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Chamberettes picks 'em. Page 7B

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STAR CALENDAR

Chamber Coffee

SweetWater Cafe in Sioux City will host this week's South Sioux City Area Chamber Coffee Hour.

The event will be held at the cafe's location in Sioux City at 600 Fourth Street, #225. Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m., with the program at 10 a.m.

County board to meet

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their next meeting on Monday, Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Dakota County Courthouse.

An agenda is available online at dakotacountyne.org.

Public Works meeting

The South Sioux City Public Works Committee meeting is set for Monday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

An agenda is available at southsiouxcity.org.

Sen. Ricketts' mobile office coming to SSC

Sen. Pete Ricketts' mobile office will make a stop in Dakota County next week.

His mobile office will be at the Northeast Nebraska Senior Citizen Center on Friday, Aug. 23 from 10-11 a.m.

Representatives from Ricketts' office will be on hand to assist the public on any government-related issues they are having troubles with.

SSC Teammates to host Trivia Night

The South Sioux City Teammates is hosting a Teammates Trivia contest, which includes dinner and a silent auction.

The event will be held Friday, Aug. 23 at the Knights of Columbus, 1805 West 29th St., with the doors opening at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the trivia contest starting at 7 p.m.

Best-dressed teams will win a prize, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, contact Jeff Squier or Steve Selk at South Sioux City High School.

Correction

In last week's Star regarding the lead survey, the name of the engineering firm handling the survey was Olsson, Inc. It was incorrectly named as Olsson and Associates.

The Star apologizes for the error.

LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF AUG. 15-21, 2024

THURSDAY



FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



Blight study rejected by City Council

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

A standing-room-only crowd of about 60 residents at Monday's City Council meeting stayed just long enough to get the good news they were looking for.

On a 7-0 vote (Councilman Jason Bowman was absent), the Council approved Mayor Rod Koch's rejection of a blight study that would have allowed a local trash hauling business to use TIF funding to build a new facility near Ninth Avenue and Golf Road to park its 52-truck fleet near a neighborhood.

Residents in the neighborhood didn't receive notice of the plans for the new facility until about an hour before a July 15 Public Works Committee meeting and quickly made their opinions about the proposed facility known.

The blight study covered about 15 acres, and if approved, would have allowed Gill Hauling to use TIF funding that would have been put toward noise and odor reduction efforts, including the building of a fence and planting of trees around the facility.

There had been significant discussion of the proposal in subsequent meetings leading up to Monday's decision, and Mayor Rod Koch opened the continuation of the public hearing hoping to have a final decision reached quickly.

"We have had a lot of input on both sides of the issue, and I don't believe more input is needed and would ask that (the blight study) not be approved," he said.

Before the Council voted, Koch asked those in the audience to raise their hands if they were not in favor of the blight study. Almost every hand among the reporter-estimated 60 people went up.

After the vote, Gill Hauling district manager Mike Keeran thanked those in attendance and assured them that it was not the company's intention to rush something in without the neighbors knowing about it.

"The last things (contractor) Steve Nelson or Gill Hauling wanted to do was to be a bully and just take

SEE REJECTED, 2A

Gill Hauling to take look at other land options

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The district manager for Gill Hauling said his company will look for another location in South Sioux City after the blight project study that would have allowed for TIF funding to build a new facility was turned down at Monday's City Council meeting.

Mike Keeran told the Dakota

County Star that a misunderstanding over a proposed office and parking area for more than 50 garbage trucks near the corner of Ninth Avenue and Golf Road created some unintended anger from residents living near the proposed facility.

"I was told that someone had

SEE GILL, 2A

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY



(PHOTOS BY LANCE SWANSON)
The 2024-25 school year kicked off Monday in South Sioux City as freshmen students reported for the first day and teachers opened up their classrooms to their students. (top) Freshmen viziolet Delgadillo, Hayven Flaugh and Klianette Norton stand with Superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega during a meeting in the commons area. (right) Teachers Kelli Rahn and Amy Schultz were honored for 30 years of service to the school district.



Two down, one to go

Casino in South Sioux City tentatively set for 2026 opening

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

For those who have been wondering when South Sioux City would get a new casino, we have an answer for you.

That answer is — soon. With the recent opening of the Warhorse Casinos in Omaha and Lincoln, it won't be long before the dirt starts moving on more than 40 acres of land south of Highway 20 as construction of a race track and casino is expected to be completed in the next 18 months.

"We got permission from the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission to move the old Atokad track over to the east side of G Street, south of Highway 20," Lance Morgan, CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., told the Dakota County Star earlier this week. "We intend to build the track starting in the spring of 2025, and we will start doing design work on the casino soon."

Morgan said that Ho-Chunk, which also owns the Omaha and Lincoln casinos will have invested close to \$500 million by the time the South Sioux City casino opens sometime in 2026. Omaha and Lincoln

SEE CASINO, 2A



(PHOTO COURTESY HO-CHUNK WEBSITE)
One of the blackjack tables at the new Warhorse Casino in Omaha is pictured shortly before the opening of the new casino last week. Ho-Chunk, Inc., is finishing up construction of casinos in Omaha and Lincoln and will begin work soon on a third casino in South Sioux City that is slated to open in 2026.

Cell phone expectations for HS kids are laid out

Students at South Sioux City High School will be limited in using their cell phones during the school day this coming school year.

At Monday's Board of Education meeting, the school board heard from high school principal Dave Clausen on an updated policy that sets expectations for students at SSC High School regarding the use of their cell phones during the school day.

According to information presented at Monday's meeting, "the use of a cell phone by a student can result in a lack of focus, not following directions, and lack of engagement in academic activities."

The school is prohibiting cell phone use during class time, in all restrooms and locker rooms and during school assemblies. Students may use their cell phone before school, during passing periods, at lunch when in the commons, and after school. If a student is using a cell phone in the hallway during instructional time, it will be considered a handbook violation.

Before class starts, students will shut off or silence their phones and will be able to place their phones in a holder in the classroom, and the phone will remain there until the end of class. Exceptions can be made by the teacher if the phones are being used for academic-related activities.

If a violation is noted, the student's cell phone will be confiscated and checked in to the assistant principal or Dean of Students office. Parents will be contacted and will have to pick up the phone at the school.

TOOTSIE ROLL?



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)
Kids lined up along Broadway Street in Dakota City Saturday to get their share of candy being tossed along the parade route at the Cottonwood Days parade. Look for more pictures on Page 4A.

ARENS IS STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

Todd Arens, high school construction teacher, is the South Sioux City Community Schools Staff Member of the Month for August 2024. Mr. Arens is an extraordinary educator who continually goes above and beyond in his role. His diverse skills and high-demand expertise are invaluable assets to the school, and the community is truly fortunate to have him teaching our students. What sets Mr. Arens apart is his remarkable ability to balance relationship-building with students alongside his instructional responsibilities. He deeply respects and values each student as an individual, integrating their unique needs into every project, whether large or small. His commitment to prioritizing student learning is evident in his approach to teaching, ensuring that every project includes meaningful opportunities for growth and development.

FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR PARKS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Dakota City community is stepping up to help Dave Parks after his home caught fire recently. Parks, owner of Gateway 2.0h in Dakota City, was inside the home at the time of the fire and Dakota City first responders were able to rescue him. He was flown to Lincoln due to lung damage he sustained from the smoke. Fundraising efforts to help out Parks are being conducted on the web at GoFundMe.com. To donate, go to the link www.gofundme.com/support-dave-parks-recovery-after-house-fire.

Siouxland Recovery Fund providing flood assistance

The Siouxland Recovery Fund, in collaboration with the Community Action Agency of Siouxland and the Salvation Army of Siouxland, has started an individual assistance program to support the needs of flood victims in Woodbury, Union, Plymouth, and Dakota counties.

"We have been at the table over the last month as many organizations have partnered to provide immediate support to those in need," stated Heather Hennings, president of United Way of Siouxland, fiscal

agent for the Siouxland Recovery Fund.

The Siouxland Recovery Fund will partner with these organizations, who will divide the work between counties to ensure that those most impacted are helped. Individuals whose homes have been categorized as Destroyed, or with Major or Minor Damage, may apply for assistance as funds are available.

Residents of Woodbury County should contact the Community Action Agency of Siouxland at 712-274-1610.

Residents of Union (SD), Plymouth (IA), or Dakota (NE) should contact the Salvation Army of Siouxland at 712-255-8836.

Jean Logan, Executive Director of The Community Action Agency of Siouxland, shared, "Community Action Agency of Siouxland has been helping with flood relief since day one. Over the past month our agency has attended the resource fairs, provided state disaster assistance when it was available and is still offering case management services for af-

ected families. We are proud to have educated numerous individuals, families, and agencies on the resources available in our community. We encourage anyone still needing assistance, with anything, to contact us. As we are over a month into disaster relief, we know many families have depleted their savings and other resources. We are very grateful to be a continuing resource for not only the families affected by the flooding, but to everyone in our community."

The Siouxland Recovery Fund has also supported the work of several organizations including the American Red Cross and Heartland Counseling Services for immediate aid and mental health counseling for flood victims and first-responders.

Please donate to the Siouxland Recovery Fund to support flood victims. Donations can be made online at www.siouxlandrecoveryfund.com, by mailing a check to Siouxland Recovery Fund c/o United Way of Siouxland, 701 Steuben St., Sioux City, IA 51101, or delivering to any Security National Bank location.

Blood drive set in Ponca

LifeServe Blood Center needs both new and regular blood donors to roll up a sleeve this summer.

Local lifesaving organizations like LifeServe Blood Center often see dips in blood donations due to blood donors' busy summer schedules.

The Ponca Community Blood Drive is set for Monday, Aug. 19 from 1-6 p.m. at 119 West Third Street.

To schedule a donation appointment, call 800-287-4903 or go online to lifeservebloodcenter.org.

REJECTED: Blight study not accepted

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over the property," he told those in attendance. "We have a resident with a beautiful business out there and someone's retirement home and we don't want to ruin that. We will find a spot in South Sioux City, so there are not hard feelings on this."

Koch said he was happy that the situation could be resolved.

"Gill Hauling does have the community's interests at heart, and we'll work with you to find a spot for you and keep you here in South Sioux City because you're a good business partner," he said.

The Council did approve a request by City Library Director Cicely Douglas to apply for a Creative Arts District designation that would run along Dakota Avenue from City Hall south to 29th Street.

Economic development director Oscar Gomez said that if the city receives the designation, they will get a \$10,000 grant that will allow for plans to be made. If those plans are approved, the city would receive up to \$250,000 to execute the plan.

GILL: Business will seek other options

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spoke to (local resident Chris Chernok) and the conversation wasn't what I thought it was," he said. "We were under the impression that we didn't need any permission because the land was already zoned commercial. Chris' property butts up against ours and I was told somebody had talked to them, and I probably should have talked to them."

Local residents found out about the proposed construction hours before a July 15 Public Works meeting, when the committee was set to decide on a 15-acre blight study of the property, which included part of a residence and was directly behind a number of residences in the area. The proposed construction would allow Gill Hauling to move from its current location on 29th Street to a bigger facility.

"The property had been zoned commercial a number of years ago, and Andy Lux had bought some property and proposed it to us," Keeran said. "The price was right and the street had been repaved so we decided on it, but it wasn't our intention to upset so many people."

While it was not a legal requirement to let their neighbors know what was being planned, Keeran said

it was just good business after Monday's Council decision for the company to look elsewhere and he said there were no hard feelings on the company's part.

"We kind of had a feeling that they would reject the study," Keeran said. "As a City Council, they're trying to grow the community and protect the people who are there, and that's OK. We'll find a spot that will work for us and one that the community and our employees can be proud of."

Keeran said the company could still build on the site, but without the TIF designation the company would not be able to put in some of the proposed site improvements to minimize the sound and odor, such as fencing and trees. Another company may end up building there and might not take those things into consideration.

