorium.\*

Events listing courtesy of  
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ting coffee, cake, and ice cream markets about mid-September. Enjoyed pumpkin pancakes at a Lincoln restaurant recently. Yum!

Pumpkin carving, quite the rage for all ages, is thought to have originated in Ireland. Legend has it that Stingy Jack, a drunkard with a bad rap, roamed the earth with only a candle in a hollowed turnip to light his way. To ward off Jack, the Irish carved Jack-O-Lanterns with demonic faces carved in turnips as well as rutabagas, gourds, potatoes, and beets.

Upon immigrating to America, the Irish found pumpkins to be more abundant and soon became the canvas of choice to

carve and scare away Jack and other malicious figures. Today, the carved pumpkin with a light flickering inside, has morphed into a welcoming sight on a dark night.

While roasted pumpkin seeds are quite the health food craze, the pulp is a low-calorie (without the sugar and cream added) source of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Since the pumpkin develops from a flowering and seed-bearing plant, the pumpkin is considered a fruit, part of the squash family. There are more than 150 varieties of pumpkins varying in size, color, and suitability for cooking. Not every kind of pumpkin makes a good Thanksgiving pumpkin pie.

Indigenous peoples and early settlers in the United States revered the pumpkin as a welcome wintertime food source, especially in times of scarcity. The solid, thick flesh, surround-

ed by tough skin, stores well, and for a long time, in cold weather.

Neighbors grow pumpkins and decorative gourds. We fondly call them the pumpkin fairies. Every year, decorative creations of nature magically appear on our doorstep when we are away. These amazing neighbors plant, tend, and harvest, and spread their pumpkin love to many. So appreciated!

Pumpkins are a symbol of gratitude, generosity, and abundant harvest. Further, the pumpkin is packed with seeds that, when saved and dried over winter, can be planted in spring to make even more fresh produce.

Growing the weightiest pumpkin has become quite the competition. Elgin has quite the hefty pumpkin displayed along main street (Highway 14). Grown by Ray Paine of rural Elgin it weighs in at 580 pounds. A horticulture teacher from Minnesota carries the world record for the biggest pumpkin, weighing in at 2,749 pounds,

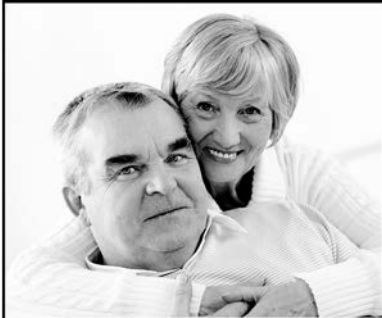
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Elgin Columnist  
**Jane Schuchardt**

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# OBITUARY

## Lois L. Bettendorf, 89



December 17, 1933 - November 13, 2023

A former business owner, she also worked as an assistant librarian.

Lois L. Bettendorf, 89 of Elgin, NE passed away on Monday, November 13,

2023 at Saunders House Assisted Living in Wahoo, NE.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Elgin Community Christian Church in Elgin with Rev. Mary Avidano Hubert officiating. Visitation will be an hour prior to service time. Burial will follow at the Oakdale Cemetery, Oakdale, NE.

Memorials are suggested to the Elgin Community Christian Church.

Levander Funeral Home of Elgin is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.levanderfuneralhome.com](http://www.levanderfuneralhome.com).

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Lois Lucille Bettendorf, daughter of Alfred "Ray" and Lila Harriet (Dalton) Pollock was born December 17, 1933, at Neligh, NE.

She attended school in Oakdale and graduated with the class of 1952.

On August 8, 1952, Lois was united in marriage to Noel J. Bettendorf at the United Methodist Church in Oakdale. From this union Lois was blessed with three sons: Rollie, Steven, and Mark. In January of 1956, they moved to Norwalk, CA where they lived until 1971 when they returned to Nebraska and made their home in Elgin.

They owned and operated

the Gambles Store until 1984. Lois later worked as the assistant Librarian at the Elgin Library from 1985 until her retirement in September of 2013. During those years she was also a caregiver as well as working at the Elgin Review. Lois moved to Wahoo in 2019 to be closer to family.

She was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church. She really loved her Tuesday night Bowling league, and the Bergstrom Reilly team was always a competitive team. She always loved the coffee breaks over the years whether downtown at the café or later at the Senior Center.

She mentioned many times how fortunate she was to have those friendships to lean on after losing her husband.

Lois is survived by her three sons: Rollie (Nancy) Bettendorf of Stanton, NE; Steve (Gigi) Bettendorf of Bennet, NE; Mark (Beverly) Bettendorf of Wahoo, NE; eight grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren with another due next Spring; brother LaVern Pollock of Neligh, NE; sister-in-law Glenice Pollock of Oakdale, NE; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Noel in 2010; brother Don Pollock, sister Ruth Carr, brothers-in-law Dewey Carr and Robert Bettendorf sisters-in-law Sharon Pollock and LaVonne Bettendorf.

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## New CEO's road to BCHC

Whether working in physical therapy or in health care administration, Caleb Poore said he most enjoys the connections he makes with people. "I enjoy learning first hand what patients want, and helping them get to the next step," he said. A native of Cozad, Nebraska, Caleb started his post-secondary education at Clarkson

College, Omaha, earning an Associate of Science degree in 2011 as a physical therapy assistant.

His interest in a health care career began in high school when he was a football player and received physical therapy for back issues from PT Robert Dyer at Cozad. Dyer provided a positive influence, and Caleb chose physical therapy for his career path. He trained under Dyer while pursuing his PT-A degree.

Caleb, 34, has also been greatly influenced by his parents, David and Mary Poore, long-time teachers in Cozad, and by his four older brothers (John, Mark, Matthew and Luke), who are involved in both technology development and health care administration.

After joining Hallmark

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# OBITUARY

## Gerald "Gary" Scholl, 87



September 12, 1936 - October 5, 2023

He and wife Marlene owned the Village Craftsman Cabinet Shop for 25 years.

Gerald "Gary" Henry Scholl passed away peacefully on

October 5, 2023, with his family by his side. Gary was born on September 12, 1936, in Elgin, Nebraska, where he lived most of his life. His parents immigrated from Germany in the early 1930s and settled in Boone County, Nebraska alongside other German families whose skills were needed to farm the land and build the surrounding communities. When Gary was four, his father died in a farming accident, leaving behind his wife and five young children. It was a challenging time, but also one that would shape the man Gary would become — determined, hardworking, creative, and loyal. Gary began his first job while in grade school and was proud to do his part to support his family.

He worked at the Blue Goose Café where he was in charge of restocking the pop coolers. He held many part-time jobs while growing up, including a successful sign painting company he and his older brother started as teenagers.

Gary attended Elgin High School, where he excelled in multiple areas. He was a star athlete who played football, baseball, and basketball, earned many awards, and held a few state records. Gary served on the Student Council and was elected Vice President his senior year. He was a member of the Glee Club, Acting Club, and Chess Club. His favorite extracurricular activity was riding his motorcycle on the long country roads under the open skies of Nebraska, and he belonged to the Motorcycle Riding Club in the neighboring town of Oakdale for many years.

After graduation, Gary enlisted in the United States Navy and completed his basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA, where he earned his Navy Bluejacket. In 1956, he was stationed at the Litchfield Park Navy base in Arizona and served on active duty at Midway Island in Hawaii the following year.

After completing his Navy service, Gary returned to Elgin, NE., where he met his future wife, Marlene. They married in 1960 and had three children. He worked for Elgin Lumber and Schmitt Construction until 1974 when he founded Scholl Construction. In 1989, he and Marlene purchased the Village Craftsman Cabinet Shop in downtown Elgin, which they operated for 25 years.

Gary was a member of the volunteer fire department and

the Elgin Chamber of Commerce for 22 years and served in many leadership roles on behalf of his community, including building an award-winning town sign in 2000.

After 40 years as a successful business owner, Gary began to wind down, but he would never fully retire as he enjoyed being busy.

He continued to work part-time well into his 80s, doing small construction jobs around town and maintaining the exercise equipment at the Boone County Fitness Center, where he loved to work out and swim each week.

In his free time, Gary was an avid gardener famous for the homemade horseradish he generously prepared and shared yearly with his many fans.

Another favorite tradition was harvesting pumpkins each Fall with his grandson, Jack. Grandpa's pumpkin patch will always be considered the best!

When he wasn't in his garden, you could usually find him tinkering around in his 'shop,' playing his favorite music or listening to a Nebraska football game with the volume turned up so he could hear the announcers over the hum of his table saw. When you walked in, he'd give you that big smile he was known for and ask, "How's it going?" His kind and gentle demeanor always put people at ease and lifted their spirits.

