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STAR CALENDAR

City Council to meet

The City Council of South Sioux City will hold its second meeting of the month on Monday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. in Council chambers at City Hall. A current agenda is available on the city's website at www.southsiouxcity.org.

Chamber Coffee Friday

This week's South Sioux City Area Chamber Coffee will be held at Siouxland Federal Credit Union, located at 3000 Plaza Drive in South Sioux City. Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the weekly program starting at 10 a.m.

Fall Sports Preview

The 2024 Dakota County Star Fall Sports Preview will be featured in next week's edition of the Dakota County Star.

The 24-page tab includes photos, preview stories and schedules for the fall sports teams at South Sioux City, Homer, Tri County Northeast and Ponca high schools.

The preview runs in advance of the first football games of the 2024 season. Some teams will begin their seasons this week.

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Chamberettes Luncheon

The South Sioux City Chamberettes will host their annual luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 10 beginning at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in South Sioux City.

For ticket information, contact any Chamberettes member or the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce at (402) 494-1626.

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LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF AUG. 22-28, 2024

THURSDAY		84	66
		Partly cloudy.	
FRIDAY		86	67
		Mix of clouds and sun.	
SATURDAY		87	66
		A few clouds.	
SUNDAY		87	65
		A few clouds during the day.	
MONDAY		88	66
		Mix of clouds and sun.	
TUESDAY		88	65
		Mostly sunny.	
WEDNESDAY		86	63
		Mix of clouds and sun.	

County decides to forego LEC letter

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

At Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting, the future of the county's involvement with the City-County Law Enforcement Center was the main topic of discussion.

At issue was whether or not the county would submit a notice of termination letter to the City of South Sioux City, effective Aug. 31, 2025, as part of a 30-year-old agreement between the two parties that came with the construction of the law enforcement facility in South Sioux City.

When it was first constructed, the two law enforcement entities shared space with a single dispatch that communicated with both parties on situations that were called in via the city/county 911 system. Both parties had their own office space, but current Sheriff Chris Kleinberg moved the Dakota County Sheriff's Department to its present location at the Dakota County Jail after taking office in 2011 to save on transportation costs.

At issue is whether or not the county

should continue to pay the \$50,011.25 it pays monthly for the facility, or if they should pay a lesser amount since their use of the facility is primarily just for dispatch services. The two sides can renegotiate those terms, and were expected to do so in the coming year with the original agreement set to expire in 2025.

Board chair Martin Hohenstein said he has had discussions with South Sioux City Mayor Rod Koch and City Administrator Lance Hedquist about renegotiating the deal.

"I have talked to a number of people at the city, and they say they are willing to sit down and take a look at the contract," he said. "It hasn't been looked at since it was written in 1996, and both sides want to sit down and look all the way through the contract."

Hohenstein said that both parties were looking at meeting after the city and county finish their work on their respective 2024-25

fiscal year budgets, adding that he didn't feel a termination notice letter needed to be sent.

"That is to terminate the contract and I'm not looking at terminating anything," he said. "I don't think the county needs to start that up and then have to go and duplicate those (dispatch) services."

Board member Bob Giese felt that a letter should be sent so that the city is aware that the county wishes to renegotiate the terms.

"I think we need to send a letter that we are serious about renegotiating the contract," he said. "Neither side is going to walk away from it."

Hohenstein disagreed. "They said they'd work with us in good faith and I'm comfortable with that," he said. "If things fall flat during negotiations, then you would do that."

Board member Scott Love said that the county would be foolish to disconnect from the agreement altogether.

"There's no way you could set up a communication center (for the county) for the money that would be involved," he said,

pointing to the equipment and salary costs the county would take on.

Giese said the county should put together a specific list of what their obligations to the LEC center would include.

"If I'm South Sioux City and I say 'What do you want us to reduce or cut from the county's obligation, budget-wise,' I think we need to have a specific list of what we need to cut."

At the end of discussion, Love moved to not send the letter to the city, saying he felt South Sioux City officials "are good enough people that they'll work with us on it." The motion was approved on a 3-2 vote, with Love, Hohenstein and Brian VanBerkum voting in favor. Giese and Troy Launsky voted against the motion.

There was also discussion on the process for finding a replacement for outgoing Dakota County Treasurer Dawn Bousquet, who announced her retirement earlier this month and will be leaving the position in early October.

SEE LEC LETTER, 2A



Hohenstein

HOMER BRIDGE REOPENS FOR BUSINESS



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The construction markers came down Tuesday morning on the bridge that links Homer to Highway 77. Resurfacing of the bridge began in mid-July and potholes in the bridge were patched up, according to Jolene Gubbels, Dakota County Roads Superintendent. The \$90,000 project was completed by ME Collins out of Wahoo, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad did work on the railroad crossing there in tandem for a smoother surface in and out of town.

13th Hoot Owl Days set in Hubbard

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The community of Hubbard is getting ready to stage yet another "hootnanny" of a weekend.

Fun activities, music and some new events will be part of the community's 13th annual Hoot Owl Days that runs Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

From a 5-kilometer run to a cornhole tournament and the always-entertaining Hooting Contest, the Hubbard Betterment Community is staging a fun three days of events that will certainly make the small town's 164-person population explode for a couple of days.

"We have a lot of fun doubling the population," said Cadiren Livingston, organizer for this weekend's festivities. "There are a lot of families that come in for Hoot Owl Days who grew up here and bring back their kids and their grandkids to have some fun, and we always look forward to it."

The festivities begin Friday evening at 8:15 p.m. with the second-annual 5K Glow Run out at Danish Alps State Recreation Area, located just south of town. (A park sticker is required on all vehicles for this event.)

Saturday morning starts with a guided kayak tour at 8 a.m. at Kramper Lake, followed by coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

A vendor fair begins at 10 a.m. and the parade starts at 11 a.m. with a "Back to the 20's" theme.

Kids activities and a money dig will start around 11:30 a.m., with a cornhole tournament at 1 p.m. at the Fire Hall. The Hooting Contest is at 2 p.m. on the stage in the park, followed by pickleball at 3 p.m.

Evening activities are highlighted by a brisket and corn feed at 5 p.m. at the Fire Hall, followed by an auction and silent auction at 7 p.m. and the band Madison Avenue, featuring Steve Lange, plays at 8 p.m., with a food truck available in the beer garden.



A country breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Center starts at 8 a.m. Sunday, with a show and shine show in front of the community center at 10 a.m. and the All-Vehicle Poker Run beginning at Krueger's Kormer Bar at 11 a.m. to cap the weekend's festivities.

All the details can be found on the Hubbard Betterment Community's Facebook page or at www.hubbardne.com.

Healthy routines good for students

By DEBORAH VAN FLEET
Nebraska News Connection

Many Nebraska children have already started school and others will do so within the next week or so.

Parents can play a big role in making sure children get a good start in the new school year.

Dr. Rhonda Randall, chief medical officer and executive vice president of UnitedHealthcare Employer and Individual, reminded parents their children need routines. She encouraged reestablishing any routines relaxed during summer vacation.

"Do you have family dinners on a regular basis? I recognize that you can't do that every night; everyone's busy and sometimes running in different directions," Randall acknowledged. "But doing that as often as possible really does create a routine that's predictable and healthy for the child."

In addition to promoting good health, Randall pointed out a healthy sleep routine can help children feel more confident and stable. And she encouraged scheduling well-child checkups. She emphasized parents should be prepared for the family physician or pediatrician to inquire about their

child's emotional and behavioral as well as physical well-being.

Dr. Alberto Marcelin, assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, added a crucial part of the well-child visit is reviewing immunizations and medications.

"Certain vaccinations are very important based on their grade, such as a tetanus or meningitis," Marcelin recommended. "Also, making sure that the child has his or her inhaler or EpiPen, or whatever other medications they may need for allergies."

SEE ROUTINES, 2A

No quorum at Public Works meeting

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

A quorum was not present at Monday's Public Works Committee meeting.

City Administrator Lance Hedquist went over some of the items that were on Monday's agenda, including information about expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant and a request to drain standing water away from the Northeast Nebraska Senior Center.

Ethan Joy of JEO Consulting Group updated the plans for an expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant that will allow it to begin accepting residential and commercial wastewater.

A north-to-south pipe is in the works for the addition, and Joy said that design work is almost completed and final plans should be ready for presentation in the next 1-2 weeks.

A small pool of water that sits in the north corner by the senior center can be moved away with installation of an underground pipe that would carry the water south into the ditch near Great West Casualty. Two bids on the project were noted at Monday's meeting, with Hedquist recommending the low bidder of Hans Excavating in the amount of \$14,875.

The committee also received information about regulating the speed limit on Old Highway 20 to the west end of town, noting that there are different speed limits along the route. The current speed limit of 35 miles per hour going west could be increased to 40 miles per hour, based on recent surveys taken by local law enforcement. Hedquist said the topic will be pushed back to the next Public Works Committee hearing, as Police Chief Ed Mahon was on vacation this week.

The committee also took a look at possible extension of Siouxland Drive that would run from 29th Street north to 25th Street behind the Hy-Vee convenience store. Negotiations are ongoing between the city and owners of property that the road would be constructed on, and Hedquist said more information would be available at the committee's next meeting.

BBQ & Blues fundraiser for YMCA Sept. 26

A night of good food and great music is coming up next month as a fundraiser for the Norm Wait Sr. YMCA in South Sioux City.

"BBQ & Blues" will be held Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6-9 p.m. at Country Celebrations in Sioux City. The evening promises family fun and excitement, with proceeds benefiting the Siouxland YMCA's Youth Programming. The Kris Lager Band will be performing during the evening, and there will be delicious BBQ along with live and silent auctions.

Also, the Norm Wait Sr. YMCA will have a "SuperHero Night" at the South Sioux City facility from 5:30-9 p.m. for kids ages 3-12. Activities include crafts, an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt, a movie and snacks.

Tickets and more information about the event are available at the YMCA website at www.nwSYMCA.org/events.

HISTORICAL MARKER PLACED AT PONCA STATE PARK



NEBRASKA HISTORICAL MARKER THE PONCA VILLAGES Present-day Ponca, Nebraska, is near the first village built by the Ponca in the early 1600s after they separated from the Omaha and became their own tribe. Like the Omaha, they lived in semi-permanent earth lodge villages, planted corn, and hunted bison part of the year. Oral tradition states that the Ponca created a buffalo effigy mound in the vicinity of the village, using it for ceremonial purposes to ensure a bountiful hunt. The Ponca eventually abandoned the village due to the death of many children and youth from epidemic measles. The tribe began calling it the Tlay (or Arrow) Graves Village. The Ponca moved to the Black Hills before settling in the Nebraska River Valley. They returned periodically to the old village, giving other names such as "Where the Snowy Mountain" or "Where the Snowy Mountain" on their way to the buffalo hunt and continued practicing their ceremonies at the buffalo effigy. This long history of tribal connections makes this area a valuable historical and cultural landscape for the Ponca people. Ponca Tribe of Nebraska History Nebraska, 2022

(COURTESY HISTORY NEBRASKA FACEBOOK PAGE)

Ponca State Park is home to a newly placed historical marker! On Sunday, the Ponca Historical Society and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska gathered at Ponca State Park to unveil a new historical marker. This marker recognizes the Ponca Tribe's first village, a sacred place of the tribe's history. The marker is eight years in the making and was contributed through a grant from the Nebraska State Historical Society. This monumental day is an exciting opportunity to represent and share the Ponca Tribe's history and stories for generations to come.

DHHS faces cuts despite demands

By DEBORAH VAN FLEET
Nebraska News Service

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has seen a \$15 million cut to its Behavioral Health Division this year and more cuts are being proposed, despite soaring demand for mental health and addiction treatment programs.

DHHS now faces a \$25 million cut to help fund property tax relief.

Behavioral Health Specialists in Norfolk provides short-term residential treatment for substance use disorders.

Neil Broders, executive director, said the COVID pandemic may have contributed to the mistaken assumption any unspent funding must not be needed.