He said the company is committed to staying in South Sioux City and are looking at a couple of options.

"We're going to explore some other properties here in South Sioux, and hopefully we can secure one of those properties and it doesn't directly effect the work people have put into their properties," he said. "Hopefully, one of those pans out in the next week or two, and if it all goes in a positive manner we'll have a new spot for the site."

CASINO: Work on SSC casino coming

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were first on the to-do list and more than \$450 million has gone into opening the two facilities, both of which include hotels, casino gaming, sports betting and live horse racing facilities.

Morgan said the decision to build those casinos first came down to the casino market in each of the three cities.

"The Lincoln and Omaha markets are larger metro markets that aren't as competitive as the one in the Sioux City area," he said. "Lincoln has no casinos in a town of 350,000 people, where you have the machines in North Sioux City, the Hard Rock in Sioux City and two tribal casinos in an area with 150,000 people. That's why we put our focus on Omaha and Lincoln first."

Both Warhorse casinos have done very well since opening their doors. Lincoln's facility is going to double its present size and will include 1,400 gaming positions, while the Omaha

casino has taken off since it opened its doors to the public last week.

"Omaha is doing very well, and when we add more amenities there next April we expect it to be an absolute home run," Morgan said.

While final plans for the casino in South Sioux City are still in the works, Morgan promised that the proposed \$50 million facility — which will include a 5/8-mile circle track for horse racing — will be worth the wait.

"We have to invest another \$100 million to finish (Omaha and Lincoln), but we're going to start from scratch in South Sioux and might as well go all the way with it," he said. "We'll have slot machines, table games, a restaurant, a sportsbook and the horse racing, and we'll have options to expand and include a hotel and convention center as well."

Plans are for the race track to be ready by late summer or early fall of 2025, which will allow for a probable five-day card of racing, with the casino set to be open early in 2026.

Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

1501 W. 29th St.

Luncheon meals served

Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Coffee and socializing will be served Mondays from 9-11 a.m.

Please call the day before to reserve a lunch — (402) 494-1500

Thursday, Aug. 15 — Hamburger, steak fries, cole slaw, peaches

Friday, Aug. 16 — Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, red/green peppers, onions, pears

Monday, Aug. 19 — Sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes/onions, tomato juice, biscuit, applesauce

Tuesday, Aug. 20 — Tuna and noodles, diced beets, peaches, broccoli

Wednesday, Aug. 21 — Cheeseburger, steak fries, five-bean salad, fresh apples

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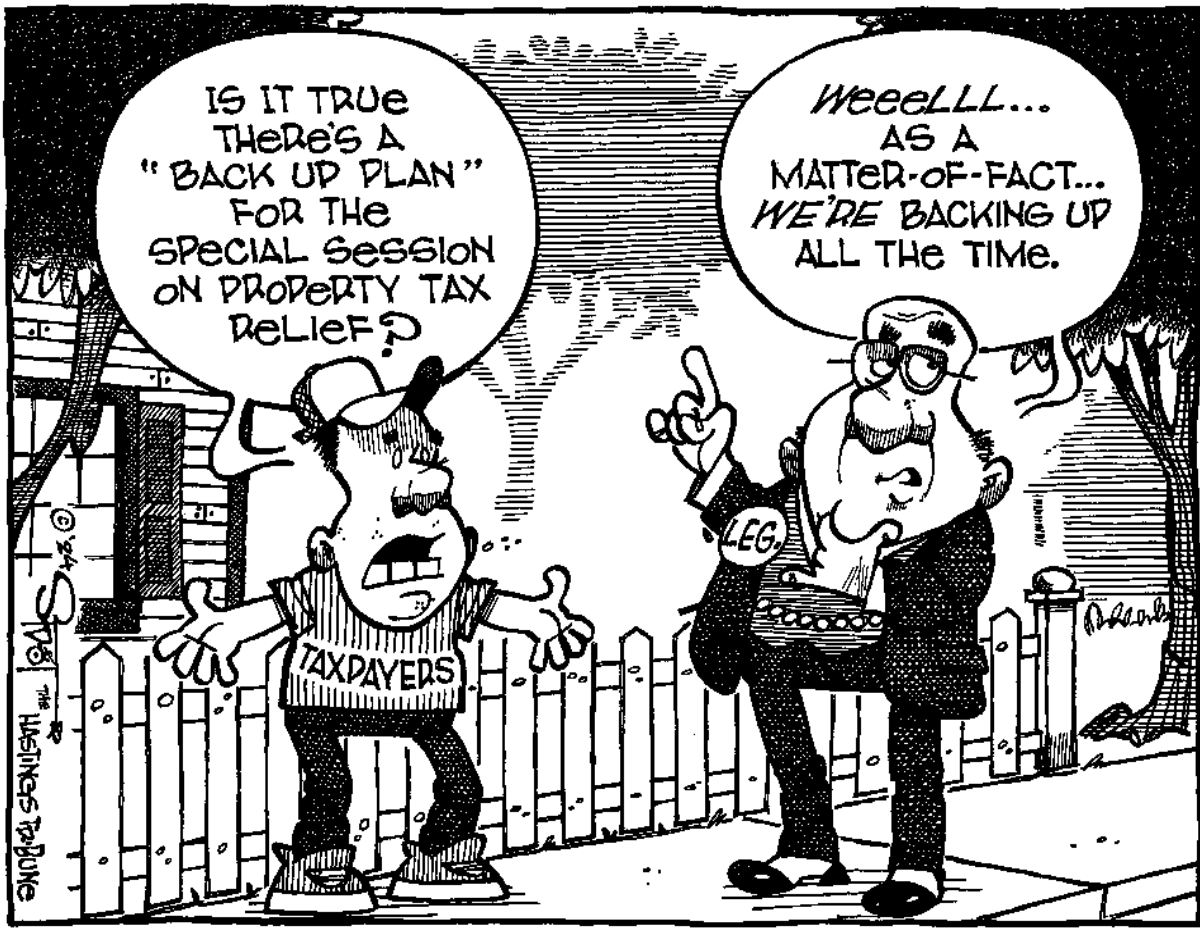
Saturday, August 17th
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Us for the NEBRASKA Sustainable Agriculture Society
Hosts: Jim, Tom, Lane and Kyle Knopik
If not pre-registered, just meet us at the Nore Farm Saturday, August 17 @ 10 a.m.

JUK for the Knopik FARM TOUR

Midday-Knopik Family Farm
• Location: From Fullerton, NE, go 9 miles west on HWY 22 to 180th Ave, then 1/2 mile north on 180th Ave.
• After Lunch is served, discussions about livestock and rotational grazing system.
• Knopik is a certified organic farm producing corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, alfalfa, and covercrops in addition to raising cattle, goats and chickens.

10 a.m.-Nore's Farm
• Location: 2 1/2 miles NW of Primrose NE, at the intersection of HWY 52, and 280th St.
• Farmers Discuss: row crops and tillage tools for weed control in soybeans.
• Explanations for applying compost extract at planting and using drones for foliar applications.



Special session full of ideas

Special session continued this past week. The Revenue Committee worked Aug. 5-6 to go over the 68 bills we heard in public hearings to put together a package to bring to the floor. Many ideas have been presented and a lot of work has been done. Everyone has their own ideas and it is hard to get 49 senators on board. This is still a work in progress, but it is a start. This is a spending issue, not a valuation issue.

There are three main goals behind the plan:

- Educate our children
- Encourage grandparents and families to stay in Nebraska
- Help businesses thrive

Since I have been in the legislature, property taxes have been discussed and addressed. Previous forms of property tax relief that have passed in past legislative sessions were the Property Tax Incentive Credit Act in 2020 with \$395 million in relief; also introduced in 2020, LB1107 Income Tax Credit for property taxes paid with \$560.7 million in relief; and in 2023 the Community College Future Fund Expenses with \$246.5 million in relief. In total \$1.202 billion was devoted to property tax relief before this special session.

On Thursday, Aug. 8, senators and their staff were invited to attend a briefing over the package being put together. The Revenue Committee decided to use Sen. Jana Hughes's LB9 as the main vehicle. LB9 utilizes additional state aid to public schools to lower the maximum levy cap in order to provide property tax relief for Nebraska property tax owners. Under LB9, the state will fund schools, county jails, district court clerks, and NRDs. Changes to LB9 are the levy lid taken down from \$1.05 to \$0.25 for fiscal year 2025-26 and following years and add language similar to LB1107 which allows for any excess revenue about 103 percent from the prior years' collection to be put into the Education Future Fund for property tax relief.

On Thursday, Aug. 8, Governor Pillen said "I deeply appreciate the extremely hard work being done by the majority of the Legislature to deliver transformative property tax reform to Nebraskans. These senators, who represent all political stripes and all corners of our state, are doing right by their constituents by engaging in tough negotiations, good faith exchanges of ideas, and collabora-

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



tion with their colleagues to forge a compromise that will work for Nebraska. Their dedication is even more impressive given that it is moving forward under intense pressure by lobbyists fighting to protect special interest loopholes at the expense of hardworking Nebraska homeowners. I know that any plan passed by the Legislature will be a hard-fought compromise and that it will not include every provision I believe in and am fighting for. Nevertheless, I have profound respect for the work of the Legislature and look forward to signing that work into law."

New program launched

The Enable Savings Plan is ecstatic to inform you that they are launching a new, free-to-use crowdfunding website to work alongside your Enable Savings Plan account. Crowdfunding is a way to raise money by collecting donations from family, friends, friends of friends, strangers, and more (like GoFundMe or Kickstarter). This new website can be found at givetoenable.com.

We recognize that account owners may not have extra funds to save for disability-related expenses and that sometimes emergencies occur that can put a tremendous burden on the account owner and their families. As a result, we have developed a new website called Give to Enable. This website is available for all Enable account owners and will allow them to raise additional funds to help cover their disability related expenses. Account owners would need to set up their own profile with a description of their crowdfunding needs.

This crowdfunding page is a separate website and you will need to set up an account to utilize this crowdfunding website.

- How to make an account
- Go to givetoenable.com
 - Click on "Register" at the top of the screen.
 - Fill in all the boxes and click "Sign Up" at the bottom.

— An email will go to an administrator, who will review your registration, and will contact you to let you know whether corrections need to be made or your account is approved and activated.

— You can then login and upload a picture, and your account should then show up on the website under "Members."

- Feel free to share.
- How to find your UGifit code
- Go to enableavings.com
- Log into your account.

— Choose "View and Invite savings with UGifit" from the menu on the left side of the profile page.

— This will bring you to the UGifit page and you will see your six-digit alphanumeric code.

Want to give?

- Go to givetoenable.com
- Click "Members" to read members' stories, learn about their needs and decide who you would like to give to.

— Copy the member's UGifit code found on their profile and click the link for ugifitable.com.

— Follow the instructions on the UGifit page to give.

— At the end of the process, there will be a confirmation page. Print that page and keep for your records.

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If you have any questions, please email stacy.pfeifer@nebraska.gov.

As always, I invite you to let me know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions by calling my office at (402) 471-2716 or emailing me at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov.

No rocket scientists in this special session

By no means could I be confused with a rocket scientist, but it appears to me that the only qualifications one needs to be a "representative" in state or federal government is that you have to be a real space cadet.

The special session of the governing body formerly known as the Nebraska Legislature has been a non-stop boondoggle of a circus that makes one wonder why we elected these individuals to "represent" us in state government. Evidently, The Three Stooges were on a cruise to Argentina and couldn't make it back in time.

Governor Pig Pen, sounding more like Mussolini than a governor, ordered the troops back to Lincoln under the guise that he had a plan to knock our property taxes down to a more palatable level, a level that wouldn't require us to get a second job, join the World Poker Tour or prostitute pictures of our feet on OnlyFans to make up for the double-digit percent increases in our property taxes.

Personally, when I bought this newspaper two months ago, my original plan was to commute between here and my home in Wayne so that I could watch my niece compete as a high school golfer. That was the plan — until I got my statement from the tax lords at the county courthouse that informed me that, for the third year in a row, I would be paying at or near a 10 percent increase on my property assessment.