Thank you, Gary, for teaching us to find joy in simple things, showing us how to work with our hands, and making us laugh with your endless "grandpa jokes." You made the world shine a little brighter; we shall miss that most. God-speed, Gary, we love you.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Ignatius and Leona; brother, Maynard; sisters, Alice and Doris; and beloved wife, Marlene. He is survived by his brother, Donald; children, David Scholl, Brian (Kathryn) Scholl, and Tracy Scholl; grandchildren, Jack Scholl; step-grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Jesse) Varpness, and Claire Sapone.

An Interment service will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, 11 a.m., for Gary and his wife, Marlene, who passed away on October 10, 2022. They will be joined together in their final resting place at Omaha National Cemetery, 14250 Schram Road, Omaha, NE.

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## Looking Back

Sixty Years Ago

November 14, 1963

Norbert Schmitt crawled out from under his combine without a scratch after it had upset Tuesday. The mishap occurred around 10:15 a.m. one and a half miles east of town just off the county road on the lane leading to the Jerome Roth and Lawrence Bohnenkamp farms. For some reason the machine did not make the corner and upset in the ditch. Norbert said he held himself as close to the floor as possible when he knew the machine was going to upset. He walked to the Roth farm and reported the accident. The damage is covered by insurance.

Thirteen American Legion Post 229 World War I veterans and wives; Gold Star Mothers and members of Elgin's Midget baseball team and coach were honored Sunday night with a banquet in the St. Boniface auditorium. John Fangman served as master of ceremonies and recognized those seated at the head table, including Post Commander Glenn Dozler, Dist II Commander Mike Cody, and Post 229 Aux. President Mrs. Lawrence Starman. Dr. D.S. Hinman gave the early history of the post. Local Gold Star Mothers were honored with a tribute by Aux. Pres. Mrs. L. Starman.

The Junior Girl Scouts met Wednesday, Nov. 6. Patrol leaders chosen were Vicki Hopkins, Vicki Tierney and Janet Buffington. Pam Martin was chosen troop scribe and Korene Erickson, treasurer. Pat Issac served lunch.

Fifty Years Ago

November 15, 1973

Elgin's Volunteer Firemen elected officers for the ensuing year at their meeting Monday night in the fire hall. Taking office the first of the year will be: President, Kenneth Krause; Vice-President, Leland Pierce; Secretary, "Bud" Anderson; Treasurer, Ron Connick; Chief, Ray Gregor; Assistant Chief, Ken Peters; 2nd Assist. Chief, K. Bennett; Room Committeeman, Bob Tharnish; First Aid Captain, Rick Huffman; Captain of No. 1 Truck, Richard Von Bonn; Captain of No. 2 Truck Monte Totten.

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# Our rural health care system needs help at basic levels

We're free because of the brave

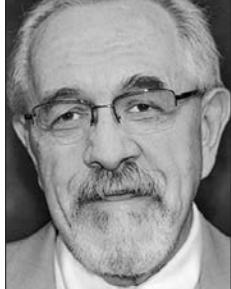
I don't remember much about my recent 64-block ambulance ride from my house to an urban hospital, but I was told after the fact that it was a matter of a few minutes to keep my body from going into septic shock.

The whole incident helped me understand the critical importance of getting rural patients to medical care as quickly as possible. It also speaks volumes about staffing those ambulances with competent medical professionals.

That's why I support the efforts of Sen. Myron Dorn of Adams in the upcoming Legislature. Nebraskans are about one another.

### CAPITOL VIEW

Nebraska Press Association



Statehouse Correspondent  
J.L. Schmidt

Rural Nebraska health care workers have told state lawmakers that many of their local emergency medical service providers need state help to stay afloat.

Dorn's interim study drew testimony from first responders and hospital groups. Many shared steps Nebraska could take to help smaller communities recruit, train and retain more emergency medical responders.

As reported in the Lincoln Journal Star, most Nebraska communities use volunteer fire and rescue squads, but many are struggling to replace older helpers and aging equipment. Additionally, as the rural population ages, calls for service are up, adding pressure to the volunteers who remain.

Dorn said this means farmers and rural employees leave their jobs more often, making it harder to persuade a generation of young people to help. It's also harder to recruit volunteers from among younger adults who have children at home, and are busy with activities.

"The issues are system wide," Michael Dwyer, a longtime Arlington, Neb., firefighter/EMT testified. "The trends are historic, and the current system of EMS is not sustainable."

Nebraska is one of three states with the highest rates of rural residents living more than a 25-minute drive from where an ambulance is stationed, according to a national study by the Maine Rural Health Research Center in May.

More than 76% of the state's counties had some residents living at least that far from a station.

Dwyer said that no state has all



the answers for providing rural EMS service. However, he said, many states spend more on addressing the issues than Nebraska.

For instance, South Dakota in 2022 earmarked up to \$20 million for emergency medical services. This money appears poised to boost rural EMS service, from EMT training to helping smaller communities replace old equipment and access telemedicine.

In an exchange of candor with the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, Dwyer said, "At the risk of pulling the scab off, it just takes money." However, he said, "This isn't just math. This is advanced calculus."

I agree with Dwyer. Let's face the raw truth and get some money on the table.

Rural first responders are calling on the state to pay upfront for training new potential emergency medical responders and medical technicians instead of making them or their volunteer departments seek reimbursement. Even volunteer EMTs must obtain

160 hours of training over six months, Dorn said. And they need continuing education to be able to maintain licensing.

Angela Ling of the Nebraska Hospital Association stressed the importance of the state seriously discussing the impact on rural rescue squads of inadequate Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements that leave EMS agencies fighting to make up the differences.

"The problem in all locations usually revolves around funding," Ling said. "Developing or increasing future funding sources will help fix the volunteer/no-pay format that is killing our EMS system."

The committee heard suggestions about having the state pay to bring emergency medical response trainers closer to the communities where people volunteer instead of requiring distant travel, including using community colleges.

Nebraska state law requires EMS service as an essential service, but it does not specify which level of govern-

ment should fund the service.

At last count, one testifier said, Nebraska had 13,000 volunteer firefighters and about 15,000 volunteer EMS providers. John Bomar of Battle Creek, Neb., Fire and Rescue, said the state has lost 60 EMRs and 60 EMTs over the past five years.

He and others who testified said the state could increase the flexibility of the kinds of care each level of trained emergency medical responder can provide.

EMRs, for instance, can't legally administer an inhaler or check a person's blood pressure.

Ling, echoing other testifiers, said: "I do not have the solution but hope this is the beginning of a conversation."

I agree. This is a time sensitive issue.

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

Veterans Day is an outstanding opportunity to recognize the men and women of our armed forces who have served our country. Through their courage and devotion to their duties, America's veterans have helped keep the United States the greatest, freest nation on Earth.

It is fitting we pause to give them a day of recognition; yet we owe them so much more. History, as well as current events, are constant reminders – we live in the land of the free because of the brave.

In observance of Veterans Day, this week I gathered with Nebraskans for ceremonies in Kearney and Grand Island. Both were wonderful times of coming together to celebrate and thank the great Nebraskans who have defended our nation.

The event in Grand Island broke ground for a new state-administered veterans cemetery, set to open in the spring of 2025.

As the grandson of a World War II veteran, I am humbled by the challenges faced by those who served our country in conflicts around the world, including generations of soldiers who fought across Europe, Asia, and Africa in World War II, in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

American veterans' love of country is demonstrated in their service, and we should demonstrate our gratitude in every way possible.

As Congress considers legislation to honor and support veterans – such as a resolution I cosponsored acknowledging the courage and sacrifice of veterans of the Vietnam War – my staff stands ready to offer assistance. If you are or know a veteran having difficulty securing benefits or dealing with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), please contact my Grand Island office at (308) 384-3900.

The caseworkers in my office may be able to help you cut through the red tape and resolve problems with VA or other federal agencies.

To honor those who have served with distinction, this week the House passed, with my support, the Hershel Woody Williams National Medal of Honor Memorial Location Act, named in honor of the last World War II Medal of Honor recipient to pass away. This bill provides congressional approval to place a Medal of Honor monument on the National Mall in Washington, DC, where millions of visitors could view it each year.

Additionally, this week the House passed, with my support, the American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act. This legislation would preserve and improve the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, which has helped protect more than 100 battlefields in 42 states, including the Third District's Fort Robinson.

Strengthening this successful program reflects the sentiment of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address that we "never forget what they did" on these battlefields.

Throughout the year, I encourage you to seize opportunities to visit with veterans in our communities and learn more about their experiences as a meaningful way to remind these heroes of the lasting impact of their sacrifices.