"Really, why a lot of places weren't able to pull down their funding and use it, it wasn't because the demand wasn't there," Broders pointed out. "It's because trying to find staff the last four to five years -- it was a difficult period."

Some Nebraska agencies have spent years rebuilding their staff following COVID. Broders explained they have had to compete with national companies who can pay more and allow people to work remotely. He pointed out employers, especially in smaller communities, have had to increase wages and work harder to recruit and retain staff.

Broders added their residential program only recently became fully staffed for the first time in four years.

"We now have the staff to be at 58 beds and are full," Broders reported. "We receive over 100 referrals a month for those 58 beds. So, we have the staffing now to serve the clients, and the clients are there."

The multi-program CenterPointe, based in Lincoln, has seen a similar increase in demand in the past year.

Topher Hansen, JD, president and CEO of the nonprofit, said their primary care clinic served 500 more people, and they provided over 2,000 additional hours of outpatient clinic care, at least partly because they were able to fill some open positions.

"But the more staff we get, the more availability we have, the more people that come in the door," Hansen observed.

More than half the people CenterPointe served in the last fiscal year reported annual incomes of less than \$1,000.

Hansen acknowledged funding for mental health and addiction recovery is not always politically popular, but he stressed it is often a fiscally sound move. He pointed to their "Alternative Response" program, which works with the Lincoln Police Department to send a Center-Pointe team, rather than a uniformed officer, for nonviolent welfare checks.

"We have done over a thousand of those in the last year and saved officer time every single time," Hansen emphasized. "We've cut the emergency protective custody incidents in half. We've housed a dozen people, and decriminalized being unsheltered."

ROUTINES: Getting kids into a routine good for health

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We are around that time."

When it comes to sleep habits, Marcelin advised restricting caffeine, limiting screen time to two hours a day and keeping television out of the bedroom will help. He also recommended having a "wind-down routine."

"Make sure the room is dark, make sure it's quiet,"

Marcelin urged. "If you're going to read, if you're going to homework, do so off the bed. Just to get your body in the habit of when you get on the bed, it's time to go to bed. You close your eyes, you relax and you fall asleep."

Encouraging children to be physically active for at least an hour a day will also contribute to good sleep habits, Marcelin added.

LEC LETTER: County to negotiate new terms with SSC

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tober.

Resident Lou Franco cited state statute and told the board that they should move the deputy county treasurer, Stephanie Gatzemeyer, up to the county treasurer position, rather than putting the job up for grabs.

"The law says the deputy is supposed to take over," she told the board. "If you have a deputy that has been here and is qualified, this

shouldn't even be on the agenda."

Bousquet noted that three previous county positions that needed to be filled had been filled with the deputy, including Clerk of District Court, County Assessor and when Giese moved up to the County Commissioners after serving as the county treasurer.

"Why were those allowed to have deputies move in and it's not allowed here?" she asked.

Hohenstein said that the county's insurance carrier, NIRMA, recommended that the board move in that direction, and that they checked to make sure it can be done correctly.

Love suggested that, with Launsby, Giese and himself leaving the board at the end of the year, the committee to hire Bousquet's replacement consist of Hohenstein and VanBerkum. The committee would have 45 days after Bousquet's last day on Oct. 11 to make the appointment.

In other action, the Board: — approved soliciting of bids for the Likuwanta project. Bids will be taken through Sept. 10, and the engineer's estimate for the project is \$1.5 million.

— approved the request for the chair to sign an agreement on an insurance claim involving a deputy vehicle that was totaled in a Nov. 7, 2023 fire.

— approved construction engineering for the S Avenue project by MEI Professional Services.

— approved two requests for ARPA funding, including the purchase of a semi load of motor grader blades and engineering costs for cleaning ditches at 260th Street and M Avenue.

The board's next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

SSC receives NDEE award for lights

South Sioux City was one of 12 cities in the state that were recipients of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants that were announced recently by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

Nebraska received EECBG funds from the U.S Department of Energy (DOE) through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This grant supports local communities in implementing high-impact, self-sustaining clean energy projects.

"These EECBG funds will go toward projects that will provide community-wide benefits and help our communities become more energy

efficient," NDEE interim director Thad Fineran said.

Eligible projects included upgrades to energy efficient lighting; installation of renewable energy systems on government buildings; development of alternative transporta-

tion infrastructure such as pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths; and public education to promote energy efficiency and conservation.

South Sioux City received a \$100,000 grant to fund energy-efficient lighting at Voss Field.

NDOT announces transportation funding

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has announced funds are now available to private non-profit organizations and governmental entities for transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations incorporated within Nebraska and governmental entities. Governmental entities must certify that there are no non-profit agencies in the service area readily able to provide the service.

Applications will only be accepted for the rural and small urban areas and Lincoln. Applicants in the Omaha area should contact MAPA for information about applications.

The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program is a Federal Grant program managed by NDOT. The purpose of the program is to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Applications are restricted to the acquisition of transportation vehicles. Applications are due by Oct. 31, 2024.

Additional information and applications can be obtained at www.nebraskatransit.com/funding-and-applications, or by contacting Carly Grutel, Federal Aid Administrator II at carly.grutel@nebraska.gov or call 402-479-3185.

Two graduate from UNL

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 574 degrees during a combined graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremony Aug. 17 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Area graduates and their degrees include:

Emerson — Daniel John Gutzmann, Graduate Studies, Doctor of Philosophy.

Ponca — Dana Patricia Kratke, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

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

Thursday, Aug. 22 — Chicken and rice casserole, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, ruby applesauce

Friday, Aug. 23 — Taverns, baked beans, potato salad, pears

Monday, Aug. 26 (Evening meal) — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, lettuce salad, fruit salad

Tuesday, Aug. 27 — Hot beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Aug. 28 — Ham, scalloped potatoes, creamed peas, cottage cheese, pineapple

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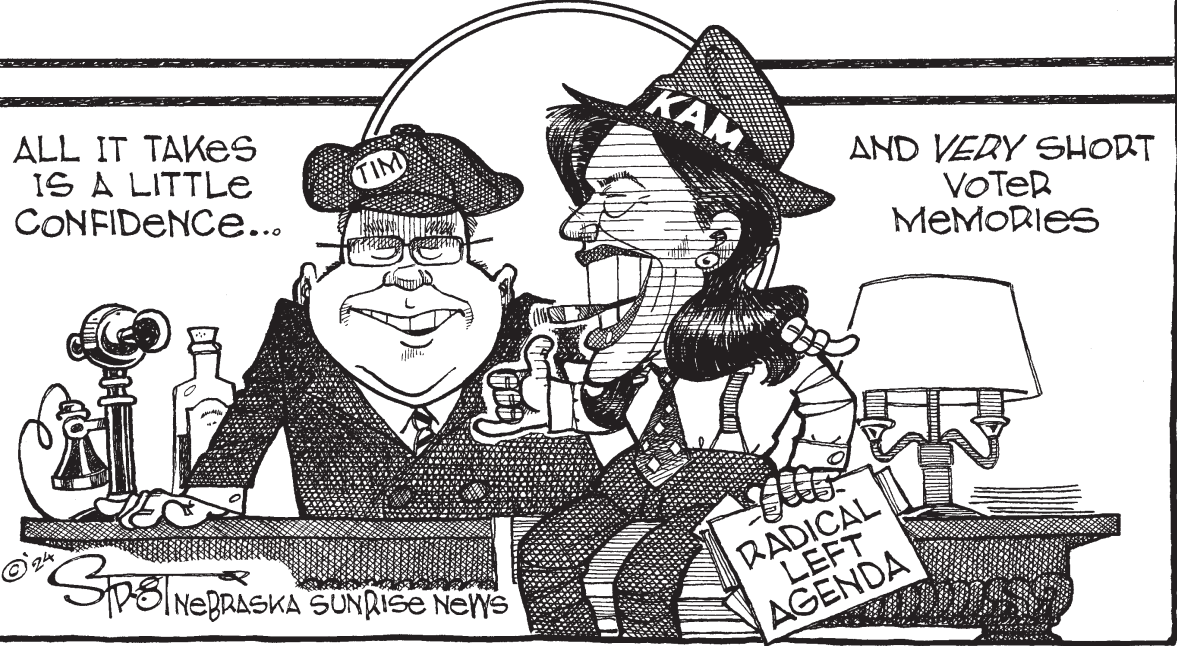
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Special session on tax relief continues

Last week, the special session continued as we worked to hammer out what the property tax relief package would look like. There is a lot of disagreement on what is the right way to address this very important issue in the state of Nebraska.

What I shared in my last newsletter has developed into something different. I do believe now is the time to address the property tax crisis. We have all been called back to the State Legislature by Governor Pillen and we need to address this now.

Our state and our taxing authorities have a spending problem. Our state has reduced its state spending by \$140 million which is a 2.5 percent reduction in spending. ALL taxing authorities MUST take a hard look at their budgets. This is not a valuation issue, but a levy problem as well as a spending problem. Just as we have to adjust our own personal budgets in order to make sure we are spending our income properly, the taxing authorities and state government must look at their budgets and tighten their belts to make sure they are spending correctly. It is in Nebraska state law that when valuations go up, levies shall reduce accordingly.

We need to broaden the base or we won't get relief. There are \$7 billion in sales tax exemptions and no one wants to give up their exemptions. Strength comes when everyone comes to the table and is willing to negotiate in good faith. Nebraska will begin looking at ALL taxing authorities to see how taxes are being used. The lobby has done a good job of bringing division to our body. It seems to be okay for some to keep their tax exemption, but not for others. Everyone needs to give a little to get a little. Everyone needs to come to the sandbox to play.

We pivoted to funding schools as it was never the intention of the state to fund public schools using property taxes. Currently, taxes paid to school districts comprise the largest share

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



of most individuals' tax bills. School districts levy nearly 60 percent of the total property taxes collected. Recent increases in agricultural land valuation have greatly impacted state aid to schools through TEEOSA (Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act). School districts are eligible to receive state aid through TEEOSA to supplement property tax revenue. Part of TEEOSA's funding formula is based upon the property tax resources available in the district. Over the past few years, an increasing number of schools have become non-equalized and do not receive any state funds. These school districts, largely in rural areas, must then rely solely on property taxes. The formula is obsolete and MUST be revamped. Large schools will soon not be able to capitalize on the formula.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, (day 17 of Special Session) we will either move forward with LB34 and Sine Die or if LB34 doesn't pass, we could be there longer with other ideas presented. Stay tuned.

News from the Governor's office

On Aug. 7-8, Governor Pillen welcomed 600 leaders to Younes Conference Center North in Kearney for "One Nebraska: the Governor's Summit on Ag and Economic Development" co-hosted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA).

"We have unique strengths as a state that we can brag about to bring

in business," said Governor Pillen. "Nebraska has amazing people, abundant natural resources, and the most sustainable ag production on the planet. The Summit is a tremendous opportunity to strategize together about how we can make the most of these competitive advantages."

This year's event included a focus on retaining graduates and attracting new residents to Nebraska. The Summit also included an emphasis on Nebraska's bioeconomy — exploring how the state can feed the world and fuel the future while contributing to a cleaner environment. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) led panel discussions on innovative practices to reduce water use and other crop inputs in order to safeguard Nebraska's aquifer and surface waters.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) headed sessions to provide insight on how the State of Nebraska can support local governments in the pursuit of federal discretionary funds for broadband, roads, and bridges. NDOT's launch of the Nebraska Infrastructure HUB aligns with Governor Pillen's vision of increasing the state's competitiveness for federal funding along with providing support to state and local partners in navigating the challenges involved with the application and administration processes.

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.

Nebraska GOP: Too chicken to debate?

The Republican Party got its start in 1854.

Six years after its formation, it won its first Presidential race when Abraham Lincoln — a man who lost ELEVEL political races in a row before winning this one — became the leader of the free world.