The only "improvement" that has been made on my house in the last three years was pulling the artificial grass off my front porch — and yet, my property valuation has gone up by almost a third in the last three years. Having to choose between being financially raped at the courthouse AND at the gas pumps, or just getting it at the pumps 2-3 times a week, the latter obviously seems the better option.

Past versions of the Nebraska Legislature have been kicking the out-of-control property tax situation down the road for years now. Governors going back to Dave Heineman have been promising to do something about our sky-high property taxes, and I guess they delivered on that promise — that is, assuming that doing NOTHING is still doing SOME-

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



THING.

So when Pillen brought everybody together a couple of weeks back and then said (and I THINK I'm paraphrasing, although this may be a direct quote) — ummm, I've got nothin' — it was at that point that I think we are starting to see that this governor couldn't think his way out of a wet paper sack. Granted, he's got a lot of ideas about what should be done — but to not have a real plan ready to go for that first day of a special session was infuriating, particularly to the "representatives" who had to drop whatever it was they were doing back home to head back to their Lincoln office.

Nothing really intelligent, meaningful or thought-provoking has come during the first few days of this special session. Two Omaha senators suggested legalizing marijuana (don't even get me started on the stupidity of that idea), others are suggesting legalizing online sports gambling (the only suggestion to come anywhere close to making sense, considering the millions that can be collected) and the idea of the state paying for public schools and driving the levy down to 25 cents (an idea that takes local control away from schools, which is NEVER a good idea).

One of the best ideas that I've seen — only because it creates a grand inconvenience to those in power — is selling the governor's airplane. While a plane would be very useful in situations like needing to fly from Lincoln to Scottsbluff to oversee the aftermath of a natural disaster, Governor Pig Pen has made far too many trips by air to places like Beatrice, Grand Island or Columbus that cost many times more than a drive to those cities. Beatrice, for example, is roughly the same distance to Lincoln as the drive I make from this office to my home. In my college days, I made the drive from Beatrice to Lincoln

so often that I have all the notable things on Highway 77 memorized (although, back in those days, that highway was a two-lane road, not the four-lane expressway it is today, so that pyramid of empty Old Milwaukee cans we left behind in a ditch outside of Pickrell coming home from a beer party out in the country might be gone... but I digress).

The only thing this Legislature seems to know how to do is pass anything but meaningful legislation. Blame, dissent, frustration, temper tantrums — they can sling those better than any bunch of "representatives" around — but when it comes time to put together something that makes sense and actually helps the vast majority of property owners in this state (rather than those with money and influence like Governor Pig Pen, Loo-Loo Ann Linehan and others), the only thing they seem willing to get done is — well — nothing.

At this stage of the game, it might make more sense to just pull up the tent stakes and let this circus leave town. By the time anything meaningful gets done, most (if not all) of the school, city and county government entities will have set their budgets for the 2024-25 fiscal year, so anything that is done at this point isn't going to make any kind of impact until the 2025-26 fiscal year. The Legislature — if they still have their wits about them — will have the next Legislative session in January to FINALLY figure this out. There will be a number of new "representatives" who, we can only hope, have some fresh ideas and a willingness to actually take on this state's screwed-up tax system and come up with something that works for everybody.

Who knows? Maybe one of the newly-elected members this November actually IS a rocket scientist — imagine the possibilities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Undaunted Courage Revisited

Given that we mark the stopping-off point of the Lewis and Clark's "Voyage of Discovery," they camped nearby for 10 days on their journey to find the Northwest Passage from Aug. 11-21, we are remiss in noting that our continuation of the beauty and magnificence of the Muddy Mo has been less than favorable.

In fact, given that our focus is on our children, our future toward the continuation of a healthy and productive life, a recent report shows that, when it comes to the Dakota County banks of the river, due to the onslaught of Tyson's wastewater, this is anything but the case.

For instance, author Stephen E. Ambrose of "Undaunted Courage" notes in the chapter, "Entering Indian Country," that Aug. 1 was Clark's 34th birthday. Looking at the green splendor unfolding before them, "No American, not even the professional naturalists such as John James Audubon and Alexander Wilson, had ever seen anything surpass it."

The wonders continued. As Am-

brose records, "By August 23, the expedition was almost at the ninety-eight meridian... the sense of being in a Garden of Eden was strong. There were fat deer and elk and beaver and other species in numbers scarcely conceivable." The same day, Private Joseph Field, sent out on a hunt, "came rushing down the bluff... he breathlessly announced that he had killed a buffalo." The account goes on to say "that night... the party dined on buffalo hump, buffalo tongue, buffalo steaks."

In contrast, we are beset by waste water spewing forth from Tyson Foods unchecked and unabated. As noted, from a May 13 report from KTIV, that the plant "was one of the worst offenders in a four-year span for pouring contaminated waste water into local rivers and streams."

Indeed, the Dakota City plant's environmental destruction staggers the imagination. It has "released more than 60 million pounds of pollutants into Nebraska waterways between 2018 and 2022."

A critical upshot is that chemicals like nitrogen and phosphorus "doesn't just stay there, but travels

all the way to the gulf of Mexico. Previous research by the Union of Concerned Scientists concluded nitrogen fertilizer runoff from the Midwest causes up to \$2.4 million per year in damage to fisheries and marine habitats in the Gulf of Mexico."

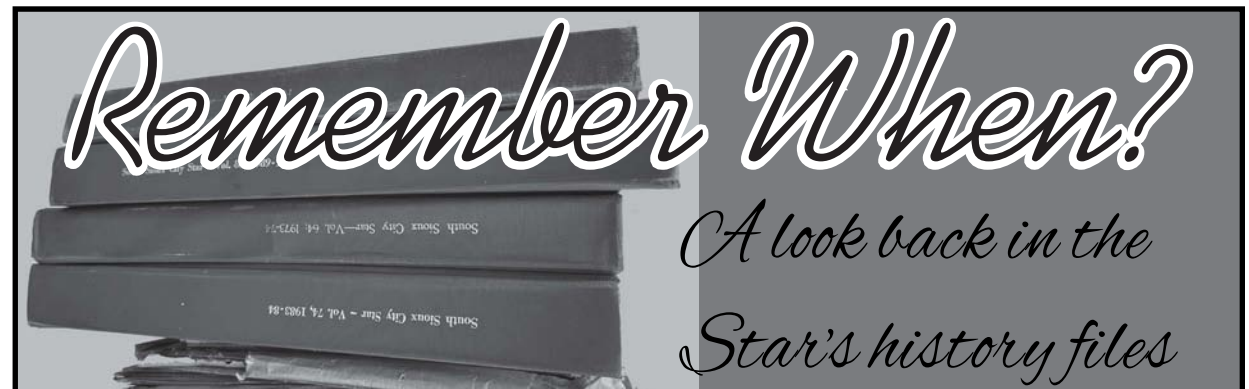
In addition, "the water can also include animal body parts and byproducts, such as blood and feces, as well as pathogens and microorganisms, including E. coli and enterococcus."

UCS said that the agricultural industry is the largest consumer of freshwater worldwide, and meat and poultry processors, such as Tyson Foods, account for nearly one-third of that freshwater consumption. The wastewater is produced by activities such as washing animals, cleaning meat and animal products, sanitizing equipment and scrubbing work areas within the facility.

Hence, to say that we are checking Tyson's destruction, safeguarding the lives of our children and our future is a critical misnomer. Indeed, faced with our own "Voyage of Discovery," we must act now.

Ron Hartnett
Dakota City

The 3rd Rail



10 YEARS AGO

AUG. 14, 2014

Schuldt sworn in

South Sioux City Attorney Wayne Boyd officially swore Carol Schuldt into office on Aug. 11 prior to start of the SSC Council meeting. Schuldt, who moved to South Sioux City at the age of 12, has been involved in many groups throughout the community including the Catholic Charities, United Way and has also been on the South Sioux City Design Commission since it was formed.

Activities funds increase

The South Sioux City High School and Middle School Activities Boards will be budgeted a combined \$134,000 for up \$74,000 from origi-

nal figures. A major part of the jump to \$134,000 will come on the high school track and field, with \$35,000 going toward the inclusion of a pole vaulting pit.

20 YEARS AGO

AUG. 12, 2004

Jail bond passes

The third time proved to be the charm Tuesday at the Dakota County Courthouse when word came back that the much-anticipated jail bond vote passed, and passed by a landslide. Over 2,300 voters throughout Dakota County went to the polls to approve both a half-cent sales tax and bond to pay for a new \$7 million Dakota County jail in Dakota City.

Council approves Bralda Addition

A new housing development proposed by Bralda, Inc. owner Terry Muff will be located on land west of G Street directly north of Pioneer Place and will feature a 34-home subdivision with three new outlets, including two on G Street and one on 26th Street.

30 YEARS AGO

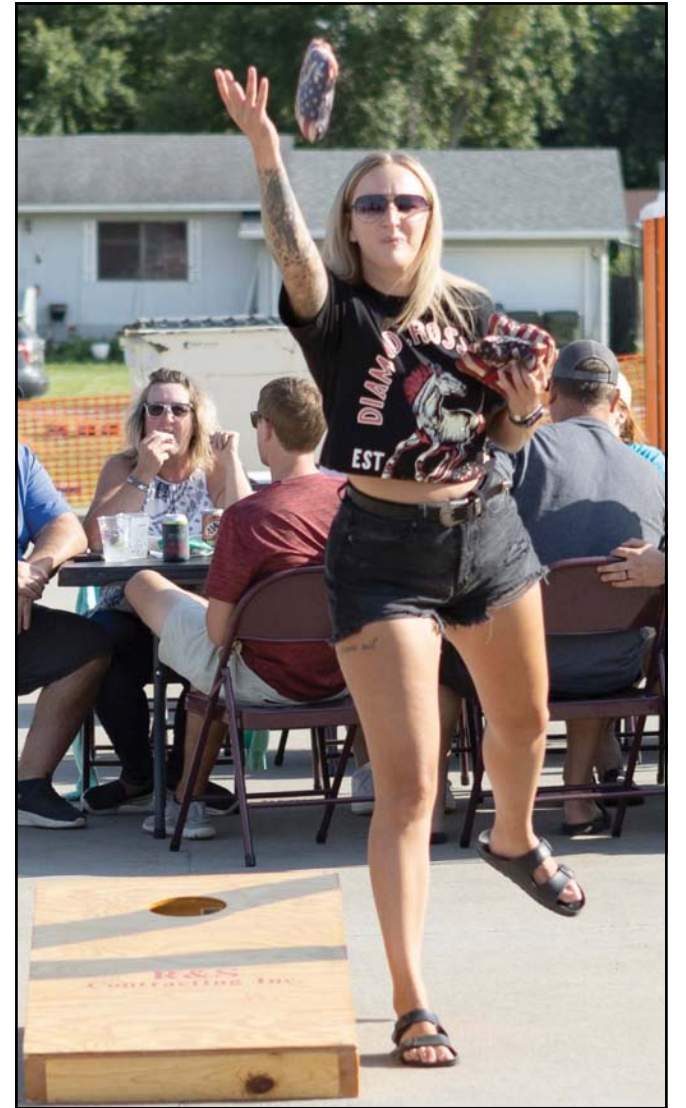
AUG. 18, 1994

Police raid nets drugs

An early-morning drug seizure at 911 B St. Saturday resulted in the arrest of three South Sioux City residents. SEE REFLECTIONS, 4A

Taking a look back at

Photos by Michael Carnes



REFLECTIONS: Looking back at area history

from Page 1A

dents living at the house on the corner of Ninth and B streets. Arrested and charged with four counts each were Carrada, 24, and Denny, 19. Carrada and Denny were each charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, a class ID felony, possession a class IV felony, conspiracy with intent to deliver a class II felony, and possession of cocaine without a drug tax stamp, a class IV felony.