We should do our utmost to honor, support, and embrace all those who risk and sacrifice so much to defend our borders, our freedom, and our Republic.

God bless our veterans, and may God bless America.

### FROM THE HILL



Congressman  
Adrian Smith

# Veterans, this victory is for you!

Senate passes Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act, House to act next

Last week, I heard the story of a veteran trying to use his GI benefits and attend school. After retiring from service, this veteran, who requires the use of a service dog, decided to enroll at a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) school. Obtaining a CDL will qualify this veteran for a good career as a truck driver.

The veteran lives near a city with a new CDL school branch — but there's a problem. Because it's less than two years old, the branch isn't yet approved to receive the military GI benefits that this veteran is using to pay for his CDL training.

That means the veteran has to commute to a CDL school over a hundred miles from his home rather than attending the school next door.

This is a roadblock for our veterans, trucking schools, and the trucking industry overall. As I heard from veterans like this one, I realized that it

should be a simple problem to remedy.

Currently, if an approved trucking school opens a secondary facility in a new location, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and state regulators are required by law to deny that new facility's ability to receive GI benefits for two years.

That's unnecessary when the primary trucking school has already been approved and the new branch will provide identical training.

Trucking is a vital part of our economy, and red tape that needlessly restricts GI benefits is harmful to the trucking industry as well as our veterans. Our country faces a shortage of 80,000 truck drivers, and some estimates show that number could reach 160,000 by 2030. Trucking shortages have a ripple effect across our nation's supply chains, worsening bottle necks and delaying delivery times. Because CDLs are in high demand, can pro-

vide veterans with high-paying jobs, and will help address shortages in the trucking industry, we want to work hard to increase access to them.

Today, we're one step closer to getting past regulatory inefficiency and expanding veterans' benefits. Last week, just in time for Veterans Day weekend, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved my Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act to end the two-year waiting period for GI benefit approval at CDL schools.

Earlier this year, I reintroduced the Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act with my colleague Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.). Our legislation ensures that GI benefits can be used at new branches of CDL schools whose primary institutions have already received regulatory approval.

By clarifying the two-year moratorium statute — and exempting new

branches of previously approved institutions — our bill will increase veterans' access to nearby CDL schools. Ultimately, it will expand their access to high-paying careers in the trucking industry.

I'm proud that our bipartisan legislation to support veterans passed the Senate with unanimous support.

Our bill will now be considered by the House of Representatives, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to get this legislation passed and onto the president's desk.

### WASHINGTON REPORT



U.S. Senator  
Deb Fischer

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Poore

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Rehabilitation (now Genesis Rehabilitation Services) in Omaha in 2011 as a PTA, his employer notified the staff that an assistant rehabilitation director was needed, so Caleb applied and took on that role. He soon became the director of rehab and held that position with Hallmark Rehabilitation

until 2015. “I was able to learn how to make a bigger impact in health care, to make it even better for both staff and patients,” he said. “My motivation with staff is to help them achieve both professional opportunities and financial goals.” In short, he feels that people gravitate to those who are willing to lend them a hand, and that has been

his emphasis.

With the transition to health care administration completed, Caleb moved to Aegis Therapies, based in Sioux City, IA, and Norfolk, NE, in 2015-2016. There, he was director of rehabilitation for multiple sites. From 2016 to 2018, he was multi-site director of rural health clinics for Burgess Health Centers at Dunlap, Sloan, Whiting and Mapleton, IA, and Decatur, NE. In 2018, he took the position of chief financial officer at Callaway District Hospital, Callaway, NE, and served there for five years before coming to Boone County Health Center.

Advanced education was part of Caleb’s changing role, and the years from 2015 to 2017 were very busy.

While working full time, he completed requirements for both his bachelor’s degree (2016) and master’s degree (2017) in health care administration at Bellevue University.

He and his wife, Anna, met at a birthday party when he was attending Clarkson College and she was attending Midland University to earn her degree as a Registered Nurse with a minor in gerontology. They became engaged later that year and were married in 2014. They now have three children -- Evelyn (Evey), six; Rosalie, who will be three years old in December, and Elijah, five months old.

After making many career moves in the past 12 years, Caleb said he and his family were ready to settle in a hometown for the long term. “We wanted a place to call home, and this is it,” said Caleb of the move to Boone County Health Center as president and CEO.

“We were impressed by the

Food pantry in Neligh Tuesday

The mobile food pantry, sponsored by the Neligh Faith Community Church as well as various other churches, individuals, and businesses in the area, will be dispersing food on Tuesday, November 21, from 3-4:30 pm at the American Legion Club in Neligh. Recipients will remain in their vehicles and our volunteers will load the

AREA NEWS



Photo submitted

Wheeler Central students, Kindergarten-8th grades, performed several patriotic selections at the Veterans program Friday morning.

Bartlett News

The Wheeler County Veterans Day program was held November 10th at 10:30 a.m. at Wheeler Central. The event began with the members of Wheeler County Sons of the American Legion posting the colors. Those members were David Collins, Dean Miller and Gary Smith.

The Kindergarten class along with their teacher Shawna Schlenger led the ‘Pledge of Allegiance,’ followed by Kindergarten-8th grades singing the ‘Star Spangled Banner.’

Wheeler Central Superintendent Daniel Kluver gave a welcome followed by an invocation by Pastor Duane Waddle.

Guest speaker was Zach Wright who spoke and shared

slide photos of his military experience in Iraq.

Aidan Maddux performed ‘*Armed Forces on Parade*,’ with a trumpet solo. Other musical selections sung by Wheeler Central music students, under the direction of Sherry Tetschner were *You’re a Grand Old Flag*, *There are Many Flags in Many Lands*, *Veterans We’re So Proud Of You* and *God Bless the U.S.A.*

Wheeler County Veterans names were read aloud by Bobby Guggenmos. Those attending stood when their name was announced. A delicious meal, prepared by the Wheeler Central kitchen with Ashley Growcock in charge, was served to the veterans and their families after the program.

Bartlett Church of Faith Sunday School packed 20 shoe boxes on Sunday to send to the organization ‘Samaritan’s Purse.’ These boxes will be given to boys and girls throughout the world during the Christmas season.

The boxes include pencils, colors, toys, wash cloths, gloves or a stocking hat, books, Bible story, bars of soap and other miscellaneous items. Sunday’s guest speaker of Bartlett Church of Faith. Next week’s speaker will be Wayne Belville.

Ben and I raked our yard and hauled four pickup loads of leaves to the garden. Hopefully they won’t all blow away before the garden is plowed.

By Sherry Tetschner

Pumpkins

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about like a small car.

When it comes to idioms using the word pumpkin, which is the intent of this column, can’t think of much. Here are a few. Little children often are called ‘pumpkin’ with great adoration. On the other hand, a pumpkin head is considered dim-witted, a dolt, unintelligent, and whatever other negative term one can muster about another.

The label pumpkin head also gets associated with a someone

beaten severely in the face and head. This is due to the swelling that results.

Sometimes pumpkin is used in a mnemonic device, a learning tool designed to trigger memory of a list of objects. Using music to remember the ABCs, for example, works this way. So does associating a memorable phrase with a pattern, think ‘I before E except after C’. Then there’s this to remember the eight planets (back before Pluto was no longer considered a planet) -- ‘my very eager moth-

er just served us nine pumpkins’ which stands for Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto.

With abundant food soon to welcome Thanksgiving at tables everywhere, remember the humble pumpkin.

Even if pecan pie has more appeal than the pumpkin variety for you, there’s so much around us for which to give thanks, including the healthy pumpkin.

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Dylan Lueking Taylor Beckman

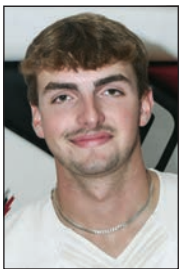
Five earn D2-4 all district selections

The votes have been cast and the results are in for the 2023 D2-4 All-District Football Team. Five members of the Wolfpack football team earned first team honors for their play on the field during the season. On offense, senior Nick Anderson earned a spot on the offensive line, joining Deegan Johnson of Boyd County and Gunner Hoerle of CWC.



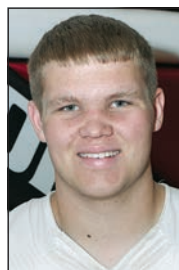
Nick Anderson

Teammate Taylor Beckman, a junior, was picked as a running back, joining Brett Koenig and Hudson Hoffman of Boyd County. Sophomore Gage Hedstrom earned the nod at quarterback. Other members of the first team offense are end/kicker Carter Nelson and athlete Traegan McNally, both from Ainsworth.