Thomas Nast, known in historical circles as "the father of the modern political cartoon," first tied the GOP to the elephant in a cartoon for Harper's Weekly in 1874. Titled "Third-Term Panic," the drawing mocked the New York Herald's criticism of President Ulysses Grant's rumored chase of a third term in office, portraying a variety of interest groups as animals. The elephant was depicted as "the Republican vote," and Nast would go on to tie the GOP to the animal in future columns with other cartoonists following suit.

Well here we are, about 170 years from its debut, and I think it's time for Republicans — at least the Nebraska wing of the Grand Old Party — to undergo a rebrand.

You see, we are in the age where political discourse is, to put it in kind terms, hot. The two sides are at verbal war with one another, and both sides seem content with firing accusations — some true, the majority of them baseless or spun wildly in one direction or the other — and painting the other side as the "death of America" or "bad for business" or ... just pick a phrase.

In the 2022 race for governor, Nebraska's candidates for governor and U.S. Senate both decided they had ANYTHING better to do than to actually engage the candidate of the group loosely known as the Nebraska Democratic Party in any kind of pre-election public discussion. And, to be honest, who could blame them — the NDP is such a train wreck of a political organization that their candidates facing Republican would have been the political equivalent of bringing a feather duster to a gun fight.

That being said, it is VITAL to our form of government that an exchange of ideas and a vigorous challenge of those beliefs be done in a public setting. The debate has long been the place where both sides present their viewpoints and challenge the other side in defending their views. It's from this conversation that we, as voters who will be paying for the winner's to-do list with our tax dollars, are able to see and hear who the best choices are for the major offices, including the White House, the governor's mansion, and the seats where they will serve as our "representatives" in Congress.

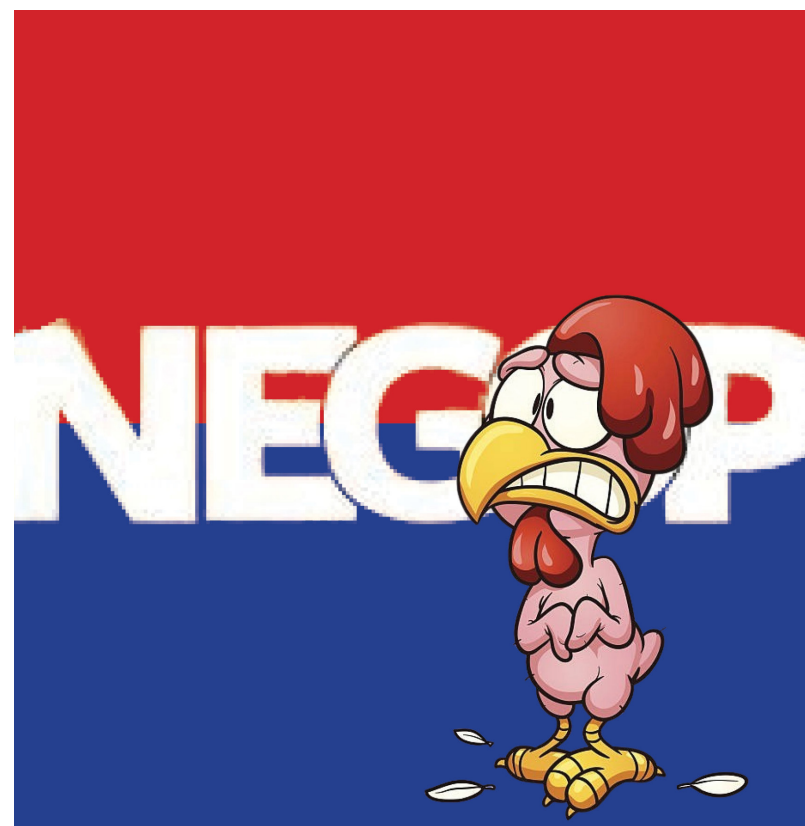
Fast forward two years later, and it would seem the Nebraska GOP doesn't think it NEEDS to exchange ideas with their opponents, refusing — as of this writing — every overture and offer for a debate by their challengers for the U.S. Senate seats that are up for election this November.

Thanks to Ben Sasse stepping down as a Senator to become the president of the University of Florida a couple of years ago, we have a unique situation where both Senate seats are up for grabs. Sasse's seat was decided in 2020 and, normally, wouldn't be up again until 2026. When he left, new Governor Jim Pillen (in a move that, OBVIOUSLY, was a coincidence ... and please note the sarcasm) named then-outgoing Governor Pete Ricketts as Sasse's successor. Under the state rules, Ricketts would face a special election in 2024 to serve the final two years of the term before the seat's next cycle comes up in 2026.

Ricketts is facing Preston Love Jr., an Omaha resident who, believe it or not, is a Democrat with some actual ideas that are worthy of being discussed before voters. Love has called out Ricketts and offered dates for the

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
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two to debate — but Ricketts doesn't think it's worth the time or effort to come home from Washington to participate.

According to the state GOP's leadership, Love has "failed to meet even the most minimum threshold for electoral viability."

So what ARE those minimum thresholds? I mean, BESIDES the fact that he's not a Republican? Not Nebraskan enough? Doesn't have enough money in the campaign coffers? I mean, it CAN'T be because he's ... (thinking whether or not this card should be played or not — nahhhh, it's probably already assumed so why play it? Let's move on ...)

Also on the agenda for the Nov. 5 general election is the other Senate seat, currently held by Deb Fischer, who DOES have a legitimate candidate running against her who is NOT a member of that woebegone Nebraska Democratic Party that used to challenge these races back before Ben Nelson sold us out on Obamacare.

Dan Osborn, a former union leader, has put together a real race for the Senate as an independent, and he is challenging the two-term Fischer to four debates, including one during the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island later this month.

"Debates in this country are as American as baseball and apple pie," Osborn told the Omaha World-Herald in a recent story. "Nebraskans deserve better access to the people who serve them."

I wholeheartedly agree with Osborn's view on this — the Nebraska GOP, not so much.

Fischer has declined Osborn's challenge to debate on the issues and give Nebraskans an option when they go to the ballot box 2 1/2 months from now, saying that debates are nothing more than "short sound bites" and adding "we don't have conversations at debates."

Isn't that what a debate IS — a conversation between two opposing candidates that lays out what we want (and NEED) to know about who we're going to select at the ballot box? What planet does Fischer hail from thinking that we don't need

to witness a conversation between herself and her lone challenger?

Which brings us back to the elephant being the designated mascot of the GOP. In my mind, an elephant is a majestic creature, one to be respected for its size and power. An elephant isn't afraid to defend itself against attacks from other animals and will stampeed against those who try to harm them.

Nebraska's GOP — CLEARLY — doesn't have that same mindset when it comes to facing scrutiny and be subject to questioning on why we should vote for them over an opposing candidate. They don't WANT to put their agenda up for debate against the other side — regardless of who that side might be — and don't want to have to compete for our vote. Just blacken the circle with the (R) next to it and move on ... nothing more to see here.

So with that idea in mind, I took it upon myself to freshen up the Nebraska GOP's logo (see above) to better illustrate its desire to not face their challengers. Quite frankly, the frightened chicken is a much better mascot that describes the state's Republican leadership and its unwillingness to face a challenger in a public setting (The scared chicken is also an appropriate alternate to the donkey that has long been the Democrats' mascot, as that party has been full of jackasses for as long as I can recall, but that's another column).

Sadly, we'll probably not be given a chance to hear either Ricketts and Love, nor Fischer and Osborn, trade ideas in a public setting. Money rules the game in politics and the Republicans are far and away the leader in that department, which means they'll just waste their financial resources on TV and Internet ads that will be of zero value to those who want to compare and contrast the two sides.

I would encourage you, as I will, to seek out the two challengers and get a feel for what they TRULY would bring to the table if they want our vote this November. It's better to have an informed opinion when you go to the polls — not the ones that the Nebraska GOP thinks you should have.

Remember When?

A look back in the

Star's history files

10 YEARS AGO

AUG. 21, 2014

Oldest Lutheran Church in Nebraska to hold worship

To preserve life in Nebraska's first and oldest Lutheran church, the Dakota County Historical Society has arranged the annual Emmanuel Lutheran Church vesper service on Aug. 24 in Dakota City. The church, located at 1500 Hickory Street, was built in 1860 and is believed to be not only the oldest Lutheran Church in Nebraska but also the first.

20 YEARS AGO

AUG. 19, 2004

Homer new principal

Homer Public Schools has been getting ready for a new year, but with on significant change this fall. The high school is welcoming a new leader. Randy Pirmer has replaced Gregg Cruickshank as the new prin-

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 25, 1994

Traffic safety officer added

Saving lives and cutting costs are two goals facing South Sioux City's new traffic safety officer Kevin Boneschans after a federal grant was issued to the South Sioux City Police Department. Boneschans, who has been a police officer in South Sioux for the past five years, was informed of his new position in late March after the grant was awarded to the South Sioux City Police Department.

40 YEARS AGO

AUG. 23, 1984

Rural Dakota City man dies

Dakota County recorded its second highway traffic fatality of the year Saturday night when Richard "Dick" Anderson, 42, of rural Dakota City, was killed in a car-pedestrian accident on Nebraska 35 about two

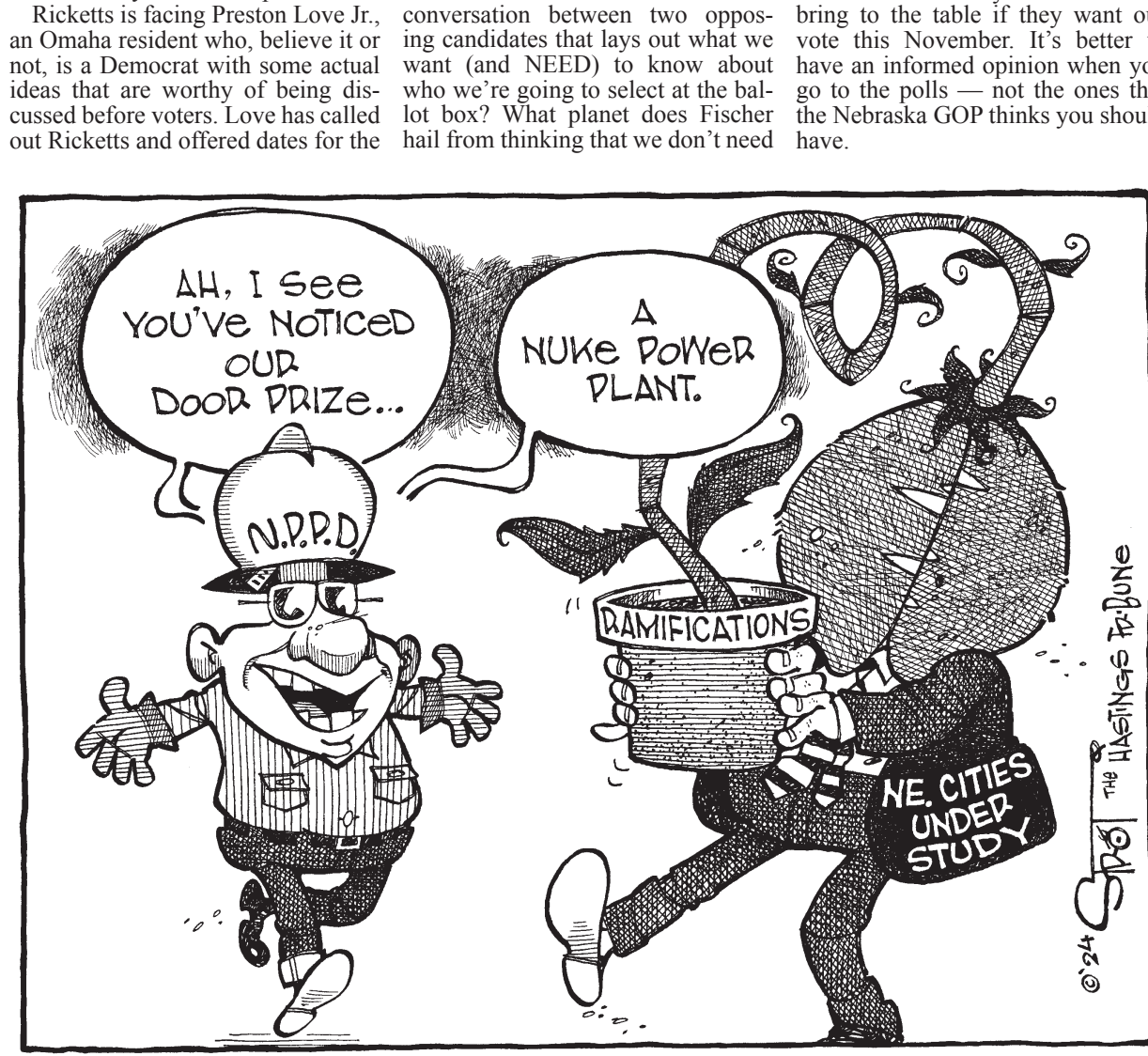
miles west of Dakota City. Inez K. Bleich of Wayne, Neb. was listed as the driver of the car. Anderson was walking in the westbound lane. His automobile was found abandoned immediately north of Highway 35 on the dead end of a county access road.