40 YEARS AGO

AUG. 16, 1984

SSC man escapes custody

A felony warrant has been issued by the Dakota County Sheriff's Office for the arrest of Victor Forth, 19, of South Sioux City, who escaped custody Friday. Dakota County Sheriff Jim Wagner put Forth into the day room to await arraignment. The day room is an area where prisoners may watch TV. Jailer Armon Todd, while

doing his hourly jail check, saw Forth in the day room, and proceeded to place another prisoner in his cell. Todd's return some minutes later, he found the day room door kicked open and Forth missing.

Sen. Exon to visit

Nebraska's U.S. Sen. James J. Exon, seeking re-election to another six-year term on the Democratic ticket in the Nov. 6 general election, will make a series of appearances in Dakota County next Wednesday.

50 YEARS AGO

AUG. 15, 1974

Tell assistant principal at SSCHS

Dennis Trump, 29, of Belen, New Mexico, has been hired by the South Sioux City Community School District to fill the high school assistant principal's chair. Trump replaces Marvin Miller, who resigned earlier

this summer. Trump and his wife Ann will be moving to South Sioux City with their two-year-old son, Cullen.

Possession of firearm nets jail term

Bernard Smith, 26, Sioux City, was sentenced Thursday to from 1-3 years in the Nebraska Penal and Correctional Complex for possession of a firearm by a felon. Smith was sentenced by Dakota County District Court Judge E. Marsh in connection with an incident Feb. 2, in which Smith allegedly shot and wounded John Bunch, 26, of 1501 Second Ave., South Sioux City. The incident occurred in the Bunch home.

Jackson driver has big night

Elliott Saunders of Jackson had a big night at the Raceway Park Speedway west of South Sioux City on Sunday night. Saunders won the second heat race and the A feature for his most productive night of the season.



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Enhanced Patient Portal Features Now Available

Manage your health anytime, anywhere with the updated Pender Community Hospital & Medical Clinics Patient Portal. Through this platform, you can access essential health information and services around the clock, making your healthcare more convenient than ever.

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Stay on top of your primary care appointments.



Direct Chat Option:
Communicate directly with your primary care healthcare team.



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Medical Clinics

Pender Beemer Bancroft Emerson

A Touch of April in August at the SSC Library

The other day someone saw the poster we had up for “April Showers Bring Bookmark Flowers” poster on our wall. “Why is that old poster up . . . oh”, they stopped.

April Showers Bring Bookmark Flowers is back by popular demand on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. We will be making book marks by utilizing pressed flowers as the focus of our pieces. We will also learn about the various ways to press flowers so as to prepare us for our solo flower collecting adventures!! Registration is required.



Dan Nieman

Tech Help Mondays with Reenie offers anyone the opportunity to have their tech questions answered. Mobile device help, computer information, streaming devices, and more. This is held on Mondays from 5-8 p.m.

Tangled Yarns meets on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. It is a time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.

Wild Cards meets on Friday, Aug. 23 at 3:30 p.m. Join us in learning to play gin rummy. If you already know how to play, come and play a game with us.

Aspen Mobile: So, imagine that you are walking through your favorite store and you see a book, DVD, or CD that looks good. You wonder if the library has it. The answer is in your pocket. Aspen is a mobile app available on your phone that allows you to search the library’s catalog to see what books, music, or movies are available at the library, or online. Ask one of your local librarians for more information on Aspen.

“The Trial of the Century” by Gregg Jarrett (345.73 JAR). “Nearly a century ago, famed liberal attorney Clarence Darrow defended school-teacher John Scopes in a blockbuster legal proceeding that brought the attention of the entire country to the small town of Dayton, Tennessee. Darrow’s seminal defense of freedom of speech helped form the legal bedrock on which our civil liberties depend today. Expertly researched, eye-opening, and stirring, The Trial of the Century calls upon our past to unite Americans in the defense of the free exchange of ideas, especially in this divided time.” — Amazon.com.

“The End of Everything: how wars descend into annihilation” by Victor David Hanson (355 HAN). “A New York Times bestselling historian charts how and why societies from ancient Greece to the modern era chose to utterly destroy their foes, and warns that similar wars of obliteration are possible in our time. War can settle disputes, topple tyrants, and bend the trajectory of civilization

— sometimes to the breaking point. From Troy to Hiroshima, moments when war has ended in utter annihilation have reverberated through the centuries, signaling the end of political systems, cultures, and epochs. Though much has changed over the millennia, human nature remains the same. Modern societies are not immune from the horror of a war of extinction. In The End of Everything, military historian Victor Davis Hanson narrates a series of sieges and sackings that span the age of antiquity to the conquest of the New World to show how societies descend into barbarism and obliteration. In the stories of Thebes, Carthage, Constantinople, and Tenochtitlan, he depicts war’s drama, violence, and folly. Highlighting the naiveté that plagued the vanquished and the wrath that justified mass slaughter, Hanson delivers a sobering call to contemporary readers to heed the lessons of obliteration lest we blunder into catastrophe once again” — from the publisher.

“A Gentleman and a Thief: the daring jewel heists of a Jazz Age rogue” by Dean Jobb (364.16 JOB). “A captivating true-crime caper about Arthur Barry, a jewel thief who charmed celebrities and millionaires, stole from Rockefeller and royalty, and pulled off the most audacious and lucrative heists of the Jazz Age” — from the publisher.

“When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: glamour and power at the dawn of American fashion” by Julie Satow (381.1 SAT). “A glittering, glamorous portrait of the golden age of American department stores and of three visionary women who led them, from the award-winning author of The Plaza” — from the publisher.

“Why Animals Talk: the new science of animal communication” by Arik Kershenbaum (591.59 KER). “From leading zoologist Arik Kershenbaum, a delightful and groundbreaking exploration of animal communication and its true meaning. Animal communication has forever seemed intelligible. We are surrounded by animals and the cacophony of sounds that they make—from the chirping of songbirds to the growls of lions on the savanna—but we have yet to fully understand why animals communicate the way they do. What are they saying? This is only part of the mystery. To go deeper, we must also ask, what is motivating them? Why Animals Talk is an exhilarating journey through the untamed world of animal communication. Following his international bestseller, The Zoologist’s Guide to the Galaxy, acclaimed zoologist Arik Kershenbaum draws on extensive original research to reveal how many of the animal kingdom’s most seemingly confusing or untranslatable signals are in fact logical and consistent—and not that different from our own. His

fascinating deep dive into this timeless subject overturns decades of conventional wisdom, inviting readers to experience for the first time communication through the minds of animals themselves. From the majestic howls of wolves and the enchanting chatter of parrots to the melodic clicks of dolphins and the spirited grunts of chimpanzees, these often strange expressions are far from mere noise. In fact, they hold secrets that we are just beginning to decipher. It’s one of the oldest mysteries that has haunted Homo sapiens for hundreds of thousands of years: Are animals talking just like us, or are we the only animals on the planet to have our own language?” — from the publisher.

“The Singularity is Nearer: when we merge with AI” by Ray Kurzweil (612.8 KUR). “This successor volume to The Singularity Is Near explores how technology will refashion the human race in the decades to come. In this entirely new book, Ray Kurzweil brings a fresh perspective to advances in the singularity-assessing the progress of many of his predictions and examining the novel advancements that, in the near future, will bring a revolution in knowledge and an expansion of human potential. Among the topics he discusses are rebuilding the world atom by atom with devices like nanobots; radical life extension beyond the current age limit of 120; reinventing intelligence by expanding biological capacity with nonbiological intelligence in the cloud; how life is improving with declines in poverty and violence; and the growth of technologies that can be applied to everything from clothes to building materials to growing human organs. He also considers the potential perils of biotechnology, nanotechnology, and artificial intelligence, including such topics as how AI will impact unemployment and the safety of autonomous cars, and “After Life” technology, which will reanimate people who have passed away through a combination of data and DNA” — from the publisher.

April and August have more in common than the letter “A”. In April the weather is just getting warm. In August, the weather is just starting to cool down in the evenings. Join us for the April Showers program, or any of our other programs at the library.

OBITUARIES

Mildred D. Heinemann, 87

Mildred D. Heinemann, 87, of South Sioux City passed away Monday, July 29, 2024. A memorial service will be 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 11, at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City.

Mildred was born the daughter of Herman and Elsie (Keuck) Schincke on July 29, 1937 in Winnebago. She graduated from Hubbard High School and then married George Heinemann on May 20, 1956. They made their home in South Sioux City. George passed away in 1994.

Millie worked in the lumber yard business as a

bookkeeper for Hudson & Holmes and then Burke Engineering until her retirement.

She enjoyed doing crossword and picture puzzles. She also sewed many patchwork quilts over the years.

Mildred is survived by her brothers, Marvin Schincke of South Sioux City and Donald Schincke of Sioux City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; brothers, Richard and Kenneth; and sisters-in-law, Dorothy and Judy.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Sturgeon Michael A, Sturgeon Tracy L aka Tracy L Nuzum-Sturgeon, to Castillo Patricia, Martinez Jose Angel, Lot 1 Lik-U-Wanta Beach of Dakota City
Hernandez Jennifer J fka Jennifer J Cardenas Hernandez Edin Roberto, to Fader Elaine J, Lot 21,22, and Pt Lot 20 Smiley & Georges Addition of South Sioux City
Fader Elaine J, to Le Hoang, Lot 21,22 and Pt Lot 20 Smiley & Georges Addition of South Sioux City
Chester Cindy, Chester Paul, to Demke Nicholas, Demke Nikole, Lot 1 and Pt Lot 2 in block 9, Highland park Addition Emerson
Jurries Dale L, Jurries Lila L, to Cleve LLC, Lot 6 in block 23, Stanton of South Sioux City
Rogers Madison R fka Randi Rogers to Rogers Billy R, S-T-R 14-27-8 E PT SE 1/4 NE 1/4
Rapp Robert R Executor, Jane S Rapp Estate, to Rapp

Robert R, Lot 16 in block 25, Moans Addition of South Sioux City

Rapp Ronald D, Rapp Jane S, to Pojar Kenneth A, Pojar Patricia J, Pt Lot 3 in block 5, Haynes Second Addition of South Sioux City

Weber Meachelle POA Judy J Conner, to Rohde Joshua, S-T-R 21-28-8 E PT SW 1/4 SW 1/4

Bracht Chance, Bracht Courtney, to Bracht Properties LLC, Pt Lot 2 Oak Park Addition of South Sioux City
Bracht Properties LLC, to Henandez Eduardo, Hernandez Maria G, Pt Lot 2 Oak Park Addition of South Sioux City

Linda L Castor, to Joaquin-Gonzalez Eduardo, Joaquin-Cardo Daisy, Lot 5 Fair Meadows First Filing of South Sioux City

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jaime Jimenez, 42, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Christina M Springer, 27, Winnebago; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Dalvin L Damon, 30, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Rebeca Driggs Hernandez, 52, South Sioux City, Neb; no proof of insurance fine \$50, no valid registration fine \$50

Anthony W Holliman Jr, 39, Sioux City, Iowa; drive under suspension/before reinstated fine \$50

Marcel A Picotte, 19, Winnebago; minor in possession

under 19/20 1st offense, fine \$300

Jesse Versch, 44, Hornick; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$500

Khiry Webster, 32, Macy; no operator’s license fine \$300

Eduardo A Marroquin Lopez, 25, South Sioux City; DUI-15+ fine \$500, probation 12 months, revoked license 1 year, leave accident -fail to furnish info first fine \$500, no operator’s license fine \$300, probation 12 months

Juan C Ortiz Madrid, 49, Sioux City, Iowa; DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days, no operator’s license fine \$150

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)
Jackson Fire Department has a full house at their National Night Out. The Fire Hall was open to visitors as a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Jackson’s fire department is all volunteer. Thank you to all the volunteers.