Blake Henn

EPPJ athletes headed up selections to the first team defense. Seniors Blake Henn and Sam Hemenway were named to the defensive line. Other line selections were Trey Appelt, Jacob Held and Aiden Jackman of Ainsworth; Westin Bauer, Niobrara-Verdigre and Eli Banks, St. Mary's. Wolfpack senior Dylan Lueking was one of three line-backers earning top honors. The others were Hunter Hoerle of CWC and Owen Blumenstock of Ainsworth. Named as a defensive back was Derris Hansen of Boyd County.



Sam Hemenway

Second team EPPJ's Jarek Erickson, a sophomore, earned second team honors for his play in the offensive line. Other selections to the second team were backs Morgan Kinney of Ainsworth and Cooper Pokorny of CWC; linemen Cole Swanson, Ainsworth; Isaac Pavlov, Niobrara-Verdigre; and Jacob Haburchak, CWC. Ends chosen were both from St. Mary's, Ben Barlow and Carson Danner-bring. Two Wolfpack players earned second team honors on defense. Senior Gage Thiessen was chosen as a defensive back and teammate Dylan Kolm, a junior, was chosen as a linebacker. Other selections were lineman Jayden Sheldon, CWC; linebackers Cash Sinclair, Boyd County; and Cody Wickersham, Niobrara-Verdigre; and at defensive back Kellen Vesely, also of Niobrara-Verdigre.

Wolfpack sophomore Grady Druke headed up honorable mention selections. Others

See FOOTBALL, Page 10 ▶



Wolfpack Varsity Volleyball Year End Stats

Volleyball team put up huge numbers this season

During 28-7 campaign, Busted recorded 903 set assists and Charf led hitters with 368 kills

For Elgin Public-Pope John, they ended the 2023 volleyball season in a way few teams across the state are able to do —



E-R photo/DMorgan

Baylee Busted finished with 903 set assists during the season.

on a winning note. From Class A to D2, only 12 teams are able to celebrate victory on the last day of the season coming on the first Saturday in November.

Six teams celebrate state championships while the other six celebrate winning the third place trophy in the consolation finals.

For only the second time in the history of the EPPJ coop, the Wolfpack qualified for the state tournament and brought home a trophy, finishing with a 28-7 record.

Final season statistics show a team who got better and better as the season went along, doing what every coach wants them to do — play their best volleyball at the end of the season.

Jordynn Luettel, completing her first year as the Wolfpack coach, led the team to a 28-7 record.

The mark of a great team is to bring their 'A' game to every match. EPPJ did just that. Their seven losses dcame against eventual state champion Sumner-Eddyville-Miller,

O'Neill St. Mary's (3 times), Stuart, West Holt and Battle Creek. Senior Ashlynnne Charf led Wolfpack hitters with 368 kills on 1018 swings.

Teammate Chloe Henn had 330 kills on 658 swings, approximately one kill for every two swings. Sara Bode was also in triple figures in kills with 208 on 719 swings. As a team, EPPJ had 1,135 kills at the net on 3,239 swings.

Five players were in double figures in ace serves, led by Kate Furstenuau with 41 followed by Bode 37, Charf 35, Baylee Busted 28 and Camry Kittelson 27.

Kayton Zwingman led the team in solo blocks with 45, Bode was the only other player in double figures with 13.

Six players were in triple digs in digs. As libero, Furstenuau led the team with 543 followed by Charf 336, Kittelson 180,

Busted 174, Brenna Martinsen 144 and Bode 111.

With the Wolfpack running a 5-1 (one designated setter), Busted recorded 903 set assists.

The other key statistic was serve receive. Furstenuau led the way with 489 followed by Charf 380, Bode 212 and Martinsen 156.

Blair wins football contest

Kurt Blair claimed the top prize in the Elgin Review Football Contest this week.

He and Alan Hagemeiser tied for the top spot, each missing just three games. In the tie-breaker, Blair's guess of 603 total yards was closest (without going over) to the actual figure of 653. Hagemeiser, who guessed 666 will receive the runner-up prize.

Results of the games were: Michigan over Penn State Washington over Utah North Carolina over Duke Georgia over Ole Miss Auburn over Arkansas Syracuse over Pitt

Illinois over Indiana South Florida over Temple Cincinnati over Houston Arizona State over UCLA Purdue over Minnesota Iowa State over BYU Maryland over Nebraska Oregon over USC Iowa over Rutgers Arizona over Colorado UNLV over Wyoming Texas A&M over Mississippi State

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

Spinning Tales

No one does Veterans Day better than here in Elgin

ELGIN — Their numbers are getting smaller and smaller, their accomplishments loom larger and larger.

On Friday morning, our community again paused to pay tribute to our veterans. Men and women who served our country in times of war and peace.

We've made it a priority, since first coming to Elgin, to recognize and honor those individuals who have served in the armed forces. Whether it be Veterans Day or Memorial Day, we are there to provide coverage of the programs. We (Lynell and I) are also there to honor our fathers who served in the Army as part of 'The Greatest Generation,' the men and women who served during World War II.

The gymnasium at Elgin Public School was full of adults and school age children to take part in the annual observance. Other communities may do it as well, but no one does a better program than the one here in Elgin.

Whether it be school officials, members of the American Legion, VFW and their auxiliaries, or the students behind the podium, musicians and singers, or those in the bleachers, I cannot express how respectful they are on this day.

We always get to the gym early, about 30 minutes or so, to get positioned to broadcast the program live on Facebook, and to figure out the best angles for still photography.

Covering events like this is completely different than standing on a sideline or inside a gym covering a game or match. On this day, I'm looking for more than just a photo of a speaker.

For instance, there are the singers and band members. The most important people to photograph are the veterans, those who still love their country and everything it stands for.

I also look at the young children, marched into the gym by their teachers. Theirs are the innocent faces, they know nothing of the hardships of war. They wear poppies, not really knowing the meaning. Their hands cross their hearts for the Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

Today they're here, years from now some may become soldiers, fighting for the preservation of freedom, someday returning home as heroes.

Petersburg's Clyde Stuhhr was the guest speaker Friday. Having given the address several years ago, I know what it's like to stand there and speak to a gym full of people. Clyde's comments on this day touched home with everyone there. I particularly liked how he spoke about the importance of being a good citizen, not just as a veteran, but upon returning to civilian life (see the front page story).

The hour ended with senior Keyera Eisenhauer performing 'Taps' before the colors were retired.

Upon the conclusion of the program, I took a moment to speak to EPS band director Eric Heithoff. He's put together a fine band and, on this day, sounded great, and the combined choir sounded great as well.

None of this just happens, it requires hours of planning.

If I sound like I'm heaping praise on all who made this happen - I am.

You and I are now living in a place and time where the world is teetering. Our country has been a beacon of freedom, but elsewhere bullets are flying and wars are raging. Things I never thought I would see on a grand scale like anti-semitism in this country, make me wonder what kind of world we will have 10 years from now. Great powers threaten Europe and the Middle East, those outcomes remain in doubt. The Palestine-Israel conflict could easily dissolve into World War III.

This is no game where the score won't be kept on a scoreboard, instead the final outcome will be determined by those who believe in Jesus Christ and those who don't, by those who believe in freedom and those who don't. It seems like the world is a deck of cards that's being reshuffled right now. \*\*\*\*\*

Not every phone call we receive is a good one. On Monday morning we were notified of the passing of Lois Bettendorf. She was here when I arrived back in 2007, mailing newspapers every Wednesday morning.

Lois, known to many as the local librarian for 30 years, was a fine lady. We will miss her.

SPINNING TALES



Publisher Dennis Morgan

Wolfpack place four on All-NVC first team

Niobrara Valley Conference volleyball coaches have announced their selections for all-conference teams.

Coming off a season where they finished 28-7 with a third place trophy at the D1 State Tournament, Elgin Public-Pope John led selections (four) to the first team.

Named to the first team were senior Ashlynnne Charf and juniors Chloe Henn, Kate Furstenuau and Sara Bode.