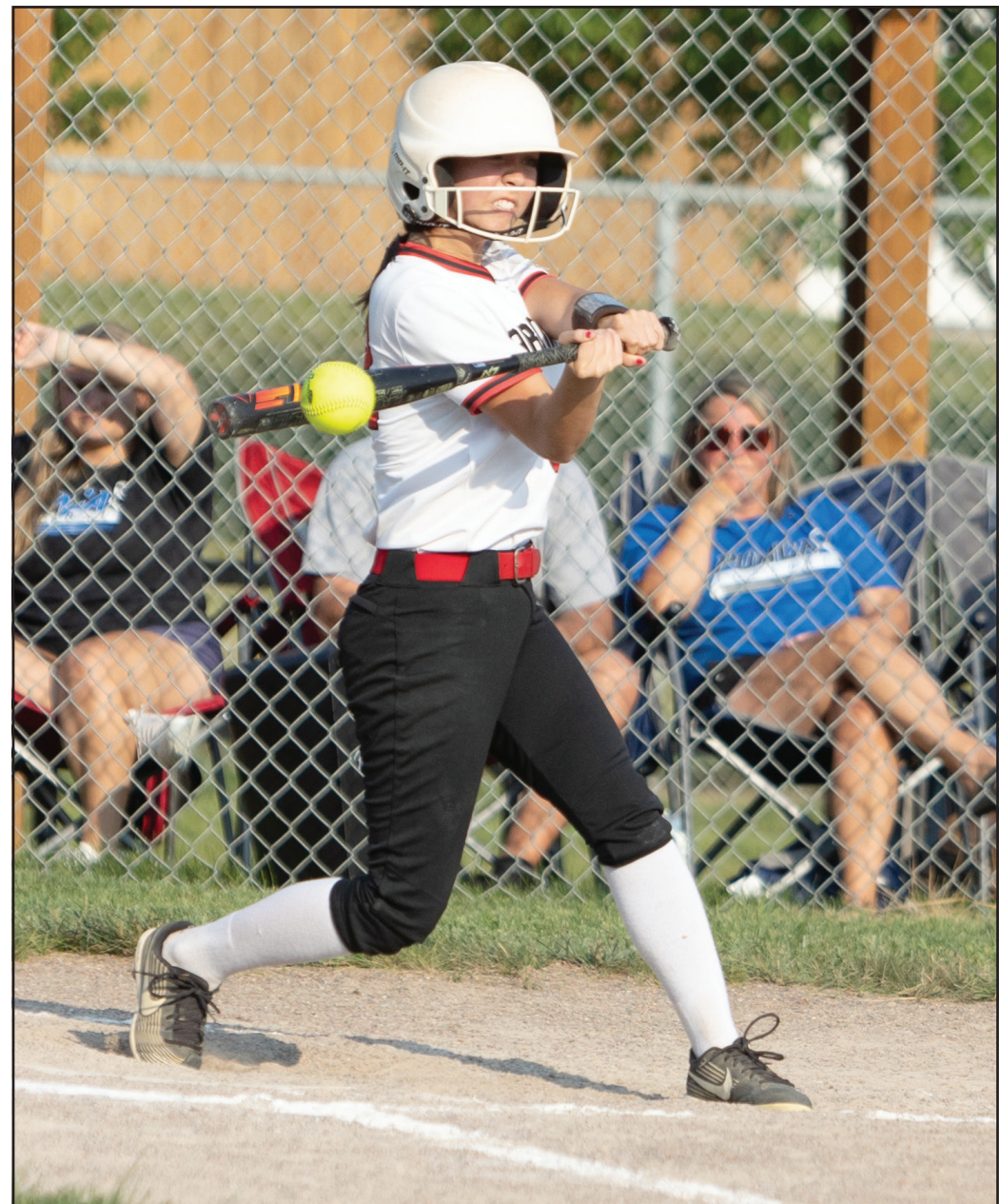
50 YEARS AGO

AUG. 22, 1974

Mother riding in back of pickup killed

Mrs. Matson died Thursday night on a county road when the pickup in which she was riding in upset in a ditch two miles southeast of Waterbury. Mrs. Matson was one of six persons occupying the truck, four were in the back and two in the cab. The pickup was driven by her brother, Robert Cramer of Waterbury, who was driving west when the truck went out of control and upset at the bottom of a hill. Dixon County Deputy Sheriff Jim Stark stated that the truck crashed after the gas pedal stuck to the floor.





(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The 2024 area high school fall sports season gets under way this week for several area teams. The Ponca and South Sioux City softball teams played their jamboree game Monday evening at the Ponca Sports Complex. (top left) SSC's Paizley Aldrich runs down Ponca's Lilly Egdorf to complete a rare triple play. (top right) Khenzie Rager puts all she has into a base hit to get a Cardinal rally going. (above right) Ponca pitcher Lyndsee Waldee fires a pitch home. Look for preview information on all the area teams in next week's Fall Sports Preview.

Discovering Mignon Eberhart at the Library

Cover to Cover book club will discuss "The Mystery of Hunting's End," by Mignon Eberhart on Monday, Aug. 26 at 4:30 p.m. Posing as another guest is the dapper young detective Lance O'Leary. At his recommendation Matil has engaged Nurse Sarah Keate to care for Aunt Lucy Kingery at Hunting's End — not a pleasant assignment, as it turns out. Gathered at the lodge, Matil's guests are shut off from the outside by a November snowstorm. A collie named Jericho mopes around, and a stray cat seems to herald new, clearly unnatural deaths. What a trap to spring on people used to good wine and fresh-cut flowers at dinner.



Dan Nieman

The following are some similar books.

"Spring Girls," by Karen Katchur (FIC KAT). Another spring, another dead girl pulled from a lake in the Appalachian foothills: the latest victim in a series of murders with few leads. But Detective Geena Brassard and her partner, Parker Reed, finally land a break when they receive a tip about a previously unknown survivor of the so-called Spring Strangler.

It's a Wonderful Woof, by Spencer Quinn (FIC QUI). Presents a holiday adventure for Chet the dog, "the most lovable narrator in crime fiction" (Boston Globe), and his human partner, PI Bernie Little. Holiday time in the Valley, and in the holiday spirit—despite the dismal shape of the finances at the Little Detective Agency — Bernie refers a potential client to Victor Klovsky, a fellow private eye. It's also true that the case-promising lots of online research but little action—doesn't appeal to Bernie, while it seems perfect for Victor, who is not cut out for rough stuff. But Victor disappears in a rough-stuff way, and when he doesn't show up at his mom's to light the Hanukkah candles, she hires Chet and Bernie to find him. They soon discover that Victor's

client has also vanished. The trail leads to the ruins of a mission called Nuestra Señora de los Saguaros, dating back to the earliest Spanish explorers. Some very dangerous people are interested in the old mission. Does some dusty archive hold the secret of a previously unknown art treasure, possibly buried for centuries? What does the Flight into Egypt—when Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus fled Herod—have to do with saguaros, the Sonoran Desert cactus? No one is better than Chet at nosing out buried secrets, but before he can, he and Bernie are forced to take flight themselves, chased through a Christmas Eve blizzard by a murderous foe who loves art all too much." — from the publisher.

"One Taste Too Many" by Debra H. Goldstein (LPFIC GOL). "Married at eighteen, divorced at 28, Sarah Blair reluctantly swaps her luxury lifestyle for a cramped studio apartment and a law firm receptionist job in the tired hometown she never left. With her feisty Siamese cat, RahRah, and some clumsy domestic skills, she's the polar opposite of her bubbly twin, Emily, an ambitious chef. When her ex drops dead, seemingly poisoned by Emily's award-winning rhubarb crisp, Sarah needs to figure out the right recipe to crack the case before time runs out. — adapted from back cover.

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 Monday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m.

Tangled Yarns is a time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you. They meet each Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Wild Cards meets on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. You will learn to play hearts.

Bilingual Book Club, will discuss the book "Until August" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Readers can read the book in

English or Spanish. In this book, Ana Magdalena Bach has been happily married for 27 years, and yet, every August, she travels by ferry to the island where her mother is buried, and for one night takes a new lover.

Other books similar to this one are: "My Antonia," by Willa Cather (FIC CAT). Ana Magdalena Bach has been happily married for 27 years, and yet, every August, she travels by ferry to the island where her mother is buried, and for one night takes a new lover.

"Hausfrau: a novel," by Jill Alexander Essbaum (FIC ESS). Anna Benz, an American woman in her thirties, lives in comfort and affluence with her Swiss banker husband and their three young children in a picture-perfect suburb of Zurich. Despite the tranquility and order of her domestic existence, Anna is falling apart. In an effort to restart her life, she turns to Jungian analysis, German language classes, and a series of extramarital affair, whose consequences she cannot foretell.

"A Summer Affair," by Elin Hilderbrand (FIC HIL). Reluctantly agreeing to organize a children's benefit at which a rockstar ex-lover is performing, Claire Danner Crispin finds her efforts complicated by her clashes with a fellow organizer, her best friend's catering mishaps, and a new relationship.

If you would like to read books by authors similar to Mignon G. Eberhart, you will enjoy these authors.

Annelise Ryan writes novels about medicolegal death investigator Mattie Winston.

James Patterson is a prolific writer with several lead characters, including Alex Cross, the Wednesday Murder Club and much more.

Stella Cameron writes well-plotted novels, featuring main characters like Alex Duggins.

Whether you like hard-boiled detective stories, police procedurals, or cozy mysteries, there is something for you at the library.

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OBITUARIES

Barry Allen Barge, 70

Barry Allen Barge, 70, Omaha, passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024 in Omaha, following a long battle with kidney cancer. Per Barry's wishes, he was cremated and laid to rest at Omaha National Cemetery with full Military Honors by Millard American Legion Post 374, Millard VFW 2503, United States Marines Corps & Patriot Guard Riders.

Barry was born June 12, 1954, in Sioux City, Iowa to Eugene and Marilyn (Bahr) Barge. He grew up in Dakota City. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout and a member of the Dakota City United Methodist Church. He attended Dakota City and South Sioux City Public Schools before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1971, stationed at Camp Pendleton and Okinawa. The week before going to Vietnam, orders changed, and his unit remained in Okinawa for the rest of his tour. His Marine Corps time ended with the rank of Cpl. and a medical discharge. He later attended Wayne State College. He was a former member of the Dakota City American Legion Post 376 and also a member of the DAV Elkhorn 49 since 2020 (Disabled American Veterans).

After the Marine Corps, he traveled to Turkey and Syria as a civilian contractor, then lived several years in California before moving to Omaha in 1985.