(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)

Harty-McNally Legion Auxiliary of Jackson participated in the Dakota-Thurston County Parade on Thursday Aug. 1. Pictured are Ruth Greenough, Reta Mellick, Donna Hassler, Linda Bloomfield and Jane Dillon.



Local School News

Ponca — Back-to-school registration for High School is Aug. 13 from 4-8 p.m. at the Ponca High School Commons. Parents or guardians are required to come in during that time to set up a lunch account, pay class dues, complete all required forms. Reminder sports physicals are due before the start of fall practices on Aug. 12. First day of school is Aug. 15 with an early out.

Emerson-Hubbard — Aug. 13 Elementary School open house from 5:30:30 p.m. and sixth-grade open house at 6 p.m. Aug. 14 first day of school with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal.

Aug. 22 is school picture day.
Homer — Aug. 12 and 14 is new student orientation. Open house is Aug. 19 — you can visit your child’s classroom, meet their teacher and drop off school supplies, then head to the lunch room for a hot dog, chips and cookie. The first day of school is Aug. 21.

Holy Apostles golf tournament

The Holy Apostles Parish Family golf tournament is Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Twin Creeks Golf Course in Pender. There will be a morning flight and an afternoon flight. Dinner

will follow the afternoon flight. To register, contact Becky Meyer at 712-490-5406 or rrmeyer@archomaha.org. Make plans to join a fun day on the course.

Book Club

August books are “Strangers on a Train” by Patricia Highsmith and “Shadows on the Rock” by Willa Cather. The August meeting is Aug. 21 at Tina Hall’s. September reads are “The Current” by Tim Johnston and “The Audacity of Sara Grayson” by Joani Elliott. The big book for this year is “Don Quixote” by Miguel de Cervantes.

Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt

Farmers Market coming up

This summer, it seems like the gardens have been a little slower in coming into production this year.

The August heat has really brought things out.

This Thursday, Aug. 15, at the city ballpark there should be many thing to choose from. Please come out and support our local market.

Hoot Owl Days on deck

The Hubbard Hoot Owl Days are fast approaching, so each week I’d like to feature a different activity to help people get excited about attending.

My first event I’d like to remind you of is the Trinity Lutheran Church annual Country Breakfast. It will still be held at the Catholic Church St. Mary’s Parish Hall on

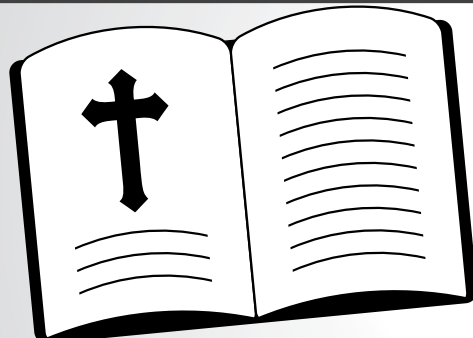
Sunday, Aug. 25, serving from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. They will be serving biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and hash browns. (There is usually an array of homemade jams to put on the biscuits also!)

After your belly is satisfied, you can wander through the car show to see if there will be any vehicles from this year’s theme, The Roaring 20’s. Then at 11 a.m., you can head over to Krueger’s Korner for the All-Vehicle poker run. This might prove to be interesting.

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for the two half a hog drawing. There will be both a pickleball tournament and a cornhole toss Saturday afternoon.

Last year, we had a beautiful evening for the outdoor music during the brisket and sweet corn feed. Next week, I will have a few more events to tell you about before the festivities start that Friday evening.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



2024

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA
3601 Dakota Avenue
402-494-5461

Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Patti Meyer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

21st & A Street, South Sioux City
402-494-1868

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Beth Hamilton

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2003 A Street • 402-494-4138

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Julie Raridan

SIouxLAND COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

17th & B Street
402-241-0744

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:35 a.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

“Reformed by His Grace”
“Reforming for His Glory”
Pastor Richard Peralez

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

218 West 18th Street
402-494-1847

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
and Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael Awe

RIVER HILLS CHURCH

1101 5th Avenue
402-494-1852

Sundays
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays
Family Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Kevin Roach

GLAD TIDINGS LIGHTHOUSE

410 East 10th Street
402-494-2185

Sunday Worship Services:
10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Family Night: 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Michael R. Ring

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade



(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE)

Emerson-Hubbard Fire Department members at National Night Out were (from left) Josh Herral, Sean Herral, Dick McCabe, Adam Goebel, Ryan Beacom, Haley Herral and her daughter Rawlins, Tarry Daum, Stepha Marks, Marc Anderson, Joni Franzlubbbers and Don Fuchser.



(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE)

All three counties were represented with police officers. They are (from left): Dakota County Deputy Jose Magana, Dakota County Deputy Jason James, Dakota County corrections officer Timothy Chamberlain, Dakota County Deputy Shaun Bird, Nebraska State Trooper Ray Johnson, Dakota County corrections officer Skylar Miner, Dakota County corrections officer Jacob Acero, Thurston County Deputy Alex DeLeon, Dixon County Deputy Donavan Bjorkland, Emerson Police Chief Chuck Chinn, Dixon County Sheriff Tom Decker and Dixon County Deputy Tommy Gill.

Emerson Night Out a hit

Emerson's Night Out last Tuesday was a huge success with 310 people in attendance. Ten-year-old Isaac Albrecht opened the ceremonies by singing the National Anthem. The kids who attended signed up for the many prizes that were donated for the event. Thanks to the many sponsors who donated the great prizes.

School's in session

Emerson-Hubbard schools are now in session. Please watch for kids walking to and from school!!

Tuesday, Aug. 20, there will be hearing screenings at the schools. Picture day is Thursday, Aug. 22. School pictures will be taken Thursday morning. Picture packet forms will not be handed out in advance but rather approximately in 1-2 weeks after picture day. Your child will receive a form with access to view their proofs and order the prints online.

Library Board meets

The Emerson Library Board met with the members in attendance Juanita Wilcox, Barb Baldwin, Connie Hassler, Janice Roeber and Dawn Tift along with Librarian La Vaillie Reifenthrath.

Bills amounting to \$2,657.93 were reviewed and accepted. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the bank of \$18,185.97. The report was approved.

Circulation for the month was 412 people and people in the library was 211. Total computer users was 3 while total additions to the library was 35 and 5 attended the EPL meeting. Petty cash was \$9.33.

Brown Bag Book Club read and reviewed Everything We Keep by Kerry Lonsdale. Five people attended the EPL meeting.

There was no old business. New business: LaVaillie requested the library be closed on Saturday, Aug. 21 through Labor Day. Request approved.

A discussion about the vandalism of the community garden and its produce ensued. Barb Baldwin volunteered to attend the Village board meeting to request some sort of security for the library be furnished since the library is city property.

Cemetery Board holds meeting

The Emerson Cemetery board met August 5th with the following board members present: Russ Plummer, Jaci Beacom, Diane Lamp, Roger Schwarten and Diane Thompson. Absent, Dianne Fuchser.

It was moved to leave officer positions as currently assigned. President — Russ Plummer; Vice President — Roger Schwarten; Secretary — Jaci Beacom. Motion approved.

A discussion was held on current budget dollars and also considering contacting Thrivent Foundation and Gardner Foundation for possible donations.

It was moved to close the west bottom crossover roads between Mark and Luke. This road will be left as is with no future maintenance. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on mowing/trimming the cemetery.

An update was held on the 2024 projects. Bricks/caps were delivered August 6, and the concrete company was notified. Cardis Fencing is waiting for the notification that the cemetery board is ready for installation. There are no new updates on software installation. The kiosk is a two-month wait. Discussion on where to install the kiosk at the cemetery continued board members will physically go to the cemetery to review and discuss after the August meeting.

Food program needs produce

The Emerson-Hubbard Food Program is asking if you have extra garden produce, they are asking you to please donate to the kitchen. All produce may be left at the High School.

Hassler 95th card shower

The family of Marilyn Hassler is hosting a card shower for her 95th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 18. Cards may be sent to Marilyn Hassler, Heritage of Emerson, 607 Nebraska Street, Emerson, NE, 68733. Happy Birthday, Marilyn.

Community Coffee Aug. 21

The Emerson August Community Coffee will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Post 60 Grocery store in observance of their second anniversary.

Tractor Ride Saturday

The EBC Tractor Ride is this Saturday, Aug. 17. Meet at the Emerson Ball Park at 10 a.m. The ride will end up back at the ball park for the meal. If you need more information, please call Ben Bonderson at 402-750-0645.

Water service line IDs

The Village of Emerson needs your help to identify the material of your water service line. The Village has started going door to door to identify what material water service lines in our system are made of. Identifying which lines are lead is an important step to removing this source of lead from our community.

The village is asking for your participation in this important effort. Door-to-door visits are planned for village employees to inspect the water lines.

If you have questions about lead service line inspection please contact the Village office at 402-695-2662.

Food Pantry distribution

Food Pantry monthly food distribution day is Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 2-5 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Thursday: TCNE Fall sports media day, 4 p.m.

Monday: Junior high sports practice begins.

Tuesday: Hearing checks at 10 a.m. Aug. 22: Picture day; Varsity VB Jamboree at Wisner-Pilger.

St. Paul's/St. Luke's Church

Sunday: Worship 9 a.m. at St. Luke. Monday: Bible Study at St. Luke, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Food distribution day.

Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



(PHOTOS BY STACIE JOHNSON)

(above) Sophie Newlon works on the wall at last Tuesday's free middle school volleyball clinic, hosted by Coach Kealy Ensminger. (right) Bradie Johnson gets her first tattoo compliments of Marilyn Martinez at Good Roots open house last week.



Back to school next week

Freshly waxed floors and spotless classrooms eagerly await children and teachers at Homer Community School.

Fall athletic practices have already begun, and staff will report for professional development Thursday, Aug. 16, to prep for the upcoming school year.

Open House is set for Monday, Aug. 19 with a slate of activities. The open house itself begins at 6 p.m. with opportunities for students to drop off school supplies and meet teachers along with hot dogs in the lunchroom for the family.

Prior to the open house from 5-6 p.m., Nebraska Department of Education, School Safety and Security Director, Jay Martin will be presenting on the foundational issues digital platforms, Apps, and social media bring into schools and homes.

Martin brings a wealth of experience and knowledge having presented nationally, written in books and journals, taught in schools, and had firsthand experience in school shootings prior to his retirement from law enforcement.

Digital wisdom is needed for students and parents to improve behavioral, mental, and emotional well-being, and with Martin's guidance, we can improve the digital culture and climate in our school community.

Another activity planned for after open house is the TeamMates mentoring program Kick-Off Night at 7 p.m. in the main gym. This will be a great chance to meet with mentors/mentees, set up meeting times for the school year, fill out any necessary paperwork and enjoy snacks and friendship.

TeamMates is always on the lookout for more mentors, so if you are interested, contact program coordinator Katie Curry at katiecurry@homerknights.org.

Jr. Knight FB camp Thursday

Hot news: the Jr. Knights Athletics organization is holding a free football camp on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 6-7:30 p.m. for any kids in grades 3-6.

Bring cleats, a mouthpiece and water bottle to the high school practice field.

From Fiddler Creek MX Park

If you're missing the smell of dirt and racing fuel, no worries. It's less than a week until gates drop for the Great Plains Vintage Race weekend!

Gates open Friday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17 at 7:30 a.m. No gate fee either day. Sunday gates open at 7 a.m. with a \$10 gate fee, cash or check only.

Racing on Saturday runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday marks the Great Plains Vintage Race day and a chance to see some "cool old bikes" at the track. The weather looks great so head out and enjoy.

Vendors wanted

Vendors are wanted for the fall craft show to be held at the fire hall on Saturday, Oct. 19. Contact Chery at 712-560-5031 or emtickler@yahoo.com.

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will be reading "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout during the month of August. This is a continuation of the story "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout. The group will discuss this book in September. New members are welcome to join anytime.

School will begin this month and Story Hours will resume in September. The first Story Hour is scheduled for September 19 with the theme "Bee a Good Reader."

Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. The group meets every three months to discuss how they can help the community with library activities and programs. They normally meet on the third Monday of January, April, July, and October. This month's meeting was set according to members scheduling conflicts. For more information on how to become a Friends of the Library member, please contact a Friends or staff member.

The Dakota City Library is still accepting applications for a part-time librarian. Applications may be picked up at City Hall. For more information, please contact library staff or city administrator.

Please feel free to share your good books with the community by exchanging them at the Little Free Library located at Cottonwood Park. We encourage you to "Take a Book; Leave a Book" and keep the books circulating. The Library also has a basket of free books and magazines available at the library.

New items added; "The Flower Sisters" by Michelle Collins Anderson, "All the Bird-Hearts" by Viktoria Lloyd Barlow, "Windfall" by Erika Bolstad, "the Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis, "Fair Hair Woman" by Gina Ellis, "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich, "Secrets of Ashmore Castle" by Cynthia Harrod Eagles, "Sweetness of Water" by Nathan Harris, "History of Love" by Nicole Krauss, "Crow Lake" by Mary Lawson, "History of the Difficult Child" by Mihret Sibhat, "The Nurse's Secret" by Amanda Skinadore,

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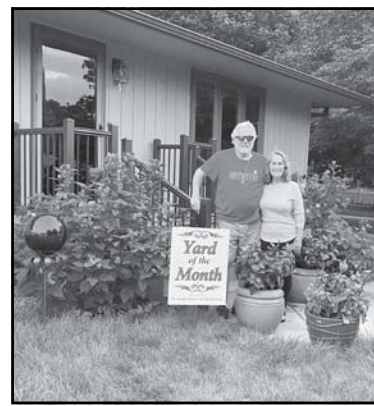
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Trade Name: It's All About Me
Name of Applicant: Denice M. Bledsoe, Pres., Bledsoe Feed and Therapy, Ltd.

Address: 1574 Gateway Drive, South Sioux City, NE 68776
Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Date of first use of name in Nebraska: January 1, 2024.

General Nature of Business: Retail on-line marketing of clothing, shoes and accessories

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Denice M. Bledsoe, President
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that Next-Gen Ventures, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 3735 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in business management, and any and all lawful business for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on March 28, 2024, and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the Company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the Company's Operating Agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Kelly Henry Turner at 17838 Burke Street, Suite 250, Omaha, Nebraska 68118.

Kelly Henry Turner
Organizer

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Alfredo Coss, Deceased

Estate No. PR 24 - 40
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy of said Decedent, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Myriam Coss as Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, located at 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, at 9 o'clock a.m. on August 27, 2024.

/s/Myriam Coss
[Myriam Coss]
530 Edwards Avenue
South Sioux City, NE 68776

W/s/Robert N. Stewart
Robert N. Stewart, #24759
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONER

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Jennifer J. Boltz, Deceased

Estate No. PR 24-37
Notice is hereby given that on July 22, 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, Todd Boltz, whose address is 9967 N. Blue Crossing Way, Tucson, AZ 85743, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 1, 2024, or be forever barred.

/s/ Kerri L. Wiese
Kerri L. Wiese
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NOTICE

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
Estate of Stephen Mahnke, Deceased.

Estate No. PR 24-36
Notice is hereby given that on July 21, 2024 in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative in Intestacy of said Decedent and that Jason A. Mahnke, 508 Pelletier Dr., Sioux City, Iowa 51104 was informally appointed by the registrar as personal representative of the estate.

Creditors of the estate must file their claims with this court on or before October 1, 2024, or be forever barred.

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Kerri L. Wiese
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NOTICE

Estate of Leroy E. Fuchser, Deceased.

Case No. PR 24-24
Notice is hereby given that on August 8, 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Ronald G. Fuchser, whose address is 250 Hwy 9, Emerson, NE 68733, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 15, 2024 or be forever barred.

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Kerri L. Wiese
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings located at the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1615 - 1ST AVENUE. All meetings will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.

/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk
Community
Development Agency
11 a.m. on
Thursday, August 29, 2024

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Legal Notice

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Mary E. Young, Deceased

Estate No. PR 24-42
Notice is hereby given that on July 29, 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Randall R. Hegge, whose address is 923 Ithaca Way, Dakota City, NE 68731, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 8, 2024, or be forever barred.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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IN COUNTY: DAKOTA

The Nebraska Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Nebraska Parkway in Lincoln, until 1:30 p.m. on August 29, 2024. At that time the bids will be opened and read.

Bids will be opened and the bid totals will be read via Webex. The Webex information will be available on the BidX Letting webpage a minimum of two (2) days prior to the opening, and can be found by selecting the applicable letting from: https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings

Plans, specifications, and additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Web Site at http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/hwy-bridge-1p/

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Cherie Conley, County Clerk
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Legal Notice

Invitation to Bid: Tree Removal Services

The City of South Sioux City is accepting sealed bids for tree removal services within South Sioux City, NE.

Scope of work - This project has received funding through the Inflation Reduction Act by the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry in collaboration with the Arbor Day Foundation. The purpose of the tree removal services is to remove dead, dying, and diseased trees within the South Sioux City area. A total of 182-trees have been marked with a red "X" for 142-Ash Trees and 26-Maple Trees. For a listing of trees to be remove and addresses, potential bidders may request the list from SSCgrants@southsiouxcity.org or by contacting Gene Maffit, Parks Director at gmaff-fit@southsiouxcity.org or by calling 402-494-7540. Please note that tree removal services will not take place during the months of March 31 to June 30 in an effort to protect the long-eared bat population.

Tree removal including the stump, haul away, clean up to homeowner satisfaction, and adding grass seed to the area where the tree removal occurred. The bidder is responsible for calling locates and coordinating traffic. The city reserves the first right of refusal to any wood deemed fit for their use.

Contractors will need to carry liability insurance up to \$2,000,000 and carry a waiver of subroga-tion in favor of the City of South Sioux City.

Evaluation - Bids will be evaluated based on past performance, scheduling, technical expertise, price, and references.

Bid Submission - Envelopes containing bids and a completed USDAAD-1048 form must be delivered to the City Clerk at South Sioux City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 by September 20, 2024, at 1 p.m. At this time, bids will be publicly opened and read. The bid selection committee will meet to review and recommend bid award for the City Council meeting on September 23, 2024. Minority businesses, women-owned businesses, and labor surplus area businesses are strongly encouraged to participate.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid security equivalent to five percent of the total bid amount. The check or bid security shall be payable to the City of South Sioux City, NE, and will be forfeited to the City if the successful bidder fails to enter into an agreement within ten (10) calendar days of the award notification. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities, or irregularities, or to make awards based on what best serves the interests of South Sioux City, NE.

For tree list or further information, please contact
Gene Maffit, Parks Director, at
402-494-7540 or email
sscgrants@southsiouxcity.org
or visit South Sioux City Hall,
1615 1st Avenue,
South Sioux City, NE 68776.

If mutually agreed upon, this opportunity has the potential to evolve into a yearly ongoing contract, renewing annually for up to five (5)-years. Alternatively, if mutual agreement is not reached, a new bid opportunity will be made available each year. These trees will be in public rights-of-way, private parking areas, and city parks.

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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF DAKOTA CITY MINUTES

Dakota County Board of Commissioners Monday, August 5, 2024 3 p.m.

County Board Meeting Room, First Floor Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

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Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Love "-" Giese to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes - July 22, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 21, to August 3, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims-none. RCVUMC.]

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\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,679.04; Net Pay-\$1,302.09; Retirement-\$113.34; Total FICA-\$125.64; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,664.00; Net Pay-\$1,345.04; Retirement-\$112.32; Total FICA-\$123.76; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$282.18; Dental Account, premium-\$2,146.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$48,800.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,434.03; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.77;

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes- \$6,507.57; Principal Life Insurance, premiums -\$2,680.77; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,730.22; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,598.34; VSP, premium-\$537.84.

Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$305.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69;

Health Plan, premium-\$6,650.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,190.26; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$618.65; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,199.06; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,781.38; VSP, premium-\$80.77;

Insurance Fund 1275: Mid-American Benefits, Inc - administrative fees - \$34,658.66; Mid-American - admin fees - \$34,658.66, Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$39,316.12; Point C FSA With-

drawals ACH/Check - \$23,562.74; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$171.76; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$56.73; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$173.30; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$235.70; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$91.86; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.23; Principal Life Insurance, premium -\$24.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.90; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$251.28; VSP, premium-\$15.66;

Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$41.98; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$32.10; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.20; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.52; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

Love "-" Hohenstein to award the bid for the South Bluff Road Culvert Extension (Homer) project to Steve Harris Construction for \$55,659.06. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Giese to approve the Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report as submitted. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Van Berkum to authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls said properties recommended on Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report and be stricken and deleted by correction. RCVUMC.

Love "-" to approve the purchase of the RIGAKU COLNARC Handheld Raman narcotic detection device for \$35,282.40 using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 5, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary Publish Thursday, August 15, 2024. - ZNEZ

Dakota County Board of Equalization Monday, August 5, 2024 2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting County Board Meeting Room, First Floor Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Legal Abbreviations for this ad: the title Board Member has been omitted before each Board Member's name, "-" = moved, seconded by; Roll Call Vote Unanimous Motion Carried = RCVUMC

Chair Love called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Love, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby, Hohenstein. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, and Cherie Conley, County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens present.

Van Berkum "-" Giese to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Launsby to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in Tax Equalization & Review Commission (TERC) Cases 23C-0387 through 23C-400 SSCNE LP (Liberty Place) vs. Dakota County at 2:49 p.m. RCVUMC.

Van Berkum "-" Launsby to come out of Closed Session at 2:54 p.m. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Van Berkum to approve County Attorney, Kim Watson, to prepare Confession of Judgement in (TERC) Cases 23C-0387 through 23C-400 SSCNE LP (Liberty Place) vs. Dakota County. RCVUMC.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Love adjourned the August 5, 2024 Board of Equalization meeting at 2:55 p.m.

County Board of Equalization Scott Love, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary Publish Thursday, August 15, 2024. - ZNEZ

VILLAGE OF HUBBARD

Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting August 7, 2024

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on August 7, 2024 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7 p.m. for the regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Jason Martineck, Ronald Hunn, Jim Harral and Shawn Jensen and Ron Collins. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Following roll call Collins motioned Hunn 2nd, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Jensen motioned, Collins 2nd, to dispense the reading of the July 10th minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bousquet presented the treasurer's report. Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: Alvin Satterwhite has concerns regarding the letter he received from the Nuisance Abatement Officer. All vehicles on his property are licensed. He is currently working on them. The property is zoned commercial.

New Business: No building permit is needed for 203 Main Street for Gary Eriksen. The building is less than 10x12.

Nick Dorcey presented a building permit to erect a new grain bin at 1929 M Avenue. The permit has been approved by Building Inspector Christensen.

Discussion was held regarding the restrooms at Heffernan Park.

A bid was presented from Crisp & Clean Painting to paint the outside of the HCC a grey color. Jensen motioned, Hunn 2nd, to accept the bid. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hydro excavating of the culvert at 505 Nebraska. Jensen motioned, Collins 2nd, to allow the homeowner to do this. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The E911 Agreement was presented and reviewed. Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd, to approve and sign the agreement. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 1&6 Year Street and 1&6 Year Water plans. The plans will be presented and signed at the September meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the preliminary budget. The following items will be added:

Remodeling the HCC Kitchen - \$30,000, Refinishing the HCC Floor and Stage - \$15,000. Old Business:

Clerk Bousquet presented the Water Security Grant Application. Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd, to sign and submit the application. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

No updates on paving at this time. Gaither gave the HBC Report.

Delinquent accounts were discussed. Letters will be sent. Customers in delinquent status have seven days to pay.

Miscellaneous & Emergency Items:

Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows:

Dick McCabe \$156.70, Dakota County Star \$130.64, Gill Haul-

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the **City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, to receive public comment on an extremely blighted determination study for an area being referred to as the 29th St and Hwy 77 extremely blighted area, and to take possible action to designate such area as extremely blighted pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq.