Others named to the first team were:

St. Mary's — Mya Hedstrom and Lorissa Reiman Summerland — Ady Mlnarik and Lydia Robertson Stuart — Lacey Paxton and Reagan Stracke Elkhorn Valley — JJ Black West Holt — Lainey Smith Heading up the second team is Wolfpack senior setter Baylee Busted. Other selections were: St. Mary's — Alissa Brabec Stuart — Addie Ketteler and Addison Steinhauer Summerland — Preslie Rob-

ertson North Central — Addison Anderson Neligh-Oakdale — Hailey Horstmann Boyd County — Paige Druke West Holt — McKinley Cadwallader, Ainsley Galyen and Abby Davis Elkhorn Valley — Merino Vaughn Athletes receiving honorable mention were: CWC — Lizzie Gartner and Annabel Waldo St. Mary's — Emma Otte, Grace Williamson and Pyper Ickes Stuart — Elly Steinhauer and Brynn Almgren Boyd County — Mazee Johnson Elkhorn Valley — Lily Hall and Kennedy Penne North Central — Dalya Dearmont and Morgan Lewis Niobrara-Verdigre — Billie Pritchett, Chloe Reynolds and Summer Vesely West Holt — Addie Karo



Chloe Henn



Sara Bode



Kate Furstenuau



Ashlynnne Charf

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Statistics show how the Wolfpack football team dominated opponents in 2023

Numbers tell the story of the 2023 Wolfpack football season. The season began in the heat of August with a big victory over Wausa, then came to an

end in the first round of the state football playoffs with a loss to Lawrence-Nelson in mid-October. Coach Greg Wemhoff's team

compiled a 6-3 record. Their only losses during the regular season were to state qualifiers Ainsworth and Humphrey St. Francis.

On offense, the Wolfpack picked up most of their yards rushing the football. Much of that was due to an outstanding line led by Nick Anderson and

Jarek Erickson. EPPJ rushed for 1,769 yards, led by senior Gage Thiessen with 556 yards and Grady Drueke gaining 522.

Thiessen led the team in touchdowns with 15 (14 rushing and one reception). Following close behind was junior Taylor Beckman with 11 touchdowns.

The Wolfpack gained 860 yards through the air. Sophomore quarterback Karson Kallhoff connected on 22 of 44 passes for 511 yards.

Kellan Hoefer completed 29 of 50 pass attempts for 349 yards. Senior Blake Henn led the team in receptions with 20 for 442 yards.

Dylon Lueking had 18 receptions for 322 yards and a team-high five touchdowns.

On defense, Lueking led the team with 96 tackles, five more than Dylan Kolm.

Henn led the team in quarterback sacks with seven, Sam Hemenway had four.

Thiessen intercepted six passes during the season, Lueking had three.

All but five players will be back next season.

Seniors who completed their eligibility are Lueking, Henn, Thiessen, Hemenway and Anderson.

Wolfpack Football 2023 Final Stats for the Season

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS
Kellan Hoefer	50	29	1	349	3
Karson Kallhoff	44	22	4	511	6
Totals	94	51	5	860	9
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TDS	
Dylon Lueking	3	0	0	0	
Kellan Hoefer	11	11	1.0	0	
Gage Thiessen	109	556	5.1	14	
Karson Kallhoff	28	93	3.3	2	
Blake Henn	13	158	12.2	2	
Taylor Beckman	52	333	6.4	11	
Gavin Kallhoff	12	33	2.8	0	
Grady Drueke	104	522	5.0	4	
Dylan Kolm	12	34	2.8	2	
Kaiden Bode	8	29	3.6	0	
Totals	352	1769	5.0	35	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	
Kellan Hoefer	1	3	3	0	
Gage Thiessen	9	68	7.6	1	
Blake Henn	20	442	22.1	4	
Taylor Beckman	1	4	4	0	
Dylon Lueking	18	322	17.9	5	
Karson Kallhoff	1	15	15	0	

TACKLES	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	TFL	
Kaiden Bode	3	11	14	0	
Landyn Veik	5	13	18	0	
Michael Selting	0	1	1	0	
Trey Rittscher	3	3	6	1	
Dylan Kolm	41	50	91	2	
Landon Kallhoff	2	2	4	0	
Aidan Klein	0	2	2	0	
Kellan Hoefer	4	5	9	0	
Sam Hemenway	18	33	51	3	
Jarek Erickson	7	12	19	1	
Grady Drueke	11	12	23	1	
Brayden Burenheide	1	0	1	0	
Gavin Kallhoff	1	4	5	0	
Gage Thiessen	22	17	39	0	
Blake Henn	12	30	42	2	
Nick Anderson	22	39	61	2	
Dylon Lueking	34	62	96	6	
Taylor Beckman	19	56	75	3	
Totals	205	352	557	21	
SACKS	NO.	YDL			
Dylan Kolm	3	0			
Sam Hemenway	4	1			
Jarek Erickson	1	0			
Brayden Burenheide	1	2			

DEFENSE	INT	FR	YDS		
Kaiden Bode	2	0	0		
Dylan Kolm	0	1	0		
Karson Kallhoff	0	1	0		
Sam Hemenway	0	1	0		
Jarek Erickson	1	0	0		
Gavin Kallhoff	2	0	0		
Gage Thiessen	6	0	0		
Blake Henn	0	1	0		
Dylon Lueking	3	1	0		
Taylor Beckman	0	1	0		
Totals	14	6	0		
SCORING	TDS	CONV	K	TOT PTS	
Dylan Kolm	2	0	0	12	
Karson Kallhoff	2	0	0	12	
Grady Drueke	4	8	0	32	
Gage Thiessen	15	22	0	112	
Blake Henn	6	12	0	48	
Dylon Lueking	5	6	0	36	
Taylor Beckman	11	4	0	76	
Totals	45	52	0	328	



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WRESTLING

JUNIOR HIGH

Nov. 16 @ Newman Grove ..... 4:00  
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Nov. 27 @ Neligh-Oakdale (Neligh) ..... 4:30  
Nov. 28 @ Battle Creek ..... 3:30

VARSITY begins on Dec. 2 at Howells-Dodge (B) and at O'Neill (G)

BASKETBALL

JUNIOR HIGH

Nov. 20 @ Madison (G) ..... 4:30  
Nov. 28 vs HHS-LHF (G, EPS) ..... 4:00

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY

Nov. 30 vs Riverside (EPS) ..... 4:00

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Look for the complete WINTER  
SPORTS schedule in next week's  
edition of The Elgin Review

OTHER UPCOMING  
SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Nov. 15 EPS LATE START, 10 am  
Nov. 16-18 All-State Music Convention  
Nov. 19 PJCC Dinner Theatre  
Nov. 21 8th Grade Career Day at NECC  
Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
Nov. 27 District One Acts @ Newman Grove • PJ/SB Book Fair Week  
Dec. 1 SB Grandparents Day  
Dec. 4 EPS HS Christmas Concert  
Dec. 6 State One Acts  
Dec. 7 EPS Elementary Christmas Concert  
Dec. 10 CCPJ Breakfast  
Dec. 13 Bloodmobile, 9 am • Santa in Elgin/Christmas Parade  
Dec. 20 PJSB Christmas Concert  
Dec. 21 Elgin schools, 1 pm dismissals  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break for EPS students  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 Christmas Break for PJ/SB students  
Dec. 28 & 29 Madison Holiday Basketball Tournament

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## November 17 Public Hearing on Proposed Chemigation Rules Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources 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 au-

thorize 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 11.1.1.1 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 11.1.1.2 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

be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy  
Rule 11.1.1.3 The proposed amendments authorize the annual renewal fee of \$30.00 (not to exceed \$100) shall be paid to the District, of which \$2.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy  
Rule 11.1.1.4 The proposed amendments authorize an emergency permit application fee of \$250.00 (not to exceed \$500) shall be paid to the District, of which \$10.00 shall be paid to the Department of Environment and Energy  
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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**Proceedings - November 7, 2023**  
Antelope County Board of Equalization  
**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**Neligh, NE**  
**November 7th, 2023**  
Notice of meeting published as required by statute.  
A complete record of these minutes as well as all resolutions and agreements are on file at the County Clerk's Office and are open to the public.  
Two (2) tax roll corrections were approved.  
Meeting adjourned.  
Antelope County Board of Equalization  
CHARLIE HENERY, Chairman  
Attest: LISA PAYNE  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: November 15, 2023  
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## Community Center Menus

**Monday, November 20:** Creamed hamburger over mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, milk.  
**Tuesday, November 21:** Taco soup, lettuce salad, peaches/strawberry mix, carrots/celery, milk.  
**Wednesday, November 22:** Ham, sweet potatoes, baked corn, pears, pumpkin pie, milk.  
**Thursday, November 23:** Closed.  
**Friday, November 24:** Closed.  
(All meals served with bread & butter. Menus are provided by the Community Center. and are subject to change)  
**Suggested price is \$6** per meal for persons 60 years of age and older.  
**Under 60 is \$8.50.** 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. For a great meal, come to the community center!