Barry was a true entrepreneur. When he made up his mind he wanted to pursue something, he did. Most didn't know he was a licensed pilot. There were few things Barry couldn't fix or build. He owned Barge Construction, remodeling bathrooms and basements

and installed siding and windows. He then took an interest in wedding videography. He was a Certified American Guild Court Videographer. He became an expert at screen printing and loved his embroidering business. He always taught himself and became an expert at all he did. If you knew Barry, he was either all in or all out, there was no in between. Barry could be sharp and quick tempered but would do anything for his friends and loved ones. That is how he lived his life.

Barry is survived by his daughter, Christy (Melissa) Barge and granddaughter Haisley of Papillion; sisters, Belinda "Bea" (Barge) Houck, Bridget (Barge) Ladely; niece, Chance Frank, all of Omaha; great-nephew, Zane Frank (Alyssa King), of Kearney; great-niece Zoe Frank (Matthew Rowe), and great great-nephew Layne Frank-Rowe, all of Papillion; aunt Valda (Marvin) Young, Creighton; uncles Marvin "Moe" Barge, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Larry Barge, Kansas City, Mo.; Timothy (Marilyn) Bahr, Dakota City; many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Barge, mother, Marilyn Weyhrich and step-father, Rolland Weyhrich; niece, Jessica Jo Frank; and grandparents, Elmer "Dude" and Helen Leedom Bahr, Harry and Laura Lieber Barge.

Graveside services were held at Omaha National Cemetery, Omaha, Tuesday, Aug. 20, with a luncheon following at the American Legion Millard Post 374, Omaha.

Robert H. "Duke" Giese, 94

Robert H. "Duke" Giese, 94, a dedicated and cherished father of five, passed away peacefully on Aug. 12, 2024 at his residence, with family by his side.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in South Sioux City with Father Michael Keating as Celebrant. Burial will follow at a later date. Visitation, with the family present, will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.meyerbroshapels.com.

Duke was born on June 29, 1930 in Sioux City, Iowa to Henry F. and Helen M. (Hibbs) Giese in Dakota City. He received his education in the Dakota City School District, and finished his higher education at Wayne State College. In 1950, he married Patsy Marie Cahill, his wife of 71 years, and to this union five children were born.

In his early career he drove a truck for Haleys and Rosenthal Foods and then switched to helping his parents operate D.C. Market in Dakota City for 25 years.

Then in 1980 he was elected Dakota County Treas-

urer, which he then served for the next 32 years as a dedicated public servant. His tenure was marked by steadfast dedication to fiscal responsibility and community welfare. His profound impact was extended beyond his professional achievements.

As a father, he was a pillar of strength and love, guiding and supporting his five children with boundless patience and wisdom. His legacy of kindness, diligence and devotion will be remembered by his family and his community he served with distinction.

He is survived by his loving children Julie Towler, Bob (Nancy) Giese, Sheila (Mark) Jungers, David (Tami) Giese. Bob had 15 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 6 great, great grandchildren.

Duke's memory will live through the countless lives he touched and the values he instilled in those around him.

Robert H. "Duke" Giese's legacy of service and love will be deeply missed, but fondly remembered by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Helen, his wife Patsy and his daughter Kathy, son-in-law Jim Towler, grandchildren Duke and Lori.



Giese

Patricia Joan (Pat) Danielson, 72

Patricia Joan (Pat) Danielson, 72, of South Sioux City, passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family in her home on Aug. 16, after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug. 23 at the Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral home in South Sioux City. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served afterward, with burial to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.meyerbroshapels.com.

Pat was born on June 5, 1952 in Omaha to John and Mildred (Booze) Evers. She graduated from Wayne State College with a degree in elementary education and began her teaching career in Jackson. While in college, she met Dan Danielson, whom she later married on Aug. 16, 1975. The couple moved to South Sioux City while Pat continued to teach in Jackson. Pat finished her career teaching kindergarten at Winnebago Public Schools. Being a teacher was her calling in life. Her passion for reading and her dedication to teaching young children how to read gave her immeasurable joy.

In retirement, Pat found joy in simple pleasures, like reading thrillers, baking with her grandchildren, supporting local theatrical productions, traveling with her adventurous girlfriends (especially the ghost

tours), monthly card club activities, and spotting the occasional cardinal around the neighborhood. She also treasured her part-time work at Palmer Candy Shop, where she satisfied her chocolate cravings and gained many friendships. Most of all she cherished time spent with her husband, her daughters and her grandchildren. Her face lit up when she shared stories of their accomplishments — she was so proud of them. "Grandma" was her favorite title of all.

Pat will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her devotion as a mother, her impact as a teacher, her love as a wife, and her kindness as a friend.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Dan, her daughters Alicia (Kevin) Sypal with children Camille and Lisette, Andrea (Brent) Borkowski with children Drew and Sonya, her siblings Carol (Jay) McPheeters and Lonnie (Candy) Evers. Many in-laws, nieces and nephews will treasure her memory also.

Memorial donations may be made in Pat's honor to the South Sioux City Public Library by contacting the library director at libraryfoundation@southsioux-city.org. Online condolences may be given at www.meyerbroshapels.com/obituaries/patricia-danielson.



Danielson

Roger D. Rogge, 82

Roger D. Rogge, 82, of South Sioux City, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 18, at a local hospital. Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel. Burial will be at Graceland Park Cemetery. Visitation

will be Friday evening from 5-7 p.m., with sharing of memories at 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Online condolences may be directed to www.meyerbroshapels.com.

Erwin E. Larson, 97

Erwin E. Larson, 97, of Emerson, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Pender Community Hospital. Visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 19, from 5-7 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Emerson. The funeral will be on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Emerson. The burial with Military Honors will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Emerson. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home.

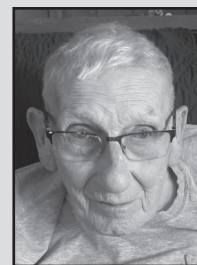
He was born to Earl and Olga (Kuhl) Larson on March 21, 1927. He married Molly Ann (Sebade) Larson on April 15, 1950, and they had two children, Bradley and Julie.

Erwin was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, where he served on the council and was a Sunday School Teacher. He was a member of the American

Legion Post 60 for 79 years, served on the school board at Emerson-Hubbard School, was the president of Northeast Nebraska Bankers Association, and the president of the First National Bank and Siouxland Bank. He enjoyed spending time with family and his furry companions.

Erwin was preceded in death by his wife, Molly Ann Larson; parents, Earl and Olga Larson; grandparents; and brother, Wilbur Larson.

He is survived by his son, Bradley (Sue) Larson of Savannah, Mo.; daughter, Julie (Steven) Jensen of Emerson; grandchildren, Jeremy (Pearl) Larson of St. Joseph, Mo., Sara and (Matt) Pochop of Battle Creek, Brandon and (Jade) Jensen of Filley, Kenny Gilbertson of Wayne, and Ashley (Andrew) Legge of Omaha; several great-grandchildren; sister Lois (Verlyn) Roeber of Emerson; sister-in-law, Sandy Larson of South Sioux City.



Larson

Roberta Rager, 68

Roberta Rager, 68, of Fremont passed away Monday Aug. 19, 2024.

Roberta was born May 21, 1956 in Buffalo, N.Y., to her parents, Henry Gawel and Grace (Tanner) Gawel. She grew up in Buffalo and attended grade school at PS43. Even though she was not Catholic, she attended and graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School, an all-girls high school, in 1974.

After graduating high school, Roberta attended Yankton College in Yankton, S.D. Her third day on campus, Sept. 3, 1974, she met a guy and asked him out (at least that's HIS story). They dated during four years of college, and on May 28, 1978 Roberta and Chuck were married in Buffalo, N.Y.

Roberta and Chuck were blessed by God with their son, Ryan and their daughter, Rachel.

Roberta was an elementary school teacher with kindergarten and first grade as her specialties. She taught for many years in the South Sioux City school systems, as well as the Raymond Central and Ogallala schools.

Roberta is survived by her husband, Rev. Chuck Rager; son, Ryan; daughter, Rachel Klett (Brian) and grandkids, Zane and Lily.

Graveside Service will be 11 a.m., Saturday Aug. 24, at the Dakota City Cemetery in Dakota City.

Online condolences may be left at www.mosermemorialchapels.com.



Rager

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Kyle J Bigbear, 33, Council Bluffs, Iowa; operate motor vehicle avoid arrest, jail 90 days
Tyler M Fader, 20, South Sioux City; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Oswaldo Lepe Valenzuela, 41, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Thomas J Cover, 50, Sioux City, Iowa; no valid registration, jail 7 days, fail to appear, jail 7 days
Roberto V Iancu, 28, Renton, Wash.; theft-shoplifting 0-500, fine \$300
Somjai Kitilach, 49, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; DUI .15+ or refuse (1 prior conviction) fine \$1000, jail 150 days, revoked license 8 years
Noah S Black, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; theft-shoplifting, \$0-500, jail 30 days
Humberto J Duenas, 29, Sioux City, Iowa; fail to appear jail 60 days
Ivan J Parker, 35, Lincoln; disturbing the peace jail 45 days

Daryl W Taylor, 38, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Jerome L Cook Sr. 63, Walthill; no operator's license fine \$150, drive under suspension/before reinstated fine \$300
Joseph R Innes, 30, Arlington, Texas; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$500
Bryan Rios, 22, South Sioux City; theft-deception \$0-500, fine \$500
Ricky Perez, 24, South Sioux City; false-reporting fine \$1000, probation 24 months
Alix Sanderson, 19, Mapleton, Iowa; theft -shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$300, minor in possession 19/20 fine \$300
Tracy J Williams, 57, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$150
Dulce G Gonzalez Mendina, 33, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear
Wayne G Langseth, 55, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Love Amber M to Love Kory A, Lot 15 Bel Haven Addition of South Sioux City, Neb
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Hohenstein Branden G, to Hohenstein Built LLC, Lot 5 Mari Addition of South Sioux City, Neb
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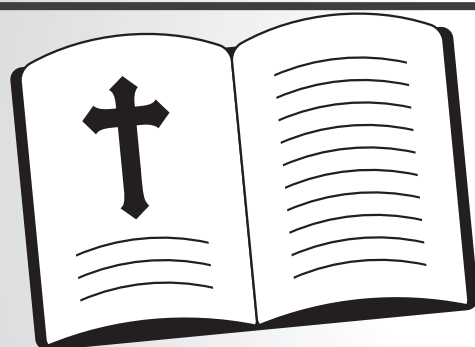
Hector Rafael Alvarez-Collazo, 29, Sioux City, Iowa and Suzette Olivarez, 23, South Sioux City
Jesse Samuel Kempers, 44, Dakota City, and Kara Nicole Thompson, 44, Dakota City
Leroy Sheldon Everett, 49, South Sioux City, and Tracie Lynne List, 53, South Sioux City

Thank You All

For the card, prayers and thoughts in the loss of our sister, Mildred D. Heinemann.

Don and Marvin Schincke

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor Michael R. Ring

Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



Blood donors needed

Check it out – next Tuesday, Aug. 27, the joint Homer High School and Community Blood Drive will be held at the school from 9 am.-1 p.m.

This LifeServe Blood Center event is being hosted by the HHS National Honor Society and Student Council. Register for the event online or contact kelliolson@homerknights.org or caseytremanne@homerknights.org for information.

Village of Homer 150th

May 2025
Aug. 8-9, 2025

Events include live band, street dance, food and drinks, softball tournament, cornhole tournament, car show, rib cook-off, water fights, bounce house, parade

Homer's anniversary committee and members are seeking donations for The Village of Homer's 150 Year Anniversary in 2025. The anniversary celebration will be held Aug. 8-9, 2025. We will also be having events leading up to this for fundraising.

What to look forward to for this amazing celebration -- live band, street dance, amazing food, co-ed softball, water fights, corn hole tournament, rib cook off and more.

Fundraising ideas: once a month Movie Under the Stars (as long as it's nice), T-shirt sales, raffles, cornhole and softball tournaments, donations. We are looking for more ideas also.