A map and legal description of the proposed extremely blighted area and the extremely blighted determination study for the area can be viewed at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776, telephone number 402-494-7504.

At said time and place, all interested parties may appear and be heard.

Dated this 12th day of August 2024.

City of South Sioux City, Nebraska By: Nanci Walsh, City Clerk

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ing \$832.50, Heeney Fam Ptshp \$550.00, Lisa Bousquet \$871.44, Jason Martineck \$25.00, NNPPD \$876.30, Ron Collins \$52.49, Jim Harral \$370.00, NNTC \$161.54, Lamp Construction \$11,325.00, Corey's Lawn Service \$775.00, Zeisler \$375.00, DCPSSA \$692.46, NE Pub Health \$37.90, Wilmes \$12.58.

Hunn motioned, Collins 2nd, to pay all bills as presented in the board reports. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting: September 11, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Village of Hubbard Community Center

Jason Martineck Chairman Board of Trustees Village of Hubbard, Nebraska

Attest: Lisa Bousquet Village Clerk

This is a condensed version of the August 7, 2024 minutes. A full copy is available in the Village Office.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of THOMAS PATRICK SHERLOCK, Deceased. Estate No. PR 24-34

Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2024 in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of inofrmal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and Margaret J. Woltman, whose address is 702 Mathies Drive, Papillion, NE 68046, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 8, 2024 or be forever barred.

Kerri L. Wiese Clerk of the Dakota County Court

Prepared and Submitted by: **Travis M. Jacott, #26344 ADAMS & SULLIVAN, P.C., L.L.O. 1413 S. Washington St., Suite 300 Papillion, NE 68046 Telephone: 402-339-9550 Facsimile: 402-339-0401 Email: jacott@adamsandsullivan.com**

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Dakota City Council Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024

The Dakota City City Council met in a regular session on August 8, 2024. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations and sent out to various media outlets, as well as, was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

The following members were present: Rasmussen, Carson, Lane, Korthuis.

Public Comment Period: Kenneth Beerman asked City Council to investigate the right-of-way distance into his land from the south side of Pine Street and the installation of a water line.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Carson, to approve the consent agenda for August 8, 2024. Said motion includes approval of minutes from July 11, 2024 acknowledgement of reception of financial statements and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS APP FINANCIAL - 29.67, 15.04, AFLAC / REMITTANCE/ PROC SERVICES -219.78, 102.06, ALIC FISCHER - 50.00, AMBER POINTIS - 50.00, AT&T - 68.38, Ameritas Life Ins-RP -439.42, 135.60, 152.28, 450.96, Ameritas-Dent/Vis - 167.88, 111.92, Ariana Paz - 222.64, BARNES & NOBLE - 1513.92, BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY - 50.00, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE - 3076.28, 1229.94, BONNIE KEMPERS - 50.00, BOSTWICK FENCING - 750.00, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES - 62.32, CAPITOL ONE-WALMART - 141.78, CENTURY LINK - 106.21, 106.21, CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY - 132.00, CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM - 4156.00, CRYSTAL OIL CO. -355.58, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT - 47.94, Collections Service Center - 356.00, DAKOTA COUNTY STAR - 177.93, DAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER - 6193.93, Dakota City Sales Tax Fund - 11419.52,

Dakota County Public Safety Services Ag. - 11419.52, EMC INSURANCE COMPANY - 5144.25, 2997.90, 428.27, Esmeralda Lupercio - 50.00, F & M Bank, N.A. - 725.83, 15000.00, FIBERCOMM - 131.73, 36.75, FREMONT TIRE - 27.00, Farmer's Pride-Battle Creek - 1632.93, GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING - 61.48, GILL HAULING -SSC - 303.31, 11656.20, GRAYMONT (WI) LLC. - 7868.54, H-1 SERVICES - 800.00,

HAWKINS INC - 678.18, HOME TOWN LEASING - 188.52, IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC - 1200.00, JAMES HEINEMANN - 50.00, JASON KLEIDER - 50.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP - 652.50, 6067.50, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/MURPHY POWERPLAN - 2172.89, L.F. NOLL, INC - 826.89, LINDBLOM SERVICES - 845.00, MANCY GOMEZ - 50.00, MATHE-SON-LINDWELD - 4908.77, MAURA MONIZ -50.00, MAX I WALKER - 97.64, 39.74, MENARDS - 399.99, MEYER, INC. - 165.00,

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 380.00, 135.00, Mark Albenesius Rentals LLC - 704.30, MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. OF NE - 4485.99, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 288.00, NICK LAKES - 50.00, One Call Concepts, Inc. - 24.72, P-A INDUSTRIAL SERVICES - 3217.81, PEOPLE SERVICE, INC - 8930.00, Penworthy Media Service - 169.84, Principal Life Insurance Company - 43.89, 29.26, Quick Med Claims -959.80, ROBERT KRATKY - 100.00, RYAN HERRON - 50.00,

Roberto Guerreo - 50.00, Robertson Implement - 58.87, SALLY GILL - 50.00, Sparklight/Cable One - 193.31, 165.60, Spartan Concrete - 1597.50, THALIA LEON - 50.00, THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP - 268.00, 168.00, 84.00, 197.50, Tri State Valuation & Consulting - 550.00, USA Blue Book - 144.04, VISA-CITY CARD - 119.91, 454.05, Verizon Wireless - 40.01, Williams & Company, Inc. - 1611.00, 1074.00, Wilmes Hardware Hank - 449.92, 324.36, YANETH VALDOVINOS - 50.00.

Total - 136,136.20

Communication: None

Moved by Lane, seconded by Korthuis, to approve Resolution 2024-12 Authorizing Fire Chief Clint Rasmussen and City Administrator Bob Kratky as representatives for Dakota County Finance Organization (MFO). Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Carson, Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Nay: None. Motion carried

Mayor Yacevich opened a public hearing at 5:09 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to hear support,

opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations in regard to the Lot Split Request for property located at 457 Highway 35 and 455 Highway 35, Dakota City, Nebraska. Bill Quinn explained the change. The public hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Carson, to approve Resolution 2024-13 Lot Split request for property located at 457 Highway 35 and 455 Highway 35, Dakota City, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Korthuis Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution 2024-14 for a five-year agreement with Dakota County for the provision of an emergency 911 telephone communication system (Enhanced E911). Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Korthuis, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Carson, seconded by Korthuis, to approve Resolution 2024-15 approving updated 2024 Dakota City Fire Department roster. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Carson, Korthuis, Rasmussen, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Following discussion on Ordinance 1001 Off Street Parking for Recreational Vehicles there was no action taken.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve Payment Application No. 2 for the new drinking water well in the amount of \$36,748.58 to Sargent Drilling. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Carson, Korthuis, Rasmussen, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Carson, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve City Administrator to attend Nebraska League of Municipalities Annual Conference in Lincoln for required hours of training. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor and City Council set a budget meeting for August 27 at 5 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 5:44 p.m.

/s/ Robert Kratky City Administrator Clerk/Treasurer

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 2:45 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse**, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Cherie Conley, County Clerk Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 15, 2024 - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Neb.Rev.St. §§ 21-193 & 21-117, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

The name of the Limited Liability Company is **K&K Nails Spa, LLC**

The street address and mailing address of the Company's initial registered office in Nebraska is 2323 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776 and the name of its registered agent at such address is Bao V. Hoang.

The street address and mailing address of the Company's initial designated office in Nebraska is 2323 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776.

This company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful business for any lawful purpose, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The Company's duration is perpetual beginning on the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska.

The affairs of the limited liability company are conducted by managers, members and such other officers as may be provided for in the Operating Agreement.

Bao V. Hoang Member

Robert J. Rehan, Organizer 700 4th Street, #300 Sioux City, IA 51101

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PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Papio-Missouri River
Natural Resources District
Pursuant to Section
2-3220, R.S.S., 1975, the
following is a listing of
expenditures of the District for
the period of July 12 through
August 8, 2024.**

ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC \$167.00; ACCURATE LOCKSMITHS, INC. \$45.00; ALBIREO ENERGY \$6,975.00; ALFRED BENSCH & COMPANY \$6,273.66; ALL COPY PRODUCTS, INC \$3.87; ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES \$2,432.00; AMANDA GRINT \$7,985.57; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC \$1,293.62; AMAZON.COM \$62.72; AMBIUS INC \$325.53; AMERICAN CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO \$190.00; APPLE.COM \$1.98;

AQUATIC SOCIETY OF OMAHA INC \$1,000.00; ASFFM \$125.00; AUSTEN HILL \$3,453.58; BACKLUND PLUMBING \$3,150.00; BAXTER FORD \$250.31; BENJAMIN MAIDES \$375.00; BIG RED LOCKSMITHS INC \$85.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$223,164.74;

BLAIR ACE HARDWARE \$123.12; BOBCAT OF OMAHA \$1,091.11; BOMGAARS \$592.37; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. \$1,337.00; CANTEEN REFRESHMENT SERVICES \$79.00; CAREY FRY \$4,517.49;

CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY \$107.24; CATALYST PUBLIC AFFAIRS INC \$4,000.00; CENTRAL VALLEY AG \$141.63; CENTURYLINK \$296.60; CHAD HOTLEN \$1,785.27; CHARLES STANLEY \$2,853.15; CHARLES WIEGAND \$2,824.97; CHARLES ZAUGG \$4,500.39; CINTAS CORP \$154.30; CITY OF LA VISTA \$50,000.00; CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS \$2,275.00;

COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES \$428.00; COMMERCIAL SEEDING CONTRACTORS \$13,122.50; CON-TINENTAL UTILITY SOLUTIONS, INC \$6,000.00; CORETECH \$235.00; COREY MACKLING \$3,071.28; COUNTRY TIRE SERVICE CENTER \$333.12; COX BUSINESS SERVICES \$3,211.93;

CULLIGAN OF OMAHA \$65.00; DAKOTA CITY \$10,492.50; DAKOTA COUNTY STAR \$99.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, INC. \$117.70; DANIEL J GROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL \$800.00; DEBORAH WARD \$2,732.74; DORCAS D JONES \$418.74; DREXEL MECHANICAL INC \$3,427.83;

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$140.30; EG INTEGRATED \$19,450.00; EHRHART GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES \$22,262.89; EMBRIS GROUP LLC \$2,848.75; ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING COMPANY \$131.00; ERIC THOMSEN \$11,343.03; ERIC WILLIAMS \$4,630.60; ESRI \$499.00; EVERBRIDGE, INC. \$7,973.00;

FASTWYRE BROADBAND \$627.87; FBG SERVICE CORPORATION \$1,232.00; FLYWHEEL \$115.00; GENERAL EXCAVATING, LLC \$190,852.40; GEOCACHING \$39.99; GILL HAULING, INC. \$135.29; GO DADDY \$335.64; GO-

CODES, INC. \$500.00; GRAVITY FORMS \$59.00;

H&H CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM FIAT \$4,093.94; HANEY SHOE STORE \$145.99; HAPPY FACES FACE PAINTING, LLC \$1,068.00; HAWTHORNE INDUSTRIES LLC \$1,100.00; HDR ENGINEERING INC \$4,253.56; HENTON TRENCHING INC. \$12,108.00; HNH AUTO REPAIR AND TIRE LLC \$1,219.44;

HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC \$31,866.29; HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP \$14,896.50; HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$133.82; IAN GHANAVATI \$3,593.42; INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE \$6,630.61; INTEGRITY PLUMBING, INC \$341.76; J.P. COOKE COMPANY \$39.90;

JAMES THOMPSON \$242.03; JASON SCHNELL \$3,539.30; JEAN TAIT \$6,271.60; JEFFREY L KREIFELS \$120.00; JENNIFER STAUSSTORY \$4,924.57; JEO CONSULTING GROUP \$54,636.62;