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**Proceedings from the Tuesday, November 7, 2023 meeting**  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
**ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Neligh, Nebraska**  
**November 7th, 2023**  
Chairman opened the meeting. Notice of meeting published as required by statute.  
Approved agenda. Approved minutes of the 10-10-2023 BOC & BOE Meetings.  
Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurer's Fund Balance Report, Treasurers Miscellaneous Revenue Report, Clerk of the District Court Report. Distress warrants were reviewed.  
Approved Promotional Grant. Denied paying public presented bills. Approved year-end certificate for Highway Superintendent. Approved Law Enforcement-Town/Village Contracts. Approved Antelope County Library Association Agreements. Approved resolution regarding credit card use.  
Hear public concern regarding 2022 valuation - no action.  
Discussion with representative from Marvin Consulting regarding Comprehensive Plan.  
Zoning Administrator Report, monthly zoning permit report. Discussion on WFPO Watershed and CUP 2303.  
Road Superintendent Report. Discussion on culvert and River Road in Clearwater. Approved eight (8) underground permits, nine (9) oversize permits, and two (2) access permits. Tabled two (2) underground permits because of adverse actions. Approved Road Su-

perintendent to contract 35,000.00 gallons of diesel fuel. Discussion of roadways and action plans.  
Discussion with landowner on drainage issues.  
Meeting Adjourned.  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
CHARLIE HENERY  
Chairman of County Board  
Attest: LISA PAYNE /s/  
Antelope County Clerk  
PUBLISH: November 15, 2023  
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## Proceedings from the Monday, November 6, 2023 meeting The Elgin City Council

**ELGIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Proceedings**  
**November 6, 2023**  
The Elgin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., pursuant to posted notice.  
Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order, and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.  
Councilmembers present were Mike Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, Leigh Kluthe, and Craig Niewohner.

A complete and accurate copy of the minutes is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office.  
The following agenda items were approved:  
• October regular meeting minutes, treasurer's report, transaction report, and paying the claims  
**GENERAL:** ERPPD, se, 119.84; Great Plains Communications, se, 83.65; APPEARA, su, 58.38; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, se, 756.33; The Elgin Review, print, 272.31; Brenda Reikofski, se, 202.50; Eakes Office Solutions, su, 44.44; Assurity Life Insurance, ins, 91.00; Kristin Childers, su, 94.92; Transamerica, ins, 239.00; Antelope County Treasurer, postage, 72.68; Google, se, 12.00; NE U.C. Fund, ins, 45.62; Black Hills Energy, se, 84.30; Prudential, retirement, 531.12; American Funds, retirement, 288.18; US Treasury, tax, 4640.24; Payroll, 2573.43  
**Transfers:** 20000.00  
**SALES TAX:** Pool Fund: 2329.08  
**STREET:** ERPPD, se, 931.50; Verizonwireless, su, 75.32; Elgin One Stop, fuel & su, 321.66; Hometown Station, fuel, 262.66; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, se, 1000.00; Rutjens Construction Inc, se, 10325.00; To Paving Assessment Fund, transfer, 2800.00; Black Hills Energy, se, 38.62; Payroll, 1825.02  
**WATER:** ERPPD, se, 1088.46; Great Plains Communications, se, 55.15; Verizonwireless, su, 75.32; NE Health Lab, se, 48.00; NDEE Public Water Operators, licenses, 345.00; Carquest of Neligh, su, 71.69; PowerManager, due, 865.59; US Post Office, postage, 165.90; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 48.41; Payroll, 3650.03  
**SEWER:** ERPPD, se, 754.15; Great Plains Communications, se, 52.06; Midwest Laboratories, se, 451.82; Sapp Bros, fuel, 781.46; PowerManager, due, 865.59; US Post Office, postage, 136.00; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 35.95; Payroll, 1400.69  
**FIRE:** ERPPD, se, 177.02; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.25; APPEARA, su, 58.38; Black Hills Energy, se, 80.93  
**POLICE:** Antelope Co Sheriff, se, 2,800.00  
**TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING:** Bud's Sanitary Service, se, 6477.75; Betty Moser, rent, 100.00; PowerManager, due, 865.59; US Post Office, postage, 136.00

**POOL:** ERPPD, se, 78.57; Great Plains Communications, se, 10.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 12.99; Black Hills Energy, se, 38.62; Bank of Elgin, loan, 2227.79; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 7.82  
**PARK:** ERPPD, se, 151.09; Arbor View Farm, su, 112.00; Nelson Tree Service, se, 13500.00; Central Valley Ag, 383.00; Elgin One Stop, su, 9.12; NE Dept of Revenue, tax, 35.63; Payroll, 424.33  
**LIBRARY:** ERPPD, se, 61.89; Great Plains Communications, se, 59.26; The Elgin Review, su, 40.00; Amazon Business, su, 152.05; Modern Marketing, su, 196.34; Dean's Market, su, 33.36; Barb Bode, fuel, 20.96; Black Hills Energy, se, 43.32; Payroll, 1258.08  
**YOUTH:** ERPPD, se, 34.27  
**RESCUE:** Stryker, su, 4809.04; Nick Iburg, misc, 25.00; Peg Hanlin, misc, 25.00; Justin Henn, misc, 25.00; Kurt Hanlin, misc, 25.00; BJ Bode, misc, 25.00; Dawn Meadows, misc, 25.00; Dean Schrage, misc, 25.00; Sue Vanis, misc, 25.00  
• Church festival event in the Elgin City Park on Saturday, September 14, 2024  
• Resolution 2023-6, a resolution adopting the tri-county hazard mitigation plan update  
• Increase the water rate to \$25.00 per month plush \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used  
• Donate \$200.00 to Nebraska Rural Water Association for completing the water and sewer rate studies  
• Transfer \$10,325.00 from sales tax into the street fund for the Pine Street drainage improvement project  
• Enter into closed session at 8:09 p.m.  
• Reconvene in public session at 8:21 p.m.  
• Quote from Assurity Life Insurance for a 10 year term \$50,000.00 life insurance policy for Don Poulsen for \$1,963.50 annually  
• Building Permits: Grant Beckman, Austin Vietor  
The following agenda items were discussed:  
• Possibility of creating an alley behind 509 S. 2nd Street  
• Review sewer rate study  
• Cost estimates for grinding down streets and curbs from Wisnieski Construction  
• Salt spreader working but need to begin looking for another before next year  
• Audit complete  
• Clerk to attend training Monday, November 13  
• Letter sent to become a member of the Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition  
• Water meter replacement expected to begin mid-January  
• Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023  
• Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.  
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## Court News

*All fines in addition to \$49 court costs. \*Denotes an amendment of original charge(s).*  
Ronald E. Murberger, Neligh, NE 6/9/23 assault by mutual consent, 7 days in jail - Ternus.  
Melissa A. Murberger, Neligh, NE 6/9/23 assault by mutual consent, 7 days in jail - Ternus.  
Nicholas S. Oldenkamp, Austin, MN 9/13/23 possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound/possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400/2 days in jail - Hartley/Grassmyer.\*  
Abel J. Cifuentes, Austin, MN 9/13/23 possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound/possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400/2 days in jail - Hartley/Grassmyer.\*  
Estrella C. Mensch, Austin, MN 9/13/23 possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound/possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400/2 days in jail - Hartley/Grassmyer.\*  
Carmen Cifuentes, Austin, MN 9/13/23 possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound/possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400/2 days in jail - Hartley/Grassmyer.\*  
Ariana L. Estrada, Austin, MN 9/13/23 possess marijuana over 1 oz to 1 pound/possess or use drug paraphernalia, fined \$400/2 days in jail - Hartley/Grassmyer.\*  
Michael S. Vandewalle, Cedar Rapids, NE 9/14/23 fail to use seat belt, fined \$25 - Hartley.  
Brock M. Welshans, Henrietta, TX 9/14/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.  
Patricia S. Schulte, Belden, NE 10/22/23 speeding 75/65 mph, fined \$25 - Hartley.  
Andrew M. Pille, Omaha, NE 10/15/23 speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$75 - Grassmyer.  
Shannon Tinsley, Clearwater, NE 9/29/23 overweight capacity plates/3 counts overweight on axle or group of axles, fined \$850 - Pfeiffer.  
Donneceia D. McFarland, Tilden, NE 9/30/23 drive under susp before reinstated/speeding 80/65 mph, fined \$175 - Miller.  
Adalberto Sanchez, Tornillo, TX 6/26/16 DUI-1st offense/no operator's license, fined \$500/two concurrent 6 month terms in jail/bond forfeiture \$86/probation administrative fee \$30 - Hallock.\*

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- 1 fresh turkey, about 15 pounds, preferably free-range  
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Remove the giblets from the turkey and discard (or save for another use). Rinse the turkey inside and out and pat dry with paper towels. Rub it all over with salt and pepper. Refrigerate, uncovered, for at least 12 hours and up to 24 hours. During that time, the surface of the turkey will become visibly dry and the skin will tighten; this encourages a nice crisp skin on the finished bird.