We are reaching out to inform you of what is to come and seeking donors and sponsors. If you would like to donate or sponsor an event for the celebration or even a fundraiser, the residents of Homer would really appreciate it.

All donations and proceeds will be kept with the Village of Homer in an account just for this purpose, entitled

Community Fund. If you would like to donate to Homer's celebration, please do so. We will accept anything and everything.

Thank you so much for your time, and please ask if you have any questions.

Committee members – Natalie Barclay, Cheryl Ickler, Cheyenne Ickler.

Village office – 402-698-2155
Email homer.150@outlook.com

Book Club at Good Roots

Join fellow readers at Book Club Monday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Good Roots Coffee Co.

It's a great opportunity to connect with others in the community and to read different styles of writing than you might normally.

This month's book is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. The story is of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put them in harm's way to help others. The missing. The forgotten. The brave . . . the women.

DCHS September plans

Two memorable opportunities are in the works from the fine folks at the Dakota County Historical Society.

"Medical Care on the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery" by Dr. Richard Fruehling, a program sponsored by Humanities Nebraska, will be held Friday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at the South Sioux City Public Library. "That Old Dirt Road: Historical Maps of Dakota County and Surrounding Areas" will be presented by Mike Huber on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

Spaghetti feed coming

Back-to-school is a busy time for

everyone, so let Homer Volunteer do the cooking one Saturday night in September.

Head to the fire hall from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 for a plate of spaghetti, some garlic bread, and a drink, all for \$10 a plate.

All proceeds go toward purchasing new equipment. Watch this space next week for a bigger piece on new and updated equipment that donations and grant money have already been used on, equipment that keeps our fire and rescue heroes ready to come to the community's assistance.

Football camp well attended

Turnout for the free Jr. Knights Athletics football camp for third through sixth graders was fantastic. Even better – high school players and coaches came through and presented a solid night for the Jr. Knights.

"There was a lot of laughs, learning opportunities, and, of course, that friendly trash-talking," organizers said. "We want to thank them for taking time out of their week of practice to show these young boys the value of being great teammates . . . Proud night to be a Knight!"

School activities

Thursday, Aug. 22 – Softball vs. Pierce at Ponca, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24 – Softball at Wayne, TBD

Sunday, Aug. 25 – Volleyball get-together, 4-6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 26 – VB at SSC Jamboree, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 – Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29 – Cross Country at Hartington, 9 a.m.; VB at Hartington Cedar Catholic triangular, 5:15 p.m.; SB vs. O'Neill, 6:30 p.m.

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

Bible Study

Tess Etherington is organizing a Women's Bible Study, Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning on Sept. 16. The meetings will be held at Tess's home at 262 E. Elk Street in Jackson. This will be an 11 week study of the Gospel of John. Contact Tess at 712-490-9077 if you are interested. Everyone is welcome!

Jackson Elementary News

Reminder – Every Monday 1 hour late start.

Sept. 2 – Monday – No school – Labor Day

Jackson Elementary lunch menu for Aug. 26-30:

Monday – Chicken patty, carrots, pudding, fruit

Tuesday – Hot dog on a bun, French fries, baked beans, fruit

Wednesday – Turkey/ham and

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club is currently reading "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout. In this story, one sister trades self-respect for a wealthy husband while the other finds a kindred spirit in the pages of a book. The janitor at the local school has his faith tested with an isolated neighbor he tries to help, a grown daughter longs for mother love as she accepts her mother's happiness in a foreign country, and the adult Lucy Barton returns to visit her siblings after seventeen years of absence. Elizabeth Strout also wrote "My Name is Lucy Barton."

The Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. The group meets on the third Monday of every third month (four times a year; January, April, July and October) to discuss ideas of how they can help the library and community with library programs. For more information on how to become a member of the Friends of the Library group, contact a Friends member or library staff. New members are welcome.

Story Hour will resume in September. A guest speaker from the Dorothy Peacut Nature Center will present a hands on activity with the kids about Bee Keeping on Thursday, Sept 19. Story Hours are on the third Thursday of each month during the school year from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for all area school age children.

New books are added to the Little Free Library each week. The Little Free Library is located at Cottonwood Park, near the playground. "Take a Book, Leave a Book!" Share your books with the community.

New items added; "With or Without You: by Caroline Leavitt, "The Boy in the Field" by Margot Livesey, "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks, "City of Thieves" by David Benioff, "The Lost Children" by Shirley Dickson, "Ride the Wind" by Lucia St. Clair Robson, "White Oleander" by Janet Fitch, "Traveling with Pomegranates" by Sue Monk Kidd, "Hidden in the Night" by Elizabeth Goddard, "Kate by the Book" by Susan Davis, and a picture book, "Mouse Trap" by Joy Cowley.

cheese hoagie, pickle, crackers, fruit Thursday – Spaghetti, lettuce, cheese bread stick, fruit

Friday – Eggs, breakfast potatoes, muffin, fruit

ed to lead the group. Contact Treice if you interested. There is a CCD teacher meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 28 in Providence Hall at 7 pm.

St. Patrick's CCD

CCD starts in Jackson on Sept. 11. The seventh and eighth graders will begin the two-year confirmation prep this year. If you have a student that needs to enroll, contact Treice Krause at 913-449-0682. St. Patrick's is also looking for a youth group sponsor for a more "youth led" youth group. A couple or pair of people are invit-

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.

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Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

School board meets

The Emerson-Hubbard school board met on Aug. 12 with board members, Kip Ahlers, Scott Albrect, Tricia Belt, Joanie Franzluebbers and Bill Shanks in attendance. Luke Morgan was absent. A motion was made to approve the agenda and the Consent agenda. Motion passed.

Discussion was held to consider possible before/after school program. It will be explored by sending out a survey to parents and staff.

A motion was made to rescind policies 1220 and 1220z entirely. Motion passed.

A motion to approve changes in Title IX policy 1210 on first reading and to waive second reading passed.

It was moved to approve the dating violence policy on the first reading and to waive the second reading. Motion passed.

It was moved to transfer \$60,000 from the General Fund to the Activity Fund. Motion passed.

It was moved to approve ability to access additional property tax authority. Motion failed. Voting no were Kip Ahlers and Scott Albrect and voting yes were Tricia Belt, Joani Franzluebbers and Bill Shanks. Absent was Luke Morgan.

Superintendent Dale Martin was appointed Federal Programs Director.

A wheelchair accessible van was purchased from the Allen school district at a cost of \$36,500.

A bid from Thompson for door monitoring equipment and installation for three doors at a cost of \$11,335.21 was approved.

Elementary Principal Dustin Nielsen reported the Fall Enrollment at 99 students and that the Summer work is completed.

MS/HS Principal Chris Blohm reported 41 for the MS and 74 students for the high school. He also discussed the building project.

Superintendent Dale Martin discussed Administrator days, FCS American Grant, Budget update, Finance meeting and BUs Driver update.

Discussion was held on the Wolf-pack Activity sponsors.

Photo Day today

Thursday (today) is picture day at Emerso-Hubbard.

Emerson-Hubbard schools have one week behind them and it seems all has gone well.

College Night Aug. 28

Mrs. Sandy Ahlers, guidance counselor, reminds students that College Night will be held in West Point on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the Nielsen Community building in West Point.

This event will host more than 40 representatives from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas as well as all military branches. Presentations on scholarships, financial aid and FAFSA are on the agenda. Transportation from Emerson will be provided. Junior and senior students are urged to attend. Please contact Mrs. Ahlers for more information.

School Calendar

Thursday: Volleyball jamboree at Wisner-Pilger, 6 p.m.

Aug. 29: VB vs. Winnebago at Emerson; Cross country at Logan View, 5 p.m.;

Aug. 30: FB vs. Bancroft-Rosalie at Allen.

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CALL ORDER: 305
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FEDERAL PROJECT NO.
NH-HSIP-75-4(116)
LOCATION: US-75,
HOMER NORTH
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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Legal Notice

ADULT NAME CHANGE

In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
Case Number CI 24-142
In rename change of DAVID ROBERT REAM

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of AUGUST 2024, a petition was filed in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from David Robert Ream to Sylvir Meadow Aster.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Bryan Meismer, courtroom No. 1, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska on the 1st day of October 2024 at 1 p.m. or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of David Robert Ream to Sylvir Meadow Aster.

David Ream

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NOTICE OF HEARING

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, to receive public comment, consider, and possibly take action on a redevelopment plan entitled: "Redevelopment Plan for the Marina Inn Area Redevelopment Project," for redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq., within a blighted and substandard area of South Sioux City, Nebraska, approximately located to the northeast of the intersection of Hwy 77 and Riverview Drive.

A map of the proposed area(s) to be redeveloped and the cost-benefit analysis for the redevelopment project set forth in the redevelopment plan is available for review at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, 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 19th day of August 2024.

City of South Sioux City, Nebraska

By: Nanci Walsh, City Clerk

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Homer Community School will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. An agenda for such meeting is kept continually current and available at the office of the Superintendent of Schools; however, the agenda may be modified at such meeting.

Amy M Brand

School Secretary

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Legal Notice

FOR NAME CHANGE

OF A MINOR CHILD

In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
Case Number CI 24-135

In rename change of Maryam Siddig Deifala Bahr and Mayar Siddig Deifala Bahr

Notice is hereby given that on the and day of August 2024, a petition was filed in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's name from Maryam Siddig Deifala Bahr and Mayar Siddig Deifala Bahr to Maryam Alsiddig Deifala and Mayar Alsiddig Deifala.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Bryan C. Meismer, courtroom No. 1, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska on the 3rd day of September 2024 at 9 a.m. or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child's name will be changed from that of Maryam Siddig Deifala Bahr and Mayar Siddig Deifala Bahr to Maryam Alsiddig Deifala and Mayar Alsiddig Deifala.

Dated: August 2, 2024

Alsiddig Deifala Bahr

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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 Informal 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

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NOTICE

In accordance with Federal Law, the Siouxland Consortium's FFY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be made available for public review and comment until September 24, 2024. This report covers the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program activities in Sioux City, South Sioux City, and Dakota City. Copies of this report will be kept on file at the Neighborhood Services' office at 521 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA, City Clerk's office in South Sioux City, and City Clerk's office Dakota City. It is also available online at www.siuox-city.org. Oral or written comments regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report may be submitted to the following contacts: City of Sioux City, Jill Wanderscheid, Neighborhood Services Manager, 521 Nebraska St, P.O. Box 447, Sioux City, IA 51102, Phone 712-279-6328; City of Dakota City, City Administrator, City Hall, 1511 Broadway St., Dakota City, Nebraska 68731, Phone 402-987-3448; City of South Sioux City, Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, Phone 402-494-7517.

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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.

/s/ Kerri L. Wiese

Kerri L. Wiese

Clerk of the County Court

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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

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the Dakota County District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, a complaint for Establishment of Paternity, Custody and Child Support. Said complaint for establishment of paternity, custody and child support request that the paternity, custody and child support be established.

You are required to answer the complaint for Establishment of Paternity, Custody and Child Support so filed within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and if you do not do so, the allegations in said complaint for Establishment of Paternity, Custody and Child Support will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you.

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SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

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A map of the proposed area(s) to be redeveloped and the cost-benefit analysis for the redevelopment project set forth in the redevelopment plan is available for review at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, telephone number 402-494-7504.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL MINUTES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL Wednesday, August 14, 2024

I-Call Hearing to Order I.A-Student Fees Hearing I.B-Public comment There was no public comment.

II-Adjourn Student Fees Hearing III-Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law III.A-Posted in the room III.B-Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411

III.C-District Mission Statement: IV-Board Member Roll Call Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the absence of Member Kirkholm. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 V-Approval of the Agenda and changes to the Agenda Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Aaron Reis to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 VI-Approval of Consent Agenda Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Aaron Reis to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 VII-Approval of Consent Agenda Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Aaron Reis to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 VI.A-Mintues from the July 8th regular meeting VI.B-Claims and Accounts VII-Public Comment There was none

VIII-Information Items: Reports VIII.A-Administrator reports Mrs. Uhl reported the Teammates kick-off will be on Monday, August 19th. She also informed the board about a new program called Books are Fun which will involve students in Grades PK-5. Every student in those grades will walk away with a free book and more incentives can be earned. Mr. Coviello reported that Fall practices began on Monday, August 12th. A discussion was held regarding transporting students to softball practice in Ponca and Homecoming week will be September 9-13.