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$3,613.03; JOHN WINKLER \$10,362.06; JONATHAN HANSEN \$3,466.67; JOSEPH RIEBE \$4,091.99; JOSHUA HENNINGSEN \$168.89; JOSHUA MATTHIES \$3,298.93; JULIE GRAHAM \$2,600.30; JUSTIN NOVAK \$4,649.76; KADENDAWE \$2,898.71; KADEN KNEIFL \$3,827.47;

KALANI FORTINA \$3,149.03; KAYLYN KELLEY \$2,988.75; KENDRA SULLIVAN \$500.00; KEVIN SCHOEPF \$3,175.48; KEVIN SOPINSKI \$263.91; KING'S DISPOSAL CO \$30.00; KONICA MINOLTA \$213.87; KYRA PETERSON \$5,163.85; LANCE HABELL \$3,045.65; LANCE OLERICH \$4,167.58; LAURITZEN GARDENS \$1,000.00;

LAWRENCE BRADLEY \$300.90; LEAF \$101.99; LEE AGRIMEDIA \$741.85; LEE'S LAWN MAINTENANCE \$775.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE \$7,952.78; LORI LASTER \$5,148.04; LOWELL ROEBER \$4,346.82; MAHKENNA KOINZAN \$2,330.70; MARK WILLE \$2,877.71; MARTIN CLEVELAND \$5,588.64; MARTIN NISSEN \$4,367.23;

MARTIN THIEMAN \$1,460.66; MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC. \$630.64; MATTHEW STIER \$300.00; MENARDS - ELKHORN \$14.62; METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT \$39,864.52; MICROSOFT \$440.46; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY \$23.18; MIDWEST LABORATORIES \$165.00; MONT EDUCATIONAL INC. \$1,000.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. \$2,121.74

NARD \$68,208.58; NARD RISK POOL ASSOCIATION \$72,729.41; NATIONWIDE INSURANCE \$34,081.30; NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION \$185.00; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT \$302.78; NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$13,043.82; NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY \$4,798.50; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$652.65; NEBRASKA, STATE OF \$1,696.00; NEXTIVA \$1,536.70;

NICOLE GUST \$3,560.36; NMC INC. \$968.61; OLSSON, INC. \$120,828.56; OMAHA CAR CARE

\$2,497.41; OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$6,831.01; OMAHA WORLD HERALD \$1,073.72; OMNIFY BENEFITS \$76.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$200.60;

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES \$297.87; PACIFIC TIMESHEET \$580.00; PAYCLIX \$1,384.70; PENRO CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. \$25,524.64; PETCO \$168.20; PHILIP DAVIDSON \$172.85; PHILIP PAITZ \$4,956.59; PMRNDR \$34,348.83; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC \$461.31; PORT-A-JOHN'S \$160.00;

POWER PLAN \$550.00; PRES-TO-X \$1,423.88; QUILL CORPORATION \$248.09; RANDALL LEE \$2,869.83; RANDY HOKAMP \$7,500.00; RDO TRUCK CENTERS \$200.66; RED WING BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ACCOUNT \$468.49; REGAL AWARDS \$2,886.40; REGAL PRINTING COMPANY \$143.00; RICHARD TESAR \$928.48; RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND \$8,760.00; ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT INC \$84.99; RODENT-PRO.COM \$207.70; RYAN TRAPP \$4,471.16; SERVICEMASTER RESTORE OF SOOLAND \$3,750.00; SPARTAN STORES, LLC \$37.25; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS \$159.03

STEVEN MCNANEY \$5,930.15; STUREK MEDIA \$154.70; TAMARA TIPTON \$1,868.01; TAYLOR QUIKPIK \$2.99; TERMINIX COMMERCIAL \$140.00; TERRY KELLER \$3,115.03; TERRY KNOBBE \$3,312.22; TERRY SCHUMACHER \$6,145.45; THEODORE JAPP \$242.30;

THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN \$205.60; THOMAS PLEISS \$3,554.21; TIMOTHY FOWLER \$602.27; TIMOTHY MCCORMICK \$977.04; TOOL SHED OF OMAHA \$47.96; TRACY THOMPSON \$3,631.00; TRUESCOPE, INC \$648.00; TSOLMON PETERS \$2,972.21; TYLER ROBERTS \$4,016.82; UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY \$82,672.00;

UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS \$282.00; UPSCALE HOME SERVICES, INC. \$1,596.00; US TREASURY \$79,902.82; USPS \$62.15; UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO \$731.49; VALVOLINE \$194.62; VERIZON WIRELESS \$3,455.79; VILLAGE OF PENDER \$4,941.26;

VILLAGE OF WALTHILL \$125.51; WALKER UNIFORM RENTAL \$559.77; WARD'S SCIENCE \$138.96; WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL WATER \$8,383.80; WATER STRATEGIES, LLC \$6,600.00; WF BUS PMT PROCESSING \$2,903.34; WHETROCK, INC \$1,902.95; WHITE CAP, LP \$104.28; WILLIAM BENDA \$3,373.34; WILLIAM BRUSH \$5,257.10; WILLIAM JEWELL \$1,319.85; WILLIAM WARREN \$6,086.00; WILMES DO IT BEST HARDWARE SSC \$63.69; WINDOW WIZARD CLEANING \$123.75; WP-BAKERY PAGE BUILDER \$62.10; WULF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE LLC \$445.00; ZATA ELECTRIC LLC \$78,000.00.

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VILLAGE OF HOMER

**Village of Homer
Public Meeting
August 8, 2024**

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and the Village of Homer, Nebraska, was held Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall in said Village.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance being posted in three (3) public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice on file at the Village Hall. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and all Trustees and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt and the agenda is on file at the Village Hall. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open at the attendance of the public.

The Chairman informed the public of the Open Meetings Act posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

Present at the meeting were Trustees Eriksen, Cain, Utemark.

Chairperson Barclay, Maintenance Supervisor Elvin Vavra, Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Rushing.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Cain motioned, 2nd Eriksen, to approve the July 11 minutes of the regular board of trustees meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Eriksen motioned, 2nd Barclay, to approve the July 30 minutes of the Budget meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Cain motioned, 2nd Utemark, to approve the Financial Statements. Motion carried 4-0.

Cain motioned, 2nd Eriksen, to pay bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 2,216.13; BEST BUY 106.99; HY-VEE 102.75; ELVIN VAVRA 1,615.71; BRUCE R UBBINGA 501.17; MELISSA R RUSHING 1,198.22; LIAM VAVRA 194.80;

STADIUM SPORTS 618.00; CENTURY LINK 103.21; ELVIN VAVRA 1,615.71; BRUCE R UBBINGA 607.01; MELISSA R RUSHING 1,188.33; LIAM VAVRA 261.23; AIRMEDCARE 1,350.00; CENTURY LINK 100.86; CENTURY LINK 326.85; EMC-NORTHEAST NEBRASKA INS AGENCY 9,534.00; FIRSTNET AT&T 51.43; MENARDS 21.77; NPPD 605.90; BLACK HILLS 50.36;

BOMGAARS 205.56; CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES 42.89; KEVIN O'DELL ELECTRIC INC 11,700.00; LUX BROS INC. 903.70; Loffler Companies Inc 188.77; MARX DUST CONTROL 540.00; MEYER, INC 110.00; SIOUXLAND HYDRAULIC INC 88.92;

SOOLAND BOBCAT 254.54; WALMART-CAPITAL ONE 37.56; DAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER 3,093.00; GILL HAULING 3,469.13; HAWKINS 182.39; MCARTHUR 46.24; NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB 30.00; NPPD 156.63;

ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC 11.20; SOOLAND BOBCAT 417.30; ZIMCO 1,239.00; DAKOTA COUNTY STAR 155.14; J AND J'S PRONTO 525.64; NPPD 1,281.93; OLSSON 750.00; ELECTRIC PUMP 24,932.50; ELECTRIC PUMP 3,662.60

Cain motioned, 2nd Eriksen, to hold public hearing September 12 to adopt budget.

Motion carried 4-0
Cain motioned, 2nd Barclay, to accept exact cash only for utility payments and update ordinance.

Motion carried 4-0

Cain motioned, 2nd Eriksen, on Resolution 24-02, MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE.

Motion carried 4-0
Eriksen motioned, 2nd Cain, to contact attorney and give termination notice to current service.

Work on agreement for a new company.

Motion carried 4-0
Eriksen motioned, 2nd Cain, to approve NNTC Fiber Project pend-

ing agreement.

Motion carried 4-0
Eriksen motioned, 2nd Utemark, on INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION ENHANCED (E911) EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES.

Motion carried 4-0
Maintenance Report- Marc Dust Control, blade and do 400 feet. Waiting on permit do to approach to tracks

Cain motioned, end Utemark. to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0'

Attest:
I, the undersigned Village Clerk for the Village of Homer, Nebraska hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy had and done by the Chairman and Board of Trustees August 8, 2024; that the

subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours of said meeting; that the said minutes of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting.

IN WITNESS HERETO, I have here unto set my hand August 09, 2024.

Melissa Rushing, Village Clerk
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VILLAGE OF JACKSON

**Village of Jackson
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting - July 1, 2024
Village of Jackson**

Hirsch open the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Those board members present were Tom Bell, Carl Petersen, Joe Hayes, and Randi Morton and Stephanie Hirsch.

The minutes from the regular board meeting held June 3, 2024 were provided to the board prior to the meeting for review. Hayes moved to accept the minutes as prepared and Petersen second the move. A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting in favor.

Baylor Bestgen from JEO Consultants discussed the 1&6 Year report with the board. This report is submitted to the state annual and helps distinguish needs of the community for road additions, repairs, and maintenance. This report helps to identify funding through the highway allocations provided by the state. This report should be used as a planning tool for streets in Jackson and the funding identified in the annual budget. The final report is due to the state in September.

The exit lane from the Post Office to South Catherine Street was discussed. With the required setbacks of 10 feet from the residential property line, the commercial property owner is hesitant on selling additional land. The actual commercial development area would be too limited with the additional 10 feet required. A suggestion was presented to discuss with the commercial owner the option of having diagonal parking in that 10 foot setback area and having the city grant a variance to the commercial owner to allow development at the property line. This would allow for the required parking of the commercial property and the exit lane. Another option was presented to put in a U-shape road that circles around the Post Office on the east side. Both scenarios will be presented to

the commercial owner for consideration.

The location of the new scoreboard for the baseball field was discussed. After reviewing the location and the bids at the June meeting, Hayes moved to have the scoreboard located in center field of the baseball park. Petersen second the move. A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting in favor. The bid providers will be contacted and asked to update their bids to accommodate the new location.

The board discussed the care and maintenance of South Thomas Street on the southside of the bridge. Gill Construction was contacted to provide a bid to gravel and grade that road.

The following claims were presented to the board for approval. Morton moved to accept the claims as presented and Bell second the move. A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting in favor.

The claims will be paid.

Jamie Herfel \$46.48; State of Nebraska \$1,237.61; Randi Morton \$251.21; Nebraska Public Health \$329.00; Carl Petersen \$280.00;

Joe Hayes \$1,273.02; Ron Hirsch \$112.50; Dick McCabe \$200.00; Village of Emerson \$1,346.72; Earl May Nursery & Garden \$2,211.94;

Black Hills Energy \$43.58; Donna Hirsch \$500.00; Stephanie Hirsch \$172.02 One Call Concept \$5.18; USIC Locating \$106.50; Gill Construction \$1,934.80; Kincor Lawn Care \$1,948.00;

Gill Hauling \$1,324.50; NNTC \$211.92; Wilmes Hardware \$12.72; NNPPD \$1,406.50

Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting with Morton seconding the move. A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

D. Hirsch, Village Clerk
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Legal Notice

NOTICE

In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

Lindsay O'Dell vs. Austin Smith.

Case No. CI 24-32

To: Austin Smith, address unknown

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