Remove the turkey from the refrigerator 1 hour before you plan to start roasting. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

Put the turkey on a rack set in a large, flameproof roasting pan. Drizzle the oil over the top.

Roast for 1 hour. Reduce the oven temperature to 175 F. Pour the cider into the roasting pan and sprinkle the poultry seasoning in the liquid. Continue roasting until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a thigh (but not touching bone) registers to 170 F.

Transfer the turkey to a carving board, tent loosely with aluminum foil, and let rest for about 15 minutes (see tip). Meanwhile, skim the fat from the surface of the liquid in the pan. Put the roasting pan over two burners and bring the pan drippings to a boil over high heat. Cook until the juices reduce and thicken slightly, enough to coat a spoon, about 10 minutes. Taste for seasoning. Carve the turkey and serve with cider pan juices.

Resting tip: Slow-roasted meats need far less resting time (pretty much none) than those that are traditionally roasted. The reason for resting meat that has been roasted at a high temperature is to allow juices that have collected in the cooler center time to migrate back into the dryer (hotter) exterior sections after it comes out of the oven. Because slow-roasted meats are cooked evenly and a temperature that keeps most of the juices in place, a resting period is largely unnecessary. A brief resting time does allow the meat to become a little firmer as it cools, making it easier to carve.

CARD OF THANKS:

I am so humbled and thankful to my family and friends who have helped me with the Harvest Bee crew. Merle Borer, Jackson Borer, Larry Borer, Dan Borer, Lynn Selting, Gene Selting, Brian Selting, Kevin Dinslage, Dave Schiltmeyer and Gary Schiltmeyer. To the ladies crew -- Emily Borer, Julie Borer and Pam Dinslage -- thank you for the food and shuttling of workers around. And my brother Jerry - thanks so much. Also thanks to others for the calls and offers of help -- Ronnie Bode, Ray Payne, Gary Dinslage, Mark Dinslage, Bob Schiltmeyer and more. Our family is so blessed to be surrounded by you all!!!

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Wayne State forensics team wins small team division in Minnesota; places fourth in team sweepstakes at Kansas State competition

Nov. 14, 2023 (WAYNE, Neb.) – Wayne State College's forensics team was crowned champions in the Small Team Division Sweepstakes, while students Brayden Almgren of Stuart and Kirsten Fike of York won the Duo Interpretation competition during the Bethany Vocal Viking Speech and Debate Tournament held Oct. 27-28 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn.

It was the first competition of the academic year for Wayne State. Students prepared a variety of events in the Public Address and Oral Interpretation categories.

Wayne State student results from the Bethany Vocal Viking Speech and Debate Tournament:

Brayden Almgren, Stuart, Kirsten Fike, York – 1st place, Duo Interpretation  
Jadyn Burenheide, Howells – 4th place, Persuasive Speaking  
Corbin Kinney, Elgin – 7th place, Program Oral Interpretation

Faatimah Kouatli, Stanton – 5th place, Persuasive Speaking  
Olivia Perske, David City – 6th place, Persuasive Speaking  
Kansas State Lynne Ross Invitational

Faatimah Kouatli of Stanton took home first place in the Persuasive Speaking event which helped Wayne State to a fourth place Team Sweepstakes finish at the Kansas State Lynne Ross Invitational speech meet Nov. 4 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Wayne State student results from the Kansas State Lynne



Courtesy photo

In their first competition of the academic year, the Wayne State College forensics team was crowned Small Team Division Sweepstakes champions at the Bethany Vocal Viking Speech and Debate Tournament held Oct. 27-28 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. Pictured are (l-r) Olivia Perske, David City; Jadyn Burenheide, Howells; Faatimah Kouatli, Stanton; Corbin Kinney, Elgin; Brayden Almgren, Stuart; and Kirsten Fike, York.

Ross Invitational:

Dani Janssen, Sterling – 4th place, Persuasive Speaking  
Corbin Kinney, Elgin – 5th place, Program Oral Interpretation

Faatimah Kouatli, Stanton – 1st place, Persuasive Speaking

Olivia Perske, David City – 3rd place, Persuasive Speaking  
Zachary Randall, Pender – 2nd place, Extemporaneous Speaking; 3rd place, Impromptu Speaking

"I'm extremely proud of what these students accomplished in

our first two competitions this year," said Jonathan Laner, head coach of Wayne State's forensics team. "The work they put in prior to these competitions definitely paid off."

Importance of testing the nutrient value of your hay

As producers, we do what we can to make sure the hay we store for winter is in the best shape possible. We cut at the appropriate time, try to bale at optimum moisture contents, and even give the plants we harvest a hand by irrigating and fertilizing when able.

Even with all this help, the nutrient value in hay can change drastically from year to year. Even in the same field cut at a similar time, annual swings of 5% crude protein content and 10% TDN are not uncommon. With crop residues like cornstalk bales, we may have a smaller swing in nutrient differences, but a drop from 5% CP to 3% can have a big impact on supplement strategies and need. When it comes time to feed this

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try starting there first.

Once we have a probe, divide your hay into lots, these are bales that were harvested from the same field under similar conditions. By dividing into lots, we can ensure our hay is similar in quality and the test results will be accurate.

Sample 15-20 bales per lot,

winter, knowing what quality you hay is at can mean the difference between over or underfeeding hay, and often times supplement as well. This can affect the bottom line as well as have negative consequences for herd health and fertility.

Testing hay isn't hard, it just takes a bit of time and planning. The first step is to get a quality hay probe. Often times your local extension office has one available to loan, or knows where to find one, so

using the probe on the side that will capture the most layers. For round bales, this is the rounded side, for squares, this is the shorter front or back end. Mix these samples together well in a bucket and take out a quart sized Ziploc bag worth. This final sample should be labeled with the hay type, lot number, and producer name and address and either stored in a cool, dry place, or sent to your lab of choice for analysis. Samples that are on the wet side should be frozen before sending. To avoid your sample sitting in the mail, try to ship during the first part of the week so the lab can begin processing before the weekend shutdown.

When deciding what tests to run, protein, energy (labeled as TDN), and moisture content are key and provided in most basic forage analysis packages. Minerals or nitrates may be selected for when the circumstances require. In some labs, the traditional wet chemistry test is the only option, however many labs offer near-infrared spectrometry (NIRS) testing. This test uses a laser to "read" the sample and compare it to a database of know similar samples.

This can be done quicker and cheaper, and when compared to traditional wet tests and can be just as accurate. The one catch is NIRS tests can sometimes have issues with complicated forage mixtures. So, for diverse mixtures, wet tests may still be best, but single and simple mixes, NIRS is the way to go. If you have any concerns, it's always best to contact your lab directly and ask.

Testing hay can take a bit of time, but accurately knowing the value of forages this winter can save money and help when it's time to make decisions about providing supplemental feed. Split hay into lots, and core so as many layers as possible are sampled. Send a representative sample to the lab of your choice, getting at a bare minimum, protein, energy, and moisture content. To save money, a NIRS test can be used on single species and simple mixed samples of common forages.

- 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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# LOCAL NEWS

## Council approves plans for gospel festival to be held September 2024

By Dennis Morgan

co-publisher

A gospel festival will be coming to Elgin in 2024.

Pastor Jonathan Braden of the Elgin Community Christian Church spoke to the Elgin City Council last week, detailing plans for a gospel festival to be held at the Elgin City Park.

Braden said the festival is being planned for Saturday, September 14, just six days after the Treasures in the Park/Show & Shine Car Show is held there.

Braden requested City Hall for a space, on the gravel near the RV Park, to erect a 28'x20' stage (likely to be rented) for different acts to perform and to minister to the community. He said their goal is to have food

trucks there as well as bouncy castles for children.

Mayor Mike Schmitt said the city would be willing to work with him but made it clear that the RV spots are available to rent to campers.

Braden said organizers would be willing to rent the necessary spaces for the stage should it come down to that.

The only question, at the moment, is whether or not there will be enough power (electricity) to meet the needs of the festival. City officials said they would work on the matter in the future.

"We hope to start at noon and go for six to seven hours.

The consensus of the council was that they didn't see any problems with the festival, approving the event on a 4-0 vote.

In other action at the meeting:

- Request — Betty Getzfred spoke to the council, asking if the City would consider placing an alley behind the Elgin Public Library which would also be adjacent her property (509 S. 2nd Street) as well as others. She said she heard recently that the land in question might be for sale. The property in question is owned by The Homestead. Council President Mike Dvorak said he would look into the matter.