VIII.B-Superintendent report Dr. Lefdal shared a letter from NDE allowing our substitute teachers to sub more than 90 days per year. Area membership awards were mentioned as well for Harris and Hall. Dr. Lefdal also visited with the board about how our board meetings will now be run through SPARQ Data. He is also looking at placing all our policies on SPARQ as they will keep our policies up to date for us. He also shared information about the latest legislation. We did have an OCR complaint in regard to our website not being disability compliant, especially for the visually impaired. Work will be done to get our website up to compliance.

VIII.C-Facility report Jeff Reed reported they have still been meeting weekly regarding HVAC issues. Will see how room temperatures react

with students in the building. Several changes have been made. Still addressing how to address the water coming off the roof. Also discussed playground drainage.

VIII.D-Board Committee Report The transportation committee met, and they discussed ideas about different transportation options.

IX-Discussion Items IX.A-2024-25 Budget Dr. Lefdal informed the board we would need to have a budget amendment hearing for Nutrition and Activities. We will see a substantial increase in property taxes for our district and a small increase in state aid. He is hoping to have the budget worked through by August 22nd.

X-Action Items X.A-Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2024-25 substitute teacher pay. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to recommend freezing substitute teacher pay for the 2024-25 school year. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Abstain (With Conflict), Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1 X.B-Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the updated policies from NASB. Discussion was held regarding various policy updates. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the updated policies from NASB. On roll call vote the Board

voted as follows: The motion carried Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.C-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2024-25 Student Handbook. Dr. Lefdal informed the board that random drug testing was added back into the handbook. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the 2024-25 Student Handbook. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.D-Consider, discuss and take action to set the adult meal prices for the 2024-25 school year at \$4.95 for lunch and \$2.80 for breakfast. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve adult meal prices for the 2024-25 school year at \$4.95 for lunch, and \$2.80 for breakfast. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.E-Consider, discuss and take action to reaffirm the Parent and Family Engagement Policy (1005.03) Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Aaron Reis to reaffirm the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.F-Consider, discuss and take action to approve staff training requirements fulfilling requirements for LB 1329. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the staff training requirement form. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.G-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2024-25 tax authority resolution. The school district's property tax request authority is calculated by taking the school district's property tax request from the prior year, adding total non-tax revenue from the prior year, and then increasing the school district's base growth percentage. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the 2024-25 tax authority resolution. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.H-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2024-25 certified and classified staff handbooks. Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the 2024-25 certified and classified handbooks. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.I-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds (QCPUF). We are currently putting QCPUF and Special Building funds in the same account. This will save time as well as be more transparent with fund balances. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.J-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.K-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.L-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.M-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.N-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.O-Consider, discuss and take action to reaffirm the 2024-25 Student Fee Policy. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to reaffirm the 2024-25 Student Fee Policy. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.P-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2026-27 contract year. Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2026-27 contract year. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.Q-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds (QCPUF). We are currently putting QCPUF and Special Building funds in the same account. This will save time as well as be more transparent with fund balances. Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.R-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.S-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.T-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.U-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.V-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.W-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.X-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.Y-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 X.Z-Consider, discuss and take action to approve the opening of a bank account at First Community Bank for the QCPUF fund. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Homer Community School (220031) in Dakota County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 29th day of August, 2024 at 7 o'clock, P.M., at Homer Community School Library, 212 South 3rd Street, Homer, NE 68030 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed amended budget for the Activity and Nutrition Funds due to increased costs incurred. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

Table with 7 columns: FUNDS, Actual Disbursements & Transfers (2021-2022), Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers (2022-2023), Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers (2023-2024), Necessary Cash Reserve (4), Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5), Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7). Rows include General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, School Nutrition, Bond, Special Building, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative, Student Fee, and TOTALS.

Breakdown of Property Tax: Bond Purposes \$ 113,014.00, Non-Bond Purposes \$ 3,272,958.00, Total \$ 3,385,972.00

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Breakdown of Property Tax: Bond Purposes \$ 113,014.00, Non-Bond Purposes \$ 3,272,958.00, Total \$ 3,385,972.00

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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 Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 15 and 22, 2024 - ZNEZ

Dakota County School District #31R a/k/a Homer Community School BY: Paul Tighe, President Dr. Kristina Nelsen Secretary Blick Art Materials 660.46; Fastwyre Broadband 2.95; Hirshfield's 176.45; NCSA 240.00; Renaissance 17,944.50; Trlview Communication 195.00 Report Total: 19,219.36 Ahern Fire Protection 192.00; A-OX WELDING SUPPLY 7,948.13; Bush Dry Cleaning & Laundry 705.00; College Board 267.00; Court Floors LLC 4,250.00; Dakota County Star 171.05; Decker Equipment 31.95; Fleet US 1,097.00; Follett School Solutions, Inc. 952.55; Foulk Brothers Plumbing & Heating 527.33; Gill Hauling 1,036.81; Hill-yard / Sioux Falls Branch 9,969.80; Holiday Inn - Kearney 1,214.55; Hometown Leasing 1,610.70; Innovative Office Solutions, LLC 1,567.58; Interstate Battery Center #9136 178.70; J & J Pronto 585.19; Justice Fire and Safety 1,287.00; Language Link 50.00; Langmuir Systems 10,598.96; Mid-American Research Chemical 659.98; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. 58.22; My Central Supply 1,707.43; Menards 291.721 Mid-bell Music, Inc 1,045.82; Midwest Alarm Company 425.00; National Art & School Supplies, Inc. 1,623.19; NCSA 1,814.00; Nebraska Public Power District 5,979.98; Nebraska Dept of Labor 3,084.53; One Source 29.00; Perma-Bound 325.10; Perry Guthery Haase & Gessford 698.75; Robertson Implement Co. 508.37; Scholastic, Inc. 1,220.43; School Mate 675.10; School Specialty LLC 332.78; Siouxland Lock & Key 32.74; SOCS/FES 2,470.00; Sparq Data Solutions 2,450.00; Sterling Computers 5,217.26; Studio B Graphics 255.00; Time Management Systems 85.00; Wilmes Hardware Hank 23.84 Report Total: 75,254.54 Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 22, 2024. - ZNEZ

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**SOUTH SIOUX CITY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2024 • 5 p.m.
High School Library
3301 G Street
South Sioux City, NE 68776**
Attendance taken at 5 p.m.
Matt Aitken: Present
Pamela Camarillo: Present
Marla Grier: Present
Chris Krueger: Present
Shawna Messerlie: Present
Robert Rapp: Present
4-Consent Agenda:
The June 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the June 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, the Claims and Accounts, and the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, were approved as part of the Con-

sent Agenda. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Marla Grier, Passed.
Annual Hearing on Student Fees: Motion to approve the Student Fees Policy for 2024-2025. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
5008 Student Attendance: Motion to approve the Student Attendance Policy. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Pamela Camarillo, Passed.
Matt Aitken: Yea, Pamela Camarillo: Yea, Marla Grier: Yea, Chris Krueger: Yea, Shawna Messerlie: Yea, Robert Rapp: Yea
6400 Parental/Community Involvement in Schools: Motion to read adopt Policy 6400 Parental/Community Involvement in Schools. This motion, made by Matt Aitken and seconded by Marla Grier, Passed.
Student Handbooks: The board

moved to approve the 2024-25 Preschool, Elementary, Middle School, High School Handbooks and the 2024-25 District Supplement. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Pamela Camarillo, Passed.
Meal Pricing Recommendation: The Board moved to set 24-25 meal prices as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
Community Engagement Charge from the Board of Education: Motion to approve the Community Engagement Charge from the Board of Education, as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
Staff Training Resolution: The board moved to adopt the Training Resolution, as presented. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Pamela Camarillo, Passed.

through September 30, 2024. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Chris Krueger, Passed.
Policies/Regulations: The board moved to approve policies 8240, 8342, 8346, 4141, 3130, 3140, 3571, 1050, 5006, 5008, 5101, 5201, 5205, and 6111, in one reading. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
The board moved to approve policy 5013, first reading. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Marla Grier, Passed.
Annual Appointments: The board moved to approve the annual appointments for Mike Schmiedt: Cray Huff Law Firm, Erickson & Brooks Auditors, Siouxland Bank, F&M Bank, BankFirst, the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund, Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System and Dakota County Star Newspaper, as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
Authorize Superintendent to Apply for Federal Funds: The board moved to authorize the Superintendent to apply for federal funds. This motion, made by Matt Aitken and seconded by Robert Rapp, Passed.
Authorize the Treasurer to Invest District Funds: The board moved to authorize the Treasurer to invest district funds to the extent permitted by law. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
Adjourn: At 6:18 p.m. the board moved to adjourn. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.
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Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DAKOTA COUNTY
DAKOTA CITY, NEBRASKA

**LIKUWANTA DRIVE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
General Notice**
DAKOTA COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Likuwanta Drive Improvements Project CEC Project #24529
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Dakota County Courthouse 1601 Broadway Street, P.O. Box 39 Dakota City, NE, until Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**, local time. At that time the Bids received will be Publicly opened and read aloud.
The Project includes the following Work:
The Likuwanta Drive Improvements Project will replace approximately 4500 linear feet of gravel road surface with concrete along with associated storm sewer work and ditch grading.
Bids are requested for the following Contract: Likuwanta Drive Improvements Project
The owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately **\$1,540,000**. The Project has an allowable duration of **60 working days**.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.QuestCDN.com – Quest Number: 9278617
Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. **All prime bidders on the project are REQUIRED to register as a plan holder on QuestCDN.**
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
**Civil Engineers & Constructors, LLC
1270 S. Derby Lane
North Sioux City, SD, 57049**
Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8 a.m. and 5 p.m.** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a deposit of **\$100** for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition within 10 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents, will not receive a refund. Make deposit checks for Bidding Documents payable to **Civil Engineers & Constructors, LLC**.
Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents via email will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service or email address. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen.
Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will not be held. Prospective bidders are welcome to visit the project site for additional information and visual inspection.
Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
This Advertisement is issued by:
**Owner: Dakota County
By: Cherie Conely
Title: County Clerk
Date: 8/22/24 - Dakota County Star**
Advertisement will be included in the edition of the Dakota County Star on Thursday, August 22, 2024 and Thursday, August 29, 2024.
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 22 and 29, 2024. - ZNEZ

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

CITY OF
SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue in said City on the 12th day of August 2024, at 5 p.m.

Present: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members: Jasper Kriens, James Gunsolley, Dan Bousquet, Carol Scholdt, Rick Bousquet, Ben Schultz and Monty Peters.

Absent: Jason Bowman.

Media in attendance: Dakota County Star. Notice of the proceeding was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Dakota County Star and Mundo Latino attached to these minutes. Notice of the proceedings was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Media, Mayor and Council of this proceeding and was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Koch, stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall in the rear of the Council Chambers and is available for review by citizens in attendance. A sign-in sheet is available at the entrance to Council Chambers. We ask for your assistance by signing in as this is a Federal Grant requirement. It is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.