- Approved — A transfer of more than \$10,000 was approved from the sales tax fund to the street fund for drainage improvement on Pine Street.

- Permits — Building permits were approved for Grant Beckman and Austin Victor.

## BCHC Appoints Swerczek, New VP of Human Resources

Boone County Health Center (BCHC) is delighted to announce the appointment of Lara Swerczek as the new Vice President of Human Resources, effective November 1. Swerczek brings vast experience in the human resources field.

Before joining BCHC, Swerczek worked at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for 20 years. She brings a proven track record of success and a deep understanding of the critical role that HR plays in shaping organizational culture and fostering a positive workplace environment. Her expertise spans a wide range of areas, including talent acquisition, employee engagement, performance management, leadership development, and organizational change.

As the new Vice President of Human Resources, Swerczek will oversee all HR functions

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## EPS students participate in Red Ribbon Week

The week of October 23-27 was a busy one at Elgin Public Elementary School as it celebrated Red Ribbon Week.

"Red Ribbon Week is celebrated nationally in the United States. Its intent is to inform students of the importance of making safe and positive choices especially in regard to what they eat, drink, and otherwise introduce to their bodies," said Sonia Rittscher, Elgin's K-12

School

Counselor and Elementary Student Council sponsor. "This year's student council helped make the week a great success, helping promote Red Ribbon week in a variety of ways."

Student Council representatives are elected by class members at the beginning of the school year: Kara Romej and Aurora Burke (6th Grade), Charles Miller & Shania Bus-

chow (5th grade) and Hannah Hemenway and Macy Suhr (4th Grade).

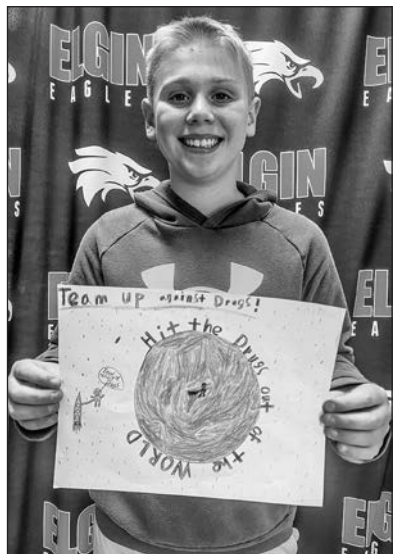
Students in grades PreK-6 were invited to participate in dress-up days or other related activities all week in a variety of ways to support Red Ribbon Week slogans including "Make Paws-itive Choices: Be Drug Free" and "I'm too BRIGHT for drugs." Students on these days got to bring a stuffed animal to school and then dress up in bright colors.

Along with special days, students had other opportunities that included attending a presentation put on by Kelli Dempster from the North Central District Health Department. Kelli's presentation included a demonstration of vaping and tobacco using pigs' lungs. She also brought impaired-vision goggles. Students attempted to do a variety of everyday activities while wearing the goggles to experience how coordination and perception are distorted.

The week also included a coloring contest for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grades as well as a poster contest for students in grades 4th through 6th grades. Winners of the coloring contest include Robin Heithoff (Kin-

dergarten), Ainsley Beckman (1st Grade), Aubree Ferry (2nd Grade), and Cora Beckman (3rd Grade). Winners of the poster contest were Macie Suhr (4th Grade), Ava Dworak (5th Grade), and Braxtyn Eisenhauer (6th Grade).

Braxtyn's poster also won the overall contest and will be submitted to the National Red Ribbon Organization as Elgin Public's entry for the 2024 Poster Theme Contest.



Braxtyn Eisenhauer's poster won the overall contest.



Winners of the poster contest were Macie Suhr (4th Grade), Ava Dworak (5th Grade), and Braxtyn Eisenhauer (6th Grade).



Photos submitted

Winners of the coloring contest include Robin Heithoff (Kindergarten), Ainsley Beckman (1st Grade), Aubree Ferry (2nd Grade), and Cora Beckman (3rd Grade).

## Football

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were:

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## Veterans Day Program 2023

## Veterans

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pride in knowing they were an indispensable team member who protected the backs of their fellow service men and women and, indirectly, had the backs of their family and friends back home by preserving our freedom and way of life in the US."

Having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and, later, in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Stuhr shared memories of flying missions and how he 'had the backs' of American soldiers on the ground.

At the same time, he said, they had his 'back.'

Serving a cause larger than ourselves and having the backs of fellow servicemen, allies and humans in need, Stuhr said these are values "which we took and continue to have great pride in."

He then used his remaining time at the podium to challenge teachers and students to look at what they do and why they do it. "As a teacher, coach or staff members, your collective greater cause is the education and well-being of our youth. No one person can make that happen by themselves, but together as a team you can accomplish the mission," he said. Quoting the 16th President of the United States Abraham Lincoln who said, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation — will be the philosophy of the government in the next."

Speaking directly to students, he said their greater cause is yet to be determined. "Posture yourself to make a difference in your world by optimizing and not squandering your opportunity to be educated ... Have the backs of your fellow students ... Be the friend or team-member you can forever take pride in."

Stuhr closed his remarks by saying this about veterans:

"Fellow service men and women have seen and experienced things you may never have the opportunity to live through. They've been part of something larger than themselves; causes, missions and teamwork that inspired them to step well outside of their comfort zones and make a difference. Self-confident citizens who were proud of being a small cog in the international diplomacy of the greatest nation on earth, a stick in the quilt of democracy that secured the freedoms we all enjoy."

"Folks, that why we stand tall during the National Anthem and render a crisp salute to the Flag of the United States of America. It's an iconic symbol of our great nation, a wind-waved example to the world that free men can do so much, that hopes exists, and is attainable."

As part of the program, students from Elgin's three schools participated in a variety of ways. Before the close, VFW Auxiliary member Linda Kerkman presented U.S. flags to seniors Abriel VonBonn (EPS) and Ashlynn Chaff (PJCC).

Following the program, veterans were treated to a free meal, courtesy of Thunderhead Energy Center, at the Elgin Community Center.

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Public performance of one act play to be Sunday

**PICC students** (l-r) Reese Stuhr, Aiden Klein, Jack Barlow, Ashlynnne Charf, Tessa Barlow and Elise Ruterbories embrace the 'talking stick' during a scene from the one act play 'All By Myself'. The play will be performed for the public as part of a dinner theatre this Sunday night, November 19, at St. Boniface Auditorium. The play is being directed by Amy Klein and Kerri Druke. Tickets for the dinner are sold out, but the public can come see the performance which is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Show only tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for K-12 students can be purchased at the door.

City water rates to rise in 2024

Meeting last week, the Elgin City Council is moving forward with a plan to get the water budget out of the 'red' and back to 'black.'

All four members of the council (Mike Dvorak, Jim Kittelson, Leigh Kluthe and Craig Niewohner) approved an increase to the city's water rates which would go into effect January 1, 2024.

According to City Clerk Kristin Childers, the last time the water rate was increased was in 2012. For the last three years, she said the budget has been in the red.

The current rate is \$20 per month plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used. (\$60 per quarter plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons used)

The new rate will be \$25 per month plus \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used. (\$75 per quarter plus \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons used).

Recently, a water study was conducted by the Nebraska Rural Water Association (NRWA) offering suggestions to city hall how to correct the shortfall.

In a comparison of rates among similar communities across the state, the report showed that Elgin is \$3 below average on rates charged to residents. "It's just something we're going to have to do," Mayor Mike Schmitt said about the pending rate increase.

At the same time the water study was being done, the NRWA also conducted a sewer rate study. According to the report, Childers said the amount being collected now is sufficient. "We are meeting our expenses," she said, adding no increase is being suggested at this time.

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at BCHC, contributing to our continued growth and success. "Lara's extensive experience and dedication to human resources align perfectly with our organization's values and mission. We are confident that her leadership will be pivotal in advancing our HR strategies and reinforcing our commitment to our employees," said Kristie Stricklin, VP of Clinic Resources at BCHC. Swerczek holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nebraska Lincoln and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Nebraska Omaha. She is a member of Strategic Human Resources Management and is certified in Human Resources Management.



Lara Swerczek

"I am excited to be part of a team driven to ensure residents in rural areas receive the absolute best healthcare and help lead the way to create the best workplace in Boone County," said Swerczek. She lives in her hometown of Cedar Rapids with her 16-year-old son. She enjoys reading, watching volleyball, quilting, and attending theater events. Swerczek replaces Jennifer Beierman, who dedicated 24 years to BCHC.

Boone County Health Center

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