Kriens motioned to excuse Bowman from the meeting. Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

Schultz motioned, seconded by Peters to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- MINUTES: Council – July 22nd, 2024; Public Works – August 5th, 2024; Finance – August 7th, 2024
- PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS – August 12, 2024
- Senior Citizen Center drainage – approval to go out for quotes
- River Lift Station flow meter replacement approval of quote from gpm of \$5,481.64)
- Memorandum of Understanding between Siouxland Mental Health Center and South Sioux City Police Department
- Nebraska planning dollar transportation ideas – to use SIMPCO to do a study
- Replacement quotes on panic buttons across the City. Quote amount of \$23,543.42 for four areas in the City.
- Server quotes (approval of Net-Sys+ for \$16,876.)
- Renewal of CivicPlus (archive) - \$7,547.40
- Trailer quote for Public Works – Street Smart - \$13,150.
- Library Cleaning Contract – extension of another 90 days
- Interlocal Agreement Enhanced (E911)
- Library Foundation Board – approval of 5 board members for new board
- Proposed sites for the ImOn Cabinets. These will not require an Excavation or ROW permit currently as these locations are to enable us to get to Low Level or final design. These cabinets will be placed in the ROW and in the easement when available.
- Adoption of the 2023 NEC (National Electric Code)
- Request to replace old equestrian and storage buildings with two accessory storage buildings. Approval of accessory buildings exceeding the size of the residential dwelling in a residential R2b zoning district. Property owned by Lorenzo and Maria De Leon and located on the south side of the fairgrounds at 1557 Stable Drive.
- INVOICES:
- Olsson - \$7,843.48; Lead Services Inventory Assistance.
- Olsson - \$2,005.25; FRA Quiet Zone Support Services.
- Olsson - \$7,036.50; Empirical Traffic Study.
- JEO – \$2,505; Well No. 10 Relining.

- HDR - \$171,110.28; Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion.
- HDR - \$23,416.39; WWTF Operations Advisory Services.
- Iand A Construction -\$25,887.96; Panel replacement.
- Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
- Engineers from JEO Consulting Group and Olsson were present to give updates and to answer any question on various projects in the city. No Action taken.
- Congratulations to Ric Carney for 41 years of services with the City. Thanks for all you do!
- Congratulations to Cardinal Little League for being Nebraska Majors State Champions!
- Mayor Rod Koch continued PUBLIC HEARING on Gill Hauling Area Blight Designation, referred to as Gill Hauling 20 Redevelopment Area at 5:02 p.m. Mayor Koch stated that the Council has heard from all sides and Council is ready to make a decision.
- D. Bousquet motioned to close the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Gill Hauling 20 Redevelopment Area at 5:03 p.m., motion seconded by Schultz. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
- Kriens motioned to reject Gill Hauling Area Blight Designation, referred to as Gill Hauling 20 Redevelopment Area. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
- No action taken on Gill Hauling Blight Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-19
Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of the South Sioux City, Nebraska, designation an area within the exterritorial jurisdiction of the City as Blighted and Substandard and in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law

At 5:10 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding rezoning two parcels of land consisting of approximately 30 acres located northwest of the intersection of Old Highway 20 and Lake Avenue from commercial C4 to residential R2b. Parcels: 220071918 & 220273831. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the rezoning. At 5:11 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance
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Kriens introduced Ordinance 2024-11 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Motion seconded by Gunsolley to suspend the rules.

D. Bousquet motioned for final passage of the Ordinance 2024-11 which motion was seconded by Kriens. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
The following PUBLIC HEARINGS are being rescheduled:
PUBLIC HEARING:
Redevelopment Plan for the Marina Inn Area Redevelopment Project.
PUBLIC HEARING:
Redevelopment Plan for the Gerkin Drainage Redevelopment Project.
PUBLIC HEARING:
Redevelopment Plan for the Hans Residential Redevelopment Project.

R. Bousquet motioned, seconded by Scholdt, to approve requesting to apply for a designation for a Creative Arts District from 16th street to 29th street, along Dakota Ave. If designated, by the Nebraska Arts Council, this will provide \$10,000 in planning funds and allow future grant funds to be applied for to improve this area. There are no matching funds required. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No:

none
Schultz motioned to approve applying for grant to install a Library Kiosk in front of City Hall. Motion seconded by Scholdt. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

D. Bousquet motioned to approve the following Resolution.
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- REAFFIRMING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT.
- RE-ADOPTING CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN.
- ADOPTING STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS.

Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
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Kriens motioned for final passage of the Ordinance 2024-12 which motion was seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
The City Attorney read the following Ordinance
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Kriens introduced Ordinance 2024-13 on its first reading. Motion seconded by R. Bousquet. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none

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Gunsolley motioned, seconded by Scholdt, to approve Olsson – construction and maintenance agreement for 39th street quiet zone. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
Michael Carnes Having trouble getting to both School Board meeting and Council meeting. Both meetings are scheduled at same time. Might be hiring someone to help, wanted to put it out there possible change of time on one of these meetings.
Kriens motioned at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Peters, to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Kriens, Gunsolley, D. Bousquet, Scholdt, R. Bousquet, Schultz and Peters. Voting No: none
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WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS August 12, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Winnebago Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:50 p.m. in the board room at the Winnebago Public Schools, Highways 77 and 75, Winnebago, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Teresa Littlegeorge, Nilah Solomon, Crystal Ross, Patrice Bass, Sarah Snake

Absent: Greg Bass III (excused)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

- 1-Receiving of Delegations:
- 2-Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by President Teresa Littlegeorge, also President Littlegeorge states, "MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING INCLUDING THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED. NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PUBLISHED BY POSTING ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THREE OTHER PLACES." A COMPLETE COPY OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT IS POSTED ON THE SOUTH WALL.

3-Approval of Agenda with addition of discussion items

Motion: Ross
Second: Solomon
Discussion: None
Voting for: Snake, P. Bass, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-Business Affairs
4-1-Approve minutes of July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting with corrections

Motion: Snake
Second: Ross
Discussion: None
Voting for: P. Bass, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-2-Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$104,599.36, petty cash account/ treasurer's report.

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: accounts payable

Voting For: Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P.Bass
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
4-3-Approve Facilities WEFLC: \$378,180.90
Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: WEFLC-separate account

Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P.Bass, Ross
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
4-4-Approve Superintendent authority to balance budgets by approving transfers between General Fund, Activities Fund, Nutrition Fund, Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefits Fund, and Special Building Fund. Motion failed

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: questions
Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P.Bass, Ross
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (0-0-0-0)
4-5-Approve transfers within Hi-Fi Investment Accounts/and WEFLC Accounts, subject to General Fund Expenditures remaining under the lid. If necessary the amount being transferred to Depreciation Fund will be reduced. Motion failed

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: questions
Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P. Bass, Ross
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (0-0-0-0)
4-6-Approve Updated Policy 504.24 to replace current Policy 504.24 and 404.12 (deleted)

Motion: Ross
Second: Snake
Discussion: updates
Voting For: Littlegeorge, Snake, P. Bass, Ross, Solomon
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
4-7-Approve completed teacher evaluation and cycle and changes to Policy 406.08

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: changes
Voting For: Snake, P.Bass, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
5-New Business
5-1-Title VI By-Laws School Board Signature (from 7/24 meeting)

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: changes
Voting For: Snake, P.Bass, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
5-2-Boys and Girls Club (Classroom) Verbal permission from the board to use the Cafeteria as a classroom starting August 19, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Revision to the MOU will be approved at the September Board Meeting.

In attendance-Janelle DeCora-BGC-BOD Chair, Monica Cleveland-BGC-BOD Member, Eugene DeCora-BGC-BOD Member.
5-3-HoChunk Renaissance Update and Services Contract (Dual Language Teacher/Specials)
No action taken due to no contract from Ho Chunk Renaissance

Motion: Ross
Second: P.Bass
Discussion: none
Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P. Bass, Ross
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
5-5-Approve hire S.W. (School Nurse)

Motion: Snake
Second: Littlegeorge
Discussion: none
Voting For: Littlegeorge, Snake, P. Bass, Ross, Solomon
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
6-Reports
1-Superintendent:

1-SERC Building Update-December target, waiting for masonry to finish to start on roof, WPS depending on budge, will be purchasing furniture for SERC building
2-NAFIS September 21st-25th
3-NIEA October 8th-13th (1 room until the 12th)
2-Administrators reports and questions
7-Discussion: Emergency Board Meeting in August (if necessary)
General Access to the school
Minutes of the meeting
8-Public Comment (No board discussion)

9-Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by: **Crystal Ross Secretary**
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Discussion: Voting For: P. Bass, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (4-0-1-1)
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BEERMANN MEADOWVIEW, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, Neb. Rev. Stats. §§ 21-201 et seq., does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I
The name of the corporation is **Beermann Meadowview, Inc.** (also referred to in these Articles as "the Company").

ARTICLE II
The corporate existence of the Company shall begin on the date of filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Nebraska Secretary of State, and its duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III
The Company shall have unlimited power to engage in, and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful businesses for which corporations may be organized under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IV
The Company shall have one class of shares. The aggregate number of shares which the Company shall have authority to issue shall be one thousand (1,000) shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V
The address of the initial registered office of the Company is 1917 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 516, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, in the County of Dakota, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Thomas A. Fitch.

ARTICLE VI
The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Company is one. The name and residence address of the person who is to serve as director until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until successors are elected and shall qualify is:

Name: Dave Beermann
Address: 1745 "I" Ave. Dakota City, NE 68731
ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is: Dave Beermann, 1745 "I" Ave., Dakota City, NE 68731.
Date: August 1, 2024.

Dave Beerman, Incorporator
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Legal Notice

MAUL & BODLAK, L.L.P. Attorneys at Law Pender, NE 68047 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.

SEAL
Kerri L. Wiese
Clerk of the County Court
Albert E. Maul #12641
Maul & Bodlak, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 490
Pender, NE 68047
402-385-3016
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Legal Notice

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 OF ORGANIZATION OF TAQUERIA & BAR

MALLI'S LA CASA DEL TACO MEXICAN FOOD LLC

Notice is hereby given that **TAQUERIA & BAR**
MALLI'S LA CASA DEL TACO MEXICAN FOOD LLC

has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 710 DAKOTA AVE., SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on AUGUST 6, 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 LBS, INC at 1413 BROADWAY ST., DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731.

Lydia Pintor
Organizer
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17

WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

A special meeting of the **Board of Education (the "Board")** of **Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District")** will be held at 4:45 p.m., on **Monday, August 26, 2024** in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 and 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 and 75, 402-878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the first re-scheduled date and time is Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 12 (noon) p.m. and the second rescheduled date and time will be Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FATIMAS FLOWERS LLC

Notice is hereby given that **FATIMAS FLOWERS LLC**

has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 3404 LA MESA WAY, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on AUGUST 6, 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 LBS, INC at 1413 BROADWAY ST., DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731.

Lydia Pintor
Organizer
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17

WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

The regular meeting of the **Board of Education (the "Board")** of **Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District")** will be held at 4:45 p.m., on **Monday, September 9, 2024** in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 and 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 and 75, 402-878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the first rescheduled date and time is Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. and the second rescheduled date and time will be Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
Estate of **JUNE E. TURPEN, Deceased.**

Estate No. PR 24-32
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of July 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of said Decedent, and that Angela R. Turpen-Johnson, whose address is 737 W 5th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776, 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 22, 2024, or be forever barred.
SEAL
Kerri L. Wiese
Clerk of the County Court
Sarah Duey, #23537
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Omaha, NE 68131
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Attorneys for
Personal Representative
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

SCHOOL DISTRICT #17, WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

- 1-Open the Hearing for 2024-2025 WPS Budget
- 2-Budget Hearing for 2024-2025
- 3-Close the Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget

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PUBLIC HEARING TO SET 2024-2025 TAX REQUEST SCHOOL DISTRICT #17, WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 at 4:40 p.m.

THE TAX REQUEST HEARING WILL FOLLOW THE 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

- 1-Open the Hearing for 2024-2025 Property Tax Request
- 2-Property Tax Request Hearing for 2024-2025
- 3-Close the Hearing for the 2024-2025 Property Tax Request

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 011 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 4:00 P.M.** on Monday August 26, 2024, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meetings, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the School Administration Office of said District, at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Dr. Rony Ortega,
Superintendent
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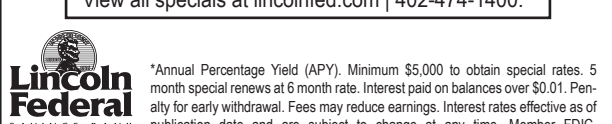
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